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Membership Meeting

There will be no MVFF general membership meeting in January. Instead we will have the Annual Banquet on Saturday, 25 January. There are some changes this year so be sure to read about them elsewhere in this newsletter.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 13 January

Note: this is a different date than normal.

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 13 January. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 22 January

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 22 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Perdigon Jig Fly, Darth Vader Style*. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out.

Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner

David Carmichael



Winter in trout country. The forests lay silent in the chill of the early morning light, and the high meadows slumber under a blanket of dry, sparkling snow. Rivers and streams flow quietly beneath the ice while the tempo of aquatic life slows, and energies are marshalled to survive the challenges of the cold. In the relative stillness of winter, and on the eve of a new year, we have the opportunity to reflect on where we've come in the past year, and on where we're headed in the upcoming year. I don't mean where we want to fish next, but rather, what we envision for our sport of fly fishing,



and for the natural resources upon which we rely to pursue our passion.

Unlike many of our fellow fly anglers in the eastern half of the country, those of us who live and recreate in the West spend much of our time on public lands. Even many of us who fish the club lease or other private waters often visit public lands as well. Much has happened in the past year that will affect our use of public lands and water resources, for better and for worse. Let's consider some of these developments.

In 2019, there were some important wins for the environment, conservation, and water resources in our region. In September, the Grant County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the designation of the Gila as a Wild & Scenic River, and a number of W&S proponents are now calling on Senators Udall and Heinrich to introduce legislation to make the designation happen. Both the MVFF and the Gila/Rio Grande chapter of Trout Unlimited have supported this effort, and we will continue to do so.

The State of New Mexico has created a new Division of Outdoor Recreation, in recognition of the usefulness of and potential for expanding the outdoor recreation portions of our economy. At present, New Mexico has about 27 million acres of public lands which provide year-round opportunities for a variety of recreational uses. Outdoor recreation supports 99,000 direct, full-time jobs in the state, and contributes about \$9.9 million to our economy. It is great that New Mexico now officially recognizes the economic benefits of outdoor recreation, and will be creating plans to grow that part of our economy and seek ways to enhance the outdoor experiences involved (*New Mexico Wild*, Fall/Winter, p. 11).

On December 17, New Mexico legislators announced that White Sands National Monument has become the state's second National Park (*Rio Grande Sierran*, Vol.

58, Issue 1, p. 3). Not only is the change in status likely to increase park visitation and contribute to the local economy, it should also protect White Sands from the sort of downsizing recently imposed, at least temporarily, on other monuments such as Bears Ears and Escalante/Grand Staircase (the legality of those reductions is being challenged in the courts).

The State of New Mexico has provided an important win for water conservation. The Office of the State Engineer has awarded the State's first water rights permit to keep water in a river, rather than diverting it for agriculture or mining, as is usually the case.

Audubon New Mexico now has in-stream flow rights to a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile stretch of the Gallina River just upstream from its confluence with the Rio Chama near Abiquiu (*New Mexico Political Report* 12/13/2019). The effort is intended to contribute to the protection of riparian areas which now account for only 1%



of the New Mexico landscape. In fact, New Mexico now ranks as the most water-stressed area in the United States, so this is a welcome change of policy. Now water rights holders will be able to lease or sell water for conservation purposes, rather than just for commercial consumption. Toner Mitchell reports that Trout Unlimited has applied for similar rights at Trout Spring near Las Vegas, NM, and other locations are under consideration as well.

Now for some of the bad news... Despite the ongoing lawsuits challenging the legality of the administration's diversion of military funding to build the new border fence, construction is already underway (*The Guardian* 12/28/2019), and already causing significant adverse environmental impacts. The government has suspended 28 separate federal environmental laws relating to the protection of clean air and water, endangered species, public lands and Native American rights and religious freedoms. The 20-mile section of fence in southeastern Arizona is adjacent to

the San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge, where rare desert springs and streams are the only U.S. habitat for threatened and endangered Rio Yaqui fish species. Their habitat is drying because of the pumping of the hundreds of thousands of gallons of water needed to make the concrete for the foundation of the border fence. Four fish species are now in severe danger because of **concrete**: the endangered Yaqui topminnow, Yaqui chub, Yaqui beautiful shiner and the threatened Yaqui catfish.

