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Membership Meeting

Monday, 8 October

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 8 October at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The program will feature a presentation by Club member Tom Johnson. Tom will tell us all about fly fishing the River Nore in Ireland. Please join us for an interesting and informative presentation!

Doors will open at 6:30pm and cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 15 October

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

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 24 October

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

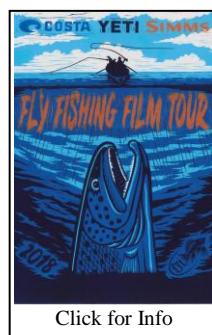
David Carmichael

High Country Reverie



We all know that trout live in beautiful places, and visiting those places is one of the reasons we enjoy the sport of fly fishing. Yet, the enjoyment of fly angling is often not in the destination but in the journey. The very process of finding and then traveling to the high country can evoke feelings of awe, wonder, calm and solace. Driving up from the valley floor in the first rays of morning sunlight, I am struck by the silvery glow of the ripening grasses and Apache plume, backlit and nodding in the gentle breeze. The scent of roasting chili and sagebrush float up the canyon, mingling with the pungent aroma of juniper and ripening apples. Wild sunflowers and asters nestle in the crevices and crannies of the cliffs making up the canyon walls. The air cools gradually (5.3 degrees per 1,000 ft.) as I gain altitude, and the dew still sparkles on the grass in the high mountain meadows. The air is filled with the distinctive scent of thyme leaf dogweed as clouds of mayflies rise off the water in their timeless mating ritual. The aspens are just starting to turn golden, and I am infused by another early fall morning in the high country --- where trout live and where the soul is rejuvenated.

When we enter such special places, wherever they are throughout the west, we often do so for the privilege of pursuing trout. If we remember to bring our rods and reels, it is indeed a fishing trip. If we forget some key component of our gear, the outing becomes a picnic. If we forget lunch, it becomes a hike. But it's all good. All of those activities are wonderful op-



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opportunities to appreciate nature and find a respite from the desert heat and the rush of the urban world below.

Losses on the Horizon

Here are some of the people who are presently trying to take those experiences and our high country sanctuary away from us:

- Congress has allowed the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to expire (*The Trust for Public Land*, 10/1/2018). The LWCF was established by Congress in 1964 in a bipartisan effort to safeguard natural areas and provide recreational opportunities for Americans in every state. It has been an extremely successful and popular program, assisting in the protection and maintenance of National Parks, wildlife refuges, National Forests, rivers and lakes habitats, and community parks. The LWCF has been one of the most important sources of funding for conservation initiatives, and all 33 counties in New Mexico have had projects funded by the program. The revenues are derived from a portion of the royalties collected by the government from oil companies conducting offshore drilling in public waters on the continental shelf. As with other recent policy shifts made by the current administration, it seems that allowing the fund to expire is intended to increase the profits of those in the extractive industries at the expense of everyone else, including anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts. If you would like more information, or would like to express concerns to your elected officials, The Trust for Public Land (www.tpl.org) and the LWCF Coalition (www.lwcfcoalition.com) would be good places to start.
- While the proposed Pebble Mine in the Bristol Bay watershed and the renewal of its permitting process by the Trump administration has been widely discussed in the media, the permit for the proposed Donlin Mine has proceeded with much less public awareness and attention. The Donlin Mine

would consist of a 2 square mile open pit located 10 miles north of Crooked Creek, Alaska. In addition to the large resultant tailing piles, the environmental impacts would include 315 miles of new pipeline, nine new airstrips, and numerous new roads. If developed, it will have extensive and permanent adverse impacts on the natural environment and the many communities located along the Kuskokwin River. The mine is a direct threat to subsistence and commercial salmon fishing on the river and to all those Alaskans whose livelihood depend on the natural resources of the area. If you would like more information on the status of that project and how to help support those whose lives would be disrupted by the quest for short term profit, please visit www.akaction.org.

