



# Pikes Peak Flyfishers February Newsletter

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## President's Hatch

We are two months away from Spring. Mid-Winter is time to get our fishing gear ready for the warm sunny days coming soon. The items we can forget to do are clean our fly lines, grease our reels, check our guides for knicks, check our waders for leaks or tears, do we need new soles for our boots, do we need more flies, floatant, etc. The list is long but necessary. As we prepare for the 2024 fishing season, the board is working hard to have one of the best auctions the club has had. The list of trips ranges from Alaska to Arizona, with trips all over Colorado, Wyoming and the list continues to grow. We have secured some rod packages that will possibly give you a different style of fishing that you normally do not do. We will keep you updated on our progress. We do need items for our bargain table, so as you find outdoor equipment in your garage, storage rooms etc. that you have not used lately and would like to donate to the club, bring them in to the meetings or contact me for pickup so we can be ready before Auction Day. We will take them on Auction Day. We are looking for fly donations for the auction and our community outreach. Please give the auction information to your family and friends. We want to have a great turnout on Saturday April 20 at 1:00 PM.

There was an awesome attendance at our January luncheon at Mollica's. We had 14 members attend with great conversations and plans of upcoming fishing trips. Put on your calendar February 21 at 11:00 AM, Mollica's on Garden of the Gods for a good meal and time together.

Check out our new updated website for news on the auction, upcoming events and member pictures. The link is at the top of the newsletter.

It's that time of year to renew your membership for 2024. The best way to do that is to go to our website and download the membership form, you can edit it directly and email back to Alan at [alan.gorski@outlook.com](mailto:alan.gorski@outlook.com). CLICK HERE to go to the membership form. Otherwise, you can print it out and bring a hard copy to our monthly meeting or mail with your check to our PO Box. You can pay the \$25 dues by cash or check at our meeting or mail to the PO Box. Thank you for supporting our club.

**Good luck for your winter fishing and tight lines to all.**

**Kevin Thomason  
President**

# Programs

## February 1 - Cory Noble

### Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries

February 1, 2024: Cory Noble, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries – "Pikes Peak Region Fisheries Management Updates" including cutthroat trout conservation projects and recreational management, especially on the North Slope Recreation Area"

Cory Noble is a fisheries biologist with Colorado Parks and Wildlife out of Colorado Springs. Cory was born and raised in the Colorado Springs area and graduated from Manitou Springs High School. Cory has two bachelor degrees and a master's degree from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Following his graduate studies at UCCS, Cory worked for two years with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in Salt Lake City. In 2015, Cory and his family returned to Colorado and spent two years working for CPW in Meeker managing the fisheries in the White River and middle Yampa River drainages. Cory returned home to Colorado Springs in 2016 and assumed the management responsibilities for the aquatic resources of the Pikes Peak region. Cory enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and hiking with his wife, two children, and Brittany Spaniel.

**March 7, 2024:** Auction Trip Presentation by trip winners.

**April 20:** Annual PPF Auction at CPW. No regular meeting.

**May 2, 2024:** TBD.

**June 6, 2024:** Tim & Joan Flagler (via Zoom) -- Fly Fishing Patagonia.

**July 4 - NO MEETING**

**August 1:** Wyoming Fly Fishing – “The Largest Wild Trout in the Country”

**Charlie Huff**

**Program Director**

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## Trips

### No trip for February! Too Cold!

See you at the luncheon at Mollica's on Wednesday, February 21.

**Newell Nesheim, PPF Trip Director**

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## Rod Building Class

The 2024 class began on Monday, January 22. The bad weather delayed our start by two weeks. Instructors will be Dave Hoover and Charlie Huff. Students are: Dennis Erenberger, Paul Gourley, Rod Sato, Lou Lathon, Joe Locke, Jim Mendenhall, Tom Thieme, and Greg Walters. Kevin Thomason will also sit in as his time permits. In the first class we covered rod and component selection and where to purchase these materials. The students were tasked to do the research on selecting the rod that they want to build and begin the process of purchasing the materials.

A note to students in the 2023 class: if you haven't yet turned in your rod building equipment (plastic tub with wrapper, dryer, reamer, practice blank), please bring to the January meeting or contact Charlie ASAP to arrange return. We will need these for the 2024 class.

**Charlie Huff**  
**Rod Building Director**  
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