



# TALE WATERS

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## Meetings

The next meeting of the general membership will be on Monday, October 9, at 7pm at the NMDGF facility at 2715 E. Northrise Drive, Las Cruces. Bob Silver and Jeff Arterburn will give a presentation on fishing for Alaskan salmon and how to prepare for a trip to Alaska. Check the President's Corner for additional details.

The next meeting of the MVFF Board of Directors will be on October 16, at 7pm, via Zoom.

Dave Brown, organizer of the San Juan trip, reminds us that there is still time to register. Trip A is fully subscribed but there are still 3 positions open for Trip B. 50% of the total trip cost for each angler is due as their deposit on Monday 9/11 with the balance being due at the October meeting on 10/9. Details of the trip can be viewed [here](#).

## President's Corner

Bob Silver



The next MVFF Club meeting will be this Monday, October 9, 2023. I just got back from Kodiak, Alaska and so did Jeff Arterburn.

We are combining our trips into a single presentation about planning a trip to

Alaska for Coho salmon. What we have to present would apply to anywhere in Alaska for salmon. Jeff and I will cover when to go when salmon are making their spawning runs. Also, the tackle you need is important from rods, reels to leader and flies. We have travel tips on how to pack without overpacking. Expect it to rain and so invest in a good quality jacket that you can use for the rest of your fishing life. Finally going to Alaska does not have to cost a fortune if you plan a DIY trip. Hope to see you on Monday so we can share our experiences with you.

Regards, Bob

We recently received word that long-time club member, Dick Newton, has passed away. Unfortunately, we have few details.



## Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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



**GRG-TU for MVFF October-2023**

**Volunteer needed Habitat Restoration project November**

**3-4-5**

The next opportunity for volunteers to help with habitat restoration work on Little Turkey Creek at the Willow Creek Campground in the Gila National Forest is scheduled for November 3-5. We are planning for more willow planting and for new construction and maintenance of the rock and wood structures. We have an outstanding camp cook and will be providing hot meals and can

guarantee that you will be well fed, have great camaraderie, and your efforts will help restore this beautiful watershed for Gila trout! If you are interested in helping out, please send an email to any of the folks below to get you on the list for planning and communications.

- James E. Brooks, JEB Outfitters LLC Back-country Stream Restoration and Monitoring [arroyodejaime@gmail.com](mailto:arroyodejaime@gmail.com), 505-331-5926
- Eric Head, Gila Trout Project Manager [eric.head@tu.org](mailto:eric.head@tu.org), (503) 964-1051
- Jeff Arterburn, Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited [jeffgilatu@aol.com](mailto:jeffgilatu@aol.com), (575) 649-9729

### 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.

**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](mailto:kberickson1@gmail.com) or at 575 644 1427.
- Luis Vargas is selling 5 rods and reels in carrying cases. 8'6" to 7'6" 7 to 2 wt. Also a Sea Eagle 285 frameless pontoon boat along with other FF accessories. Luis is located in west El Paso, 915 581 2573.



### 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](mailto:mpdankel@msn.com).

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



## The San Juan River is Calling!!

### When:

- Trip A: November 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Trip B: November 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting
- Balance due to the MVFF Club by Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

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

### Status: (as of 10/06/23)

Registration Status:

Trip A (Wed 11/1 – Sat 11/4) (Fully subscribed)

- Octagon Inn – 9 anglers capacity => Full
- Cabin – 3 anglers capacity => Full

Guided Float Trips

- Day A1: 4 boats/8 anglers
- Day A2: 3 boats/6 anglers

Trip B (Sat 11/4 – Tues 11/7) (3 positions open)

- Octagon Inn – 9 anglers capacity => 6 anglers registered...3 openings
- Cabin – cancelled

Guided Float Trips

- Day B1: 1 boat/2 anglers 1 boat/1 angler...opening for 1 or 3 more anglers
- Day B2: 0 boats/0 anglers

## MVFF Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2023

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn

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

present: George Sanders, Helen Zagona.

1. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the Board meeting held August 17, 2023, were approved as published in the September newsletter.