- Mining fever coming soon to our own backyard? An Australian-owned mining company (why is it almost always foreign companies?) has proposed to create the Copper Flat Mine near Hillsboro, NM, about 10 miles west of Caballo Lake. The proposed mine would draw a large amount of water from the Animas drainage to create a ponding area so large it would require a 2 mile long dam to hold the water. The ore extraction pit will penetrate 200 feet deeper than the water table, thus dewatering the local aquifer. The mine would threaten the southernmost population of Rio Grande cutthroat trout just upstream and the rare Arizona sycamore, not to mention potential impacts to Hatch chili production, pecans, or other downstream agricultural pursuits. Mine permit hearings started on September 24th in T or C, and a second round of hearings will occur from October 23–26. To find out where the hearings will be held and to learn more about the likely impacts of the proposed mine, see the No Copper Flat Mine website at <https://nocopperflatmine.com> or contact Taylor Streit through the Taos Fly Shop (<https://taosflyshop.com>).



Stormy sunset over White Sands viewed from Fresnal Canyon, Lincoln National Forest

- Trump administration officials have signed an agreement that would open the Tongass National Forest and the 800-year old trees in its pristine old-growth forest to clearcutting and road construction. The Tongass presently generates \$2 billion in economic activity from salmon runs, commercial and sport fisheries, tourism and recreation, but all of this would be lost if the administration's planned timber sales to large lumber companies go through. Most of the timber cut on public lands isn't even used in the United States; it is exported, mostly to Japan in log form rather than as finished lumber. The Sierra Club is mobilizing to fight this policy change in court. For more information see the Labroots website <https://www.labroots.com/trending/earth-and-the-environment/8238/congress-fell-tongass-s-800-year-old-trees> or the Sierra Club website.
- The Sierra Club also recently reported (*press release, September 6, 2018*) that the Trump administration has announced that the US Forest Service will allow companies to pursue sulfide ore mining leases immediately adjacent to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the cornerstone of northern Minnesota's economy. The BWCA has long been on my bucket list; I've known several anglers who speak of the unparalleled opportunities to canoe, portage and camp in pristine wilderness while fishing for trout, walleye, smallmouth bass and northern pike. Leachates from mining activities are incompatible with established land use in the region and are a direct and dire threat to healthy fisheries. For more information, visit www.sierraclub.org.



New Mexico high country, Cruces Basin Wilderness

Although I have expressed some hope and guarded optimism that our current administration would show some concern for the environmental health and preservation of our public lands, it now seems clear that such is simply not the case. For this administration, public lands are only for exploitation by the extractive industries. How would clear-cut logging look in any of these photos? How would mining activities look in or near any of these photos? How would heavy metals and the leakage of corrosive liquids be compatible with the long term health of cold water fisheries?



Hidden waters in the Sierra, Yosemite National Park

Club News

The club lease was stocked with 500 trout on September 29th. Thanks to all the club members and their kids who help carry the buckets, especially to those areas that were/are difficult to reach with vehicles. The water was clean and clear, and some of the stockers were already feeding by mid-afternoon. I caught several trout in areas with faster moving water below riffles using San Juan worms, but the largest fish (16+ inches) were those caught in slow moving water with a Peñasco chub pattern streamer. The cottonwood leaves are starting to turn yellow and the temperatures were pleasant all day, so now would be a

good time to get out and enjoy the lease.

Next month the club will host our second Fly Fishing Film Tour event at Ardivino's Desert Crossing in Sunland Park, NM. The event will be on Sunday, November 11. This year ticket sales will be handled in person at our club meetings and at the door, or online using the MVFF PayPal account. Purchasing tickets directly through the PayPal account is recommended, as it will give us the most accurate estimate of the number of members who plan to attend as we get closer to the event. Price will be \$35 for lunch, a

couple of hours of fly fishing films, and several raffles, the details of which are discussed elsewhere in the newsletter. Let's get the signups going!