As reported in the most recent *Rio Grande Sierran* (Volume 58, Issue 1, p.3), the U.S. Air Force is proposing to permanently expand their F-16 training air space, and one of the four options being considered would be centered over the Gila National Forest. Training would involve overflights at altitudes as low as 500 feet, with at least 10,000 sorties per year, during which they would drop a minimum of 15,360 magnesium flares and chaff packages per year. The expanded training area is not even necessary, as the current training air space is sufficient. No new jobs would be created. But 9 counties in New Mexico and 2 in Arizona would be subjected to increased noise, pollution, litter, increased risk of forest fires, and diminished recreational experiences. Fire management relating to flare drops or aircraft crashes would be the responsibility of local political jurisdictions. The Draft EIS can be viewed at www.peacefulgilaskies.com or www.nmwild.org. If you wish to submit a public comment, you may write Holloman AFB EIS, c/o Cardo, 501 Butler Farm Road, Suite "H", Hampton, VA 23666, or comment through actionnetwork.org/petitions/f-16. Deadline for comments is January 31, 2020.

The federal administration has proposed new rules to weaken the Endangered Species Act, and the U.S. Forest Service is seeking to weaken the requirements for environmental review and public comment currently required by the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA). Such changes are intended to make it easier to proceed with mining extraction projects on public lands. The administration has also announced that the national headquarters of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be moved from Washington, D. C. to Grand Junction, Colorado. This move is widely understood to be part of the administration's effort to downsize land management agencies (by encouraging current employees to quit instead of relocating their families) and weaken their influence in policy-making (by removing them from the power centers in Washington). See *New Mexico Wild*, Fall/Winter 2019 for more information.

The administration also plans to open the Tongass National Forest to timber harvesting, by rolling back the provisions of the Roadless Rule. At present, the Rule protects 9 million acres of forest from development, especially clearcutting of old-growth forests. In the process, the Rule also protects one of our largest West Coast salmon fisheries, and the largest salmon fishery within Forest Service lands. Logging would pollute the salmon rivers and streams, and would remove the trees that help regulate the cold water temperatures necessary for successful spawning. The American public at large, as well as local Alaskan populations and Native Americans overwhelming support the Roadless Rule protections on the Tongass, but the administration is planning to subvert the long-term and diverse interests of the public to prop up a few logging mills (*Center for Biological Diversity*, 12/16/2019).

The Pecos River is threatened by a new proposal for hard rock mining on U.S. Forest Service lands upstream from the village of Pecos. The mining claim, made by an Australian company through a Mexican subsidiary, is located in the sub-alpine Jones Hill area, at the confluence of five Pecos River tributary drainages: Indian, Macho, Sawyer, Dalton and Holy Ghost (*New Mexico Wild*, Fall/Winter 2019). Dalton, Indian and Macho Creeks have thriving populations of Rio Grande Cutthroat trout, but the place-



Map credit: Albuquerque Journal

ment of the mining claim makes it likely that even small-scale exploration will introduce contaminants into these streams and the Pecos river itself. The Forest Service has taken the position that the agency cannot deny the exploration effort, so it really is time to rewrite federal mining law.

All of these proposed development projects, and the changes to environmental management strategies, are part of the current administration's broad attack on the conservation of natural resources, and/or their use for purposes other than enhancing the profits of the extractive industries, especially mining and logging. It is now abundantly clear that such actions have been proposed, planned, and implemented in spite of the overwhelming support American citizens have expressed for environmental preservation. It is also clear that many of the administration's efforts benefit a few companies in the extractive industries, at the expense of the long-term interests of the general public. And, in the case of mining companies, most projects will generate few jobs, and the profits will go to foreign companies.

