

Tale Waters

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Election Results

Congratulations to the new Club Officers for 2005. Tom Wobbe will be our new President for 2005. Vice President Paul Turner, Secretary Jeff Arterburn, Treasurer Al Trompler. The Board will be George O'Connor, Jim Hulse, Bob Pridgen, Richard Keding and Bob Silver. They will take office at the Club Banquet in January. Thanks you guys for your service to the Club. Now we need some ideas from the members to implement in the coming year.

Christmas Open House and Fly Swap December 13, 2004

The last meeting of the year will be held on December 13th at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices. This will be an Open House to visit with other members, meet new people, and for camaraderie. Also bring a copy of your favorite fly for a fly swap. This would be a good time to bring a friend. We will be serving coffee and dessert.

We hope that this meeting will allow people to get acquainted and share information. In addition, we hope that you will attend so that we can discuss what you would like the Club to do next year for events and monthly meetings. The meeting will be held at the new Game and Fish Offices in Las Cruces. See the last page of the newsletter for directions.

The Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

Each semester, MVFF offers a \$500 scholarship to a New Mexico State University student who is studying Fishery and Wildlife Science. The scholarships mean a lot to the students that receive them. The students are selected by the MVFF Board based on their scholarly achievement, financial

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need, and demonstrated involvement in fisheries and wildlife science activities outside of school. This year's recipient is Ms. Stephanie Caballero. Stephanie is mother of two little boys and attends NMSU full-time in the Fisheries Program.

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. Norm has helped numbers of young people through difficult periods of their lives by sharing his knowledge of fly fishing. To remember his generosity, we can't think of a better way than to establish an endowed scholarship at New Mexico State University in his name.

Each member that sends in a pledge will have their name attached to the endowment fund as appreciation of your gift. Either bring your check book to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. Please make checks out to Norm Mabie Fund for deposit only. For any questions please contact one of the Officers or Board members..

January Banquet Guest Speaker will be Dutch Salmon

Minutes from the MVFF Board Meeting

November 15, 2004, 7:00 PM, NMG&F Conference Room

1. The status of the Norm Mabie Scholarship fund was discussed. Several members and regional organizations are supporting this fundraising project with the goal of establishing this as an endowed award at New Mexico State University
2. The organization and scheduling of a monthly MVFF Fly Tying meeting was discussed. These "Liar's & Tier's" lessons will be held at the New Mexico Game and Fish Conference Room on the last Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 PM. Richard Keding will get the key for these meetings. These meetings will provide opportunities for experienced and novice tiers to get together and >share techniques for tying a selection of important and new patterns that are of interest to the membership. Participants will bring their own supplies, members who have extra vices could also bring these to share with people interested in learning to tie flies.
3. Information on possible presentations from the Lone Star Fly Fishers (LSFF) – Tyler, Texas was discussed. Steve Robbins, Director of the Fly Fishing Program at Tyler Junior College has volunteered to come out and give a presentation at our club. Tom will contact him about the possibility of scheduling a club presentation in Feb or March
4. Al Trompler presented the Treasurer's report, indicating a "normal" balance for this time of year. No deposits from new or renewal memberships have been made recently
5. The December 13th general meeting will feature a holiday social. Members can bring a special fly for participation in a raffle. Tom will bring a coffee pot, and members can bring desserts.
6. The election of officers and board members will be finalized
7. The January Banquet was discussed and set for January 22nd. Paul Turner has subsequently contacted Dutch Salmon who has agreed to speak at the banquet. The presentation will show some slides of canoeing and fishing the Gila, and an update on the water development issue. This presentation will help interest angler's willing to help in keeping the Gila free-flowing for spike dace, loach minnow and game fish alike.
8. Member Charlie Graham has expressed interest in meeting other MVFF members in Alamogordo area. His contact information will be posted in the newsletter.
9. Tom Prestridge will have an open house for his fly shop Friday and Saturday November 19-20. Contact George O'Connor for more information, The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Report made by Jeffrey B. Arterburn, Secretary.



Paul Rodriguez, Aaron Caruthers, and Duane Goode on the San Juan during the Club Trip

Fly of the Month

The Wired Stone Fly

Credit to the New Mexico Trout website

Hook: Daiichi 1270 size #12-18

Thread: Black 8/0

Tail and legs: Tan colored goose biot – 3 pairs of legs

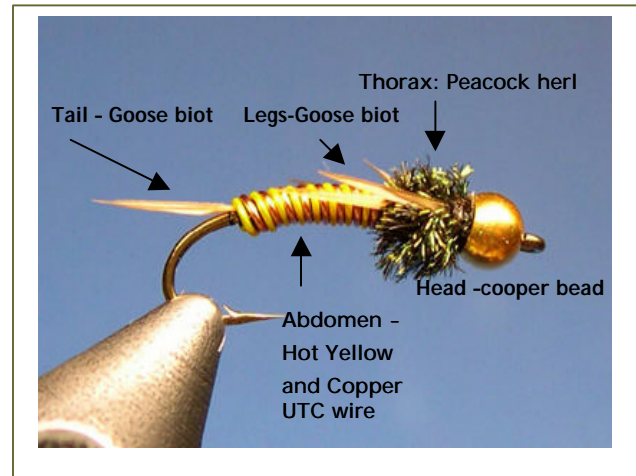
Abdomen: Hot Yellow and Copper UTC wire (medium size)

