

Tale Waters

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Membership Meeting

Monday, 13 December

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 13 December at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Guest speakers will be Bob Silver speaking on the recent trip to Kodiak Island, Alaska that was made by several members of the Club. See the President's Corner for additional details. There will also be a short presentation regarding the new trap range at the Butterfield Shooting Range. The drawing for the Christmas rod will also be held. Tickets will be available at the meeting.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 20 December

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 20 December at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 29 December

Liars and Tyers will meet Monday 29 December at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting

at 7:00pm. Note that this differs from the usual meeting date to accommodate those who may be leaving for Christmas. The pattern to be tied will be the *BWO Foam Wing Emerger*. The recipe can be found later in this issue. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso and is a professional tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

President's Corner



The December general meeting is coming up on Monday the 13th. Put the date on your calendar. The presentation will be about fly fishing for Silver salmon in Kodiak, