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latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to  
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## **President's Corner**

**David Sophusson**

If you didn't make the March general meeting you missed a good one. Along with our normal hatchery happenings information, raffle with prizes and surprises run by Gene Trinkler, and coffee and goodies, we also had popcorn and a movie. A little while back Tom Tostenson received a DVD from Gene Rizzi's son Allen that Tom passed along to me. Back around 1989 Gene was instrumental in getting funding for a \$270,000 upgrade for the hatchery. It seems that Allen was going through some of his father's things and came across some videotapes that Gene had made during the upgrades, sometime between 1990-92. Allen took the time to record them to DVD format. For those of you, like myself, who know very little of the history of the hatchery, it was extremely informative. The video covered the construction of the bridge up at the dam, making and laying the 12 inch line from the dam to the hatchery, installing the three raceways, adding the office and walk-in freezer to the hatchery building, and also showed what the hatchery and grounds looked like compared to what it is today. There is a copyright on the DVD. So, before I could make and distribute copies, I needed to contact Allen for permission, which I received. I thanked him for preserving some of the history of the hatchery and his father. If there is anyone that wasn't at the general meeting that would like to have a copy or borrow this DVD, let me know.

## General Meeting

March 9, 2012

**David Sophusson**, president, called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*.

**Treasurer's report-** Mike Kopec reported a Feb. loss of \$653.95 and a month end bank balance of \$22,225.39. There has been over \$500 in donations for the emergency repairs due to the rain. CAF received an emergency grant from the R&E board but had to put up \$1,000 in matching funds and an extra \$200 for gravel not in the grant. Mike credits Philip Dickson's write-up and appeal on Shutterfly for the extra donations.

**Hatchery-** Vice president, Gary Underhill, reported on some changes to the alarm system that will prevent a future catastrophe. All three raceways are feeding well. The new brushes for the raceways and the vacuum system are ready to use. Glenn will send thank you letters to Western Pacific Tree Service and Scott Knox for their quick action in averting a disaster in the raceways.

**Chris Underhill-** The "Reel Fishing Days" at Arizona Beach will be held April 18/19 & 25/26. Port Orford is seeking volunteers to teach children how to fish from the beach during their Water Festival. Chris asked everyone to please sign the get-well card for Kate DeBord.

**DVD presentation-** David played the DVD recording of the work done at the hatchery in 1991 to install the new vault, waterline and building addition. That was a major undertaking and has served the hatchery well. David brought croissants and popcorn, so maybe he's going to run for reelection.

**Raffle-** Gene Trinkler is cleaning out his garage with a surprise box choice!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

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## Treasurer's Corner

By Mike Kopec, CAF Treasurer

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>
Operating Capital	\$22,879	\$22,225
Feb. Income		\$ 917
Feb. Expenses		1,570

## Damages to the Hatchery

Last month Indian Creek Hatchery in Gold Beach, OR (est. 1877) suffered extensive damage due to the floods that recently hit Curry County. We wish to thank all who have generously donated to the hatchery. If you would still like to donate, kindly send your donation to:

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## Fishing Quote of the Month

### **A poem**

Enjoy thy stream, O harmless fish;  
And when an angler for his dish,  
Through gluttony's vile sin,  
Attempts, the wretch, to pull thee out  
God give thee strength, O gentle trout  
To pull the rascal in!  
~ John Wolcot

## Tom Tostenson

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Tom has been an active member of the Curry Anadromous Fishermen since 1998. He served as a board member, as president for two years, and as vice president for two years. In addition, he deserves credit for his many “rescue missions” on behalf of the hatchery including the latest flood incident that happened last month. Yes, Tom is a pretty impressive fellow! He also handles all our insurance needs and claims; Tom worked as an insurance adjuster before retiring. Coming from strong Norwegian stock and raised on a sharecropper farm in Minnesota back in July of 1929, Tom began his life. Back in 1940, Tom’s father, a welder by trade, left the farm and moved his family to Seattle. However, after his father’s death in 1943, the family became splintered and Tom was raised by two families, one of whom owned an auto rebuild shop where Tom began to learn about auto mechanics. This gave him the background to do body and fender mechanics later in life.

During WW II Tom joined the Civil Air Patrol and then flew cargo airplanes. In the late 1940’s Tom was involved in the Air Force air-sea rescue missions in Alaska.

In 1955 Tom married his first wife and fathered three sons and a daughter. He later became an insurance adjuster working for Allstate Insurance Company in Washington. From the 1970’s – 1990’s, Tom worked as a public insurance adjuster. During that time, he and Dru met, and they married in 1983. Instantly, their family grew to nine children between them. Wow, they had enough to start their own baseball team!

It seems that Tom’s path in life has taken many different directions. Perhaps that is why he is such a talented and interesting person. As Tom and Dru began looking for their retirement haven, they took many trips up and down the coast of Oregon in their motor home. They found their home in Gold Beach.

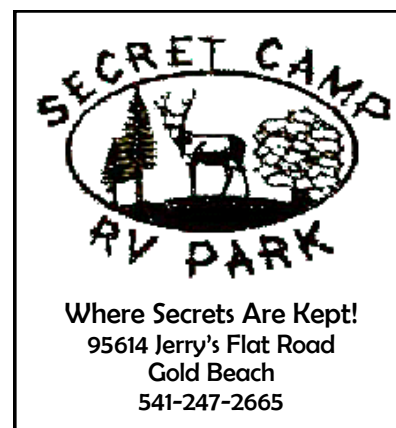
Today, Tom spends most of his time fishing and gardening. One should also note that Tom is the garlic and onion King of Gold Beach. I’ve been fortunate to acquire a few of his pickings and they are good! Of course, Tom also helped with the building of David and Becky’s house.

As a final note, Tom told me that he likes

socializing with all the good people in Gold Beach. And, last but not least, thank you Herman for bringing Tom into the fold of CAF.



Pictures submitted by Tom Tostenson





## Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator

It's been a wet and windy month, but I'm happy to report that our 82,000 fry babies are doing great! We've had a few close calls, but I think my husband's guardian angel has been watching over the hatchery too!

We owe a BIG THANK YOU to Western Pacific Tree Service and Scott Knox. On Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM the tree service guys, while picking up equipment, happened to notice that the water wasn't running into the raceways. On closer inspection, the raceways were almost empty. They chased down Scott Knox having his morning coffee who notified Weber, and the calls for help went out. Scott Knox rushed back to the hatchery, ran hoses to the raceways, got water flowing and saved the 54,000 fry. Bo, Vern, Tom, Weber and Gary rushed to help. Water was restored, the valve was worked on, more volunteers showed up to help and removed all the morts. We lost less than 500 fry thanks to the quick actions of observant concerned citizens and our great volunteers. You will now notice the green circular is running. That is the alarm system for the raceways thanks to Rich Floyd and Gary Underhill.

The fish are eating great, and it's time to start up the automatic feeders. The volunteer daily feeders will find the pre-measure food in the food closet. Thanks to Jim Freedman and Gary, the vacuums have been hooked up, so check the calendar for your assigned raceway to clean. The new brushes work awesome too. That flapper on the back makes the walls and screens easier to clean.

Volunteers are needed to help teach 3<sup>rd</sup> graders "How to Fish" at Arizona Beach Pond on April 18, 19, 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>. We start at 8:30 AM rain or shine and will wind down around 2 PM; lunch will be provided. We're also looking for donations of salads and desserts to feed the volunteers. It's a lot of fun and a great experience for adults and kids alike. We only do this once a year, and it's well worth every minute of your time when that first fish is caught. I'll be calling looking for volunteers, but you can call me; it makes my job easier.

## Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Chris Underhill

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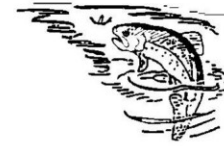
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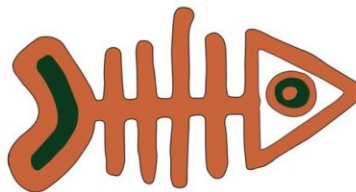


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