

Tale Waters

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Membership Meeting

There will be no general membership meeting in August as the club takes its customary summer break. Most members are busy doing other things and hopefully many of them have gone fishing. Our next general activity will be the annual picnic in September.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 20 August

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 20 August at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 30 August

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 30 August at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Jujubee Midge*. This is a great fly for the San Juan. Tying 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.

President's Corner

Paul Turner

Although most of you probably equate trout fishing with the West, trout have been stocked in suitable waters throughout the U.S. and elsewhere. On my recent trip to the Ozarks of Missouri to visit my Mom and other relatives I had the chance to fish a very different trout fishery which some of you would consider unworthy for wetting a line. This fishery is a 3-mile section below a large spring within Bennett Springs State Park, Missouri. My parents used to fish this area together into their 80s and would leave before dawn so they could be at their preferred spot on a bridge that separated the bait-fishing section from another section of the river that can only be fished with artificial lures, including flies and spinners. The reason they would leave early is that the beginning of fishing each day is marked by a siren blowing at exactly 6 a.m. during the summer. On the July day I fished this river we arrived too late to watch the simultaneous casts of 100s of anglers as the siren sounded, but were able to find a spot for my 85-year-old mother to cast her spinning rig baited with a nice wiggly worm into the fast, clear current below the bridge. My nephew and I made sure my Mom was rigged up to her satisfaction and sure enough she had a nice brown trout on within a few minutes. My nephew netted her first trout she had caught since my father's death in 2004. This fish was under the 15-inch size limit for brown trout so she had to release it, but it was still a new installment in a long series of fishing experiences for my Mom. Incidentally she once caught a 3-pound brown trout from the same spot so it isn't just a put-and-take rainbow fishery. Before she got tired she had landed a nice rainbow keeper and two sculpins. My nephew and I then

rigged up our fly rods and moved upstream to fish for the numerous trout in a wide 300-yard long pool/run with bands of rooted aquatic vegetation on the bottom. After trying various flies we both switched to San Juan worms and immediately began getting hits from nice(12-15 inch) rainbows (some of which had probably been stocked the night before). This fishery is maintained by daily stockings from an on-site state trout hatchery during the 8 months when anglers purchasing the daily trout tag can catch and keep their four trout/day limit if they are so inclined. My parents who always fished the bait-only section usually kept the larger trout they caught for trout dinners so my nephew and I added our four trout limits to my Mom's one keeper. These trout were individually frozen so they could be used by my Mom and other relatives later. Before you disown me as undeserving of belonging to the catch-and-release-only fraternity you should realize that the numbers of trout stocked in this 3-mile section of river far exceeds its ability to provide enough natural foods to maintain the high density. This fishery supports nearly 200,000 man-days per year of trout fishing so it is heavily used to say the least. This number doesn't include anglers that fish from November through February when no trout are stocked and fishing is catch-and-release only.

This half day trip was my only fishing for July as I had to hurry back from Missouri to be ready for my pacemaker operation on the 9th. This was an interesting process that only took about 45 minutes to insert the pacemaker under the skin just below my collar bone and to run the two leads through the subclavian vein into my heart. I was able to watch the doctor position the leads via the monitor and to ask questions while he operated so it was certainly a new experience for me. I am happy to say that everything is going great and my new minimum heart rate is now 55 bpm and I seem to be more alert when I am inactive. I have started doing most of my regular activities including biking, bowling, and volleyball so far. My wife won't let me do much yardwork yet so mowing the lawn is off limits for a while (this probably won't last, but I am playing it for all it's worth so far). I plan to go flyfishing within a couple of weeks and certainly will be ready for the October 12-14th MVFF trip to the San Juan.

The MVFF board of directors has continued to meet this summer and we have selected the morning of September 22nd for our annual club picnic on the NMSU campus (see this newsletter for more details). We also have set our regular October monthly meeting for October 1st rather than the 8th which is a state holiday. Marc Wethington, state fishery biologist for the San Juan, will talk on "Habitat improvement projects and other management concerns on the San Juan River". We will also try and have a short segment on fishing methods and flies for the San Juan at this meeting and have an informative section in the October newsletter on various trip details including recommended gear, camping and motel sites, and arrangements for guides to assist anglers who would like some expert advice on getting started on the San Juan. Another date to put on your calendar is the 3rd annual Gila River Festival on September 14-16 at sites in the Silver City area (see www.gilaconservation.org/gilariverfestival.shtml).

I have kept fairly busy by attending the Board of Directors' meeting of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, the regular monthly meeting of the Southwest Concerned Sportsmen, and a meeting today with Greg McReynolds, who works for Trout Unlimited in New Mexico. He and Dutch Salmon just fished for Gila trout on Black Canyon Creek in the Gila National Forest and reported catching several 12-inch plus Gila trout with striking color patterns unlike any rainbow trout. Greg would like to get a chapter of Trout Unlimited started in southern New Mexico and is looking for ways to encourage MVFF to be involved in this endeavor. The board will discuss several options at our next meeting and keep you informed. The MVFF Board is currently working with Jim Ellett on a revised fishing agreement on the Rio Peñasco that would allow children under 18 to fish free when fishing with adults possessing a valid permit. We will advise you of any other changes when they are approved by the Board. We should also make a selection on the scholarship recipient for the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship in the next few days. I hope the summer has been great for you so far and hope you will schedule some MVFF activities in your plans for the rest of the year. Remember, if you're too busy to go fishing, you're too busy.

