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UPCOMING

Trips

- Buena Vista - Sept 20
- Eagle River - Oct 18

Meetings

- Sept 17 - Daniel Galhardo
- Oct 15 - Minturn Angler

Classes

- Casting Clinic - Sept 20

Events

- HPD Holiday Party - Dec 6

ACTIVE HPD PRODUCTS

- Mugs (Four Fish Options) - \$20
 - Shirts (Four Fish Options) - \$20/\$25 (sleeves)
- See last page for availability information*

HPD needs your help! See inside!

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

There will be a TFO rod in the raffle this month!

September Speaker: Daniel Galhardo

Daniel Galhardo of Tenkara USA in Boulder Co will be giving a presentation on the Tenkara style of fishing. He will cover the rods, flies and techniques needed for Tenkara fishing.

Tenkara USA website - www.tenkarausa.com

UPCOMING TRIPS

Sept 20 - Arkansas (Buena Vista) - As all of you know, the Arkansas River between the Lake fork and Hwy 50 bridge has been designated Gold Medal Water this year. So let's take a closer look at the "upper basin." We will meet at the Railroad Bridge Campground North of Buena Vista on County Rd 371. This is part of what Ark Angler calls the "tunnels access". The map is once again close but not correct. If you follow 371 from Buena Vista the campground will be on the left. This is one of our farthest day trips so carpooling is encouraged. For those carpooling, meet at the park-n-ride lot in Morrison next to the Conoco at 6:15 and leave 6:30. That should give plenty of time to meet on the river by 9:00am. Lunch will be at 1:00 as usual.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Ongoing

Casting Clinic. Just before the club meeting at the Broken Teen Golf course, near the back of the parking lot. 4pm until the meeting starts.

Upcoming

Open Tying Sessions. Starting in October. Monthly on the second Saturday, 8am - 10am at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church

FLY OF THE MONTH

Vern's Foam Humpy by Vern Kotrc

(<http://www.hpd-fff.com/2014/08/september-2014-vern-foam-humpy/>)

HPD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

TREASURER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TREASURER

Don Butt is stepping down as treasurer of HPD. Don has done an outstanding job for us, and he is willing to stay on for a few more months to help train a new treasurer and to help close out the year end books. Here is an outline of the treasurer duties and time commitment.

1. Record all financial transactions including, but not limited to, revenues, expenses, dues and capital expenditures.
2. Maintain e-mail account, Club bank accounts, Club Square account, and PayPal account.
3. Disburse funds as necessary for normal club activities including, but not limited to, meeting expenses, raffle/auction expenses, and International Federation of Fly Fisher dues
4. Collect Member dues and maintain master membership.
5. Promptly deposit funds received into Club checking account.
6. Facilitate payments collected at Club functions
7. Reconcile all Bank Statements to the club records in Quickbooks monthly.
8. Reconcile Square (credit card reader) and PayPal accounts to books monthly.
9. Prepare monthly balance Sheet, P&L, Cash Flow statement and P&L.
10. Prepare monthly Treasurer's Report to the Board to accompany the monthly financial statements.
11. Annually close books and prepare annual reports required by IFFF.
12. Send out the annual Club dues invoices to the membership.
13. Track Club Debit Cards and activity.

Don estimates about 55 hours per year for these activities, with most months taking less than 5 hours, certain times of the year are more intensive, such as when we collect dues or sign up members at the fly fishing show, and are closing out the year end. An accounting degree or experience is not needed but will help. This is one of the most important positions in the club and we need to get someone on board as quickly as possible.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Von Fransen is stepping down as membership chair. Von introduced our "New Member Orientation" classes which have been a huge success in getting new members familiar with the club and all it has to offer. The membership chair is responsible for the following:

- Greeting members at the monthly meetings.

- Organizing the name tags and making sure each member has a name tag at the meeting.
- Organizing the “New Member Orientation” for our January meeting.
- Making sure any members who join after the January meeting are aware of the “New Member Orientation” presentation.
- Generally making new members feel welcome at the meeting and club outings.

BOARD MEMBERS

HPD is always looking for new board members. We have several at large positions and always welcome anyone who would like to direct how the club operates. Here are the duties of all board members:

- Monthly Board Meetings – 1st Wed of the month, Daniel’s Fund Building in Cherry Creek North, we meet at 6PM and are usually done by 8PM. If you cannot make a meeting we have a conference call bridge so you can participate. We also meet at 5PM somewhere in Cherry Creek North for anyone who would like to join us for dinner.
- Monthly membership meetings – 3rd Wed of the month. We like to have all board members present to help out, greet new members and make sure they have someone to eat dinner with.
- Help out as needed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All of the committees (education, trips and community outreach) are looking for members. If you want to have a say in where the club goes on trips, what classes are offered and how HPD gives back to the community, then you should join one of the committees.

Most of the committees meet once a year to plan the year and then committee members are called upon to help out at the trips or classes that are planned.

CONSIDER JOINING

In order for HPD to continue to be successful and to be able to give back to the membership, we need to have members involved in all of the areas listed above. It is a good way to get to know other members and to know you are making a difference in the making HPD a club we can all be proud of.

If you would like to participate in any of these areas please send an e-mail to info@hpd-fff.com or contact any current board member.



HPD TYATHON - FLY TYING COMPETITION

NOVEMBER 8, 2014

Details

November 8, 2014 - 9am -1pm

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Entry Fee: \$5

Prizes: \$10 for each round, \$25 for best overall, \$10 for best name

Four Categories

Nymph - Dry - Streamer - Best name

Each participant will only be able to submit one fly for each category (nymph, dry & streamer).

A participant does not have to submit a fly in all categories.

Format

3 rounds, each round 15 minutes long, 15 minutes between rounds

For each round, each participant will receive an envelope with 3 mystery ingredients and a hook. Each participant must incorporate the 3 mystery ingredients into their fly, but can use their own ingredients to complete the fly. A maximum of four additional ingredients can be used.

Participants are responsible for bringing their own vise, bobbins, thread and any other equipment they will need to complete the flies.

HPD will have a limited number of fly tying kits available on a first come, first serve basis and will not be responsible for the condition of the equipment. HPD will supply coffee & doughnuts.

Judging at the November meeting, prizes given out at the Christmas party.

2014 IFFF FLY FISHING FAIR

This year's Fly Fishing Fair was held in Livingston, Montana, home of the headquarters of the IFFF and was well attended. The Fly Fishing Fair is a fantastic opportunity to learn and network with other federation clubs and members. There are many workshops, both on the water and off, including some non-fishing workshops. There is also a special Women's only program and youth camp. Next year the fair will be held on Aug 11-15 2015 at Riverside Convention Center in Bend, Oregon. This will be the 50th Anniversary of these fairs and will undoubtedly be attended by many notable members of the art of fly fishing.

EASTERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

There are 17 regional IFFF councils within the United States. The Eastern Rocky Mountain Council, ERMC, consists of the states of Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. The ERMC has not had an election of board officers in many years, however, there are plans to hold an election this fall. The positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The By-Laws of the ERMC also provides for the President to appoint others as needed for specific positions, to include the Membership Chairman, VP of Conservation and VP of Education. If anyone has an interest in running for a position, please contact Don Gibbs at (303) 526-9256. The voting process will be done via the internet. There will be provisions made for mail in ballots for those who request it. Please stay tuned for further details.

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.hp-d-fff.com/volunteer-of-the-year-survey/>

PHOTO CONTEST

This year's Photo Contest is underway! Be sure to submit your pictures!

AWARDS

In each category there will be 1st to 3rd awards made. The nine finalists and three honorable mention pictures will be used in the 2015 HPD Calendar. At the Christmas party winners will be announced. Attendees and guests at the Christmas party will select one picture that will be given the People's Choice Award.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each entry must contain:

Category Photographer, Phone #, Photo Location and Photo Date

Digital photos may be sent electronically to: PhotoContest@HPD-FFF.com. Contact the same with any questions.

BIGHORN RIVER YOUTH ADVENTURE TRIP

BY CAMDEN MILLER

The Bighorn River youth adventure was easily one of the best experiences of my life. From day one everyone in Fort Smith made us all feel at home. Though the fishing conditions were tough I still learned more than I ever imagined in four days.

On the first evening we all arrived, we settled into our cabins and got to know our roommates.

After about an hour we piled into the cars and headed over to the park for the picnic and casting practice. Here we all got to know each other as we told fish stories at the table. After dinner we rigged up with some weight and indicators to practice our wide open casts. Once we all got our cast down we headed back to our cabins.

The next morning our alarm clock Paul woke us up at 5:30. We geared up and headed to the trout shop for breakfast. After eating we made our way to the tying room where we learned how to tie effective patterns for the river. This day I had Dave as my guide. We rigged up before getting on the river about 10:00. I started out with streamers



but after watching Maryland fish after fish I decided to switch to a nymph rig. We fished the rest of that day catching nice rainbows and browns. Later that evening we fished the reservoir and I caught my first smallmouth bass.



The day started out the same with a knock on the door at 5:30. We ate at the trout shop then tied up some new flies as well as the successful ones from the day before. We geared up met our guides then set out for another day of fishing. This day the fishing was much better, I landed six in the first five miles. The farther we floated the worse the moss got so the action slowed down a lot more.

On the second to last day our guide was Dennis. I threw streamers the entire day and jumped a few nice browns. I didn't land any fish that day but I still had an awesome time watching a few 18-20 inch browns destroy a number 2 fly.

The final day of fishing was the best day for me, my guide Tom put us on fish all day. Due to the moss I gave up nymphing and fished a hopper dropper for a while. I landed one of my best fish of the trip in no more than six inches of water. To finish off the trip the clouds rolled in and it started to sprinkle. This made the streamer bite go crazy. I was fishing 4 inch flies skittered on the surface and had every brown in the river jumping for it.



All in all this was a truly amazing trip; I learned so much from the guides and have already taken that knowledge to my local waters. This was a once in a lifetime trip that I will always remember. Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip happen.

Camden Miller

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Orders can also be placed at our website, <http://HPD-FFF.com/HPD-Store/>.

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For any questions or concerns, please contact info@HPD-FFF.com.