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Membership Meeting

There will be no MVFF general membership meeting in June. Many members will be fishing and the rest of them should be. The next meeting will be in September. See you then.

Executive Board Meeting

There will be no MVFF Board meeting in June. The next meeting will be in August. See you then.

Liars and Tyers

Liars and Tyers will not meet in June. The next meeting will be in September. See you then.

Remember

The 3rd annual F3T film tour is coming in the fall on the 20th of October. Be sure and mark your calendar.

President's Corner

David Carmichael

Saving our streams and fisheries



It is perhaps a sad sign of the times that we anglers and other outdoors enthusiasts seem to need to spend more time conserving our watersheds than fishing or recreating in them. Our natural re-

sources, public lands, and our fisheries, seem to be under more-or-less constant onslaught from the enablers of the extractive industries ensconced within the current administration in Washington, D.C. I'm writing from Indiana at the moment, and while we were flying from El Paso to Indianapolis, I was reminded that our relationship with the land in southern New Mexico and the Southwest is quite different from that experienced in much of the rest of the country.

We flew over thousands of miles of idyllic farmlands and pastures, rolling hills and vales, but almost no public lands; few national forests; no mountains, and hardly any rivers that support trout populations. Most public lands, nearly all wilderness areas, and most riverine cold-water fish populations are located in the West, where we are fortunate to be their habitual users. We must also be their stewards, because such places are off the radar for most of our fellow citizens who live in other parts of the country. And, for better or for worse, being a steward of watersheds and fisheries today means being willing to take political action.

Trout Unlimited is a strong supporter of scientific research, habitat restoration and political action programs that highlight the threats to our fisheries and promote appropriate conservation responses. Nevertheless, the TU staff and writers regularly report receiving comments from readers suggesting that TU

stay out of politics and “just stick to fishing.” Wouldn’t it be wonderful if that were possible? Sadly, in today’s political climate it is not, because the conservation of public lands, watersheds and fisheries is not the top priority of those directing land management agencies under our current administration in Washington. Writing from northern New Mexico for Trout Unlimited, Toner Mitchell recently noted the following:

Thanks to print and online fishing periodicals, I know that every fish I catch is a partial result of a decision being made somewhere in the political realm. Thanks to fishing media, I became aware of the proposed gutting of the EPA’s Waters of the U.S. Rule (aka, the Clean Water Rule), along with the well-organized campaign to steal our public lands. Aside from climate change, how do you keep abreast of issues that affect your fishing? Your local newspaper? Fox? CNN? (Up next, a proposed Alaskan gold mine that will likely destroy one of the world’s favorite salmon and trout fisheries, not to mention the entire regional economy. Does anyone care?) You do it by consuming fly fishing media. (tu.org/blog/politics-and-the-fishing-media, May 28, 2019)

Gila River Initiative

Here in southern New Mexico we are facing our own regional challenge to the health of wild rivers and the flora and fauna that rely upon them. Earlier this year, the Gila River achieved the dubious distinction of being named America’s Most Endangered River of 2019 by American Rivers. Climate change is part of the challenge facing our Gila River. (<https://endangeredrivers.americanrivers.org/gila-river/>)

In case you’d like a refresher, I discussed the relevant climate change related mechanisms in the November 2018 newsletter,

so I won’t rehash them here. Suffice it to note that scientists predict the Gila will cease to be a snowpack-fed river by the middle of century.

