



TALE WATERS

A Monthly Publication of
Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, Inc.
P.O. Box 2222
Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
www.MVFF.org

February

2016



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Membership Meeting	1
Executive Board Meeting	1
Liars and Tyers	1
President's Corner	1
Project Healing Waters	2
Annual Banquet and Raffle	2
Tim Cammisa, Banquet Speaker	2
Items for MVFF Raffles	3
GRG-TU and MVFF Interest Survey	3
Club Outings	3
New Members	3
Fishing Report	4
Recipe for Tying the <i>Renegade</i>	4
Map for Banquet Site	4
Board Meeting Minutes for January	5
GRG-TU and MVFF Interest Survey Form	9

Membership Meeting

The MVFF general membership meeting will not meet in February due to the annual banquet. The next meeting will be in March at the regular time.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 15 February

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 15 February at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 24 February

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 24 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Renegade*. 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

Jim Sorenson



So, my term in office is up. David Carmichael will become the new club president at the banquet next month. David is a far more knowledgeable fly fisher than I and I look forward

to his newsletters and programs. Thanks to everyone for their support during the last two years. I especially want to thank Chuck Mueller for organizing the club trips, Tom Wobbe for keeping us organized and Jim Hulsey for keeping us informed. Without their years of hard work and dedication, the job of president would be impossible and the club would be a lot less active and interesting. So tell them thanks when you see them.

Tim Cammisa is our guest speaker at the annual banquet on February 20th. In addition, Tim will give a fly tying demonstration from 10:00am to noon at the NM Game and Fish Classroom. Tim is an extremely knowledgeable and entertaining fly fisher, fly tier and speaker. Check out his videos on YouTube. We plan to do another stream improvement project the second weekend in March. The vanes and baffles we put in last fall are holding up well and doing their job. I don't know yet how many volunteers we will need, but watch for an email from Tom Wobbe. The Kids' Fishing Clinic is set for April 2nd at Alumni Pond. This is the club's community outreach project and we can always use as many volunteers as we can get, so save the date.

I went to Taos for the annual Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Recovery Team meeting on January 27th and 28th. The meeting involves a number of state and federal agencies and private groups in New Mexico and southern Colorado who share knowledge and coordinate activities in an effort to keep the RGCT off

of the threatened or endangered species list. There are similar groups and efforts underway for the Gila Cutthroat Trout, Blacknose Dace and Rio Grande Chub and Sucker. Of interest to people in our part of the State, it looks like the plan to stock RGCT in the Las Animas River and Bonito Creek won't get underway before 2018.

I came up on Monday night in a snow storm. The Taos area received seven to eight plus inches of snow. Through January 28, 2016, all of the major river basins in New Mexico and southern Colorado are at or above 100% of their median snowpack. Thank you El Niño! More snow in the forecast for the next month, so it should be a good fishing year.

From all reports, fishing at the lease is good. In mid-December, Mary and I (inspired by Bob Widgren's presentation) decided to try Czech nymphing at the lease. After consulting innumerable websites and videos, we got rigged appropriately and ventured forth. In about three hours, we each caught a half dozen or more fish. Mary caught two in the 16" range and I caught one about that size. Outfished again!

Thanks again for all of your support over the last couple of years. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets and don't hesitate to get more involved. We need some new blood in the club's leadership.

Tight Lines,
Jim



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator

Project Healing Waters is going strong at the local level. We still have to set up fly tying and fishing with the wounded warrior resilience program and the wounded warrior transition battalion. Several local vets with disabilities have been to the Alumni pond and casting and catching fish. They stock the pond every two weeks with trout and it's a great place to practice casting and catching trout.

I have seven Vets that are building fly rods this year. We will be starting on February 3rd at the NMG&F con-

ference room. We will be there at 8:30am. Anyone that would like to help with the fly rod building or just look on to maybe build one later on.

We will also have a raffle at the MVFF banquet on February 20th. We will have several items for raffle and several items that we will be looking for a donation for. All this money goes directly to supporting our area Vets. Thank you for all your considerations.

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

Annual Banquet & Raffle

Saturday, February 20, 2016

The annual MVFF banquet and raffle will be held Saturday, February 20, 2016. The banquet will start at 6:00pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, which is where we have had it for the last several years (see map on page 4). Spouses and children are invited.

The guest speaker for the banquet will be *Tim Cammisa*. See the following article for information on Tim.

The club will provide BBQ brisket, pulled pork, sausage, red and green enchiladas and drinks, with members asked to bring salads and desserts.

Several raffles will take place following the dinner and are among the richest (\$4,000) we have ever had. There are many top-of-the-line items. See the list of prizes in the following article. Raffle tickets will be E-mailed soon and will also be available at the January general & fly tying meetings. They will also be available at the banquet. You don't have to be present to win.

Mark your calendar as this is an event you do not want to miss!

Volunteers will be needed to set up the tables and chairs and prepare things in general. Volunteers should arrive about 4pm.

Tim Cammisa, Banquet Speaker

Saturday, February 20

Chuck Mueller

After viewing many of [Tim's videos on YouTube](#) and really enjoying both his tips and tricks on techniques

for Fly Tying, I contacted Tim and he agreed to be our guest speaker for the banquet. As of this month he has had over 1 million views of his videos on YouTube.

A quick bio: Tim lives in western Pennsylvania and has been tying flies for over 25 years. His fly fishing has taken him all over the country, with his "home base" being in the State College just outside of Pittsburgh. Tim started making fly tying tutorials on YouTube and his audience has grown to over 6,500 subscribers. You can view those videos on his website, [Trout & Feather](#).

Tim's topic for the banquet will be "Strategies for Success in Differing Water Types" with his talk consisting of the similarities and differences between strategies used for small stream, spring creeks and freestones, and tailwaters. There will be an emphasis on preparation, rod/line selection, gear, fly choices, reading of the water and reflection.

Tim will hold a fly tying clinic for us on Saturday morning from 9am to Noon. He will be tying several different patterns for us from nymphs, dries to some anchor flies on a jig hook and if time permits the Meat Whistle. You can come and watch or tie along with Tim. In any case, I think you will enjoy this clinic and Tim.

Items for MVFF Raffles

Here's the list of prizes for this year's MVFF Banquet on February 20.

Door Prizes (must be present to win):

There will be a variety of door prizes awarded. Each person present will receive a ticket.

Annual Attendance Prize:

The prize for the 2015 MVFF Attendance drawing winner, taken from the ticket stubs for meetings and formal club events collected throughout the past year, will be a guided trip with Land of Enchantment Guides (Noah Parker).

PHW:

Ron Bellerose will be running a separate raffle during the banquet for a pack and a float tube. Proceeds will go into the PHW fund.

Fund Raiser Raffle:

Rods:

- David Carmichael custom built Sage One rod (\$900 value). See January newsletter for a complete description.
- Custom made 10-foot 4-weight Czech nymphing rod and line (donated by Bob and Lee Widgren from Custom Flyrod Crafters in Albuquerque)
- WINSTON Boron IISX 4 Wt. 9' 4-Pc. (\$795 value)
- TFO TiCrX 9' 5 Wt. 4 Pc. (\$250 value)

Reels:

- HARDY 5-6 Wt. Ultralite model 5000DDD (\$225 value)
- GALVAN O-1 Wt. (\$210 value)
- GREY 3-4 Wt. model GX900 (\$160 value)
- TFO 0-2 Wt. model BVK (\$150 value)
- TFO 0-2 Wt. model BVK (\$150 value)

Gear:

- FISHPOND Gore Range Tech Pack (\$150 value)
- FISHPOND Big Horn Kit Bag (\$68 value)
- BRODIN Cutthroat Net (\$60 value)
- BRODIN Cutthroat Net (\$60 value)
- FOLSTAF Wading Staff (\$130 value)
- Double Rod Case for 9' Rods (\$65 value)

GRG-TU and MVFF Interest Survey

Jeff Arterburn is interested in getting member's input on possible joint (TU/MVFF) projects and activities for the coming year. To that end, he has prepared a survey form that he would like interested members to fill out and return to him. The form can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

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:

- May 3 - 7—trip to Lee's Ferry. See following article.
- Oct. 1 - 9 trip to Kodiak. Contact Tom Lightfoot (575-521-4546) for info.

Welcome New Members

Evan Claassen

T or C, NM

Fishing Report

Editor's Note:—Chase Tucker, one of our members from Lubbock, sent us this report which was received on 11 January.

