

The Newsletter of the High Plains Drifters

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Announcements

Do you have some extra fishing “stuff” that you would like to get rid of? Looking for something that another member might be willing to sell? Start digging that stuff out of the garage! Our first annual “Swap N Sell” event will be held at the April meeting. Let’s have some fun with this and see which member is the best at bartering and haggling! More details to follow...

We had 14 new members sign up for the club after the Fly Fishing Show in January. Please try to make sure they feel welcome!

Pat Dorsey and Landon Mayer will be our featured speakers at the meeting on February 17th. Please feel free to invite guests if you like. We had over 100 people attend our February meeting last year with Pat and Landon. It should be another big turnout. The servers at Red and Jerry’s are going to busy taking care of everyone. If some of you can show up a little early (around 5:30 or so) they would really appreciate it!

We are in the initial stages of planning for a new event at the Douglas County Fairgrounds (subject to change). Estimates indicate that up to 20,000 people may be attending on March 27th and 28th. Hopefully, we can sign up quite a few new members at our booth. We will also have some casting and fly tying demonstrations. If you are available that weekend, we can use some help.

Several members indicated that they were interested in purchasing shirts and hats with the High Plains Logo at our last meeting. We will be taking orders at the February meeting for those of you that are interested. We can’t order your shirt or hat until we have cash or check in hand.

The hats will probably be in the \$11 to \$12 price range. A Reddington brand long sleeved shirt with a stitched HPD logo will be available for \$30. T Shirts with a silk screened HPD logo will be priced at \$12. You can also order a collared shirt with a silk screened HPD logo for \$20.

George Kress has been working very hard at lining up some trips for 2010. Our first trip is coming up on March 20th. We are planning on cooking breakfast for anyone that shows up. We’ll be passing around a sign up sheet at the next meeting. Please check the trip section for directions to Mike Owens cabin. We have also included a map to the cabin on the last page of this

month's newsletter.

Marshall Estes had a good turnout at his fly tying class on January 30th. Please check the Clinics and Classes Overview section of this month's newsletter for any new classes coming up. See the Clinics and Classes section for the download to the new HPD Basic Fly Tying Course.

Our 7th annual Kids Day will be held on June 19th. If you have never attended or volunteered to help out you are missing the boat! It's a great time. Please keep this one on your calendar!

Our Programs

February 17th

OUR SPEAKERS WILL BE

Pat Dorsey and Landon Mayer

Presentation on Sight Fishing Tail Waters (a must see event!)

March 17th

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE

Jeff Spahn of the Colorado State Department of Wildlife

Presentation will be on the Hayman Fire and recent mudslides in Deckers--Cheeseman Canyon. This should have Oct-Nov 09, electro-shock data.

After the Speaker, HPD's own Jon Nash will show a short presentation on the Bar ZX Ranch. Fishing for 18 species of trout without getting your feet wet. (2X and 3X busting size trout too)

April 21st

Swap N Sell event prior to and after the speaker

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE

John Packer of Flyfishing Oufitters in Avon

Presentation on the Eagle River

MAY 19th

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE

Kerry Caragher of Orvis Cherry Creek

Presentation on Fishing Close to Home (Clear and Bear Creeks)

More Programs and Events are listed on the [events](#) page on the website

Clinics and Classes Overview

CASTING CLASS:

Jon Nash and Don Gibbs are always willing to help club members get their Certified Casting Instructor (CCI) certificate. If you would like to help them organize a class please give Jon a call at (303) 450-0225) or Don at (303) 526-9256. (From the HPD Mentor: Jon and Don should be doing a class this next summer. I totally recommend their class to improve your casting skills. Both for distance, accuracy and teaching skills.)

FLY TYING CLASSES:

The new **HPD Basic Fly Tying Course** is available for download in PDF format. <http://www.hpd-fff.org/Documents/hpd-basic-fly-tying-course.pdf> Right Click and Save Target As. This was a combined effort of Don Gibbs and Marshall Estes. If you have never tied a fly this is a good beginning resource to study.

An intermediate beginner class will be scheduled in February but date is not set yet. Check the [Class page](#) for dates and watch your email for class announcements.

February 27th

Craig Whittekiend from our club will be conducting a class on tying flies for Czech Nymphing. He will also be showing everyone how to prepare leaders and general set up procedures. The classes will be held at the Meadowbrook Water District Club House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please contact Virgil Kelleigh at (303)237-2289 for additional information. Directions to the location and a signup sheet will be available at the February meeting.

March 27th

Doug Geerdes will be conducting a class on tying flies for lake fishing (subject to change). **The date is tentatively set for Sat March 27th** depending on the event at the Douglas County Fair Grounds. Location is Meadowbrook Water District Clubhouse. Time and location will be the same as the Czech Nymphing tying class.

Trips

March 20th - Deckers/South Platte River -- Show up at the Mike Owen cabin and we'll feed you breakfast! A good way to get over cabin fever. The 2009 trip was a blast. See directions at end of newsletter.

April 15th, 16th & 17th - Green River -- Please start making your reservations now at the Flaming Gorge Resorts. Their phone # is (435) 889-3773. Mention that you are with HPD. The reservation is under George Kress' name.

April 30th-May 2nd -- Arkansas River-A trip to fish the caddis hatch near Salida. We will be staying at the American Classic Inn in Salida. Their phone # is 1-800-682-8513 or 719-539-6655. Please mention that you are with High Plains Drifters to get their special room rate.

May 15th - Clear Creek/Idaho Springs -- Another pancake breakfast! Al Baclawski has some great fishing holes (he probably won't tell us about all of them) and events planned.

June 5th - Blue River at Silverthorne and/or Green Mountain Reservoir. (subject to change)

July 9th, 10th & 11th - Arkansas River. We will be staying at the Cotopaxi KOA. They have all kinds of accommodations available Please check their website at www.coloradocampingkoa.com for additional details. Please contact Steve Hall at (303) 478-7230 (7235??) for additional details. His e mail address is: m10shadow@yahoo.com

August 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th - Big Horn River in Montana. Some of us will be staying at the Cottonwood Campgrounds. Cabins and bunk houses are available. Their phone number is (406) 666-2391. For more information please contact Doug Geerdes at (303) 973-4190.

Several members will floating the Yellowstone River between Gardiner and Livingston after the 15th of August. Anyone that is interested is welcome but will need to furnish their own boat.

Gary Hort (303) 989-6283 and George Kress are trying to get a trip set up for the Eagle River this year. If you would like to go and have a section of the river that you would like to try please give them a call.

If you have any ideas for trips in 2010, please give George Kress (our Trip Chairman) a call at (303) 757-6385. We'll be glad to get the word out!

New Fly Fishing Resources

www.midcurrent.com offers a fine free fly fishing newsletter.

Directions to the Owen Family Cabin:

From Sedalia, take highway 67 west to Sprucewood Bar. Then take the right hand fork over Night Hawk Hill. Watch the curves and grades. There is one very steep grade on this road. At the bottom of the road (T – Intersection onto paved road), turn left for 3.5 miles to the subdivision entrance with the Scraggy View Sign. Mike’s Place is the first cabin on the Right.

