

# 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 in September.

### Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 August

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 17 August at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

### Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 27 August

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 27 August at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The fly to be tyed has yet to be decided. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the ATF flyshop in El Paso and is an accomplished tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.



### President's Corner

I hope you have had a chance to cool off with some hot July fishing, reports from club members around the region have been excellent. We had an outstanding time fishing the West Fork of the Gila, and this trip yielded one of my most memorable fish, a beautiful 18" Gila trout, fulfilling long-held hopes that were merely daydreams a few years ago, simply hoping for the possibility of fishing for these marvelous native trout. I also took advantage of an opportunity to fish a historic section of the Pecos with a friend and had an absolutely great day. We started with expectations for surface activity but recent rains and even a blast of hail the day before had left the water off-colored and nothing happening on top. So often successful fly fishing depends on how you recognize and respond to the immediate situation, and this was definitely one of those times. The fish were eager to take larger sub-surface fare, and I had a marvelous time swinging JJ's, buggers and aggravators to the hungry rainbows and browns. Late in the afternoon a couple of sporadic rises suggested an opportunity for dries, and while several drifts with an elk hair caddis were unnoticed, a switch to a small stimulator brought an immediate response and happy end to the day's fishing.

There are several club events taking place as I write this. A special tackle setup workshop for women fly fishers is happening July 27<sup>th</sup>. The club is hosting a casting workshop conducted by FFF certified casting instructor and experienced angler and rod builder, Bob Widgren, August 7-8 with a special session for women anglers, and beginning and advanced casting. The MVFF annual picnic will take place on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm at Preciado park on the NMSU campus.

The MVFF Lady Angler's will be traveling to the Pecos Sept 30 to Oct. 3rd, and it's time to start planning the MVFF Fall trip to the San Juan that will happen October 2-4th.

Ron Bellerose is doing an outstanding job of coordinating activities with the Project Healing Water's volunteer group, with fly tying sessions and two fishing events planned for September.

There's no regular monthly meeting in August, but the September 14th meeting will feature Bob Silver and a presentation on strategies and tactics for fishing the San Juan river. You can keep up to date on all scheduled events and supporting information using the web site and this monthly newsletter, or contact the board members by phone or email.

I hope to see you streamside.

Jeff



Ron Bellerose, PHW Coordinator

We have received an additional 5 TFO fly rod setups, 6 fly tying kits and fly tying material from PHW headquarters.

Our next meeting with the Ft. Bliss soldiers, scheduled for September 10, has been rescheduled for September 17 due to mandatory training for the staff at Ft. Bliss. Hopefully, the NMG&F conference room will be available on September 17 to conduct the classes on fly tying and knots. The Ft. Bliss R&R soldiers number 25 at the present time. This will present an even greater challenge for our club and volunteers.

Carol Katz, Southwest area Project Healing Waters coordinator, has accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker for our annual banquet in January. Only holdup will be availability of the hall. Carol also told me that contributions to PHW are ahead of their expected goals. We are also planning on holding a one or two item raffle at our annual meeting to support our club activities with PHW. More info on what will be raffled should be available by our September newsletter. To the club and all our PHW volunteers, thank you very much.

For more information about PHWFF see [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org).

Contact Ron (575-541-0807, [roncor@hotmail.com](mailto:roncor@hotmail.com)) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

## Professional Casting Instruction

August 7 and 8

Bob Widgren of Albuquerque is a FFF Certified Casting Instructor. We have invited him to present three casting classes. One class will be on Friday evening August 7th and two will be on Saturday, August 8th. The Friday class will start at 6:00pm and has been set aside for women Club members. At the present time it is fully subscribed. The first class on Saturday will be a beginner's class and will start at 8:00am. The other will teach intermediate skills and will start at 10:30am. Each class will be about 2 hours in length. Bring your own equipment if you have it and sunscreen. Water will be provided. Please note that reservations are limited to Club members. Each class is limited to eight students so that Bob can work with each student individually as much as possible. Classes will be held at Aggie Memorial Pond adjacent to the Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. Parking is available on the south side. You may register for both the beginner and intermediate classes. The cost is \$15 per session. Contact Bob Silver 522-6325 to make a reservation.

## Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2009 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 George Sanders, (575) 527-5536, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

- Sept. 30 - Oct. 3 - MVFF Lady Anglers are planning a trip to the Pecos River near Santa Fe.
- Oct. 2-4 - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

## Welcome New Members

Dennis & Stephanie Stephens	Odessa, TX
Tom Alford	Las Cruces, NM
Bob & Kathy Tamura	Coppell, TX
James & Judy Proffitt	Ruidoso, NM
Stephen Gardner	Lockhart, TX

Fly Fishing on the West Fork of the Gila



Jeff Arterburn with his 18" Gila trout



West Fork of the Gila





**MVFF Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Submitted by Dona Mabie, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting presided over by Jeff Arterburn was called to order at 7:00 P.M. in Conference Room 113 of the NMSU Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry Bldg.

In attendance were Jeff Arterburn, Tom Wobbe, Ron Bellerose, Jim Hulsey, Robert Silver, Paul Turner and Donna Mabie.

