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Membership Meeting

Monday, 13 March

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 13 March at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The guest speaker will be well known New Mexico fly fishing personality, Taylor Streit. He will discuss portions of his latest book, *Instinctive Fly Fishing*, and fishing opportunities in the vicinity of Taos, New Mexico. See a short bio on Taylor later in this newsletter. Should be great! Doors will open at 6:30pm and cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 20 March

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 20 March at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 22 March

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 22 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Flashback Stonefly 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

David Carmichael



Anyone paying attention to the news of the day has probably heard some of the renewed complaints about national monuments and the Antiquities Act. While much of the recent rhetoric about alleged federal overreach has focused on the new Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, comments about our own Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument are in the news as well. Late last month, an editorial was published in the *Las Cruces Sun-News* and the *El Paso Times* defending our monument from renewed attack, coming in part from our own Congressional representative Steve Pearce. Pearce was active in the opposition to the monument and now he wants to work with the new President to "modify" it, against the wishes of the majority of his constituents. Moreover, nearly everyone who lives near National Park Service lands recognizes the economic benefits of that proximity, including Las Cruces officials, realtors and business owners. Nevertheless, the efforts of the few to divest the many continue.

Representative Steve Pearce (R-NM) has co-sponsored six pieces of legislation that cover land seizure, attacks to the Antiquities Act, and

legislation that would prioritize logging over recreation and open new areas to roads and clear cutting. (Steve Casmiro, *Adventure Journal*, April 11, 2016)

In my job as a professor of anthropology and archaeology, I regularly teach a course on environmental law, cultural and heritage resources preservation, and public policy development. Given the apparent confusion and misunderstandings about the Antiquities Act, I thought perhaps it would be useful to provide some background information about the law.

Like most environmental laws and regulations, the Antiquities Act of 1906 was not forced upon us by an oppressive government; it was demanded by an outraged public. As far back as 1889, researchers on the privately funded Hemenway Southwestern Archaeological Expedition reported serious damage caused by looters at the site of Casa Grande, Arizona. [Note: looting is the archaeological equivalent of poaching.] Within the following decade, it was discovered that the site of Pueblo Bonito in Chaco Canyon had been looted, and some of the stolen artifacts were sent to the Swedish Museum in Stockholm. As American citizens became aware of the magnificent geological features and prehistoric settlements found in the western U.S., there was growing concern that these resources were being permanently damaged. In response, private citizens, preservation groups and professional researchers demanded that Congress take action to protect our national treasures. The legislation that eventually became the Antiquities Act of

1906 took six years to write, spanning three sessions of Congress and involving seven versions of the bill. It was signed in June of 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt.

The Antiquities Act authorizes the President to declare by proclamation national monuments containing historic landmarks, prehistoric sites and other objects of historic or scientific interest on lands owned by the U.S. government. Important, well known archaeological resources such as El Morro National Monument in New Mexico, Montezuma Castle National Monument, Arizona, and Scotts Bluff National Monument, Nebraska have been protected by the Antiquities Act.

More recently, some monuments have been designated to protect multiple resources, and multiple types of resources, rather than just a single site. So, for example, Bears Ears National Monument is helping to preserve many archaeological sites and Native American sacred areas, as well as prominent geological formations. But in addition, it is also “ensuring continued access to some of the best elk hunting, not just in the state, but the world” (Chris Carling, media representative for the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo). In our area, the Organ Mountains–Desert Peaks National Monument protects literally thousands of archaeological sites and many holy sites that are sacred to the Mescalero Apaches, the Piro–Manso–Tiwas, and other Native Americans in the region. Some recently designated national monuments even contain excellent opportunities for fly fishing, such as



Organ Mountains near Aquirre Springs



Sunset over the Organ Mountains–Desert Peaks National Monument with Mt. Riley in the distance

Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, California; Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, New Mexico; and Browns Canyon National Monument near Buena Vista, Colorado (links below).

(https://www.blm.gov/nlcs_web/sites/ca/st/en/prog/nlcs/Berryessa_Snow_Mountain.html)

(https://www.blm.gov/publish/content/nm/en/prog/NLCS/RGDN_NM.html)

(<https://www.fs.fed.us/visit/browns-canyon-national-monument>)

Not all national monuments contain waters that are precious to fly fishers, but they all contain features, historic sites, holy places or other resources that are precious to someone. If we want other outdoor enthusiasts to be supportive of fly angling and our continued access to fishing opportunities, it behooves us to respect the process embodied in the Antiquities Act, and support national monuments as part of the overall program of conservation in our country.

