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HPD KIDS DAY



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FFF completes another successful Kids Fishing Day by ROBIN KNOX

26 youths aged 6–16 (along with about 22 adult guardians) completed a Kids Day fly-fishing introduction clinic on Saturday June 18, 2011. The clinic was held at the Kassler environmental education center and Lake Lehow, a 2-acre lake that is managed for fishing education by the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The HPD club provided about 25 volunteers to help with the classroom and lake fishing activities.

In the morning the youth get an introduction to fly fishing and aspects of the sport including fish identification, fly-tying, knot-tying, equipment and aquatic bug life. They are introduced to fly casting and fly rods, and then paraded over to Lake Lehow for several hours of fishing.

The weather was partly cloudy, not too hot, and the fish cooperated pretty well. Most every child caught one or more fish, mostly rainbow trout and bluegills.



After the clinic, several great comments were received:

"Robin, thank you so much for inviting us to the fly-fishing class. My boys had a blast, and we all learned a ton. Now they are asking me to take them fly fishing, so I guess I better buy some equipment." J. Townsend

"The day was just a spectacular success .
How can I ever thank you all sufficiently? Haley certainly learnt so much not only about fly fishing but all aspects of what goes into this sport to make it so wonderful.
A huge thank's to all of you for giving up your precious time and making this a day that we will never forget, you folks are all just awesome." Rich Rose

The HPD volunteers should be congratulated for their hard work and effort that made the day a success.



THESE PICTURES WERE PROVIDED BY RICHIE ROSE, ONE OF THE PARENTS.
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NORTH PARK, WALDEN AND SOUTH DELANEY LAKE

SEVERAL HPD MEMBERS SPENT A FEW DAY'S EARLY LAST MONTH ON SOUTH DELANEY LAKE NEAR WALDEN. SEEMED LIKE MOST WERE ABLE TO CATCH SOME NICE FISH. ON THE DRIVE I WAS AMAZED BY THE AMOUNT OF WATER FLOWING DOWN WILLOW CREEK ALONG THE ROAD TO WALDEN, THEN IN THE NORTH PARK VALLEY THERE WAS MUCH WATER STANDING IN THE FIELDS AND OVERFLOWING THE BANKS OF THE MANY STREAMS THERE.

WE WERE CATCHING FISH ON A VARIETY OF STREAMER PATTERNS, WOOLEY BUGGERS, DAMSEL FLY NYMPHS, WOOLEY WORMS AND SOME CHIRNOMID AND CALEBEATIS PATTERNS ABOUT MID MORNING.

GREG PALCANIS AND RON HERRO HAD STAYED IN TOWN AT THE NORTH PARK INN AND REPORTED IT WAS A NICE PLACE TO STAY WITH THE FLY SHOP AND GOOD RESTAURANTS ALL WITH IN WALKING DISTANCE, AS IS JUST ABOUT ANYTHING IN WALDEN.

3 OF US, MYSELF, JEFF LAMER AND TOM CAPRIO CAMPED NEXT TO THE LAKE ON THE NORTH END AND CAUGHT MOST OF OUR FISH RIGHT THERE. JERRY ROGERS JOINED US SATURDAY EVENING.

SEEMS LIKE WHENEVER WE LOOKED OVER AT TOM HE WAS REELING ANOTHER ONE IN.



ABOVE IS JEFF AND RIGHT IS STEVE



**ATTENTION, THERE IS NO JULY MEETING AT
RED & JERRY'S ON ACCOUNT OF THE PICNIC;
HPD PICNIC**

July 14th 6to8P.M.

The club will hold its annual July picnic at the Stone House located in Lakewood at the west end of the Bear Creek Greenbelt. This is a historic building owned by the City of Lakewood. Bear Creek is within a few hundred feet and next to the house is a nice large pond for small bass and sunfish. So bring the kids and let them have fun. Hopefully we can have a little friendly casting competition for the members, their families and any guests. Details regarding food and drinks will be provided at later date. No alcoholic beverages.



The address is 2900 S. Estes Street which sits between S. Kipling Parkway and S. Wadsworth Blvd and North of Hampden (Hwy 285). Please contact Larry Lester at 303-793-0056 or larry.lester@hotmail.com to let the club know you are planning to attend and how many there will be coming with you.

UPCOMING TRIPS AND EVENTS

July 14th - HPD Picnic. Lakewood's Stonehouse – 2900 S. Estes, 6-8 PM. Ref page 3 for more info

July 20th to 24th – North Platte River wade/float trip in Wyoming **HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO PROLONGED HIGH RUNOFF.** Keep an eye on the website or emails as we may substitute another stream.

August 13th to 15th – Trappers Lake, Little Trappers Lake and the White River. Camping next to Trappers Lake or lodging at the resort. Excellent cutthroat action.

August 27th – Midnight Madness – Lake Stewart and Lake Omar. BBQ at 7 PM and then hike up to lakes to fish for LARGE lake trout in the dark. Trip Captain – Doug Geerdes.

