

Tale Waters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club

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Meeting Time Change

At the November Board meeting, members voted to change the start time of general membership meetings from 7:30pm to 7:00pm. The doors will be open at 6:30pm.

Dr. David Cawley - December Speaker

The general membership meeting will be held on 12 December at 7:00 PM. Dr. David Cawley will present a computer-aided talk on Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico. He will discuss the results of field surveys of the fishes found in this large, intermittent headwater stream of the Rio Yaqui in the rugged Sierra Madre mountain range of Sonora, Mexico. This study site is at the convergence of the Sonoran Desert with the Neotropics and it experiences very high magnitude variation across wet and dry seasons. The fragmentation of the Rio Bonito into discrete, smaller communities during dry season intermittency provides the opportunity to examine abiotic and biotic controls on the aquatic community during the extremes of the wet and dry seasons. It also provides a system to measure utilization of fish by terrestrial carnivores during the dry season.

Dr. Cowley has been doing research on native fishes in New Mexico, including the Rio Grande cutthroat trout and the Rio Grande silvery minnow. He has worked extensively with the Department of Game and Fish and the U. S. Forest Service on fisheries issues ranging from genetics, restoration strategies, and

how to maintain viable hatchery programs for both native trouts and stocking programs. He is a fly fisherman and the faculty advisor for the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. His Master's degree dealt with the distribution of fishes of the Black River, New Mexico. His doctoral and post-doctoral research concentrated on genetics. He has been teaching and doing research at NMSU since 2001.

December Meetings

In addition to the general membership meeting as described above the Board will meet on 21 December at 7:00 PM. *Liars & Tiers* will not meet as it falls between Christmas and New Years and many members will be out of town or otherwise occupied.. All meetings will be at NMDG&F.

President's Corner

Its holiday time again and in this busy time of the year I wanted to remind everyone of the next meeting, Dec 12, when our guest speaker will be Dr. David Cawley, with a review of the **Fishes of the Rio Bonito**. Also, we would like to invite spouses and other family members to attend this meeting for a social time with holiday refreshments beginning at 6:30PM.

I encourage everyone to attend our monthly meetings and enjoy learning from the experience of other club members or use your knowledge to assist other club members to enjoy our wonderful sport. Take the time to get acquainted with our new members and make them feel welcome.

The articles written by club members of their fishing experiences allow other members to enjoy their trip even if they weren't along, so if you have had a fishing trip that would be of interest to other MVFF members, please take a few minutes and write up a

short story of your trip. Also, take a minute and send in a fishing report to the webmaster.

Taylor & Nick Streit's program at the November meeting was an outstanding one. They highlighted many of the great streams in Northern New Mexico with a wonderful slide presentation and provided some valuable casting and hooking tips. If you have the opportunity drop them a note at Taylor's email address of tsfish@laplaza.org and say thanks. Many members purchased copies of Taylor's very insightful books, *Instinctive Fly Fishing* and *Fly Fishing New Mexico*.

Thanks go out to Tom Korsmo for getting MVFF Liars & Tiers monthly fly tying sessions started during 2005. He provided the leadership and motivation for tying during several 2005 sessions, however due to Tom's travel plans in the coming year; our fly tying sessions will now be led by Joseph Lopez. As many of you know, Joseph was a student of the master, Norm

Mabie, and will be quite able to lead these sessions with his excellent fly tying knowledge. These sessions are a great opportunity for both beginning and experienced tiers to brush up on their skills.

Remember, the Penasco Lease was stocked with 350 healthy and active trout during late October so take advantage of this recent stocking and give it try. The water was in good shape and they should do well. Now is the time to get your permits and give it a try.

Our January Banquet will be held January 28th at University Methodist Church with a review of the year's events, with a photo presentation of club members participating in our many events, so make your plans to attend with your family and friends.

If you have ideas or suggestions about MVFF please feel free to call or e-mail me at president@mvff.org.

Tightlines,
Tom

It is once again that time of year when we elect a slate of officers and board members to run the Club for the coming year. All of the present officers and board members have volunteered to go another year, primarily because of a dearth of new volunteers. Please mark your choices on the ballot below by checking the square in front of each name. If you or

any of your friends are interested in a position then write in the name in the appropriate place and mail the ballot to the address on the newsletter letter head. The Board will certify the results at the Board meeting in December (which all members are invited to attend) and the new officers will take office at the Club banquet in January 2006.

POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	NOMINATED CANDIDATE	<input type="checkbox"/>	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE
President		Tom Wobbe		
Vice-President		Paul Turner		
Secretary		Jeff Arterburn		
Treasurer		Al Trompler		
Board Position #1		Richard Keding		
Board Position #2		Bob Pridgen		
Board Position #3		Gary Mann		
Board Position #4		Bob Silver		
Board Position #5		Jim Hulsey		

Quick Look Contact Information

2005 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
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• Secretary	Jeff Arterburn (505) 524-0773
• Treasurer	Al Trompler (505) 532-5668
Board Members	
•	Richard Keding (505) 382-7498
•	Bob Pridgen (505) 526-9132
•	George O'Connor (915) 584-9318
•	Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
•	Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880
Newsletter Editor	
•	Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined MVFF since the last newsletter:

Randall & Vickie Vallee	Las Cruces, NM
Chad Taylor	Lubbock, TX
Clifford Cate	Muskogee, OK
Steve & Mary Oldenburger	Lubbock, TX
Jose Fresquez	Las Cruces, NM
Josie Nunn	Hatch, NM

Angler's Nook

Norm's Shop is open as usual. Please contact Donna at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information, fishing permits, extra newsletters and raffle tickets.

For the remainder of the year, 10% of all purchases by Club members will be donated to the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Private Fly Tying Lessons

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies, Joseph Lopez would like to give private fly tying lessons at Norm's Shop. Please call Donna Mabie at 522-3810, and she will help you get in touch with him to work out the arrangements

and cost. Joseph is a club member and avid fly fisherman. Norm taught Joseph to tie flies and build rods when he was a young boy. Give him a try!

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 \$4,465. 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.

Newsletter on Website

Each month the *Tale Waters* is placed on the MVFF webpage (www.mvff.org), usually several days prior to being mailed, in Adobe Acrobat format. If you wish to view it there you have the advantage of seeing it earlier and in color.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Runyon Lease Shots



Club member Wade Hedgecoke fishing the lease below the waterfall.



The large pool at the caves.

Liars and Tiers

Liars and Tiers will not meet in December because of the busy schedules of the holidays. Instead "Tips for Beginning Fly Tiers" taken from the FFF webpage is

offered and we will see you in January when the regular schedule is resumed.

Tips for Beginning Fly Tiers

- A stable vise, with good jaws to hold the hook firmly, provides the basic starting point for good fly tying.
- Always tie or wrap your thread in a motion over the top of the fly away from you.
- Sharpen all larger hooks (size 10 and up) before they are used to tie a fly.
- Before using a hook, check and make sure it is sharp and will not straighten out under pressure.
- A common problem with new fly tiers is breaking the thread. To get a feel for how tight to wrap your fly, intentionally apply force on the thread until it breaks.
- To avoid sloppy heads, do not tie too close to the hook eye.
- Tie carefully and correctly from the start. Speed will come with practice and repetition.

For dry flies:

- Avoid all unnecessary wraps of thread. Don't wrap three times when two will do.
- Use the lightest weight materials
- Use the least absorbent materials
- Choose the best quality hackle

Wet flies or nymphs should be constructed with materials as water-absorbent as possible

MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
March 2005	Liars & Tiers 31 Mar. Wooly Worm		14 Mar. Yucatan Fishing with Al Trompler	Peñasco Improvement Project NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium- Mar 26, Sandia Prep School, Albuquerque
April	Liars & Tiers 20 Apr. Elk Hair Caddis		11 Apr. Fishing the San Juan with Jude Duran	Fish stocking at Lease Kids Fishing Clinic-April 23
May	Liars & Tiers 26 May Prepping for San Juan		9 May Dr. Colleen Caldwell on Whirling Disease	
June	Liars & Tiers 30 Jun.	San Juan Trip Jun 24-26	No general membership meeting.	
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul.		No general membership meeting.	
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug. (Wed)		8 Aug. George Sanders - Flyfishing in Big Sky country.	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep.		No general membership meeting - picnic instead.	Sept. 10 Annual Picnic & Raffle
October		San Juan Trip Oct. 7-9	10 Oct. Kodiak Gang will give presentation on flyfishing for silver salmon.	29 Oct. Fish Stocking at the Lease
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov. (Wed.)		14 Nov Taylor Streit - NM guide will speak on "Fishing Northern NM and Argentina."	
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.		No general membership meeting 28 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet	NM Trout Conclave -
February	Liars & Tiers 23 Feb.		13 Feb.	

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

Membership and 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*. Cost is \$20.00 per day with student permits (12 or over) costing 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.
Attn: Membership
P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
Membership Application
(Please print clearly)

NAME: _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Status: (check one) Regular (\$20) _____ Family (\$25) _____

Membership Status: (check one) Renewal _____ New _____

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



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Next Meeting:

New Mexico Game and Fish Office
2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico
(next door to the Peter Piper Pizza store on the feeder road of Highway 70)

David Cawley, Dept. of Fishery & Wildlife Sciences, NMSU

"Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico"

December 12 - 7:00 PM

Directions from I-25:

- Exit Del Rey Blvd and follow the lane for Del Rey.
- At the Del Rey traffic intersection make a right.
- Go to the next traffic intersection and make a left at the light onto Northrise Dr.
- You should see Piper Pizza on your left and the next building is the New Mexico Game and Fish Building, 2715 Northrise Drive