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The Salmon Run

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The Eggs are Coming!

By RJ Mere

We will be receiving 750,000 fertilized Atlantic salmon eggs for the 2008 season from Craig Brook Hatchery by the end of this month. Already, Garry Kasten and other volunteer members are cleaning and preparing the hatchery for the new arrivals. See Garry's "Hatchery News" for more information.

The December 6 social meeting was well attended with over thirty members plus five guests and speakers present. Despite Tom Debruin's concern about not enough food for the masses somehow everyone got enough of Lynne Jackson's (from On the Corner Café in Biddeford) wonderfully prepared meal. Thanks, Lynne!

John Blunt started the evening program by announcing and handing out copies of the amended Bylaws. Garry announced that the new backup generator is installed and hooked up to our security system. Ron Lewis and his wife were honored for their generous donation towards purchasing our new backup generator. In addition to their donation, Ron's wife's company, Loomis Sayles & Co. contributed \$1,850 towards the generator. We are grateful for their support and we thank them for their generosity. \$25,000 from the Florida Power and Light agreement (see December 2007 issue of The Salmon Run) was used to supplement Ron's donation. John also announced that our mortgage is paid off using funds from the same agreement.

Jim Black has volunteered as this year's banquet committee chairman. The past banquets have brought in increasing amounts of funds for our hatchery thanks in big part to Jim's organizational skills. Look for Jim's articles in the next few newsletters about what he and the Banquet Committee need and please help out in any way that you can.

L.L. Bean has put up our display in their new building. I haven't had a chance to

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get up to Freeport to see it, but plan to do so this weekend. We send them a big thank you for their continued support.

We also want to thank the guest speakers for a lively exchange with club members concerning the future of the Atlantic salmon restoration plan State wide and how that will effect our restoration projects. Marty Miller (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Pat Keliher (Maine Department of Marine Resources - Bureau of Sea-Run Fisheries and Habitat), and Bill Archambault (USFWS) reviewed the past, present, and future plans for restoring Atlantic salmon and assured us that we will not be left out of the plan. Pat helped ease our concerns when he stated, "The state is 100 percent behind what your club does. Your volunteer work is vital for the salmon. There are changes and challenges coming and we will not forget you." Pat also honored Mark Woodruff for his untiring work negotiating the complex plans between state, federal, corporation, and private entities on behalf of our club.

Our next social meeting is January 16. Our guest speaker is Dr. James Sulikowski, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, University of New England. He teaches fish biology courses and is noted for discovering a new species of deep-sea amphipod crustacean. We must ask him how he determined the name "Aida" for the rarest of crustaceans known to science. Please join us January 16 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church, Route 1 in Saco. We hope to see you, your family, and your friends there.

Membership Dues Notice for 2008

By RJ Mere

It's that time of year again. Dues and hatchery donations submitted by our generous members cover about forty percent of our annual expenses. All dues and hatchery donations are tax deductible. If you missed paying your dues last year just send your 2008 dues. Past dues are voluntary on your part. Annual rates now range from ten dollars for students and seniors, to twenty dollars for individual memberships, and thirty dollars for students and seniors. Life memberships remain at three hundred dollars. There is a membership application on the last page of this newsletter. Please fill it out and send a check to the address provided. And please update our membership application if you have changed your mailing address, phone number, or email address.

Hatchery Donations Appreciated for 2008

By RJ Mere

Voluntary donations by members and non-members comprise a vital part of our annual revenue. They come from members, nonmembers, volunteers, organizations, and interested people who are in tune with our mission and support our unique hatchery operation. Prompt payments will help cover our heaviest operational expenses from January through June. Thank you!

Hatchery News

By Garry Kasten

Good news! The Saco River Salmon Club has joined the Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BSCCI). This membership will give the club an opportunity for more exposure to more people because we will now be listed in the BSCCI new brochure and in their newsletter from time to time. This is a significant step for our club because, in 2008, the BSCCI will be moving into a new office at the new train station in Saco where our literature will be available 24/7 to anyone passing through the station. Another benefit of membership of the BSCCI is that any current member of the Saco River Salmon Club is now eligible to attend future "Business After Hours" events sponsored by area businesses. Please note the calendar of events for the BSCCI in this newsletter. These events are usually free of charge and usually run from 5PM to 7PM. If you wish to be put on the contact list for future BSCCI events, please e-mail me: SRSC115@verizon.net

Maintenance work continues at the hatchery. Skip Paolini and Rey Dussault completed the new drain pipe installation from the trough room to tank # 4. This may allow us to increase the water flow rate to the trough room and make the salmon fry happy fish. Ron Lewis swept out the hatchery tanks # 1 – 4 and the plugs have been re-installed in the pumps and filters. Ron and I started insulating tank #4 and Skip Paolini helped me do some re-arranging of furniture in the lab. The broken 12 foot board over tank # 2 has been replaced. Be-

cause of all the snow in December, John Blunt has been busy plowing the parking lot. About 15 gallons of hydrochloric acid have been removed from under the sink in the hatchery and donated to the University of New England. The remaining three quarters of a gallon of acid has been poured into acid proof glass jars that were kindly donated by Professor Steve Zeeman and UNE.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have generously logged in over 2,025 hours in 2007. We hope you will be able to support us again in 2008 with your volunteer work so that we may have another successful year raising young salmon.

Hatchery Work Day - There will be a work day at the hatchery on January 19, 2008. We will be enlarging the drains in all the troughs to allow more water flow for the young salmon.

Club Events

The club calendar for 2008 is still being put together but was not ready for this issue. Look for it and club events in next month's issue of The Salmon Run.



2008 Calendar of Business After Hours Sponsored by Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce and Industry

January 10—Saco Sport & Fitness
February 7—Sun chronicle
February 21—Coldwell Banker
March 13—University of New England
March 27—Patriot Subaru
April 10—Kennebunk Savings Bank
April 24 —Thornton Academy
May 8—Dyer Library
May 22—Peoples Choice Credit Union
June 5— North Dam Mill
August 21—Holiday Inn Express
September 11 —Counseling Services, Inc.
October 9—Biddeford Savings Bank
October 23—Saco Biddeford Savings Inst.
November 13—Norway Savings Bank
December 11—Smith Elliott Smith & Garmey

All Business After Hours begin at 5:00pm to 7:00pm unless advertised differently. All members and their employees and families are invited to attend FREE.



Hatchery incubators used to hatch salmon eggs to fry



Holding tanks, filters, coolers, and UV light system



The Saco River Salmon Club Hatchery



The Saco River Salmon Club Membership Form

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone: ()

Email address:

Dues are annual - January through December

Single \$20 Family \$30 Student \$10 Senior \$10
Life \$300

Donation to hatchery \$

I would like to volunteer in the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hatchery Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydropower Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stocking | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Incubators | <input type="checkbox"/> Events and Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | |

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