



# TALE WATERS

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starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Micro Poopah Beadhead*. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

### President's Corner



The northern New Mexico mountains have gotten some snow in the last several months and the prospects for summer fishing are looking good. The year-to-date averages for the major river

basins are:

- Rio Chama 86%
- Upper Rio Grande 73%
- Jemez 90%
- San Juan 71%
- Pecos 95%
- Sangre de Cristo 103%
- Cimarron 107%

### Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 13 April

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 13 April at 7:00pm at *The Game*. **Note: this is a change from normal in both date and venue.** All members are welcome to attend.

### Membership Meeting

Monday, 20 April

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 20 April at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. **Note: this is a change in date from normal.** The program will consist of a 30 minute video about the North Platte river in Wyoming. Don't forget that this is an opportunity to buy a raffle ticket on the handmade bamboo flyrod. Doors open at 6:30. Cookies and coffee will be served.

### Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 22 April

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 22 April at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room

The National Weather Service is forecasting better than average precipitation for the next several months. The Gila, unfortunately, is still well below average and the Gila National Forest personnel report that most of the rivers and streams are still unfishable as a result of the recent forest fires and subsequent floods.

A big thank you goes to Bob Silver and Tom Wobbe for organizing a work day at the Lease. The river, from the big arroyo downstream to below the lower waterfall, had become clogged with algae. A couple of groups of volunteers have raked out as much of the algae as possible. It should be a big improvement for the Project Healing Waters group on April 8<sup>th</sup> and the Lady Anglers on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of stream improvements on the Lease, two groups of NMSU students will be surveying the Rio

Peñasco at the Lease, measuring stream flows, fish and aquatic insects and writing proposals to improve the quality of the fish habitat as a class project. The students will be at the Lease on April 11 and 12 and we expect to have the proposals by mid-May. As early as the May meeting, the board will begin reviewing the proposals and establishing a budget to incorporate as many of the stream improvements as possible.

In that regard, Mark Lenarz has donated a new, custom made bamboo fly rod for the Spring Rod Raffle. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and no more than 50 tickets will be sold with the drawing to be held at the Club's general meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>. All of the raffle proceeds have been dedicated to stream improvements at the Lease. So, even if you don't win the rod, you are investing in an improved fishing experience for all of us. Either way, you win.

Don't forget the annual Kids' Fishing Clinic on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Club has organized and sponsored this community project for many years. We expect 120+ kids and their parents at the event, so we can use all the volunteers who can come.

Finally, recent fishing reports from the Lease have been very good in spite of the algae. With all of the mild weather, there couldn't be a better time to get out and fish.

Tight Lines,

Jim



Ron Bellerose  
PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is doing great. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report is as follows: new Vets-9, total Vets-86, Vet hours-247, volunteers-36, volunteer hours=115, fly tying-9, casting-

2, fishing-5 and rod building-7.

We had 7 Vets complete the rod building and have sent them to Hook & Hackle for evaluation. They will get to keep the fly rod they built and everything was donated by Hook & Hackle.

We have a busy 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter coming up with Ft Bliss soldiers fly tying, casting and fishing. I expect about 35 new Vets for the next quarter. April 1<sup>st</sup> fly tying and casting, April 8<sup>th</sup> fishing at the lease. I expect 20 plus Vets at these events so all the volunteers we can get is appreciated. Most of the local Vets have joined the MVFF club.

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For more information about PHWFF see [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org). Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), [flyfishnh@hotmail.com](mailto:flyfishnh@hotmail.com)) if you wish to volunteer to help out

## Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 4 April

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Don't forget the Kids Fishing Clinic scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM 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 some prizes ,pizza and drinks. 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](mailto:tomjaw@aol.com) or 575-649-0388.

## Troops to Fish the Lease

Wednesday, 8 April

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Don't forget the Club is taking the Ft. Bliss troops to the Lease for a fishing trip on 8 April. There will probably be about 20 soldiers so if possible we like to have as many volunteers. The troops will arrive at the Lease at about 8:30am. If you want to carpool from Las Cruces be at the K-Mart parking lot at 5:45am. Lunch will be provided by the CowBelles.

### Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2015 and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let them know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members. Trips now in the planning stages are:

- April 16 - 19 - Lady Anglers trip to the Lease.
- Spring - annual spring trip to the San Juan
- June 22 - 26 -- trip to the North Platte in Wyoming. This trip is fully booked at this time.
- Fall - annual fall trip to the San Juan

### Welcome New Members

Coury Dorn	Las Cruces, NM
Nicholas Easterling	Las Cruces, NM
Ted & Margaret Hopkins	Alamogordo, NM
Michael Kirby	Lubbock, TX
Christopher MacKenzie	Lubbock, TX
Annette Malinak	High Rolls, NM
Christian Mondok	El Paso, TX
Albert Stevens	Las Cruces, NM



### Micro Poopah Beadhead



- Hook:** TMC 3761 - #16 to #20
- Thread:** Uni 8/0 black
- Bead:** copper
- Underbody:** pearl mylar over thread
- Rib:** fine gold thread
- Body:** chartreuse micro chenille
- Legs:** partridge
- Antennae:** mallard flank
- Head:** black ostrich herl



The great charm of fly fishing is that we are always learning.  
*Theodore Gordon*

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

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





### MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2015

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, acting secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Jim Sorenson. In attendance were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Bob Silver, Jeff Arterburn, Gary Mann, Dennis Lanpher and non-Board members Tom Wobbe, Ron Bellerose and Jim Hulsey.

1. Minutes of the February 2015 Board meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$12,729. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 242 paid-up members—89 in Las Cruces, 48 in El Paso, 16 in Lubbock and the remainder are scattered.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that PHW will host the Ft. Bliss soldiers for fly tying and casting clinics on April 1 and for fishing at the Lease on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
5. Gila/Rio Grande Chapter and MVFF will hold a joint film fest at Ardevino's Restaurant in Sunland Park. The tentative date is June 14.
6. The Lincoln National Forest will hold a public meeting regarding the process for revising its

existing Forest Plan in Las Cruces on March 28, 2015 from 9:00am to noon at the Small Business Development Center, 2345 East Nevada.

7. The Kids' Fishing Clinic is set for April 4<sup>th</sup>. A motion was approved for Tom Wobbe to spend \$500 for prizes, pizza, etc. in connection with the event.
8. The Club will invite Bill Edrington of Royal Gorge Anglers, Canon City, CO to be a guest speaker in the fall.
9. To date, 18 tickets for the Spring Rod Raffle have been sold.
10. The April General meeting will be moved to April 20<sup>th</sup> because NMDG&F needs the room on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
11. Gary Mann will look into the cost of renting a van for regular monthly trips by club members to the lease.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00pm at The Game.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.



### Fishing Report #1

Date	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
Body of Water	Rio Peñasco
State	NM
Time on Water	0830
Time off Water	1600
Temperature	31f-56f
Cloud Cover %	Roughly 85%
Wind Direction	Upstream
Moon Phase	Waning Gibbous
Water Temperature	Roughly 50-55
CFS Rate	27 (according to usgs nm)

Hatch Activity	Beginning	End
Trico	1055	1515 (various throughout the day)

Michael and I fished the downstream section approximately 1/4 of a mile from the waterfall. Despite water levels being low there was a deep pool (2-3 feet) opposite a rocky outcrop. 19 fish were caught ranging from about 4 inches to 16 inches.

Flies used:

1. Pheasant Tail Nymph size 16 (6 fish)
2. Hare's Ear Nymph size 18 (8 fish)
3. Foam Parachute Trico size 22 (5 fish)
4. Parachute Adams size 14 (0 fish)
5. Olive Woolly Bugger size 10 (0 fish)

6. Olive Blue Flash Damsel Nymph size 12 (0 fish)  
Nymphs were fished with Pheasant Tail Nymph 3.5 feet below indicator with the Hare's Ear Nymph as a dropper 14 inches below on 5x tippet. The Parachute Adam's was fished on a 9-foot 4x tapered leader with the Parachute Trico 16 inches below on 5x tippet.

Notes:

- Had numerous refusals on the Parachute Adams.
- River will be used for irrigation in the near future. Mr. Ellett suggests that the water level will drop another 2 feet.

### Fishing Report #2

Blaine Goss (3/19/15) Drove up yesterday. Water was clear. Caught 7 trout. One was 17" Others were 10-12" Caught the bigger fish at the upper end. The lower end is still very mossy. Water was high but not torrential. It is hard to fish the mossy stuff. I tried dry flies to see if I could get a rise out of the mossy—no luck. We need a decent blow out to clear out the stuff.



