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Membership Meeting

Monday, 9 December

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 9 December at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Our speaker will be club member George Sanders who will give a presentation on "Fly Fishing and Travel through Patagonia". We will also be voting on club board members for the upcoming year, and your participation will be appreciated.

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

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 16 December

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

Liars and Tyers

There will be no Liars & Tyers meeting in December as the normally scheduled date falls on Christmas day. See you in January.

President's Corner

David Carmichael



I'd like to take a little different tack this month and write about some of my feelings about fly angling as it relates to the environmental issues of our times. I started fishing with my father when I was perhaps four or five years old, and at the age of ten I discovered fly tying and fly fishing (on the Pecos River). Although I fished with flies and spinners for many years after that, my involvement in fly angling deepened significantly in the years leading up to, and following my joining the MVFF. I guess it would be fair to say that fly fishing is not just something that I do; it is part of who I am. It is not just an interest, but a passion. Each foray into fly tying, casting skills tests, watershed science, fish biology, rod building, etc. leads me to seek out what insights might lie around the next bend in the river. In recent years, when people have asked me about my politics, I've said that my politics these days are all about clean, cold waters; about protecting and maintaining access to cold water fisheries.

In my discussions, writings, and club related activities, I've been operating under one very specific assumption, one that I believe I share with Chris Wood and others at Trout Unlimited. It is the belief that fly angling is, or at least should be, one arena in which all types of people, of all political stripes, should be able to find common ground in the need to preserve and protect clean, cold water and the other natural resources necessary for maintaining healthy, renewable fisheries. If we allow our differences to get in the way of working together, we will fail at the larger task, and our children and grand children will not have the same opportunities to connect with nature that we have enjoyed. Yet, tonight I am wondering whether my assumption about finding common ground is realistic, or whether I am being naïve.

My department at UTEP is in the fortunate position of being authorized to hire a new faculty member this year, and over the past few weeks we've been interviewing applicants with expertise in environment justice and public policy issues. Last week one of the candidates gave a talk summarizing his research on the public perception of coal mining in western Colorado, and his results contained some sobering thoughts for anyone trying to promote clean water conservation. He identified coal mining as a "special, culturally iconic industry" in this country. By that he means that mining inhabits our folklore about taming the west, scratching out success from the wilderness, and building our industrial might, and because of that imagery, we over-emphasize the economic importance of coal mining in today's energy mix, and in our overall national economy.

One of the attitudes he studied was the level of support for "bringing back" the coal mining industry in the U.S. in general, and western Colorado in particular. After interviewing a range of people about various environmental issues, he found that there is substantial support for subsidizing the coal industry. The two strongest predictors of support for a federal bailout of the coal industry are *nostalgia* and *political partisanship*. In other words, those who support a federal bailout express nostalgia for a supposed golden age, despite the reality that in its heyday, the coal industry was reviled as dirty, unhealthy, harmful to communities and the environment, and prone to mistreat its workers. In terms of partisanship, people who would otherwise (in the context of other issues) advocate for smaller government, and who generally distrust the federal government, were nevertheless supportive of rescuing the coal industry, despite the high cost of the proposed government programs. Their support of the extractive industry has become something of a litmus test for their own political

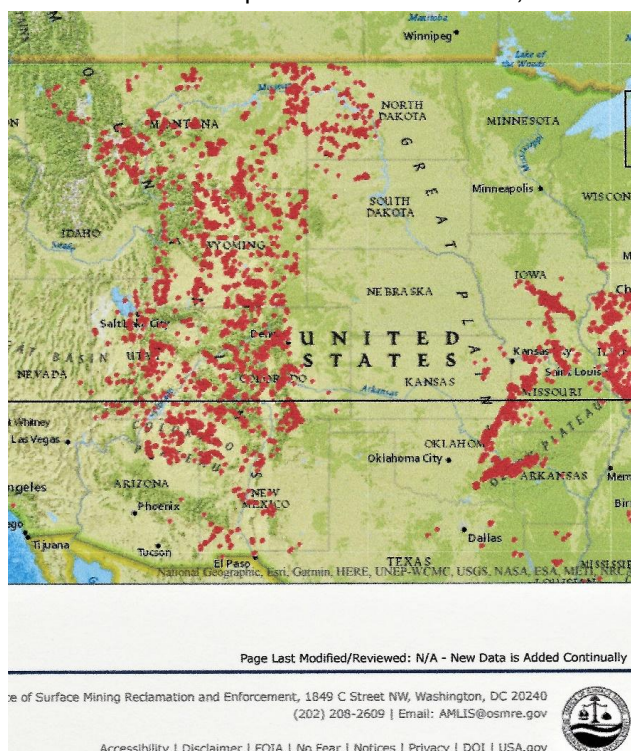
identity. I asked whether anyone in his study group had concerns about the environmental damage and water pollution that would accompany a restored coal industry. After all, many rural residents of western Colorado are hunters and anglers whose participation in those pursuits is central to their personal identity and sense of community. Yet, he didn't find any coal mining supporters whose views were affected by concerns about contamination of the game, fish or drinking water supplies that they consume.

