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- Lake City - Aug 27 - 30
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- Club Picnic - Jul 18

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 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

UPCOMING TRIPS

Club Picnic at Beaver Meadows Resort - July 18

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Club Picnic - July 18

The annual HPD Picnic. Good food, good water, good friends.

CLUB PICNIC

JULY 18 - BEAVER MEDOWS

The club is changing locations of the picnic this year to Beaver Meadows Resort, near Red Feathers Lake Website. Beaver Meadows has 3 large ponds, several miles of stream and beaver ponds throughout the property. We will have the on-site covered pavilion from 12PM until sunset, which is where the dinner will be served and it contains a bar. The pavilion is 10 yards from one pond about 20yds from the 2nd pond.

For anyone who is not fishing, the pavilion will have tables and chairs set up to play games, read, etc. There is also on-site volleyball courts, hiking trails and a stable. There is golfing nearby as well.

The dinner will consist of brats & burgers with condiments, baked beans, potato salad and watermelon. Ice tea, lemonade, tea & coffee are included. The cash bar has all types of drinks and they cost from \$3 to \$6. The dinner will cost \$10/head for members and guests, with HPD paying an additional \$10/head. There is also an full service restaurant for anyone who would prefer to eat there.

Fishing will cost \$20 rod fee. The rod fee is good from sunrise to sunset and includes all areas of the resort. Anyone who wishes can come up early and fish all day, and even grab breakfast at the restaurant. The number of rods will be limited to 50 total for the day. Belly boats are allowed.

There are 50 on-site camping spots, no hookups. Currently we have 4 sites set aside for us, but can set aside more to keep everyone together. The cost for camping is \$25 night. Tents are welcome.

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

<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.

COPPER PONDS TRIP

CYNDY SCHOLZ - JUNE 20

We had a beautiful and warm weather day fishing the ponds near the Copper Mountain exit along I-70. Around 14 HPD anglers joined us for the afternoon and evening fishing.

We started afternoon fishing on the south side of I-70, past the Copper Conoco station (by eastbound I-70). The first big pond was clear and very colorful. Fish could be seen. We also wandered down the bike path, where the Ten Mile Creek flows by it, hoping to find/catch fish in soft waters. Several of us caught in the creek and ponds. Kenneth Worley caught a fish on a new fly that he tied, and named after his wife, Wendy. Cyndy Scholz pulled a brook trout out of the first / large pond. Ivan Calhoun landed a dozen fish!

We did a tailgate dinner picnic with great socializing. After dinner, we went across I-70 to the north side by the Copper Exit 195 ramp. There are multiple ponds in a row there.

Everyone was catching in the evening fishing, spreading across the multiple ponds. The water was "boiling" with rising and jumping fish. It was fun to watch all the activity! We stayed until we could not see our fly anymore, leaving around 9 pm. Everyone had a great time!

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