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- Tomahawk - Nov 21

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Meetings

- Nov 18 - Holiday Inn - Round tables and Garage Sale

Events

- Tyathon - Nov 7
- Christmas Party - Dec 18
- Casting Competition - Jan 23

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our monthly meeting location has changed! AND WILL CHANGE AGAIN! Current location:

Details:

Holiday Inn

7390 W Hampden Ave Wadsworth

Lakewood, CO 80227

Doors open at 5:30, program starts at 6:45

UPCOMING TRIPS

Tomahawk SWA - Nov 21

UPCOMING CLASSES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virgil Kelleigh Tyathon

November 14th 10am - 2pm [LINK](#)

The Fly Fishing Show

Jan 8, 9 and 10 at the Denver Mart

Christmas Party and Silent Auction

December 18th 6pm - 9pm

Come join HPD at our annual Christmas Party!

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PHOTO CONTEST

The 2015 HPD photo contest ends on Oct 31st and all entries have to be to Larry by the 3rd of November.

NEW MEETING LOCATION – STARTING JAN

We will be meeting at a new location January-March (hopefully permanent).

Two Penguins Tap & Grill, 13065 E Briarwood Ave, Centennial, CO 80112 – Near Centennial Airport

FLY FISHING RENDEZVOUS

OCT 31 – NOV 1 HOLIDAY INN LAKEWOOD

There are no secret fishing spots or elitist fly snobs here; just the best of the Rocky Mountain's grassroots fly fishing scene, deals on gear, and face-to-face access with the region's top fly fishing professionals.

NOVEMBER ROUNDTABLES AND GARAGE SALE

Last year we piloted a new November program that was welcomed with great success. We plan to do it again this year. The Roundtables will consist of 4 tables, each with an expert to guide the conversation about various topics. The forum will be very open and we encourage members to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

The topic this year will be:

- Fly Tying
- Guided Fishing
- Fishing Gear
- MOLLE (consider it a secret if you don't know what it is – will have to come and find out)

Each table will be ongoing throughout the meeting and members will have the opportunity to check out each table at their leisure.

Along with the round table we will host a FLY FISHING GARAGE SALE. Bring any gently used gear with GARAGE SALE PRICES and be prepared to swap/trade/sell as desired.

VIRGIL KELLEIGH TYATHON

NOVEMBER 7

The Second Annual Virgil Kelleigh Tyathon will be held on Saturday, November 7 at the Daniels Fund (101 Monroe St.). Start time is 9 am. The format will be similar to last year where three secret materials will be revealed for incorporation with flies in the categories of Dry Fly, Nymph, and Streamer. Contestants will need to provide their own tying tools and additional materials to complete the flies. A limited selection of hooks will be available if the contestants don't want to use their own. However, there is no guarantee the hook style and size you want to use will be available. Bring your creativity and sense of adventure. This is a contest for everyone regardless of skill level.

TRIP COMMITTEE MEETING FOR 2016

NOVEMBER 11

[LINK](#)

The trip planning committee will meet at the Boggy Draw Brewery, 3535 S Platte River D Sheridan, CO 80110 (720) 940-0338 (west of 285 & River Point Parkway - there is a Steak N Shake and a Starbucks on the corner). They do not serve food but you can bring food in or eat at any of the restaurants around there before hand.

Come and help set the trips for next year, bring up your favorite spot or a place you always wanted to go to.

NEW DUES POLICIES

HPD has worked with IFFF to align the two membership dues into one yearly invoice. HPD will be sending out an invoice late 2015 to early 2016 showing both IFFF dues and the HPD dues. We will take into account any discounted memberships - veterans, senior, 3 year, lifetime, etc. In order to make the alignment of the two systems work, we will need to prorate some of the IFFF memberships for 2016 - so instead of a regular yearly membership costing \$35 for 2016, it might be anywhere from \$2.92 to \$35,

most members will see their normal yearly dues. Starting in 2017 all dues will be the same – for a regular yearly membership \$35 for IFFF and \$25 for HPD for a total of \$60.

