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INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY
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**Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday,
August 9, 2012 – 10:00 AM
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August 2, 2012 – 10:00 AM
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Upcoming Events

**August 18th – STEP picnic @ 11:00 am
Tugman State Park**

**Mon., Wed., Fri. 6:00 am Seining @ Huntley
Park all of August**

September 4-8th CAF Annual Salmon Derby

"News and Events" - Keep up to date on the
latest happenings at the hatchery. Go to
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General Meeting - July 12, 2012

Vice President- Gary Underhill 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 presented an informal report of a monthly loss of about \$2,400.

Fireworks- Mike reported that preliminary figures show a profit of \$1,300. As in years past, we could have made more money if the supplier would provide the inventory that we request based on previous sales. There are other vendors and Mike has contacted one about a better deal for next year, if CAF decides to sell fireworks next year.

Salmon Derby- Mike sent out an email detailing the needed volunteers to help with the derby. Hopefully, volunteers will call Mike and not vice versa. The immediate need is for raffle items from all 3 towns.

Hatchery- Gary Underhill recruited volunteers to help check out the cranberry pumps, get the oxygen system working and clean out the brood tank. Bill Fetzer said the fish are looking good and weighing about 31 per pound. On the 11th, several board members met with Todd Confer, John Weber, Larry Cooper (ODFW Regional Manager), Bob Webber (ODFW Commissioner), Russ Stauff (Rogue Watershed Manager) and Dixie Boley (R&E Board member) for an informational overview of the hatchery operations and equipment. The meeting was very informal, but provided the attendees the opportunity to have a better understanding of why we are so successful and will make it easier for them to help CAF with future grant requests and operational approvals.

Miscellaneous- Mike and Philip are coordinating embroidery details on caps. The annual STEP BBQ at Tugman State Park will be on Aug. 18th and Mike, Philip and Chris will make sure all volunteers are aware. Jim Hutchins from Oregon Stewardship has been manicuring the lawn and weeds every few weeks and the hatchery looks spiffy. Rich Lloyd will be leaving the area, but is passing on notes about what he's been doing with the alarm system- thanks, Rich, for all your help.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by: Chris Underhill

The fish are doing great and getting bigger each day. All the raceways are weighing out to a little under 30 fish to the pound. We'll try and release the young when they are 15-20 to a pound. All the raceways will be released around mid-August. Then Gary and I are heading to Kingman for my dad's 80th birthday. Volunteers should expect to hear my voice, so we can give our children a good send-off. You know me - any excuse for a barbeque.

Speaking about barbeques, the potluck on June 23rd for the Salmon Trout Advisory Council (STAC) members went very well. The rain held off and we had about 30 volunteers with food in hand and 13 STAC members ready to eat. The STAC members were given a tour of our hatchery, and I think they were really impressed with the volunteers and the hatchery; great job everyone! John Weber recognized a few outstanding and long time volunteers and presented them with certificates from ODFW and the STEP Program. Tom Tostenson, Jack Figueiredo, Gary Harmon, Herman Niehaus & Joan Goodison were recognized at the potluck. Richard Heap, Tony Hobbs, Glenn Kral and Gary and I were recognized at the STEP Conference in Brookings. You know I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers; you all are what make this hatchery and organization work. Thank you.

We've been having a lot of people tour the hatchery this summer and enjoying feeding the fish. There have been getting quite a few donations too. Daily feeders on Wednesday,

Friday and Saturday, please remember to call the RV Park by 10 AM and check for any tours.

Everyone is invited to the annual STEP Picnic & BBQ to be held Saturday, August 18th at Tugman State Park (Eel Lake) starting at 11AM. The Eel Tenmile STEP is the host this year and will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, plates, and utensils. Everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish of salad or desert to share. You may also want to bring hats, sunscreen and chairs.

STEP volunteers from Florence to Brookings will be attending this growing Fun Day event, which gives all our volunteers a chance to get to know each other. There will also be a silent auction.

