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Membership Meeting

Monday, 8 April

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 8 April at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special guest speaker will be Tim Mack from the Sportsman's Elite in El Paso. His topic will be about fishing for Redfish off the Louisiana coast and about a fishing trip with the Venice Sportsman's Lodge.

Refreshments will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 15 April

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 15 April at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 24 April

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 24 April at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Ray Charles*. This fly is effective in many rivers of the West but is especially good for the Big Horn. If you are planning to go on the Club trip to the Big Horn in

June this is a good way to start preparing. 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



It's that time of the year to renew both your New Mexico State fishing license and your MVFF membership. It is also a good time to check and inspect your equipment, plus taking inventory of your flies, leaders, tippet and

etc. and order new if needed.

Last week we had our Ft. Bliss Vets at the lease for a day of fishing. Everyone that I talked to caught fish and enjoyed the day. The Cow Belles, once again, put out a nice spread for all to enjoy. I would like to thank all of the volunteers and the Cow Belles for showing our vets a great time. Please see photos in this newsletter.

Coming up on Saturday, April 13th is the Kid's Fishing Clinic being held at the Alumni pond on the NMSU Campus. Our last clinic had over 120 kids with their parents learning about fish habitat and how to fish. The clinic runs from 8am to about 1pm. We serve pizza around 11:30am with prizes given out to each child. We need as many volunteers as possible, so if you can help please contact Tom Wobbe. Your service would be much appreciated.

On the same weekend as the Kids Clinic I will be at the Conejos Superfly Tournament. This year we have three teams entered; Bob Silver & Bob Widgren, Jeff Arterburn and Brad Schuster, and Jim Sorenson and myself. Bob Silver will have highlights from the Superfly Tournament at next month's meeting.

Our guest speaker for this month's meeting is Tim Mack. Last fall Sportsman's Elite hosted a trip to Venice, Louisiana to fish on the Gulf for Red Fish and

other species. Tim's topic will cover last year's trip to the Venice Sportsman's Lodge (www.venicesportsmanslodge.net). He will also have information for this year's trip to the Venice Sportsman's Lodge.

There is still time left for you to get in on our raffle for a Sage One 5wt 9' 4 piece rod valued at \$770.00. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 for the Rod. You do not have to be present to win and we will accept mail-in checks for this raffle if they are received by May 1st. Good luck to all!

If you have signed up for either the San Juan Trip or the Bighorn Trip we will need your payment by the April Meeting. There still is time for you join us on either one of these trips. We have four spots available for our Quinlan Ranch Trip July 17th through July 21st. Please call Chuck Mueller if you are interested in any of these trips.

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.

Keep a tight line,

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters has just completed the 1st quarter of 2013. A special thanks goes out to all our volunteers, Jim Ellett and the Cowbells. We had another great success with our Ft. Bliss soldiers and a lot of fish were caught. For the 1st quarter, 2013, we had 50 volunteers, 334 volunteer hours. We helped 43 disabled vets, had Vet participation in 3 fly tying classes, 2 casting classes and 5 fishing events. We also participated in a Veterans gathering at Veterans Park that looks like it may have been a success for PHW. Our next big event with Ft. Bliss will be in September and October of 2013. Remember to take a Vet fishing. We have all the equipment to help them. Hope to see some of the Vets at our next club meeting.

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, 13 April

Don't forget the Kids Fishing Clinic scheduled for April 13th 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. 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 120 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.

Presentation on Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Projects in NM

Monday, 29 April

There will be a special meeting for members from the Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers, Gila-Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited and all other individuals interested in native trout on April 29th at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Conference Room 2715 Northrise Drive. The meeting will feature Bryan Bakevich, NMDGF Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Biologist, who will be speaking about ongoing RGCT Projects in the State, including our local stream: Las Animas Creek. Doors will open at 6:30pm, with the presentation starting at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Jeff Arterburn for more info. Email: jeffgilatu@aol.com; or arterburn@mvff.org Cell: (575) 649-9729

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2013 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:

- May 2 - 5 - trip to the San Juan
- June 18-23 - trip to the Big Horn River in Montana.

- July 17-20 - trip to Quinlan Ranch
- October 10-13 - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Chris & Sheila Fritz	Lubbock, TX
Don Fritz	Lubbock, TX
Mark & Renate Kleinsteuber	Hobbs, NM
David & Gail Sikes	Hobbs, NM

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*Skill at the riverside, or at the fly-table, never came, nor ever will come to us by any road than that of practice.
George M. Kelson*

PHW Fishing at the Lease



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******* REMEMBER *******

MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING LICENSES EXPIRED ON 31 MARCH

Quick Look Contact Information

2013 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
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• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
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Norm Mabie Scholarship FundMarket Value as of 30 June 2012 **\$9,808****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.

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. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. 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.

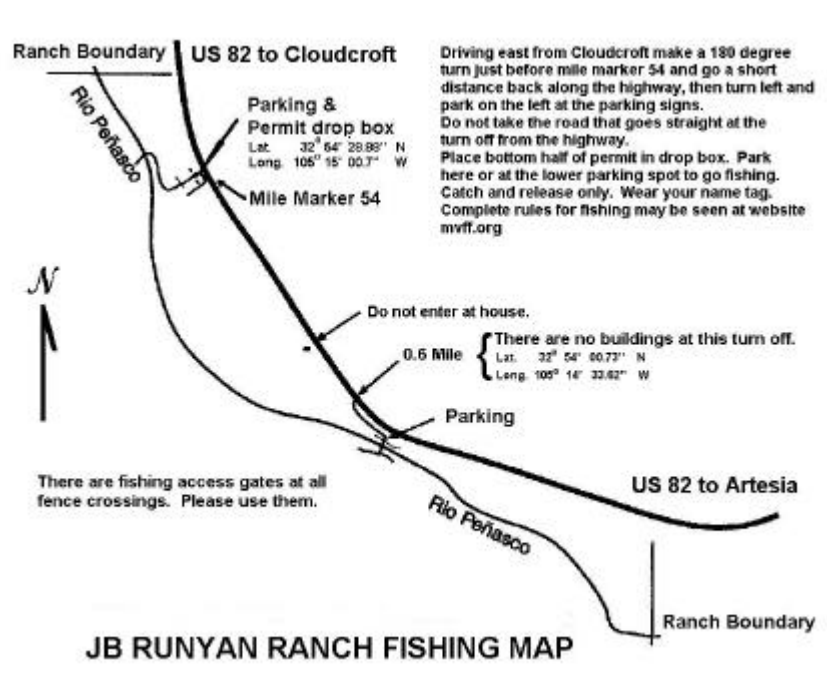
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.