

# Tale Waters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club

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## August Meetings

George Sanders will speak on his recent fishing trip to "Big Sky" country at the general membership meeting on 8 August. George has spoken several times over the past years and always has an interesting presentation for those of us who dream of going to some of the same places. The Board will meet on 15 August. Both meetings will be at NMDG&F.

## President's Corner

Please excuse me for not providing a President's Corner last month. I had a medical situation that I had to take care of, but I am doing fine now.

Those members who came to fish at the San Juan in June found the fishing to be fantastic! The fish were extremely healthy and heavy with good quantities of fish caught by most fishermen. Take a look at Jude Duran's website, [www.customfly.com](http://www.customfly.com), to read the latest fishing report or check in on [www.ifly4trout.com](http://www.ifly4trout.com) discussion board to see what's happening on the San Juan and the hot flies.

We have another club trip planned to the San Juan on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, with guides on Friday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to reserve your guide slot early as we only have 24 openings available. Please call me

at 522-5437 or cell 649-0388 or email to [president@mvff.org](mailto:president@mvff.org).

It is disappointing to see we have many members who have not renewed their membership by the March 31<sup>st</sup> due date. Come on folks, it's only \$20.00 and you have the opportunity to enjoy the companionship and general nonsense with your fellow club members, plus the fishing trips, fly tying, work parties, raffles, fishing & stocking the Penasco Lease, meetings with speakers, and who knows what else.

I am sure several members have made some good fishing trips this summer, that other club members would enjoy hearing about, so please take a minute to write up a brief story and e-mail to the newsletter editor Jim Hulsey. Thanks to members Steve Lewis and Randy Hulsey for letting us enjoy their trip to Spinney Reservoir in previous newsletters.

Remember to drop in on the liars & tiers fly tying sessions, it's fun and we can all learn some tips from each other. Go Fishing!!!

Tightlines,  
Tom

## Club Trip to the San Juan

The final plans for our annual fall San Juan outing have been firmly arranged for 7, 8 and 9 October 2005. It is expected that about 35 people will participate. The guided portion of the trip will be on 7 October (Friday). A current membership in the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers is required to participate in this outing, so please check your membership status in advance of the trip. A "Sign Up Sheet" will be established with a cutoff date of 1 October or when a total of 24 club members have registered. Registration will be on a first come first served basis. The member fee for a guide will be \$50.00 on a non-refundable basis. This fee will cover a guide for 1/2 day with each guide having three clients. This is unchanged from the way things have been done for the past several years. If unable to attend after

registration, you may transfer your reservation to another individual upon timely notification to Tom Wobbe. Direct contact with Tom for registration is suggested to avoid any delay caused by club mail pickup. If you have never fished the San Juan a list of equipment, fly patterns and motel information are available on the Club webpage.

There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> at the pavilion in Pine Creek campground. This is the same one we have used several times in the past. The Club will furnish the main course, probably barbecue, and everyone should bring a side dish or dessert. We will start eating at 6:30 p.m.

Since this is a Club sponsored event using club funds, attendees should be paid-up members. This is a great opportunity for all you new members to come out, meet some of the folks and have a good time.

For planning purposes we need to get a rough idea how many are going to attend the dinner. If you plan on being there but do not wish to use a guide let Tom Wobbe know.

### Annual Raffle

In this issue of *Tale Waters* you will find tickets for the Club's annual raffle which is to be conducted at the picnic on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. This raffle is the Club's major fund raising of the year and you are urged to buy lots of tickets. Now is the time for payback on all of that band candy you bought from your flyfishing friend's kids. Put the squeeze on them for tickets and while you're at it recruit them for membership. They'll thank you later, especially if they win a prize. If you need more tickets they are available at the *Anglers Nook*, at the August meeting and from any of the officers and board members.

We have some great prizes this year and more are coming in all the time. Below is a partial list. You do not have to be present to win and remember, the more tickets you buy the better your chances of winning.

1. Sage Custom Rod crafted by Joseph Lopez
2. 1-Day Float or Wade Trip for 2 with Anasazi Anglers

3. 1/2-Day Wade Trip for 2 with Jude Duran
4. Gallatin Onyx Fly Rod
5. Folstaf Wading Stick
6. Northern Sport (Aquanova) Fly Line
7. Scientific Anglers GPX Fly Line, (DT-5wt-F)
8. Action Optics Polarized Sunglasses/with a Cap
9. Flying Fisherman Sunglasses
10. Panama Jack Sunglasses
11. Flip Focal Magnifiers
12. Many other prizes including hackle, tools, books, etc.

### Fly Casting Clinic

Each fall the MVFF conducts a fly casting clinic if there is enough interest. The clinics are held at NMSU's Alumni Pond so that water will add realism to the instruction, i.e. the drag on the line as it is lifted from the water. A clinic is planned for this fall, September or October prior to the San Juan trip, if there is sufficient interest.

If you would like to attend this clinic please contact the instructor, Richard Keding, at 382-7498. The fee will be \$15 for members and \$35 for non-members. \$20 of the non-member fee is applied to a membership in the Club.

