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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY  
CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN,  
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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,  
May 10, 2018 – 10:00 AM  
Jot's Resort (W.conf.rm.)  
General meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday of each month.  
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informative meeting.**

**Next BOARD MEETING Thursday,  
May 3, 2018 – 10:00 AM  
ODFW BUILDING**

## NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES

**\$20.00 - Individual Membership or  
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## Upcoming Events

Natural Resource Day – May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Fin Clipping – June 18-22  
Salmon Derby – August 1-4

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"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to [www.rogueriversalmon.org](http://www.rogueriversalmon.org)

## President's Corner

By David Sophusson

With the fish now in the raceways, our volunteers are back on the job with the daily feeding of fish and cleaning the raceways. Along with that, we are also still making improvements to the hatchery. For the fish, we are about half way through with the predator netting project. We have the new netting covering the raceways up but still have the sides and ends to do. We have the side netting at the hatchery ready to be put up. I'm working on getting the new ends ordered and delivered soon.



*New office remodeling in progress  
Photo by Mary Duncan*

Our second big project for this year is doing a little remodeling to the hatchery office and building to create a cleaner and better environment for our volunteers. We have put up insulation on the outside walls and new wall and ceiling coverings and a fresh coat of paint overall. We have new upper and lower cabinets with new counter tops. We also upgraded the electrical system to allow us to

have a space heater and other appliances without fear of blowing the breakers. So now we have a clean warm environment, a place we can serve warm food and also a place to get warm in the cooler months. In the incubator room we have also added some bench seating for people to have a place to change into boots or raingear. Our business is raising fish, but sometimes we need to do things to improve the conditions for all those folks who work so hard to raise those fish. Thank you everyone.

## **CAF General Meeting** **Mar. 8, 2018**

**President**-David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:05am. The minutes from the Feb. meeting will be printed in the next issue of *The Riffle*. Dave Barnes submitted a grant request to the Salmon Trout Enhancement Committee (STAC) for funds to purchase 5 new feeders and repair parts for 5 feeders. CAF will provide 10% matching funds/labor. The next grant request will cover additional bird netting for the ends of the raceway enclosure...

**Treasurer**-Barbara Huff reported Jan. income of \$236.34 and expenses of \$1,052.86. The year-to-date loss is \$1,694.36.

**ODFW**-John Weber expressed concern about the integrity of the water supply pipe below the bridge crossing. John reviewed details of the south coast rivers' migratory patterns, what details are imprinted on the coded wire tags (CWT) and the probable returns of the tagged Cole River Hatchery springers that were released in the lower Rogue River. Fin clipping for Indian Creek Hatchery fish will be from June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> and 25,000 fish will receive CWTs. John encouraged the volunteers to advertise and conduct local organization tours of the hatchery to increase awareness and membership.

**Hatchery**-Dave Barnes reported that he is working on grant requests and calling volunteers to fill out the feeding schedule. The fish are eating well and weigh about 950/lb.

**Reel Fishing Days**-April 17, 18, 24, 25. CAF will buy the lunches for 2 days with John Weber doing the ordering and Barbara Huff volunteering to do the pickup and delivery.

**National Resource Day**-On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 stations will be set up along Indian Creek to host rotating groups of students. CAF volunteers will explain the hatchery functions at one station.

**Cedar Creek hatch boxes**-Due to a water pipe failure, the fish were released early. Joe Janowicz, Dave Barnes and John Wilson monitored the fish this year, but CAF will try and involve local youth groups next year.

**Scholarship**-Jack Sheehan reported that last year's recipient, Katlin Armstrong was on the Dean's List in her first semester.

**Website**-The website is outdated in several categories.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

## **CAF General Meeting** **April 12, 2018**

**President**-David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:12am. The minutes from the February general meeting were approved as printed in the Mar.-April edition of *The Riffle*. The purchase of a 16'x32' tent was approved by the board, has been ordered and should arrive in time for use at Arizona Pond.

**Treasurer**-Barbara Huff reported a loss for Mar. of \$2,797.20 and a year-to-date loss of \$4,591.56. The major expense has been the office remodel.



Remodeled hatchery office. Photo by Mary Duncan

Income is usually low in the beginning of the year. There was a short discussion about our approximately \$22,000 annual operating budget and how critical it is to have donations and support for our fundraising events. Although we obtain grants for some of our equipment/repair needs, our ongoing operating expenses and matching funds requirements greatly exceed dues/sponsor/advertising income.

**ODFW**-John Weber has submitted the grant requests for the feeders/parts and the remaining predator netting. He's working on the details for a grant to replace one or more stacks of egg trays. A permanent protective structure is being favorably considered by the Oregon Parks Dept. for Arizona Pond. The projection is high for returning fall salmon in the rivers and the ocean.

**Hatchery**-Gary Underhill reported: the raceway #3 liner has settled in nicely; fish weighing by Dave Barnes shows that fish are on par with previous years; the office remodel is almost complete and volunteers need to be sure the door to the incubator room is securely closed; rats continue to be a problem and we may have to consider using bait.

