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Gold Beach, Oregon

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## **Presidents Corner**

Art Kurz

Last month we had an otter alert. The raceway enclosure was made otter proof (to the best of our ability). In addition the Government representative (known as Cricket) installed a trap in the creek. All of the above must have worked because there haven't been any signs of otter presence.

Thanks to all who helped clean up the area and remove various eyesore stuff. The purpose was twofold:

1. Prepare for hatchery tours scheduled to start May 15, 2006.
2. For all volunteers and other visitors to enjoy.

By the time you receive this months Riffle, open house at the hatchery on May 20, 2006 will have passed. The main purpose of the open house was to recruit volunteers. However, we all should continue the search for volunteers to provide the support needed to maintain and operate the hatchery.

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## **Volunteer Report**

By Chris Underhill 247-0396

It's June now and we have had no further signs of the otter, knock on wood.

The hatchery is looking very nice thanks to all the hard work from the volunteers. We had a work party April 26, Tom, Jesse, Buck, Gary H., Dianne, Herman, Larry, Glenn, Gary U. and myself moved gravel, mowed lawns & edged, vacuumed raceways and scrubbed walls, cut & put up new dam boards, put up Charlotte's Web (shade screen), took apart female spawning racks and Glenn took home to refinish. John Wilson & Mike showed up later with a tractor and finished up moving the gravel. We finished off with hamburgers. Thanks Judy DelNero for the Macaroni Salad.

On May 11th Indian Creek Hatchery was the site for the OSU National Resource Field Day. 40 Riley Creek 5th graders participated and 6 different stations were located up & down the creek. At our station students were educated on what STEP means?(Salmon-Trout Enhancement Program) What kind of fish we raise?(Chinook) and what organization runs the hatchery?(CAF) then they were given a tour and fed the fish. A good time was had by all.

We had a few small workparties mid May and Larry & Gary flushed out the ladder, the Foss brothers, Bill F. & Gary H. built new screens for the raceways and I trained new volunteers on the daily feeding routine and vacuuming the raceways. We have some new faces on the schedule Steve & Mary Houkas, Jim & Linda Stokes and Patrice Meadows, if you run into any of them at the hatchery say Howdy !

We had the first Indian Creek Hatchery Open House on May 20th and even though it was forecasted rain, it turned out to be a beautiful and busy day. We had about 70 people show up at the open house and I don't know how many tours I gave, but I was talking from 11AM to 2:30PM. - I know Glenn, What's new about that - I saw Mike Foss & Gary Harmon also giving tours, thanks guys and a big thanks to Gary Underhill for cooking, Dianne MacKenzie for ram rodding the food area and Pat Barnett for helping me prep and covering the signup sheets. We picked up some new members and made some new friends, and enjoyed the company of old friends. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this organization and I think we left a good impression with the R & E Board, who also enjoyed the BBQ. The R & E Board provided a large grant to rebuild the dam and visited the hatchery for a tour and to view the new dam. Thank you to everyone who brought food and helped out.

We will be having students from Toledo School taking a tour of the hatchery June 6th, we should also be starting to clip & tag the fish at this time.

June 10th is the annual Libby Pond Fishing Derby from 8AM to NOON for kids 14 & under. I will be calling looking for volunteers to help with the derby, this was always Kathy Moore's baby, so if anyone who helped in previous years has any advice or suggestions feel free to call me.

Congratulations to new grandparents Gary and Jackie Harmon, on their new grandson!!  
Thank you, Chris Underhill, 247-0396

## **General Meeting**

May 11, 2006

The following Board Members were absent: Art Kurz, President; Tom Tostenson, Vice President; Sue Kopec, Treasurer; Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator; Mike Kopec, Board Member.

GLENN KRAL, BOARD MEMBER; Opened the meeting at 10:05 am. He asked if everyone had read the April Meeting Minutes. They acknowledged they had and approved those Minutes.

