

# Tale Waters

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newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 21 April

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 21 April at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## President's Corner

Paul Turner

My fishing fever has reached the stage where I will have to make a serious effort to cool it down. After I write this article and finish filing my tax return, I plan to call Dutch Salmon to make plans for a 1-day outing to the Gila near the Cliff Dwellings. According to Dutch, the river there is running clear and we should have the reach all to our own. Although I will need to come back the same day so I can be at the Kid's Fishing Clinic on Saturday, this trip is long overdue. I really enjoy fishing and wading or floating rivers in the spring. This need comes from growing up in the Ozarks of Missouri where the choices for this pursuit were a lot greater. However, the popularity of floating there has caused the number of floaters to increase at least 10-fold since I left for graduate school in 1966.

There are still many places in New Mexico where you can have the river all to yourself most of time and even places that few, if any, anglers ever wet a line. This is especially true for the 42-mile stretch of the Gila River from the junction of the west and east forks downstream to the mouth of Mogollon Creek. This reach of the river has smallmouth bass up to at least 20 inches and both channel and flathead catfish that exceed 10 pounds for anglers willing to revert to bait fishing for some excellent eating. You can also catch

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LICENSES EXPIRE ON 31 MARCH**

## Membership Meeting

Program TBD

Monday, 14 April

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 14 April at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. At press time the program had not been set.

## Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 24 April

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 24 April at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *CDC Emerger*. Tying will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this

the occasional trout and roundtail chub on flies in the upper portions of this reach, but the latter should be returned immediately to the river as they are protected by the state. I remember talking with some anglers once that had already caught and cleaned a number of chubs on the upper East Fork of the Gila River on a class field trip. They thought they were smallmouth bass and, considering that chubs are in the minnow family, they really were off base and would have been in big trouble if I had been a conservation officer for New Mexico Game and Fish. I told them of their mistake and suspect they kept pretty quiet about how many they had cleaned.

We will be stocking the Rio Peñasco in April but the date isn't set yet. The producer is still waiting for the OK to stock after his trout were sampled by Game and Fish to assure they are disease free. We plan to stock mainly 7 to 9-inch rainbow trout as these should not impact the growth and spawning of the adult rainbow and brown trout which are much larger and already adapted to the stream. If you read this soon enough, you should also try to help out on the club's Kids' Fishing Clinic at Alumni Pond at NMSU. Game and Fish will stock rainbow trout just before the free fishing clinic and have Ti Piper bring spinning rods and reels for kids without their own gear. Sportsman's Warehouse is providing a variety of free prizes for the kids and MVFF will provide pizza and drinks for the participants.

I also have bought my rod blank and materials for the flyrod-building class organized by MVFF that starts in May.

My bowling leagues, volleyball, and Senior Olympics are over by May so I can concentrate on fishing and travel for the rest of the spring and summer. I plan some fishing and floating in Idaho before my July trip to Alaska for kayaking and fishing with friends. I also will have enough miles for a free roundtrip flight with Alaska Airlines in time for the MVFF trip to Kodiak Island in September. We had a good turnout at our recent planning meeting so if you are interested in going you should contact Bob Silver or Tom Wobbe and make your travel plans fairly soon.

Remember if you're too busy to go fishing, you are too busy.

Paul

## Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 5 April

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MVFF will hold their annual Kids' Fishing Clinic this year on 5 April at Alumni Pond at NMSU. Helping as sponsors will be the NM Dept. of Game & Fish and Sportsman's Warehouse. 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, Knots, 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.

## Project Healing Waters

MVFF Board members have recently become interested in getting involved in something called Project Healing Waters, a project to assist in the rehabilitation of disabled military veterans. Randall Vallee and Chris Evey were delegated to coordinate and direct the efforts. Toward that end, they have had meetings with William Beaumont Hospital in El Paso, a military hospital associated with Fort Bliss. Initial meetings have gone very well and it appears that once the paper work is taken care of, MVFF members will conduct fly tying classes for the disabled veterans at William Beaumont and possibly conduct fishing outings at the lease. Additional information can be found in the minutes for the March MVFF Board Meeting reported elsewhere in this issue.

The following paragraphs are from the mission statement of PHW:

*PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING, Inc., initiated and conducted by members of the Federation of Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited, serves military personnel who have been wounded, injured, or disabled to aid their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing and fly tying*

and by using and enjoying these skills on fishing outings and as lifelong recreation. While initially focusing on the military personnel in the Washington, DC area, the Project has expanded nationwide and is offering its services and program to active military personnel and veterans in Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals throughout the country.

The Project relies on Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, and independent fly fishing clubs to conduct the program at the DOD and DVA hospitals across the nation. The volunteer staff and outings leaders include professional educators and fishing guides as well as experienced fly fishers, all of whom donate their time and knowledge to support the Project participants. Other volunteers help meet the educational, equipment, outings, training, and transportation needs.

If you wish to learn more about the project browse their website at [projecthealingwaters.org](http://projecthealingwaters.org).

If this is something you like to get involved with, contact any board member.

### Lease Work Party Planned

#### Fish Stocking & Tree Planting

Date tbd

The club is tentatively planning a stocking and planting party sometime in April. The hatchery has fish available but they may only be stocked if the hatchery is certified by the State to be whirling disease free. When the certification is received the activities will be scheduled.

After the stocking a few tree cuttings will be planted along the lower portion of the lease.

