

DRIFTERS DRIFT

NEWSLETTER OF THE HIGH PLAINS DRIFTERS

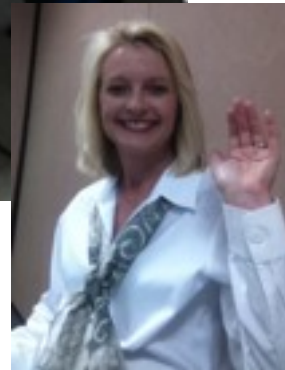
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HPD Train the Trainer Class

HPD held its first train the trainer class on September 22. This class was designed and presented by Jan Edwards. Many thanks to her for her time and expertise in delivering a first rate training session. Bill Cronan, Marshall Estes and Jeff Jablonski, all HPD members, were the students who attended. As you can see in the photo Jan had them hard at work! This class was designed to help HPD members with developing and delivering effective and fun fly fishing related training sessions such as fly casting and fly tying. Attendees were given instruction in how to design and develop a class, avoid pitfalls, manage questions, and maintain control of the class. The class ended with each student preparing and delivering a 10 minute training session on a subject of their choice. When you see Bill, Marshall, or Jeff ask them about the course and you may find that signing up for this class can be a big help to you if you plan to deliver any training. This class will be held again on January 26th from 6 to 8:30 pm at the Lutheran Church at 4500 Wadsworth Blvd in Wheatridge. If interested please sign up on the HPD web page or call Brett Edwards 303-517-9509.

HPD 2012 Trips Report

The fish are still active and there are plenty of days left so find a HPD partner and hit the rivers, streams and lakes. The Blue River trip planned for October 8th has been postponed. Mother Nature struck a day too early, but we are hoping we can find an upcoming Saturday that will work for the members who were planning to go, stay tuned.

The HPD Trip Committee met this week and although specific dates have not been set do look for a trip to the Grey Reef area to start the action and of course we will be having our “pancake breakfast” overlooking the Platte in March. What you will not see is a club sponsored trip to the Green River or Trappers Lake this year. As fun as these trips have been over the years the committee has elected to leave both off the upcoming year’s list so we can make room to revisit other favorites as well as adding destinations the club has never visited before as a group.

We are planning on at least one overnight or extended stay trip per month plus numerous day trips for 2012. We know fishing in Montana in late May or early June or a fishing around Gunnison in the fall will be high on many of your lists, but we know there will be members who can make these trips and others who cannot so we will be planning day trips around Colorado that will allow you to get away often and enjoy the camaraderie of other HPD members.

The committee received a generous showing of support from numerous members offering to “captain” both day and multiple day trips and we graciously thank those who have stepped forward. We still need help in making 2012 a super success and a model we can latch onto and move forward with so please let us know if you would like to volunteer. If you love to fish an area and would like to share that experience with others it is as simple as that.

So stay tuned and plan on attending the club’s Christmas Party in December as we will be presenting our schedule then. George Brown will be taking over my board position in 2012 so please contact either George or myself if you would like to add your name to lead a trip or if you have a destination you would like the committee to consider.

Tight Lines

Larry Lester



LARRY LANDS ONE AT ANTERO

Rio Grande trip by Michael Lenzini

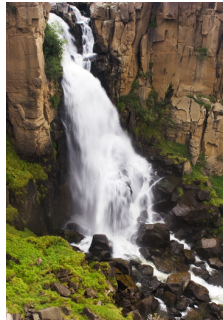
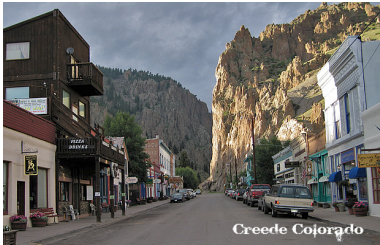
Mid-September in Creede can be snowing, raining or sunny. We were fortunate that we had a bit of rain and two days of beautiful sunshine for the Rio Grande trip September 15th – 18th. Joining Michael Lenzini were Von Fransen, Brett Edwards, Marshall Estes, Terry Weverstad, their wives and Marshall's friend, Joannie.

