



# TALE WATERS

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 May

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 11 May at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Guest speakers Matt Schultz and Sabrina Flores from the Gila and Lincoln National Forests, respectively, will present an overview of the process of revising the existing forest plans for both the Gila National Forest and the Lincoln National Forest.

Don't forget that this will be your last opportunity to buy a raffle ticket on the handmade bamboo flyrod. Doors open at 6:30. Cookies and coffee will be served.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 May

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 May at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 27 May

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 27 May at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *BWO UV Nymph*. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

## President's Corner



April was a busy month for the Club. On April 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the soldiers from Ft. Bliss through Project Healing Waters. Tom Wobbe emailed a letter that Dr. Vicki Thomas, William Beaumont Army Medi-

cal Center, wrote to Project Healing Waters thanking the Club for its continued support and describing some of the benefit that these soldiers receive from the program. Please take the time to read it. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, we put on our annual Kids' Fishing Derby. Even though it was Easter weekend and we were competing with an Easter Egg Hunt at Young Park, we still had more than 80 kids turn out. On April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, NMSU students were at the Lease to survey the Rio Penasco for a stream management class. We should be receiving their proposals for improving the stream shortly. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, the MVFF Lady Anglers were at the Lease for their annual spring trip. Finally, the Club trip to the San Juan River began on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make these things happen.

At the Club's general monthly meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be drawing to determine the winner of the Spring Rod Raffle. It is an 8'9" custom crafted bamboo rod that was donated by Mark Lenarz. Raffle tickets are only \$20 each and the entire proceeds

from the raffle will be used for stream improvements on the Lease. Please support this project.

In April, northern New Mexico and much of Colorado received some heavy, wet snow. With the warm temperatures, the snow melted pretty quickly and runoff is beginning to subside. If predictions for an above-average monsoon season materialize, it should mean a short fire season and excellent fishing. Time to start planning those summer fishing trips.

Tight Lines,  
Jim



Ron Bellerose  
PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters has had a great spring start. On April 1<sup>st</sup> we had our fly tying event at the NMG&F conference room with 24 Vets learning to tie a fly. We had a lot of pizza for lunch and casting in the afternoon went very well. On our April 8<sup>th</sup> fishing event at the Lease we had a fantastic group of Vets and volunteers. Between the 20 volunteers, the Cow Belles and the local 4-H group the Vets once again had one of their best days if not the best day in a long time. A letter from Dr. Thomas to the National PHW Headquarters was considered to be the strongest testimony for what PHW has accomplished. Without the MVFF and the volunteers that support PHW this would not be possible.

On Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> we had 3 Vets with physical disabilities fishing at the Cloud Country Estates pond. Fishing was tough and it was cold and windy but we all had a great time. We continue to tie flies on the last Wednesday of the month at the Las Cruces VA Clinic. We are planning on a trip to the San Juan sometime in May.

If you have not volunteered to support the PHW, try it, you will find it rewarding to the Vets and to yourself. Thank you for all your support.

PHW upcoming events:

- May 13, Cloudcroft VFW wounded warriors' event, fly tying,
- May 14 fishing at the Cloud Country pond.

- May 15, fly tying at Ft Bliss wounded warrior transition battalion.
- May 16, fishing at the lease in the morning at the Cloud Country pond in the afternoon,
- May 23 and 24th Cloudcroft Mayfair PHW fund raiser.

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For more information about PHWFF see [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org). Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), [flyfishnh@hotmail.com](mailto:flyfishnh@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out

### Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2015 and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let them know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members. Trips now in the planning stages are:

- June 22 - 26 -- trip to the North Platte in Wyoming. This trip is fully booked at this time.
- Fall - annual fall trip to the San Juan
- Fall - Lady Anglers will be going to the Conejos.