This is my concern: have we reached a point, at least in some regions, where political partisanship overrides environmental protection, even when it endangers one's own food and water supply? Is the nostalgia for the "good old days" an example of historical revision as the realities of the coal industry recede further and further into the rear-view mirror? Do the data matter, or is environmental policy—making largely an emotional exercise?

According to the GAO, there are at least 161,000 abandoned hard rock mines in the western United States, of which at least 33,000 are known to have contaminated surface water, ground water, or to have left exposed tailing piles. There are at least 48,529 abandoned coal mines in the U.S. which are known to pose public health threats

(<http://www.Skytruth.org>).

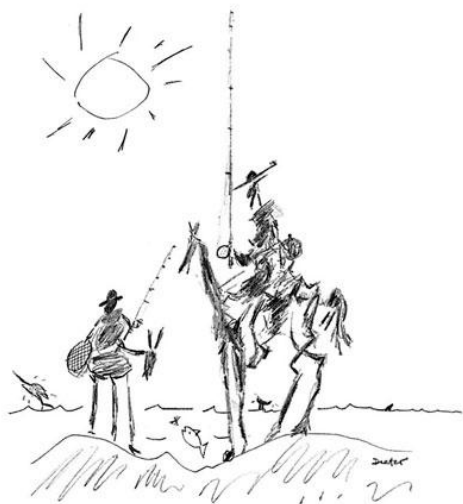
Those situated in the Rocky Mountain west are indicated by red dots in the accompanying map.



This display doesn't include the many mines that are sitting idle because the market value for their products is currently low, but which have not been officially closed by their owners because it would mean they would have to pay for reclamation (Forever Mines, in *High Country News*, Nov. 25, 2019). Some states allow mines to remain idle for 10 years (Colorado), 20 years (New Mexico), or indefinitely (Utah), and they are often leaking chemical pollution into the

environment while they are dodging reclamation and cleanup requirements in this way.

As a scientist and data geek, I wonder how it can be that this evidence doesn't matter. And if the data aren't enough to generate support for conservation, how do we create a sense of nostalgia for clean rivers and wild trout? How do we cultivate a sense of nostalgia for an outdoor recreation industry that doesn't have a long history in mining country? Tonight, I don't know whether my assumption about finding common ground is realistic. Perhaps I'm being quixotic.



Fish Quixote, by Kirk Deeter, in the blog Fly Talk, 2005

Club News

I hope many of you will be able to attend our regular meeting of the general membership on December 9th. Our speaker will be club member George Sanders who will give a presentation on "Fly Fishing and Travel through Patagonia". We will also be voting on club board members for the upcoming year, and your participation will be appreciated.

The club's Annual Banquet will be held next month at St. Paul's Methodist Church on January 25th, 2020. Our guest speaker will be well-known fly fishing author Skip Morris who will be flying in from Port Ludlow, Washington. Skip has written 18 books on fly fishing and fly tying along with more than 300 magazine articles. He's served as a host on a nationally televised fly fishing show and on several instructional DVDs. In the spring of 2014, he was named by *Fly Tier* magazine as a winner of the magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award. He will have books available for sale during his visit.

