

Tale Waters

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No Membership Meeting in August

Since many of our members spend their summers fishing and vacationing there will be no membership meeting in June, July or August.

Liars and Tiers

Thursday, 31 August

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 31 August at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *RS2 Emerger* which will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 21 August

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 21 August at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Corner

We should start hearing of many good summertime fishing reports from our members. I know many of you have made out-of-state fishing trips and hopefully will be able to take the time to give a brief report at our next general meeting or the upcoming liars and tiers session. It would even be better if a few members could take the time to write up a brief review of your trip along with a few pictures so that all members could share your fishing excitement in one of the upcoming newsletters. So, let's hear from those of you who had some summertime trips.

While the recent trip to the Conejos River did provide a fun, enjoyable and quite scenic fishing experience, we found that most of us did not find the right combination for catching many fish. It seemed to be a combination of the frequent rain and changing and murky/milky water conditions that kept the fish in the river and out of our nets in most cases. See the *Wit and Wisdom of the Elders* article in this issue for a view of the fun time.

The October San Juan trip will be here soon, however at this time we do not have guides to assist, however we have many members who will hopefully make the trip and provide the many years of experience to assist the less experienced members who make the trip. We will plan to have a BBQ/potluck on Friday night, so that those fishing Friday can give their results and flies used to assist others for Saturday fishing.

Tight lines,
Tom

Club Picnic

Saturday 9 September

The Club will have their annual picnic on 9 September 2006 at Preciado Park on the NMSU campus. This is the same place as last year. If you are not sure how

to get there, directions are at the end of this article and there is a map posted on the webpage.

The Club will supply hamburgers and hotdogs along with plates, flatware, condiments, etc. You should bring a covered dish or dessert along with any other snacks you might like. You should also bring a lawn chair.

The picnic will start at 11am and go to 2pm, but preparations will begin about 9 or 9:30. If you want to come out early and help set things up it will be appreciated. We have to set out tables and erect an awning in case of rain. Cooking preps must be completed so cooking can begin at 11am or shortly after.

Come on out. We always have a great time.

Directions:

From I-25: Exit at University Ave. and turn west at the end of the freeway ramp. At Espina St. (the fifth traffic light) turn left. At Stewart Ave. (the third stop sign) turn left. At Sweet St. turn right. At Gregg Ave. turn left. Preciado Park will be on your left.

From I-10: Exit at University Ave. and turn east onto University Ave. At Espina St. (the first traffic light) turn right. At Stewart Ave. (the third stop sign) turn left. At Sweet St. turn right. At Gregg Ave. turn left. Preciado Park will be on your left

Club Trip to the San Juan

20 - 22 October

The final plans for our annual fall San Juan outing have been firmly arranged for 20, 21 and 22 October 2006. It is expected that about 35 people will participate. It is unlikely that we will have guides available this year as so far all have declined to participate. We will let you know if this situation changes. 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 Friday the 20th 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.

Detailed instructions along with a list of motels and an equipment list may be found on the Club [website](#).

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RS2 Emerger

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *RS2 Emerger* designed by Rim Chung.

Rim Chung took up fly fishing 30 years ago. Shortly thereafter he designed a fly which later evolved into the RS2 (Rim's Semblance #2). His motive was to come up with a simplified nymph that resembled an emerging mayfly. The success of the first version of his fly encouraged further improvements until the RS2 evolved.



Since designing the RS2, Rim has never used another fly. He has successfully fished his fly all over the US, Canada, and even in Korea. The RS2 has gained wide acceptance among fly fisherman. Rim is frequently asked to give presentations by fly fishing clubs around Colorado. You can read more about Rim Chung at <http://home.att.net/~ferenc/mainpage.htm>

Detailed step-by-step tying instructions can be found at <http://home.att.net/~ferenc/Tie-rs22.htm>

Hook: Tiemco 101 (straight-eye) hooks.

