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Membership Meeting

There will be no MVFF general membership meeting in August. Many members will be fishing and the rest of them should be. The next meeting will be in September. See you then.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 August

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 15 August at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Liars and Tyers will not meet in August. The next meeting will be in September. See you then.

President's Corner



The club has just finished the Quinlan Ranch trip. We had 6 members on this trip. They all had fun fishing 3 days in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado. Take a look at the photos in this newsletter.

Our next club trip is October 10th through October 13th. So far, we have 11 members signed up for this trip. There are spots available at the Octagon Inn and three rooms available at Fishheads. You will enjoy 2

full days of fishing on the San Juan with some time to fish Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning before heading home. Thursday evening we meet at Fishheads for dinner. Friday and Saturday evenings we have dinner at the Octagon Inn, we ask that you bring a side dish to share at these dinners. Bring your own beer, wine or booze; we will supply water and soda. The cost for a three night stay at the Octagon Inn is \$150 per angler. For those members staying at Fisheads the cost is \$94 + tax per room per day. We have arranged for guides through John Tavenner and Noah Parker on Friday and Saturday. The guide trips will be full day floats or wades. I am still in the process of finalizing the cost and will have that by the September newsletter. Full payment for the Octagon Inn and guided service are due no later than September 30th. Please Contact Chuck Mueller at chuck_wagon46@hotmail.com or call 575-647-4045 to reserve your accommodations and guided trips. If you make your own arrangements, please let me know if you plan to join us for dinner or if you would like to reserve a guided trip.

August is a good time to fish our leased property. If you are planning a trip to the lease, make sure you pay attention to the weather forecast up in Cloudcroft. We are still in the monsoon season, and you may not be able to fish the stream due to flooding or possible blow out.

Good fishing and keep a tight line,

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is progressing very nicely. We have established a local group of Vets

that have been active during the summer. We have had several fly tying sessions, one casting outing and one fishing event at the lease.

Working with Ft Bliss, we are scheduled to have the fly tying and casting on September 25 and the fishing at the lease on October 2. Not sure what will happen after this group of Vets due to the sequester and changes in the program at Ft. Bliss. More info to follow.

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

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for

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Quinlan Ranch Trip

Jim Hulsey

The Club trip to the Quinlan Ranch was held 17 July through 21 July and consisted of 3 days guided fishing and 4 days board and lodging. Six members participated in the trip, namely: Jim Sorenson, Mary Hoffman, Duane Sorenson, Jim Hulsey, Ray Rodriquez and Blaine Goss. If you see any of us walking around with a big grin on our face you will know why, we had a great trip.

For fishing we divided into 2 groups of 3 each. The first group, known as the "Sorenson Trio" consisting of Jim Sorenson, Mary Hoffman and Duane Sorenson, was guided by Shane Parker and the remaining members, known as the "Other Group", was guided by Noah Parker. Many of you know the Parkers as they have made presentations to the club on several occasions. They are excellent guides and have exclusive guiding privileges on several ranches in the area. They operate *Land of Enchantment Guides* and a link to their website is on the MVFF website.

On day 1 both groups fished private waters on the Navajo River, although on separate ranches. Neither group caught a lot of fish but did catch some really nice ones with several being in the 17"-20" size. It was cloudy all afternoon but the rain held off until about the time we were getting off the river. The

2013 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 any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- October 10-13 - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Walt Franklin	Rexville, NY
Charles Hickis	Columbus, NM
Gerry Villalobos	Ft. Stockton, TX

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

The Board did not meet in July so there are no minutes to report. The next board meeting will be on August 19.

Navajo is a really nice river and I urge you to fish it if you get the chance.

On day 2 the "Other Group" fished the Abeyta Ranch property on the Rio Conejos in southern Colorado. This was by a prior agreement from the night before, a die was rolled and a six beats a one every time. Again we didn't catch a large amount fish but did catch some very nice ones and lost some as well. Again it started to rain as we left the river. The "Sorenson Trio" fished public waters. In the morning they hiked in to fish the Rio Chama in the Sargent Wildlife area above the town of Chama, and in the afternoon they fished the Rio Chama below the Heron Lake dam spillway. They also had a good day of fishing.

On day 3 it was the "Sorenson Trio's" turn to fish the Conejos but when they arrived they found that it was unfishable from all the rain the night before as was the Navajo river where we fished on day 1. So after a brief check on the Brazos they went back to fish the Rio Chama below the Heron Lake dam spillway again but hiked further in than they had on day 2. The "Other Group" fished the public waters on the Rio Brazos for most of the day and had pretty good luck. After leaving the Brazos we went to the Rio Chama

and tried to fish some of the public access but there just wasn't enough water in the river to make it worthwhile.

We never tarried long on the water in the late afternoon. We usually stopped fishing about 5pm each day, for one thing we were usually tired by then but also because we were anxious to see what

culinary delight Chef Austin had prepared for our dinner. He never disappointed us. The food was outstanding. Austin is a chef not only in title but in fact. He always excelled, both in preparation and presentation.

All in all it was a very good trip and if the club repeats it next year I urge everyone to go.



br: Jim Hulsey, Jim Sorenson, Duane Sorenson
fr: Mary Hoffman, Blaine Goss, Ray Rodriquez



Quick Look Contact Information

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

Market Value as of 30 June 2012	\$9,808
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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.

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.

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.

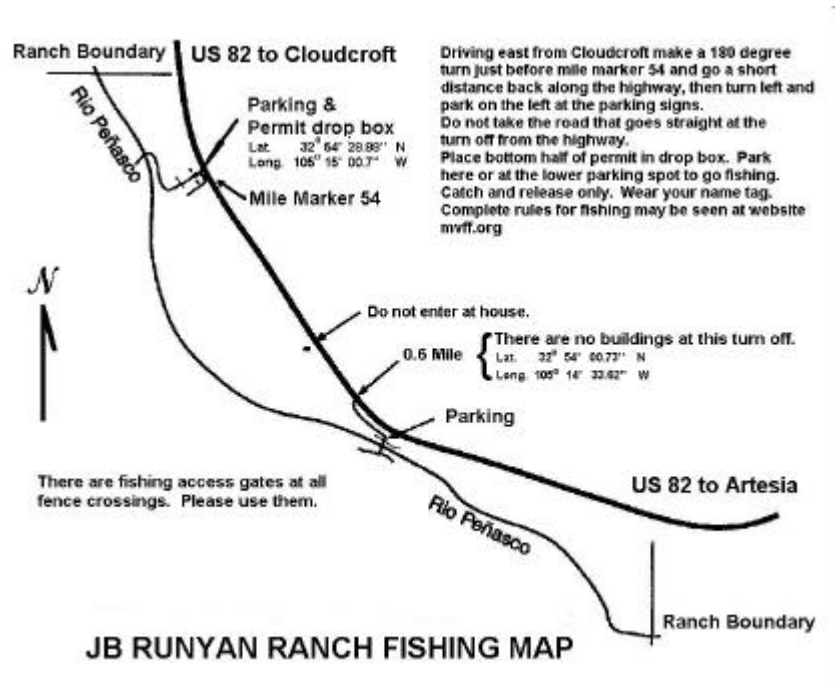
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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), Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the Sportsman's Elite fly shop (915-587-4867) in El Paso. 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.



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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.