Ron Bellerose
PHWFF Coordinator



Project Healing Waters has completed its time as an official PHW. It is sad but no one came forward to take over as program lead. I have delivered the fly rods, vises and fly tying material to the Tucson and Phoenix PHW groups. I will be working with them as a volunteer in the future. The MVFF club will take up the slack and work with our Vets, their spouses and children of the local area. We will also work with Ft. Bliss Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion to get them fly tying and fishing. More later on just what we will be doing in the future. It has been great working with the club and the Vets. Thanks to all who supported fishing with the Battalion on the 28th of September at Grindstone Lake. Volunteers were Alfred Lopez, Carl Lieberwirth, Tracy Lieberwirth, Ted Hopkins, Jim Sorenson, Ray Kirby, Irish Stephens and Oscar Moreno. Oscar made a special effort and provided the lunch for all. Thank you so much.

Next newsletter will not have a PHW section but may be a different title. Thank you all for your support.

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

Mary Hoffman



The Lady Anglers is a group of women MVFF members who love to fly fish and have fun doing it. Our fall trip to the upper Rio Grande in Colorado was unfortunately cancelled due to water conditions. No other trips are planned at this time but

stay tuned. In the meantime, individual members of the group continue to fish in New Mexico and elsewhere.



Lady Angler Alison Mann with a 21-inch cutthroat caught in the Coeur d'Alene river in Idaho in September.



Some of the Lady Anglers enjoying a day at Mulcock Ranch on the Rio Peñasco—(Photo by Jorge Salgado for El Paso Inc. Magazine, Fall 2018)

Information on Lady Angler events and fishing trips is made available to all women on our e-mail list and through announcements in the MVFF newsletter and at monthly club meetings. Beginners are welcome and the only requirement for joining us is MVFF membership. To add your name to the e-mail list, or for more information, contact Mary Hoffman at 505-710-5229.

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Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

By Jeff Arterburn, President

Trout Unlimited Response to Commentary



The letter to the editor reproduced below was published in the Las Cruces Sun News Sept.

16, 2018. The links to the TU response and the original commentary are included below.

Anglers support Game and Fish actions

As local volunteers with Trout Unlimited (a non-profit organization with over 1,400 members in New Mexico dedicated to trout and their watersheds), we would like to respond to the guest commentary titled "Game & Fish needs to stop widespread fish poisoning" published August 28. In contrast to the position of this commentary, we are strongly supportive of the active role that the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has taken to address the challenges facing trout fisheries in our region.

The headwaters of the Gila River watershed are the only place where native Gila trout are found and this rare species was listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. With progress toward recovery guided by the multi-agency Gila Trout Recovery Team, Gila trout were down-listed to "threatened" status in 2006 and anglers were given the first chance to fish for these beautiful trout in decades.

The use of rotenone-based treatments is well established and scientifically validated as a safe, effective, environmentally compatible method for fisheries management, and is a necessary step for restoring Gila trout to their native streams. All trout populations in our region have suffered from drought and increasing temperatures, and in 2012–2013 the Whitewater–Baldy and Silver wildfires burned vast sections of the Gila and devastated many of our favorite trout streams. The Department has worked with other agencies and stakeholders to expand public access to Gila trout fisheries such as Willow Creek, Mineral Creek, and the restoration of Gila trout to

Whitewater Creek is progressing rapidly so that this recreational fishery will soon be a destination for anglers and visitors producing associated economic benefits for the local communities. Working together we can improve the quality of trout fishing and ensure the survival of Gila trout as a legacy for our children and their future.

