

# DRIFTERS DRIFT

NEWSLETTER OF THE HIGH PLAINS DRIFTERS

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Greetings from your new newsletter editor, I look forward to doing my part for the HPD and know I have some big shoes to fill taking over for Bob Appenzeller.

Thank's to all the HPD Board members for their hard work in the past year. The HPD Christmas party on December 4th at the Dakota Lodge was a good time for all. Thanks again to those who showed up early and stayed a little late to help set up and then put things away and especially to Jon Nash for the fine auction and raffle he organizes.

It is time to start thinking of a whole year of fishing opportunities.

The annual flyfishing show is this weekend January 7,8 & 9 at the Denver Merchandise Mart. HPD will staff the FFF booth there and have a new fangled gadget to see how far folks are casting. This is a great event and very informative.

The FFF will offer FREE fly fishing instruction at the FFF learning center located at the FFF booth. Basic fly casting, fly tying, knot tying will be taught throughout the day, every day of the show.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do it now. You can see Marshall Estes at the next meeting or mail your check to him.

You can fill out the membership form attached to this newsletter or mail him a check; 4074 So Atchison Wy #302 Aurora Co 80014.

All member who renew or join by Feb 1, 2011 will be able purchase a new Ross reel for only \$20. Nice!

## **TRIP INFORMATION** from LARRY LESTER

### HPD Trips in 2011

I wanted to take a minute and give everyone an idea for what is in store for this year's fishing trips. In the past we have set dates months in advance of a trip. This year with the exception of the trip to Green River I have elected to let you know a trip is planned and the month, but until we get closer a date will not be set.

As I did last year a "trip book" will be circulated at all the monthly meetings and I would encourage you to sign up if you are interested in the fishing destination(s) listed. And then when the month gets closer in which the event will happen I will start making contact with the interested parties indicating a date and specifics.

Currently the "trip book" has the following events listed:

- 1) Trip to the Arkansas River below the Pueblo Reservoir with the hope we can pull this off in late January or in February. Trout Unlimited has planned an event in that area for the 15<sup>th</sup> of January in which teams will compete for an entry fee of \$125 so for sure the 15<sup>th</sup> is out as the river will be heavily fished.
- 2) In March we will hold our trip to Deckers with breakfast served at Mike Owen's cabin. Last year we had over 25 HPD members attend. We had to cancel one date, but we pulled it off and had a great time.
- 3) The postponed from last year Clear Creek Challenge will be held before run off starts so I expect this to happen in April or May. Clear Creek offers a lot of action catching mostly browns and I know several HPD members have discovered this is an excellent fishing destination if time is limited or you just want to fish close to home.
- 4) April 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> are the dates set for the trip to the Green River near the small town of Dutch John, Utah. This will be a Saturday arrival with departure on the 12<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us to fish when the crowds are fewer and the hatches are most plentiful.

Here are the details regarding accommodations:

Just up the hill and a few miles from Dutch John at the Flaming Gorge Resort (435-889-3773) the following motel rooms (#307, 308 and 309) and condos (#102, and 104, # 103 is already spoken for) have been set aside for HPD members. The motel rooms sleep 2 and the condos w/ kitchens sleep 3 or 4. Motel rooms are \$119 + tax per night and the condos are \$179 + tax for 2 with an \$8 per night charge for each additional person.

In addition I had their Group Suite #409 placed on hold for us. This suite has 4 bedrooms (2 with one queen bed and 2 rooms with two single beds per room) + kitchen and one bathroom. For \$179 + tax for 2 people and the extra \$8 per night for each additional person this might be a way to save some cash, but remember only one bathroom and you will need to pick straws to see who gets the larger beds.

As in the past those interested should contact the lodge directly and make their reservation. There is a nice restaurant at the lodge or as in years past the members going may decide to split up cooking duties and share meals on several nights.

Please call or email me once you have made a reservation. So the club will not be charged a cancellation fee I will be calling the lodge on March 1<sup>st</sup> and releasing any room or condo that has not been reserved so for those of you who want to make this trip please make your reservations soon.

5) After Green River I have planned the following trips:

A. The Arkansas for the caddis hatch and then another trip after runoff. Late April or early May for the first trip with the later trip in July.

B. Trappers lake in September with plans to fish not just Trappers, but other lakes and rivers in the area.

In addition I would like to see us fish the Big Thompson and possibly go into Rocky Mountain National Park for lake and stream action. I am also looking at the Colorado River and possibly a hike into the Williams Fork. I have a friend with a cabin near Grand Lake that possibly we could use as an overnight place to stay so we could hit both rivers over a span of a few days.

