

# DRIFTERS DRIFT

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## UPCOMING

### Trips

- High Mt Lake - Aug 22
- Lake City - Aug 27 - 30
- Almont - Sept 10 - 13

### Classes

- Bug Guy Clinic - Aug 8
- Casting Clinic - Aug 19

### Meetings

- Aug 19
- Sep 16 (LOCATION TBA)
- Oct 21 (LOCATION TBA)

### Events

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our meeting location and/or time WILL BE CHANGING. Please see the next page for an important note from the Club President, Tim Papich. Your input is needed, thank you!

# MEETING CHANGES

Dear Members,

We were informed by Red and Jerry's that we will no longer be able to hold our monthly meetings there. I am not sure of what went into this decision, but it has been made, and it is non-negotiable. They will allow us to have the August meeting (8/19) there, but we have to be in a new location by September, so time is short.

The board is asking for any and all ideas of possible meeting places for the group. Please e-mail me at [president@hpd-fff.com](mailto:president@hpd-fff.com) or call me at 720-280-4186 and talk to me or leave a voice mail. Here are some of the criteria to consider, but none of them are an absolute.

- Free - willing to negotiate
- Ample parking - preferable free
- Can hold 40 to 80 people comfortably, with good viewing of the presenter.
- Food - preferable open menu, but willing to look at other options
- Bar - again a preference
- Good audio visual equipment - very important
- Centrally located - most of our members currently live south of Red and Jerry's, so we need to make it as convenient as possible for as many members as possible, The board realizes we have members located across the metro area.

I also want to emphasize that we were forced into this decision, and that whatever decision is made will not be 100% acceptable to 100% of the members. We will do the best we can and weigh in as many factors as we can in making this decision. I also want to be clear that after we pick a new location and we determine it is not a good fit for us, we will then look for another location. This is going to be a little unsettling for a few months, but I am confident we will find a new location soon, and will inform everyone of the decision.

Regards,

Tim Papich President HPD & The HPD Board

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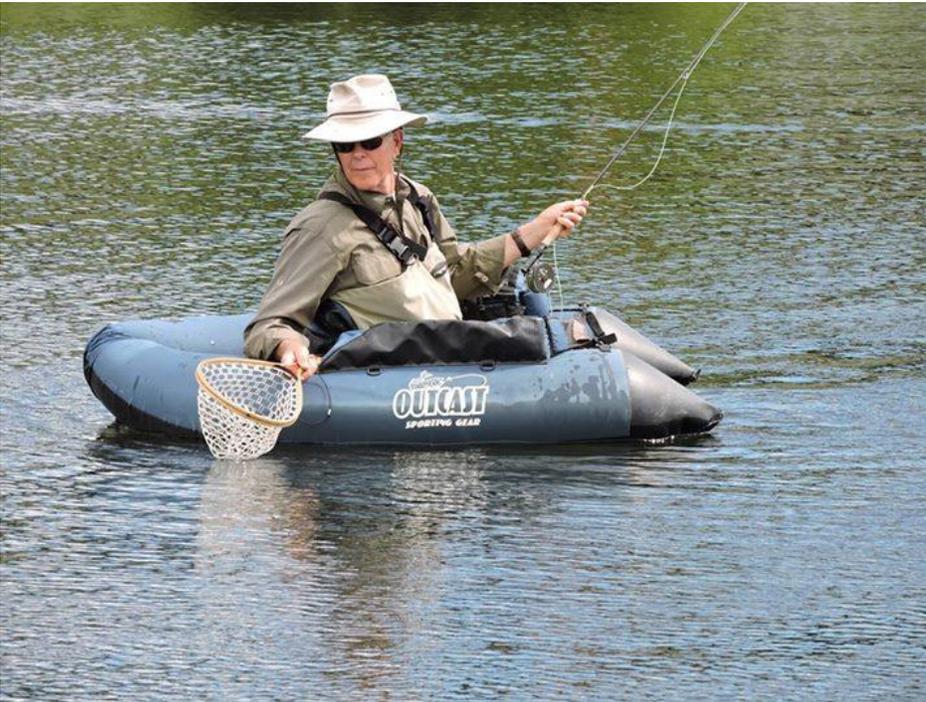
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# CLUB PICNIC WRITE-UP

## BEAVER MEADOWS RESORT RANCH

BY DAVID SAUNDERS

On July 18<sup>th</sup> the High Plains Drifters tested a new location for the annual club picnic and we are proud to announce it was... AWESOME! Beaver Meadows was an ideal location for this event and we are happy to announce plans to go back next year.



The picnic actually started on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> when 5 HPD members and their families, including myself, arrived at Beaver Meadows for the weekend. It was quickly obvious how nice the weekend was going to be. Unable to locate my campsite, but fully able to see the brook trout raising in a beaver pond behind a different site, I set up my rod and had 3 fish before a tent. Satisfied, it was

time to find and setup camp.

Nestled in a grove of aspens being worked on by the local beavers the site was extremely nice. Camp set, it was time to find some bigger fish. Setting off on a hike with Lucy (my dog) and my rod I made my way to the ponds. About 30 seconds later I was reeling in an excellent 20+ inch rainbow. Three 20+ inchers later, with a mighty tired arm, it was time for dinner.