Thread: Unithread - 6/0 for hook sizes 14 or larger; 8/0 for smaller hooks

Tail: Dark dun colored microfibert

Wing: Web of saddle hackle feathers in dark dun color (the fluff at the base of the stem of a saddle hackle)

Body: Natural beaver fur. Longer fibers preferred. (Note: Rim uses no dubbing wax. Instead, he uses a bit of saliva while applying the dubbing.)

Thorax: Same as body, or darker tones

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HELP!!!**E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to President@mvff.org. If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to president@mvff.org.

Angler's Nook

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

Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.

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 \$5,979. 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 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.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Wisdom of the Elders

Every great society depends upon the wisdom of its elders to transfer the collected knowledge to each successive generation. This knowledge is the legacy that societies are built upon. This foundation is just as important to the fly-fishing society as it was to the ancient Roman and Greek societies. These truths were reinforced during the recent Conejos River trip by a couple of the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers.

It was quite evident from the first delicate drop of a size 10 dry fly on the pristine waters of the Conejos that this was not going to be the trip that would enthrall future flyfishers on the pages of some yet to be written "River Runs Through the Doggone Middle of It" book. We realized that although we were very fish poor on this trip, we were sitting on a gold mine of knowledge. Our two fishing partners, Jim Hulsey and Jim Sharp (or Jim² for short), have a combined knowledge base of almost 140 years. It was this reservoir of knowledge that we knew we must tap.



Lesson planning

The first morning, with no malice intended, Jim 2 observed how poorly we were representing the MVFF and mused that maybe an entrance exam was necessary to separate the "wheat from the chaff". There was various talk of required testing to include identification of 100 important flies, an entomology exam, and a course in reading good trout lies for starters. Over the next several days we began to realize the importance of these skills as Jim² began to provide our basic education.



Discussing research on the Debonair Fly

a *Stimulator*. The fly was actually the *Terminator* and

was invented in Poland by Arnold's great-grandfather. Jim 2 later made us question our very existence, and especially our measly 40 years of flyfishing experience, when he announced that the fly we had known as the *Prince Nymph* was actually the *Cavalier* and had been invented in France shortly before the Revolution. He quelled our obvious sense of bewilderment by confiding in us that he is currently in the research and development phase on a new fly called the *Debonair*. We were sworn to secrecy as to the components, but several at the campground observed him around the hummingbird feeders obviously collecting Cul de Hummer (CDH).

Jim² filled in many of the gaps in our knowledge, some of them even outside the realm of flyfishing. One instance was from the field of mammal identification. One afternoon we arrived at the Jim² camp to inquire as to whether they had seen the marmots along the Platoro road. Our egos were dashed to learn that these furry creatures were not marmots but were actually badgers. We have included a picture to ensure that all neophyte flyfisherman, such as ourselves, do not make the same mistake.

We would like to share all of our newfound knowledge with the readers of this worthy newsletter, but the editor has informed us of both an impending deadline and swift action at the hands of his red quill should our text exceed a half page. Let us just suffice to say that Jim² taught us boundless lessons such as how to go after the really well hidden fish, even at the cost of 6 flies in ten minutes, how to plan a trip around 12 flies, and even how insults to the intelligence of the proprietors of the local gourmet restaurants can result in retribution. We are in awe of the depth and breadth of the knowledge of the elders, Jim².

We received our most important lesson in the field of trout fly identification at the hands of both Jim 1 and Jim 2. Jim 1 taught us that regardless of what the so-called experts at the flyshops told us, there was no fly called

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Badger

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Authors' Note: This story is mostly tongue in cheek with a smattering of assimilated factoids delivered almost as we remember them! We considered calling the elders "J2", but since this is the office symbol for Military Intelligence decided against it for obvious reasons. Randy Hulsey and Steve Lewis

MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

| Month | Events | Trips | General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker | Clinics or Lease Projects |
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| December 2005 | Liars & Tiers Meeting has been cancelled. | | 12 Dec. Dr. David Cawley - Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico | |
| January 2006 | Liars & Tiers 26 Jan. Joe's Hopper | | No general membership meeting 28 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet | NM Trout Conclave - 21 Jan. |
| February | Liars & Tiers 22 Feb. Picket Pin | | 27 Feb. Joey Vega - Quality Trout Waters in the Southwest Area. | 11 Feb - Work party at Lease. |
| March | Liars & Tiers 30 Mar. Lady Todsen | | 13 Mar. Bill Schudlich, NM Council of Trout Unlimited | 11 March NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium 18 March - Work party at Lease |
| April | Liars & Tiers 27 Apr. Prince Nymph | | 10 April Flyfishing Video on "Lee;s Ferry" | 8 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic |
| May | Liars & Tiers 25 May Copper John | | 8 May John Tavenner - NM Guide <i>Tackle and techniques for fishing the San Juan River</i> | |
| June | Liars & Tiers 29 June Hare's Ear | Club Trip to San Juan, 16-18 June | No Club Meeting This Month | |
| July | Liars & Tiers 19 July Zug Bug | Club Trip to Conejos 28 - 30 July | No Club Meeting This Month | |
| August | Liars & Tiers 31 Aug. RS2 Emerger | | No Club Meeting This Month | |
| September | Liars & Tiers 28 Sept. Midge Emerger | Club Trip to Kodiak 23 Sep- 1 Oct | No Club Meeting This Month Picnic instead | 9 Sept. - Picnic |
| October | Liars & Tiers 26 Oct. Kiwi Muddler | Club Trip to Kodiak, 30 Sep - 8 Oct 20-22 Oct. - Club Trip to San Juan | | |

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

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.

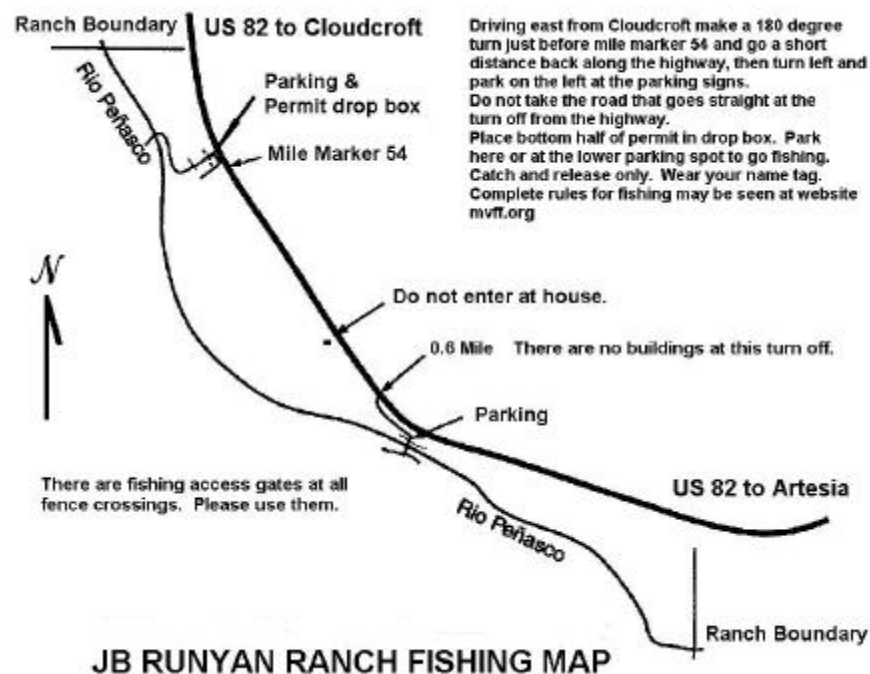
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| 1 Year | \$20 | Individual |
| | \$25 | Family |
| 3 Years | \$50 | Individual |
| | \$60 | Family |
| Life | \$400 | Individual |
| | \$500 | Family |

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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 \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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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PO Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

Membership and/or Permit Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ email: _____

Are you a current member? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you need a name badge? ____ Yes ____ No

New Membership _____ or renewal _____?

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|------------------------|------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Membership Categories: | Individual | Family | Circle the one desired. |
| 1 Year | \$20 | \$25 | |
| 3 Years | \$50 | \$60 | |
| Life | \$400 | \$500 | |

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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ _____

_____ Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.