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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
Sept 13, 2018 – 10:00 AM
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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

So, we did it again. By the time you read this all our fish for the 2018 season will have been released. It's that time of year when the water flow in Indian Creek is too low to maintain the fish in the 3 raceways. We ran one of the auxiliary pumps for about two weeks to create sufficient water flow in all the raceways. In early August we finally had to release the fish from raceway #2 into the Rogue River for their next journey in life. With only two raceways needing water, that allowed us to turn off the pump for a couple of weeks. As always this time of year, the water supply from the creek diminished to the level that we finally had to release raceways #1 and 3. Our target has always been to raise the fish to a weight of 12-16 fish per pound and the last time I checked the books, the fish in #1 were at 13 per lb. and the ones in #3 were 14 per lb. For those that don't know, when we spawn the fish in the fall the brood stock are not all ready to spawn at the same time. So what we have to do is spawn those that are ready during a three week period. The first week's eggs go into our first stack of incubator trays, which will be about 30 to 35 thousand eggs. The second week (with about the same amount of eggs) go into stack #2 and so on. When the eggs in stack #1 hatch to become Aelvins, (no, not chipmunks) and progress to fry, we release them into raceway #1. Then stack #2 into raceway #2 and #3 into raceway #3, all about a week apart. As the fish grow, the first ones will, of course, be larger than the next and those larger than the last ones. Now that you have all had a "schooling" on the process, you might be asking why we release #2 first, if the fish in #1

are bigger. Well, if you recall, besides just fin clipping all of our fish to mark them as hatchery fish, we also put a coded wire tag in the snouts of all the fish in #1. So, it was decided to release raceway #2 first, even though they were just a slight bit smaller, and keep the ones in #1 just a little longer in hopes that being just a little bigger they might possibly have a better return rate. Remember, the water level in the creek was getting critical and something had to go. We try to give all our fish the best chance of return in the next three to five years of their lives. It's a big, hungry ocean out there.

I would like to thank our supporters and the folks from the S.T.E.P program for all your help to make this whole process happen. And mostly, I would like to thank our members and volunteers for the thousands of hours it takes to make it all possible each and every year! CAF would also like to thank the community and the businesses that support CAF throughout the years!

2018 CAF Salmon Derby

Submitted by Mary Duncan

A million thanks to the City of Gold Beach for providing \$1,000 for the individual winner's cash prizes. The Raffle Board contributions were made possible by North Country Lures and Flies, LLC. and the Rogue Outdoor Store. Special thanks to Jim Carey (best "wing man" on the planet) and his great staff who helped steer the Salmon Derby to a victorious finish.

The fish were in the bay August 1st, opening day for the 9th Annual CAF Indian Creek Fish Hatchery Salmon Derby held at the mouth of the Rogue River. Attendance was good, and the river was full of excited fish slayers ready to get their shot at a big fish, as they trolled the bay, or glided back and forth in front of Indian Creek above the Patterson Bridge. There were at least two hundred boats on the water the week before the derby, and that number continued to increase. We ran promotional spots on over sixty six radio stations in the northwest through Bi-Coastal Media broadcasts here on the coast, as well as interviews by John Kruse of me inviting the world to come fish the Rogue River. John Kruse's Northwest Radio and American

Fishing broadcasts included our derby invitation to any one tuned into radio for fishing news from June to August all over the U.S.A. There were also Derby articles in all local newspapers right before opening day, August 1, 2018.

The drawing for the Blind Bogie first place was won by Sherry Bradley. The second place winner was Don Teague, and third place was won by Donna McCartin. The winner for big fish over all was Bill Fetzer with his 27.7 monster salmon. The Mike Kopec award was a tie on weight this year at twenty one pounds. The winners were Dale Boust and Mary Duncan. Overall, the event netted approximately \$11,000.00 before expenses.



