

# Tale Waters

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## Executive Board Meeting

**Monday, 20 April**

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 20 April at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

**Monday, 27 April**

Liars and Tyers will meet Monday 27 April at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. Note: this a change from the normally scheduled date. The group will be tying the *Nymphomaniac*. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the ATF flyshop in El Paso and is an accomplished tyer. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

**\*\*\*\*\* REMEMBER \*\*\*\*\***

**MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING  
LICENSES EXPIRED ON 31 MARCH**

## Membership Meeting

**Monday, 13 April**

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 13 April at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The program will feature a presentation by legendary guide, author and Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame inductee Taylor Streit. His published book titles include "Instinctive Fly Fishing", "Fly Fishing New Mexico", and "Man vs Fish." Taylor's presentation will focus on fly fishing in northern New Mexico. Taylor will conduct a fly casting clinic on Tuesday morning for 6-8 members. Cost of the clinic will be \$60. Anyone interested should make arrangements with Taylor at the meeting Monday night. Coffee and cookies will be served.



## President's Corner

Welcome to the April 2009 Edition of *Tale Waters*. The

March winds and last blast of winter literally blew away my

chances to try for a big Louisiana redfish, we counted three successive strike outs in our window of opportunity and never even had the chance to get out on the water. Not quite the auspicious start to the fishing year I had hoped for, but a home-run for the family trip enjoying New Orleans' hospitality and delicious bounty of crawfish, soft-shell crab, boudin and beignets.

There are several MVFF events taking place this month. The first project will be the April 4-5 watershed restoration project on Black Canyon Creek organized by Matthew Schultz from the New Mexico Environment Department (575-654-0182 /matthew.schultz@state.nm.us) and Paul Turner (575-523-6880/paulturner@gmail.com). Over

twenty MVFF members have signed up for this project, which will include willow-planting, wood debris dispersal and monitoring, so we should be able to make some real progress and have a good time.

The Annual MVFF-NMDG&F Kids Fishing Clinic will be held April 11<sup>th</sup> at NMSU Alumni Pond, and there are several learning stations and opportunities for individualized instruction where you can share your experience with local kids so please join in starting at 8:30 am. The MVFF Club Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> will feature an exciting presentation by legendary guide, author and Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame inductee Taylor Streit. His published book titles include "Instinctive Fly Fishing", "Fly Fishing New Mexico", and "Man vs Fish." Taylor's presentation will focus on fly fishing in northern New Mexico, particularly the area around Taos, including the Rio Grande, Chama, Cimarron, Red River etc., and he will include information on both public access and private leases. He will also provide a strategic casting demonstration and instruction on tying his highly productive *Poundmeister* fly. He will also be offering a special casting clinic on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>, so please check the details provided in the newsletter.

June will be here before you know it, so start planning now if you're interested in joining in on upcoming trips to the Green River, UT (June 8-13), the Gunnison River, CO (June 15-21), and the Conejos River, CO (June 26-29). The May 11<sup>th</sup> club meeting will feature a presentation on these waters by George Sanders and Bob Silver. Don't forget to buy your 2009 fishing license, and please send in your MVFF membership renewal if you haven't already.

I hope to see you streamside.

Jeff

## Black Canyon Creek Restoration

**April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Mvff volunteers will assist the New Mexico Environment Dept. on a habitat restoration project work party at Black Canyon Creek on Saturday and Sunday, 4&5 April. The goal is to plant willows and build structure along portions of the creek above the Gila trout barrier. Sections of the stream here are fairly barren from years of cattle grazing and need

improvement to provide more and better habitat for the Gila trout.

The following information has been provided by Matt Schultz of the New Mexico Environment Department.

**Directions:** Black Canyon Creek is located in the Gila National Forest between the Gila and Aldo Leopold Wilderness Areas along the North Star Mesa Road (FR150). From Las Cruces, the easiest route is north on I-25, and then west on NM 52 and NM 59. At the Beaverhead Work Center, take a left onto North Star Mesa Road (FR150) and follow it south for approximately 22 miles (~17 if going to Meown Fire Base). The drive from Las Cruces takes about 3-3.5 hours. Services past Truth or Consequences are extremely limited. The northern section of North Star Mesa Road (FR150) is a dirt road which is usually in good condition, however, if there has been/will be inclement weather then 4WD is a nice option to have.