His banquet talk on Saturday evening will be a Power-Point presentation entitled "Creeks," in which he will explore the subject of small streams and their fish. He will discuss several types of creeks, including riffle creeks, meadow creeks, and tiny spring creeks, and will detail the tackle, techniques and flies appropriate to each. He will take the audience on brief vicarious fishing trips to several wonderful creeks, including one in Sweden. It promises to be an entertaining and fun presentation. In the afternoon, Skip will present a clinic on "Making Dry Fly and Emerger Fishing Work." This talk covers dry flies of all kinds and floating to half-floating emerger patterns. Topics will include when and when not to use an indicator, how to achieve drag-free drifts, how to sink tippet, how to execute slack-line casts, and how to fish various specific dry fly designs. The clinic will be held on the NMSU campus at 2pm, location to be determined. Watch your email for final details.

The Prize Committee has been authorized to purchase \$2,000 in raffle prizes, so be on the lookout for an email containing raffle tickets. You may also purchase tickets via PayPal through the club website.



2020 Annual Banquet guest speaker Skip Morris



Winter hazards? You would think the swimming geese would be warning enough.



Board Members to Be Elected

As defined in the Club By-Laws, an election will be held in the December General meeting to select


members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year (2020). The following nine people have volunteered to serve but others may be nominated at the meeting. The elected members will select officers at their Board meeting in January.

The volunteers are: Robert Ardobino, Jeff Arterburn, David Carmichael, Jim Hulsey, Ron Bellarose, Dillon Martinez, Chuck Mueller, Bob Silver and Jim Sorensen.



Raffle Prizes

It is that time of year again. The MVFF Annual Banquet will be held on January 25, 2020. This year the Prize Committee has selected over \$2,000 in prizes including a custom rod, Sage Trout Light Line in either a 3 Wt. or 4 Wt, by Bob and Lee Widgren of Custom Fly Rod Crafters. The Prize Committee decided on practical prizes that you will use every time that you go fishing. For example, there are two Fishpond wading staffs, a FishPond Sling Pak, western fishing fly assortments, Slim-line fly boxes, a FishPond carbon fiber net, 3-paks of leaders, 3X-4X-5X tippet spool combinations, high quality nippers, and two Lamson Speedster reels already spooled with fly line backing.

Remember that to purchase Raffle Tickets you must be a member in good standing. You can check with Bob Silver if your membership is current. Tickets will be available online through the Clubs webpage www.mvff.org, at regular meetings, and through the mail. 

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.

Local Fishing Note: I fished the Rio Peñasco on the Club lease two weeks ago. The water was clear with much less vegetation than in warmer months. I saw plenty of fish in the stream and some were quite a bit

larger than the stockers added recently. If you can find the time to fish on a day when the weather is nice, it's worth the drive up to fish the lease. Mary H.



Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

Jeff Arterburn, President



Recent Native Trout Restoration/Conservation News and GRG-TU Events in November.

The **Willow Creek Volunteer Stream Survey** was held **November 8-10 (Friday-Sunday)**. The weather was beautiful for the relatively small group of participants, but we all had a good time and were able to complete surveys of all five selected sections. The stream flows were very low, which was part of the reason we wanted to capture data at this time of the year. The Western Native Trout Initiative is helping to support this project in 2020 with a small grant that supports the continuing stream survey project, and has previously supported the informational sign we installed as well as the construction of the fish barrier, all of this to ultimately benefit Gila trout at Willow Creek. The situation is grim with sections of the stream getting shallower and straighter, and there are real needs for actions to improve habitat. Hopefully some of that work can be initiated soon. Jim Brooks gave a presentation at the November meeting describing the development of the assessment and monitoring methods as a citizen science approach that can be used for other watersheds, and we will be working to standardize the procedures and engage with agencies and others interested in applying this approach. I had a little bit of time to fish before leaving on Sunday afternoon and couldn't resist, and after a couple of fly changes I found the right one and wound up catching several beautiful Gila trout that reflect the Fall foliage like no other fish! The trip back over the Bursum through Mogollon was lovely, the road was in great shape, although it was closed for the winter as of November 25th. We will be planning for a **Spring 2020 Survey at Willow Creek** so please let me know if you would like to participate. See photos on page 8

