



# TALE WATERS

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 April

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 11 April at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room.

The special guest speaker will be Matt Schultz with the NMENV and Angel Montoya with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They will share the hour. Matt's presentation will be *New and Ongoing Stream Restoration Projects in the Gila and Angel's* topic will be *Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program*.

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

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 April

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 April at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 27 April

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 27 April at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting

at 7:00pm. The group will be tying the *BWO Emerger Cripple*. The recipe can be found later in this issue.

The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso and is a professional tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tiers.



## President's Corner

April has turned into volunteer month for the club. We start with the Kids' Fishing Clinic on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Alumni Pond on the NMSU Campus. We are

expecting around 80 kids with their parents learning about fishing and trying catch fish in the pond stocked by the New Mexico Game and Fish. We start serving food around 11:30am and then giving away prizes to each of the kids. If you wish to help, please contact Tom Wobbe.

We have around 22 soldiers from Fort Bliss going through our Project Healing Waters program. With a fly tying class on April 7<sup>th</sup> at New Mexico

State Game and Fish, fly casting at Lake Ascarate on April 21<sup>st</sup>, and our PHW outing at the lease on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ron Bellerose if you can volunteer for any of these events.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> we're planning to make some Habitat improvements on the lease. We will be planting willows, installing protective fencing and hopefully do some boulder placements in the stream. Paul Turner will update us at the April General meeting.

Our guest speakers for our General Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> will be Matt Schultz with the NMENV and Angel Montoya with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They will share the hour, Matt's presentation will be *New and Ongoing Stream Restoration Projects in the Gila and*

Angel's topic is *Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program*. If you fish in the Gila this should be very informative.

We will have a sign-up sheet for our Mentoring Program, with a list of available dates to improve your fly casting and fishing technique. This will be an all day event at the lease and you will need to have a fishing permit. If you are interested and are unable to attend the General Meeting, please contact me, Bob Sliver or Jeff Arterburn for a list of dates and details.

We now have fishing hats with our club logo embroidered on the front. These will be available at the General Meeting for the cost of \$15.00 each, plus \$5.00 if you needed it shipped. You can purchase this hat from Ron Warnke at our General Meeting. We also made arrangements with Mark at Hoop-T-Dudes (575-524-2590) if you would like to have the logo embroidered on your favorite fishing shirt or jacket. Price is less than \$10.00 per shirt.

Next month we are moving the General Meeting back to 16<sup>th</sup> of May. We will have Bob Widgren as our guest speaker. Bob will be holding a casting clinic at the lease on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars for both the clinic and meeting.

Keep a tight line,

Chuck



### Ladies Fishing Weekend at the Lease - April 9 & 10

Helen Zagona

MVFF Lady Anglers are looking forward to our Spring outing at the Peñasco lease waters April 9 and 10. We have rented the lovely and large Orr Canyon Ranch House for our

annual weekend celebration of Spring. We are now busy deciding what to bring depending on how cooperative the weather will be. Last year we arrived in Cloudcroft in a snowstorm but found perfect conditions on the river the next day. Gathering the trip essentials begins with fly selection and wine selection. Ten women will test the waters without guides this year! Good weather or bad, we will have a lot of fun

If you know of other women who would like to join us, who would like to learn to flyfish or polish their

skills, we would love to include them in our plans for the year. Contact me at [hzagona@yahoo.com](mailto:hzagona@yahoo.com).



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



We have confirmed the dates for Ft. Bliss soldiers to participate in the introduction to fly fishing.

Our first outing, fly tying and knots, will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the NM Game and Fish. Our fly casting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> in El Paso at Lake Ascarate and the grand finale will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> when the soldiers will be fishing at the lease.

Jim Ellett has confirmed the date to have the soldiers at the lease and the Cowbells will be putting on the lunch/dinner for the troops. George Welch, Ft Bliss coordinator for the troops has already shown the CD on PHW and has an enthusiastic group again this time. There may be as many as 25 soldiers participating this time so mark your calendar for these dates. **We will need as many volunteers as we can get to assist the soldiers.** Thanks to all the volunteers that help out with PHW.

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For more information about PHWFF see [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org).

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), [roncor@hotmail.com](mailto:roncor@hotmail.com)) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

### Rod Raffle

The club is selling raffle tickets for a rod. The drawing will be held during the May general meeting. The winner need not be present to win, but you must come out to the meetings between now and then to buy the tickets. Remember, the more you buy the better your chances.