### Lodging options:

- **Meown Fire Shelter** -available Friday and Saturday nights (~20 minutes from project site)
  - 10 bunks plus covered cement slab outside
  - Stove and refrigerator present
  - Cookware provided
  - Possibly non-potable running water (depends on catchment system)
  - Restroom/Outhouse
  - *Need to bring:* sleeping bag, drinking water and lights (lanterns/flashlight/headlamp etc.)
- **Black Canyon Creek Campground** - available any night you want - (<5 minutes from project site)
  - Picnic Tables
  - Outhouse
  - *Need to bring:* tent, sleeping bag, water, flashlight, cooler, stove and cookware.

**Other recommended items:** Raingear (be prepared for rain), sturdy boots/shoes (waterproof helps), layers of warm clothes (weather could be cool), Sleeping pad, work gloves, sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, water bottle, other appropriate camping equipment/gear

**If you have them:** Rockbars, pick axes and hand clippers might be helpful. Be sure to mark your tools so they can be identified as yours.

**Meals:** Please provide your own meals for Friday evening, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Sunday breakfast and lunch. NMED will have drinks and

snacks for participants during the day. Saturday evening there will be a **POT LUCK MEAL**— so bring along something to share with the group...appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert.

**Restoration activities:** Saturday day and possibly

Sunday morning

- Station #1: Monitoring
- Station #2: Large Woody Debris dispersal (NMDGF Habitat Stamp Project)
- Station #3: Willow whip planting

**Questions?**

- Contact Matt Schultz, NMED (575)-654-0182; matthew.schultz@state.nm.us
- Paul Turner, MVFF (575)-523-6880; paulturner@gmail.com

### Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 11 April

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MVFF will hold their annual Kids' Fishing Clinic this year on 11 April at Alumni Pond at NMSU. Helping as sponsors will also be the NM Dept. of Game & Fish. 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.



### Help Needed

Christopher Evey, MVFF Coordinator

The Project Healing Waters (PHW) effort sponsored by MVFF at the Ft Bliss Restoration and Recovery Center (RRC) is in urgent need of a highly-motivated individual to assume the lead coordination role for

this activity. In May, the PHW working group has a capstone clinic planned to conduct a flyfishing outing at the Rio Peñasco lease for the soldiers participating in the program. A lead coordinator is needed to plan the details for the event by organizing volunteers, planning the event and coordinating details with the staff at the RRC. The current PHW program leads will be available to assist the new lead coordinator, but the volunteer will be ultimately responsible for the success of the event. Individuals interested in this leadership opportunity should contact Christopher Evey at [chris.evey@earthlink.net](mailto:chris.evey@earthlink.net) or Randall Vallee at [board2@mvff.org](mailto:board2@mvff.org). We need your help to ensure that PHW continues to remain an outstanding contribution to our community and those who serve our country.

### MVFF Lady Anglers

Helen Zagona

*Editor's Note:* Following the March meeting several women met to form a new group, MVFF Lady Anglers, for the purpose of organizing activities of particular interest to the women members of the Club. It looks as if they have hit the ground running and have planned their 1<sup>st</sup> outing. If you know a woman who may be interested in MVFF Lady Anglers, call Helen Zagona, (575)532-5668 or email to: [hzagona@Q.com](mailto:hzagona@Q.com).

We are moving along with plans for a fun trip in the Fall to the Pecos River for a couple of days of flyfishing. We are also talking with our MVFF Board of Directors in hopes of scheduling a day this summer for an all Lady Angler flycasting clinic. This will help us all to enjoy the Pecos River even more.

Get ready for a really fun flyfishing adventure! Our trip dates are now set: Meet at the cabins on the river Wed Sept 30 for wine and conversation, fish with a guide Oct 1, fish on our own Oct 2, and check out of the cabins on the morning of Oct 3. Each evening we will share our successes in the hot tubs located at the cabins.

We also have two persons who may be interested in a 4-day weekend trip, Sept 25 to 28. This is also a possibility. If you are interested in this option, please let me know and we will see if we have enough interest to plan this trip also.