Looking ahead to 2020 promises to be an exciting time to **get involved with TU**. We are looking at many

new projects and exciting opportunities for native trout restoration projects, and new streams open to fishing for Gila trout. One really exciting initiative we are going to be involved in is **helping the students at New Mexico State University start a College Fly Fishing Club** that will be affiliated with the **Trout Unlimited 5-Rivers College Program**. This will be the first club of this type in New Mexico, and will be part of a network of more than 100 college fishing clubs around the country focused on fly fishing and conservation. Information about the program is available at www.tu.org/5rivers. This will be a great opportunity for our members to share our passion for fly fishing and conservation, and to help introduce our sport to the next generation. Considering that this is the holiday season, **please consider donating your unused gear or gifting new equipment to help outfit NMSU students so that they can go fishing!** Please contact me for more information.

We need your help as volunteers and leaders as we plan to develop a new strategic plan and pursue grants and fundraising to support conservation projects and educational activities. The **Western Regional Rendezvous Trout Unlimited Meeting will be held in Taos NM May 29 – June 1, 2020**. This event will be held in the Taos Ski Valley at "The Blake" resort hotel with great accommodations, interesting presentations and fun activities and fishing options planned. **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.

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 other volunteers to step up and take on these projects. David Lukowski has volunteered to organize the Club trip to the San Juan in the spring of 2020. Maybe you have a trip you would like to head up. Please think about it and let David or Chuck know if you can help out.



MVFF Library

MVFF has a considerable library which is now in the custody of Club member Mark Dankel. Mark would like to make these books available to members. If you wish to borrow any of these books let Mark know and he will bring them to the next membership meeting. Mark can be contacted at mpdankel@msn.com.

A list of the books can be found in the November 2019 issue of Tale Waters.





The Long Road More, Then Less, Traveled.

Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico

Wednesday, November 27th. 2019

Submitted by Robert Ardovino

Lorenzo and I got up and out to the taxi stand by 5:15am. As the fly fishing films have shown over and over it takes many forms of transportation to get to that one spot at the right time to make for a successful fishing adventure. This early morning found Lorenzo, 12, and I on a journey such as that.

I often say we travel with a circus. This trip, twenty friends and my family traveled to Cozumel Island for our first open water scuba dive. For a couple of us, fishing was also on our itinerary. The scuba was amazing and most of the clan went on three days or two-tanks-a-day dives. Lorenzo (12), Joseph (16), Kiko (16), his mom Lynn and I snuck out for a quick half day deep water fishing trip. The sea past the southern tip of the Island became big choppy water mixed with the smell of diesel. To say it was pleasant was just not true. Hours of that were thankfully interrupted by fast and furious reeling and netting. We did ok, various fish, Pargo, Barracuda and a jack made it not a total bust. I was honored with the monster that got away. "Grande", El Capitan Juan proclaimed as he looked around at his stock of who would handle what he felt to be the prize of the morning. The well lets just say 10 minutes of fighting, wasn't , but was intense enough to last a summer. In that time Juan had stopped the boat, reeled in other lines and concentrated on what he thought was a good size Wahoo. As it ran it turned directions and pointed straight at the boat. I reeled as fast as I could. My prize, a bent hook. The determination was I had lost my first "Muy Grande Marlin Azul"; it was then he yelled his only English word, "Dammit".

It was a perfect Mexico beach-town morning; dark skies and 81 degrees. The darkness gave way to calendar-worthy coral puffy clouds to a crystal clear azure sky. The water did the same with layer upon layer of blues that certainly were not real. The 15 minute taxi ride to up town Cozumel went quickly and like most things there, were not cheap. The taxis on this island in the Caribbean Sea have no competition, are organized and therefore are crazy expensive. We met

our guide Alex and his son Alex at the meet up spot for the next leg, the 45 minute truck ride to his flat-tish bottom fishing panga. As we passed one hotel resort after another the road went from pavement to dirt to no more resorts, to dirtier, to the island wastewater treatment facility to some surface that resembled a terrible roller coaster jungle trail through many small swimming pools of muck, all finally giving way to the northern tip of the island and a sunrise that made that leg all worth while. We jumped out and the zillions of mosquitoes that greeted us had us running to the tip of the dock thinking that would



keep them away. It didn't, but soon after Alex uncovered his craft, his son his craft, loaded up the gear and the separate fishing parties and motored our separate ways. The destination was the mangroves and flats of the Rio de la Plata. We made a quick pit stop along the way to collect Hermit crabs for Lorenzo to throw as bait to anything that swam. That boy, in the middle of an uninhabited mangrove learning how to catch crabs by a guide, was in heaven.