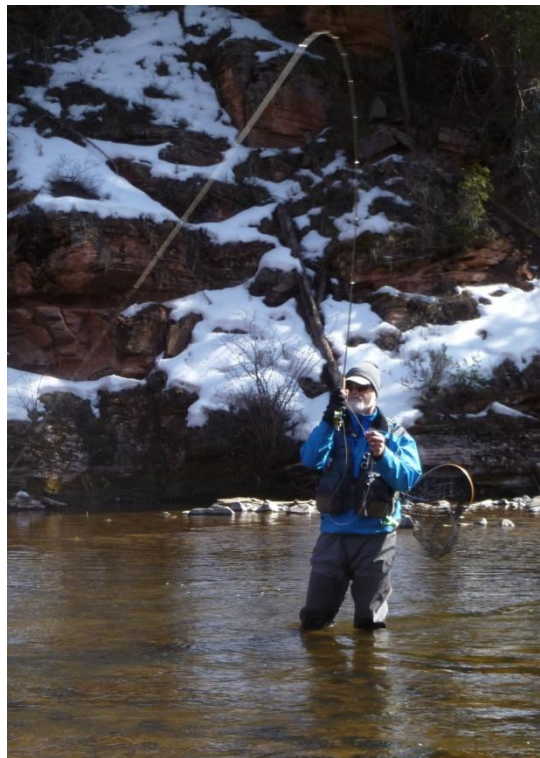
So, how do we respond to this environmental onslaught? It's not just about where or if we will be able to continue fly-fishing. Our hobby provides us an intimate look at the small details about how healthy fisheries function, but fish habitat is also a microcosm of the ecology at large. Damage to our fisheries is a harbinger of larger scale impacts that can reasonably be expected to result from the aggressive anti-conservation policies initiated over the past three years. Our responses will influence the future of our sport and the future of the environmental resources upon which they depend.

*"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."
(Robert Frost)*

Which road will we choose to travel, as anglers and as citizens? The path of development, pollution and habitat destruction, or the one less traveled by: the path of conservation and renewal of natural resources? The fate of our sport, as well as that of the larger environment hangs in the balance. On the occasion of this New Year celebration, let's think about what we would like to bequeath to our children and

grandchildren, and then resolve to take the actions necessary to make it happen.

Happy New Year!



A tight line allows one to ignore the winter cold, at least for a few moments.



Annual Club Banquet and Raffle

Saturday, January 25

The club's Annual Banquet will be held 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.



*2020 Annual Banquet
guest speaker Skip Morris*

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.

Interested members, along with Skip, will meet at the Game II for lunch at 12:30pm, 4131 Northrise Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Following lunch, the group will make the short drive to the NMDGF conference room for the presentation at 2pm where 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 at the NMDGF conference room at 2pm. Watch your email for final details.



Board Members Elected

As defined in the Club By-Laws, an election was held in the December, 2019, General meeting to elect members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year (2020). The following nine people volunteered to serve: Robert Ardivino, Jeff Arterburn, David Carmichael, Jim Hulsey, Ron Bellerose, Dillon Martinez, Chuck Mueller, Bob Silver and Jim Sorensen. The Board met on 16 December, 2019 and elected officers. Officers elected to serve were: President – David Carmichael, Vice President – Jim Sorenson, Treasurer – Chuck Mueller and Secretary – Jeff Arterburn.



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 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 are 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.

At this point, no trips are planned but we will probably hold an informal casting practice in Las Cruces on a Saturday morning during the first quarter of the year, followed by a no host lunch at a local restaurant.



Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

Jeff Arterburn, President



GRG-TU for MVFF January 2020

Make your resolution to get involved with Trout Unlimited in Southern New Mexico in 2020!

The New Year 2020 will be an exciting time to get more involved with the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of TU. We need your help as volunteers and engaged leaders to develop new strategic plans and pursue grants and fundraising to support native trout conservation habitat assessment and restoration projects

and educational activities in our region. Southern New Mexico has incredible opportunities for unique fly fishing adventures, including the southernmost population of Rio Grande Cutthroat trout, and our signature species: Gila trout. We are looking forward to the restoration of Gila trout to the Whitewater Creek watershed (hopefully this year?) and we have a variety of exciting and important projects in store. We will be planning for the next Willow Creek Volunteer Stream Survey in May 2020 and hope you will join us!