The other threat to the Gila, and the one that secured its place at the top of the list of most endangered rivers is the proposed diversion project that threatens to reduce flows even further if it is built. In 2004, as part of the settlement of a water rights suit with the Central Arizona Project (CAP), Congress gave New Mexico ten years to choose between implementing water conservation projects in Catron, Grant, Hidalgo and Luna Counties or building a diversion project to divert water from the Gila and San Francisco Rivers. In 2014, the state (actually the NMCAEP Entity Board) chose the diversion because it is more costly and therefore comes with more federal dollars. The draft EIS for the project was due in the summer of 2018 but still hasn’t been completed; it is unlikely to be done by the end of the year. On April 15, the NMCAEP Entity Board voted to continue planning for the diversion while seeking further extensions of the deadline. It seems to have been that vote that vaulted our Gila River to the top of the endangered rivers list released by American Rivers later that week. Meanwhile, pressure has been growing to scrap the diversion project altogether so the state can focus on the water conservation projects instead. Governor Lujan Grisham vetoed \$1.698 million in New Mexico funding for the diversion, and it is hoped by many that she will follow through on her campaign promise to stop the water diversion project.

Recently I was contacted by Dan Roper, the New Mexico Public Lands Director of Trout Unlimited about efforts to have the Gila designated as a Wild and Scenic River. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was passed in 1968 to preserve rivers with “outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing

condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations.”



Upper Gila River drainage, Gila Wilderness Area, New Mexico

"If there's a stretch you love among the 99.77 percent of rivers without protection, Congress says you can do something about it. You can nominate a river for designation, bring your community together, and fight for it." (YETI Ambassador Hillary Hutcheson)

I am proud to report that after polling all the members via email, your

MVFF Board voted unanimously to support the effort to designate the Gila as a Wild and Scenic River. In this effort, we will be joining Trout Unlimited, New Mexico Wild and the New Mexico Wilderness Association. The first steps involve me sending letters on behalf of the club to decision-makers, and working with Jeff Arterburn, Dan Roper, and Mark Allison (NM Wild) to write op-ed pieces for local and regional media. I'll keep you posted about the next steps as they develop.

Club-sponsored showing of Patagonia film, "ARTIFISHAL"

I am pleased to announce that I have arranged for the MVFF to host a showing of the most recent documentary by Patagonia Films, entitled "ARTIFISHAL," at our regularly scheduled club meeting on September 9. The film is about people, rivers, and the fight for the future of wild fish and the environment that supports them. It explores the wild salmon's slide toward extinction, threats posed by fish hatcheries and fish farms, and our continued loss of faith in nature. Patagonia is waiving the screening fees for community-based events like ours so we can afford to bring this important documentary to our region. A copy of the official promotional poster is included here, and you can access the trailer and other program information at www.patagonia.com/artifishal.html. Hope to see you there!

Vintage fly-fishing gear for sale

If anyone is interested in collecting vintage fly-fishing gear, or if you want to fill in some gaps in your fly tying equipment or supplies, we have an opportunity to help out the family of former club member Bud

Benton who passed last year. Last week I was contacted by his daughter Brenda who wants to give club members the first shot at purchasing some of Bud's collection. I had a nice visit with Brenda and her mother, and I made a list of most of the items that might be of interest to club members. There are a few other things not on the list, such as old tackle boxes, fishing



Lower Gila River drainage, New Mexico

vest, etc., but most items are on the list that is included in its entirety elsewhere in the newsletter. I searched on eBay and several other online auction and antique sites to provide estimates for some of the nicer items. Bud kept his gear in good condition, so if you are interested and can manage it, you might make an offer at the middle or higher end of the range to help out his wife and daughter.

There are a couple of custom built rods by Norm Mabie in the lot, and I was pretty tempted by the 6'6" 2 weight, but thought I should let all the club members have a chance to buy it. There was another rod in the collection that I found intriguing, and I want to say a few more words about it. The rod is a vintage bamboo rod, a Montague Sunbeam, circa 1939-1945. It is 8 ½ feet, 6 weight, 3 piece with a spare tip. It has a Titelock reel seat with blue plastic spacer (to match the wraps), nickel-plated brass ferrules, black snake guides, ring hook keeper, and blue and white wraps. Unlike most of the comparable rods I found online, all the components are clean and intact, though one tip-top has been replaced. There is obvious wear on the mild half-Wells grip, and this is part of what makes this rod so interesting and collectible. Typically, Montague would have sold this rod (for \$18-20) in a rod sock and tube, but because of metals being prioritized for military purposes during the war, the company bought U.S. government surplus canvas spare barrel covers and packaged their rods in them. The barrel covers were for the M8, a .50 caliber Browning aircraft machine gun. It is rare to find the rods with their original surplus covers with writing still visible. So, Bud's bamboo rod, in its canvas spare barrel cover, is the real deal, and is highly collectible.

