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Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014 – 10:00AM

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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

Happy New Year everyone! I hope the holidays went well for all of you. For me, I spent more time in the kitchen cooking and baking than I got to spend in my shop, but I did manage to make a couple of gifts for family members. From the feedback that I got, it seems that our December general meeting/volunteer appreciation dinner at Spinners went extremely well. Thanks, Dewey! For once, everyone got to enjoy a very nice dinner without having to setup, cook, serve, and cleanup afterwards. With the generous donations that were made, having the dinner at a local restaurant cost very little more than hosting it ourselves.

As for the hatchery, spawning went very well this year and we have 100,000 plus eggs in the incubators; so the cycle starts again. I am wondering about the weather though, as our normal December storms didn't come, so Indian Creek is still very low. Normally we run the incubators with spring water that comes from up above the creek dam, but there is absolutely no water coming from that spring. We have to run the incubators off our main line which has half the pressure of the spring line. So far it's not causing any problems other than a little more silt in the egg trays. If the humming birds at my house are any indication, this is going to be a very mild winter. We have three one quart feeders and those little buggers are sucking up over a half gallon of food a day, every day. That equals a pound of sugar each and every day. Normally at this time of year we only have about one or two dozen hummers, so this is just crazy. Although great weather for us humans, it makes me a bit concerned for the hatchery when we will need more water for the raceways in a few

more months. I look forward to another great year at the hatchery and am looking forward to working with all of you again doing what we do best which is raising salmon.

CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN

Annual General Meeting

Dec. 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:25pm by President David Sophusson. After welcoming everyone and thanking them for doing a much appreciated job of raising the 2013 smolts, David asked Glenn Kral to conduct the 2014 Board of Directors' election.

Election of Board of Directors

CAF secretary, Glenn Kral, presented the slate of members that agreed to serve on the Board for 2014:

John Epps, Jim Freedman, Barbara Jorge, Mike Kopec, Glenn Kral, Jack Sheehan, David Sophusson, Gary Underhill, Randy Waters

Glenn asked if there were any other nominations or volunteers and there were none. John Wilson moved that we accept the slate of board nominees. Hassie Taylor seconded the motion. Glenn Kral called for a vocal vote and the proposed slate was unanimously approved.

The Board of Directors for 2014 is:

John Epps, Jim Freedman, Barbara Jorge, Mike Kopec, Glenn Kral, Jack Sheehan, David Sophusson, Gary Underhill, Randy Waters

The Board will appoint officers at the next board meeting. It was announced that there will not be either a board or general meeting in January, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Glenn Kral

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by Chris Underhill,
CAF Volunteer Coordinator 541-247-0396

I think 2014 is going to be a very good year for us, but let's start the year out with a rain dance!!! We need water at the hatchery. This has been the driest winter since we moved here, but don't worry, the babies are doing fine. I must say I had a great time at the Christmas Party at Spinner's Restaurant thanks to Becky Sophusson. Becky jumped into action when Chowder House cancelled out 15 days before the party! She immediately called Dewey at Spinner's, and you all enjoyed the solution. Everyone enjoyed visiting with old and new friends and the servers kept all happy with food and drinks.

ODFW & CAF presented Certificates of Appreciation and recognized Mary & Aaron Duncan, Jock Headlee, Larry Timm and David Sophusson for all the time and hard work they've put into the hatchery and for volunteering to teach kids to fish in 2013. CAF also presented Christmas Flowers to Jack & Naomi Figueiredo for their many years of volunteering and cooking for the volunteers. Jack is 97 years old, and as he says, "It time to slow down on the hard work." He has been volunteering & feeding fish every 2nd & 3rd Thursday since around 1995. Later he partnered up with Rich Watson; they are quite the team. Naomi has always been ready to make deviled eggs, a potato salad, or whatever is needed and she makes the best chocolate cake. Thank you for all you've done.

Thank you to Becky for her fancy footwork and for planning the Christmas get-together, to BJ & Randy Waters for checking people in and handling the donation jar and to CAF for footing the bill for all the volunteers. The donations covered about 50% of the bill. CAF covered the rest and I didn't have to cook. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to work with such an outstanding group of volunteers.

We will be picking and counting eggs around Christmas, so I'll have an egg count next month. We currently have 44 trays of eggs. It took CAF volunteers 3 consecutive Mondays to spawn, finishing up on Dec. 2nd with a visit from Mrs. Hoffman's 3rd grade class. I gave a tour to 30 Riley Creek 3rd graders and they surrounded the

Adult Holding Tank and watched with awe as these huge salmon were netted and selected. The kids squealed with excitement. It was pouring down rain and I handed out trash bags to kids with no raincoats. We need more large trash bags. It was a fun morning. The kids saw the eggs pulled, milt collected, eggs fertilized and transported to the incubator room. I hope the class will return in May and feed the fish they saw spawned. We finished the tour with awesome chocolate chip cookies made by Pat Eakles. GREAT COOKIES!