### Outdoor Expo

Saturday, 19 April

Sportsman's Warehouse is having an Outdoor Expo on 19 April from 11am to 5pm. MVFF, along with many other organizations, is planning on having a table or booth with brochures and other club info available. A

fly tying demonstration is possible if someone is willing to conduct it. If you are willing to help man the booth contact Paul Turner.

### GPS Coordinates for the Lease

Bob Silver recently used Google Earth to obtain the GPS coordinates for the Rio Peñasco lease. Perhaps they will make it easier for the new member to both find the lease and determine its bounds.

- Turnoff to the Ellett ranch house from Highway 82:
  - Lat 32° 54' 28.88" N
  - Long 105° 15' 00.7" W
- Upper boundary:
  - Lat 32° 54' 37.21" N
  - Long 105° 15' 09.86" W
- Lower boundary:
  - Lat 32° 53' 40.50" N
  - Long 105° 14' 33.62" W
- Turnoff to lower bridge from Highway 82:
  - Lat 32° 54' 00.73" N
  - Long 105° 14' 33.62" W

### Club Outings Planned

A club trip(s) to Kodiak, Alaska is in the planning stages. This trip will take place in late September. If you are interested, contact Bob Silver or Tom Wobbe.

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2008 and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let us know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to George Sanders, (575) 527-5536, who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

### Welcome New Members

Mark & Kandace Beltran	El Paso, TX
Jermy & Audra Buxton	Las Cruces, NM
John McDowell	Las Cruces, NM
Edison & Mina Roberts	El Paso, TX
Reed Uhlman	Boulder, CO



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2008 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
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• <b>Position 1</b>	Jeremiah Richardson (575) 639-3261
• <b>Position 2</b>	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
• <b>Position 3</b>	Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437
• <b>Position 4</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 5</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org

<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$10,777</b>
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**Norm Mabie Scholarship 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.

**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 (575) 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](mailto:membership@mvff.org).

**Angler's Nook**

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at (575) 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

<b>Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.</b>
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**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.



<b>RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31</b>
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<b>And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license</b>
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**CDC Emerger**

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *CDC Emerger*.

This version of the *CDC Emerger* imitates a midge that is just beginning to emerge on the surface of the water. It should be used anytime trout are feeding on emerging midges or midge pupae. For midge hatches, vary the pattern and size to match the prevailing insects. Common body colors are black, gray, brown-olive, tan, and red. The pattern also

works well for hatches of small mayflies. With a brown or olive body and in sizes 18-20 it makes a dandy emerging blue-winged olive. With a pale yellow body in size 18, it will do well in a pale morning dun hatch.

This version of the fly was tied by Shane Stalcup and was presented at <http://www.westfly.com>.



**Hook:** TMC 101, sizes 16-22  
**Thread:** Black  
**Body:** Goose biot  
**Hackle:** Gray CDC with white poly yarn post



**MVFF Monthly Events Calendar**

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
April	Liars & Tyers 24 Apr. <i>CDC Emerger</i>		14 Apr.	5 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond, NMSU 19 April - Sportsman's Warehouse Outdoor Expo tbd - Lease stocking & Tree planting
May	Liars & Tyers 29 May <i>Muddler Minnow</i>		12 May	
June	Liars & Tyers 30 June <i>Rusty Rat</i>		There will be no general meeting in June	
July	Liars & Tyers 31 July <i>Deceiver</i>		There will be no general meeting in July	



### 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.

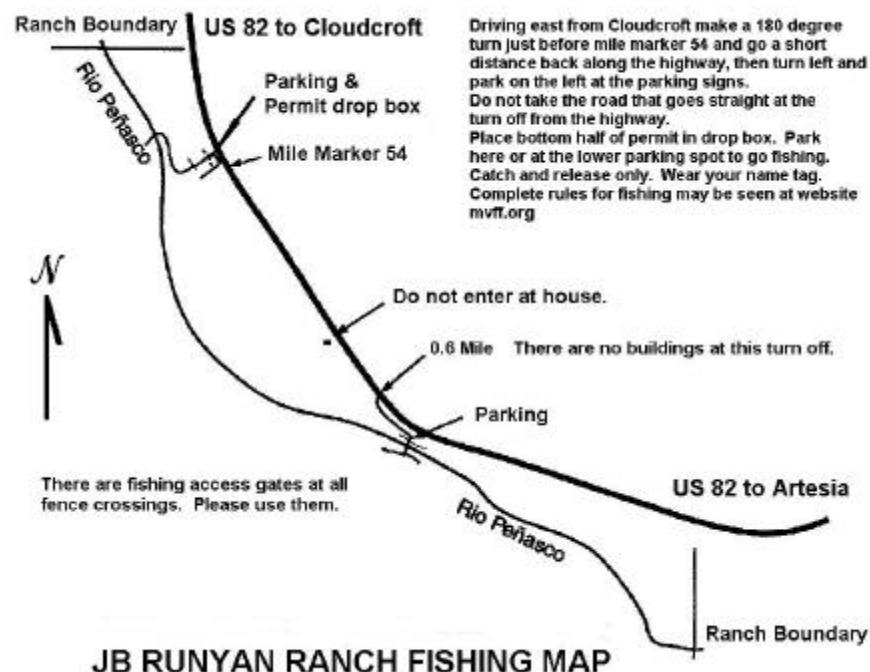
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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* (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the ATF fly shop in El Paso (915-225-0570.) 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. 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 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.

PO Box 2222

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 @ \$25 per permit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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