Besides some nice private water – ½ mile of it – behind our cabins, we fished Clear Creek above the North Clear Creek falls. Terry and his guide floated the Rio Grande east of Southfork.



On Friday most of the group fished the Rio Grande behind the Antlers Rio Grande Lodge. Friday evening, everyone had a fabulous dinner at the Antlers Lodge restaurant.

On Saturday, the wives spend the day in Creede shopping and attending the antique and sports car show while the members and Joannie fished Clear Creek, visited the North Clear Creek falls, and were shown some of the other areas to fish whenever the group decides to visit again. That evening, the Lenzini's had everyone to their cabin for Chicken Cacciatore and good conversation.



Everyone loved the Lodge cabins and RV site and said they would definitely return to the area for more fishing. We look forward to taking over the entire lodge next year. Watch the newsletter for dates next year.

FISHING VERY CLOSE TO HOME by Gary Hort

Last January, at the ISE, I purchased two 1/2 day guided trips from Theo at Colorado Skies. I was intrigued by an article in his shops newsletter about trout on the Platte through town. I fished the urban Platte with Theo in late April or early May, catching four 16-17" bows. I had success fishing the corridor through early June, when flows got to heavy.

I had no success there in September, so I used my second day. He decided we should fish at Union Av., one bridge south of Red & Jerry's. After an hour and a half of unsuccessfully beating the water for trout, we noticed an area teeming with large carp. Plan B went into effect. I hooked a large carp within five casts. After a ten minute fight, he became unbuttoned. Time to put away the five wt. and get the seven. I then hooked another one with similar results. Theo estimated the fish at fifteen to twenty pounds. He could also see that it took a small rust colored crayfish. Not long after, I hooked another. After a fifteen minute fight, I finally landed him. He could barely fit into a guides net. After a photo shoot, one more shot, another hook-up, a ten minute fight, and a break-off; thus ended a most enjoyable and exhausting day. Carp are extremely strong and challengingly spooky.

Once again a big thank you to Theo, who is also donating a 1/2 day guided carp trip to our Christmas party. This is a great trip for those, who are looking for something different.



HPD CHRISTMAS PARTY, RAFFLE AND AUCTION; DECEMBER 3, 2011

At the Dakota Lodge clubhouse just west of C470 and Ken Caryl. More directions in Nov newsletter

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS FOR THE HPD CHRISTMAS PARTY RAFFLE AND AUCTION. PLEASE STOP BY AND SAY THANKS



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www.denverflyshop.com



www.bluequillangler.com



www.flyfishfreestone.com



www.coloradoskiesoutfitters.com



www.orvis.com
(Cherry Creek store)

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE GREAT ITEM'S GARY HORT, JON NASH AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS HAVE PROCURED FOR CLUB MEMBERS ATTENDING THE PARTY.

***1/2 day upgradable trips from;
Pat Dorsey & Landon Mayer from BLUE QUILL ANGLERS
Chuck Prather
and Freestone Outfitters***

***4 day guided (float) 3 night lodging at 1/2 price. (\$1760. value for \$870.)
on the BIG HORN RIVER with DENVER FLYSHOP***

***1/2 day on Clear Creek with Kerry Caragher with ORVIS CHERRY CREEK
1/2 day South Platte Carp trip with Theo Anest with COLORADO SKIES OUTFITTERS***

PLUS ITEMS FOR THE LADIES AND KIDS.

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OCTOBER MEETING AT RED & JERRY'S

HPD MEMBER MIKE CONGER

FLY TYING & TECHNIQUES

SOCIAL HOUR 6PM PROGRAM AT 7PM OCT 19

RED & JERRY'S Santa Fe & Oxford

way back in the Fanatix Room

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The Club has opened a PayPal account. PayPal is one of the largest payment processors in the world and is owned by ebay.com. The Club has opened this account to facilitate payment of HPD dues. We will also be using PayPal to offer HPD merchandise from the website later this year.

We will be using PayPal to send out the 2012 year dues invoice at the end of October. You can pay your dues right from the link within the invoice using your credit card over a secure HTTPS link to PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to use your credit card to pay your dues. If you have a PayPal account, simply login and pay your dues through your PayPal account.

Tight Lines,
Marshall Estes, Treasurer