By stealing the lands where Americans recreate outdoors, the land heist threatens to destroy one of our nation's largest industries. Whether you enjoy fishing, hiking, whitewater rafting, skiing, hunting, stargazing, or camping, this affects you. (Wes Siler, outsideonline.com, Feb. 7, 2017)

In a nation like ours, our world is run by those who show up, and run best by those who show up informed and with clear suggestions and demands. Our national monuments provide some of the greatest hunting opportunities in the world. They will remain so as long as hunters get involved, and stay involved, in the public process. (Hal Herring, *Field and Stream*)

The same can be said for fishing opportunities and the involvement of anglers. We have an excellent opportunity to become actively involved in the planning process right now. The Gila National Forest recently released the Preliminary Environmental Assessment for *Restoration of Gila Trout and other Native Fishes to Whitewater Creek, New Mexico*. Whitewater Creek is one of my favorite fisheries, and I'm sure many other club members love it too. We have an opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) and show our support for the efforts to restore

the stream and reestablish a native trout fishery. The comment period runs through March 14, 2017, and comments may be submitted by mail, email, fax or in person. The text of the EA is available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/gila/landmanagement/projects>. I urge you to consider reviewing the EA and providing your comments to the USFS. By responding to opportunities to comment, we help ensure that government agencies will continue to solicit our involvement in the future.



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator

Project Healing Waters is going strong with several fly tying events scheduled for each month. We now have one event scheduled at the Las Cruces VA Clinic on the last Wednesday of each month.

We have the first and third Wednesday's of the month fly tying at *Counseling Las Cruces*, thanks to Crystal Tapia. We also have some of our Vets and Club members attending the Club fly tying events.

We had a great fishing trip to Arizona last month with several rainbows caught, all over 18 inches. First time to catch a trout with a fly rod for several of the Vets.

Expect to have a slower March due to other commitments that I will have to attend to. Expecting to recruit a PHW participant/volunteer to become the alternate PHW lead. Individual has been with the program for several years now and is an excellent fly tier and knows how to catch fish with the fly rod. He has also built several fly rods and is ready to become a volunteer. Hope to get a fishing trip to the lease this month.

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.

LADY ANGLERS UPDATE

The Lady Anglers, a group of women MVFF members who love to fly fish and have a good time doing it, will be taking their annual spring fishing trip to the Rio Peñasco on April 27–30 this year. The group will fish the MVFF lease and the Mulcock Ranch. The fall trip, a return to Almont, Colorado, and the Gunnison area, will be on October 1–5. Information on the Lady Angler trips is made available to women on our e-mail list and through announcements in the Club newsletter and at monthly Club meetings. The only requirement for joining us is Club membership and beginners are welcome. To join our e-mail list, or for more information, contact Mary Hoffman at 505-710-5229 or Helen Zagona at 575-532-5668.



Taylor Streit Bio

March speaker is well known New Mexico fly fishing personality, Taylor Streit. He will discuss portions of his latest book, *Instinctive Fly Fishing*, and fishing opportunities in the vicinity of Taos, New Mexico.

Taylor Streit was wading the fabled waters of New York's Catskills before he was 10, and tying flies commercially and guiding in his teens. He moved to northern New Mexico in the late 1960s, where he opened Taos Fly Shop. He has guided fishermen for 40 years, primarily in New Mexico, but in the Bahamas and Argentina as well. Guiding is what has paid the bills: "There's been no trust fund or endorsements; if the clients don't catch, we don't eat." In 2001 Taylor was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame as a legendary guide. He has authored four books on



fly fishing: *Fly Fishing New Mexico*, *Man vs. Fish—The Fly*

Fisherman's Eternal Struggle, and *Instinctive Fly Fishing (I and II)*. He has developed a number of fly patterns, including the mighty Poundmeister, and he writes and does photography for various magazines and periodicals. He recently relocated to Truth or Consequences, and his son Nick now runs the Taos Fly Shop (taosflyshop.com) (<https://youtu.be/dSuiPHqUFmI>), but Taylor continues to conduct fly fishing schools annually. He will have books for sale and literature on his fly fishing schools available at the club meeting.

