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UPCOMING

Trips

- Charlie Myers - June 21
- Rainbow Falls - July 19
- Blue River - Aug 23
- Buena Vista - Sept 20

Meetings

- August 20 - Andrew Peterson
- Sept 17 - Daniel Galhardo

Classes

- Casting Clinic - Aug 20
- Casting Clinic - Sept 20

Events

- HPD Summer Picnic - July 19

ACTIVE HPD PRODUCTS

- Mugs (Four Fish Options) - \$20
- Shirts (Four Fish Options) - \$20/\$25 (sleeves)

See last page for availability information

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

July Speaker: Andrew Peterson

Andrew Peterson from The Colorado Angler Fly Shop discussing fly fishing opportunities in Silverthorne and our upcoming trip to the Blue river.

UPCOMING TRIPS

July 19 - Rainbow Falls - The annual High Plains Drifters picnic will be held at Rainbow Falls Mountain Trout on July 19th. We are backing the picnic up to afternoon and evening, dinner will be provided by the club. Guests are encouraged to arrive later (than last year) and fish later, the evening hours will be cooler and the fish more active. We can fish until dark... and we plan to.

August 23 - Blue River - The club will spend the day at the Blue River (Green Mountain area).

UPCOMING CLASSES

Ongoing

Join us at the Broken Tee golf course for the High Plains Drifters' casting clinic preceding the club meeting (4pm) until September. Please bring your own rod and reel and we will meet at the west end of the parking lot, near the river.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Tims' Sideways Stone by Tim Papich

(<http://www.hpd-fff.com/2014/06/tims-sideways-stone/>)

BUG GUY CLINIC MOVED

Announcement: Due to high water, the Bug Guy Streamside Clinic has been moved to July 19th, before the HPD Picnic. Please contact Mike Vella (secretary@HPD-FFF.com) or see the HPD website for more details.

Hello fellow HPD club members!

BUTTERFLY PAVILION SCHOLARSHIP

BY MIKE VELLA

Our first 2014 kid's day event was held at the Butterfly Pavilion in May. The event was a huge success as we sponsored 37 kids and 22 parents for a day of fly fishing programs. The Butterfly staff provided a crawfish catch & release event which was the highlight of the day! Many of volunteers enjoyed visiting the center as well.

I am a supporter of the Butterfly Pavilion and a friend of Polly Andrews who actively fly fishes and also provides the entomology session for our kid's day clinics. So with that - I am sending along a charity scholarship message from Polly to our interested members. If interested in participating, please click on link below for more detail.

"Butterfly Pavilion is truly a gem and we strive to be accessible to all people who want to visit. Each year we provide free or reduced admission to over 10,000 high needs school children and community members. This is not possible without the Sustainable Scholarship program. Please consider helping us exceed our goal of \$20,000 raised. Every bit helps...\$25.00 provides admission to 10 school children, \$250 provides admission for 100 school children and so on and so on."

Polly Andrews

Vice President of Programs and Interpretation

<https://www.butterflies.org/civCRM/pcp/info?reset=1&id=104>

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KIDS DAY AT THE BUTTERFLY PAVAILION

BY MIKE VELLA

The first 2014 Kid's Day Fly Fishing Clinic was a big success, all because of our terrific member volunteers! We decided to try a new venue for the kid's from the Children's Diabetes Foundation at Denver this year. The clinic was held on Saturday, May 31st at the Butterfly Pavilion and Westminster Lake (Westminster, CO).

Our clinic included the usual fly fishing demo's such as: equipment gear, tying knots, identifying bugs, water ecology, fly tying (always a big highlight for the kids!), fly casting and new this year, the staff at the Butterfly Pavilion provided a crayfish catch and release creek which was a major treat for kids!

Unfortunately the afternoon weather became threatening and the fishing conditions were challenging resulting in no fish on the lines, but overall, the kids had a great time. I can never send enough praise to our fantastic 22 volunteers for helping make this year so enjoyable for the kids. HPD Instructors:

Fly Casting: Brett Edwards, Tim Papich, Dale Anderson, Kenneth Worley, Ron Williams, Jeff Laird, Marshall Estes

Fly Tying: Ralph Rhoades, Ron Herro, Michael Keithley, Mike Sutton, Stan Martin, George Kress and Doug Borger

Knot and Equipment Demo and basic information on water safety: Kenneth Worley, John Peterson

Cooks and Assistants: Don Butt, Tim Sutton, Steve and Cyndy Scholz, Von Fransen, Dan Hogan, Judy Kress, Mike Vella

Entomology: Polly Andrews and Alex (Butterfly Pavilion)

HPD volunteers - 23 members

Non-HPD volunteers - (Butterfly Pavilion): 3 staff members and 2 from Children's Diabetes Foundation

Guests: 37 students and 22 parent/guardians) from the Children's Diabetes Foundation at Denver

My parting story:

As I walked back to car talking to our 12 year old guest, Ellie White, I knew this is why we coordinate a fly fishing event for the kids. Kayla Huddleston from the Children's Diabetes Foundation told me the kids and parents really look forward to this event because the kids "can be kids" and not think about their next "test"... I asked Ellie if she needed a wet towel for her bloody nose as we walked back to the car, and she told me "oh it's no big deal, it happens all the time and the kids at school freak out when I bleed easy. It doesn't bother me anymore. I have a very rare diabetic disease and only a couple of us in the state have it so the doctors monitor me all time. My Mom "pokes" me 20 times a day and I'm so used it, that I don't even wake me up anymore even if it's 2:00am. It's no big deal...."

