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UPCOMING

Trips

- Grey Reef - Apr 2,3,4,5
- Canon City - April 18
- Salida - April 30

Meetings

- April 15 - TBA
- May 20 - TBA

Classes

- Featured Tiers - April 11
- Featured Tiers - May 9
- Tenkara - May 16

Events

- Club Picnic - Jul 18
- Kids Day - May 17
- Kids Day - June 14

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE!

HPD ANNUAL SURVEY

The annual survey is available on the website. Please take a moment to fill it out and help us improve the organization.

<http://www.hpd-fff.com/hpd-annual-survey/>

-High Plains Drifters Board

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

April 15 - Speaker TBA

UPCOMING TRIPS

Grey Reef - Aril 2, 3, 4 and 5

Who doesn't like "The Reef" this time of year?!?

Canon City - April 18

Tax day hatch!

Salida - April 30 - On Stream Clinic Offering

102 miles of the Arkansas River are considered Gold Water...

UPCOMING CLASSES

NOTE: The April Fly Tying Class will be held at Bass Pro Northfield

Ongoing

Featured Tiers Class. Monthly on
the second Saturday, 8am

Open Tying Sessions. Monthly on
the second Saturday, 8am

Upcoming

Feature Tiers - May 9

Tenkara - May 16

Rod Building

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids Day - May 17

Club Picnic - July 18

Beaver Meadows Resort - Red Feathers area

HPD CHRONICLES

Check out the latest HPD video at <http://www.hpd-fff.com/2015/03/hpd-chronicles/>

GREY REEF

APRIL 2 - 5

Alcova Wyoming is located 4 hours from Denver. Fly fishing is plentiful there and HPD fly fishermen frequent the area. You don't want to miss this adventure. Why do we go there - we catch a lot of fish. First there is Grey Reef starting near Alcova and continuing toward Casper. It supports over 8000 fish per mile. If that sounds like a lot it is. Fish here average 16-20 inches and plenty of fish are in the 5 to 10 pound range. Float it, wade it, float a rented boat, guide it either wading or floating. Lots of options.

Also, there is the Miracle Mile situated between Seminoe and Pathfinder Reservoirs is actually a seven mile long tail water section with consistent, cold water from the reservoir creating ideal big trout habitat. A recognized Blue Ribbon trout stream, Miracle Mile Wyoming has some of the biggest and highest numbers of trout in the lower 48.

Next is Fremont Canyon. Several years ago The Wyoming Fly Casters, Wyoming Game and Fish, Bureau of Reclamation and the Cardwell Ranch joined forces to develop Fremont Canyon into trout fishery. They manufactured a smaller streambed to accommodate a flow of 75cfs. This one mile long section is accessed by foot only and is available as a public fishery.

And last, what about Thermopolis which is two hours away. If this is part of the trip it will be a day trip unless some anglers want to extend their time as an add-on. This world-class fishery is open all year and offers some of the best dry-fly, streamer, and nymph fishing in the West.

The co-captains for the trip are Jerry Eubanks and Paul Boals. We plan on staying at the Inn at Alcova (Sloan's General Store). We are blocking off a few units and reservations can be made through them call (307) 234-2066 and let them know you are with "The High Plains Drifters".

For information on the on-stream clinic see the website for details.

ARKANSAS RIVER – SALIDA AREA

APRIL 30 – MAY 3

TRIP CAPTAIN – DAN HOGAN

303-880-8710 or dhhrio@gmail.com

REGISTER FOR TRIP: www.hpd-fff.com & post a note saying you are coming.

One hundred and two miles of the Arkansas River have just been designated as a Gold Water fishery. This shows 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 begin a strong fishing season.

Room Accommodations: Aspen Leaf Lodge (www.aspenleaf lodge.com) 719-539-6733
Rooms are \$49 for a single; \$59 for a room with a King; \$69 for a room with 2 Queen beds. All rooms have a small fridge and microwave. No kitchenettes. The motel is about a block from Ark Anglers on Hwy 50.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All club members are responsible for making their own reservations. The club has reserved 5 rooms with 2 Queen beds. These rooms will be released on April 10, 3 weeks before the start date of the trip. Reserve well ahead of April 10 if you want to be sure to get a room at the Aspen Leaf Lodge.