Now, we're not talking about a 60-year-old Winston or something like that, but this Sunbeam is in better condition than any I saw on line, and one could start or add to a vintage bamboo rod collection for \$200-250, and that would be a fair price to help out Bud's family.



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. Information on our fishing trips is made available to women on our Lady Anglers e-mail list and

through announcements in the MVFF newsletter and at club meetings. Beginners are welcome and the only requirement for joining us is MVFF membership. To join our e-mail list, or for more information, contact Mary Hoffman at (505) 710-5229 or westerngirlnm@gmail.com.

The Lady Anglers spring trip took place in May on the Rio Penasco. See Miriam Carmichael's article in this newsletter for details.

Have a great summer. We hope everyone gets out to fish in what looks to be a great angling season for New Mexico and Colorado. 

Lady Anglers' Spring Trip 2019

Submitted by Miriam Carmichael

Many of the Lady Anglers had scheduling conflicts this year, so we had a small but enthusiastic group on the Rio Peñasco this year. Miriam Carmichael, Frances Curtis, Lisa Meyers, Annette Malinek and new-comer Carolyn Williams had a very successful

day of fishing on the MVFF Lease on Friday, May 3. We fished for about 8 hours and altogether we caught about 45 rainbow trout and a whole bunch of chubs in a wide range of locations. We noticed that some stretches that used to be productive, and then weren't for several years, are now productive again. These include "The Cave", and several holes downstream from "The Cave", pools at the bottom of the middle water fall, and the stretch under the big cottonwood below the lower parking lot. Unfortunately, we caught mostly chubs below the lower waterfall. We were especially pleased that we caught what appeared to be several wild rainbows in the 7-10" range, that were smaller and more colorful than our stockers.

We had success using parachute adams and RS2 emergers (during the 9am mayfly hatch), elk hair caddis, pheasant tails, copper johns, San Juan worms, and red or black or zebra midge larvae. In addition to fishing, we enjoyed delicious meals and great company for 3 nights at "A Memoria" cabin in Cloudcroft. On Saturday, May 4 we had a fun day fishing at Mulcock Ranch.



Frances with a nice rainbow.



Frances, Annette, Lisa, Carolyn and Miriam




Fly Fishing Outreach

Ron Bellerose
Coordinator



Outreach is in a slowdown stage until September. We did have a great May working with the Cloudcroft VFW and the Warrior Transition Battalion from Ft Bliss. Jim Sorenson worked the fly tying and practice casting on the 15th of May with many Soldiers and family members tying several flies. On the 16th they fished the Cloud Country pond. The VFW set up a buffet at the pond and fishing was great. Many trout around 14 inches were caught, most of them with flies tied the night before. The Cloudcroft VFW does a super job with the Warriors for a 3 day period. Jim was assisted with Ron helping with the fly tying and fishing.

For more information about the MVFF Fly Fishing Outreach Program contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com, also if you wish to volunteer to help out. 

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

Jeff Arterburn, President



Aldo Leopold Kid's Fishing Derby at Lake Roberts Saturday June 1st

The 8th Annual Aldo Leopold Kids' Fishing Derby was held Saturday,

June 1st at Lake Roberts, NM. The kids started arriving early before the official start, with the event running from 7am to noon, and reached the largest ever number of registered kids (187). Every one of them received a commemorative T-shirt thanks to support from GRG-TU and MVFF. The Mora National Fish Hatchery stocked over 500 retired and very large Gila trout for the event, many were caught but there are still a large number of big beautiful Gila trout swimming the lake. Volunteers George Sanders, Julie Binko and Jeff Arterburn had fun with the kids visiting the booth to play the fly casting game, and talking about fly fishing, fly tying and native trout conservation with many different attendees.