### Ray Gilmore Dies

Ray Gilmore, a charter member of MVFF, died 20 June 2005 in Twin Falls, ID. His wife, Helen, said that he died peacefully sleeping in his favorite chair. Ray was well known by many members and will be missed by them. He was active in fishing, stream improvements and made some great looking fishing nets. Friends say he was a heck of a good woodworker.

### Fisherman Wanted

Tom Korsmo is looking for someone to accompany him on a one week fishing trip to the Conejos in Colorado during the first week of September. If you are interested contact Tom at 505-521-1755.

**Quick Look Contact Information****2005 Officers of the Club****Officers**

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**Newsletter Editor**

- Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880

**Welcome New Members**

Welcome to the following new members who have joined MVFF since the last newsletter:

Jim Dickenson Lubbock, TX

**Angler's Nook**

Norm's Shop is open as usual. Please contact Donna at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information, fishing permits and extra newsletters.

*For the remainder of the year, 10% of all purchases by Club members will be donated to the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund.*

**Private Fly Tying Lessons**

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies, Joseph Lopez would like to give private fly tying lessons at Norm's Shop. Please call Donna Mabie at 522-3810, and she will help you get in touch with him to work out the arrangements and cost. Joseph is a club member and avid fly fisherman. Norm taught Joseph to tie flies and build rods when he was a young boy. Joseph just recently moved back to the area. Give him a try!

**Norm Mabie Endowment Fund**

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. 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." 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.

Presently the fund contains \$4,345. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

**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 print that is 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.

**Newsletter on Website**

Each month the *Tale Waters* is placed on the MVFF webpage ([www.mvff.org](http://www.mvff.org)), usually several days prior to being mailed, in Adobe Acrobat format. If you wish to view it there you have the advantage of seeing it earlier and in color.

**Lost Members**

Donna has two flyfishing rods at her shop that Norm had taken for repairs and that have never been claimed by their owners. One belongs to Tom Dent of El Paso, TX and one to Bruce McKenzie, whereabouts unknown. If anyone knows how to contact these people, please call Donna at 505-522-3810.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31**

**And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license**

## Do You Remember the First Time?

Earl and Adan Arbogast

*Editor's Note: Club member Earl Arbogast recently posted this story on Mike Mora's webpage and we thought that our members would like to read it also.*

My 12 year old boy and I went fly fishing by ourselves for the first time today. We have been going to the Juan and Peñasco the past two years but always have had a guide. A friend of mine in Ruidoso showed me the river there and I let my son ditch school today and we headed out. Two hours later at 8:30AM we got there, walked to a spot at the river, and I started rigging up.

I had a guy give me three orange salmon egg flies and some grasshopper flies and I started with the egg. I had bought 7.5' leaders the night before and the first one didn't have a loop, and I didn't know how to tie one, so I laid that one on the ground. Should have rolled it up and put it away cause I forgot it. Then I pulled out a leader for a loop-to-loop connection and when I started to straighten the line, the end of the leader tangled around the zipper of my pack something terrible and I had to cut it about 2'. Lucky I had my tie fast knot tyer and I tied two nail knots and added 2' of tippet.

Great, I told my son to let me get the fly in the water and I got a strike the first time. On my backswing I snagged a tree and lost one of the salmon eggs. My son was laughing so hard he was crying. I started rigging up again and by the time I was through, my son told me it was 9 o'clock.

I was at the symposium earlier in Albuquerque and good thing those guys - Jude Duran, Barel Fly, those two young tiers, and Mike Mora weren't watching, otherwise they would have voted me into the hall of shame in my first half hour of eligibility.

But after I got the fly in the water, we got two small rainbows on the egg, about 8". We learned something from our last guide called high sticking and that's about what we did at the river. We moved around and hit another good spot and got five strikes, my son got in three of those five in the net. One was about 12".

In between fish, we had a lot of mishaps. We would snag on wood in the river, high grass and more trees. I had bought some red chenille that was already round at Wal-Mart and I stuck those through the hooks and they produced our last five strikes. We had already lost the orange ones.

When I saw Mike Mora in Albuquerque with his two sons, I thought how lucky they must be to able to learn from him. But through me and my son's first flyfishing day, Mike has nothing on me. Although we snagged more trees and lost more flies than we caught fish, I had one of the most memorable and most fun days I have ever had with my son. Both our midsections our hurting from laughing so hard all day but we had a great time. - Earl & Adan



Adan with one of his prizes.



Adan doing his "high sticking."

