



# **THE RIFFLE**

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**INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY  
CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN, AN  
ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.**

**Next GENERAL MEETING Wednesday,  
JUNE 12, 2002 – 7PM  
Grants Pancake & Omelette House  
Gold Beach, Oregon**

**(Come at 6 PM if you're having dinner.  
We need your attendance and your  
dinner purchases in order to keep our  
great meeting place, so come and join  
us for good food, good friends and an  
interesting and informative meeting)**

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**Next BOARD MEETING Wednesday,  
JUNE 5, 2002 – 10AM  
Grants Pancake & Omelette House  
(note the change)**

## **Presidents Corner**

By Ray Barmore

This month, special thanks go to Coos-Curry Electric Co-Op for donating used power poles and then helping to install them. Once again, members of the community come together to help each other. What a great place to live.

I didn't get any volunteers to help with the web site, so I guess we will just leave it like it is.

**OPINION:** Recently, there have been a couple of articles in the Oregonian knocking hatcheries. The articles were written by people who really don't understand why we have hatcheries. One article wanted to do away with hatcheries, because we are becoming too dependent on them. If that is the case, why not do away with all cattle ranches plus turkey and chicken farms. There are two primary reasons why we have fish hatcheries; first, a lot of the natural habitat has been destroyed by dams and second, to supplement the natural fish production for commercial and recreation use. I believe we do the latter very well.

The second article matched the yearly expenses of particular hatcheries against the number of fish that returned to the hatchery. According to this writer, if every fish released returned several years later, the hatchery would be very cost effective. Since most fish don't return, the hatchery is wasting money. This is totally ludicrous. We do want some fish to return for spawning, but 98% should and do go into the food chain. A hatchery should be measured by the total cost to run the hatchery divided by the number of fish produced.

Unofficially, the Indian Creek Hatchery runs about 15 cents per fish, with about 1 cent (not percent) of that coming from the state and the rest coming from Curry Anadromous Fishermen.

Comments on the above can be directed to [info@rogueriversalmon.org](mailto:info@rogueriversalmon.org)

## **Kathy's Volunteer Report**

By Kathy Moore 247-4608

The High School Science Symposium went off beautifully on April 24<sup>th</sup>, with the team of Goodison, Wright and Kral flipping the burgers. The front was handled by Barnett and Fritch, who made the whole presentation look like a 4-Star restaurant.

That was closely followed by the Spring Art and Flower Show with CAF providing the food. Since I kind of pushed CAF into doing this, I sincerely thank Ron and Jan for all the hours and fantastic organization plus everyone else who helped out to make it a very successful weekend.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> OSU conducted a Natural Resources Field Day with about 80 Fifth graders touring Indian Creek Hatchery.

Then we come to June 8<sup>th</sup> and the free fishing day at Libby Pond. This is always a really fun day.... Registering the children, measuring the fish and handing out the prizes. I shall be on the phone to you asking for your help.

Please keep in mind that the tourist season began May 15<sup>th</sup>. If it is your feeding day, you must be at the Hatchery at or before 9am, that is when Indian Creek Campground phones with tour information. If this is not convenient, please let me know.

Again, may I say how superb and generous you all are with your time and talents at the Hatchery. I sincerely appreciate your efforts.

## **A NOTE OF THANKS**

From Ron & Jan Fritch

Please accept our sincere thanks to all who helped make the Flower and Art Show a success for CAF. A very special THANK YOU to Naomi Figueiredo for her excellent home made chili, and to all who made the wonderful desserts. A lot was learned for the next venture into the kitchens of the Event Center on the Beach !!!

**SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS FROM RAY'S & MCKAY'S. IT'S AN EASY WAY FOR OUR GROUP TO MAKE MONEY.**

YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF AT THE HATCHERY (THERE'S A LABELED CONTAINER JUST FOR THEM) OR YOU CAN BRING THEM TO ANY OF OUR MEETINGS OR GIVE THEM TO A BOARD MEMBER.

## **FISHING NEWS**

By Gene Trinkler

Approximately two weeks ago, two CAF Life Members were Springer fishing together. Harry Gilmore, Life Member for a lot of years and Danny O'Niell, one of our newest Life Members. Harry's rod went off with a Springer and his brand new rod broke in half, they both thought the fish was gone and lost. Harry picked up the handle and started to reel in, and the fish was still on. Danny got hold of the upper part of the rod and between the two of them, Harry reeling and Danny holding the fish with the 'springy' part they got the fish in. And that's a real true fish story. And....Harry got a brand new rod from Jim Carey.

## **2002 C.A.F. Officers**

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## **Editor's Note**

Since the May General Meeting was cancelled, there are no Minutes for this month's RIFFLE.