

Tale Waters

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund \$10,000

Membership Meeting

Monday, 9 April

The MVFF membership will meet on Monday 9 April at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. **Dutch Salmon**, noted outdoorsman, author, publisher, member of the NM Game Commission and newspaper outdoor columnist from Silver City, New Mexico will be our guest speaker. Many of you know Dutch through his outdoor columns that are published in the Las Cruces Sun-News each Sunday. He will discuss efforts to keep the Gila River running free and will maybe give us some tips on fishing the various Gila streams.

This promises to be a great program and everyone should make an effort to attend.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 16 April

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 16 April at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 18 April

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 18 April at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Parachute Adams*. Tying 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.

President's Corner

Paul Turner

We have recently stocked the Rio Peñasco with 300 rainbow trout so fishing should be even better this spring. Fishing reports prior to the stocking indicated that the trout were in excellent condition and hitting a variety of flies. A nice brown trout was caught below the waterfall and many nice rainbows have been caught and released above the lower bridge. Contact Jim Hulse, Tom Wobbe or myself about your fishing on the Rio Peñasco and other waters. A MVFF-sponsored trip to the San Juan is set for April 20-22 before streamflow increases later in April. Flows will be high into June so this trip will be a great time for some excellent fly fishing. Check out more details about this trip in this newsletter and let me know via e-mail (president@mvff.org) or by calling 505 523-6880 if you are interested in joining us. I will be back from a visit to the Missouri Ozarks by April 1st and will contact potential trip participants about more specific details then. You can also sign up for the trip at our regular meeting on April 9th when we will get to hear from Dutch Salmon about efforts to keep the Gila River as the last remaining wild river in New Mexico. Dutch promises to give some insights about his 20 years of experience fishing and floating the Gila River and its tributaries so plan to attend a great meeting.

Plans for the annual Kid's Fishing Clinic on April 14th have been firmed up, but we need a few more MVFF members to help with this popular event. We had 71 kids sign up for last years clinic and I expect an even bigger turnout this year. We will have free pizza and drinks plus lots of free prizes for the kids; I hope the weather will cooperate. Alumni Pond at NMSU will be stocked with trout by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish prior to this free clinic. Look for more details about where and how to sign up for participating later in this newsletter. I am also happy to report that the Board voted to use club funds to increase the donations to the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship to the \$10,000 needed to permanently endow it. We will be selecting the scholarship winner in April and will be able to use the earnings from the endowment for awarding the scholarship for the fall semester at NMSU.

I plan on making a fishing trip to the Gila National Forest some time during May and hope to find some club members to accompany me. George Sanders, our Outings Committee Chairman, has a personal fishing trip to the Green River in Utah set for June 14-19 and will provide his insights about fishing this water in future newsletters. My wife is retiring in early June so I plan to make a trip to Utah and Idaho during June to fish some new waters. I will have to be back to New Mexico after July 4th for the MVFF trip to the Rio Conejos in southern Colorado. MVFF has plans to include a rod-building segment to our monthly Liars and Tiers meeting and will be providing information about where to purchase materials needed for building flyrods so keep your eyes open for future details. As you can see from my upcoming fishing trip plans, I have taken my sign-off comment to heart. Remember, if you're too busy to go fishing, you're too busy.

Paul

Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 14 April

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MVFF will hold their annual Kids' Fishing Clinic this year on 14 April at Alumni Pond at NMSU. Helping as sponsors will be the NM Dept. of Game & Fish, Sportsman's Warehouse and Wal-Mart. It will be conducted very similar to what has been done in past

years. Kids will go through several learning stations and when they have "graduated" will be loaned fishing tackle and allowed to fish the pond. NMDG&F will stock the pond with trout prior to the event. Some of the stations will be Bugs, Fly Tying, Fish Guts, Regulations, Fish Identification, Casting and probably several others. The kids will be awarded prizes and will be fed pizzas and soft drinks at noon. Each participant must pre-register with the NMDG&F by calling 532-2100. An adult must accompany children attending the event. Volunteers will be needed just as in the past, so mark your calendars now.

Club Outings Planned

The board has discussed several possible fishing outings for the coming year and have more or less settled on the ones shown below. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to George Sanders who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

1. 20 - 22 April - spring trip to the San Juan. The flowrate of the San Juan is scheduled to be ramped up starting the last week in April for a period of five weeks. Flow will be increased to 5,000 cfs from the current 700 cfs. It will be held at that level for three weeks and then ramped back down over a period of one week returning to normal the latter part of June.
2. 14 - 20 June - trip to the Green River in Utah. Club members George Sanders, Jeff Arterburn and others plan to be at the Green River during these dates. This is a good opportunity for Club members who have never fished the Green to make use of their experience since they have expressed a willingness to provide whatever assistance possible.
3. 6 - 8 July - trip to the Conejos in Colorado. Spring runoff should be about completed and fishing should be good. For those who have never fished the Conejos, the scenery alone is worth the trip.
4. 12 - 14 October - annual fall trip to San Juan.