### Welcome New Members

Curtis & Millie Bondie	Las Cruces, NM
David Buenning	Las Cruces, NM
Ken & Kris Cady	Las Cruces, NM
Zachary Eldridge	El Paso, TX
Bethany Janssen	El Paso, TX
Robert Ruff	Wichita Falls, TX

### It's a Whopper



25" 12 lb rainbow caught by Blaine Goss at San Juan on the recent Club trip.

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**BWO UV Nymph**

Fly we hooked most of the trout with at the last outing with PHWFF on the lease.



- Hook:** TMC 200R or similar nymph hook #16 to #20
- Thread:** Uni 8/0 camel brown
- Bead:** gold or copper 3/32 "
- Tail:** pheasant tail
- Body:** pheasant tail
- Rib:** copper wire
- Wing case:** uv mylar over pheasant tail
- Thorax:** peacock herl
- Legs:** partridge

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### LADY ANGLERS SPRING TRIP A SUCCESS

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A good time was had by all at the Lady Anglers' annual spring fishing trip to the Rio Peñasco on April 16 - 19. We fished for two days - the first at the Mulcock Ranch and the second at the MVFF lease. The weather cooperated. Although it was breezy at times, there was no snow and there were no hurricane force winds as in past years. Even though the fish were sometimes few and far between, there were some bright spots. New member Annette Malinak caught six trout the first morning in a hole at the upper end of the meadows section of the Mulcock Ranch. That afternoon Miriam Carmichael, fishing with a double nymph rig in the pool below the big waterfall in the canyon at

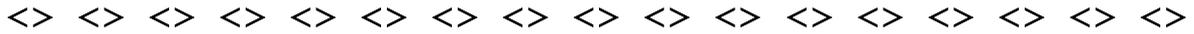


Mulcock's, caught a double - two nice rainbows at the same time. On the second day, fishing at the MVFF lease, Frances Curtis caught multiple rainbows close to the rocks in the cave hole during the afternoon and Josie Nunn, true to form, caught a large brown in a pool a short ways upstream from the cave hole. Thanks to all of the club members who volunteered their time to clean up the algae at the lease before our trip - we appreciate their efforts. We are excited about our fall trip which is a return to the Conejos River in Colorado for three days of fishing.

Mary Hoffman

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<p><b>GILA ♦ RIO GRANDE</b>  <b>TROUT UNLIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Interested in Cold Water Fisheries and Watersheds?</b>  Join in as a Board Member or Officer of the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited!  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wildnativetrout">https://www.facebook.com/wildnativetrout</a>  Get involved in local efforts with projects focused on improving fisheries, habitat restoration, and native trout restoration efforts with Gila Trout and Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout.  To volunteer or for more information contact: <a href="mailto:jeffgilatu@aol.com">jeffgilatu@aol.com</a> - or - <a href="mailto:djsmfh@msn.com">djsmfh@msn.com</a></p>
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### MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 13, 2015

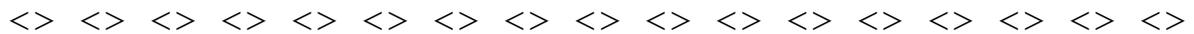
Submitted by John Kennedy, secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7pm in a meeting room at *The Game* by Vice President Chuck Mueller. In attendance were Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, John Kennedy, Jeff Arterburn, Dennis Lanpher, Paul Turner, and non-Board members Jim Hulsey, Ron Bellerose, Tom Wobbe, and Will Lubenau and Dominique Lujan from the American Fisheries Society.

