

# ***THE RIFFLE***

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## **Presidents Corner**

**By Art Kurz**

It finally happened! The DAM is complete and CAF has submitted the final contractor invoice. Also, the fish passage work is complete.

We have some Salmon in the holding tank as the first step in starting the new cycle of spawning to release smolt into the Rogue River.

In progress, are the design, development and building of an automatic system that will provide protection against contamination of the fish during preparation for and during egg gathering. A building to house two fifty-five gallon drums of Hydrogen Peroxide and the above system is complete. Tom Tostenson and Jess Christensen were the builders. Thanks guys.

Volunteers are needed for all of the tasks listed in the October Riffle. New volunteers would help in performing these tasks. Please, find some time for us. It only takes a few hours a month to participate.

Thanks again to all our volunteers that have worked so hard in maintaining and improving our hatchery.

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

## **Volunteer Report**

By Chris Underhill 247-4608

I'll start of this month off with "The Dam Project" is done!!! A great big THANK YOU goes out to Rich Wanke of Great Western Corp. (AKA the bridge crew) who not only did a great job, but donated at least \$15,000.00 worth of time and labor and CAF's own Tom Tostenson, who's persistence and endurance made this project happen and he donated alot of his time to this project also, just ask his wife - Thanks to all the people who assisted in this venture, rerouting the water to the vault, running errands and assisting the construction crews, helping ODFW clear the pools of fish, cleaning up the creek after the work crews moved out and helping prepare the creek for this years fish return, and most importantly for the group of men who mind-melded and worked for 3 days straight to get water pressure up and back to the hatchery and the spring line back up and operational. I know a lot of people were holding their breath, but we are up to 7 lbs. of pressure and that's what we need to run the hatchery, it's a DAM GOOD JOB! Go look at it and you'll see it's a different layout, but it seems to be working fine, and it looks really nice.

Well this year seems to be flying by, this is my favorite time of the season. The salmon are returning to their spawning grounds, everyone is out hunting, the mushroom are popping up and the rains are starting, with a little wind. I think the salmon are acting a little strange this year, they don't seem to be hanging around in the estuary, when they come in from the ocean they're heading straight up river, I know seining at Huntley Park has been extremely slow, as of the 20th of Oct. we only have 5 wild Chinook in the holding tank. We've been seining up at Lobster Creek also, but we've only come up with 2-6ft. sturgeons - NO CHINOOK yet, but we will continue to do netting and hopefully we will find some more wild fish to improve our hatchery stock.

Much to my surprise, that mid-October rain brought fish up to the hatchery ladder. I'm so amazed how these 20 lb.+ fish can make it up

that creek in just inches of water. They are such a strong and determined fish, I love getting the opportunity to help with these fish, don't get me wrong, I like these fish even better on the end of my fishing line or in the oven with Mayo and fresh lavender!

We've had about 50 fish return to the hatchery so far, but that number hopefully will continue to increase. Everyone seems to feel this year's fish aren't returning in the large numbers that we've seen in the past years. Let's just keep our fingers crossed. I'll be calling the beginning of November preparing for spawning season, and Joan Goodison will be calling looking for volunteers to do monthly checks at the hatchery. Feel free to bring along a friend on any of your hatchery adventures, we can use all the volunteers we can get.

A quick Thank you to the group that helped pull back the shade cloth (AKA Charlotte's Web). You know, guys scream too, when they find spiders on themselves, now a proven fact. It was so nice to see Louis back for a quick visit (fishing trip).

We will be having our December-Volunteer Appreciation-Election-Potluck-Meeting (that was a mouthful) at Indian Creek Cafe on Dec. 15th. Bring your favorite dish or just yourself. Dinner starts at 6PM, and we'll have a short meeting at 7PM for the election of CAF officers. We will have raffle items throughout the evening and it's BYOB!

Thank you to all the volunteers and all our new CAF members, we have 2 new Lifetime Members, the Morro's from Calif. and Richard Wanke. If you ever have any questions, feel free to call me at 247-0396. Till next month!

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## General Meeting

October 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Art Kurz at 10:00AM., Sue Kopec and John Weber were not in attendance at this meeting. The minutes of the Board Meeting were approved.

Volunteer Coordinator: Chris Underhill is getting a work party together to clean out the stacks in preparation for the salmon eggs. The December General Meeting will be in the evening on the 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm at the Indian Creek Café and will be pot luck.