Photos from the event are shown on page 7.

2019 Upcoming Activities: Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila River Festival Fly Fishing Outing Sunday September 22nd.

The organizers of the Gila River Festival (GRF) have asked us to host an Introduction to Fly Fishing as part of the event schedule again this year, and we will be holding this outing on Sunday September 22nd on Whitewater Creek at the Gila National Forest Catwalk Recreation Area near Glenwood, NM. Jeff Arterburn, President of GRG-TU, and Dan Roper, Trout Unlimited New Mexico Public Lands Coordinator, will be organizing a team of volunteer fly fishing mentors for a class of 12. For anyone interested in registering for the class, please visit the GRF 2019 Web Site (<https://www.gilariverfestival.org/>) after registration opens 7/1/2019. If you would like to help out as a fly fishing mentor, and to get involved with other GRG-TU events and activities please contact Jeff Arterburn (jeffgilatu@aol.com).

GRG-TU Logo T-shirts to support local trout restoration and conservation efforts.

We have some beautiful new fund-raising for trout restoration and conservation T-shirts with the GRG-TU logo in colors: green-on-ivory, and peanut-butter-on-black (see photos). These are beautiful, well-made shirts for a great cause at only \$20 each. Please include \$5 for shipping if you want the shirt(s) mailed. These are great stocking stuffers and presents for the holidays! Contact Jeff Arterburn for more details and to sign up as a volunteer: jeffgilatu@aol.com.



Green logo on ivory



Peanut butter logo on black



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.

There are no trips currently being planned.

After many years of organizing trips, Chuck Mueller is stepping aside, and we really need someone else to step up and take on this project. Chuck is willing to help someone get started and up to speed, but the Board members can only do so much; we need for other members to help out with planning and leading of some of the activities too. Please think about it and let David or Chuck know if you can help out.



Estate Sale

Submitted by David Carmichael

For Sale. Fishing equipment from the estate of Bud Benton, former MVFF member. Contact Bud's daughter, Brenda Nebhan, at 575-642-6282 to purchase or view these items. I've included price estimates/suggested offers for some of the nicer or more collectible items. Estimates are based on prices seen on eBay or other online sites.

For additional information see David's comments in the President's Corner.

Fly Rods

- Norm Mabie custom fly rod, 9 ft 6wt with aluminum tube. Good condition. \$100-125
- Custom built fly rod (probably by Norm), 6'6", #2 line, Versitex of American blank. Very good condition - Nice light action, \$150
- Shakespear Alpha fly rod, FY 586-67, 8'6" #6/7 with PVC tube

- Vintage bamboo fly rod: Montague Sunbeam, circa 1939. 8' 6", 6 wt, 3 piece with spare tip section, excellent condition, highly collectible. \$200-250
- Western-Hoegee Co., Power-Flex 8 ft. 8 wt. fiberglass rod

Reels

- Ross Cimarron C-3, 5/7 wt., made in USA. Compare at \$60-125
- Vintage South Bend Oren-O-Matic Balanced auto retrieve reel, No. 1130, Model D. \$40
- Daiwa 1000C spinning reel
- Daiwa 401A spinning reel
- Abu Garcia SS3 spinning reel
- Garcia Mitchell 304 spinning reel
- DAM Berlin West, Quick Finessa spinning reel
- Tru Temper 945 bait casting reel

Books

- Leeson & Schollmeyer, *The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference*. Like new. Compare at \$60-100
- James Proseck, *Trout*. Compare at \$20-75.
- Dave Hughes, *Western Streamside Guide*. Compare at \$10
- Randall Kaufmann, *Tying Nymphs*. Compare at \$50-100
- Mark Sosin & Lefty Kreh, *Practical Fishing Knots*. Compare at \$31-260
- Jack Dennis, *Western Trout Fly Tying Manual*. Compare at \$19-426

Miscellaneous

- Langley De-Liar fish scale, small. Compare at \$5-10
- Sportsman's utility scale. Vintage collectible, compare at \$18-45
- Assorted fly tying tools and materials, including some nice pheasant capes, marabou, strung peacock herl, deer and rabbit hair, and assorted hooks and thread.
- Flies from Trout Unlimited membership promotions, and small collections from various fly shops.