Open Comment Period for Whitewater Creek Gila Trout Restoration

The Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the proposed Whitewater Creek Gila Trout Recovery Project has been posted, and a Comment Period is now open until March 14th. The proposed action (Alternative One) would restore Gila trout and the other specified native fishes to Whitewater Creek and its tributaries after successful removal of non-native salmonids. This project consists of three major components: 1) Removal of Non-native Salmonids; 2) Stocking of Gila trout, speckled dace, desert sucker, and Sonora sucker once removal of non-native salmonids has been confirmed, with the goal of establishing viable and self-sustaining populations; and 3) Reconstruction and maintenance of the Whitewater Trail (#207) to provide public access. The Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited enthusiastically supports this project.

These documents are available through the USFS Gila National Forest –Projects Page: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/gila/landmanagement/projects>.

The direct links to documents are listed below:

Stakeholder letter:

http://a123.g.akamai.net/7/123/11558/abc123/forestservic.download.akamai.com/11558/www/nepa/103671_FSPLT3_3949592.pdf

Preliminary Environmental Assessment:

http://a123.g.akamai.net/7/123/11558/abc123/forestservic.download.akamai.com/11558/www/nepa/103671_FSPLT3_3949591.pdf

You can submit your comments by email, including attachments (.doc, .rtf, .txt, or .html) to this address: comments-southwestern-gila.fs.fed.us.

Rio Grande Gorge–Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout stocking Monday, Mar. 27th, 2017

Volunteers are needed to help pack and stock fingerling RGCT in the Rio Grande Gorge. There are ~5,000 lively native trout raised at the Seven Spring State Fish Hatchery that will be packed down into the Rio Grande Gorge on one of the Wild River trails near Questa, NM. The hike down, stocking, and hike up should take about 3–4 hours. Volunteers should plan to carry about 2–4 gallons of water in plastic bags with 50–150 trout. Participants should bring a backpack, good hiking boots, sunscreen, drinking water, hat, lunch, and fishing gear for those interested in spending a little more time in the canyon. The group will meet at the La Junta trailhead in the BLM Wild Rivers at 10:00 AM on March 27th. To get to the La Junta trailhead from Questa drive north on Highway 522, after about 2.5 miles turn west (left) onto Highway 378. Continue on Highway 378 through Cerro and into the Wild Rivers area. Highway 378 will eventually head south along the gorge rim. Continue on Highway 378 until you see the La Junta trailhead sign.

For Questions or more details contact: Laurence D'Alessandro, Coldwater Fisheries Biologist, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish: 505-476-8103, Email: Laurence.Dalessandro@state.nm.us.

Planning for Willow Creek Work Project

April 2017

Planning is in progress for a volunteer effort that will involve habitat assessments and identification of habitat improvement strategies for Willow Creek. The project is funded by a grant from the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance. Our initial efforts to access the site to deploy temperature and



flow intermittency data loggers, and to select habitat assessment study reaches was delayed due to snow (a very good reason!). This effort will be rescheduled when weather permits and in coordination with NMDGF biologists planning to sample Gila trout for streamside spawning and collection of environmental DNA samples for analysis by USFS biologists. The big volunteer effort will take place in April; the dates are still to be determined at this time, so if you are interested please send an email to: jeffgilatu@aol.com.

Beginners and Intermediate Fly Fishing Class

How many people would like to attend a beginners and perhaps an intermediate fly fishing class? If you are interested please send us your email address and we will pick dates for the class. The classes will be in the evening and they will be held on the NMSU campus. Tentatively we plan to have another beginner's class and if there is enough interest an intermediate class as well. Send your email address to Bob Silver at rsilver@nmsu.edu.

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:

- April 27–30—Lady Anglers trip to the Rio Peñasco.
- October 1–5—Lady Anglers trip to the Gunnison area of Colorado.
- Autumn—Club trip to the San Juan.
- Autumn—Club trip to Kodiak, AK.

Welcome New Members

Henry F. Martin	Alamogordo, NM
Richard Quick	Las Cruces, NM
Rick & Annette Patton	Las Cruces, NM
Gil Trujillo	Las Cruces, NM



Flash Back Stonefly Nymph



- Hook:** Curved Nymph hook TMC 200R or equivalent Daiichi 1730 Stonefly hook sizes #6 to #14
- Bead:** copper bead to match hook size
- Tail:** goose or turkey biots black
- Body:** Black sparkle braid
- Rib:** Medium Ultra wire copper or brassie size to match hook
- Thorax:** peacock herl
- Wing case:** think skin turkey or black with pearl mylar flash over the top, apply UV knot sense or epoxy
- Legs:** rubber medium round legs
- Optional Antenna** goose or turkey biots black



Rod Building Class

We had seven members build their first fly rod this year. They will finish their rods by March 11th.





MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 20, 2017

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order by President David Carmichael at 7:00pm. in the NMDG&F Conference room. Board members present were: Jeff Arterburn (Secretary), David Carmichael (President), Evan Claassen, Tom Johnson (Vice President), Will Lubenau, Chuck Mueller and Bob Silver. Board Members absent were: Dennis Lanpher and Gary Mann (Treasurer). Non-Board members in attendance were: Ron Bellerose, Jim Hulse, Dominique Lujan and Tom Wobbe.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the January 9, 2017 Board meeting were approved as published in the February 2017 issue of the newsletter.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer's report and current account balance statement of \$13,453 was presented by Tom Wobbe, and accepted by the Board.
3. **Membership Report.** Tom Wobbe reported that the distribution list consists of 372 email contacts. The list of current/active members will be updated. There have been 8 new members so far this year (Jan-Feb). The 2017 Banquet Recap showed 85 attendees, the amount of food provided was agreed to be appropriate for the event. Reconciliation of expenses and funds raised showed a net (-\$324) that was more favorable than the previous five years. Fishing permit sales for 2016 totaled 257 transactions.
4. **Project Healing Waters.** Ron Bellerose reported that the PHW raffle at the banquet was successful. Ron attended the PHW organizational meeting in Long Beach, California on Feb 18-19. He reported that a lot is happening within the organization: a new CEO, administrative and quarterly report procedures transitioning to new electronic formats, policy changes requiring program leads to have background checks, and other operational changes. PHW has developed a successful casting competition program, which may also be of general interest for MVFF events. Ron also reported on the recent trip to Silver Creek AZ trip that was

made possible with the help of the Tucson branch of PHW, during which Ron and Jim Sorenson facilitated 2 veterans who experienced "tremendous" fishing. Ron is planning for a possible return trip March 26-28. Ron and the Veterans group are holding thrice-monthly fly tying sessions, with 2 sessions at the Counseling Center, Las Cruces, on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10 am-12 pm, and the 3rd session taking place on the last Wednesday of month at the VA clinic on Don Rosa from 1-3 pm. Ron has also been contacted by the Manager of the Las Cruces Sportsman's Warehouse, Bill Batt, with regards to "FlyTying 101" sessions to be held on Saturdays from 12-2 pm. The Board is supportive and will help to coordinate these activities with Ron, with more planning and details to be reported as they develop.

5. **Gila/Rio Grande chapter of Trout Unlimited.** Jeff Arterburn reported on the successful outcomes from the booth at the Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo, during which he, Ron, Dave, and Bob made contact with a large number of attendees and distributed information about the TU, MVFF and PHW programs and activities. A free youth raffle for a TU-sponsored L.L. Bean fly rod outfit attracted almost 100 entries and the winner was a very happy and excited Makayla McCabe. The Willow Creek project funded by the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance is underway and TU has purchased the temperature data-loggers for in-stream installation, and the TU contractor has adapted survey assessment protocols for the upcoming work project in April (dates TBD). Preliminary survey dates are being planned, as weather and snow pack conditions allow. Jeff and Brad Shuster will attend the NM-TU Council Meeting March 4-5, held at Coopers El Vado Lodge, with plans for site visits to TU conservation project sites in the area, and the new catch & release section of the Chama where funding for special regulation signage is needed. A volunteer stock-

ing of Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout in the Rio Grande Gorge will be held on March 27th. The Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the proposed Whitewater Creek. Gila Trout Recovery Project has been posted, and a Comment Period is now open until March 14th. TU enthusiastically supports this project that will restore Gila Trout and other native fish (Desert Sucker, Sonora Sucker, and Speckled Dace) to this watershed, following removal of non-native fish, and will re-build access trails.

6. **American Fisheries Society.** Will Lubeneau reported that the student groups would like to have a basic fly rod gear and casting class, which the Board agrees to provide, and he will check with students to identify the best time. There is also interest in a subsequent fishing day. The Departmental Banquet will be held on April 20th, with fund raising Raffle and Silent Auction. Details will be provided as they are finalized.
7. **General Meeting Speakers/Presentations.** The schedule for General Meeting's has been finalized: March 13th (Taylor Streit, "Instinctive Fly Fishing"); April 10th (Laurence D'Alessandro "Special Trout Waters"); May 8th (Jason Amaro "Fly Fishing for Smallmouth Bass in NM's Gila River").
8. **Club Fishing Trips.** Evan Claassen is interested in organizing a trip to the Gila that will target fishing for smallmouth bass, and he will be identifying interested members, and planning for possible dates.
9. **Kid's Fishing Clinic.** The annual clinic will be held Saturday March 25th, 9am-2 pm, and NMDGF will be stocking trout for the event. The Board has previously authorized Tom Wobbe to purchase rod combinations (100), prizes and food/drinks. The club will need help running stations, setting up canopy, ice chest, pizza's, etc.

