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Meetings

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

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday August 21st. It will be conducted via ZOOM.

President's Corner

Bob Silver



Hello Everyone - Well now I know what the phrase "dog-days-of-summer means." By afternoon, it is too hot to do much outside but sit around. These temps are not helping the lease. The last fishing report from the lease is from 2 weeks ago. The fish were biting well, mostly on size 18 pheasant tails and hare's ear and size 14 tan caddis fly dry flies. It is cooler at the lease but go early if you want to be there when the Tricos hatch because of the temperatures. By about 80 degrees the hatch is over for the day. I have been monitoring the Rio Grande, South Fork, and the Conejos. All are in what I call near-Colorado. By that I mean they are within a day's drive of Las Cruces.

Colorado's abundant snowpack has been melting slowly and these rivers have been high longer than normal. The levels are finally dropping and the temperature is warming up. Assorted stone flies and mayflies have been hatching. Take a run to near-Colorado and bring along your dry flies. You might be there for some of the stonefly, Gray Drake or the Green Drake hatches.

Save the date, on October 14, 2023 MVFF will be showing the FlyFishing Film Tour. It will be held at Ardovino's Desert Crossing Restaurant, 1 Ardovino Dr., Sunland Park, NM 88063. Doors open at 12 noon and the event will last until 3 PM. The link to the website is <https://flyfilmtour.com/> See for yourself the high-quality of the videos taken around the world. Treat yourself, family, and friends to an entertaining afternoon of world class videos and a great brunch. The cost will be \$45 which includes a delicious brunch. If you would like to sponsor a student from NMSU or UTEP those tickets will be \$35. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.ardovinos.com or from the Club web page at www.mvff.org . The annual film tour is a traveling roadshow of the best fly fishing films in the world.

On August 19th Jeff Arterburn and I will be hosting a Fly Fishing Class for women-only in conjunction with the New Mexico Game and Fish Hunter Education Program. This clinic is open to women of all ages living in the southern regions of New Mexico interested in learning the basics of fly fishing. Read Jeff Afterburn's newsletter article for additional details.

Dave Brown and Chuck Mueller are organizing two guided trips to the San Juan River in November. See Dave's article for additional details.

Regards, Bob



Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited



Jeff Arterburn, President

GRG-TU for MVFF July-2023

New efforts to start Trout In the Classroom (TIC) programs in southern NM.

Pat Lamb is taking a key role working with representatives from the other NM Trout Unlimited Chapters across the state to initiate this wonderful educational program in selected schools in our region. Pat is working with the new Gila Project Manager Eric Head, who is based in Silver City, and David Brown is helping with the effort to make this exciting opportunity for kids in our region to learn about fisheries science and conservation, and gain experiences that can be life changing and career forming. The team has made contacts with selected schools and are working with the statewide group assisted by National TU Staff to develop a proposal seeking funding for this program. Please join me in thanking these guys for taking this on! This is a great example of what can happen when you have a volunteer willing to step up, anything is possible! Our GRG-TU Chapter covers a huge region and we need the representation of local leaders to make sure we have the greatest positive impacts where they are needed.

Fly Fishing 101 Class for Women scheduled for August 19th

Jennifer Morgan with the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish has heard from women living in southern NM who are interested in learning about fly fishing, and she contacted Jeff and Bob Silver to see if they could teach a "Fly Fishing 101 Class". The plans are in place to hold the class on Saturday August 19th which will cover the basic knowledge and skills needed to get started fly fishing. Interested women are asked to contact Jeff and Bob in order to reserve a space in the class which is limited to 15. The following

information was distributed through the NMDGF communications and we are already half-full. Please share these details if you know any women who may be interested; there is no charge and no membership or previous experience required.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing 101

When: Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Part I: 9:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own.

Part II: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Part I: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 2715 E Northrise Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88011

Part II: Alumni Pond, New Mexico State University Campus, 1780, Las Cruces, NM 88003

This clinic is open to women of all ages living in the southern regions of New Mexico interested in learning the basics of flyfishing. Participants will learn the basic knowledge and skills needed to get them started on the water. Part I of the class students will learn about the equipment used for fly fishing, how to set up a fly rod and reel with leader, tippet and fly. The class will cover the different types of flies used for trout fishing, what they represent, knots to attach them, and some strategies and tactics to know when and how to fish them effectively. Part II will cover the basics of fly casting on the water, covering the two most important casts: overhead and roll.

Registration is open and free but must be completed by the deadline date Aug. 12. Registration is limited to 15 on a first-come basis. Applicants are encouraged to submit their registration requests as soon as possible by emailing the instructors at:

jeffgilatu@aol.com and rsilver@nmsu.edu.

Questions? Please contact Jeff Arterburn, (575) 649-9729 with the Trout Unlimited: Gila-Rio GrandeChapter at jeffgilatu@aol.com, or Bob Silver with Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers at (575) 642-5865, rsilver@nmsu.edu.

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 that 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.

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.

You can find out about other Trout Unlimited Events happening in our area and around the country using the online TU Events Calendar: <https://www.tu.org/events/>

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.



Fly Fishing Equipment for Sale

Karen Erickson is selling her vest, net, lines, leaders and tying stuff. She also has a bunch of rod cases. She can be reached by email kberickson1@gmail.com or at 575 644 1427.



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, June 19, 2023

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn

The MVFF was called to order by Bob Silver at 7:05 pm, via Zoom. Board members present were Robert Ardivino, Jeff Arterburn, Jeremiah Blount, Chuck Mueller, Bob Silver, David Brown and Helen Zagana. Not present: Jim Hulsey, George Sanders.

1. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the Board meeting held May 15, 2023, were approved as published in the June newsletter
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report. The current available balance of club accounts is \$9,088.23. The report was accepted as presented.
3. **Membership.** Bob reported that he is processing the current roster of members (361) and will be contacting members who are arrear in their dues. 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 that members hosted fly-fishing and fly-tying booths at both of the southern NM kids fishing events on the free fishing day Saturday June 3rd. The booth at the Aldo Leopold Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Roberts was staffed by Brad Shuster, Eric Head, Ron Bellanger and Jeff. The 28th Annual Youth Fishing Derby at Grindstone Lake was run by Ron Bellerose, Ted Hopkins and Ben Jewell, who is the owner of Jewell Expeditions a local fly-fishing guide service in the Ruidoso area. Pat Lamb is taking a key role working with other NM TU Chapters across the state to make contacts with schools and develop a proposal seeking funds for new "Trout In the Classroom" (TIC) programs in southern NM. Pat is working with the new Gila Project Manager Eric Head and David Brown to make this exciting opportunity happen. The NMDGF has contacted Jeff and Bob Silver about teaching a "Fly Fishing 101 Class" for women in southern NM. The plans are set to hold the class on Saturday August 19th. The class will cover basic knowledge and skills needed to get started fly fishing, and interested women are asked to contact Jeff and Bob to reserve a space in the class which is limited to 15.
5. **Old Business:** The F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour scheduled for Sunday June 18, 2023, was canceled due to insufficient ticket sales. Several contributing factors were identified and discussed, including insufficient advertising, some members were unavailable for Sunday attendance and the conflict with other plans for spending Father's Day, and problems with links for purchasing tickets. Alternative future dates were considered, and the decision to reschedule the film showing to Saturday, October 14th was made. In addition to more active advertising, tickets will be sold during the preceding MVFF General Meeting on Sept. 11th.
6. **New Business:** David Brown led an extensive discussion of ongoing efforts in planning the MVFF Fall 2023 San Juan fishing trips. David, Chuck and Bob have met and made arrangements for housing and were engaged in the process of contacting fly fishing guides (3-4). Two 4-day dates will be available for members to participate: November 1-4 and November 4-7. Housing reservations for the Octagon Inn (houses 9) and adjacent Octagon Cabin (houses 3) have been confirmed for these dates. Additional details will be provided in the newsletter. There will not be an MVFF Board Meeting in July; hopefully everyone will be out fly fishing on their favorite water. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday August 21st. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.



The San Juan River is Calling!!

When:

- Trip A: November 1st – 4th
- Trip B: November 4th – 7th
- Select Trip A or Trip B or Both, depending on your availability

Who:

- Members of the MVFF Club—if you have fly fishing friends who are not members, who might be interested in going, have them join the club, so they can attend!

What:

Two – 4–day fishing trips...Trip A and Trip B...choose Trip A, or Trip B or Both!

- Day 1 – Travel Day to Navajo Dam, NM
- Days 2–3 – Fishing Days on the San Juan River
- Day 4 – Travel Day to home

Space is available for the first 12 members who sign up and pay their deposits.

3 fishing guides in drift boats available both days arranged by MVFF member, Evan Claassen (first come, first served). Can request a 4th guide/boat if needed.

Where:

- The club has reserved the Octagon Inn along

with the Cabin for both Trip A and Trip B dates.

- [Octagon Inn in San Juan New Mexico—Hotel and Lodging in San Juan, New Mexico](#)
#2 Rd. 4275 Navajo Dam, New Mexico 87419
- The Octagon Inn sleeps 9 in twin beds spread out in 3 bedrooms and has 2 bathrooms.
- The Cabin sleeps 3 and has 1 bathroom (good for family/couple)

Costs:

- Lodging (3 nights), + meals [3 Breakfasts, 2 packed lunches, and 2 group suppers] = \$210/angler
- Guided float trip (per angler) = \$250/day + tip (10% – 20% cash)

Payment:

- Make checks payable to MVFF with San Juan Trip in the memo
- 50% deposit to the MVFF Club by Sept 11th Club Meeting
- Balance due to the MVFF Club by Oct 9th Club Meeting

Register: Contact Dave Brown (dwbrown3@com-cast.net/915.206.0626).

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	(915) 206-0626
• 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 Koczzyk	
Newsletter & Web Page Editor		
•	Jim Hulsey (575) 635-5381	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman		
•	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.

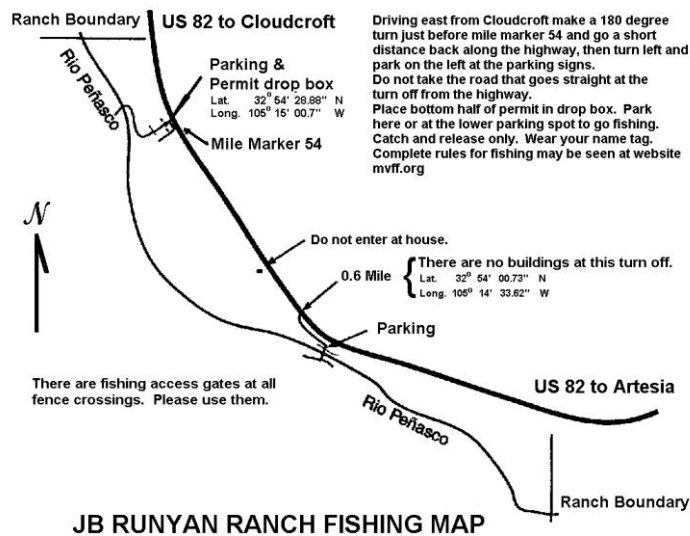
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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

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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.