

DRIFTERS DRIFT

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HPD needs your help! See inside!

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

November Meeting: Roundtable and Gear Swap

In November we will host roundtables discussing fly tying, guided fishing and fly fishing gear. There will also be a gear swap, raffle and a club feedback opportunity. Please be sure to come join us as we pilot this new meeting program.

UPCOMING TRIPS

South Platte (Below Chatfield) - Nov 22 :

HPD will be visiting the South Platte for our November trip.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Ongoing

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

HPD Fly-A-Thon - Nov 8th

HPD is sponsoring a fly tying competition! Takes place at the monthly open tying session. See the listing in this newsletter for details.

HPD Holiday Party - Dec 6th

Our annual holiday party and auction is coming! See inside or the website for details. As one of our most popular yearly events, slots are filling up fast. Book your slot today!

FLY OF THE MONTH

John Green's Brassie Emerger

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auBv6GE1PHE>)

PHOTO CONTEST

PHOTOS DUE BY MONDAY THE 3RD!

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: larry.lester@hotmail.com. Contact the same with any questions.

NOVEMBER MEETING

We set out to ramp up our November meeting into something special for our members. We expect this concept to grow and look forward to members' feedback. As our pilot run we plan to host 3 round tables, a gear swap, the raffle and our 2014 Tyathon voting.

Remember to bring any gently used gear that you would like to swap with other members. Maybe a vest you don't use, that third 9' 7 weight or that old fly box full of stuff you have 100 others of. Bring it in and make a deal with other members to exchange some gear.

As a special note. A scale to weight fly lines will be available. If you have any lines that you don't know the weight one, bring it in and we will sort it out.

For our round tables, we will have 4 round tables each equipped with a subject matter expert available to answer any questions. The format will be as follows:

- Global Theme - Technology vs Basics
- 4 round tables simultaneously
- Experts at each table
- Predetermined discussion starters (as needed)
- 2 sessions, 30 mins each - topics will repeat as desired
- Opportunity to join two discussions for the full time allotted, or move freely as desired

ROUNDTABLE TOPICS DETAILS

Fly Fishing Gear

This table will be focused on fly fishing gear, old and new. The table expert will be Austin Parr with Discount Tackle. Discussions will focus on the most modern gear and how that gear compares to the 'basic' gear, cost vs benefit discussions on specific gear, the costs of safety and where the basic are best.

Fly Tying

This table will be focused on fly tying and the related tools. The table expert will be HPD member Ralph Rhoades. Discussions will address changes to fly tying material environmental availability compared to technological replacements, typing to save money to make new flies, expanded tying for the "economic tier", favorite fly TO TIE and how it fishes, synthetic (100%) flies and tying improvement.

Guided Fishing

The table will focus on guided fishing. The table expert will be HPD member and professional guided, Tom Capiro. Discussions will focus on how to get the most out of guided fishing, how you can benefit from guided fishing by being local to Colorado, best situations to hire a guide, how to find the right guide, guided fishing on a budget and best Colorado trips to do with a guide.

Club Feedback

This table will focus on the High Plains Drifters organization. The experts will be the board members. This is an opportunity to ask questions about how HPD works and provide feedback. Any suggestions for future club trips and events and be submitted. Any suggestions of the HPD newsletter, website, new member orientation, HPD classes, fly of the month, or anything else that HPD does, can be given.

HPD VISITS THE EAGLE RIVER

MIKE VELLA



HPD's day trip on Saturday, October 18th had a few eager members take the drive over to the western slope for a day on the Gypsum Ponds and the Eagle River. It was a beautiful, sunny, Colorado

seasonal fall day! Cyndy and Paul had the best overall net-count (not that we were competing...) and we all caught fish. Healthy Rainbows and Browns around the 14" to 19" range and a lot of stocker Rainbow action in the Ponds. Steve Scholz even caught a Crappy in the ponds. The key flies of the day were: Pat's Rubber Legs, Oliver Wooly Bugger, and various stone flies.



Our members on the trip included:

Paul Scherner, Steve Cole, Otto Perry, Cyndy and Steve Scholz, John Anderston, and Mike Vella

Steve Cole and Paul Scherner

HPD CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AUCTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014, 6PM TO 9PM

The annual Christmas Party and auction will be held at the Fritz Knoebel School of Hospitality Management on the University of Denver Campus. Anyone who attended last year can attest to the quality of the venue, the food and the staff. The ballroom holds 110 people and we expect it to be sold out again this year, so if you are interested in going purchase your tickets early at <http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/2014-holiday-party/> . The cost is \$25 per person, the club is also subsidizing a portion of the cost of the tickets.

There will be a silent auction with guide trips, equipment, lodging and other items, a bucket raffle and a door prize drawing. It is a good way to catch up with other members and to meet their spouses and significant others.

If you have any items or services you would like to donate to the auction, and they do not have to be fly fishing related, please send me an e-mail at president@hpd-fff.com.

SPINNING DEER HAIR

BY MIKE VELLA

What do our members do on the weekends they can't hit the water... well spin deer hair of course!

Virgil was more than happy to show Tim and me how to properly spin deer hair. Virgil is an expert on the subject after doing many years



of research, trying out new techniques and just basically trial and success~! He tied

some amazing mouse patterns with a natural grey hair – easy to see how a brown cruising the banks early evening would mistake it for real.



Virgil's basement is a mini fly shop just for tying! I had a wonderful time; enjoyed every minute and could have spent all day tying with Virgil. By the way... can I enter my "bee-on-steroids" for the most ugliest fly in the fly-taython contest...? It's a work in progress I think.



Special thanks to Virgil for his master assistance, materials, and especially his patience as I fumbled through the process. Not easy, but sure had a great time!

HPD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

TREASURER, 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 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. Promptly deposit funds received into Club checking account.
5. Facilitate payments collected at Club functions
6. Reconcile all Bank Statements to the club records in Quickbooks monthly.
7. Reconcile Square (credit card reader) and PayPal accounts to books monthly.
8. Prepare monthly balance Sheet, P&L, Cash Flow statement and P&L.
9. Prepare monthly Treasurer's Report to the Board to accompany the monthly financial statements.

10. Annually close books and prepare annual reports required by IFFF.
11. Send out the annual Club dues invoices to the membership.
12. Track Club Debit Cards and activity.

We estimates 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

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 FLY-A-THON
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.

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.

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/>



HPD GUIDES

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