Lease Stocked

On Sunday, 25 March a work party of Club members met at the lease on the Rio Penasco and stocked it with 300 trout from 8-inches to 12-inches in length.

The fish were in terrific condition and with a few days of acclimation should provide some great fishing. The water was clear and there was a good flow. Fishing has been reported as good throughout the winter.

Scholarship Fund Endowed

At its March meeting the Board decided to use Club funds to add the few hundred dollars needed to bring the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund to an endowed status. The NMSU Foundation makes the earnings on funds endowed prior to 31 March of any given year available for scholarships during that same year. By endowing the fund now rather than later in the year we will gain a full year in making use of the earnings. Plans are to select the recipient of the scholarship in April and award the scholarship in time for the fall semester. Of course the fund being endowed doesn't mean that we should cease our contributions to it. The larger the fund the larger its earnings and therefore the more money the Club has to award.

Welcome New Members

John Aguirre Sr.	Las Cruces, NM
Richard Alm	Don Ana, NM
Steven Almanzar	Las Cruces, NM
Mike Anderson	Las Cruces, NM
Travis Becker	Las Cruces, NM
Ronald Belanger	Silver City, NM
George Di Giovanni	El Paso, TX
Steve Fogelsong	Las Cruces, NM
Ed Jensen	Las Cruces, NM
Chuck & Ellyn Maxwell	Cincinnati, OH
Luis Neto	Deming, NM
Richard Newton	Las Cruces, NM
Edward Richardson	Roswell, NM
Wil Schwettmann	Las Cruces, NM
Matt Selders	Las Cruces, NM
Frank Steed	WSMR, NM
Howard & Jill Steinhoff	Las Cruces, NM



The Stocking Crew



L to r: Jim Ellett, Chasen Stull, Richard Alm, Jerry Schickedanz, Tony Gronich, Ed Rangel, Henry Esquenazi, Jim Hulsey, Jeffrey Wobbe (far back), Estella Rodriguez, Ray Rodriguez, Gary Mann, Vicki Vallee, Randall Vallee, Luis Vargas, Photographer: Tom Wobbe

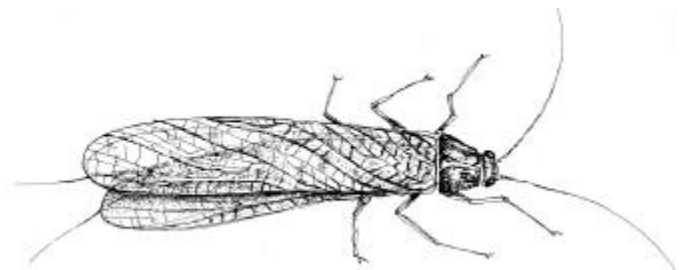
MVFF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**Monday, Mar. 19, 2007**

In Attendance: Paul Turner, Tom Wobbe, Ron Bellerose, Jim Hulsey, Donna Mabie, Gary Mann, Jeff Arterburn, Bob Silver, George Sanders, Jeremiah Richardson, and Richard Newton. Absent: Richard Keding.

1. The Treasurer's Report was given and the status of the Norman J. Mabie Scholarship Fund was discussed. The Board voted to use club funds to bring the scholarship up to \$10,000 which will make it permanently endowed. Doing this prior to March 31 will enable the club to use the earnings from it for this year's award; otherwise, the earnings would not be available until 2008. This will require adding \$329 to the funded value.
2. The Board discussed their appreciation for Joseph Lopez' contributions to the club in building a great rod for the raffle and for teaching the fly tying classes each month. They agreed to send him a letter of appreciation and to pay his membership dues for the current year. A letter of appreciation will also be sent to Matt Selders for all his contributions. Matt will be leaving Sportsman's Warehouse in Las Cruces at the end of the month to become Fishing Manger of the Midvale, UT store. Jeremiah Richardson will probably be taking Matt's place. Club member Ray Rodriguez has been hired by Sportsman's Warehouse and will be actively involved in fly fishing clinics, fly tying lessons, etc. Plans are still being made for Saturday morning fly tying lessons at the store but they will consist of six lessons instead of eight as in the last session. Review the SW website at www.sportsmanswarehouse.com for further information, regarding upcoming clinics and classes.
3. Plans are being formulated for rod building classes to be held by the club and it was proposed that a demo rod be built that could be raffled off later. Perhaps the lessons could be held at the same time as the Liars and Tyers meeting.
4. Bill Parker has the fish for the Rio Peñasco stocking which will be held Sunday, the 25th of

March. E-mails have already be sent soliciting volunteers.

5. Paul Turner proposed planting some good sized trees (five to six feet long) in the banks above the lower bridge at the lease.
6. Discussions were held concerning having a seasons fishing permit for the lease selling for \$100 to generate more activity in fishing there. This needs to be looked into more deeply to assure there is no abuse or loss of control and that it would be approved by Jim Ellett. Gary Mann and Ron Bellerose were tasked to investigate and report back to the board.
7. The kids' fishing clinic is still on schedule for April 14th at the Alumni Pond at NMSU. Prizes, food purchases, etc. were discussed. Paul Turner and Tom Wobbe will coordinate the stations and present further information at the April 9 MVFF membership meeting.
8. The Board chose April 20, 21, and 22 for the dates the club will fish the San Juan River. The Conejos River date was set as possibly 6-8 July.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.