Glenn told the members it was important to fill the large hole around the tree at the side of the Hatchery for safety reasons. He asked for donations of river rock for that purpose.

THERE WAS NO TREASURER'S REPORT.

PAT BARNETT, SECRETARY; Reported for CHRIS UNDERHILL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR. Pat explained that Chris was at the Hatchery taking a group of 5<sup>th</sup> Graders from Riley Creek Elementary School on tour, celebrating Natural Resource Day.

Chris reported at the last Board Meeting that there was a need for new members and volunteers to help with the workload. She needs people to fill in vacancies as feeders and also take on the job of vacuuming the three raceways each week. It was decided to have an open house on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm. The Board Members from R & E will be there that day for a picnic lunch and tour. Members were asked to attend and help with the tours. Also if they can bring salads or desserts to call Chris at 247 - 0396.

Articles will be in the Curry reporter on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> inviting folks who are interested in volunteering for CAF to our OPEN HOUSE.

Chris said she couldn't get donations from large business to buy fishing poles and tackle for LIBBY POND DAY, JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> because we are not yet a non-profit 501-C3 organization.

JOHN WEBER, ODFW, reported ODFW will donate fifteen poles. Also needed will be prizes for the children when they bring in their catches. If any member has a source for getting these items or would like to donate them please call Chris Underhill.

Chris reported she bought three new scrubbers for the raceways and wants every FEEDER to know how important it is to SCRUB DOWN THE SIDES, END SCREENS AND THE AREA BEYOND THE SCREENS in each raceway to prevent algae.

She also asks that FEEDERS continue to call the RV Park at 9 a.m. for tours and then call either Art Kurz or Chris Underhill. FEEDERS can start the tour until they arrive.

LARRY SCHNIDER, HATCHERY CONSULTANT; Reported that there were still some fish getting by the back screen on raceway #3. He continues to net and put them in the raceway. Larry and John Weber are making new screens for all raceways.

JOHN WEBER, ODFW; Reported that the Genetic Management Plan is now on line for our perusal and comments: [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us) and will be up for public review until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a necessary federal law for all those who operate hatcheries. John encouraged everyone to take time out and read it.

He is still working on the Propagation Proposal that will be presented at the STEP Conference in October. He suggested as many CAF members as possible attend that Conference or at least the Salmon and Trout Advisory Committee portion dealing with CAF. John also suggested our membership ask for letters of support from the Gold Beach community to be submitted along with the Propagation Proposal.

Closer to the conference, CAF should consider what to donate for the after dinner auction. This is one of their major fundraisers.

GLENN KRAL suggested we have a sample, "To Whom It May Concern" letter of recommendation to offer to people who may want to contribute.

JOAN GOODISON; Reported she is submitting a grant proposal for a new D.O. meter to STAC for the cost of \$463.50 plus \$11. S&H.

Joan is taking time off this summer to travel and Pat Barnett – 247-0462 will be scheduling FEEDERS. Call Pat for any schedule requests.

The request for funding for the dam walkway sent to Friends of Cal Ore. was denied. Joan doesn't know why yet, but said it is the first time since she's been sending grant proposals that one has been turned down. Joan does need time to submit a grant proposal as the information must come to her and the grant approved before the project is started.

JOHN EPPS said he would have the financial information for building a sediment filtration system ready for the June Board meeting.

JOHN WILSON, PAST CAF PRESIDENT and an owner of Fisherman's Direct was asked how he was going to get his salmon this year for sales. He said they would be fishing above Florence and probably having to buy from Alaska. John said he is very frustrated over the situation. He said that we, at the CAF hatchery have always been doing such a fine job. But, it is because of the bad management at the Iron Gate Hatchery in the Klamath River over the past 30 to 50 years that we now have this problem. He feels they must change their policies to provide a safe environment for their released salmon.

John also informed us that the Restoration & Enhancement Board Members would be arriving in Gold Beach May 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>. Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting in the blue room at the Court House Annex, starting at 9 a.m. John encouraged us to attend, meet and thank them for their past support.