*Bill Fetzer shows off his \$500 Big Fish Winner Check!
Photo by Aaron Duncan*



Derby Banquet Photo by Aaron Duncan

CAF General Meeting

Aug 9, 2018

President-David Sophusson called the meeting to order at 10:03am. The minutes from the July meeting were approved as printed in the Aug. (#120) issue of *The Riffle*.

David requested suggestions from the group regarding possible changes to next year's derby and a discussion followed regarding the time of day or evening to hold the banquet, fees for derby and banquet, ticket sales, and venue.

Treasurer-Barbara Huff reported an income of \$4,288.90 from cash donations, sponsor ads, membership dues, clothing sales, and grocery receipts, and interest income. Additional expenses this month included the Salmon Derby fundraiser and the STAC feeders. Expenses totaled \$4,403.07 for a net loss of \$114.17.

2018 Salmon Derby- Mary Duncan expressed her desire to make improvements to the next derby by getting the raffle boards up in a more timely fashion and pleaded for more help next year. She thanked Hassie Taylor for searching out all possible venues that might hold the banquet and Chris Underhill for taking on the task of the silent auction. She anticipates the net profit of the derby to come in at around \$10,000. There are some outstanding debts still to be tallied.

Hatchery- Gary Underhill reported that fin-clipping went well but working five days in a row created long and hard days.; raceway #2 was released and the raceway was drained; the overhead net is up; rat problem is still an issue with the new net showing rat holes; fish are big, healthy and hungry weighing in at 18-21 to a pound.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07am
Submitted by Hassie Taylor, CAF volunteer

Quote of the Month

"Fishing tournaments seem a little like playing tennis with living balls . . ." Jim Harrison



Derby Banquet Photo by Aaron Duncan



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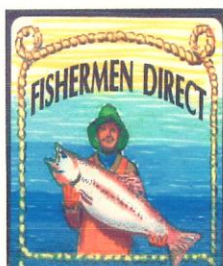
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Submitted by Hassie Taylor

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the owners, Dixie Boley and John Wilson, are currently or have been ODFW appointed Restoration & Enhancement Board Members, representing Gold Beach & Curry County and also active hatchery volunteers. John Wilson also allows CAF to have hatch-boxes on his property and helps keep an eye on them with the help of the Cub Scouts and CAF. They encourage C.A.F. to keep up the good work, and we encourage you to stop in and say "hi" to the folks at work for you. During the annual Salmon Derby held in August, Fishermen Direct weighs and fillets the fish caught during the derby for free. We thank Fishermen Direct for their generosity. Check them out at 755 Harbor Way, Gold Beach, Oregon 1-888-523-9494 or go to their website www.fishermendirect.com



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Dean and Pat believe in supporting and giving back to the community. They are members of the Florence Salmon Trout Enhancement Program and the Siuslaw Watershed Council; Dean is also an ODFW Fishing Instructor and a member of the Ten Mile Bass Club. Both Dean and Pat are members of the Florence Area Humane Society. Their contributions to the community are many. *For every lure, rod and reel purchased, a portion of the proceeds is donated to these groups.* Their commitment to give back to the community is noteworthy. As former middle school teachers, they are still involved in teaching kids how to fish and putting on free fishing days. Dean also offers workshops and seminars to teach adults and kids alike. If your organization is interested in having Dean present a workshop in your area, give him a call at **541-997-7080** or visit them in Florence. In Gold Beach their lures can be

purchased at **The Rogue Outdoor Store**. Remember, these lures are lead free.

North Country Lures & Flies have supported CAF for the past eight years. This year they donated over \$2500 in rods, reels and lures for the 2018 CAF Salmon Derby. In addition, NCLAF donated \$1500 for scholarship funds for our 3 local high schools (\$500 each). CAF thanks Dean and Pat Hendricks for their generosity and their commitment to educating young and old – how to catch fish. Check out their website and read about how it all began catching the BIG ONE @ www.nclaf.com

Footnote #1 : North Country Lures & Flies website



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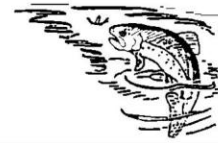
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