Remember the daily feeder schedule is going into action. Feeders only need to make sure there is a good water flow into all 4 stacks and write down the water temperature in the book. Directions are in the front of the book for those who need a refresher. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions.

Volunteer of the Month Profile

Chris Underhill

By Chris Underhill

Here's my interview with myself! I, Christine Underhill, was born in Phoenix, Arizona 16 days before President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Yes, I turned 50 years old in November. In 1973, my family moved to Montrose, Colorado and I saw snow for the first time. I was raised on a farm driving tractors and plowing fields, 4-H, showing horses and bucking hay. Dad had 3 girls, so he raised us that there's nothing we can't do, just because we're girls. I have awesome parents who now live in Kingman, Arizona.

When I graduated from High School in 1981 I enlisted in the United States Air Force and went to school to become an Air Traffic Controller at Kessler AFB, MS Tech School. Yes, I do have a brain, it's just well hidden. I did my OJT at Sheppard AFB, TX the 3rd busiest airport in the Air Force. I loved being an Air Traffic Controller it's the best natural high in the world, controlling airplanes. I traveled to Kunsan AB, Korea, where I was selected to play on the Korean PACAF Volleyball Team, we traveled all through Asia playing Volleyball, it was awesome and I got paid for it. I was then stationed at Moody AFB, GA, Palmerola AB, Honduras, Bright Star Exercise in Cairo, Egypt, then back to Osan AB, Korea where I worked the air traffic into the

Seoul Olympics, then back to the states to Luke AFB, AZ. The military and I parted ways during Operation Desert Shield at which point, I ended up in Custer, South Dakota, in my rebellious Biker Bartending Days.

I wandered back to Colorado, to Las Vegas, then to Pt. Angeles & Sequim, Washington before finally returning to Las Vegas in 1996 where I started cocktailing at a little neighborhood bar called "GATORS". Here is where I met my husband- Gary Underhill, the mayor of Gators. We married in 1997 and a few months later, we had a bouncing baby boy, Chance! Gary has 2 daughter also, so I'm also the evil stepmother, but Dayna & Stacy are awesome stepdaughters, great girls. In 1999 Gary's sister bought an RV Park in Pt. Orford, so we jumped on the Starlight Express Train and headed up to Oregon to checkout the area, we didn't want to raise our son in Vegas. We fell in love with Gold Beach and returned in Feb. with 16 properties selected to view. We found our house the first day, and moved into our home in June.

We had heard about the salmon hatchery, but one day while eating at Indian Creek Café we found a flyer and joined CAF, there was a little box to check if you'd like to volunteer at the hatchery, so we checked the box and mailed in our membership. Kathy Moore called us within a week and the first job we were given was to paint the Adult Holding Tank. The hatchery consultant Louis Hans, then took us to the mouth of Indian Creek and said if you're going to help raise the salmon, you need to learn to catch them too, so he taught us how to bank fish for the returning salmon, and that's how we came to volunteering at Indian Creek Hatchery. That was in 2000 and Kathy Moore was the Volunteer Coordinator, she was great to learn from. One of Gary's first projects, was building the picnic tables at the hatchery. Chance was 3 when we began and I was always worried he would fall into one of the raceways. When Chance was in Kindergarten he used to tell fish stories about these big fish and the teacher thought he was telling tall tales about fish as big as him, later she learned they weren't stories, all truth. When Kathy Moore got sick in 2005, I became Volunteer Coordinator and except for the one year off when we moved back to Las Vegas, I've been doing it ever since. I enjoy

calling all the volunteers and visiting, and making soups for the spawning day and I really enjoy working with an incredible group of volunteers.

Through the years I have volunteers with many organizations besides CAF. I was the horse handler for Over the Rainbow, special needs horseback riding, the Riley Creek Bank Lady for Washington Mutual Bank, PTO at Riley Creek, Friends of the Fair volunteer, Youth Angler & Aquatic Instructor, the Snack Pack volunteer, The Gold Beach Volunteer of the Year for 2011, my next volunteer mission will be fundraising & organizing Chance's Senior Class trip & graduation.

Gary & I have 3 awesome grandsons in Las Vegas 10, 7 & 3 yrs old, and our first granddaughter is due Dec. 21st! Our son Chance just got his drivers license, is looking for a job and is a Junior at Gold Beach High School, one more year to go!!