Paul

Norman Mabie Memorial Scholarship Recipient For 2007

The recipient of the Norman Mabie Memorial Scholarship for 2007 is Justin Mapula. Justin is a senior in the Department of Fishery and Wildlife Sciences at New Mexico State University. He is the President of the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and has assisted MVFF on several children's fishing clinics and has helped with the city *Cookies for Kids* and *Dress-a-Child* programs. He is a graduate of Coronado High School and his parents live in Santa Teresa, New Mexico. He works part-time as a fisheries laboratory assistant for the New Mexico Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at NMSU and has worked during the summer for the U.S. Forest Service. He plans to continue his education by obtaining a graduate degree and hopes to work with government agency like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the U.S. Geological Survey.

Annual Club Picnic

The annual picnic will be held on 22 September at Preciado Park at NMSU. This is the same as last year and the picnic will be conducted essentially the same. Look for additional details in the September newsletter and on the MVFF web site..

Club Outings Planned

The board has discussed several possible fishing outings for the coming year and have more or less settled on the ones shown below. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to George Sanders who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

1. San Juan - 12 - 14 October - annual fall trip to San Juan.
2. Kodiak Island - Sept. - depending on interest

3rd Annual Gila River Festival

14 - 16 September

The 3rd Annual Gila River Festival will be held 14 - 16 September in Silver City, NM. The following is an excerpt from their web page:

The 3rd Annual Gila River Festival is a weekend celebration and interpretive event focusing on increasing the awareness of the natural and cultural history of the Gila River. Featuring talks, walks, stewardship projects and puppet theater, this year's event also features an evening campfire program with community storytellers, a "star party," and an opportunity for families to camp at the river's headwaters. The theme for the festival this year, "*Flowing Into the Future*," emphasizes the role of flooding in maintaining the natural integrity of the river, and the cyclical nature that people living alongside it continue to adapt to.

The Festival is a celebration of the role that the river plays in our lives. Through the festival, we seek to gain greater and broader understanding of why the Gila is a gem in our hearts and minds.

Welcome New Members

Douglas Kraemer
Kathy Sosa

Anthony, NM
Anthony, NM

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 16, 2007

In attendance: Paul Turner, Ron Bellerose, Gary Mann, Richard Keding, Robert Silver, Jim Hulsey and Donna Mabie. Absent: Tom Wobbe, Jeff Arterburn, George Sanders.

- 1. The June 2007 minutes were approved.
2. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Gary Mann and approved by the Board.
3. Paul Turner reported on the NM Wildlife Federation meeting which he attended in Tome recently.
4. Jim Hulsey and Tom Wobbe will soon visit rancher, Jim Ellett, at the Rio Peñasco regarding club business such as the preliminary written agreement which has been drafted.
5. Bob Silver will make the reservations with NMSU for use of Preciado Park on campus for the Sept. 22 club picnic. Sept. 15th would conflict with the Gila River Festival being held in Silver City that weekend. The picnic plans will be finalized at the August Board meeting.
6. The Board approved authority to supplement with club funds what the Norman J. Mabie Scholarship Fund does not quite cover yet due to its short term of being endowed in full with the University.
7. Paul Turner, Gary Mann and Donna Mabie will meet at a mutually agreed time to review the list of scholarship applicants and present the suggested recipient's name

to the Board at the August meeting for the Board's approval. Paul Turner said the scholarship should be presented by August.

- 8. Ron Bellerose reported on fishing at a privately-owned pond in Timberon near the golf course. For \$10, and no NM fishing license required, a person can fish and keep three fish. Ron caught 40 fish. The largest fish was about 12 inches. Ron believes this is a great place to fish for those that are just learning. No one had heard any news about how the club members did at the Conejos River. George Sanders will give a talk on the Green River fishing trip. News is that he caught a lot of fish with a guide. Bob Silver reported on a recent red fish trip on the Texas coast. He said he thought it would be a great club trip someday. He will do an article for the newsletter with further information.
9. The San Juan River fishing trip is still scheduled for October 12-14 and final arrangements will be made.
10. The Club is still planning to have a general membership meeting in El Paso in the Spring of 2008. Tom Prestidge and Sam Moore are working on the arrangements as to a speaker and the site for the meeting.
11. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Rio Peñasco Fishing Report

Editor's note: Club members Randall and Joshua Vallee recently (7/02/07) fished the lease on the Rio Peñasco and sent the following fishing report to Tom Wobbe. Sounds like this would be a good time for everyone to buy a permit and go fishing.