Fifteen more minutes of chopless deep blue water and it was outboard off, long pole out, rods rigged and my personal heaven. I was finally fishing for bonefish with a fly rod in a place where bonefish live; a long-long journey from the dry sand of the desert



southwest. The flats were amazing, shallow, cool and gin clear, water. I wondered how short, stocky Alex standing not on a poling platform but on the back of the boat at my same level would see fish. He would and did almost every time seconds before I did, schools and singles of the most spookable elusive fish this desert rat has ever seen. Either they are tailing in the reeds or they come out of nowhere at any



moment. I had one, and if that didn't spook them, maybe two casts to put the shrimp looking fly in that

magic spot. All the while Alex is whisper yelling, mas distancia, mas distancia, mas cerca, no – derecha, mas rapido, bueno, no – strip, strip, strip!!



All totaled, in the day I would have liked to go on and on, Lorenzo and his trusty spin rod caught a respectable two barracudas, a pargo and a blue runner. I had hooked and lost a snapper and schools of schooling bonefish. The two I brought to net were 15" and 18", the prettiest and only bonefish I have ever held.

When is the next casting clinic again?

Alex runs flyfishingcozumel@gmail.com. [↑](#)

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Willow Creek Volunteer Stream Survey



Discussing the morning plan



Stream survey stretch



Measuring stream velocity



Stream survey crew in action



Fireside Willow Creek NM



Gila trout caught and released 11/10/2019

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2019

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 Jeff Arterburn (Secretary), Ron Bellerose, David Carmichael (President), Jim Hulsey, Dillen Martinez, Chuck Mueller (Treasurer) and Jim Sorenson (acting VP). Board members absent were: Robert Ardovino and Tom Johnson (Vice President, is on a temporary leave of absence). Non-Board members in attendance were N/A.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** Minutes from the October 14, 2019 Board Meeting, as published in the November 2019 issue of the newsletter, were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report and reviewed the banquet expenditures. The available current account balance is \$9,886.31. A summary of the F3T film was presented, showing 35 attendees and yielding a net gain of \$251.24. Chuck and Jim Sorenson will be setting up the new signature authorization at the bank soon. The treasurer's report was accepted by the Board.
3. **Membership Report.** N/A
4. **Fly Fishing Outreach.** Ron reported that there are no fly tying session being held in November. He will directly contact participating members to schedule the next sessions and fly fishing outings. For more information, members should contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516, flyfishnh@hotmail.com).
5. **Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited:**
 - Jeff Arterburn reported that Willow Creek Volunteer Stream Survey was held November 8-10 (Friday-Sunday). This project is partially funded by a Western Native Trout Initiative small grant that supports the continuing stream survey project to benefit Gila trout at Willow Creek, and the assessment and monitoring methods are being developed as a citizen science approach that can be used for other watersheds. The team is developing a standard operating procedure document de-

scribing the methodology and preparing reports for agencies, and will be applying for other grants.

- Jeff reported that efforts are in progress to start a new Fly Fishing Club at NMSU that will be affiliated with the Trout Unlimited 5-Rivers College Program. The Trout Unlimited Costa 5 Rivers program is a network of more than 100 TU-affiliated college fishing clubs around the country focused on conservation, and these clubs seek to engage current and beginning fly fishers on their campuses nationwide. Information about the program is available at www.tu.org/5rivers. Through their affiliation with Trout Unlimited, clubs plan and participate in a series of events and initiatives in conjunction with their local TU chapter. Upon completion, club members earn access to the student discount program from participating industry partners, thereby reducing the prohibitive cost curve of entering the sport. Each club works with their local TU Chapter to complete their club goals for the school year. Club events include conservation, community outreach and a fundraiser.