1. Minutes of the May Board meeting as published in the June newsletter were approved with no corrections noted. There was not a quorum present at the June 2009 meeting to do so.
2. The Treasurer's Report presented by Tom Wobbe shows a balance of \$13,832.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 267 members and that from six to eight new ones were added this last month.
4. Bob Silver informed the Board that NMSU no longer reserves the park in advance. The club picnic is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2009 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Preciado Park.
5. Sept. 14, 2009 is our next regular general meeting and will be on preparation for the Club San Juan River trip. A speaker will be scheduled for the Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> general meeting.
6. Ron Bellerose will contact Carol Katz as to whether she is willing to be our speaker at the January Club banquet, which will be held at the same place as last year.
7. Tom Wobbe will send a reminder to members regarding the casting clinics being held in early August.
8. The San Juan River fishing trip will be held October 2-4. Paul Turner will contact San Juan guides to determine their availability for the occasion.
9. The Board agreed to postpone the selection of a scholarship award until January.
10. The club will meet with Trout Unlimited at their regular November/December meeting to discuss the formation of a TU chapter in Las Cruces.
11. Ron Bellerose reported that Project Healing Waters has received five new rods (total of 20 now) and six new vises, plus lots of flytying materials. The Ft. Bliss soldiers will come to Las Cruces on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September to attend a fly tying session. The room has been reserved at the NM Game and Fish from 9:00 A.M. to noon. On Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> they will go to Lake Ascarate and on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> they will fish the Rio Peñasco lease again. Ron is checking into fishing in Timberon at a private pond where bass, trout, and crappie are in supply. A separate raffle at the annual banquet is being considered for Project Healing Waters. PHW will also participate with the Club at the scheduled Liars and Tyers meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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**MVFF Monthly Events Calendar**

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
August	Liars & Tyers 27 Aug.		There will be no general membership meeting in Aug.	Aug. 7 - 8 - Bob Widgren will conduct casting classes.
September	Liars & Tyers 14 Sept.		14 Sept. - Bob Silver will speak on preparing for the San Juan trip.	12 Sept. - Annual Club picnic to be held at Preciado park, NMSU 17 Sept. - PHW Fly Tying session.
October	Liars & Tyers 29 Oct.	2-4 Oct. - annual trip to the San Juan	12 Oct. - Jeff Arterburn will speak on <i>Rockport Redfish</i> .	

**Quick Look Contact Information**

2009 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>V-Pres.</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Secretary</b>	Donna Mabie (575) 522-3810
• <b>Treasurer</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
<b>Board Members</b>	
• <b>Position 1</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>Position 2</b>	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
• <b>Position 3</b>	Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437
• <b>Position 4</b>	George Thomas (575) 532-5614
• <b>Position 5</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>	
• <b>Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880</b>	newsletter@mvff.org

<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,003</b>

**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 (575) 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](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. 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.

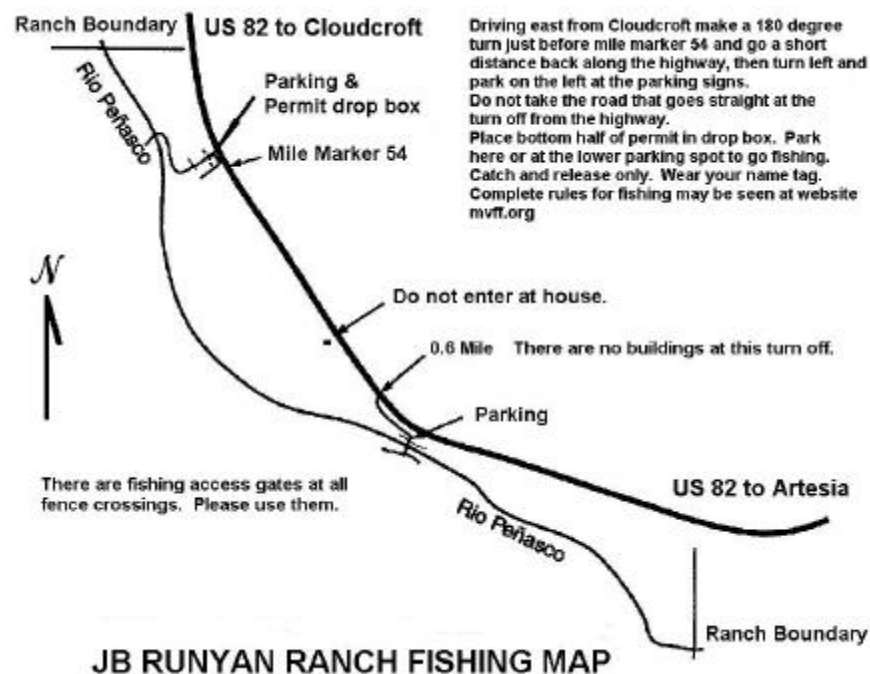
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook* (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the ATF fly shop in El Paso (915-225-0570.) 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.



MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS, INC.

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 \_\_\_\_\_?

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.