Arriving back at camp the members staying the weekend - after having bagged enough fish themselves - met at the site for some fine dining. Stuffed much like the fish we were catching, we retreated to our bunks to prepare for what was bound to be another excellent day.

Saturday arrived with hiking and exploring of the campground's river trails, while several members headed off site to the Red Feathers lakes for some belly boating. Realizing what we had found we were already planning for the next year. As members trickled in for the picnic and the water still popping everywhere with fish, the highlight reel began. First was a 24 inch rainbow, then another, then 10 more, then a few golden trout, then some browns and then to the creek for some more brookies. It was time to eat. The staff at the resort setup an excellent meal while we sat discussed whose 20+ inch trout was bigger (talk about a pointless ear to ear grin).



I'm proud to announce that not a single fish was caught on Sunday. After seeing the HPD logo on our shirts they gracefully ignored us completely - defeated. They needed to get even. So we headed off to the restaurant to enjoy a hot breakfast before breaking camping.

The weekend and picnic were an enormous success, so enormous we need to rename the picnic for next year. I'm proud to announce the 2016 High Plains Drifters Retreat! We will be expanding the planned club event to cover the whole weekend! Or even the whole week for those interested!

More details will follow in the near future but based on the fishing and camping accommodations we plan to grow the event for next year. So folks can start planning, be aware that Beaver Meadows offers:

- Camping for tents, pop-ups and RVs in extremely well maintained and provided sites
- Hotel style accommodations at the lodge
- Full service restaurant
- Showers and laundry
- Horses, frisbee golf, hiking trails, horseshoes, a playground and washers
- Pond fishing as well the beaver dams and the creek (all levels and styles covered)

The club plans to reserve a group of nearby sites as well as some rooms in the lodge. We will provide dinner on Friday and arrange a meeting for Sunday's breakfast. The Saturday format will remain much the same for those who decide to come just for the day. So start thinking now and plan to bring the whole family! If camping is not



an option then take up in the lodge and come visit us roughing it in the campground. For the truly brave - some members (myself and Lucy included) - will be staying the entire week leading up to the picnic.

Start making your plans and let's ensure the 2016 Retreat is the best HPD event ever!

# THE BUG GUY

ROBERT YOUNGHANZ

**NEW DATE: Bug Identification ½ Day Stream-side Class / SATURDAY: August 8, 2015**

The wet weather and high, fast river conditions has caused us to move our Class to August. Robert Younghanz, The Bug Guy, will host the ½-day event in the Deckers area on the South Platte River. The “Bug-Guy” has tremendous (and sometimes humorous) knowledge of all Aquatic Entomology. He guides, authored several books, and has close to 20 years in the Fly Fishing Industry!

On-stream class on how to match-the-hatch. Saturday, August 8th, Robert will conduct an introduction lecture at streamside and then into the water for the actual bug ID demo.

Deckers / South Platte River - we will meet at the Flies & Lies Fly Shop parking lot (behind the shop) and determine the class water location.

Meet at 8:00am - class starts at 8:30 runs through 10:30am. And then put your bug knowledge to work!

Please pay through our club PayPal or bring a check to the event.

\$25 per student / \$35 for class materials: \$60 for each person.

You need to have a landing net seine.

Lunch details for everyone will be announced closer to the event - meal is TBD at this time.

Contact Mike Vella to register for class at 720-346-5601. or [mike.vella1@gmail.com](mailto:mike.vella1@gmail.com)

<http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/the-bug-guy-on-stream-bug-identification-class/>

The previous registered students need to confirm they will attend the August 8th event. Any new club members and their friends are invited. We have room for another 5 to 6 people. Mike Vella, Geoff Bostic, Cyndy & Steve Scholz, Kenneth Worley, Richard LaDue, Jerry Eubanks, Joe Eubanks, Don Butts, Joe Russum, Michael Keithley and Bill Cronin.

# LAKE CITY

**AUGUST 27-30**

Lake City is located 55 miles south of Gunnison, on the north edge of the San Juan Mountains at an elevation of 8700 feet. It lies in a river canyon, the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River runs through it. There are many lodging opportunities, depending on participation levels. There are abundant fishing opportunities on the Lake Fork, many feeder streams and Lake San Cristobal. This is a unique opportunity to fish a relatively uncrowded and beautiful part of Colorado.

Reservations have been made at the Elkhorn RV Resort in town. We have one small cabin, sleeps up to 4 with a full size bed and a set of bunk beds and a medium cabin that has a queen size bed and two twin beds, also sleeping up to 4. I have one RV spot not yet reserved. As mentioned at the meeting, Lake City has a very short season and with that very restrictive reservation cancellation policies. The intention is to have Elkhorn our base camp where we can meet for drinks and/or dinner each evening. Obviously if people want to make their own arrangements, that's fine, however to date no one has signed up on the website. Price will be very reasonable, but based on occupancy of the cabins.

If you are interested in attending this event, PLEASE contact me and advise if you would like an RV spot, or one of the bed arrangements in the cabins. Beds will be assigned first come, first served. I will cancel any unspoken for reservations by July 26.

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