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Meetings

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.

The next club activity will be the Flyfishing Film Tour on June 18th. See the President's column below for full details.

President's Corner

Bob Silver



I hope to see many of you at this year's FlyFishing Film Tour on June 18th, 2023. It will be held at Ardivino's Desert Crossing Restaurant, 1 Ardivino Dr.,

Sunland Park, NM 88063. Doors open at 12 noon and the event will last until 3 PM. Treat yourself, family, and friends to an entertaining afternoon of world class videos taken around the world and a great brunch. The cost is \$45 which includes a delicious brunch. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.ardovinos.com/fathers-day or from the Club webpage at www.mvff.org. The annual film tour is a traveling roadshow of the best fly fishing films in the world. The link to their website is <https://flyfilmtour.com/>. We have rented

the videos for a one time showing. Everyone will enjoy the scenery, adventure, and the exotic locales featured in the films. The F3T is more than just the film, the shows aim to create community, inspire, encourage and support conservation efforts worldwide. I hope to see you at Ardivino's.

In last month's Newsletter, I said our goal for the year was to help people get out to fish more. That means helping people get started all the way to taking trips. Dave Carmichael and I took turns having a casting class every Wednesday evening at 6:30PM during the month of May. We used the pond on the NMSU campus. A number of people showed up to learn to cast better. Besides picking up casting tips each Wednesday became a Q&A session on fishing. Dave and I had a great time.

We are still planning to hold a picnic and on-stream clinic at the lease later in the summer. Speaking of summer, I just read that the snow-pack in Colorado that feed the rivers and streams making the Colorado river is at 245% of normal and melting slowly. This may be a good year to plan some trips to southern Colorado and northern NM, but keep an eye of the stream flows. Runoff may last longer this year but it should help fishing.

Dave Brown and Chuck Mueller are organizing a couple of guided trips this summer to the San Juan River. We are meeting next Tuesday to go over details. Each trip will be for 9 Club members for 3 days and include a combination of a float with guides and wading with other Club members experienced on the San Juan. Reservations for lodging and the dates and details are being worked out.

During the summer months (June, July and August) we take a break from the regular monthly meeting schedule because many members are away, hopefully fishing. The next regular meeting will be held September 10th. Go fish! See you at Ardivino's to whet your appetite for fishing, great food and camaraderie.

Regards, Bob



Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited
 Jeff Arterburn, President



**GRG-TU for MVFF June-2023
 Report on the Western Regional Rendezvous (WRR) in Taos**

The Western Regional Rendezvous meeting in Taos, NM May 18-21 was a huge success. There were ~200 attendees, coming from Alaska to West Virginia, with four of our members participating (Jeff Arterburn, David Brown, Pat Lamb and Brad Shuster) and everything went smoothly. There was a really interesting agenda with topics ranging from presentations on how fire impacts fish to local watershed issues to developing advocacy plans for chapters, and featured sessions covering the native Rio Grande Cutthroat and Gila and Apache trout. The keynote address from Dr. Len Necefer discussing drought in the Colorado River and how it is perceived through the eyes of native cultures was a highlight. The Creative Media Institute Gila Film School students from New Mexico



Group Picture at the TU WRR in Taos

State University were the stars of the show and received a great reception during the kickoff film night event at the Taos Center of the Arts. Three



NMSU CMI Gila Film School Students and Faculty attending the TU WRR in Taos

of their films were featured in full length, and they participated on stage in a question and answer session that was impactful and very interesting to the audience. *(Note: We plan to show the Gila trout film at an upcoming meeting.)* A very special **"THANKS!"**

goes to Mary Hoffman whose personal donation to help support the students travel for this event was greatly appreciated! To further illustrate the impact that the students had on attendees at the WRR. I have reproduced the

report below that was written by Ken Deaver and published in the Trout Unlimited online forum:

On May 18th, Thursday evening at the Taos Center for the Arts, we watched films about local waters, mainly NM. One film by Orvis

and one by Patagonia, both excellent films! But the highlight of the evening was the presentation of films put together by film making students from the local college. For most this was their first year. The films covered the Gila trout region and the efforts to restore the Gila trout habitat. I have to say I was blown away by the documentaries, that these young people put together! So professional in the visual as well as the composition. All with the passion and commitment that we wish we could retain in our mature adult lives! After the showing these young people stood on stage with their teachers talking of the making and passion for film making, but more important was their love of nature and preservation of its habitat! There followed a question and answer period. I knew they were nervous but once they got started they were into the subject matter, their enthusiasm bubbled over carrying us with them, sitting at the edge of our seats, I could not help from tearing up with joy! They were animated with an amazing enthusiasm and hope for the future, hoping to make a difference. If this is an indication of the youth following in our footsteps, we need not worry. They talked of their families and how important that was to have that support, retaining the family and cultural ties in the community. We got to meet them personally after the showings, and I have to say I saw in their eyes that spark of hope! Not just a spark but a beam of light that talks of a new day to come, a new beginning!

So, when I say, the Western Regional was all positive, and not like some of the negativity we see on the forum, that is what I'm talking about! I have one other part to share with you in part two. To me personally these two were the highlights!!

Ken Deaver, Trout Unlimited Life Member, Billings MT



NMSU CMI Gila Film School Students on Stage at the TU WRR in Taos

Upcoming Kid's Fishing Events

TU and MVFF volunteers will be helping at two events scheduled for the NM free fishing day:

1. **Aldo Leopold Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Roberts, Saturday June 3, 2023** – The Gila National Forest Wilderness Ranger District USFS and other groups for holding the Aldo Leopold Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Roberts that will feature family fun activities, games and prizes along with Gila trout stocked in the lake, including some very large surplus broodstock that would thrill anglers of all ages and reveal just how big a trophy Gila trout can grow!
2. **28th Annual Youth Fishing Derby at Grindstone Lake, Saturday June 3, 2023** – The Lincoln NF-Smokey Bear Ranger District is organizing the annual kids fishing day at Grindstone Lake, 501 Resort Drive, Ruidoso, NM, 88345 United States. This is a great event with a variety of activities and prizes for the kids and everyone usually catches a lot of fish!

Get Involved in Trout Unlimited!

TU collectively does so many things Nationally, and the numbers of dedicated staff supported by grant funding is growing rapidly, but it is the local chapters and the grass roots individuals who choose to pursue specific opportunities and really make things happen. If you would like to get more involved with our GRG-TU Chapter, there are several ways you can do that. Pat and David

are participating in an effort to get funding and support for a **Trout in the Classroom** program in Southern NM. There are so many possibilities, but each one requires a volunteer willing to step up and make it happen. We cover such a huge region we need the representation of local leaders to make sure we have the greatest positive impacts where they are needed. **Please consider joining the board for our chapter boards and getting involved in leadership roles.** If you're interested, please contact Jeff for more info.

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



Green logo on ivory



Peanut butter logo on black

Our beautiful T-shirts with the GRG-TU logo in colors: green-on-ivory, and peanut-butter-on-black are sold as part of our fund-raising for trout

restoration and conservation efforts. 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: <mailto:jeffgilatu@aol.com>.

If you are a current or former TU member looking to renew your membership please use the standard renewal form on the TU website: <https://gifts.tu.org/member/renew> or call 1-800-834-2419.



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*.



MVFF Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2023

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn

The MVFF was called to order by Bob Silver when a quorum was established at 7:20 pm, via Zoom. Board members present were Jeff Arterburn, Jim Hulse, Chuck Mueller, Bob Silver and Helen Zagana. Not present: Robert Ardivino, Jeremiah Blount, David Brown, Robert Kopczyk and George Sanders.

1. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the Board meeting held April 17, 2022, were approved as published in the May newsletter.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report. The current available balance of club accounts is \$8,936.61. The report was accepted as presented. Chuck also reported that he filed the list of Board Members with the Secretary of State.
3. **Membership.** Bob reported that several new members have joined recently. He will update the list of members (384) this summer to remove inactive memberships. Members are reminded that MVFF membership renewals were due April 1st, coinciding with NMDGF Fishing licenses.
4. **Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited.** Jeff Arterburn reported a very successful Volunteer Habitat Restoration project at Willow Creek in the Gila National Forest was completed April 20-23, as described in the May Newsletter. Arrangements are set for the TU Western Regional Meeting May 18-21, 2023, in Taos, NM. The NMSU CMI students and two faculty advisors will attend and be introduced during the film festival. Two events sched

uled for the NM free fishing day on **Saturday June 3rd**:

- Aldo Leopold Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Roberts
- the 28th Annual Youth Fishing Derby at Grindstone Lake.