(The Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1989 and is funded by a surcharge on sport and commercial fishing licenses and commercial poundage fees. The program is overseen by a seven-member board that reviews proposals and recommends funding for fish restoration and enhancement projects throughout the state.)

DON FOSS encouraged CAF members to join Curry Sportsfishing Association at \$25. They are having their 11th annual fishing derby August 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a barbbque And funds raised will go to relocating the sea lions.

NANCY STOKES, New member; speaking on behalf of the Animal Shelter. They have recently received nine horses who are in need of foster care. Call the Shelter if you can help. They are also looking for volunteers.

GENE TRINKLER recommends a great book : KING OF FISH by David Montgomery. Gene says every fisherperson should read it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Submitted by,  
Pat Barnett, Secretary  
May 15, 2006

## Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

Thanks to Volunteers, the hatchery is neat and clean. The gravel has been spread out, lawns mowed, and we are ready for tours.

Each week the vault gets flushed, and the fish in each raceway get weighed so the food schedule can be updated as the fish grow. The mountain shifted again, so the dam boards had to be replaced by Gary Underhill and myself.

The netting was sagging, so the gate wasn't closing right. I fixed it, and want to ask each of you to please latch the raceway gate so animals and small children can't get in.

My Trivia:

Q. What's the difference between a bad golfer and a skydiver?

A. A bad golfer goes, whack, dang! A bad skydiver goes, dang, whack!

Larry Schnider, Hatchery Consultant

## Treasure's Corner

By Sue Kopec

Treasurers Report	Mar.	Apr.
Operating Capital	\$14,500	\$14,124
Income		\$ 613
Expenses		\$ 989

## SPONSORS CORNER

Kathryn Roseberry has been operating the **Sweetbriar** for over 2 years and has a plethora of items for sale. Kathryn stated that "although our candy and home made fudge is wonderful, we are not just a candy store". The store offers fine gifts, pottery, stained glass, jewelry, silk scarves, fine glassware, sculpture, art, and garden supplies. So, stop and browse in this fun store for all your gift needs. The Sweetbriar supports CAF because they fish and believe anybody who does, should help. In fact, they hope to be hands on volunteers at the hatchery once they retire.

***Support those who support the Indian Creek Hatchery.***

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Call Chris Underhill --- Volunteer Coordinator --- 247-0396

Seining for broodstock	October	Weekdays/Weekends
Spawning	Nov/Dec	Weekdays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning buckets</li> <li>• Cleaning hatchtrays</li> <li>• Fish collection</li> <li>• Assist in fertilization process</li> <li>• General cleanup</li> </ul>		
Supply Sargent (paper products, etc)	On going	
Egg sorting and counting	Dec/Jan	Weekdays
Hatchtrays monitory (D.O, Temp. Water flow)	Dec - Feb	Daily *
Fry release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Into tributaries</li> <li>• Into raceways</li> </ul>	February	Weekdays
Fish feeding and raceway monitoring	Feb-Jul	Daily *
Vacuum raceways	Feb-Jul	Three time a week *
Net fry for tagging process	June	Weekdays - 3 days
Release smolt into Rogue River	Jul/Aug	Weekdays
General work parties – maintenance and repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building</li> <li>• Raceways</li> <li>• Water lines</li> <li>• Dam</li> <li>• Vault</li> <li>• Grounds</li> <li>• Feeders</li> <li>• Aerators</li> </ul>	As required	
Tours	As requested	
Raffles / Fundraisers	On going	
<b>Other opportunities</b>		
CAF Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Vice-President</li> <li>• Treasury</li> <li>• Secretary</li> </ul>		
CAF Board Member (five required)		
CAF Membership Coordinator		
CAF Volunteer Coordinator		
Hatchery Manager		

- Sign up for a day a week or a day a month. Training will be provided and you will be paired up with an experience volunteer.