The winner will have a choice between two Sage ZXL rods, a 3wt 8½ foot or a 4wt 8½ foot.

### Annual Kids Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 9 April

Don't forget the Kids Fishing Clinic scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Alumni Pond next to the Pan Am Center on the NMSU. Volunteers should arrive at 7:30am to set up the stations, rig up the rods and reels, etc. Kids must be pre-registered with the Department of Game and Fish. Trout will be stocked in the pond by NM Game and Fish. The clinic portion of the activities will consist of knot tying, fly tying, fish anatomy, fish identification, entomology, casting and fishing rules and regulations. There will be prizes and pizza. We can always use more volunteers to help with the clinic. Mark your calendar now.

### Mentoring Program

One of the best ways to learn to fly fish better is to go with someone who is more experienced and learn at the lease. At the April and May meeting there will be a signup sheet for those who would like to be paired with a mentor. You will need a lease permit and basic equipment like a rod, reel, leaders, tippet and some flies. The mentor will help the student with aspects of fishing such as casting and mending, knots, showing where fish are found and so forth. Also if you would like to be a mentor there will be a mentor signup sheet. The mentor should pick a date when

they can commit a day to the program. Students should also pick dates when they are available. We will match the mentor with up to two students per day. The mentor and student will coordinate their own travel. Make sure to bring a lunch and water and also have a 2011 New Mexico fishing license. The Club will provide expenses up to \$50 per trip for the mentor expenses.

We want you to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about fishing and also learn about the lease.

### Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2011 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.

Trips currently planned are:

- April 9-10 - MVFF Lady Anglers trip to the Lease.
- July - location tbd
- October = San Juan River

### Welcome New Members

Patrick Garland  
Angel Montoya

Virginia City, NV  
Las Cruces, NM

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### MVFF HATS

Available in Khaki, Steel Blue, Stone & Chrome  
Cost \$15.00 with all proceeds going to the General Fund  
Add \$5.00 for shipping if needed  
Contact Ron Warnke (575-532-5600) or [warnke@mvff.org](mailto:warnke@mvff.org) to order





**Quick Look Contact Information**

2011 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Secretary:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <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>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Position 4:</b>	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• <b>Position 5:</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• <b>Position 6:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Position 7:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 8:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• <b>Position 9:</b>	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
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• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
<b>Membership Committee Chairman</b>	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,003</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).

**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.



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**MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING  
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### 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.

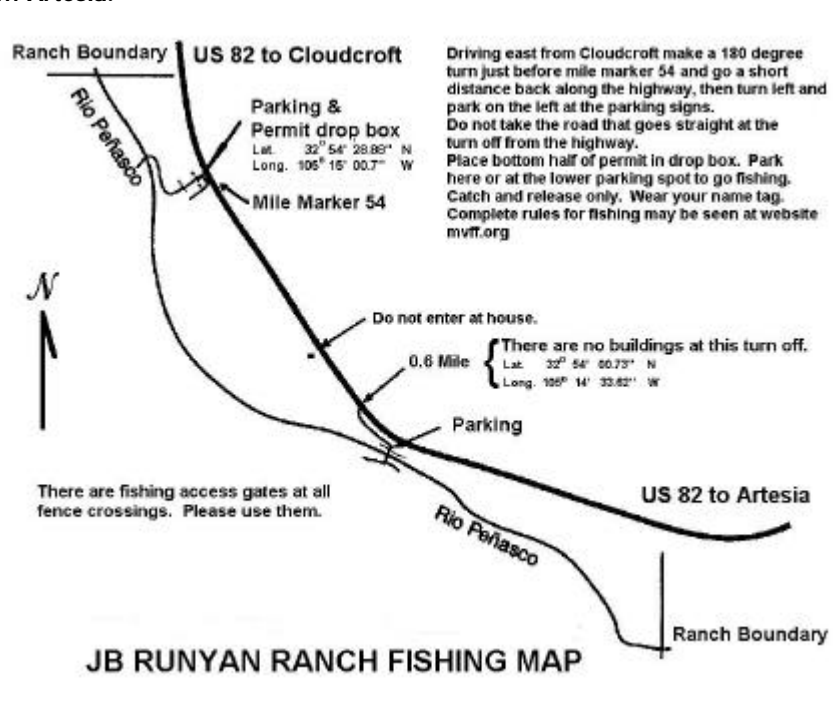
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulsey (575-524-1880), Tom Wobbe (575-522-5437), Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the Sportsman's Elite fly shop (915-587-4867) in El Paso. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell 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.