Just wanted to give you an update with how last weekend went. It was a little slow, but picked up in the afternoon. The fish were being picky, and after throwing a handful of flies, we found that Hare's Ears and Pheasant Tails were the go-to patterns. Beautiful sunny day, with temperatures



getting up in the mid 40's. Water was clear, and the ground wasn't as muddy as the week before. I decided to use my Orvis Clearwater 2wt and personally caught about 9 rainbows, and probably 20 chubs (this was getting a little annoying - ha ha). However, I had a good fight on the 2wt with a nice chunky 18" rainbow (first fish of the day actually)! I will definitely be back soon!



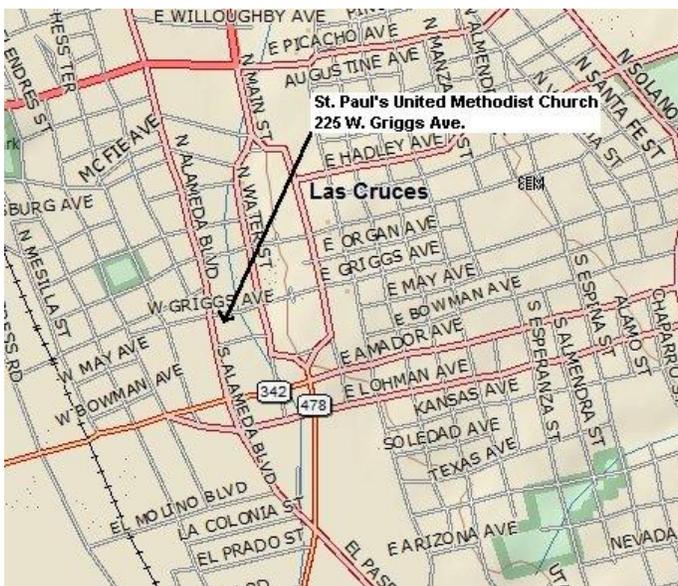
Renegade



- Thread:**—8/0 black Uni or 70 denier UTC black
- Hook:**—#14 to #20 standard dry fly hook (TMC 100 preferred)
- Tag:**—flat gold tinsel
- Hackle:**—brown dry fly hackle back
White dry fly hackle front (Whiting preferred)
- Body:** —peacock herl
- Optional rib:** —fine gold wire



Map showing Location for Banquet



The parking area for St. Paul's is on the south side and can be entered from N. Alameda Blvd. Entry to the church is through the double doors facing the parking area and closest to Alameda.





MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 18, 2015
Submitted, John Kennedy, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Jim Sorenson. Board members present were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, David Carmichael, Dennis Lanpher, John Kennedy, Ray Rodriguez and Jeff Arterburn. Non-Board members in attendance were Ron Bellerose, Tom Wobbe, Jim Hulsey and Paul Turner. Will Lubenau and Dominique Lujan from the American Fisheries Society were also in attendance.

1. Minutes of the December 15, 2015 Board meeting were approved as published in the January, 2016 issue of the newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$11,861. The Treasurer's report was accepted and approved.
3. Tom Wobbe reported the Club's membership at 321; 34 from the Lubbock area; Las Cruces at 80-85; 50 El Paso; 10 Alamogordo; 8 from Carlsbad, etc. 287 permits were sold in 2015.
4. Ron Bellerose reported on Project Healing Waters. 2015 was a very successful year. Future outings include the Wounded Warriors Transition Team going to the University pond; and a spring outing for the Fort Bliss disabled Veterans. Ron is going to attend a conference in March in Orlando, Fla., a 3 day event.
5. Jeff Arterburn reported for the Gila/Rio Grande chapter of Trout Unlimited. Jeff recently attended a T.U. recovery meeting. Several topics were discussed including recreational gila trout restocking recently done between Lake Roberts and Gila Forest area. Other areas are being studied for suitable habitat restocking.
6. The American Fisheries Society annual meeting will be scheduled in Flagstaff, Arizona.
7. The Annual Meeting and Banquet will be on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at St. Paul's Methodist Church. The Guest Speaker will be Tim Cammisa. Fly tying that day will be from 10am to 12:30pm at the NMDG&F Conference Room. Tim will tie 3 to 4 patterns. At the Banquet and Raffle he will discuss fishing stream tactics, tailwaters and freestone. Bob Widgren has donated a Czech Nymph rod for the raffle.
8. The NM Game and Fish Commission Reform effort was discussed. MVFF will not take a position at this time. The Fish Action Plan has not yet come up before Game & Fish.
9. The NM Wildlife Federation Public Lands Rally for 1/21/2016 was discussed.
10. Round 2 of our Lease Stream Improvements project will probably take place the 2nd weekend in March. More later.
11. Club Officers elected for 2016 are: David Carmichael, President; Jim Sorenson, Vice-President; John Kennedy, Secretary and Gary Mann, Treasurer.
12. We are looking for speakers for the March and May general meetings.
13. The Kids Clinic will be on Saturday, April 2 at the University Pond. MVFF will supply some prizes, pizza and drinks. \$600 was approved for expenses.

