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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
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AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.**

**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
March 14, 2019 – 10:00 AM
Jot's Resort (West conf. rm.)
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General meetings are held the 2nd
Thursday of each month.
Come; join us for an interesting and
informative meeting.**

**Next BOARD MEETING Thursday,
March 7, 2019– 10:00 AM
ODFW BUILDING**

NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$20.00 - Individual Membership or

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\$72.00 - annual sponsorship

JOIN TODAY!

Upcoming Events

Feeding schedule begins – See pg. 5.

AZ Beach Reel Days – Apr. 17,18,23,25, & May
17. See pg. 3.

CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the
latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to
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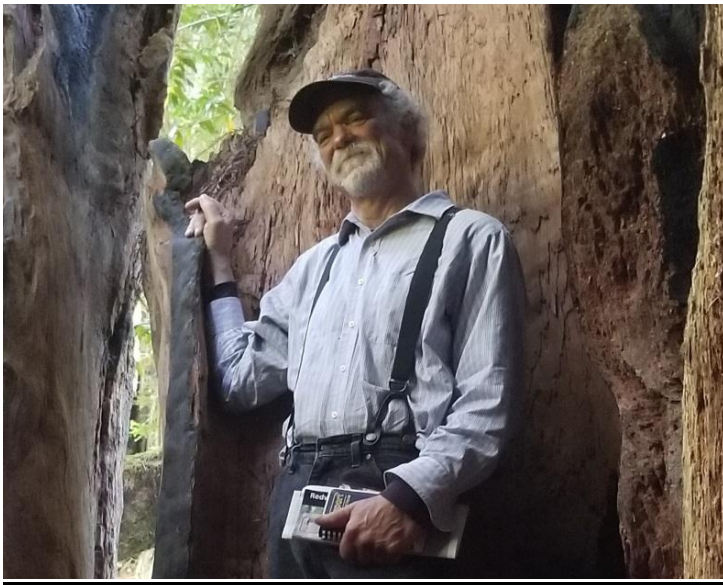
President's Corner

By David Sophusson

Here we go again! We have fish in raceway #1. I was really concerned that, with the spawning taking five weeks to complete instead of the normal three weeks, problems would arise with so many different size fish. We delivered the first batch of fry to the raceway on Feb. 21. I expected to only have the first three incubator trays ready but, as it turned out, thirteen trays became ready at the same time. Raceway #1 now has about 34,000 very healthy and active little swimmers from end to end. They must have felt like they were dumped into the ocean with all that new play space. Now we just hope that some of the other trays that have hatched, but are still alevins, will be buttoned up fry at the same time and we won't have to split up any of the raceways. We will know more in about two weeks. It is now time to ask for volunteers for feeding. It only takes about an hour per day in the morning and you can volunteer for one day or as many as you would like. Any amount of volunteer time helps. If this might be something you would like to do please, contact Dave Barnes at 541-425-5392. Thanks everyone!

Notice to Local Members:

Don't forget to save your McKay receipts. It is an easy way to add money to feed our babies. You can turn the receipts in at the **hatchery, Jots, or The Indian Creek Café**. Each location has a donation jar.



Volunteer Profile of the Month

By Alan Lee

Alan Lee, still often known as Mr. Lee, was the English teacher in room 6 at Gold Beach High School. For almost 30 years, he dragged lures and literature in front of teenagers hoping to get them to bite on a verb or metaphor.

Fewer people know about his first 30 years. Alan was born a wunderkind of the water. Spin casting a Super-Duper in Yellowstone Lake, Alan started his angling career landing 10 trout in 30 minutes. He was only three. He was designing, tying, and selling his own flies at 8. His first date in high school involved catching lots of steelhead. While in college, Alan did not watch the Ducks, but the water in the McKenzie River, and with his keen eye for water conditions, hundreds of large anadromous fish found their way into his freezer. With the purchase of a boat, Alan took an even greater toll on fish populations everywhere. His fishing lifestyle soon became unsustainable. Alan simply was catching too many fish. It wasn't fair to the fish or other anglers. Although some people believe that the ODFW paid Alan to stop fishing, that rumor is not true. Neither is he responsible for the creation of bag limits. In 1985 Alan voluntarily quit fishing in an attempt restore stocks on the west coast of North America. Although Alan is now volunteering with CAF, fish and fishermen need not worry: he is not going to start fishing again; he is only going to start helping Hassie with *The Riffle*.

Editor's note: *Alan retired from Gold Beach High School in 2008. He was loved and respected by his students. I had the pleasure of substituting for Alan, and I am thrilled that he will be sharing his knowledge of the English language and volunteering to join me as an assistant editor.*

MY UNDERWATER VIEW

From Glenn Kral

I thought it would be appropriate to start off the New Year with a few comments. We have a wonderful and diverse group of volunteers, but, thankfully, everyone wants to achieve the same goal of successfully raising the best fish we can. I hope people don't think that the same people are doing the same jobs year after year because they want all the glory. Many people do their jobs very well and really like doing them. However, newcomers shouldn't hesitate to get involved and give the old-timers some relief, and hopefully, a new perspective. Every position can use a little help to make it better or more efficient. We definitely have our share of curmudgeons, bosses, leaders, followers, whistlers, singers and hummers. My mantra has always been that I probably won't like everybody and I don't expect everybody to like me. But there's always someone to work with and with whom I can get along. So please, for the sake of having a pleasant experience of volunteering with a great group of people working toward a very commendable goal--be flexible and find your niche. Don't be afraid to speak up. We listen. A good resource to find out about many of our volunteers is the CAF website, rogueriversalmon.org. You can look at old issues of *The Riffle* that began printing volunteer profiles in the May 2011 issue. You may find that you have a lot in common with someone and become more involved.

