

Tale Waters

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old may fish free, however those 12 or older must have a New Mexico fishing license. All kids must register for the event at the NMG&F office, 2715 Northrise Drive or by calling 532-2100. If you wish to assist in conducting this clinic contact Tom Wobbe (522-5437) or Jim Hulsey (524-1880).

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
DUE MARCH 31**

Jude Duran

April 11th - Guest Speaker

Jude Duran, a San Juan River fly fishing guide, commercial fly tier, and fly fishing instructor will discuss fly fishing micro-patterns in the famous San Juan River tail water and in other rivers and lakes where these tiny (size 18-26) flies are predominant. He will describe the most effective techniques for fishing small flies, setting up and casting double-fly nymph rigs, strike indicators, reading the water and review the best patterns to imitate these small insects. Don't miss this one!

Kids Fishing Clinic - April 23

The Annual Kids Fishing Clinic sponsored by MVFF, New Mexico Game & Fish, and this year's addition, Wal-Mart, will take place Saturday, April 23 at the Aggie Alumni pond on the NMSU campus. The event will start at 9:00 am with club members requested to arrive by 8:00 am to help set up. NMG&F will arrange for trout to be stocked for the event. Kids 6-11 years

Presidents Corner

The spring winds are blowing strong as I write this, so strong this week that my fly casting would suffer greatly. Hopefully, some of you have had the opportunity to go fishing between the high wind days. MVFF members Jim, Randy and Brian Hulsey along with Steve Lewis had a successful trip to the San Juan on a recent weekend even with the murky water that has been reported on San Juan discussion boards. Jim, reported that they went with a guide on a float trip and had very good success on a black leech with a red annelid trailer. Also the wade fishing was apparently successful even with the off color water conditions. Our current plans are for a club trip to the San Juan on June 24-25-26 after the high water flow release.

Don't miss the upcoming April 11 meeting with San Juan guide Jude Duran's presentation on "Fishing Outside the Box - Fly Fishing the San Juan River". According to a recent fly fishing discussion board comments, Jude's presentation to the Arizona Flycasters was an outstanding one, with 160 members attending. Jude's website www.customflies.com has an outstanding selection of fly recipes and flies to purchase along with up to date reports on fishing the San Juan.

The MVFF Board recently had the opportunity to meet with Kevin Holiday, NM Game & Fish, Aquatic Resources Coordinator. Kevin, requested the meeting with the board to present an upcoming statewide volunteer program, about which we will present complete information in a future meeting.

MVFF members will be needed for the upcoming Kids Fishing Clinic which will be held at NMSU Alumni Pond. This is a fun and exciting event for both the kids and volunteers. Please contact Jim Hulsey at 524-1880 or Tom Wobbe at 522-5437 to volunteer or sign up at the April 11 meeting.

Thanks to members, Randy McFerrin, Calvin Stromberg, Tom Morris, Wade Hedgecoke, Gary Mann, Jim Hulsey, Paul Turner and Tom Wobbe who helped out with tree planting work party at the Penasco Lease. The overall project of the fence, baffles, vanes and trees should greatly improve the fishing in the lower portion of the stream lease in future years. We still have plans for additional work on the project, so if you have not had the opportunity to help out, please consider doing so in the future.

Remember, to renew your fishing license and your MVFF membership, both will have expired by the time you read this newsletter.

Tom

Rio Peñasco Improvement Project

Several Club members met on the weekend of 12 March to plant seedlings in the next phase of the Rio Peñasco stream improvement project. We probably planted between 650 and 700 seedlings, poles, and slips. Paul Turner had ordered the following bareroot seedlings from NM state forestry: 275 peachleaf willow, 50 hybrid cottonwood, 25 redosier dogwood and 25 chokecherry. In addition, he got 49 small containerized black willows. He had cut a large number of black willow slips and poles and some Rio Grande cottonwood slips from the along the Rio Grande just above Caballo Reservoir two days earlier. Participating on Saturday were Paul Turner, Tom Wobbe, Jim Hulsey, Wade Hedgecoke, Gary Mann, Tom Morris, Randy McFerrin and Cal Stromberg. Tom Wobbe and Paul Turner stayed over on Sunday and finished planting what was left over from the previous day.

New Mexico Game & Fish

Aquatic Research Education Prog.

