

Tale Waters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club

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The group will be tying the *Prince Nymph* which will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 April

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on 17 April at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Corner

Spring has arrived with all its glory. The trees are budding and the pollen and insects are flying. So, hopefully many of you have found the time to go fishing and enjoy the outdoors.

I would like to express my appreciation to the group who helped at the Penasco tree planting project. The Onate ROTC students were real life savers! Actually without their help it might not have happened! Thanks!

April 8th is this years Kids Fishing Clinic and we need many volunteers to assist in this annual fun filled event, so mark you calendars and come join in.

Our March meeting speaker, Bill Schudlich, chairman of the New Mexico Council of Trout Unlimited, presented a very informative talk about Trout Unlimited and the restoration plans for the Gila Trout. We have about 14 MVFF members who are current and prior members of Trout Unlimited. Trout Unlimited has about 130 active and prior members living in Southern New Mexico. Trout Unlimited would like volunteers to come forward who would be willing to organize a Southern New Mexico Chapter that could assist with the Gila Restoration Project. If you are interested please drop an e-mail to president@mvff.org or call me at 522-5437. Don't

April 10th Meeting

Fly Fish Video - Lee's Ferry Tales

With Terry & Wendy Gunn

Terry & Wendy Gunn take us on their home water, the Colorado River, at the head of Grand Canyon. They join guide Skip Dixon and show us how to fish big dry flies and a dropper for selective rainbows. A "Copper & Grouse" is the fly tie as done by wet fly expert Davy Wotton.

In addition to the video, we will be open up the meeting for other topics that the club members might wish to bring up for discussion. Come prepared with any subject that you would like to bring up concerning club activities, fishing trips, equipment, or general topics that you feel like would be of interest to other club members.

There will be coffee, cookies and socializing.

Liars and Tiers

Thursday, 27 April

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 27 April at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM.

forget to keep your MVFF membership active. All memberships expire **March 31!**

Tight lines,
Tom

Tale Waters To Go Electronic

Since the founding of MVFF a monthly newsletter has been published. It has been written, printed, folded, addressed and mailed each month by a succession of dedicated editors. During that time technology has advanced immensely and the cost of distributing paper copies has also increased immensely. For the past few years the printing, addressing and mailing has been done by the Physical Science Laboratory (PSL) at NMSU. PSL has given us a very good rate for performing these tasks but even so our monthly costs have been about \$150/month or \$1800/year, the largest single expense for the club. Now, due to changes forced upon them by NMSU management, they will no longer be able to help us out. In fact the March issue was the last to be processed. If we go to other providers for these services, the costs will increase by at least \$100/month, perhaps more. This is money that could be better spent for a lot of things; increased stocking of the lease and more scholarships to name a couple. For the past year, a copy of the newsletter has been placed on our website where it is available for anyone to read and download and print if desired. It has had the advantages of being available a week to ten days prior to the paper version and of being in color rather than black and white.

After considering all of these details, the MVFF Board, at their March meeting, decided to eliminate the paper version and to go with only the electronic version in the future, beginning with the April issue. Almost everyone in the club has access to the internet so this should pose no problems for them. There are a few members, however, who do not and special provisions must be worked out for them. In some cases perhaps members who have internet access can print copies for their friends who do not. We may still have to print a few copies and mail them out, but hopefully there will only be a handful.

Each month when the current issue is placed on the website, an email reminder will be sent to all members. If this procedure presents problems for you please let someone on the Board know and we

will try to work a solution. To make this work its best we need to maintain current email addresses for everyone, so please make sure the Club has your current email address.

San Juan Guide, John Tavenner

May 8 Speaker

Guide, fly designer, author and lecturer, John Tavenner has been fly fishing and fly tying for over 30 years. John began fishing the San Juan River in 1985 and started guiding the river in 1988. In 1999 he and his wife started *Sandstone Anglers*, a guide service that's primary focus is the San Juan River. John is the only FFF certified casting instructor on the river. Sandstone Anglers' guides average about 15 years of experience guiding the San Juan. The presentation, *Tackle and techniques for fishing the San Juan River*, will give the viewer not only an idea how to fish this great river, but a greater knowledge of how to become a better fisherman on all rivers. A fresh look at some of the techniques that are rarely talked about, such as mending, extending drifts and fighting and landing big fish on light tackle. A must see for any one thinking about fishing the San Juan, or who just want to become a better fishermen.