Another exciting initiative we are going to be involved in is helping the students at New Mexico State University start a College Fly Fishing Club affiliated with the Trout Unlimited 5-Rivers College Program. This will be a great opportunity for our members to share your passion for fly fishing and conservation, and to help introduce the next generation to our sport and ethos. Please consider donating your used gear or gifting new equipment to help outfit NMSU students so that they can go fishing! 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! If you would like to serve on the GRG-TU Board of Directors or get involved in any of our activities *PLEASE* contact Jeff Arterburn by email to: jeffgilatu@aol.com

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

You can help support our native trout conservation/restoration and outreach/education efforts by purchasing one of our beautiful T-shirts with the GRG-TU logo. We have two colors available: green-on-ivory, and peanut-butter-on black. These are great looking, well-made shirts for a great cause at only \$20 each. Please include \$5 for shipping if you want the shirt(s) mailed. Contact Jeff Arterburn to get yours, and to sign up for the next volunteer event: 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.

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 Lukcoski 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.

Trips currently being planned are:

- San Juan spring trip Mar. 30 – Apr 2. Contact David Lukcoski, dlucoski12@gmail.com or 575-491-5667 for additional info.



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.



Parking at Alumni Pond, NMSU

Those fishing at Alumni Pond on the NMSU campus should be aware that parking on the campus is tightly regulated and strictly enforced with fines being administered. However, parking is generally free after 4:30pm on weekdays and all day on weekends. To obtain the various rules and regulations with info on how to get parking permits see the NMSU visitor webpage at <https://park.nmsu.edu/visitor/>.

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Perdigon Jig Fly, Darth Vader Style**Hook:** your favorite jig fly hook, #14 to #18**Thread:** ultra, 70 denier black**Tail:** Coq de Leon, medium pardo or similar tailing feathers**Ribbing:** Ultra Tinsel pearl or uv blue or uv purple**Coating:** Loons UV knot sense or UV Thin**Bead:** tungsten slotted bead matched to size of hook**Weight:** 0.01 lead free weighted wire or any fine wire weight for faster descent, (for slower descent do not add wire.)

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Stream Survey Volunteers



Stream Survey Volunteers at Willow Creek, Gila National Forest, Catron County NM, May 2019



A Gila trout "selfie"

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2019

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order by David Carmichael at 7:04pm in the NMDG&F Conference room. Board members present were: Jeff Arterburn (Secretary), Ron Bellerose, David Carmichael (President), Jim Hulse, Chuck Mueller (Treasurer) and Jim Sorenson (acting VP). Board members absent were: Dillen Martinez, Bob Silver (Membership), Robert Ardovino and Tom Johnson (Vice President, is on leave of absence). Non-Board members in attendance were N/A.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the November 18, 2019 Board Meeting, as published in the December 2019 issue of the newsletter, were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report. The available current account balance is \$10,436.57. The year-to-date number of lease permits sold was 112, which represents an estimated decrease ~30% relative to last year. The rental storage unit has been paid up through November 2020. 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 sessions being held in December. 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 the Gila Trout and Chihuahua Chub Recovery Team meeting will be held in Silver City, NM at the Gila National Forest office on January 16th, 2020. Jeff and Brad Shuster will be attending, and will provide updates following the meeting.
 - The GRG-TU group is developing a long-term plan for grant proposals to support habitat improvement and restoration work for Willow Creek, and is particularly interested in opportunities for funding beaver dam analog structures.
- Jeff participated in a National Forest Foundation (NFF) Informational Webinar for the Matching Awards Program (MAP) that was held on December 13, 2019. This funding mechanism requires a 1:1 cash match, with grants typically awarded for \$25K. This establishes a goal for future fund-raising efforts. The USFS is also working to identify funding for these habitat restoration projects, and we are all looking toward the nascent watershed plan for Willow Creek that is contracted to Natural Channel Design, Inc.
- 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.
- Jeff reported that efforts to start a new Fly Fishing Club at NMSU that will be affiliated with the Trout Unlimited 5-Rivers College Program <www.tu.org/5rivers> will be getting underway in January 2020. TU and MVFF members are encouraged to consider donating used (or unused) equipment for the student club to use, since many of the participants will be new to fly fishing and in need of all types of gear and tackle.