At the last MVFF Board Meeting the Officers and Board of Directors met with Kevin Holiday who is the NM Game & Fish Aquatic Resource Coordinator. He is seeking volunteers for a special program that is being set up for fishing and aquatic educational clinics to be conducted for NM educators and students to get them better acquainted with the resources we have in New Mexico. The goal is to provide information to them that they may use in the classroom to further educate students about them and how to protect and preserve our streams, forests and other natural resources.

Volunteers are needed from various fishing clubs throughout the State to assist in the clinics. Volunteers will be asked to agree to donate 16 hours a year in helping with the program, primarily in the southern part of the state for our club. Each person who volunteers will be recognized with a special patch for your fishing vest and the satisfaction of helping out on this program.

We have agreed that our club will participate in this program and the NM Game & Fish will be seeking volunteers from the members who would like to participate in this worthwhile program. We will soon receive additional information for the program and will present it in a future meeting.

Liars and Tiers

Wed April 20

Liars and Tiers is normally held on the last Thursday of each month at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 6:30 pm. However, because of prior commitments on use of the room we have changed the date for the April meeting. We will be tying the Elk-Hair Caddis at the next session. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

Materials:

- **HOOK:** Standard Dry Fly
- **THREAD:** Tan 6/0 or 8/0
- **BODY:** Hare's ear or tan synthetic
- **RIB:** Fine gold round tinsel
- **WING:** Elk hair
- **HACKLE:** Brown

Quick Look Contact Information**2005 Officers of the Club****Officers**

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Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined MVFF during the last few months:

Sam Kuntz	Las Cruces, NM
Kevin Roberts	Las Cruces, NM
Tom Mahony	Ft. Worth, Tx
Bob Schoener	Las Cruces, NM
Thomas Morris	Las Cruces, NM
Michael LaChance	Capitan, NM
Luis Vargus	El Paso, Tx
George & Bernadette Thomas	Las Cruces, NM
John Cagle	Lubbock, NM
Brian Townsend	Portales, NM

Changes to Membership Expiration**Membership Dues are due March 31**

In January 2005, the Board changed the membership expiration dates in order to make the process of keeping the records more efficient. Updating the membership records each month is a substantial task; therefore, we want to try a different approach by having all memberships expire on the same date. Starting in 2005, all memberships will expire each March 31. We recognize that in the first year that

some people will not benefit from a full 12-month membership. Therefore to lessen this problem, any expiring memberships that are paid between December 31, 2004 and March 31, 2005 will not expire until March 31, 2006.

Norm's Shop is Open

Norm's Shop is Open as usual. Please contact Donna at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information, fishing permits and extra newsletters.

During the month of April all hackles will be reduced by 25% and everything else by 15%.

Private Fly Tying Lessons**by Joseph Lopez**

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies Joseph would like to give private fly tying lessons at Norm's Shop. Please call Donna Mabie at 522-3810, and she will help you get in touch with him to work out the arrangements and cost. Joseph is a club member and avid fly fisherman. Norm taught Joseph to tie flies and build rods when he was a young boy. Joseph just moved back to the area. Give him a try!

Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. Please make checks out to the **NMSU Foundation** and on the "for" line of the check, identify "Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund for deposit only." For any questions please contact one of the Officers or Board members. If you have not made a donation to the fund please give consideration and help honor Norm.

Presently the fund contains \$3,725. We have a long way to go.

Useful Websites for Fishing in NM

www.flyfishnm.com

This website has been online since 1998 and contains a wealth of information about fishing northern New Mexico watersheds. Featured on this site are nine watersheds: Jemez, (Upper) Pecos, (Upper) Red River, Red River/Rio Grande Box, (Lower) Rio Grande, Cimarron, Rio de Los Pinos, Chama/Brazos, and San Juan River. If you want to know where to go, see maps.

www.ifly4trout.com

For the San Juan River, Mike Mora's website is a wealth of information. This site is dedicated to sharing helpful information on the San Juan River and related fly fishing and fly tying resources. Within the site you'll find fishing reports, information on hatches, fly patterns,

tips & techniques, the latest news, FAQs and answers, an informative discussion board, fishing photos, guide services and lodging information. Browse around and find out why so many fishermen from around the world are attracted to fly fishing the San Juan River.