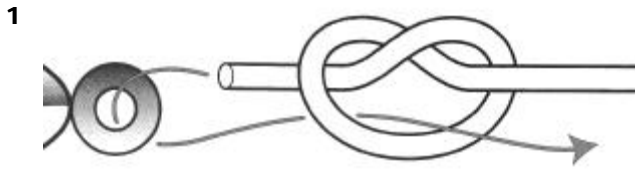


### The Angler's Loop

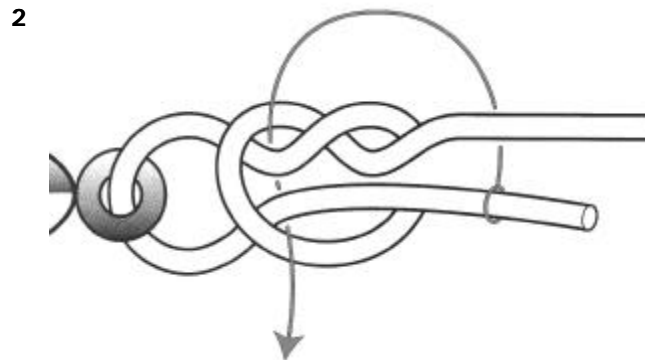
This month we present another knot that is useful to the flyfisher. Also known as the "Perfection Loop," the Angler's Loop supposedly dates back at least to Izaak Walton. It is another knot which produces a small loop rather than drawing down tight against the eye of the hook. This allows the fly more freedom in the water and presents a more natural movement.

This knot is similar to the one presented here in April but is somewhat easier to tie.

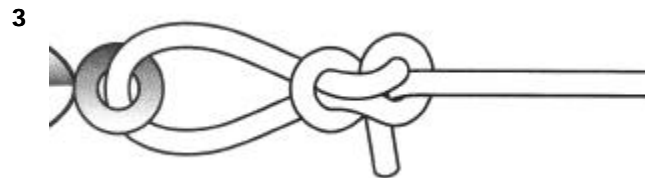
To become proficient at tying this knot start by using 10 or 12 pound test line, take these instructions, sit quietly in a chair and practice. Be careful with hooks. You may consider cutting the point from a hook to practice with just to eliminate the chance of hooking yourself.



1  
First tie an overhand knot in the line before passing the working end through the eye and back through the overhand knot to make a simple slip knot.



2  
Adjust the loop to the desired size and tuck the end as shown.



3  
Tighten the knot.

These drawings and instructions were adapted from "The Complete Book of Fishing Knots" by Geoffrey Budworth; The Lyons Press

### Liars and Tiers

Liars and Tiers will meet Wednesday 17 August at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the Adams dry fly.

Leonard, or Len, Halladay, first crafted the Adams fly in 1922 for friend Charles Adams, who tested it on the Boardman River and termed it a "knock out,"

starting a fly dynasty. Halladay generously and offhandedly named his creation after his friend and Adams dry flies remain an enduring favorite among trout fisherman today.

Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.



**Hook:** Standard Dry fly size 14-22

**Thread:** Gray 8/0

**Body:** Gray dubbing, gray muskrat underfur is a good choice

**Tail:** Brown hackle barbs

**Hackle:** Mixed grizzly and brown

**Wing:** Grizzly hackle tips, hen or cock

## 2005 MVFF Monthly Events Calendar\*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
January	Liars & Tiers 27 Jan.		22 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet & Raffle, Featured speaker - Dutch Salmon	NM Trout Conclave - Jan 15 Albuquerque, NM Sandia Prep School
February	Liars & Tiers 24 Feb		14 Feb. Alaska Fishing with Doc Warner	Peñasco Improvement Project
March	Liars & Tiers 31 Mar. Wooly Worm		14 Mar. Yucatan Fishing with Al Trompler	Peñasco Improvement Project NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium- Mar 26, Sandia Prep School, Albuquerque
April	Liars & Tiers 20 Apr. Elk Hair Caddis		11 Apr. Fishing the San Juan with Jude Duran	Fish stocking at Lease Kids Fishing Clinic-April 23
May	Liars & Tiers 26 May Prepping for San Juan		9 May Dr. Colleen Caldwell on Whirling Disease	
June	Liars & Tiers 30 Jun.	San Juan Trip Jun 24-26	No general membership meeting.	
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul.		No general membership meeting.	
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug. (Wed)		8 Aug. George Sanders - Flyfishing in Big Sky country.	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep.		No general membership meeting - picnic instead.	Sept. 10 Annual Picnic & Raffle
October	Liars & Tiers 27 Oct.	San Juan Trip Oct. 7-9	10 Oct.	<i>Casting Clinic</i>
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov. (Wed.)		14 Nov.	<i>Fish Stocking</i>
December	Liars & Tiers 29 Dec.		12 Dec.	

\* **Bold text** in table means confirmed and *Italics text* means tentative

Membership and Lease Information

Please contact any of the Club Officers or Board Members to obtain a fishing permit for \$20.00 per day. Student permits (12 or over) cost only \$12.00 per day. 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 Hulse. 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.

Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, Inc.
Attn: Membership
P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
Membership Application
(Please print clearly)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status: (check one) Regular (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status: (check one) Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to get out of belonging to the Club?

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**Next Meeting:**

**New Mexico Game and Fish Office**  
**2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**( next door to the Peter Piper Pizza store on the feeder road of Highway 70)**

**August Meeting**

**George Sanders will speak on flyfishing in Big Sky country.**

**Directions from I-25:**

- Exit Del Rey Blvd and follow the lane for Del Rey.
- At the Del Rey traffic intersection make a right.
- Go to the next traffic intersection and make a left at the light onto Northrise Dr.
- You should see Piper Pizza on your left and the next building is the New Mexico Game and Fish Building, 2715 Northrise Drive