

Tale Waters

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| Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund | \$5,979 |
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Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 December

Matt Selders: Guest Speaker

Mayfly-Midge Emerger Presentation

The MVFF membership will meet on Monday 11 December at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room.

Matt Selders, Fishing Department Manager at Sportsman's Warehouse in Las Cruces, will be the guest speaker. Matt will review *Mayfly-Midge Emergers*, including tying and fishing with these popular flies. His presentation will include 3 stages of BWO (Blue Wing Olive), 4 stages of PMD (Pale Morning Dun), 3 stages of Tricos and 3 stages of Chironomid Diptera.

Matt previously operated a full service fly and guide service on the Green River and Provo River in Utah. He was also a member of the U.S. Fly Fishing Team and competition fly caster, having been a 6 time finisher in the Western Region Casting Competition. Matt has also had 28 articles published in various fly fishing magazines.

Don't miss this interesting and informative presentation. See you there!

Liars and Tiers

Thursday, 28 December

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 28 December at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *BC Hopper* which 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.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 December

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 December at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Corner

Sometimes the rush of Christmas does not leave time for fly fishing, however remember it will calm those Holiday jitters, if you make a trip to the stream!

We are having many great reports of excellent fishing at the Rio Peñasco Lease. Remember it is catch & release, and you should handle them with care so we can enjoy another great trip. It seems to me that I have heard of more good fishing reports than ever before in the 4 years I have been in the club. So, share your experiences with us, by giving me a call or dropping an e-mail to tomjaw@aol.com. We hear that both wet and dry flies are producing many good times at the stream. Permits are available from myself @ 522-5437, Donna Mabie @ 522-3810 or Jim Hulsey @ 524-1880 or fill our website form and drop a check in the mail to the P.O. Box.

Our next general meeting on Monday, December 11 will include a social time with the doors opening early at 6:30 pm. We will have punch and coffee and the entire family is invited. If you have a special dessert

BC Hopper

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *BC Hopper*.

The BC Hopper has been extolled by flytyer John Barr (designer of the *Copper John*) as very effective in a three fly setup where the top fly is the *BC Hopper*, the

second fly is a *Copper John* and the bottom fly is an emerger of some sort. Barr calls this a Hopper-Copper-Dropper rig. It is claimed to be very effective at times.



- Hook:** TMC 5262, size 6
- Thread:** Tan Monochord, 3/0
- Body:** Foam, 3mm thickness
- Kick Legs:** Round rubber
- Underwing:** Web Wing, tan mottled
- Flash:** Krystal Flash, root beer
- Overwing:** Elk body hair
- Bullet Head:** Deer hair
- Front Legs:** Round rubber
- Indicator:** Float-Vis, chartreuse



Quick Look Contact Information**2006 Officers of the Club****Officers**

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HELP!!!**E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to President@mvff.org. If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to president@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.

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 \$5,979. 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.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31
And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

What Flyfishing Teaches Us

WILLOW CREEK PRESS

El Paso club member Sam Moore recently presented me with the book listed above. I thought you might also enjoy some of the quotes from it, from time to time.

Enjoy, TOM

Benevolence:

"The finest gift you can give to any fisherman is to put a good fish back, and who knows if the fish that you caught isn't someone else's gift to you"? -*Lee Wulff*-

"Beginners may ask why one fishes if he is to release the catch. They fail to see that the live trout, sucking in the fly and fighting the rod is the entire point to our sport. Dead trout are just so much lifeless meat". -*Ernest G. Schwiebert, Jr.* -

Bliss:

"And this our life, exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees and books in running brooks,

sermons in stones and good in every thing. I would not change it". -*William Shakespeare*-

Brotherhood:

"Nay, let me tell you, there may be many that have 40 times our estates, that would give the greatest part of it to be healthful and cheerful like us; who with the expense of a little money, had ate, and drank, and laughed, and angled, and sung, and slept securely, and rose next day, and cast away care, and sung, laughed and angled again; which are blessings rich men cannot purchase with all their money". -*Isaac Walton*-

Challenge:

"The sporting qualities of a fish are dependent neither on its size nor its weight, but on the efforts of concentration, the skill and mastery it demands from the fisherman". -*Charles Ritz*-



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

| Month | Events | Trips | General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker | Clinics or Lease Projects |
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| October | Liars & Tiers 26 Oct. <i>Midge Emerger</i> | Club Trip to Kodiak, 30 Sep - 8 Oct 20-22 Oct. - Club Trip to San Juan | 9 Oct. Stephanie Coleman: <i>Gila trout: past, present and future,</i> | Rio Peñasco Stocking - 8 Oct. |
| November | Liars & Tiers 30 Nov. <i>Kiwi Muddler</i> | | 13 Nov. Roger Pastoor: Kodiak presentation | |
| December | Liars & Tiers 28 Dec. <i>BC Hopper</i> | | 11 Dec. <i>Matt Selders - Mayfly-Emerger Presentation</i> | |
| January 2007 | Liars & Tiers 25 Jan. <i>Adams</i> | | No Club Meeting This Month Banquet instead | Annual Banquet - 27 Jan. |

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

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.

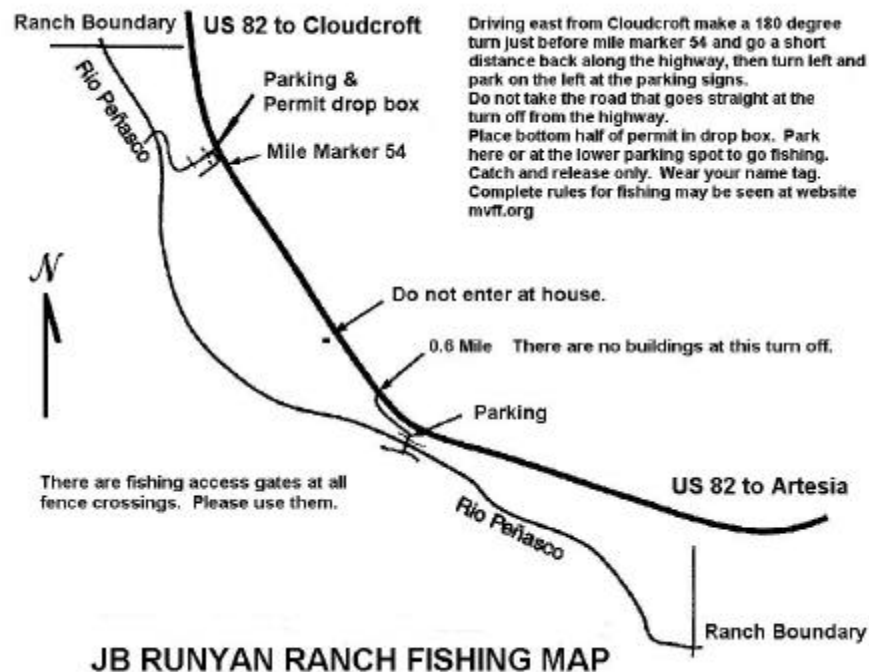
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| 1 Year | \$20 | Individual |
| | \$25 | Family |
| 3 Years | \$50 | Individual |
| | \$60 | Family |
| Life | \$400 | Individual |
| | \$500 | Family |

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 _____?

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| Membership Categories: | Individual | Family | Circle the one desired. |
| 1 Year | \$20 | \$25 | |
| 3 Years | \$50 | \$60 | |
| Life | \$400 | \$500 | |

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.