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- Open Session - April 12
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- HPD Kids' Day - May 31 & June 28
- HPD Summer Picnic - July 19

Active HPD Products

- 2014 HPD Calendars - \$15
- Mugs (Four Fish Options) - \$20
- Long Sleeve (Four Fish Options) - \$25
- Short Sleeve (Four Fish Options) - \$20

See last page for availability information

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

February Speaker: Pat Dorsey

For professional guide Pat Dorsey, fly fishing is a way of life. Pat's enthusiasm for fly fishing is unmatched and his ability to share his knowledge with others is part of what makes Pat so unique. From the complexities of fooling large trout on tiny nymphs to dry fly fishing under the most challenging conditions, Pat loves to instruct and introduce anglers to the heart of the sport.

UPCOMING TRIPS

On March 22nd we will have our annual Pancake Breakfast at Mike Owen's Cabin on the South Platte. This has been a lot of fun for the last several years. For those who would like to help with the preparation or clean up with breakfast please contact Paul Boals. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 -9:00am then we will break up into groups to fish. We will try to designate group leaders to focus on different areas of the river or teach basic fishing techniques for those who are new to the sport.

April 3rd - April 6th we will visit Salida. One hundred and two miles of the Arkansas River have just been designated as a Gold Water fishery. This clearly proves that those of us who love fishing the Arkansas River both above and below the town of Salida know this trip as have past trips will be a good way to get the year started with a bang. The trip captain will be Larry Lester.

UPCOMING CLASSES

On Going

Beginner fly tying class. March 8th, second Saturday of the month at Holy Cross Lutheran Church from February thru March. Classes from at 8-10am; open tying 10-2pm.

Starting Soon

Join us at the Broken Tee golf course for the High Plains Drifters' casting clinic starting April 16th preceding the club meeting (4pm). Please bring your own rod and reel and we will meet at the west end of the parking lot, near the river.

BEEN THERE - FISHED THAT

Pueblo, CO - February 22nd - by David Saunders



The club went down to Pueblo on the February 22nd. We had a huge turnout, 20+ members. It was good fishing weather and we had a great group. The morning was clear skies with low temps, even with excellent hatches it was rough on everyone. Lunch was a welcome retreat. We thank Bruce and Brett for providing and setting that up and to others who contributed munchies and deserts or held

the tent down in the wind as needed. The afternoon, as is Pueblo, got windy and warmer, which brought out the fish...and various other wildlife. Deer, squirrels, snakes and some really nice trout rounded out the day very nicely. Flies of the afternoon were hare's ear, trout beads and small black midges.



Been somewhere? Fished something? Want to TELL THE WORLD? Send your trip write-up (and pictures!) to newsletter@HPD-FFF.com and HPD will publish it! A few sentences and picture is all we need!

FLY OF THE MONTH

High Plains Drifters is proud to debut the "Fly of the Month" section on our website. Check our first video! <http://www.hpd-fff.com/2014/02/march-2014-bostic-leach/>

ARKANSAS (GOLD WATER) RIVER TRIP

APRIL 3rd to 6th

TRIP CAPTAIN – LARRY LESTER

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One hundred and two miles of the Arkansas River have just been designated as a Gold Water fishery. This clearly proves that those of us who love fishing the Arkansas River both above and below the town of Salida know this trip will be a good way to get the year started with a bang.

Room Accommodations: Aspen Leaf Lodge (www.aspenleaf lodge.com) or 719-539-6733. Price for single is \$52.38 or two persons \$63.07 both include tax. The motel is about a half block from Ark Anglers right on Hwy 50. Trip captain will be staying here. No frills just the basic room. Everyone is responsible for making their own reservation, but I will help.

Camping/Trailer Option: A very short drive down river from Salida is the Four Seasons RV Park www.fourseasonsrvresort.com or 719-539-3084 where several HPD members will be staying. Sits on the banks of the Arkansas River. Take Hwy 50 out of town.