The functioning of the hatchery ran extremely well last year and John Weber greatly appreciated all the volunteer effort and the amazing quality of the fish we produced.

CAF General Meeting

February 14, 2019

President-Dave Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:06am. The minutes from the Nov. 8th and Dec. 8th meetings were approved.

Treasurer-Barbara Spani reported a gross profit of \$554.48 and total expenses of \$490.93 ending the month with a net income of \$63.55.

Hatchery-Gary Underhill reported that we have 89,000 eggs this year. This year the hatchery has been dealing with drought conditions. A comparison was made to conditions two years ago when the issue was too much water.

Gary then talked about the upcoming ponding preparation and said the raceway cleaning is going well, about halfway completed. A workday(s) will be scheduled for general cleanup and maintenance. This year's failed egg level (morts) was 10%; 8% to 12% is considered normal.

Curtis Edwards was hired to trap otters and relocate them humanely.

David Barnes gave an update on the feeding schedule. He is looking for evening feeders to hand feed and weigh out food for the following day. There are only a couple of daytime feeding spots open if you are interested in volunteering to feed. Contact David Barnes if interested @ 541-425-5592. Also, a reminder was given to remember to document all feedings.

Reel Fishing Days at Arizona Pond- The dates are locked in: April 17th (Wednesday) Brookings; April 18th (Thursday) Brookings; April 23rd (Tuesday) Gold Beach & Port Orford; April 25th (Thursday) Brookings; May 17th (Friday) 60 6th grade students from Medford. This date might change.

ODFW puts this program together to teach students to fish. Students learn to tie hooks, cast and, hopefully, take home a fish. ODFW supplies all the equipment and splits the cost of food with the hatchery. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers (pizza and sandwiches). Last year there weren't enough sandwiches.

If you would like to volunteer to help for this year's **Reel Fish Days** at Arizona Pond, please contact Tom @ 541-660-9229 or by email tom_spani@msn.com.

R E GRANT (restoration and enhancement grant) David Barnes reported that we received \$7,500 for new stacks (incubation trays). David

has been talking with the roadmaster and Curry County Commissioners about the much needed repairs to the Ferry Hole Boat Launch. It is the only launch on that side of the river before Foster Bar. He is looking at another possible grant that could be used for repairs and enhancement.

Hatchery Tours – run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. David Barnes has been taking photographs and video of events at the hatchery. Discussion: purchase a digital frame to show the happenings at the hatchery.

The Riffle- With the help of two new volunteers (Alan Lee & Janet Hoffman), the next newsletter will be published in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am

Submitted by Tucker Nunn & Hassie Taylor,
CAF volunteers

CAF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Broodstock Seining Volunteers
- Spawning
- Feeder, weekly or monthly
- Fin Clipping
- Research Assistance
- Smolt Release
- Participate in Work Parties
- Hatchery Maintenance
- *The Riffle* (Newsletter)
- Phone Committee
- Finance Committee
- Publicity
- Tour Guide for schools and visitors
- Board Member or Officer
- Fundraising & Event Planning
- Web Site
- Membership Drive
- Habitat Restoration Projects
- Cub & Boy Scout Hatchbox Program
- Science Symposium
- Collect & Organize 'Receipts for Rebate' Program
- Libby Pond Fishing Derby
- Raising Salmon in Elementary Classrooms
- Youth Angler Education

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Sponsor's Corner

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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Support those who support the Indian Creek Hatchery.



A Step Back in Time

The Macleay Estate purchased Mr. Hume's holdings in 1910 and continued to operate the Indian Creek Hatchery.

Gold Beach Reporter Nov. 22, 1923

Two million eggs were brought to Indian Creek Hatchery and when the young salmon fry attained the proper age, they were placed in the Rogue River.

"The Indian Creek Hatchery is the only privately conducted hatchery known to the salmon industry, all others either being maintained by state or federal government aid and under their control and management. This one is supplied entirely by the Macleay Estate company, and it is understood that only in this way is it possible to have the Rogue at this point stocked with salmon fry, for the state game and fish commission will not undertake to ship in the fry because of the remote distance from supply base, and also the difficulty getting them here. However, it is hoped that the completion of the Roosevelt Highway, and the betterment of shipping facilities that the state commission can realize the importance of assisting in this industry in this locality."

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DAILY FEEDING SCHEDULE

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Start hand feeding first. Hand feed slowly.
Clean screens in raceways after the start of hand feeding.
Remove "Morts" (fatalities) – record the number for each raceway.
Next fill/load autofeeders in the raceways not being vacuumed.
After vacuuming, fill/load the rest of the auto feeders.

ADDITIONAL WORK TO BE COMPLETED (AS NEEDED).

Clean & brush the screens and sides not already cleaned/brushed.
Take and record temperature and DO (dissolved oxygen) –
(Thermometer is at the end of raceway #1).
Record data for each raceway in record book in the office.

CLEANING/BRUSHING SCREENS, SIDES –VACUUMING

Brush both sides of screens at the end of the raceways.
Brush sides of raceways as needed.
When vacuuming – prime the pump by filling the "pot", if the pump does not prime itself by the time you count to 60.
Clean the pumps basket often – more often when the raceway is dirty/full of sand .
Do not over tighten the lid on the "pot".
Do not vacuum without the basket in the vacuum pump.

FILLING/LOADING AUTO FEEDERS

Wind clock by pulling the belt all the way to the back of the feeder – but no farther.
Spread the food on the center of the full length of the belt.
Check to make sure that the clocks are running.

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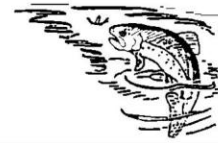
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