Ellie is 12 and she knew all the medical terms about her condition like reading a book. She had a blast fishing and fly tying (Stan Martin tells me she is very good too at tying). She asked me if I could get her in a fly tying class.... (which I will coordinate with Virgil Kelleigh). How could I say no to this young girl who has a smile on her face every day facing many major health issues, color blindness and 20 blood test each day.... How do you make a kid's day better when they have a passion for the sport and won't let her "no big deal" illness day get her down... this is why we do what we do - for the kids like Ms. Ellie White.

And a final note from one of our guest parents:

Dear Kayla, Mike, and the High Plains Drifters,

Thank you so much for a wonderful day. Elise, Alec and I had such a great time! It was apparent that you all put a lot of time and effort into planning the event, because it was really enjoyable! Attached is a link to a few photos that I took of the fun. I wanted to share them with you so you could see my two fabulous future-fly-fisherman that you have created. Thanks again!

Larisa Jensen



Tight lines my friends. And get ready for clinic #2 on June 28th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are half way through the year and already HPD has done a tremendous amount of classes, events and trips, and even more are planned for the coming months. The monthly day trips continue to be popular and I feel we are meeting needs of our members by having these trips that allow for a one day trip and are close to Denver. Paul Boals and the trip committee has done a great job on organizing these trips. It was unfortunate that the Gunnison trip was cancelled but Mother Nature is one aspect of the trips that we can't control.

We had the last fly tying class and open fly tying session for the winter and spring seasons on June 14th. The classes have been very informative, although they are geared for the beginner fly tier, I think even the experienced tiers picked up a few pointer. We also had a furred leader building class in April, Stan Martin and Don Gibbs put on the class and everyone in attendance had a good time and walked away with at least one furred leader that they had built. Watch the website for a fly tying competition we have in the works for this November. It will be fun and a chance for everyone, no matter their skill level, to show off their fly tying skills. Brett Edwards is once again offering his expertise to anyone who wants to improve their casting; he holds the casting clinics every month right before the general membership meeting.

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the speakers that have been lined up for the meetings. As HPD members we are fortunate to have the speakers we get, who come in and share their knowledge and expertise so that we can find new places to fish, learn some new techniques and generally improve as fly fishers. I know we have some outstanding speakers coming up for the rest of the year. Check the website for the upcoming speakers and topics.

The Kids' Day on May 31st was a big success, Mike Vella and all of the volunteers who helped out put on another fun and enjoyable day for all of the participants. All of the kids were from the Juvenile Diabetes Association and enjoyed the fly tying, learning knots, entomology and casting, although we didn't catch any fish, all I saw were a lot of big smiles.

I want to recognize our Treasurer Don Butt for all of his hard work. Hopefully the membership realizes how lucky we are to have someone of Don's caliber helping us out. He keeps on top of all of the dues, both HPD and IFFF, gently reminds those members who may have forgotten to pay on time and coordinates with IFFF to make sure both lists are accurate and up-to date. He also keeps track of all of the fees paid for classes and other events, and he makes sure that all of our books are updated and balanced every month, plus he has to make sure all receipts are turned in and people reimbursed for any costs associated with club classes and events. It is a huge job, but Don does it very well, and somehow keeps his good humor during it all.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please e-mail me at president@hpd-fff.com

Tim Papich

President, HPD

2014 HIGH PLAINS DRIFTERS PICNIC

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The rod fee is \$25, please sign up your fishing and non-fishing attendees on the website:

http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/rainbow_falls/.

NOVEMBER ROUND TABLE

Fellow Drifters, we are piloting a new program to add to our November meeting where HPD members will have a chance to discuss various fly fishing topics with fellow members in an organized format. We will arrange several round tables with different topics. Each round table will be organized and have a dedicated topic. Members will be able to move between round tables and discuss topics with other members. Each round table will have experts to help guide the discussion. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn a new area of fly fishing, or communicate your advice to others on topic you are already an expert.

To better provide interesting topics, please take a moment to fill out the following survey: <http://www.hpd-fff.com/survey/>

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Each year HPD honors a member the volunteer of the year award. Please visit the follow survey to nominate your choice for volunteer of the year: <http://www.hpd-fff.com/volunteer-of-the-year-survey/>

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