Food: Friday thru Sunday starts at the Patio Pancake Place located on Hwy 50 a few blocks from the Aspen Leaf Lodge. Meeting time is 7:30 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Lunch is usually on the river and dinner meeting spots will be decided each day.

On-River-Clinic hosted by Ark Anglers: Friday the 4th and cost is \$99 per HPD member and includes lunch. Payment upon sign up – limited to six with two spots left (contact for availability). **No refunds.** What to expect: Meet at Ark Anglers and Stuart Andrews will then make fly suggestions (you do not have to buy flies) and then we head to the river. Stuart will be there to give advice, answer questions, watch your casting and basically be as helpful as he can. Many a time I have been fishing and doing zilch and said “I wish I had a guide here so I could ask...” Now’s your chance. Contact Larry to make arrangements and to pay or visit the website. **Cutoff date is March 14th for clinic signup.**

Fishing: If a four day outing doesn’t fit your schedule as long as we know you are coming up (even for a day) we will make sure you hook up with those of us who will be there ahead of you. This river has a great Caddis hatch, but often overlooked are the BWO hatches that happen in the earlier part of April so the action will be good.

Please visit the club web page <http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/arkansas-river-salida/> and post a note showing your interest. We already have several members on board for this trip. I am planning to leave Denver early Thursday the 3rd and I will be glad to help you find a ride or a person to share a room with. If you have never fished the area please let me know and for sure those of us on the trip will be glad to share our knowledge of the river and the area. HPD is all about camaraderie on and off the river.

By the way if you should ask “What are **Gold Medal** waters?” These fishing areas have been designated by the Colorado Wildlife Commission as providing great spots to catch those large trout. These waters are defined as being able to produce 60 pounds of trout per acre, and at least twelve 14" or larger trout per acre. Only 322 miles of Colorado's 9000 miles of trout streams, and three lakes, carry the "Gold Medal" signature.

THE BUG GUY: ROBERT YOUNGHANZ

Bug Identification ½ Day Stream-side Class

Last year, our May HPD Club Meeting invited Robert Younghanz, The Bug Guy, as our guest speaker. We had approximately 40 members attend his 1 ½ hour presentation. Robert was very engaging and his tremendous (and very humorous) knowledge of Aquatic Entomology kept our attention and enthusiasm going all night! He guides, has authored several books and has close to 20 years in the Fly Fishing Industry!

Robert Younghanz, a.k.a The Bug Guy, has been involved in the Fly Fishing industry for close to 20 years. Having traveled to over 60 countries, he is an accomplished angler, teacher and guide for fresh, salt, tropical and warm water species. His passion and expertise in the field of Aquatic Entomology has enabled him to travel the world collecting Insects, as well as studying, researching, curating and teaching at Colorado State University, and Front Range Community College. In addition, Robert is a published researcher and has described several new species of aquatic insects. Robert has been a guest lecturer across the Western United States on the topic of Aquatic Entomology. As a contributing writer to Field and Stream's blog, "Fly Talk", "The Bug Guy" offers helpful advice on entomology and fly selection to fly fishers all over the globe. Robert is a featured presenter at the International Sportsman's Expo in Denver, CO, a Simms Ambassador Guide and has conducted entomology classes for both Simms and Orvis guides at their national gatherings, as well as for Trout Unlimited and other local organizations in the Rocky Mountain West. Robert teaches monthly lecture and streamside classes at The Angler's Covey Fly Shop in Colorado Springs. Look for Robert on WFN (The World Fishing Network) and on-line where he discusses insects, and well as fly fishing on Southern Colorado numerous rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

Be sure and check out Robert's newly released 2 set DVD: *The Bug Guy: Entomology For The Flyfisher*.

For more information about Robert check out his websites:

www.the-bug-guy.com www.robertyounghanzflyfishing.com www.windingriverranchflyfishing.com

We have the pleasure to bring The Bug Guy back for his second presentation during the Wed 6/18/14 HPD Club Meeting. He will continue his lecture on how to match-the-hatch. Please circle the date on your HPD Calendar!

THEN, on Saturday, June 21st, Robert will conduct an introduction lecture at streamside and then into the water for the bug ID demo. Deckers area / South Platte River - class location will be determined on Wed's Club Meeting.