Antero Reservoir was terrific in the fall this last year so I know there will be a trip or two planned. Doug Geerdes and Brett Edwards are putting together plans for a several day trip to the Platte outside of Saratoga which I think will be in late summer or early fall. Steve Hall also has connections for a cabin near the Canejos River. The Clinton Reservoir between Copper Mountain and Leadville has cuts in it that caught my attention last year so a day trip there may be doable.

All in all there are many places to fish in Colorado and the surrounding states. As the person in charge of trips for this year I hope I you will join us as often as you can. Shoot me an email ([larry.lester@hotmail.com](mailto:larry.lester@hotmail.com)) if you are interested in one of the trips listed or if you have a place in mind that wasn't mentioned.

I look forward to a great year fishing with you.

Larry Lester

# PROGRAMS

JAN 19, 7PM

TODD JONES

FISHING THE WEST BIG HORN MOUNTAINS

and a proposition for a horseback trip

FEB 16, 7PM

PAT DORSEY & LANDON MAYER

READING WATER/STREAM STRUCTURE

MAR 16, 7PM

AARON CARITHERS

SOUTHWEST COLORADO RIVERS

## 2010 HPD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

by Marshall Estes

The year ended December 31, 2010 has been a year of change for the club. The club changed from an FFF affiliate club to a 501c3 charitable organization under the FFF umbrella 501c3 charter. **With this change came better insurance for the club members**, D&O insurance for the Directors and the liability protection of a charitable corporation.

The change also entails increased reporting responsibilities to the FFF. The Club is required to report our financial results to FFF who file a consolidated tax return with the IRS. This means an increased attention to financial and event accounting for the club. Another change is the requirement that the club have 100% FFF membership as part of the non-profit status.

As part of our new FFF reporting requirements, we report on the educational activities the club participated in during the year. Below is a list of the events HPD planned, manned or furnished fly tiers for during the year 2010. For all of those who participated in these events to represent HPD as the fine club it is, a big thank you. This is what HPD is to me. A club that educates about fly fishing and goes fishing together.

### 2010 Education Activities

1. Acres Green Middle School – March – May.

This class teaches fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing. The class is about one hour long consisting of approximately 30 students per class. It is taught 5 days a week for four to six weeks. The class finishes with a field trip to actually go fishing. In 2010, 8 – 10 HPD instructors were involved in teaching.

2. June – Kid's Day Fly Fishing. This is an annual event the club has held for the last 7 years. It is held at the Colo. Dept of Wildlife teaching facility in Waterton, CO at the mouth of Waterton Canyon.

The class consists of a presentation by a local guide about fly fishing. After which, the class goes through fish identification, stream entomology with bug specimens available for inspection, roll casting with yarn fly rods, fly tying, knot tying and fly fishing gear stations. Then it is outside for roll casting practice using real fly rods. Lunch follows and then the kids go fishing in Lake Lehow, which is a private lake maintained by the CDOW.

HPD Volunteers – 20 – 25 spent some 12 hours each preparing fly boxes, teaching roll casting and supervising students during fishing.

3. Participation in the FFF booth at the Douglas County Fair in Castle Rock Colorado. This was a new event for the club this year. Subjects were fly tying and fly casting. This year 94 students participated over two days. Four HPD volunteers put in a total of 32 hours over those two days.
4. Co-participation with the Front Range Flyfishers Club teaching fly fishing to Healing Waters students. This year 5 HPD instructors participated. The subjects were fly casting, fly fishing, fly tying and rod building. The class consisted of 2 hours per session weekly for eight weeks. There were 8 – 10 students per session. The class finished with a 1 day on stream field trip.
5. 2010 Participation in the FFF Fly Fishing Learning Center at the Denver Fly Fishing Show. The show is held around the first weekend in January. Subjects taught were kids fly tying. A total of 189 kids experienced tying a fly. Five HPD volunteers put in a total of 60 hours over 3 days.

Fly casting was taught to both adults and appropriate age children. In some cases, a yarn fly rod was used. In others, real fly rods were used. The classes were taught by 2 HPD FFF Certified Casting Instructors and one non-HPD FFF Certified Instructor taught the casting. No estimate of the number of participants is available.