The next Board meeting will be February 15, 2016.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.



Quick Look Contact Information

2016 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
• V-Pres.:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Secretary:	John Kennedy (612) 720-3456
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1:	David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	Ray Rodriguez (575) 524-9420
• Position 5:	John Kennedy (612) 720-3456
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• Position 9:	Dennis Lanpher (575) 642-2946
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

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.

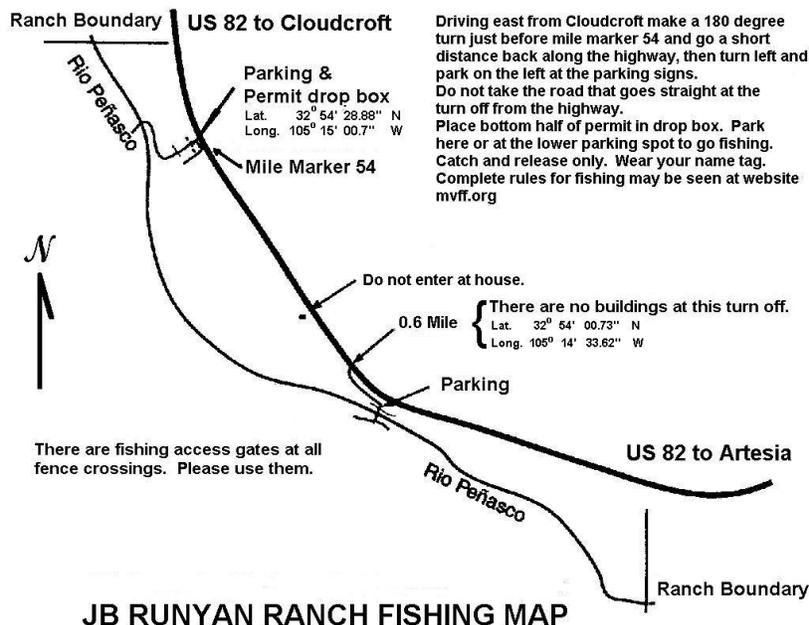
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS, INC.

PO Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

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.

GRG-TU and MVFF Interest Survey: Planning Projects and Activities for 2016

Your Name_____ _email_____

Please let us know what you are interested? Check (✓) areas and include any comments and/or suggestions you have to help us plan events and activities for 2016.

__1) Projects to improve fisheries and watershed habitat, fire recovery, and native trout restoration efforts involving Gila Trout and Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout.

Comments:

__2) Improving and enjoying recreational fishing opportunities in Southern New Mexico.

Comments:

__3) Youth and Education: Kid's Fishing Clinics & Derby's, "Trout in the Classroom", Boys/Girls Scouting, working with College Students American Fisheries Society, Other_____.

Comments:

__4) Women's Initiatives to provide more opportunities for women to share their knowledge and enthusiasm, network and get more women involved in fishing and conservation activities.

Comments:

__5) Involving/Engaging Membership (Organizational Roles):

Local events organization/coordination, Committee 1-4; fundraising, events, grants (federal, state, private); communications; membership; Legislative; Other _____

Comments:

__6) Trout Unlimited Board Member/Officer (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) NM-TU State Council Representative/National); Other _____

Comments:

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780), Trout Unlimited

Please Respond or Return Completed Survey's to:

Jeff Arterburn: jeffgilatu@aol.com
105 Pecan Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 649-9729