Jeffrey B. Arterburn, President, Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

*Art Vollmer, Chairman, Trout Unlimited NM Council
Toner Mitchell, New Mexico Water and Habitat Coordinator, Trout Unlimited*

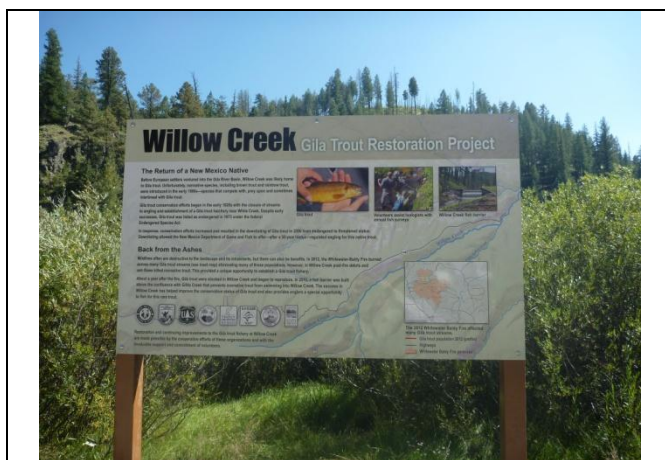
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Other Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited Activities



A happy fly fishing student with his own fly pattern at the Gila River Festival Fly Fishing field trip, "Wild and Scenic Fishing," held Sunday, September 23. Thanks to all the instructors who helped make this year's event a success: Jeff Arterburn, Ron Belanger, Ron Bellerose, Brad Shuster, John Trujillo, Zeb Trujillo and GRF Volunteer Lee Hannon.



The recently installed Willow Creek Gila Trout Informational sign was designed with input from NMDGF, USFS, USFWS, NMED, MVFF, and funding was provided through a grant to GRG-TU from the Western Native Trout Initiative. The sign was printed by our good fly fishing friend Jeff Banegas at Able Sign Company, Las Cruces, NM.



Reel and Rod/Reel Combo Raffle Norm and Donna Mabie Memorial Scholarship

The Mesilla Valley Flyfishers was founded in April of 1987 and incorporated in 1991. One of the primary founders was Norm Mabie, who with a group of others, put all the pieces together and served as the club's first president. Unfortunately, Norm passed away in 2004. The Club established an endowed scholarship at New Mexico State University in Norm's name. Norm's wife, Donna passed away in 2017 and the Club recently added her name to the scholarship. Please click on this link about Norm and the scholarship

www.zianet.com/mvff/scholarship/scholarship.html.

The Mabie family recently put the family home up for sale. David Mabie, one of the Mabie sons, gave the Club four reels and several rods that belonged to the family. The Board decided to raffle three reels and a rod/reel combo in a raffle like the one that was held for the Mabie Legacy Rod. All of the proceeds will be added to the Scholarship Fund. The reels have been used by Norm, but they are in like new condition. The rod is like new also and one of the most beautiful rods that I have seen made by Norm. The reels are: a Ross San Miguel #1 reel, a Ross San Miguel #2 reel and a Ross Gunnison #1 reel. The rod/reel combo is a custom 9-ft 5-weight Fisher rod and a Ross Gunnison #2 reel. We will have pictures of these items on the MVFF website.

Like the last raffle, I am reaching out to our out-of-town members to have an equal opportunity to participate in these raffles. There is a separate raffle board for each reel and for the rod/reel combo like the one below. Each board has 100 squares and each square is \$10. You can buy as many squares as you want. You can pick your own squares, or we can pick squares for you. Your name will go in each square that you buy.

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The winner of each item will be picked when all of the squares of that board are sold. We hope that we can pick all of the winners at the Fly Fishing Film Tour at Ardovino's Desert Crossing in Sunland Park, NM on November 11th. You can donate online via the MVFF PayPal website or mail a check of \$10 for each square to Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, Inc., P.O. Box 2222, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2222. Tell us which

squares you want and give us a telephone number to contact you. **YOU DON'T NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.** [↑](#)

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.

Current trips planned are:

- Nov. 4 - 7 — Annual fall Club trip to the San Juan. This trip is fully subscribed.

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Whitlock's Sowbug

Many rivers in Arkansas have an abundance of sowbugs and Dave Whitlock created this fly to match those he found. Tie them in tan, brown and grey.