Quick Look Contact Information

2007 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President	Paul Turner (505) 523-6880
• V-Pres.	Jeff Arterburn (505) 524-0773
• Secretary	Donna Mabie (505) 522-3810
• Treasurer	Gary Mann (505) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1	Richard Keding (505) 382-7498
• Position 2	Ron Bellerose (505) 541-0807
• Position 3	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
• Position 4	Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
• Position 5	George Sanders (505) 527-5536
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

The Norm Mabie Memorial 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 recipient of each scholarship is determined each April by the MVFF Board with the award being made for the fall semester.

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 "Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund for deposit only." All contributions are tax deductible. 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 \$10,000.

Bamboo Rod Repair

Club member Karen Erickson is interested in working on old bamboo rods. If you have one that needs repairs give Karen a call at (505) 524-7729.

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.

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.

Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.

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

Parachute Adams

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Parachute Adams*.

This is a variation of the *Adams* fly pattern (designed by Len Halladay of Michigan in 1922 at the request of his close friend Charles Adams). The parachute version has higher visibility and will float better than the original. There are many other variations tied

which include egg-bearing females, trailing-shuck emergers, thorax ties, CDC-hackled Adams...even Adams wet flies! There are countless others, especially when you consider that the gray muskrat body color is often switched to imitate other species of mayflies and caddis flies.



- Hook:** TMC 100, sizes 10-18
- Thread:** Black
- Tail:** Mixed brown and grizzly hackle fibers
- Body:** Gray dubbing
- Hackle:** Brown and grizzly mixed.
- Post:** Antron, Z-Lon, deer or calf hair.



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
March	Liars & Tyers 22 Mar. <i>Royal Wulff</i>		12 Mar. Jeff Arterburn to speak on steelhead fishing in Alaska.	3 Mar. - Fishing Tournament - Burn Lake 12 Mar - Kids Fishing Derby - Young Park
April	Liars & Tyers 18 April <i>Adams Para.</i>		9 April Dutch Salmon to speak on Gila River topics.	14 April - Kids Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond 21 - 22 April - Club trip to San Juan
May	Liars & Tyers 24 May <i>Rio Grande King</i>		14 May Program TBD	
June	Liars & Tyers 28 June <i>PMD Para.</i>		No General Membership Meeting	14 - 20 June - Fishing trip to Green River
July	Liars & Tyers 26 July		No General Membership Meeting	6-8 July Club trip to Conejos

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, purchase fishing access permits to the MVFF leased waters on the Rio Peñasco, and participate in other Club activities such as a summer picnic, 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.

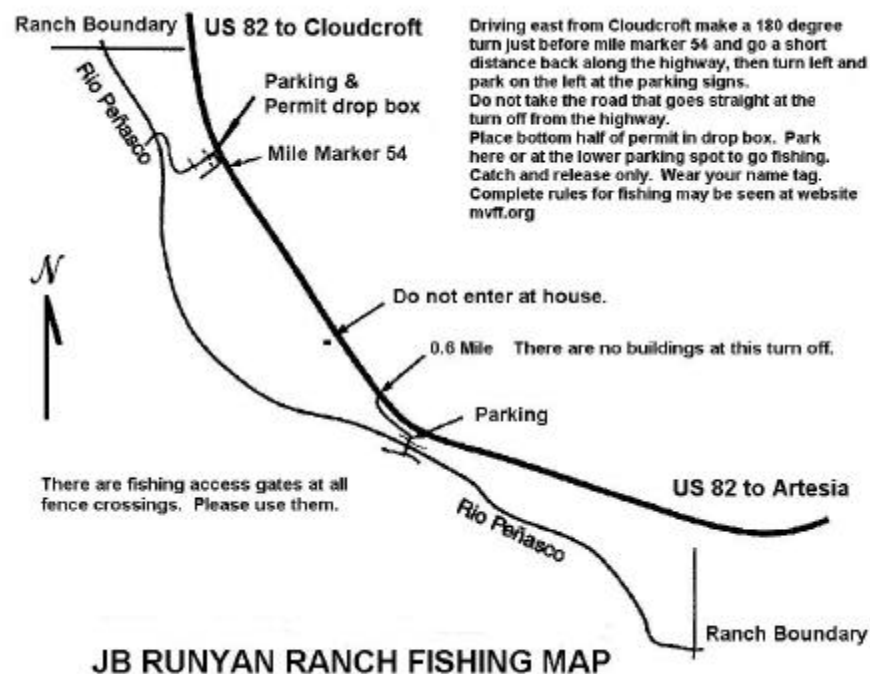
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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. Cost is \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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 Hulseley. 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.



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Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

Membership and/or Permit Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work 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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ _____

_____ Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.