April 11, 2006, the Watershed is having a Symposium at which CAF will be preparing food and serving the kids. This was approved by the Board at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We have 4 Salmon in the holding tank as of now. Fish are not moving up the river yet.

Vice President: Tom Tostenson, temporary acting treasurer, handed out the treasurer's report. Tom went through the grants, what position we are in now, what needs to be paid and closing the grants.

Hatchery Consultant: Larry Schnider said the road to the new dam has been all cleaned up and grass seed was spread.

President: Art Kurz has all the clothing and hats locked at the hatchery for safety. They will be available for further sales.  
The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Dee Crumrine, Secretary  
October 15, 2005

## Hatchery Happenings

By Larry Schnider

We now have a new dam and it looks good, and hopefully it will work good for us. The construction crew really did a great and fast job even with a couple of setbacks.

Volunteers and the ODFW crew did a good job of cleaning up and planting willows in the catch pools so it will soon look natural again.

The parts for the valves in the vault were replaced.

The big dip nets have all been replaced so they are ready to go. That is a fun job replacing the nets.

We were a bit worried about the pressure in the 12" line, as it took about three days to get enough pressure to turn on the alarm.

The spring line has been put back together and is back on line.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the project in any way.

I was at the hatchery Sat. & Sun.(15th & 16th) and we have fish in the ladder.

A special thanks to Tom T. for all he did for the dam. Also thanks to the Per & Above and all that helped build the peroxide shed. It looks very nice and we will have Mike and Sue paint it when they get back here, especially Mike who picks on short people.

## Treasurer's Corner

By Sue Kopec

<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Sept.</b>
Operating Capital	\$20,514	\$18,538
Income		\$ 305
Expenses		\$ 2,281

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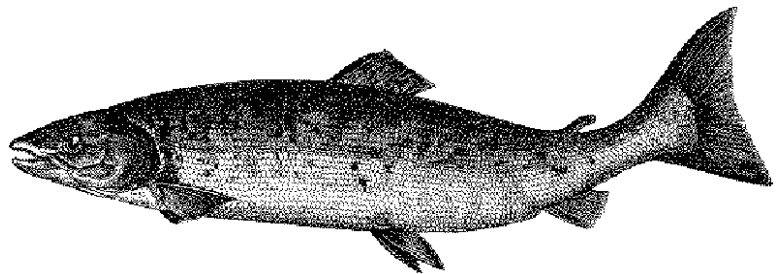
Mark your calendars Now!

CAF Election of Officers for 2006 will be held in December. Anyone wishing to be considered for a position, please contact Joan Goodison at 247-9449.

Anyone with information for this column Please call your editor.

## **2004 C.A.F. Officers**

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# Curry Anadromous Fishermen --- Indian Creek Hatchery

## Volunteer Opportunities

Call Chris Underhill --- Volunteer Coordinator --- 247-0396

Seining for broodstock	October	Weekdays/Weekends
Spawning	Nov/Dec	Weekdays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning buckets</li> <li>• Cleaning hatchtrays</li> <li>• Fish collection</li> <li>• Assist in fertilization process</li> <li>• General cleanup</li> </ul>		
Supply Sargent (paper products, etc)	On going	
Egg sorting and counting	Dec/Jan	Weekdays
Hatchtrays monitory (D.O, Temp. Water flow)	Dec - Feb	Daily *
Fry release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Into tributaries</li> <li>• Into raceways</li> </ul>	February	Weekdays
Fish feeding and raceway monitoring	Feb-Jul	Daily *
Vacuum raceways	Feb-Jul	Three time a week *
Net fry for tagging process	June	Weekdays - 3 days
Release smolt into Rogue River	Jul/Aug	Weekdays
General work parties – maintenance and repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building</li> <li>• Raceways</li> <li>• Water lines</li> <li>• Dam</li> <li>• Vault</li> <li>• Grounds</li> <li>• Feeders</li> <li>• Aerators</li> </ul>	As required	
Tours	As requested	
Raffles / Fundraisers	On going	
<b>Other opportunities</b>		
CAF Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Vice-President</li> <li>• Treasury</li> <li>• Secretary</li> </ul>		
CAF Board Member (five required)		
CAF Membership Coordinator		
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