Camping/Trailer Option: A very short drive down river from Salida is the Four Seasons RV Park (www.fourseasonsresort.com) 719-5393084. This camp site sits right on the banks of the Arkansas just off Hwy 50 East of Salida.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Members planning to bring their own camping equipment be aware that the first week in May is already heavily booked for most camp sites. Begin right away to arrange for a place to camp.

Food: Friday through Sunday starts at the Patio Pancake Place near the East edge of town on Hwy 50. We gather at 7:30am to swap fish stories and to organize groups for the day. This is a great place for new members to team up with Club members who will be happy to welcome you and to show the way to the river ... but not necessarily to their secret, favorite fishing holes!

LUNCH is usually on the river. **DINNER** is a bit of a free for all. Many members gather to go one of the many fine restaurants in downtown Salida. There is fare for everyone's taste so talk up your favorite spot and convert a member to a new experience!

FULL-DAY GUIDED RIVER TRIP: Ark Anglers provides a guide, lunch and drinks for this well-received event. They will take up to 6 people. The cost is \$99 per person. **The fee is non-refundable** and must be paid in advance. Contact Dan Hogan (303-880-8710) for details on how to pay. Everyone who wants to take advantage of this event should register right away. **Availability will close on March 31.** You can be assured that Guide Stuart Andrews and his faithful Labrador will do everything possible to see that everyone catches fish. Public and Private water are involved. Meet at Ark Anglers at 8a.m.

Fishing: If a 4-day outing doesn't fit your schedule we will make sure to hook you up with those of us who will be there for the duration. Notify the trip captain of the day(s) you will be there and we will make sure that you know where to meet up with someone to fish with. (Dan Hogan - 303-880-8710).

BWO & CADDIS will be the main, go-to flies. Greg Felt, owner of Ark Anglers, says the first week in May is more of a time for BWOs. Greg says the caddis hatch has not been up to legendary standards for years.

RIDE SHARE/ROOM SHARE: Contact trip captain Dan Hogan if you need a ride or if you would like to share a room. I will notify anyone who wants to share a room of the other club members who also want a roommate. You guys can make the connections from there.

CLUB PICNIC – BEAVER MEADOWS RESORT

JULY 18

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.

TENKARA CLASS

MAY 16

Daniel from Tenkara USA will be conducting a class on Tenkara techniques and equipment. We will meet in the Rocky Mountain Anglers shop for an hour and then move out to Boulder Creek for a 3 hour session on the water. Equipment will be provided for those that don't have any.

This will be an introductory class for anyone who would like to know more about the Tenkara method.

Sign up on the website at <http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/tenkara-class-stream/>

SIGN- UP NOW

Hey Drifters! Be sure to hop on the website to sign up for these great trips and events! The more people that sign-up in advance the better we can cater the trip to the expected crowds. See you on the water! <http://www.hpd-fff.com/events/>

HPD KIDS DAY 2015 - UPDATE

Kids Day Clinic #1:

- **Sunday, May 17th / Lake Lehow & Lehow Pavilion**
 - (back-lot; same as last year)
- **Volunteers Arrive: 7:30am – 8:00am**
- **Guest Arrive: 8:00am**
- **Program Starts at 8:15am**
- **Tennyson Center for Children**
- **Tennyson Center Staff will be attending**
- **Volunteers needed for:**
 - **Equipment & knot Tying**
 - **Fly tying**
 - **Casting Coach**
 - **Lunch and Rod Prep and Parking Lot directions**

Kids Day Clinic #2:

- **Sunday, June 14th / Lake Lehow & Lehow Pavilion**
- **Volunteers Arrive: 7:30am – 8:00am**
- **Guest Arrive: 8:00am**
- **Program Starts at 8:15am**
- **General public and HPD member kids**
- **Volunteers needed for:**
 - **Equipment & knot Tying**
 - **Fly tying**
 - **Casting Coach**
 - **Lunch and Rod Prep and Parking Lot directions**

Volunteer Interest? Just call or email:

- **Kid's Day coordinators: Mike Vella and Cyndy Scholz**
- **Confirm which day and which "task" you can help with.**
 - **Mike (720) 346-5601 or mike.vella1@gmail.com**
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