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Membership Meeting

Monday, 9 April

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 9 April at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special guest speaker will be Bob Widgren. Many of you know Bob as he has spoken to the Club several times in the past. This time he will be speaking on *Fishing for Atlantic Salmon*. See additional bio information in the *President's Corner*.

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, 25 April

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 25 April at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Payczech Nymph*. 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 is here and it is good time to renew both your fishing license and your MVFF membership. In April we have the Kids' Fishing Clinic and it

will be held on Saturday April 14th at the Alumni pond on the NMSU Campus. Last year we had over 120 kids with their parents learning about fish habitat and how to fish. The clinic runs from 9am to about 1pm. We serve pizza around 11:30am with prizes given out to each kid. We need as many volunteers as possible, so if you can help please contact Tom Wobbe or myself. Your service would be much appreciated.

Our April General meeting is on Monday the 9th right after Easter. Our guest speaker will be Bob Widgren who will be talking about fishing for Atlantic salmon in New Brunswick, Canada. He will be covering the famous Miramichin River and the Renous River along with a few others. If we have enough member interest in fishing for Atlantic salmon, we could look into a club trip in the fall of 2013. This is what most of us dream about. But, if you can't wait, Bob Silver is planning a club trip this September to fish for silvers in Kodiak, Alaska, which is similar to fishing for Atlantic salmon.

If anyone is interested in fishing for Muskie's, we are trying to put together a trip to Quemado Lake the second week of June. Bob Widgren gave a presentation on fishing for Muskie's in Quemado Lake about two years ago and could be of assistance to us on this trip.

We are raffling off a Sage ZXL 3wt 8'6" valued at \$685 and a Regal flytying vise with a bronze pedestal valued at \$250. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 for the rod and \$1 each or 6 for \$5 for the vise. You do not have to be present to win and we will accept

mail-in checks for both raffles if they are received by May first.

Just a reminder that you can buy club hats, license plates and stickers at each meeting or you can contact Ron Warnke to make a purchase.

In May our guest speaker will be Taylor Streit with a talk about fishing in Northern New Mexico.

Keep a tight line,

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters will work with the Ft Bliss Vets on Wednesday May 2 with flytying and casting. The flytying will be

at the NM Game and Fish conference room and the casting which will take place in the afternoon will be at Alumni pond at NMSU. We need as many volunteers as we can get for this event. Request that the volunteers meet at the NMG&F at 7:45am to set up the vises and material.

Fishing the lease with the Vets will take place on the 16th of May. Volunteers can meet at K-Mart at 5:45am to car pool to the lease. This is a very important date for the Vets. We need all the volunteers that we can get. Also the Cowbelle's will be providing the lunch for us all.

I have 20 PHW lease permits for our disabled vets to go fishing on the lease. If you have a disabled vet that you want to take fishing, let me know and I will get you the permit for the vet. The vet has to be accompanied by a MVFF member.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 14 April

Don't forget the Kids Fishing Clinic scheduled for April 14th at 9am at Alumni Pond next to the Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. 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, fish prints, entomology, bait, casting and fishing rules and regulations. There will be prizes and pizza.

Last year we had 122 kids register for the clinic! Along with parents and volunteers we had over 300 in attendance. As you can see we need a lot of volunteers, at least 25 for this event. Please mark your calendar and make plans to help out with this event.

Contact Tom Wobbe at tomjaw@aol.com or 575-649-0388.

Kodiak Island Trip Planned



It is getting about that time to begin planning for the Kodiak trip this year. Tentatively, we are looking at the week from September 30th to October 6th. Save this date if you are interested. In the past, the cost

for these trips have averaged about \$1,800, which includes airfare, sharing a room, a share of the car rental expense and food on your own.

Unfortunately, I will miss the April meeting, but I will have a sign up list there if you are interested in more information. Please add your name and address to the list so that I can begin to see how many people would like to go. What I will do is suggest airline flight schedules and where to make hotel reservations that will be convenient to those dates above. If you like, I can also try to pair people up with room and cars. All of this will help keep the costs down.