Aldo Leopold Kids' Fishing Derby at Lake Roberts, Saturday June 1st, 2019



Volunteer George Sanders at the GRG-TU/MVFF Booth



Volunteer Jeff Arterburn in the GRG-TU/MVFF Booth



Hatchery Staff Stocking Gila Trout in Lake Roberts before the derby May 31st 2019



A young angler enjoying the fly casting game at the GRG-TU/MVFF Booth



A very happy kid wearing a commemorative Aldo Leopold Kid's Fishing Derby T-shirt



Smokey the Bear Fly Casting at GRG-TU/MVFF Booth

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2019

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order by David Carmichael (President) at 8:35pm in the NMDG&F Conference room. Board members present were: Robert Ardivino, Jeff Arterburn (Secretary), Chuck Mueller (Treasurer), Ron Bellerose, David Carmichael (President), Jim Hulsey, Dillen Martinez, Bob Silver (Membership) and Jim Sorenson (acting VP). Board Members absent: Tom Johnson (Vice President, is on a temporary leave of absence). No non-Board members were in attendance.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the April 15, 2019 Board Meeting were approved as published in the May 2019 issue of the newsletter.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report and reviewed the banquet expenditures. The available current account balance is \$10,117.15. The treasurer's report was accepted by the Board.
3. **Membership Report:** Bob Silver reported 252 members, but noted that many individuals have not yet renewed for the current 2019-20 year. Bob will send another email reminder for members to renew.
4. **Fly Fishing Outreach:** Ron reported that they held the last fly tying sessions in May, and will be halting these for the summer. Jim Sorenson and George Sanders have volunteered to help run the VFW Warriors in Transition event at Cloudcroft, May 15-16. For more information and volunteers interested in helping out with the MVFF Fly Fishing Outreach Program contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com).
5. **Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited:** Jeff Arterburn reported that the Willow Creek stream survey volunteer project was held the weekend of May 9-10-12. The group had to deal with some rain but Saturday was very nice and everyone had a good time and completed data collection on the five habitat sections that are being monitored. The Aldo Leopold Kids' Fishing Clinic at Lake Roberts will be held on Saturday June 1st, and the

organizers are expecting between 100-200 kids attending. The TU Chapter and matching MVFF funds and additional private donations were allocated for the purchase of 200 T-shirts to be given to registered kids, and a variety of prizes will be awarded to the kids participating. Volunteers for all of these projects and activities are always needed, and members wanting to get involved in Trout Unlimited and interested in helping out on projects are asked to contact Jeff Arterburn by email to: jeffgilatu@aol.com

6. **NMSU American Fisheries Students:** Dillen reported that the department raffle raised over \$1,000. The students and faculty were very appreciative of the donations, the fishing gear and Dave's beautiful custom made rod in particular, and give their thanks to all donors.
7. **Presentations and Events:**
 - The next meeting will be held September 9th. Dave asked the board and members to suggest names of possible speakers we can invite.
 - He is working to obtain the Patagonia produced documentary film "Artifishal" that compares hatchery and wild salmon and analyzes the broader impacts of hatcheries on these fisheries. This film could be shown for one of the Fall meetings.
 - Jeff will contact retired USFWS Fisheries Biologist Jim Brooks for a presentation involving Gila trout restoration and habitat assessment.
 - Suggestions for potential banquet speakers will need to be made relatively soon, ideally to have someone scheduled by September. Tom Rosenbauer was suggested as a possibility, considering interest in the books he has written on nymphing, casting, etc.
8. **Rio Peñasco Lease.** No report.
9. **Other discussion items:**
 - Dave talked with Jolie Tixlier at the NMSU foundation regarding the MVFF-sponsored

scholarship, and identified three additional changes that were considered and formally approved by the MVFF Board:

1. The formal change of name from the "Norm Mabie Scholarship" to the "Mabie Legacy Scholarship";
 2. The wording for the scholarship will be modified to specify that one award be made;
 3. The amount awarded will be specified as \$750, and the full payout to the selected student will be made at one time.
- The MVFF was contacted by the Thunderbird Lodge near Lake Roberts NM indicating they have expanded availability for group lodging

and encourages the club to consider their facilities for future events.

- The Glenwood Hatchery is switching and will be greatly expanding their capacity for fish production to Gila trout for stocking recreational angling waters, and invites visitors to tour the facilities.

10. The next MVFF Board Meeting is scheduled for August 19th, 2019.

11. The September Board meeting will be held on September 9th, following the General meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm. [↑](#)

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Quick Look Contact Information**2019 Officers of the Club****Officers**

- **President:** David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
- **V-Pres.:** Tom Johnson (417) 684-7075
- **Secretary:** Jeff Arterburn (612) 720-3456
- **Treasurer:** Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045

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- **Position 1:** David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
- **Position 2:** Tom Johnson (417) 684-7075
- **Position 3:** Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
- **Position 4:** Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880
- **Position 5:** Robert Ardovino (575) 589-0653
- **Position 6:** Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
- **Position 7:** Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
- **Position 8:** Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
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Membership Committee Chairman

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

NMSU AF Student Representative

- Dillen Martinez (505) 401-3640

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.

**Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund**

The Mabie Legacy 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 scholarship recipient is selected each April by the faculty members of the NMSU Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology.

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 "Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund, for deposit only." All contributions are tax deductible. For any questions please contact one of the MVFF Officers or Board members. If you have not made a donation to the fund please give it consideration and help honor Norm and Donna Mabie.

***** 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.

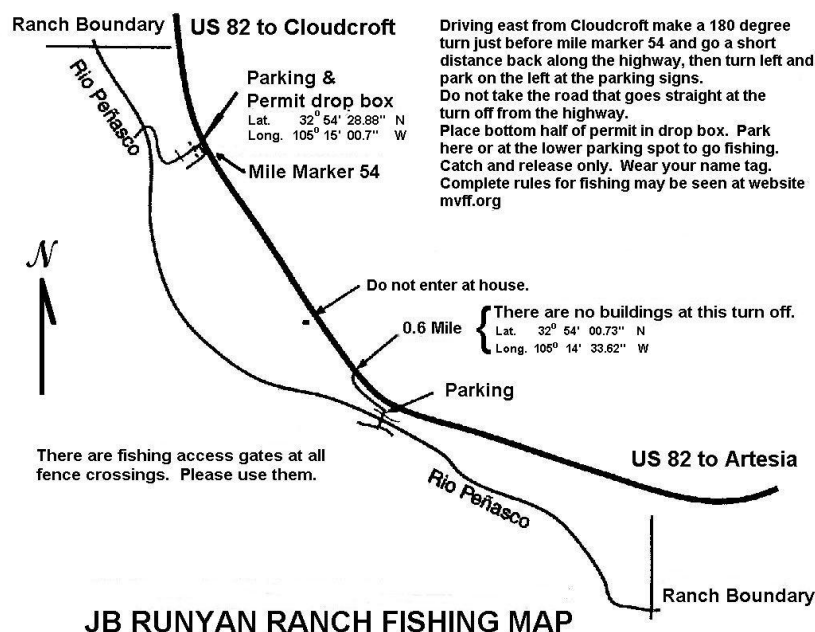
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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 or, if you had rather, you may pay through PayPal. 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 Bob Silver. In addition, members may purchase 1-day, 1-time permits for up to 2 guests per trip. Each guest must have a permit. One-time means a person can go as a guest one time only and must be a member to ever go again.

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.