### Classified Ads

**Editor's Note:** From time to time someone asks me about listing something for sale in the newsletter, so I have instituted a new topic for inclusion in the newsletter. Whenever you have something to sell, buy or trade, let me know. You may also place an ad for a service as long as it is flyfishing related. I plan to place the ad in the newsletter but I am also planning on placing them on the web page where they will stay for a somewhat longer time.

**For Sale:** David Carmichael—Now that I'm building rods, I'm looking to clear out some of the rods I have stored in various corners of the house. I'd like to make these 4 rods available to club members before I list them for sale on eBay:

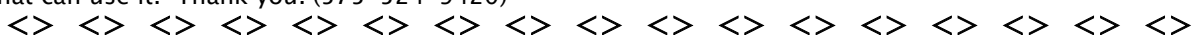
1. 2 Scott rods: E2 905/4 These rods are used, but well cared for. Miriam and I have caught many fish with them. Discontinued model, original retail price was \$525, so they are mid-range rods. Asking \$100 each.
2. 2 Fly Logic rods: Fly Logic rods are mid-range, very good quality rods made in Melba, ID. I was introduced to them by a guide in Kodiak, Alaska who uses them for salmon, Dolly Varden and trout. These rods are very slightly used and in great condition. The FLP+ designates their mid-level rod (retail \$295), and the FLO+ is their highest level rod (retail \$535). They were purchased for a trip to Alaska that has not happened yet, so someone else might as well get some use from them. (I have caught Northern Pike on the 8wt in the Rio Grande near Taos)

FLP+ 908/2 (9 ft., 8wt, 2-piece) \$75, FLO+ 907/3 (9 ft., 7wt, 3-piece) \$150 (Sold)

If interested, contact me by email at [bttrout22@hotmail.com](mailto:bttrout22@hotmail.com).

**For Sale:** Blaine Goss—2014 Echo Fiberglass rod. 7'4" 4wt, 3pc. Comes with Echo rod sock and case. Virtually brand new. Attractive rod. I took it to the lease once, and to the Alumni pond 3-4 times. If you ever wanted to try a fiberglass rod, this is for you. It is a fun rod that is more flexible than graphite rods. I paid \$180 for it last year and it is for sale for \$90. (575-522-1981)

**For Sale:** Ray Rodriguez—Lamson lite speed 3 reel which is a 7-8 wt. with an extra spool. It's worth over \$500 - asking \$250. I used it twice so it's still pretty much new. It also has 7 wt. line on it. Hope there's someone out there that can use it. Thank you. (575-524-9420)



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2015 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
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• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	
Market Value as of 30 June 2014	\$11,487

**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](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. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. See the MVFF website for purchase.



**\*\*\*\*\* REMEMBER \*\*\*\*\***  
**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.

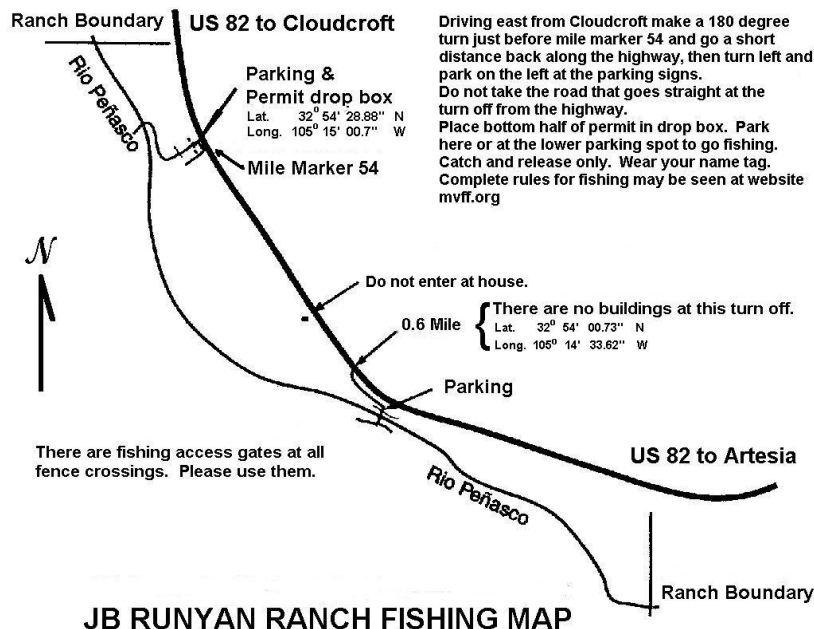
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. 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 (current dues have been paid) 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 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.