Hook: TMC 3761 Sizes 14-18

Thread: Uni-Thread 8/0

Lead Wrap: .020

Tail: Brown Goose Biots

Body: Brown Hares Ear Dubbing

Wing case: Brown Polly Yarn

Ribbing: Copper Wire

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Fishing Report from NC & TN

Submitted by Jim Hulsey



Above—fishing a small stream on Beech Mountain, NC. Fishing was slow but the scenery was beautiful.

Right—a nice brown caught on the South Holston, TN. The fish weren't huge but they were lively.



MVFF 2nd Annual Fly Fishing Film Tour



Next month the club will host our second Fly Fishing Film Tour event at Ardovino's Desert Crossing in Sunland Park, NM. The event will be on Sunday, November 11. This year ticket sales will be handled in person at our club meetings and at the door, or online using the MVFF PayPal account. Purchasing tickets directly through the PayPal account is recommended, as it will give us the most accurate estimate of the number of members who plan to attend as we get closer to the event. Price will be \$35 for lunch, a couple of hours of fly fishing films, and several raffles, the details of which are discussed [elsewhere](#) in the newsletter. [↑](#)

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 17, 2018

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order by David Carmichael at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference room. Board members present were: David Carmichael (President), Tom Johnson (Vice President), Jeff Arterburn (Secretary), Chuck Mueller (Treasurer), Bob Silver (Membership), Dillen Martinez, Jim Hulsey and Jim Sorenson. Board members absent were: Robert Ardovino. Non-Board members in attendance were: Ron Bellerose.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the August 20, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as published in the September 2018 issue of the newsletter.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report with available current account balance statement of \$10,706.72. The report was accepted by the Board.
3. **Membership Report.** Bob Silver reported 216 currently active members, with 18 new members joining since June 2018.
4. **Project Healing Waters.** Ron Bellerose reported that he has removed the last of the Project Healing Waters (PHW) materials from the storage area and will be distributing to other PHW groups in AZ, etc. The last formal PHW-affiliated fly tying session at the VA will be held Sept 19th. The leadership of the Ft Bliss Wounded Warrior Transition Program may be able to work with MVFF to set up some future events that are not affiliated with PHW. The fly tying sessions held at Counseling Las Cruces, 1900 Loman Ave Suite 103, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9-11am will continue. Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion from Ft. Bliss will have a Sept 28th fishing trip to Grindstone. Sept 30th trip to Silver Creek AZ with AZ-PHW. Opportunities for outreach to veterans and their families will be continued, and Ron will provide more details and description of the resulting changes in outreach events in the October newsletter.
5. **Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited.** Jeff Arterburn reported that the Gila River Festival Fly Fishing field trip, "Wild and Scenic Fishing," will

be held on Sunday, September 23 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The installation of the Willow Creek Gila Trout Informational sign has been scheduled for Thursday Sept 27th in cooperation with the U.S.F.S. staff from the Reserve Ranger District. The organizers are planning for a volunteer work project at Willow Creek for late October in coordination with the funded watershed assessment project managed by Natural Channel Design, but dates have not been finalized at this time. The group was contacted by Gabe Vasquez, Director of Community Relations, New Mexico Wildlife Federation, requesting TU involvement in co-hosting a sportsmen's meeting in Silver city focused on the Gila trout recovery plan, Gila trout fishing, and the Gila Wild & scenic proposal. A possible date of Thursday November 8th was identified for further consideration. GRG-TU prepared a letter to the editor in response to a commentary published in the Las Cruces Sun News that was critical of the NMDGF. A copy of the response and link will be included in the October Newsletter. Jeff also reported about the plans for the Rio Bonito Habitat Improvement Project near Lincoln, NM, that was prepared for the BLM Roswell NM Office in cooperation with the NMDGF by Riverbend Engineering LLC.