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 print that is 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. See the MVFF website for purchase.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

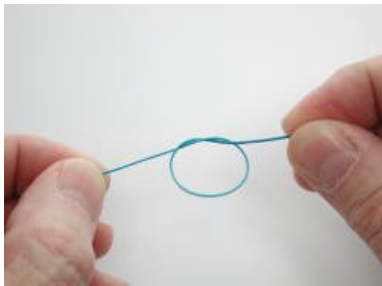
*See PAGE 3 ARTICLE- if you paid between Jan 1 and March 31, 2005 your membership will continue until March 31, 2006

There are many knots that are useful for fishing. But, there are two that are easy to tie and if you can tie them you may not have much need for all of the others. These knots give close to full line strength and also work with fluorocarbon line. To become proficient at tying these knots start by using 10 or 12 pound test line, take these instructions, sit quietly in a chair and practice. Be careful with hooks. You may consider cutting the point from a hook to practice with just to eliminate the chance of hooking yourself.

Once you can tie the knots without looking at the instructions, tie each knot ten times per evening for a week. Sit in front of the television and practice. Quickly, you will develop your own way of twisting the line and making loops that work best for you. Then a couple of days before a trip, refresh your self. You will find that these knots work very well. One is presented here and the other will be presented next month.

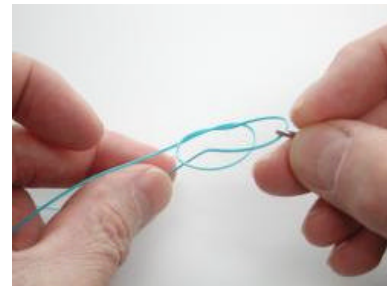
I learned the first knot from Mike Guerin, a well known Florida guide, who learned it from Lefty Kreh. Several of us that know Mike call it *Mike's Tarpon Knot* but Lefty names it the Non-Slip Loop knot. Either way, it is a great knot for a streamer fly. The loop stays open allowing the eye of the hook to swing along the loop, which imparts more action to the streamer fly. We used this knot in Alaska and never had a failure.

1.



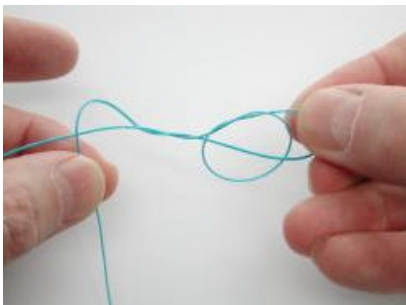
Form an overhand knot in the tag end, but do not tighten.

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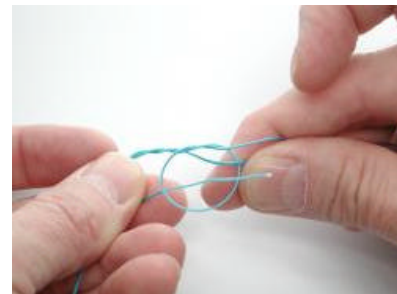
Thread tag end through hook eye and take back through overhand knot "hole". Make sure you go in the same side that the tag originally came out.

3.



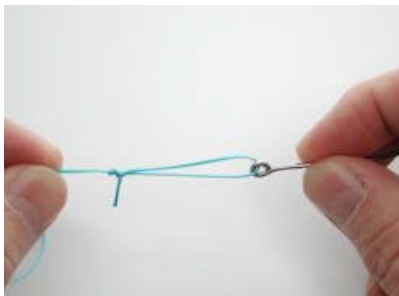
Wrap tag around standing line the recommended number of times. (7 turns - 8x to 3x, 5 turns - 2x to 0x, 4 turns - 20lb to 40lb, 3 turns - 40lb to 60lb, 2 turns - over 60lb)

4.



Place tag end back through original overhand knot, making sure to go in, the same side it came out. Note: Keeping the overhand knot to less than 1/4- inch diameter will help keep the end loop smaller as well. Adjust down as needed.

5.



Wet and pull tight by pulling on both the tag and standing ends

Knot photos and accompanying captions are courtesy of Frog Hair and Gamma Technologies. Visit www.froghairfishing.com for more information.

