

# The Newsletter of the High Plains Drifters

Jan 2010



## Announcements

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It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone! The club has some pretty exciting things planned for 2010.

In December, HPD officially became a 501 ( c ) 3 non profit corporation. This is something that we have wanted to do for quite some time. Without going into all the details, we are now considered a “Charter Club” by the Federation of Fly Fishers. There are some significant benefits as a result. First and foremost, your donations are now tax deductible! We will need help from all of you to make the transition work. .

**We are required to have ALL of our members current on their FFF dues going forward.** If you get an invoice in the mail from FFF please pay them promptly. The HPD dues are still \$15. We have a new Membership Chairman “in town”. He gets a “little cranky” if you haven't paid the dues. **Please help us out by paying your HPD dues at the January meeting.** We'd like to get this wrapped up as soon as possible. That's really the only way we have of knowing if you are still interested in the club! We hate to see anyone go but it does happen.

A suggestion was given that the club ought to have an event to help members sell or trade their fly fishing equipment and/or gear. We want you to keep the proceeds or have some **friendly bartering and haggling!** We are going to have our first annual “**Swap N Sell**” at the April meeting. It's a great time to pick up something that you might be interested in. You name the price! Let's see who can get the best deals! It should be fun! More details to follow....

Don Gibbs and Bob Sexton have done a great job of getting the FFF and HPD booths ready for the fly fishing show this weekend. Please bring your kids and grandkids down to have some “hands on” fly tying experience. We think you'll be impressed by the display! The show will be at the Merchandise Mart at 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue and I-25 again this year. See <http://hpd-fff.org/club-events.htm> or <http://www.fly-fishing-colorado.com/wordpress/fly-fishing-shows-2010/> for complete details on the Fly Fishing Show Denver and the International Sportsman's Exposition along with other shows around the US.

We are always looking for ways to help the club grow. Our President Michael Lenzini has promised to give a 50% off gift certificate on selected merchandise from William Joseph to the first 3 members that have three of their friends sign up for the club. Let's see who can do it! Check out the website for William Joseph at [www.williamjoseph.net](http://www.williamjoseph.net). They have got some really cool stuff!

Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Kids Day will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup>. 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

January 20th

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE

Rob Kolanda from Front Range Anglers  
Presentation on the North Front Range Rivers (Boulder Creek and the Big Thompson River)

February 17<sup>th</sup>

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE

Pat Dorsey and Landon Meyers  
Presentation on Sight Fishing Tail Waters (a must see event!)

March 17<sup>th</sup>

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.

April 21<sup>st</sup>

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE

Kerry Caragher of Orvis Cherry Creek  
Presentation on Fishing Close to Home (Clear and Bear Creeks)

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More Programs 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 CLASS:

A fly tying class for Beginners has been scheduled Sat Jan 1/30/2010 at the Frying Pan Lodge room – Bass Pro Outdoor Shops at the Northfield Shopping Center. Time 8:00 to 11:30 AM. Details will be posted to the HPD website soon. This class is only for HPD members. (The HPD Mentor – Marshall Estes will be teaching this class. We will focus on two simple to tie patterns that catch fish.)

Another fly tying class will be scheduled in late February, one in March and one in April. The one in February will probably be an intermediate class.

## **Trips**

March 20<sup>th</sup>-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.

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>-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 30<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>-Arkansas River-A trip to fish the caddis hatch near Salida. Should be a fun weekend trip!

May 15<sup>th</sup>-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 5<sup>th</sup>-Blue River at Silverthorne and/or Green Mountain Reservoir.

July-Antero Reservoir-Dates to be determined.

August-2<sup>nd</sup> week-Duck Mountain Provincial Park-Manitoba, Canada-Doug Geerdes is planning a Pike trip. He's told us that there are some monsters up there! Please give Doug a call (303) 973-4190 if you have any questions. The cost should be pretty minimal if we carpool.

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**

Suggestions are welcome.