**Cabin rental:** We will be renting cabins from Mark's Cabins ([www.markrentscabins.com](http://www.markrentscabins.com)). Please check out the web site! There are two cabins which meet our

needs. Virginia's Place is a very modern cabin with two bedrooms, 4 queen sized beds, and two full baths. This cabin for 4 persons rents for \$300 per night (\$225 plus tax per person for 3 nights). Another cabin is Hap's Cabin with 1 queen bed and two twin beds and two bathrooms. This cabin for 3 persons rents for \$190 per night (\$190 plus tax per person for 3 nights). Additional cabins are also available if needed. You must look at the web site and decide which cabin you would prefer. In order to give these rates, of course we will need to have all persons sharing the cost, filling each cabin.

In order to place a reservation, please send a check for one night's deposit made out to Mark Rents Cabins (\$75 for Virginia's or \$64 for Hap's) to: Mary Hoffman, 10032 San Savino Ct, Las Cruces 88007 by April 15. The remainder of the cabin rental will be due on July 1. There can be no refunds after July 1.

**Fishing Guides:** We will be using certified fishing guides. The cost per person is \$175 plus \$20 to \$40 gratuity. Our guides are local to the Santa Fe area and are very knowledgeable about the Pecos River. Besides being loads of fun, this experience will really enhance your flyfishing abilities!

Our budget will also include groceries for pot-luck dinners and breakfasts, carpool expenses, and \$100 for incidental items. Fishing licenses are required.

We are looking forward to a great fall trip with spectacular scenery on a renowned fishing river, come join us!

### Rio Peñasco Fishing Permits

Some new members may not understand the procedure of obtaining permits to fish the lease. First, they should know that the permits are not dated and can be used whenever desired. If you plan to fish the lease sometime in the future buy the permit now. This will eliminate the panic of trying to obtain one at the last minute and finding that no one is available to sell them to you.

There are several sources of permits. They may be obtained from:

Jim Hulsey (Las Cruces) - 575-524-1880

Tom Wobbe (Las Cruces) - 575-522-5437  
 Donna Mabie (Las Cruces) - 575-522-3810  
 ATF flyshop (El Paso) - 915-225-0570  
 Jim Ellett (ranch manager) - 575-687-3362

If you intend to get one from Jim Ellett at the ranch you must make arrangements ahead of time to ensure that someone will be there. Any of the above sources can enroll you in a membership if you are not presently a member.

A permit costs \$25 and allows an adult paid-up club member to fish for one day. Kids under 18 years of age fish free, but must be accompanied by an adult member with a permit.

### Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2009 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, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

- June 8-13 - club trip to the Green River below Flaming Gorge, UT
- June 15-21 - club trip to the Gunnison River, CO.
- June 26-29 - club trip to the Conejos River in southern Colorado.
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 3 - MVFF Lady Anglers are planning a trip to the Pecos River near Santa Fe.
- October - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

### Welcome New Members

Brent Beauchamp	El Paso, TX
Stacy Campbell	Carlsbad, NM
Derrick & Jackie Douglas	Santa Teresa, NM
Don Dutton	Ruidoso, NM
Devon & Andrea Fletcher	Las Cruces, NM
George Gompf	Silver City, NM
Ed Kline	Irvine, CA
Joel Osborne	Las Cruces, NM
Judson Osborne	Las Cruces, NM
Luis & Angelica Zubiate	El Paso, TX



## MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2009

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room with Jeff Arterburn presiding.

In attendance were Board members: Jeff Arterburn, Paul Turner, George Thomas, Gary Mann, Randall Vallee, Tom Wobbe, George Sanders, Bob Silver and Donna Mabie. Guest members attending: Richard Keding, Ron Bellerose, and Jim Hulsey.