Rio Peñasco Tree Planting

Completed, March 18

The Rio Peñasco tree planting happened Saturday March 18th, with over 400 willow and cottonwood cuttings placed in the ground.

They were placed along both banks from the lower waterfall up river to the culverts. We are hopeful that several will survive the summer drought and fall flooding and the shade provided will keep the water cooler and provide improved trout habitat.

Special thanks to the volunteers who came to assist with the project. Roger Pastoor, Louisa Pastoor, David Cordova, and Al Hynes from El Paso. Randall and Vickie Vallee, Jacob Vallee, Kendra Vallee, Ron Bellerose, Paul Turner, Tom Wobbe from Las Cruces. A special thanks to Josh Vallee, who organized and coordinated the Onate ROTC group, of Javier, Jeanne, Miracle, Allyson, Nicole, and Daniel. Also assisting were Miracle's parents, Carlos & Ann Garcia. A big thanks to this hard working group!

KIDS FISHING CLINIC**Saturday, APRIL 8**

The Annual Kids Fishing Clinic sponsored by MVFF, New Mexico Game & Fish and Walmart will take place Saturday, April 8 at the NMSU Aggie Alumni Pond. The event will start at 9:00am with club members requested to arrive no later than 8:00am to help set up. NMG&F will arrange for trout to be stocked prior to the event. Kids 6-11 years 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 Dr. or by calling 532-2100.

Volunteers are needed!!

CONEJOS RIVER TRIP**JUNE -????**

Due to the heavy snowfall in the Colorado Mountains the last two weeks, we are once again delayed on setting a definite date for the Conejos River trip. Jon Harp at www.conejosriveranglers.com feels the first week of June will possibly still have an excessive runoff so we plan to keep in touch and watch snowfall % of norm. We will send an e-mail to those who signed up for the trip when we select a new date for a club coordinated Conejos trip. If we can hit it right Jon says the Conejos fishing should be great!

SAN JUAN TRIP**JUNE 16-17-18**

The San Juan Trip is still planned for June 16, 17 & 18th after the 5,000 cfs release. No guides are

planned through the club, however we have several members who are experienced San Juan fishermen to show the beginners what works best. You may sign up at the April & May meetings to join in.

We plan to have a pot luck dinner on Saturday the 17th at the group shelter at Pine Creek Campground. The club will furnish BBQ and members should bring a side dish or dessert. More information will follow in a future newsletter.

Last year after the high water level dropped the fishing was the best it had been in years. The fish were healthy and put up a tremendous battle when hooked. You can monitor San Juan fishing by watching the discussion board at www.lfly4trout.com. Also see updated reports at Jude Duran's www.customflies.com or John Tavenner's www.sandstoneanglers.com. These are just three of many websites where you can keep abreast of San Juan fishing.

FISHING REPORTS**WHAT IS YOUR FISH TALE?**

Do you ever wonder where MVFF members have been fishing? It would be great to hear about fishing reports from members, wherever they may have been fishing! So, please take a minute to fill out the fishing report on the website or just drop an e-mail note to president@mvff.org. I am sure most members would like to hear about fishing anywhere in the world and especially in the Southwest. Let us all live vicariously and enjoy your trip.

Quick Look Contact Information

2006 Officers of the Club	
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•	Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880

HELP!!!**E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to President@mvff.org. If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to president@mvff.org.

Angler's Nook

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

Beginning 1 April all club members will receive a 25% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.