Please do not pay any invoices you receive from IFFF for your membership, HPD will invoice each HPD member and then send you're the combined IFFF payment.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Papich at president@hpd-fff.com

PUEBLO CLUB – PUBLIC SERVICE

NOVEMBER 21

On Saturday, Nov. 21, members of the Pueblo Tailwater Renegades are aligning with Colorado Parks and Wildlife for an inaugural trash cleaning day. The club will be meeting at Valco parking lot at 8:00AM. The goal is pick up trash and do a little housekeeping on the river from the parking lot upstream. Bags will be supplied by the park and picked up by park employees at strategic locations. If interested in volunteering a few hours and fishing the rest of the day, please contact Tim Herget at tim_herget57@hotmail.com or send him a text message at 720-885-7899.

TOMAHAK SWA

NOVEMBER 27 – BLACK FRIDAY

Tomahawk South Platte River Hatches

- Fall – Midges, Terrestrials, Caddis
- Rod selection: 3 to 5 weight rod / 8.5'

Trip Captain: Mike Vella (meet 9AM car pool location dirt parking lot at Englewood Station Park-N-Ride exit next to Conoco)

Lunch will be provided.





Don't pack your gear up for the season quite yet~! We still have one last Club Trip to enjoy. The Tomahawk SWA is a shorter drive vs. the Dream Stream and not as crowded. The photo highlights the numerous snaking bends, so there's always an opportunity to fish the undercut bank. The trout are not monsters, but I did catch a 15" Brown in late August on a black/olive streamer.

Tomahawk is one of the most beautiful sections of river in South Park, Colorado. Tomahawk is a medium sized river, about half of the size of the South Platte section of the Dream Stream. Tomahawk is a summer and fall fishery. The river freezes during the winter, so hoping November remains open and productive.

The river has a healthy population of brown trout. Most of them in the 8" to 12" range. Rainbows are in the 10" to 14" range. You will get the occasional larger brown early fall fishing the undercut banks. Streamers and Grasshopper patterns are best methods to coax them out from under the deep banks.

Terrestrials and Caddis are important in diet of Tomahawk fish. Most of the holes are not deeper than 3ft, so long leaders are not required. Streamers can be quite productive in the fall months, once the brown trout have the urge to spawn. Large to medium sized black or olive streamers are very effective when fished near the undercut banks.

The Tomahawk SWA section of the South Platte River is located just outside of Hartsel, Colorado. The Tomahawk State Wildlife Area can be accessed off of HWY 9 in two different areas, each of which has public parking areas. Tomahawk is actually the Middle Fork of the South Platte River. As the Tomahawk meanders through miles of flat meadows it joins the South Fork of the South Platte and empties into Spinney Reservoir.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 18 6PM - 9PM

FRITZ KNOEBEL SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT - DU CAMPUS

The Annual HPD Christmas Party and Auction will be held at the Fritz Knoebel School of Hospitality Management on the DU Campus on Friday, December 18th at 6PM.

The cost will \$25/head and HPD will be picking up the remainder \$25 head, menu to be announced soon.

The auction is also going on contact Tim Papich with any auction items to be donated.

CASTING COMPETITION

JAN 23 8AM - 1PM JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGORUNDS

HPD and ERMC are putting on the 2nd annual casting clinic at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Various target and skill stations will be set up with prizes awarded.

FIRST AID CLASS

FEBRUARY 28

HPD is offering a Red Cross First Aid and CPR class to our members. All participants will receive a 2 year certificate upon completion of the class. There are two parts:

- First Aid - Learn to recognize hypothermia, heat stroke, lacerations care, broken and dislocated joints and bone care.
- CPR & Choking - Learn how to administer CPR, care for choking individuals and how to use resuscitation paddles.

This is normally a \$90 class, we were able to negotiate a \$76 price for both, and HPD will cover \$66 of the cost, so each participant will only have to pay \$10. If any individual taking the class has participated in the trip committee planning and volunteered to be a trip captain, the cost will be \$0.00

The HPD board feels this is an important issue for our club and we want as many people trained as possible.

