



Announcements

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It's not too late to purchase your HPD shirts, hats and name tags! The price on the hats is \$11. The Redington brand long sleeved shirts with the HPD logo are \$30. T Shirts with a silk screened HPD logo sell for \$12. The price on the short sleeve collared shirts with the same logo is \$20. The name tags are selling for \$6. Please make sure you pay for your merchandise if you haven't already done so.

A special thanks to all of the HPD members that gave to the Jonathan Keisling memorial fund. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with his family. Please see the thank you note from his widow in this month's newsletter. See the nice Thank You note from Brianna Keisling at end of newsletter regarding the Memorial Fund money we collected.

Our first trip of the year is set for March 20th. We have 24 members that are planning on coming so far. We'll be cooking breakfast for everyone that participates! It should be a great time! Please be sure and sign up as soon as possible if you would like to join us. Directions and a map to Mike Owens cabin can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

Bass Pro is having their annual Spring Fishing Classic through March 14th. Marshall Estes needs one additional fly tying instructor this Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you can help out, please give him a call at (303) 680-9745.

Doug Geerdes has set up a fly tying class on March 27th. They have some new patterns that should be deadly on the water! Please check out all the details under the Clinics and Classes Overview section of the newsletter.

Are you looking for some good used fly fishing related equipment? Do you have some gear that you would like to get rid of? The club is having a "Swap N Sell" event at our April meeting. Remember, all of the proceeds go to you! Spring is a great time to clean out the garage. Bring your stuff on in!

Our annual Kids Day will be held on June 19th. This is a something that we always look forward to each year! If you have some kids that you would like to invite please call George Torrison at (303) 984-1810. We can always use volunteers to help out as well!

Several of our members haven't paid their 2010 HPD dues. We understand that this is a sensitive subject. You can pay your dues at the March meeting or send your \$15 check to: Tim Herget 20984 E. Greenwood Place Aurora, CO 80013. While we are reluctant to do so the board is considering a small fee for future events and meetings for members that haven't paid. Please help us out by making sure your dues are paid this month.

Our Programs

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.

February 27th

Craig Whittekiend from our club conducted a class on tying flies for Czech Nymphing. He also showed everyone how to prepare leaders and general set up procedures. Craig's teaching was excellent and everyone enjoyed the class. We got some flies tied, exchanged some stories, ate donuts, drank coffee and enjoyed good company.

March 27th

Doug Geerdes will be conducting a class on tying flies for lake fishing (subject to change). **The date is set for Sat March 27th** at the Meadowbrook Water District Clubhouse. Doug is an excellent fly tier. And there will be three guest tiers from the Jefferson County event in Feb. The guest tiers have some excellent patterns that will work in both lakes and streams. Time is 10 am to 2 pm.

Doug will furnish materials and donuts. Bring your own lunch. Marshall will be sending out more info as the event draws closer.

Trips

March 20th-Deckers/South Plate river-Show up at the Mike Owens cabin around 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and we will feed you breakfast! Fishing to follow on the river. A great way to get over cabin fever! See directions at the end of the newsletter.

April 15th, 16th & 17th-Green River-We should have a pretty good turnout. There are still 2 motel rooms available if you would like to go. You can contact the Flaming Gorge Resorts at (435) 889-3773. The clubs reservations are 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 HPD 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 more information. Steve Hall is the trip captain. You can reach Steve at (303) 478-7235 or by e mail at: 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 as well. The phone number for Cottonwood Campgrounds is (406) 666-2391. Doug Geerdes is the trip captain. You can reach Doug at (303) 973-4190.

Several members will be 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.

George Kress is always willing to help coordinate a trip that you might like to sponsor. Please give him a call and we'll get the word out!

New Fly Fishing Resources

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

http://www.bluequillangler.com/Pat-Dorseys-Corner/Pat_Dorseys_Stream_Reports

<http://www.bluequillangler.com/Pat-Dorseys-Corner/Articles-by-Pat>

This one is a paid resource but you get flies in return.

http://www.bluequillangler.com/Pat-Dorseys-Corner/Fly-of-the-Month-Club_2

Directions to the Owen Family Cabin:

See attached Cabin PDF for a map to the Owen 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.





Dear High Plains Drifters,

Thank you so much for the donation to Jonathan's memorial fund. It really means so much to me. I know Jonathan had such a good time doing presentations for your group and I will always remember. I haven't figured out how best to use the funds for his benefit, but I have some ideas. Thank you again so much.

Sincerely,

Brianna Keisling