We are seeking volunteers for both events. Please contact Jeff if you are interested in more details.

5. **Old Business:** The F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour will be shown Fathers' Day, Sunday June 18, 2023 at Ardivino's Desert Crossing Restaurant. Robert Ardivino was unable to attend so no updates were available. Bob reported that he and David will be offering fly casting instruction at Alumni Pond, and he and Jeff will have fly fishing instruction classes by zoom. Chuck identified housing and some available dates in October (14-18) and November (8-14) for a club trip to the San Juan. Bob, Chuck and Dave Brown plan to meet to make plans. George Kaspar won the raffle held during the May 8th meeting for the guided San Juan float trip.
6. **New Business:** Bob reported he was planning a picnic and fishing clinic at the lease, looking at dates in June. Oskar has volunteered to provide the main course, with members bringing side dishes to share. Permits would be charged at a reduced rate to cover the lease costs only. No further details were available regarding the October 7th outdoor event at Leasburg State Park. No further contact or information from the Project Healing Waters management have been received.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.



Quick Look Contact Information

2023 Officers of the Club		
Officers		
• President:	Bob Silver	(575) 642-5865
• V-Pres.:	Jeremiah Blount	
• Secretary:	Jeff Arterburn	(575) 649-9729
• Treasurer:	Chuck Mueller	(575) 647-4045
Board Members		
• Position 1:	Dave Brown	
• Position 2:	Helen Zagona	(575) 532-5668
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn	(575) 649-9729
• Position 4:	Bob Silver	(575) 642-5865
• Position 5:	Robert Ardovino	(575) 589-0653
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller	(575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	George Sanders	(575) 527-5536
• Position 8:	Jeremiah Blount	
• Position 9	Robert Kopczyk	
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•	Bob Silver (575) 642-5865	membership@mvff.org

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 donated to the fund please give it consideration and help honor Norm and Donna Mabie.

Current Email Addresses Needed

Many of the email addresses in our files are not current as members change to other internet providers. These addresses will not be distributed, but will only be used to relay club information or reminders for club meetings and other club events. Please send your address changes to membership@mvff.org.

Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Print

Help support the MVFF Habitat Restoration Projects and purchase a limited edition "Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout" print. This beautiful printing of an original watercolor of our native state fish is a limited series of 150 high quality 12 x 18 prints that are numbered and signed by New Mexico artist Michelle Arterburn. The cost of each individual print is \$25.00, with the proceeds dedicated towards habitat restoration projects. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. See the MVFF website for purchase.



***** REMEMBER *****

MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING 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.

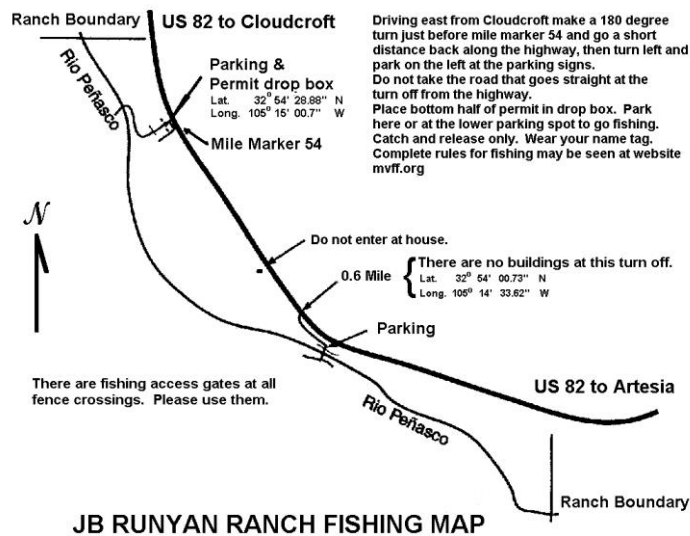
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulsey (575-635-5381) 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 (preferred method). 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. If you do not place a signed/dated permit in the proper receptacle before fishing, then you have not agreed to the terms stipulated on the permit and will be trespassing on private property.

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.