2015 PHOTO CONTEST RULES

CATEGORIES:

1. The Fly Angler or the Fish – We are looking for pictures of fish in our out of water, but not the typical picture of the fisherman holding the last fish he caught. Or take a picture of someone casting or just wading in the water.
2. Natural Insects and/or Imitation Flies - Close up photography of insects and/or their imitation. The bugs **MUST** be ones we use while on the water.
3. What You See Around You - Look around you and show us what you see while you are out fishing for the day. This year the picture must include a stream, river or standing water.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS & RULES:

This contest is open to active High Plains Drifters members only. Photographs from a family member will be accepted if the HPD member has paid a “Family” membership for 2015. Limit of three entries per person per category. Once a picture is submitted do not ask to replace it with another. Digital shots are preferred as they are easier to work with. Only photos taken after January 1, 2015 and before October 31, 2015 will be accepted. All entries must be received no later than November 3, 2015. Prints will be accepted, but they must be 8x10s. If prints are to be returned please provide a self addressed envelope with sufficient postage. No slides. Pictures can be cropped, but altered photos are not allowed. Do not send pictures that show a date, crop before sending. Each entry must show:

1. Category the picture is entered for
2. Name of Photographer
3. Phone number
4. Location where shot was taken
5. Date when photo was taken

BAR ZX RANCH - DINO TROUT?!?



HPD has struck at the Bar ZX ranch and netted a dinosaur. Okay - so it is a tiger trout, but I couldn't tell the difference at almost NINE POUNDS. NICE FISH!

High Plains Drifters are lucky enough to have a connection to this property. Contact Jon Nash for information and to catch your own dinosaur at jon@1stcoinsnash.com. Or come to the Christmas party to bid!

2016 HIGH PLAINS DRIFTERS RETREAT

JULY 22 - 24 - BEAVER MEADOWS RESORT RANCH

<http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/2016-annual-retreat/>

The annual High Plains Drifters Picnic has been an ongoing event for many years. It is always one of the best yearly events the club holds. We are sad announce the retirement of this event... BUT we couldn't be more excited to announce the newest High Plains Drifters annual event that will replace the Picnic - the High Plains Drifters Retreat!

The Retreat will contain the Picnic's activities - nothing will be lost. We are just expanding the event to compass an entire weekend with the Picnic activities happening on Saturday. So no worries, you can still come out for just Saturday and do the regular event, but we want to highly encourage you to come out for the weekend and bring the whole family!

This year's Retreat will be at Beaver Meadows Resort Ranch on July 22nd - July 24th. That is the fourth weekend in July. Saturday will be the picnic.

The offerings/amenities include:

- FISHING! – Same setup as last year, there are 3 ponds stocked with HUGE trout as well more than a mile of the North Fork of the Cache La Poudre River. The river through the resort is naturally populated with Cutthroat, Brown and Brook Trout. The local area also contains many other fishing opportunities.



- Saturday Picnic – A professionally catered meal (as well as brunch snacks) will be provided right on the water.
- Friday Night Pot Luck – For those camping, we will organize a pot-luck style event in our campsite for the entire group.
- Camping – The Retreat is organized as a camping event. We encourage everyone to come up for the entire weekend. We will have a nice, isolated, camping area for tents as well as room (in the same area) for RVs, 5th wheels and pop-ups. Bring the family and the dog!
- Hotel/Lodge – For those averse to camping the resort offers a lodge and condos. The club will reserve a group of rooms as well as well as two condos which can be taken by members.
- Horseback Trail Rides – Beaver Meadows Stables offers trails rides, which we will help to organize for our group. On top of the trail rides we will organize a meet and greet with the horses and pony rides (for the younger bunch).
- On-Site Restaurant – Don't bother cooking if you don't want. The resort offers a full service restaurant for all your meal needs (wake up in a tent – then go have biscuits and gravy with a omelet and fresh cut fruit...plus coffee...without lifting a finger...why not?). We may need to call this “glamping” because aside from sleeping in the woods...this is a luxury setup.
- MUCH, MUCH MORE – On top of everything else the resort offers many, many more actives: Frisbee golf course, “Mountain Croquet”, miles and miles of hiking trails and scenic views.



This will be one of the largest and most EPIC events in High Plains Drifters long history. This is not only a wonderful opportunity go fishing with the club, but a great chance to bring the whole family and enjoy our great state of Colorado. Yes – we will be fishing, but let's consider this a social affair for the whole family.

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