1. Board minutes of the March Board meeting as published in the April newsletter were approved.
2. The Treasurer reported that the Club has \$14,772 in the bank. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that as of April 1, 2015 the club has 255 members. Members need to pay their dues to remain current. The spring raffle is underway to raise money for stream improvements at the Lease. 50 tickets are being sold at \$20.00 per ticket for a chance to win a beautiful bamboo fly rod made and donated by member Mark Lenarz.
4. Ron Bellerose reported on Project Healing Waters. 169 veterans' hours were spent in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year, and 120 volunteer hours. There were 6 fly tying events, and 1 casting event. On May 13<sup>th</sup> there will be fly tying for the Wounded Warriors in Cloudcroft, and on the 14<sup>th</sup> fishing, sponsored by the Cloudcroft VFW. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May there will be fly tying at Fort Bliss for the Wounded Warriors Transition Battalion.
5. Jeff Arterburn reported that the State Council for Trout Unlimited will be asking for new board members for the Gila Rio Grande Chapter. Please contact Jeff at 575-524-0773 if interested. Jeff also mentioned that the State Council will soon begin a newsletter for all state chapters.
6. Dominique Lujan reported that the American Fisheries Society will hold their dept. banquet at 7pm at the Farm & Ranch Museum April 24<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker Jerry Marrichini. There will be a raffle and auction, and department scholarships will be announced. The Club donates money for these scholarships.
7. On April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 6 NMSU students and 2 professors went to the Lease to study the stream, including some shocking. A lot of chubs and several trout were caught. The rainbows seem to be reproducing. Their report will hopefully be coming out the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May, including recommendations for management and improvements. This project is being spearheaded by Professor Matthew Ziegler.
8. Upcoming club trips were discussed. The spring trip to the San Juan is April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 15 members are going. The North Platte trip is June 21-26. 18 members are signed up.
9. Tom Wobbe discussed the recent Kids Clinic. 66 kids signed in. Expenses totaled \$441.00. The Clinic was well received. Next year a Club committee will handle organization & setup of the Clinic.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

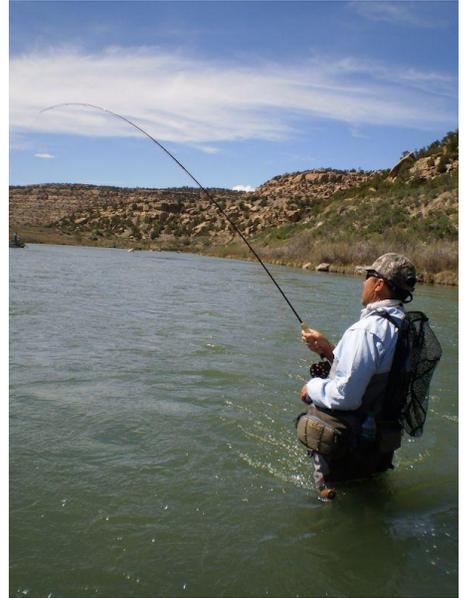


"A wild trout in its native habitat is a compact example of the Earth working well..."

*Christopher Camuto*



Club Trip to the San Juan  
April 2015



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2015 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Secretary:</b>	John Kennedy (612) 720-3456
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• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
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• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
<b>Membership Committee Chairman</b>	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2014	\$11,487

**Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund**

The Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund is an endowed fund at New Mexico State University which is funded by MVFF member donations. Earnings from the fund are used to provide scholarships for students at NMSU majoring in fisheries or related fields.

The recipient of each scholarship is determined each April by the MVFF Board with the award being made for the fall semester.

Even though the fund is endowed additions can be made to it at any time. The larger the fund, the more earnings are available for award. If you are interested in contributing please make checks out to the **NMSU Foundation** and on the "for" line of the check, identify "Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund for deposit only." All contributions are tax deductible. For any questions please contact one of the Officers or Board members. If you have not made a donation to the fund please give consideration and help honor Norm.

**Current Email Addresses Needed**

Many of the email addresses in our files are not current as members change to other internet providers. These addresses will not be distributed, but will only be used to relay club information or reminders for club meetings and other club events. Please send your address changes to [membership@mvff.org](mailto:membership@mvff.org).

**Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Print**

Help support the MVFF Habitat Restoration Projects and purchase a limited edition "Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout" print. This beautiful printing of an original watercolor of our native state fish is a limited series of 150 high quality 12 x 18 prints that are numbered and signed by New Mexico artist Michelle Arterburn. The cost of each individual print is \$25.00, with the proceeds dedicated towards habitat restoration projects. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. See the MVFF website for purchase.



**\*\*\*\*\* REMEMBER \*\*\*\*\***  
**MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING LI-**  
**CENSES EXPIRE ON 31 MARCH**

### Membership Information

Membership is open to anyone who supports the activities of the club. Membership fees are shown below. Members are provided with the opportunity to attend informational monthly meetings, purchase fishing access permits to the MVFF leased waters on the Rio Peñasco, and participate in other Club activities such as a summer picnic, annual awards banquet, casting clinics, fly tying classes, and Club sponsored fishing trips.

There are several options for the payment of dues. A family is defined as a club member, their spouse and all children 17 years of age or under.

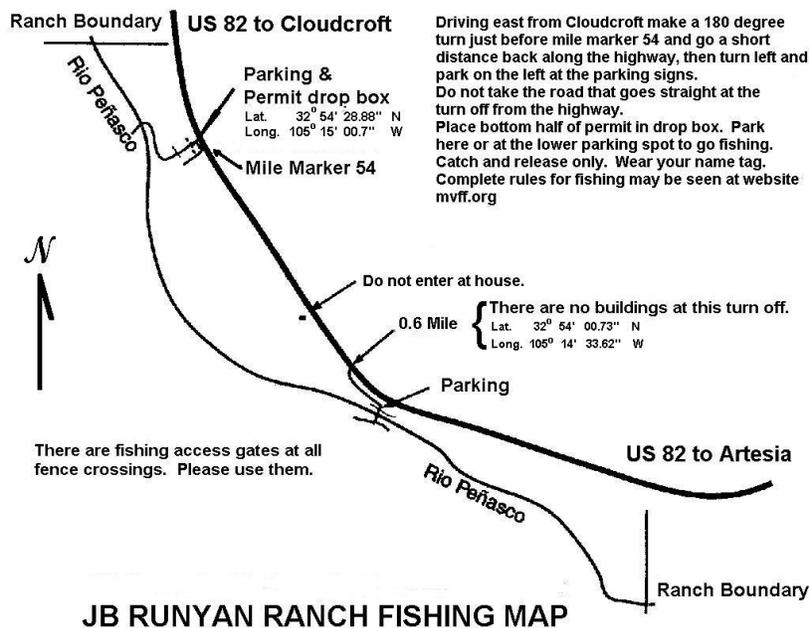
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulsey (575-524-1880), Tom Wobbe (575-522-5437) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (575-687-3362) the night before to ensure someone will be there to sell them to you. Permits can be ordered through the club web page (mvff.org) by filling out the form and mailing as directed. Cost is \$25.00 per day. Kids under 18 fish free but must be accompanied by an adult club member with a permit. You must be a current member (current dues have been paid) of MVFF to fish the lease. Please wear your MVFF identification badge while on the property. New or replacement badges can be obtained by contacting Jim Hulsey. In addition, members can purchase a one-day, one-time permit for guests.

#### Directions to the Lease:

Follow NM 82 east from Cloudcroft, NM or west from Artesia, NM. The turn off to the lease is located on the right side of the road about 100 yards before mile marker 54 coming from Cloudcroft or 100 yards on the left past mile marker 54 coming from Artesia.



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Membership and/or Permit Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you need a name badge? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ or renewal \_\_\_\_\_?

Membership Categories: Individual Family Circle the one desired.

1 Year \$20 \$25

3 Years \$50 \$60

Life \$400 \$500

For family membership: Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_ No. of children \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All memberships expire on 31 March. New memberships received on or after 1 January will expire on 31 March of the following year.

Membership fee if applicable \$\_\_\_\_\_
Adult Permits @ \$25 per permit = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total =\$\_\_\_\_\_

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.