10. **Other News & Events.** Chuck reported that the Rod building class is going well, with 7 rod's under construction. Another 3 members have expressed interest in building rods, and Chuck will coordinate with them. Bob Silver initiated a discussion regarding the involvement of the MVFF organization in the ongoing Public Lands debate, and advocacy of issues relating to fishing that are important for the club members. The consensus of the Board was to address specific issues on a case-by-case basis, and Members are encouraged to express their individual views. David Carmichael raised the topic of electronic payment management for permit sales, membership renewals, etc. and identified a commercial provider able to do this, for a price. The option of MVFF implementing PayPal for memberships and permits was revisited, and Bob Silver and Tom Johnson will plan to continue investigating these options, and discussing the associated web page management with Jim Hulsey, and will return with further recommendations. A Request for another Beginner's Fly Fishing Class has been received, and Bob Silver and Jeff Arterburn will coordinate possible dates for holding classes. Bob Widgren contacted Bob Silver, regarding a young man with special needs living in Las Cruces, who is very interested in learning to fly fish, and desiring an opportunity for mentoring help using a special Widgren-designed fly rod. Bob Silver volunteered and will host a trip to the lease. Plans are developing to investigate the possibility of hosting the Fly Fishing Film Tour. MVFF merchandise has been selling well, and needs to be re-ordered. The Board sends well-wishes to longtime MVFF friends Sam Moore and Alison Mann, both of whom are recovering from recent health issues.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

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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.

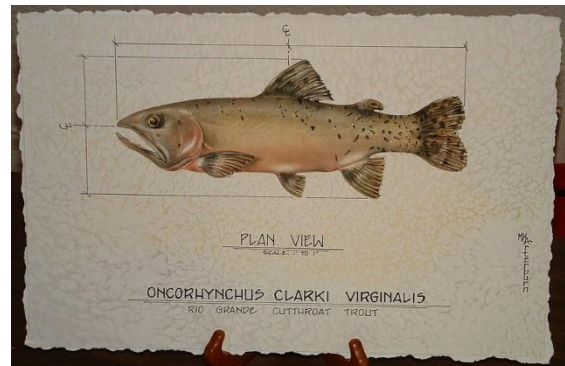
Even though the fund is endowed additions can be made to it at any time. The larger the fund, the more earnings are available for award. If you are interested in contributing please make checks out to the **NMSU Foundation** and on the "for" line of the check, identify "Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship 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.

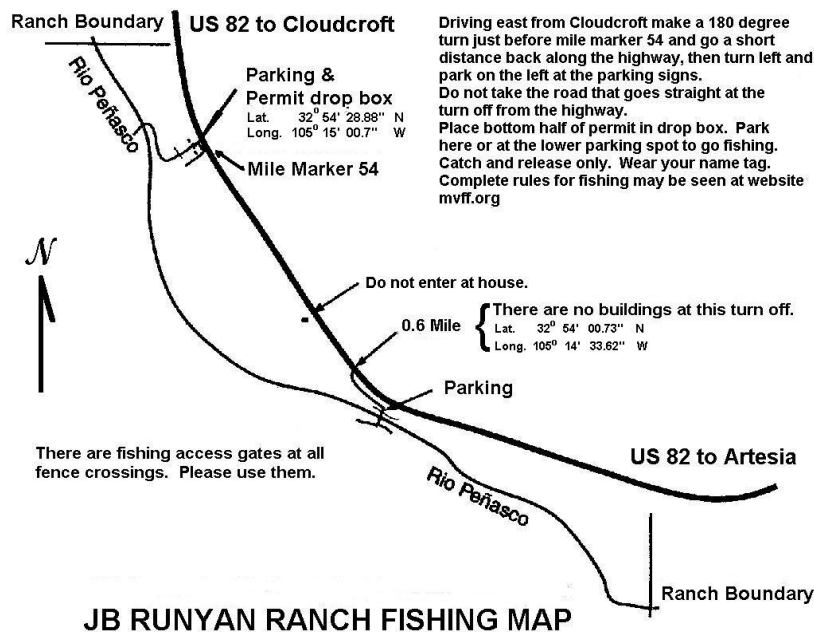
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



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.