Thorax: Peacock herl

Head: 1/8 inch Gold bead

Directions:

- De-barb the hook
- Slide bead on hook (smaller hole of the bead towards the hook eye) and place in vice.
- Start thread behind bead and wrap to the bend of the hook stop when even with the barb.
- Tie in the goose biot tail, laying biots flat against the hook shank
- Wrap thread back up towards bead, covering biot
- Cut pieces of yellow and copper wire. Hold wire parallel to the hook shank, stick one end of yellow and copper wire inside the bead
- Tie down the wire ends by wrapping thread back down toward the barb. Keep the wires together and on your side of the hook
- Wrap wire simultaneously up shank in touching turns to create a rib effect
- Continue wrapping thread until you have reached $\frac{3}{4}$ up to the eye of the hook. Tie off wire and cut. Bend any remaining tag ends down along the edge of the bead on the side of the hook opposite you
- Tie in first set of legs where wire ends. Tie in the biot so that the tip reaches just to the beginning of



The Wired Stone Fly Nymph

the wire at the hook bend. Tie these in so the convex sides of the biot are facing the hook shank, allowing for the biot point to stick out from the body.

- Tie in piece of peacock herl and wrap over biots, then back forward. Don't cut the herl yet use it in the next 2 steps
- Tie in the second set of legs, making sure biot reaches the halfway point of the wire abdomen
- Wrap peacock herl in-between first two sets of biots and forward two wraps
- Tie in third set of biots. Wrap peacock herl in-between last two sets of biots and forward to bead.
- Tie off and trim herl and whip finish fly

You can tie this fly in various colors to match the naturals in your area. Fish the fly on the bottom using no weight, but you may be able to also add split to help you get it deeper if you are fishing fast water.

This is an easy fly to tie, originating from the now famous Copper John. It is especially good during the little yellow stonefly hatch on the Cimarron and Rio Costilla Rivers in New Mexico. It can also be tied with a black and amber-colored wire to imitate the darker stoneflies that hatch on the Jemez River in New Mexico.

The wire performs two jobs. One is to create a ribbed two-color effect for the fly, and the other is to weight

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Dutch Salmon, noted outdoorsman, author, and newspaper outdoor columnist, from Silver City, will be the guest speaker at the January Banquet. His presentation is about canoeing and fishing the Gila, with an update about the water development issues facing the Gila River. More information about the Banquet will be included in next month's newsletter.

Fish Stocking

On November 6, about 350 rainbows were stocked at the lease. The fishing has steadily improved since the heavy rains from the late summer and early fall have ended. Recently a member reported catching an 18 inch brown. Give the lease a try over the holidays, but keep an eye on the weather.



A Bucket Full of Rainbows

Membership Renewals

There is a date on the address label of your newsletter. This date represents when your membership expires. If your membership has

"350 Rainbows Were Recently Stocked at the Lease!"

expired, please send a check for the renewal to MVFF, PO Box 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222 or better yet come to the next meeting and pay there.

Liars and Tiers

We will begin a monthly *Liars and Tiers* session on the last Thursday of each month beginning December 30, 2004 at the New Mexico Game and Fish Conference Room where we have the regular monthly meetings. Bring any materials and tools that you may have. Materials and tools will be



**Dinner at the Pine Tree Campground
San Juan Trip - October 2004**

2004 Officers of the Club

Quick Look Contact Information

President Richard Keding (505) 382-7498
 Vice President Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
 Secretary Jeff Arterburn (505) 524-0773
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 Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880
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 George O'Connor (915) 584-9318
 Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
 Paul Turner (505) 523-6880

Membership and Lease Information

Please contact any of the Clubs 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 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.
P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
Membership Application
(Please print clearly)

NAME: _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Status: (check one) Regular (\$20) _____ Family (\$25.00) _____

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

How can you help the club? _____

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Next Meeting:
December 13, 2004
Christmas Open House

Location: New Mexico Game and Fish Office

Address: 2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Directions from Interstate-25:

- Exit at the Del Rey Blvd. Follow the feeder and highway signs to Del Rey
- At the intersection of the feeder and Del Rey make a right turn onto Del Rey Blvd
- Go to the next traffic intersection and make a left turn onto Northrise Drive
- Follow Northrise Dr. You should see a Peter Piper Pizza store on your left. The next building is the New Mexico Game and Fish building, 2715 Northrise Drive