Recruitment and Manning HPD Booth – 15 to 20 volunteers

6. In Jan and Feb of the year, the Club Mentor held a fly tying class each month for beginner and intermediate tiers in the club. These classes were held at a Bass Pro meeting room. Approximately, 10 students participated each class.

Another HPD member taught a class on tying Czech nymphs. This class attracted about 30 members.

In May 2010, another member taught a class on tying lake flies. This class attracted about 30 students also.

7. HPD Fly Tying at the Bass Pro Spring Fishing Classic. HPD furnished a total of 8 fly tiers over one weekend to represent HPD among the tiers at the event. Bass Pro furnishes the tables and signage for the participating clubs and tiers. And a discount on Bass Pro proprietary brands is usually offered for tying flies.
8. HPD also furnished fly tiers for the Bass Pro / Commerce City fishing event held at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in April. This is a sponsored event about fishing in general to introduce kids to fishing with fly fishing and fly tying being one part of the event. HPD furnished two tiers for the Saturday of the event.
9. Over the year, the club takes numerous fishing trips together as official club events. During these trips, there is usually some informal teaching going on between friends.

## CLINIC'S AND CLASSES & TIPS

Virgil is planning a fly tying class at the Lutheran church at 45th and Wadworth.  
This will be later in January after the Flyfishing Show.

Kid's day is in June, the date will be announced soon

### FLY TYING TIP by Marshall

I always chuckle a bit at fly recipes where there is emphasis on the exact thread color to use. If your fly is not using a thread body or thread ribbing, most thread is covered with dubbing on the abdomen, other materials on the thorax and a collar at the head. Thread color will matter if you are making thread heads. But if you are tying bead heads such as the BH Prince or BH Hare's ear, there will be little to no thread showing because the thread is tied off behind the bead and usually covered with a dubbing collar. My advice if you don't have the exact color, use the thread with the nearest color to the recipe. Or for that matter, plain old black thread would probably work too. Black has worked well for me for the last 40 years.

## FLY FISHING RESOURCES & LINKS

[WWW.HPD-FFE.ORG](http://www.hpd-ffe.org) THIS IS THE CLUB WEBSITE, CHECK IT OUT

[WWW.MIDCURRENT.COM](http://www.midcurrent.com) OFFERS A FINE FREE FLY FISHING NEWSLETTER

I LISTEN TO THIS ORVIS PODCAST; [http://www.orvis.com/intro.aspx?](http://www.orvis.com/intro.aspx?subject=4047)

[subject=4047](http://www.orvis.com/intro.aspx?subject=4047)

YOU DON'T NEED AN IPOD, YOU CAN LISTEN TO IT ON YOUR COMPUTER

THIS LINK FROM BLUE QUILL ANGLER HAS GOOD TIPS;

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

HPD IS ON FACEBOOK;

[http://www.facebook.com/pages/High-Plains-Drifters-Federation-of-Fly-Fishers/  
129830533716942](http://www.facebook.com/pages/High-Plains-Drifters-Federation-of-Fly-Fishers/129830533716942)

Application for Membership in the High Plains Drifters  
And  
Federation of Fly Fishers



**Membership Categories**

I understand that membership in FFF is a requirement for membership in the High Plains Drifters (HPD).

High Plains Drifters	Federation of Fly Fishers	
New or Renewing member.....\$15.00	Individual.....\$35.00	Lifetime Individual.....\$500.00
Annual family membership.....\$15.00	Family.....\$45.00	Lifetime Couple.....\$750.00
	Youth under 18.....\$15.00	Disabled Veterans are Free
	Senior +65.....\$25.00	(proof of 50% disability required)
	3 year Individual .....\$85.00	Canadian Membership – add \$5 postage
	3 year Family.....\$100.00	Int'l Membership – add \$10 postage

**If you are currently an FFF member:**

Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Federation of Fly Fishers Membership Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

HPD membership \$15.00	+	Federation membership \$ _____	=	<b>Total due \$ _____</b>
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Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (With Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

*By giving my email address, I understand and agree that I am opting in to the HPD mailing list for email or other communication from HPD board members regarding Club business or items of interest related to the fly fishing community. The official channel of communication for all HPD club business is via email to addresses on this list.*

*Since this is a joint application to the HPD and FFF, please note that the FFF may rent their list to third parties. If you do not want your information to be shared with other organizations, please check the box below.*

Please do not share my information with organizations outside the HPD or FFF.

Birthdate of applicant (for identification) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By \_\_\_\_\_