6. **NMSU American Fisheries Students.** Dillen reported the next NMSU AFS meeting will be held next week. The AFS President will be Zach Speir wants to get involved in MVFF, and Dillen will continue to represent the group at the MVFF Board meetings.
7. **Presentations and Events.**
 - The next general meeting October 8th will feature Tom Johnson with a presentation on fly fishing in Ireland. The presentation for the November 12th and December 10th general meetings have not been finalized. Possibilities include recent San Juan trips that Chuck, and Dillen are planning separately.
 - The club will host the Fly Fishing Film Tour 2018 on Sunday Nov 11th. The ticket prices will be \$35, and we are planning to sell tick-

ets through PayPal. Bob Silver will talk with Sportsman's Warehouse about sponsoring the event, and David will talk with Cabela's. The content and poster design will be finalized for advertising.

- The MVFF Annual Banquet is scheduled for January 26–27. Molly Semanik is planning to teach two classes on Saturday, with 8–10 students/session, using a first come–signup list. The classes will target beginners, and more advanced respectively. A demonstration is planned for Sunday and will involve a "casting obstacle course" on the grounds of the NMSU Alumni pond. Molly's presentation at the banquet will focus on her most recent book about fishing in Montana.
8. **Rio Peñasco Lease.** Quite a few permit sales have been taking place through PayPal. The Board discussed the need for stocking the lease, and Bob will contact Bill Parker with a plan for stocking up to 500 fish, and will try to schedule for late Octo-

ber. The portable toilets need to be replaced; Tom Johnson will explore options and discuss with Jim Ellett. David was notified of a recent blog posting that indicates evidence of unauthorized fishing on the lease, and incorrect information regarding allowed access and fees. David will investigate further and report back to the Board.

9. **Other discussion items:**

- Paul Turner forwarded information to the Board about an upcoming NM Wild event hosted by Wayne and Kiki Suggs on Friday, September 28th to learn about the proposal to secure Wild & Scenic designation for the permanent protection of the Gila River.

10. The next MVFF Board Meeting is scheduled for October 15th. Chuck will pick up the key.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm. [↑](#)

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- Bob Silver (575) 522-6325 membership@mvff.org

NMSU AF Student Representative

- Dillen Martinez ()

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.

**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.

***** REMEMBER *****

MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING LICENSES 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, to purchase fishing access permits to the MVFF leased waters on the Rio Peñasco and to participate in other Club activities such as an 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.

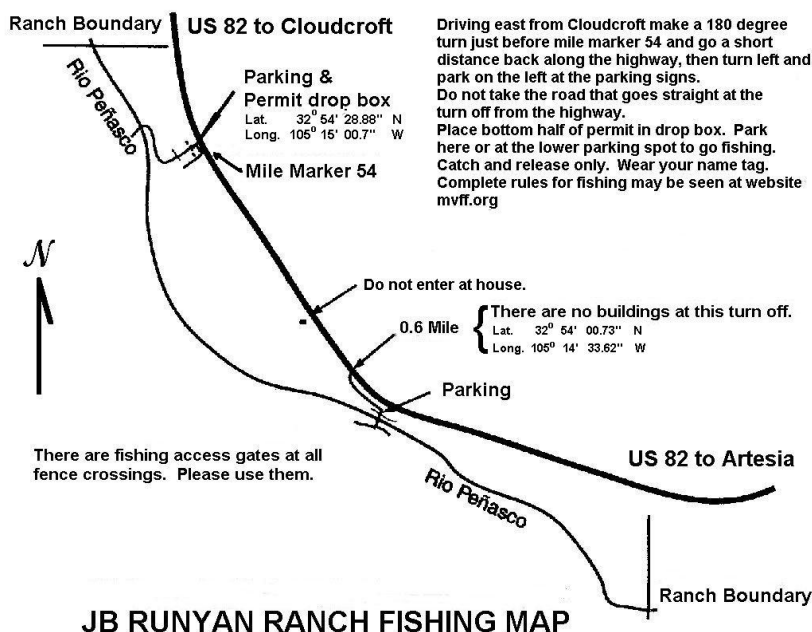
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulsey (575-524-1880) or Bob Silver (575-522-6325) 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.