Article written by clubmember Bob Silver

MVFF VIDEO LIBRARY

The following fly fishing videos are available from the Club for your viewing. Please contact Tom Wobbe at home (522-5437) or cell (649-0388) or e-mail at President@mvff.org or tomjaw@aol.com. Postage will be required for out of town viewers.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Length</u>
1 Basic Fly Casting	Doug Swisher	60 min
2 Advanced Fly Casting	Doug Swisher	60 min
3 Fly Fishing For Trout	Gary Borger	60 min
4 Fly Fishing Montana Trout	Kelly & Jim Watt	60 min
5 Improving Your Fly Casting	Jack Dennis, Mike Lawson	1 hr 54 min
Double Hauling	Gary La Fontaine, Tom White	
6 Fly Fishing with Cortland	Jack Dennis, Leon Chandler	30 min
7 Fishing the Midge	Gary Borger	35 min
8 Fishing Damsels & Dragons	Gary Borger	32 min
9 Nymphing	Gary Borger	30 min
10 Strategies For Selective Trout	Doug Swisher	75 min
11 Advanced Strategies for Selective Trout	Doug Swisher	72 min
12 Fly Fishing Tips from the Traveling Fly Fisherman	Jack Dennis	60 min
13 Advanced Fly Casting	Doug Swisher	68 min
14 The Wet Fly & Nymph	Hal Janssen	
15 Belize A Fly Fishing Fantasy	Kelly & Jim Watt	60 min
16 Skills of Fly Fishing Trout in Still Waters)	Gary Borger	57 min
17 Where the Trout Are	Gary Borger	50 min
18 The Fly Fishing Club		
19 The Trout Fisherman(Fly Fishing – New Challenges)	Mike Fong	
20 The Way of Trout		30 min
Fly Fishing for Bass		30 min
21 South Island Sampler (New Zealand)	Gary Borger	56 min
22 New Ways of Fishing the Caddis	Moser	58 min
Aquatic Insects	Whitlock	68 min
The Whitlock Viper Box	Whitlock	38 min
23 Big Mouth (Largemouth Bass)		50 min
24 Fundamental Fly Tying	Dick Talleur	120 min
25 Fly Tying Basics	Jack Dennis	90 min
26 Tying Trout Flies	Gary Borger	54 min
27 Hooked on Fly Tying	Dick Talleur	90 min
28 Tying Attractor Flies	Doug Swisher	67 min
29 Tying Hatch Simulator Flies	Doug Swisher	63 min
30 Building Your Own Rod		
31 The Making of an Orvis Fly Rod		
32 Peace & Plenty		

2005 MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
January	Liars & Tiers 27 Jan.		22 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet & Raffle, Featured speaker - Dutch Salmon	NM Trout Conclave - Jan 15 Albuquerque, NM Sandia Prep School
February	Liars & Tiers 24 Feb		14 Feb. Alaska Fishing with Doc Warner	Penasco Improvement Project
March	Liars & Tiers 31 Mar. Prepping for San Juan		14 Mar. Yucatan Fishing with Al Trompler	Penasco Improvement Project NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium- Mar 26, Sandia Prep School, Albuquerque
April	Liars & Tiers 20 Apr.		11 Apr. Fishing the San Juan with Jude Duran	<i>Fish stocking at Lease</i> Kids Fishing Day-April 23
May	Liars & Tiers 26 May		9 May Program tbd.	
June	Liars & Tiers 30 Jun.	<i>San Juan Trip Jun 24-26</i>	No Meeting	
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul.		No Meeting	
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug. (Wed)		8 Aug. Prepping for the San Juan	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep.		12 Sept.	<i>Annual Picnic and Raffle</i>
October	Liars & Tiers 27 Oct.	<i>San Juan Trip</i>	10 Oct.	<i>Casting Clinic</i>
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov. (Wed.)		14 Nov.	<i>Fish Stocking</i>
December	Liars & Tiers 29 Dec.		12 Dec.	

* **Bold text** in table means confirmed and *Italics text* means tentative

Membership and Lease Information

Please contact any of the Club Officers or Board Members to obtain a fishing permit for \$20.00 per day. Student permits (12 or over) cost only \$12.00 per day. You must be a current member 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 Jim Hulsey. In addition, members can purchase a one-day, one-time permit for out of town guests.

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.
Attn: Membership
P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
Membership Application
(Please print clearly)

NAME: _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Status: (check one) Regular (\$20) _____ Family (\$25) _____

Membership Status: (check one) Renewal _____ New _____

What would you like to get out of belonging to the Club?

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Next Meeting:

New Mexico Game and Fish Office

2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico

(next door to the Peter Piper Pizza store on the feeder road of Highway 70)

Jude Duran on

“Fishing Outside the Box - Fly Fishing the San Juan River”

April 11 - 7:30 PM

Directions from I-25:

- Exit Del Rey Blvd and follow the lane for Del Rey.
- At the Del Rey traffic intersection make a right.
- Go to the next traffic intersection and make a left at the light onto Northrise Dr.
- You should see Piper Pizza on your left and the next building is the New Mexico Game and Fish Building, 2715 Northrise Drive