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Membership Meeting

Monday, 9 November

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 9 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Guest speaker will be Tom Lightfoot who will report on the recent Club trip to Kodiak.

Cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 16 November

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 16 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Monday, 23 November

Liars and Tyers will meet on Monday 23 November at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. **Note: this is changed from our regular date.** The fly to be tied is the *TM's Improved Mayfly Nymph*. The tying session will be led by pro-

fessional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner

Jim Sorenson



Cool morning temperatures mark a coming change of season. Streams are starting to get skinny, but we still have plenty of upcoming Club activities:

- November 4th is the Project Healing Waters trip to the Lease. This time, we have a larger contingent of women soldiers than usual and women volunteers would be especially welcome.
- Our monthly Club meeting on November 9th features Tom Lightfoot and a presentation on the recent trip to Kodiak.
- November 11th to 15th are the dates for the Club trip to the San Juan. There is still room for any latecomers.
- We will be nominating new Board members at the monthly Board meeting on November 16th. Our Board meetings are open and any Club member is welcome to attend.
- The date for Liars and Tyers has been changed to Monday, November 23rd at 7:00pm.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THE ANNUAL BANQUET to February 20th. There was a scheduling conflict for the United Methodist Church hall. Rather than change the venue, we decided it would be less confusing to change the date. Our speaker is Tim Cammisa whose website is Troutandfeather.com. He is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker regarding both fly tying and Trout fishing.

On Sunday, December 13th, the Club will sponsor a fly casting clinic with Bob and Lee Widgren at Alumni Pond on the NMSU campus. We are still in the planning stage, but we anticipate there will be a begin-

ning session and an advanced session. The clinic will be free to all Club members, so take advantage of this opportunity to improve your casting skills. We will provide more information at upcoming meetings, in the newsletter and by email.

Tight Lines,
Jim



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is in full swing for the 4th quarter of 2015. We had a couple of fishing events in September and we will have several in November and December.

We had 23 participants during our fly tying/casting event on October 28th. This was the wounded warrior resilience program at Ft. Bliss and we will be fishing with this group on November 4th at the lease. This is our BIG event with the fishing and the Cowbells donating the lunch/dinner for all our Vets and volunteers. I expect over 60 to participate in this event.

We also will have the wounded warrior transition battalion soldiers fly tying on November 13th and fishing on the 14th. This is also the San Juan trip but if you are not going on the San Juan trip I could use 4 or 5 volunteers for this.

We had a fund raiser at Dick's Sporting Goods on October 31st. It was one of our best fund raisers with close to \$500 being donated. Thank you all for sup

porting PHW.

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

Casting Clinic

Sunday, 13 December

We have the pleasure of hosting Bob and Lee Widgren from Albuquerque to put on an Intermediate/Advanced casting clinic from 9 to 10:15am and a Beginners Clinic from 10:30 to Noon. Both clinics will be held at the Alumni Pond near the Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. If you are in the intermediate class and would like Bob to cover a certain type of casting technique please contact Bob Silver at 575-642-5865.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible future outings 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:

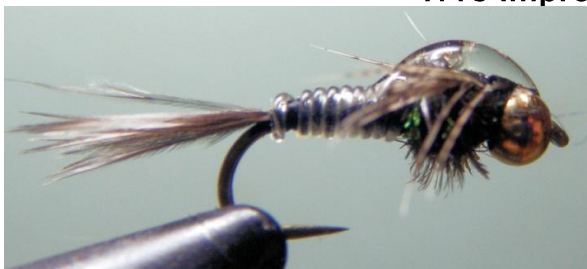
- Fall —annual fall trip to the San Juan

Welcome New Members

Josh Calzada	Las Cruces, NM
Tom Johnson	Las Cruces, NM
Pierre Malochet	Ciudad Juarez, Chi
Gary Meagher	Milwaukee, WI
Jimmy Plane	T or C, NM



TM's Improved Mayfly Nymph



- Hook:** TMC 3617 #14 to #18
- Thread:** Black 8/0 or 70 denier
- Bead:** 3/32" brass bead
- Tail:** grizzly hackle tips
- Body:** clear or black midge tubing or stretch tubing over thread
- Thorax:** peacock herl
- Wing Case:** UV mylar over black mylar tinsel coated with UV Knot Sense.