Volunteers for all of these TU 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 AFS is planning for a kids fishing derby at alumni pond, with more details to be provided.
7. **Presentations and Events.**
 - George Sanders will give the club presentation on December 9th describing his fly fishing in Patagonia and do-it-yourself travel throughout Argentina and Chile.
 - The Annual Banquet will be held on January 25th, 2020, featuring Skip Morris. There will be an afternoon (~2pm) presentation titled

"Make dry fly and emerger fishing work" on the NMSU campus. Jeff and Bob will identify a room with capacity for ~30 participants. The dinner will be held at St. Paul's, and the evening presentation is titled "Creeks." Jim Sorensen will contact Teako Nunn to make arrangements for reserving Sparky's catering. David reported that airline flights have been made and lodging arrangements will be finalized soon. Skip has a late flight out on Sunday. The banquet raffle tickets will go on sale soon. The Board discussed and decided to offer a special pricing for tickets through the end of December: 5 tickets for \$20. The Board allocated spending for a gift for the Ellett's.

- The Board discussed future speakers for 2020 and is open to suggestions from all members. Some possibilities mentioned include Bill Parker with a presentation on his hatchery operations; Pat Blankenship from Conejos River Anglers, and other shops/guides within the region.

8. **Rio Peñasco Lease:** The Club stocked the MVFF lease with ~175 rainbow trout (11–12 inches).

Bill Parker has also recently stocked Grindstone with some very large fish (up to 5 lbs).

9. **Other discussion items:**

- Nominations are open for the Board.
- The LCPS special education clinic was held November 14–15–16 at the NMSU pond, and Jim, Mary and Ron helped with the event. NMDGF had stocked on that Wednesday.
- Jim Sorenson talked with Casey the NMDGF education coordinator to schedule Spring Kids' Fishing Clinic, and need to set a date. In follow-up discussion considering the possibilities (March 7, 21, and 28, or April 4), a preference for March 21 was identified. Additional considerations are that UTEP's spring break is Mar 16–20, and NMSU's break is the following week, Mar 23–27. Final details will be determined.
- Chuck reported that he will be helping Dave Lukowski who is organizing a club trip to the San Juan the spring 2020. They will plan for a relatively small group for this first trip to keep the logistics manageable.

10. The next MVFF Board Meeting is scheduled for December 16th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm. [↑](#)

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

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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.

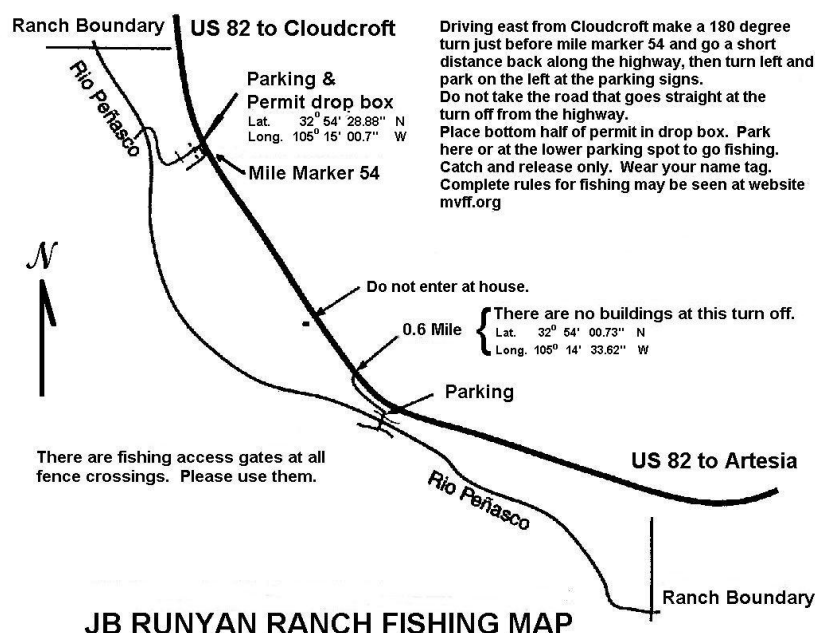
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulse (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.



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.