To those of you that sign up, I will be sending out information about the trip and what to bring for equipment, clothing and flies etc. You can also contact me by email at rsilver@nmsu.edu or by phone at 522-6325. Bob Silver

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2012 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 any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- Late May or early June: possible trip to White Mtns. Of Arizona
- June - possible trip to Quemado Lake for Muskie fishing.
- Late July - trip to Quinlin Ranch
- Early August - trip to Quinlin Ranch (Chuck Mueller is contact for the Quinlin Ranch trips.)
- Early October - possible trip to Kodiak, Alaska (Bob Silver is contact for this trip.)
- 18-20 October - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Becky Barringer	Pierre, SD
Thomas DiGiovanni	El Paso, TX
Mike Gordon	San Antonio, TX
Todd Hall	Las Cruces, NM
Chris Hoffman	Pierre, SD
David Hwang	Chandler, AZ
Paul Janak	Yoakum, TX
Jim Kelley	Plano, TX
Ed Kost	San Antonio, TX
Rocky & Patsy Miller	Capitan, NM
Ken Mompellier	Las Cruces, NM
Robert Ramirez	Las Cruces, NM
Walter Ramstedt	Hobbs, NM
Mark Warren	Capitan, NM

***** REMEMBER *****

MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING LICENSES EXPIRED ON 31 MARCH

Fishing Report



Hi everyone,

I took one of our newest members over to the lease for a day of fishing. Had a nice day showing Harry around and to my surprise I caught a nice brown in the pool above the upper falls on a sculpin. Fishing was good, caught some nice rainbows. One of them had a hole on top of its head about 3/8" in diameter and about a 1/4 inch deep, which was probably from a blue heron attack.

Chuck

Quick Look Contact Information

2012 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• V-Pres.:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1:	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• Position 5:	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• Position 9:	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
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Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$11,003

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.

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
 LICENSES EXPIRE ON 31 MARCH**

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.

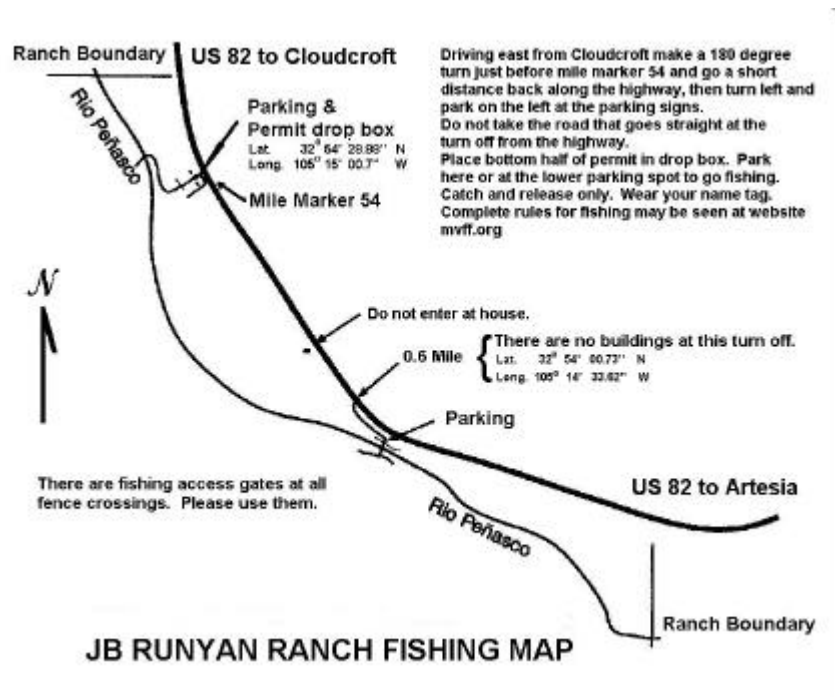
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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: _____

Address: _____

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.