Last week August or 1st week September – Fly fishing course taught at Foothills Recreation District, Lakewood, CO. 3 evening classes and 1 day on the river.

Mid-September dates TBD (4 days) – Private access to 4 miles of the **Rio Grande River**. Accommodations at the Rio Grande Club near South Park. Trip captain Michael Lenzini. livepage.apple.com

For specific trip information contact Larry Lester at 303-793-0056 or via email at larry.lester@hotmail.com

INFORMATION ON TRIPS IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT; www.hpd-fff.org/trips

HELP WANTED;

YOUR CLUB WILL HAVE AN OPENING FOR TREASURE LATE THIS YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER IF YOU CAN HELP US OUT. PLEASE NOTE THE SECRETARY AND MEMBERSHIP POSITIONS ARE STILL OPEN.

Education Committee Update

July 7, 2011

HPD Education Committee Members

Geoffrey Bostic

Virgil Kelleigh

Tim Papich

Todd Wakely

Brett Edwards

Using the club survey results as a guide the Education Committee has made good progress in developing an education strategy for the club. From the survey results we determined that we needed to make more classes available to the membership and provide more opportunities for club members to be involved both as students and instructors. To that end we will soon ask the membership for volunteers to provide instruction in the various classes we are developing... Course descriptions and schedules are being written up and you will be seeing them in the next couple of weeks via emails, on our web site and in hard copy at the August club meeting. We are very excited about the lineup of classes and hope that you will be as well.

Please take a look at the list of classes and be thinking about which classes you want to attend and which you would be willing to teach or help teach. You can contact any of the committee members for more information or to get on the list of instructors.

Fly Tying Classes

- 3 beginner classes, 1 each in spring, summer and fall
- 3 intermediate classes; 1 each in spring, summer and fall following the basic classes
- 3 advanced/specialty classes; held during the winter months.

Fly Casting classes

- 4 beginner classes, 2 in the spring and 2 in the fall
- 4 casting improvement classes, 2 in the spring and 2 in the fall. These classes will be for those individuals who need help with casting problems
- such as accuracy, distance, casting in the wind and situational casting (under a bush, from a boat)
- Certified Casting Instructor Preparation classes will be offered to those individuals who have applied to the FFF, paid their fees and scheduled their exam.

Beginner Rod Building Class

There will be 1 winter class offered.

Members Meeting Presentations

Any member that wishes to do so may, at any regular scheduled HPD meeting, give a class or a talk on any educational fly fishing topic they wish. Here's your chance to give a talk on river etiquette, tie your secret fly pattern, give a talk on gear or anything related to our sport.

Train the trainer Class

This class will be offered to members who have signed up or intend to sign up to instruct any of the club classes. This class will help you sharpen your presentation skills, develop lesson plans, learn some tricks about dealing with large groups, kids and adult learners. So if you are a great fly tyer but need help with the teaching aspect this is your chance!

So, we now have a plan, all we need now is your involvement to insure success. Our hope is that each and every member of HPD will find the classes they need and opportunities to contribute to the learning process

Submitted by

Brett Edwards

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Rio Grande Fly Fishing trip

Thursday – Sunday, September 15 – 18th

If you haven't made your reservations do so soon!

The HPD club trip to fish the Upper Rio Grande and tributaries promises to be great early-fall fishing. The aspens will be turning, the weather will be mild, and fishing the RG, smaller streams, lakes and reservoirs in the Creede and Lake City areas will be fantastic!

Reserve your accommodations directly with **The Antlers Lodge at 1-719-658-2423**, but email the trip captain, Michael Lenzini, michael@lenzini.com, so he can put you on his update list to notify you of specials on fly shop purchases, meals, guided trips and more. To learn more about The Antlers, see www.antlerslodge.com. They have set aside some of the motel rooms and several of the cabins for us, but since they usually fill up at that time of year, they can't hold them open for us very long. Be sure to mention you're with HPD to get the better rates.

There is ½ mile of private water on the Rio Grande right out your cabin door. In addition, there are many public fishing areas up and down the RG from South Fork to above Creede and several small streams within easy driving distance.

If you like plays and melodrama's there's the nationally-recognized Creede Repertory Theatre. You can see their summer/fall schedule at www.creederep.org. Everyone is responsible for booking their own tickets.

Michael and Cathy will arrive early Thursday afternoon, and there will be a brief meeting at the Antlers Thursday evening to acquaint you with the area and make sure everyone knows where the fly shops are, where you can fish, where the restaurants are, and answer any other questions you might have. The trip is officially over Sunday, but if you decide to stay an extra day or two, just let the Antlers know.

If you have any questions, you can call Michael at 303-933-7111, or his cell 303-250-0707, or email him at michael@lenzini.com.

Pictures from upper left, clockwise: Riverside cabins at The Antlers; fishing below the walk bridge on the private water; the town of Creede, Colorado; North Clear Creek Falls, west of Creede.