Hi Tom,
Just sending along yesterdays fishing report as promised. Joshua and I arrived just before 0600 and it was over cast and in the morning drizzly with a few heavy moments of rain; by the afternoon it had cleared up nicely. It had obviously been raining due to the water level having risen from the last time we visited, which made fishing problematic at times due to the terrain, mud and deeper pockets of water. All and all the lease looks very healthy. We observed very young rainbows thriving due to reproduction. I can only recommend a

few spots for some of the faint at heart to fish at this time, given the difficulty of the banks and over growth; for those who are less intimidated-the pay off will be worth it. Joshua landed 23 rainbows and 1 chub-all on dry flies. I landed 19 rainbows on drys and one water boatman that I had tied. We used Blue Wing Olives, Blue Wing Duns, Humpys and some Hoppers. The sizes ran from 3 inches to 14 inches and all very healthy with no issues upon release. Joshua and I did observe a dead rainbow on the side which was not too recent and we could not tell from observation what killed the fish. I hope our report is helpful to anyone going up to the lease. Lastly, I noticed an out-house was placed at the lower end and was in fairly good condition.
Tight Lines,
Randall

Quick Look Contact Information

2007 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President	Paul Turner (505) 523-6880
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• Treasurer	Gary Mann (505) 521-7793
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• Position 2	Ron Bellerose (505) 541-0807
• Position 3	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
• Position 4	Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$10,100
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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 (505) 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.

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.
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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
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Jujubee Midge

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Jujubee Midge*.

The Jujubee Midge was designed by Charlie Craven of Colorado several years back when he was guiding on the South Platte River. Jujubee got its name from the nickname of his daughter, Julie.

His favorite color combinations for the abdomen are two olive and one black, two chartreuse and one

black, two black and one white and two red with one white.

Detailed tying instructions may be found at <http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com/flybox/detail.cfm?parentID=49> from which this information was taken. For those of you not familiar with this website, it is an excellent fly tying resource.



Hook: TMC 2488 #18-24.

Thread: 10/0 white.

Abdomen: Super Hair, color combination of your choice. Two strands of primary color and one strand of contrasting rib color.

Thorax and Head: Black tying thread.

Wingcase: White Umpqua Flouro-Fiber.

Wingbuds: Remaining stubs of Flouro-Fiber from wingcase, pulled back along sides of thorax like legs.



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
July	Liars & Tyers 26 July <i>PMD Para.</i>	Club trip to Conejos - 29 June - 1 July	No General Membership Meeting	
August	Liars & Tyers 30 August <i>Jujubee Midge</i>		No General Membership Meeting	
September	Liars & Tyers 27 Sept.	Club trip to Kodiak Island - tbd	22 Sept. - Club picnic at Preciado Park, NMSU	14-16 Sept. - 3 rd annual Gila River Festival
October	Liars & Tyers 25 Oct.	Club trip to San Juan - 12 - 14 Oct.	1 Oct. - Marc Wethington, NMDG&F, will speak on San Juan.	

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.

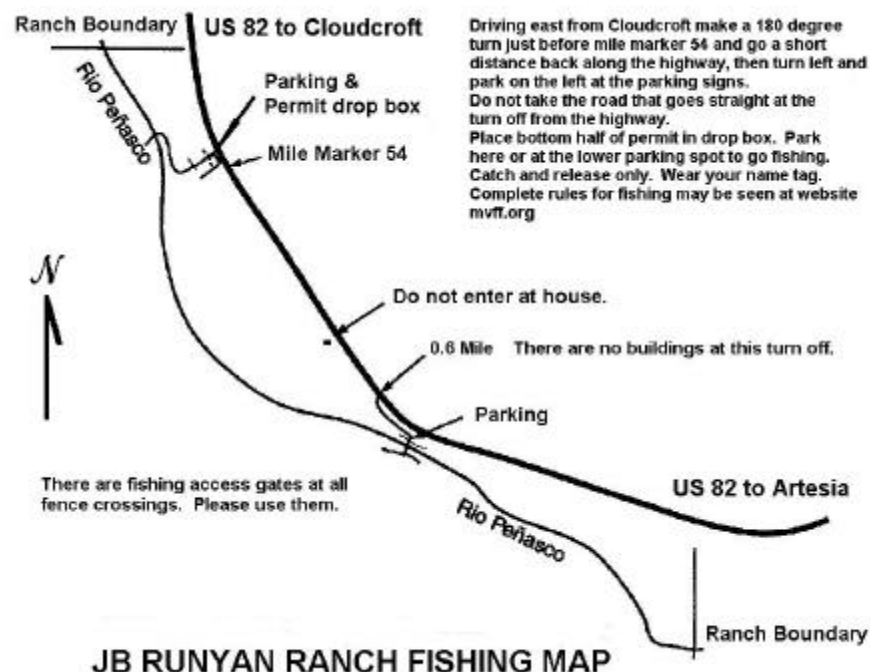
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from 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 Hulseley. 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 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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ _____

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

Total = \$ _____

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