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. N/A

7. Presentations and Events.

- The Annual Banquet will be held on January 25th, 2020, featuring Skip Morris. There will be an afternoon (~2 pm) presentation titled "Make dry fly and emerger fishing work" that will be held at the NMDGF Conference Room. Ron will contact NMDGF to confirm the room availability, and there will be an opportunity for those interested in attending to meet at

the Game II for lunch at 12:30pm, 4131 Northrise Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88011. The group will then make the short drive to the NMDGF conference room for the presentation at 2 pm. Jim Sorensen confirmed catering arrangements have been made with Teako Nunn from Sparky's. The dinner will be held at St. Paul's, and the evening presentation is titled "Creeks." Volunteers should plan to meet for setting up chairs and tables at 4:30 pm, with the meal to be served at 6 pm. Jim sent the raffle tickets to Bob, and will distribute information about purchasing tickets on the website and via email. The special pricing for tickets will be available through the end of December: 5 tickets for \$20. David has made arrangements 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, other suggestions included staff from the Glenwood hatchery that will be undergoing major improvements and will focus on raising Gila trout. David will contact Pat Blankenship from Conejos River Anglers, and other shops/guides within the region.
- The Spring San Juan trip is being scheduled for March 30–April 2, 2020, and members should contact Dave Lukowski or Chuck Mueller for more details.

- Alex Montes wanted to announce that "Troutfest" organized by the Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited Chapter in Texas is being held Feb 1–3, 2020. The festival is held on the banks of the Guadalupe River at Lazy L&L Campground, featuring speakers, classes, gear, a banquet, movies, food, beer and fun for the whole family. Alex attended last year and said it was a great event, and he will be returning this year.
- David announced that the NM Trout Conclave is scheduled Feb 8th, 8:30 am–5pm, at the UNM Continuing Education Center in Albuquerque.

8. **Rio Peñasco Lease: N/A**

9. **Other discussion items:**

- The club voted on nominations for the 2020 roster Board of Directors at the December 16th meeting. The Board voted to elect these Officers:
 - President: David Carmichael
 - Vice President: Jim Sorenson
 - Treasurer: Chuck Mueller
 - Secretary: Jeff Arterburn
- Jim Hulsey will check with Tim Mack regarding a possible fly tying session in January.
- David will provide an update on the new MVFF logo design next month.

10. The next MVFF Board Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm. [↑](#)

Quick Look Contact Information**2020 Officers of the Club****Officers**

- **President:** David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
- **V-Pres.:** Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
- **Secretary:** Jeff Arterburn (612) 720-3456
- **Treasurer:** Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045

Board Members

- **Position 1:** David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
- **Position 2:** Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
- **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
- **Position 9:** Dillen Martinez (505) 401-3640

Newsletter & Web Page Editor

- Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880 newsletter@mvff.org

Membership Committee Chairman

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

Lady Anglers

- Mary Hoffman (505) 710-5229

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.

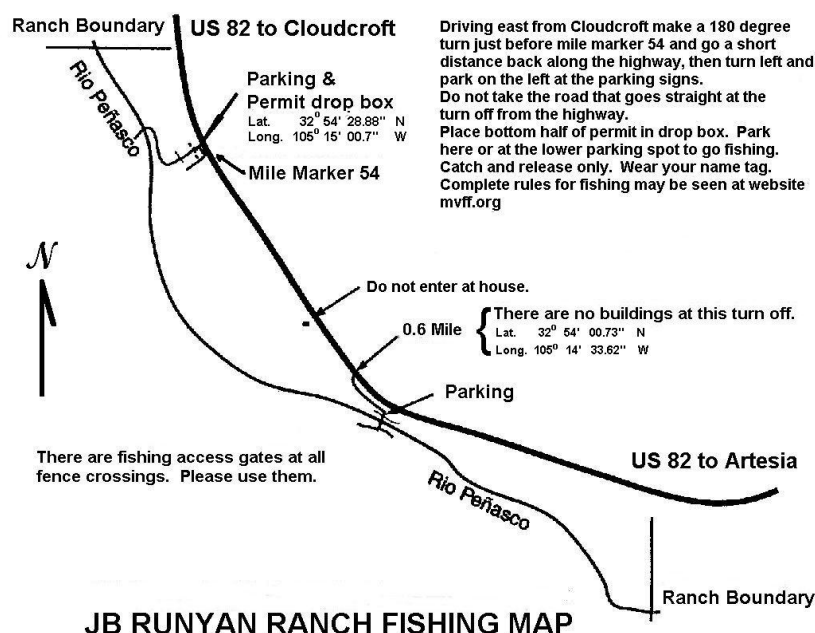
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.