Private Fly Tying Lessons

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies, Joseph Lopez 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. 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 \$5,549. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Print

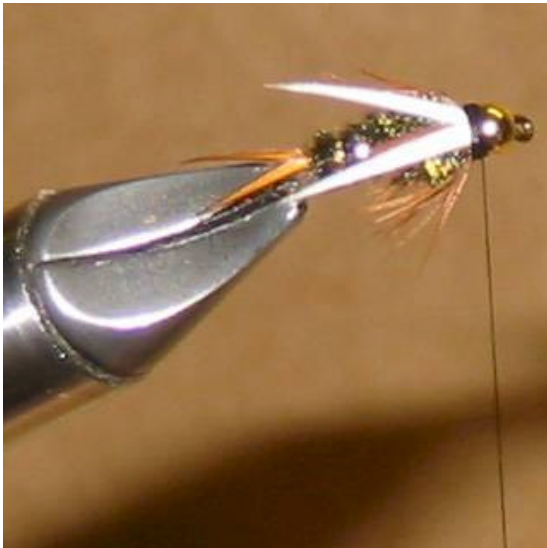
Help support the MVFF Habitat Restoration Projects and purchase a limited edition "Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout" print. This beautiful printing of an original watercolor of our native state fish is a limited series of 150 high quality 12 x 18 prints that are numbered and signed by New Mexico artist Michelle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

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Beadhead Prince Nymph

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *Beadhead Prince Nymph*. The beadhead Prince Nymph is as close to a general purpose fly as you can find. It is one of the better flies for the Rio Penasco and is deadly on the Arkansas, and all streams in between. It is primarily a trout fly, but can be effective for warm water species as well. Detailed step-by-step tying instructions can be found at <http://hipwader.com/2002/prince-nymph-pattern>.



Hook: Tiemco 101 size #16-#10/Daiichi 1180 (or a standard length nymph hook)

Thread: black 6/0 and 8/0

Bead: gold-plated brass 1/8" with tapered hole

Weight: med. or small lead wire

Tail: brown goose biot

Wing: white goose biot

Hackle: brown wet fly

Rib: fine gold mylar (it is made silver one side, gold the other-silver faces out on spool)

Body: peacock herl

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Club Members Go Fishing



Randall Vallee caught this nice one on the Rio Chama.



Vickie Vallee has a nice 17-incher.

Rio Peñasco Tree Planting Work Party



Paul Turner gives everyone their instructions.



Such enthusiasm



Roger Pastoor digs a hole for a tree.



Be sure and plant them close to the water.



Time to relax after a job well done.



The Vallee Family

MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul.		No general membership meeting.	
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug. (Wed)		8 Aug. George Sanders - Flyfishing in Big Sky country.	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep.		No general membership meeting - picnic instead.	Sept. 10 Annual Picnic & Raffle
October		San Juan Trip Oct. 7-9	10 Oct. Kodiak Gang will give presentation on flyfishing for silver salmon.	29 Oct. Fish Stocking at the Lease
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov. (Wed.)		14 Nov Taylor Streit - NM guide will speak on "Fishing Northern NM and Argentina."	
December 2005	Liars & Tiers Meeting has been cancelled.		12 Dec. Dr. David Cawley - Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico	
January 2006	Liars & Tiers 26 Jan. Joe's Hopper		No general membership meeting 28 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet	NM Trout Conclave - 21 Jan.
February	Liars & Tiers 22 Feb. Picket Pin		27 Feb. Joey Vega - Quality Trout Waters in the Southwest Area.	11 Feb - Work party at Lease.
March	Liars & Tiers 30 Mar. Lady Todsen		13 Mar. Bill Schudlich, NM Council of Trout Unlimited	11 March NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium 18 March - Work party at Lease
April	Liars & Tiers 27 Apr. Prince Nymph		10 April Flyfishing Video on "Lee;s Ferry"	8 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic
May	Liars & Tiers 25 May Copper John		8 May John Tavenner - NM Guide	
June	Liars & Tiers 29 June		No Club Meeting This Month	Club Trip to San Juan June 16-18

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

Membership and Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Cost is \$20.00 per day with student permits (12 or over) costing 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?