The lake has a boat ramp, fishing dock, and bank fishing for those wishing to relax and fish. There's also a swimming beach, if I remember right. Gary and I are going to try and make it this year. Maybe we'll see you at Eel Lake which is located a couple of miles south of Winchester Bay.

The last thing on the agenda is the 3rd annual Rogue River Salmon Derby put on by CAF September 4th – 8th. Mike Kopec is heading up this project, so anyone wishing to help out please call Mike 247-0369. Remember to spread the word about the derby. Tell all your friends so we can get the word out and get more competitors. We also have some interesting auction items being donated, like a copper salmon weather vane.

Hope to see you all at the derby! The Curry Sportsfishing Association will also be having a derby on Aug. 25th

The Seining Crew has started at Huntley Park. So if anyone is interested in helping out or just checking it out, here's the info.: Mike Becker is heading up the ODFW crew this year and they will be doing 15 net pulls on the east end of Huntley Park every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 6AM. It changes to 7AM in September. They log fish species, length and any predator marks. This helps ODFW monitor the fish movement on the Rogue River. So, if you want to get in shape, show up with waders and ask Becker if you can help pull nets.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call me, [541 247-0396](tel:5412470396). Take care and have a great August!

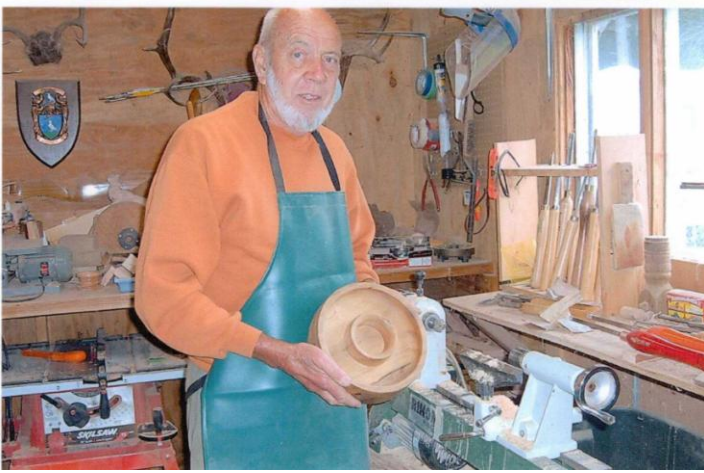


Photo submitted by Jack Sheehan

Volunteer of the Month Profile

Jack Sheehan

Interview by Hassie Taylor

Jack was born and raised in Butte, Montana on June 21, 1939 where he spent his childhood. After high school he attended Gonzaga University located in Spokane, WA from which he earned his B.B.A., L.L.B. and J.D. degrees (fancy letters for law degrees) where he also held the office of student body president. During the summer when in college and law school Jack worked for the Forest Service in Montana. He also worked as a lookout at the end of a three-mile trail with over 8,000-foot elevation gain. Indeed, Jack also worked on fires and building trails. (Why wasn't he here to build all those trails with Walt Schroeder)? But he really enjoyed the work and learned to appreciate the outdoors. All this tells you he had leadership qualities from the very beginning.

Jack was appointed by the governor of Nevada to serve as Deputy Attorney General from 1965-1969 and then moved to become Executive Secretary of the Nevada State Tax Commission in Nevada from 1970-1974. He had received his doctorate in judicial law in 1966. During the next five years, he became the Director of Nevada Department of Taxation with offices in Nevada and California. Jack was responsible for collecting millions of dollars and supervising over fifty local government budgets. (Hey, Jack, do you realize we are looking for a treasurer for CAF? How about it?)

Jack is one to never let weeds grow under his feet, so in 1980 he decided to make the plunge

into private practice. Over the next thirty years, his private law practice was his life. Practicing in a smaller community such as Minden, Nevada, a lawyer had to wear many hats. Not only did Jack work on civil and criminal cases, but he also worked as a defense lawyer in Indian tribal courts and served as Chief Tribal Judge. When I asked Jack why he chose law as a career, he told me it is because *law* makes you question and raise doubt This increases ones capacity to ask 'why' and "is that is the way it should be?"