**2017 Salmon Derby**-Mary Duncan reported that she's making steady progress with contacts through mailings and email. Mary has posters and fliers available for distribution. The raffle/awards site hasn't been chosen, but plans are to hold the event in early evening. Mary's committee is ahead of schedule with planning, advertising and rule changes to have more people compete. The Raffle Boards will be ready for display in early July.

**Reel Fishing Days**-April 17, 18, 24, 26. John Weber hasn't had many people signing up, but expects there will be enough volunteers show up to help.

**Fin Clipping**-June 18-22 with tagging of 25,000. The procedure will be the same as last year with volunteers filling in if enough qualified/approved paid taggers aren't available.

**National Resource Day, May 3<sup>rd</sup>-4**-H has coordinated the 8 station event along Indian Creek for elementary students. CAF volunteers will be at the hatchery.

**College Scholarships Applications**-Jack Sheehan has received 2 applications from Brookings and 3 from Gold Beach. The selection committee will review the applications to determine winners.

**Gold Beach High School rearing project**-The fish are doing well so far considering the challenges of containment, feeding, water control and students.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am  
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

## **Thank You Raffle Gift Certificate Contributors**

Submitted by Jack Sheehan,  
Raffle Coordinator

We welcome everyone to our general meeting held the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 am in the meeting room at Jot's Resort.

This is the place to be if you want to hear about the well-being of 80,000 salmon we are raising at the Indian Creek Hatchery and other events such as our annual Salmon Derby on the Rogue River held this coming August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>.

CAF also offer scholarships to a high school senior at each of the three high schools: Brookings High School, Gold Beach High School and Pacific High School in Port Orford. Home school students are also invited to participate.

A raffle is held at the end of each general meeting with a chance to win a gift certificate from our local retail community. These fine local retailers include:

Spinner's Restaurant, the Rogue Outdoor Store, Gold Beach Lumber, Chowder House Restaurant, Rachel's Coffee House and the Coffee Dock (at the port).

I urge our members to shop and patronize these businesses. I hope that you will join us at our next meeting and bring a friend. I'll save a donut for you.

## Volunteer of the Month Profile

### **Tom Spani**

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Tom Spani, born in Burbank, CA and raised in the San Fernando Valley worked for Litton Guidance and Control Systems Division in his early years and transferred to Grants Pass, OR in 1974. He worked for Litton in Grants Pass for 20 years as Manager of Material. After Litton downsized he went to work for ESAM (Electronic Sub-Assembly Manufacturing) in Grants Pass as Director of Material. As a Director of Material, Tom was responsible for cost estimating, purchasing and customer quotations. In addition to his regular job, Tom was also a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 59 in Grants Pass.



*Tom Spani at Jot's Resort  
Photo by Hassie Taylor*

In 1985 the Spanis purchased property in Gold Beach to build their retirement home, but construction didn't begin until 2000. In the intervening years the house was our getaway

place until his wife Barbara retired in 2016. Now that they are settled in, Tom and his wife, Barbara, can enjoy the fruits of their labor. They both love to travel and have been to Italy and cruised the Caribbean and Panama Canal. Their next adventure will explore England, Scotland and Ireland. With ten beautiful grandchildren, four in California and six in Oregon, they take frequent trips to visit all of the family. Tom and Barbara also attend a huge family reunion (100+relatives) every five years in Barbara's home town of Glendora, New Jersey. Tom is tracing his heritage through *Ancester.com* which has become a hobby for many retirees. He enjoys reading mysteries and thrillers and photographing the magnificent landscape (on the Oregon Coast and on his travels). Tom also likes to ocean fish catching rock fish, lingcod and more.

Tom and Barbara became members of the hatchery in 2017. Becky Sophusson immediately reeled Tom in to take a piece of Chris Underhill's job, making phone calls to the volunteers to inform them of upcoming events and work parties. He is also in charge of keeping up the membership list. Tom looks forward to volunteering, particularly at the hatchery where the folks are like an extended family. Tom also volunteers for Meals on Wheels; he has been at that for almost eight years and hopes to keep at it for another 10 years.

## Quotes of the Month

### Fishing etiquette quotes

"Somebody behind you while you are fishing is as bad as someone looking over your shoulder while you write a letter to your girl." – Ernest Hemingway.

"There are only two occasions when Americans respect privacy. Those are prayer and fishing." – Herbert Hoover.

## 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, Jot's Resort or the Indian Creek Café.** Each location has a donation jar.

## CAF Welcomes New Members

Bill Dugan & Debi Stuhl, Red Bluff, CA

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

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## 2018 CAF Board & Officers

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	Joe Janowicz
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Volunteer Coordinator	Tom Spani
Meeting Raffle	Jack Sheehan
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## Sponsor's Corner

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. Terry is offering guided fishing trips on the Rogue, the Elk River, and Sixes. Terry provides a personalized service with all tackle and gear supplied. All guests use top of the line Lamiglass rods with graphite shafts, 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 State Marine Board and U.S. Coast Guard licensed and carries all required U.S. Forest Service permits. If you are looking for a professional quality guide with lots of local insight, call **Terry Kennedy Fishing Guide** at 541-247-9219 and visit his website: [www.tkfg.com](http://www.tkfg.com)

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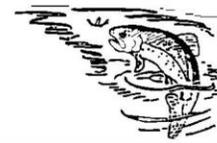
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