Please bring your class payment to the meeting if possible, or sign up on the website.

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

Please contact Mike Vella if you want to register for class at 720-346-5601. The morning session is booked and the afternoon session still has approx. 8 openings.

GUNNISON TRIP

June 1st – 8th

TRIP CAPTAINS – Dale Anderson and Paul Boals

The multiple night trip to the Gunnison River will be held June 1-8, and will be led by Dale Anderson and myself. Dale plans to leave after Kids Day and be in Pleasure Park June 1-5. I will be there June 5-8. Members are welcome to join at any time during those dates. We will be using Gunnison River Expeditions for lodging and jet boat services. We have scheduled this trip to hopefully catch some of the Stonefly hatch or the Yellow Sallie, and Pleasure Park gives us the opportunity to jet boat into the Gunnison Gorge. One can also hike up or down river for excellent wade fishing.

Jet Boat Services

Gunnison River Expeditions has jet boat services available June 2nd-4th tentatively booked under Dale for the club and also June 7th-8th under myself for the club. They will not be available June 5th-6th. They allow for a maximum of 12 people per day to take personal water craft up the river and allow you to float down , and the fee is \$100 per person.

Lodging

At Pleasure Park they have 4 Camper Cabins that have two beds, no kitchen or running water for \$59 per night. They also have 6 large campsites that are \$12 per person per night. There is room for RV's, but no hook ups. There is also a bathhouse on site.

A lodge that holds 12 people is available, but it is about 10 miles from Pleasure Park. It has 6 bedrooms that sleep two per bedroom, with kitchen, bath, etc.

Please contact Gunnison River Expeditions to book lodging or jet boat services.

970-872-3232

gre@sopris.net

www.gunnisonriverexpeditions.com

Ask to speak with Jen or Al and let them know you are with HPD

HPD KIDS' DAY – VOLUNTEER OPPURTUNITY

Our Club Membership fees help off-set the costs to sponsor two days of teaching children 6 to 16 the amazing sport of Fly Fishing! We encourage our members to volunteer for activities during these events. I promise the volunteers will have as much fun as the kids!

Event #1 - Kid's Day Fly Fishing Clinic at the Butterfly Pavilion jointly hosting the HPD event

<http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/hpd-kids-day-butterfly-pavilion/>

- Saturday May 31, 2014 - 8:30am to 3:30pm
- HPD and the Butterfly Pavilion will host a day of insect identification, knot tying, fly tying, full exhibit tour, lunch, fly-fishing demonstration, and of course fishing at the Pavilion Lake!
- This event is exclusive to the Denver Children's Diabetes Foundation and their guardians.
- Maximum of 30 kids and their parents are invited.
- Butterfly Pavilion will waive rental fees and will provide educators for a Butterfly Pavilion Invertebrate activity including a crawfish experience.
- HPD Volunteers also can attend for free admissions to the Pavilion for this event.
- High Plains Drifters will sponsor the "discounted" admission fee of \$5 for each guest to the Butterfly Pavilion exhibits and Fly Fishing Day Clinic.

Event #2 - Kid's Day Fly Fishing Clinic at Lake Lehow

<http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/hpd-kids-day-lake-lehow/>

- Lake Lehow Pavilion / Waterton Canyon trail-head parking lot (South of Chatfield State Park)
- Saturday June 28, 2014 - 8:30am to 3:30pm
- This event is open to all Club Member children and our Denver area community children ages 6 to 16 (including their guardians).
- Maximum of 20 kids and their parents are invited.
- High Plains Drifters will sponsor the entire day for all our guests for a day of insect identification, knot tying, fly tying, lunch, fly-fishing demonstration, and of fishing at Lake Lehow!

We are grateful to the Colorado Division of Parks & Wildlife for supplying the fishing equipment and stocking both lakes for our two events.

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High Plains Drifters would like to thank the following outfitters for their support of our organization. We sincerely appreciate their generous support and encourage our membership to support them whenever possible.



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