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2015

Submitted, Chuck Mueller, Acting Secretary

The MVFF Board Meeting was called to order at 7pm, in the NMDG&F conference room by Bob Silver. In attendance were Bob Silver, Gary Mann, Chuck Mueller, Ray Rodriguez and Dennis Lanpher. Non-board members in attendance were Jim Hulsey, Tom Wobbe, Ron Bellerose, Dominique Lujan and Will Labenau.

1. Minutes of the September 2015 Board Meeting were approved as published in the October Newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$14,957. The Treasurer's report was approved by the board.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that current membership is 305 with 102 in Las Cruces, 54 in El Paso, 10 in Alamogordo, 25 in Lubbock and the remaining elsewhere.
4. Ron Bellerose updated the board on upcoming PHW activities:
 - Wednesday October 21st, Fly Tying at NMDG&F from 8-12 noon;
 - Friday October 23rd, Fly Tying at Fort Bliss and Fishing at the lease on Saturday the 24th;
 - Tuesday October 27th, Fly Tying at the VA Clinic;
 - Wednesday October 28th, Fly Tying at NMDG&F and Fly Casting at the Alumni Pond with the Soldiers from Ft Bliss;
 - October 31st, a fund raiser at Dick's Sporting Goods.
5. Will Labenau with the American Fisheries Society, NMSU chapter, would like to schedule a Fly Tying and Casting clinic for AFS in the near future, date to be determined.
6. Speakers: the November meeting will cover Tom Lightfoot's club trip to Kodiak and the December speaker will be Bob Widgren, subject to be determined.
7. Casting Clinic: Bob Widgren will hold a casting clinic Sunday December 13th starting around 8:30am with sessions for beginners, intermediate and advanced class.
8. November's Liars and Tyers will be on Monday, November 23rd.
9. PayPal: Jim Hulsey and Bob Silver are working on setting up the club PayPal account.
10. Stream Improvements: Bob Silver reported that he, along with Chuck Mueller and Ron Bellerose, were at the Lease on Friday the 16th to trim posts and that we are already seeing results after just 3 weeks. Bob also reported that we still have a credit on fence posts to be used for future improvements.
11. Prize Committee has \$2,500 for the February 20th Banquet. They plan to meet in the near future.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.



“ If you fish the wrong fly long and hard enough, it will sooner or later become the right fly.
John Gierach

Quick Look Contact Information

2015 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• V-Pres.:	Vacant
• Secretary:	John Kennedy (612) 720-3456
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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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.

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.

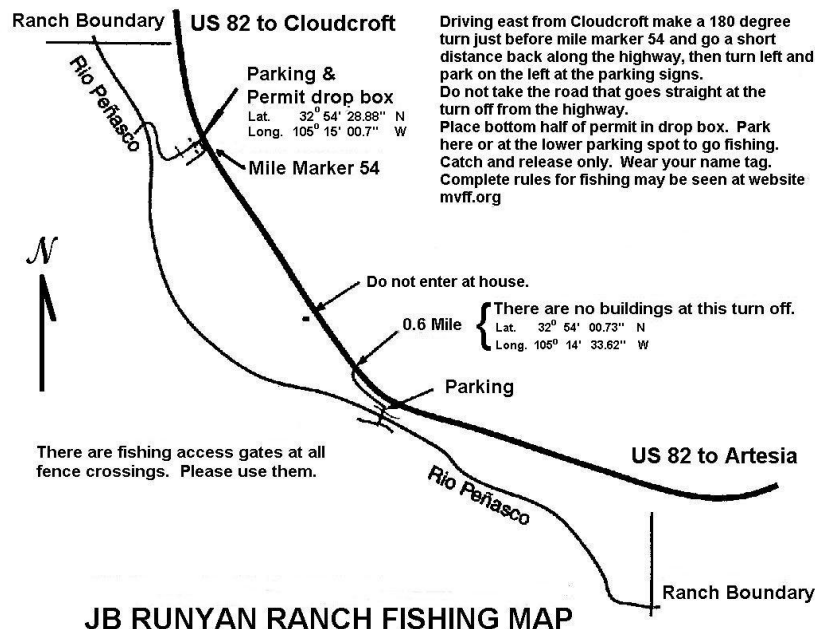
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.