"A Visitor Looks at Spawning"

I've been curious about the local fish hatchery so when I heard that they were doing something called "spawning", I decided to go have a look. It was a really cold morning so I dressed warmly but when I saw people down in a sort of hole filled with water, I felt even colder. Can you imagine playing in the water in November? They had on wet suits, but really. They seemed to be herding fish which was something I never thought I would see. And then I realized that one of the people was a lady---and a pretty small one at that. She had a club in her hand and when they got hold of a fish she smashed it over the head with the club. She really gave that fish a good couple of whacks and I guess she must have killed the poor thing because it stopped squirming and they heaved it up to the top of the hole where a guy picked it up and put it on some sort of a counter with some funny looking holders on it. The fish fitted right into one of the holders and another guy took a bungee cord and tied it down. It didn't seem that that poor fish was going to try to go anywhere else, but I suppose it was just a precautionary measure. Then, there was a lot of talking and the people seemed to get really excited about having this fish and they were checking it over to see what

kind of a fish it was, although I think it was a salmon and someone said it was a girl from the wild. I know some wild girls but never thought they would describe a fish that way. Then a guy got this big knife and cut the poor girls tail so she bled all over the floor. Now she was definitely not going anywhere.

I was really getting cold but was really curious about what they were going to do with that wild girl that was definitely no longer wild, so one of the stronger guys took hold of her in this odd way and hauled her over to a sort of chute thing where he took this blade and actually cut her open and all these eggs came pouring out. Well, I about lost my cookies with that. Talk about a bad cesarean. Good grief! This spawning thing was getting to be more than I had figured on. OK, I thought, what can they pull next? But, I should have known they would do something even more bizarre. So they slit open a couple other of fish and took the bucket that all the eggs were in and did some hocus pocus stuff that I didn't understand and split up the eggs into several other buckets. Then they did the most bizarre thing of the day. A big guy picked up another fish and sort of bent it backward and out came this stream of stuff that landed on the eggs. There was a lot of merriment over this and some tall guy with a loud voice asked another guy if he was an expert at that sort of thing and could he do anything like that. I didn't see what was so funny but I think that it was maybe not fit for mixed company 'cause some of the ladies looked slightly fussed but seemed to laugh along with the guys. This seemed to be just about all they could come up with, but just about then, they started talking about a "safety committee meeting" and I didn't hear anyone objecting to more of this. They seem to be really dedicated people. Anyway, I was glad I had stopped by. Someone said that last year they released more than a hundred thousand baby fish into the Rogue. Now I've heard some fish stories, but that takes the cake. REALLY? I've heard some tall fish stories but that might be the tallest of all.

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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

Terry Kennedy Fishing Guide

Terry Kennedy is a native to Gold Beach and has over 20 years of boating and fishing experience. He offers his clients a quality guided fishing experience for salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon. Currently, Terry is offering guided fishing trips on the Rogue, the Elk River, and Sixes **fishing for winter steelhead**. Terry provides a personalized service with all tackle and gear supplied for the months of November - March. All guests use top of the line Graphite Lamiglas rods, Shimano reels and an unlimited variety of tackle. His jet boats are equipped with a heater to keep you warm on cool mornings. Each party is individualized to ensure a personalized, quality fishing trip dedicated to insuring your satisfaction. He is both U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Forest Service permitted on the Rogue. If you are looking for a professional quality guide with lots of local insight, call Terry at 541-247-9219 and visit his website:

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Submitted by Barbara Jorge,
CAF Treasurer

Treasurer's Report	Oct.	Nov.
Operating Capital	\$29,300	\$29,107
Nov. Income		952
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Louise M. Foster, Gold Beach, OR
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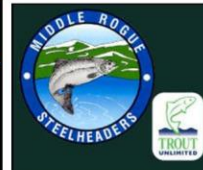
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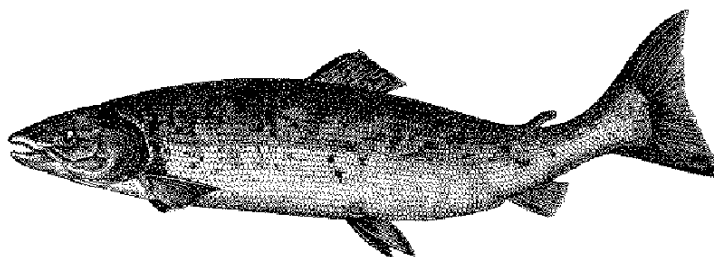


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