1. Minutes of the February Board meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter.
2. The Treasurer's report presented by Gary Mann was approved. The report shows the Club has a balance of \$12,929.00.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 230 members through March 31, 2009 of which 130 are still due to renew at the end of the month. He will send another reminder to this group.
4. Jim Hulsey reported that he is drafting a letter of welcome to be sent to new members. The new brochures and permits have been printed. Possible locations for displaying brochures such as local visitor centers, chamber of commerce and military bases in the vicinity were discussed.
5. Programs for upcoming meetings were discussed. Funds were authorized to host Taylor Streit with a presentation on fishing the Chama and Taos areas. He will also offer a special fee-based casting clinic for interested parties. George Thomas will finalize details with him for the April 13<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting. George Sanders and Bob Silver will coordinate a presentation for the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting featuring the Green, Gunnison and Conejos Rivers including the Superfly event. This will be the last regular meeting until September, except for discussing plans for scheduled fishing trips.
6. Gary Mann and Paul Turner will meet with the NMSU Foundation regarding funds for the scholarship award, with selection to be voted on at the April board meeting.
7. Jim Hulsey will put a reminder in the April newsletter that those wanting to buy permits from Jim Ellett must call first to make sure he will be there when they arrive. Seven members helped at the March 14<sup>th</sup> work project.
8. The next Project Healing Waters project will be casting at Alumni Pond on Thursday, April 2. Thursday, April 30 will be fishing at the Rio Peñasco lease waters.
9. The Kids' Fishing Clinic at the Alumni Pond will be Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and volunteers should plan to be there at 8:30am. E-mail reminders will be sent, plus more detail will be given in the newsletter. Further planning was made on the prizes, pizzas, beverages, etc. and funds authorized. Tom Wobbe will obtain prizes, Gary Mann will get beverages, Bob Silver will order pizzas. Station responsibilities: Donna - registration, Richard Keding & Jim Hulsey - knots, Ron Bellerose & Tom Wobbe - casting, Jeff Arterburn & Bob Silver - fly tying, Paul Turner - aquatic insects.
10. On June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a kids' fishing clinic at Lake Roberts organized by Tawnya Brummett, District Wildlife Biologist/Range Specialist for the Gila Wilderness District. The Club will help with and set up outdoor stations. More club volunteers will be needed.
11. Helen Zagona is organizing activities for women flyfishers, and is planning a women's trip this September. There is interest and support from the Board for offering special casting clinics and related events for female MVFF members.
12. Upcoming club trip plans were discussed. The Black Canyon Creek volunteer project will be held April 4-5. Paul Turner is considering a trip to Iron Creek in the Gila during May, with more details forthcoming. George Sanders is planning trips to the Green River, UT June 8-13, Gunnison River, CO June 15-21 and will submit an article for the April Newsletter. Bob Silver and Jeff Arterburn are organizing a trip to the Conejos June 26-29. Possibilities for a picnic in the Gila area during July, and Fall trip to the White Mountains, AZ were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

**Quick Look Contact Information**

2009 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>V-Pres.</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Secretary</b>	Donna Mabie (575) 522-3810
• <b>Treasurer</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
<b>Board Members</b>	
• <b>Position 1</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>Position 2</b>	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
• <b>Position 3</b>	Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437
• <b>Position 4</b>	George Thomas (575) 532-5614
• <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>	
Principle Account	\$10,930
Operating Account	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,930</b>

**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.

**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.



### 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.

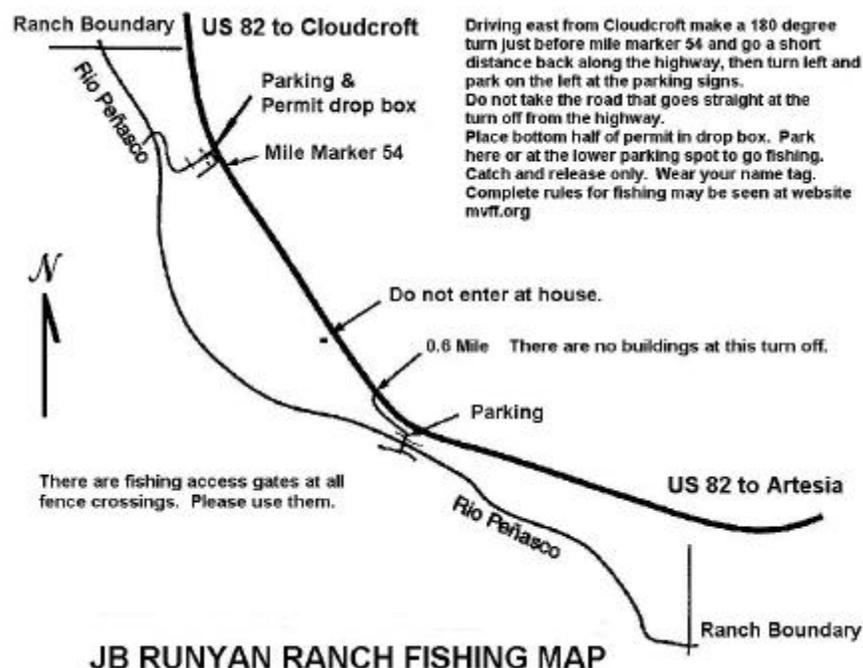
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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.



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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.