Jack has been interested in hunting and fishing all his life. He has explored the Pacific Coast for many a year and in 2011 decided to make Gold Beach his home.

An adventurer by nature, Jack also followed the entire Lewis and Clark trail all the way from Montana starting at the Missouri River through Clearwater, Idaho to the West Coast. He has fished in many places from Alaska to Florida.

Today Jack enjoys gardening, fishing, and woodworking, using a lathe. On trips back to Nevada, Jack enjoys visiting with his two daughters and five grandchildren. He also volunteers for the Third Street Food Bank, is part of the Gold Beach Port Budget Committee, and, of course, devotes time to CAF feeding fish and participating in work parties. We are pleased to have Jack Sheehan as an important member of our organization.

A Step Back in Time

Submitted by Hassie Taylor

Thus far, I have shared publications written by Laurel Gerkman. She also shared with me some articles written around the turn of the century. Here's a clip...

Sept. 1906 *The Radium Newspaper* (direct quote)

R.D. Hume has let the contract to remove the hatchery buildings from Bagnall's ferry to Indian Creek. The work will be started soon and completed this winter. He has surveyed a ditch to bring the waters of Hunter's Creek to Indian Creek for the hatchery and also for additional power for the sawmill. The removal and putting in place the buildings and feeding ponds will keep a large force of men busy this winter and with the cold storage plant in operation, Wedderburn will be an industrious place this coming winter.



CAF Volunteers and the Trout Advisory Council representatives mingled and enjoyed the BBQ at our hatchery on June 23rd.



Photos by Hassie Taylor

Third Graders Show Appreciation for the Rod & Reel Days

4-25-12

Dear Volunteers,

I had a fun time at fishing, although I didn't catch anything. The walk was good but I already knew everything. Planting trees was fun. I had a nice time over at Arizona Beach.

Sincerely,
Marshall Philip Dickson

Curtis

Dear volunteer
Thank you for letting me fish. It was so fun. I hope I can go fishing again. Next time I will try to catch six fish. I just wanted to say thank you.

sincerely
Curtis

President's Corner

David Sophusson

David is on vacation once again!

Treasurer's Corner

Mike Kopec, CAF Treasurer

Mike approximates a loss of around \$2K.
Since our bookkeeper is also vacationing, the true figures will be revealed next month.

Post and Download Pictures

Re: Indian Creek Fish Hatchery

<http://indiancreekfishhatchery.shutterfly.com/>

Thank you Philip Dickson for creating this site for our hatchery.

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Submitted by Chris Underhill

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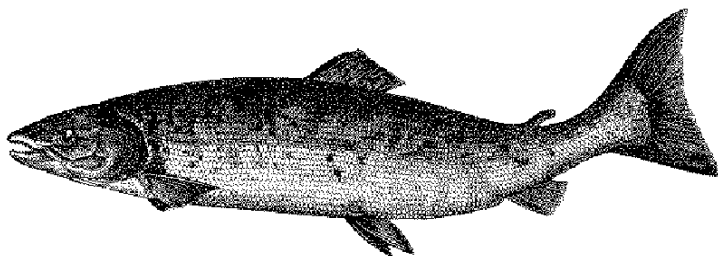
Fishing Quote of the Month

Fishing tournaments seem a little like playing tennis with living balls...~Jim Harrison
Just Before Dark, 1991

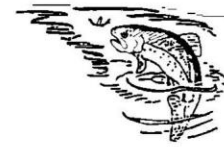
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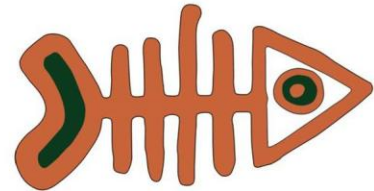
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