2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report. The current available balance of club accounts is \$8,761.81. The report was accepted as presented.
3. **Membership.** Bob is continuing to work on the roster and will be contacting members who are ar-rears in their dues (due April 1<sup>st</sup>). Jim confirmed that he is alerted and able to respond to new member applications while Bob is away on travel. A new member reported a successful fishing day at the lease, but was concerned with the safety of some access points.
4. **Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited.** Jeff Arterburn reported that a variety of representatives from State and Federal agencies and other conservation and outdoor recreation groups will meet on Friday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> for a field day trip to Black Canyon to survey the fire damage and discuss plans for restoration efforts. The proposal for funding "Trout In the Classroom (TIC) programs in NM, including new schools in Las Cruces and Silver City, will be submitted soon. A teacher in Ruidoso, Michelle Thurston, recently contacted the chapter with interest in starting a program there. Jeff and Bob Silver are planning to teach "Fly Fishing 101 Classes" for NMSU students covering basic knowledge and casting skills needed to get started fly fishing. The NM-TU Council is planning for a retreat at the Inn of the Mountain Gods November 10-12. The next volunteer habitat project for Little Turkey Creek is scheduled for November 3-5. Details will be provided in the newsletter.
5. **Old Business:**
  - Bob has been communicating with the organizers of the Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Cub Scout outdoor event at Leasburg, and they would like the club to host a fly-tying demonstration during the time slot 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Bob and Chuck, tentatively, are planning to participate.
  - The F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour has been rescheduled for the club banquet in January, looking at either the 20<sup>th</sup> (preferred) or 13<sup>th</sup>, and Bob will check with St. Paul's to determine availability.
  - Bob is also planning to contact the landowner in Mayhill, who has expressed interest in renting to MVFF members, to schedule a visit to the property.
- **San Juan fishing trips A&B.** David Brown reported that Trip-A has been filled to capacity with 12 members registered with housing in the Octagon Inn and Cabin. Trip-B has room for 3 remaining, with a total capacity of 9. Discussion of room selection, guide assignments, and food planning was initiated but needs to be finalized among the participants. Dave will contact Evan Klassen to finalize the guiding arrangements with the preferences for float and/or wade fishing. The status of members who have registered for the MVFF Fall 2023 San Juan fishing trips, counting 8 anglers at this time with room for more. Additional details will be provided in the newsletter and emails to the club, and at the next general meeting.
6. **New Business.**
  - Jim received a call from Ray Rodriguez with the sad news of Dick Newton's passing and notification of his funeral service next weekend. Several Board members recalled fishing with Dick and some good times in Kodiak on a club trip, and Jim will provide more details on the funeral service for club members.
  - Jeremiah raised the possibility of having the club logo engraved on Yeti-brand cups for interested members, and the Board agreed that this could be of interest to the membership. He will pursue this project and will need the most recent MVFF logo designs that David Carmichael completed.
  - The next two MVFF General Meetings are scheduled for Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed possible presentations including: David Carmichael with a presentation on fishing the Yakima River; NMSU AFS students with fisheries-related research presentations; and Bob, Brad, George and Jeff with presentations of AK Silver Salmon fishing. Bob and Jeff will contact the speakers to confirm availability and will finalize the schedule.

The next MVFF Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2023 Officers of the Club		
<b>Officers</b>		
• <b>President:</b>	Bob Silver	(575) 642-5865
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Jeremiah Blount	
• <b>Secretary:</b>	Jeff Arterburn	(575) 649-9729
• <b>Treasurer:</b>	Chuck Mueller	(575) 647-4045
<b>Board Members</b>		
• <b>Position 1:</b>	Dave Brown	(915) 206-0626
• <b>Position 2:</b>	Helen Zagona	(575) 532-5668
• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn	(575) 649-9729
• <b>Position 4:</b>	Bob Silver	(575) 642-5865
• <b>Position 5:</b>	Robert Ardovino	(575) 589-0653
• <b>Position 6:</b>	Chuck Mueller	(575) 647-4045
• <b>Position 7:</b>	George Sanders	(575) 527-5536
• <b>Position 8:</b>	Jeremiah Blount	
• <b>Position 9:</b>	Robert Koczzyk	
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>		
•	Jim Hulsey (575) 635-5381	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
<b>Membership Committee Chairman</b>		
•	Bob Silver (575) 642-5865	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

**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](mailto: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.

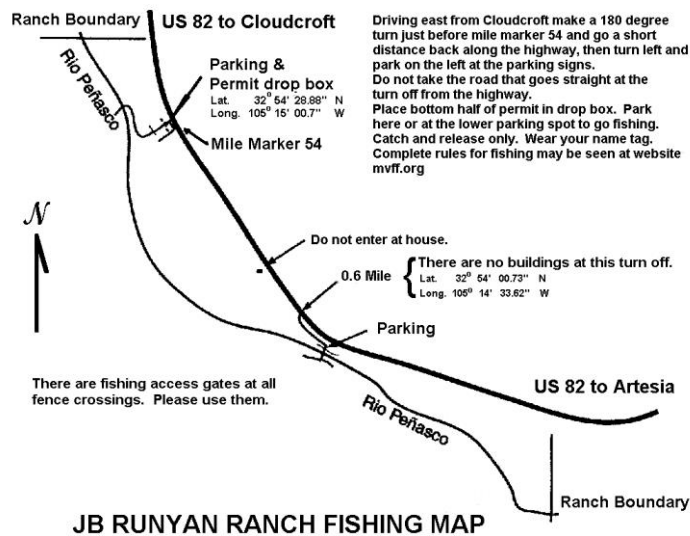
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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.



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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.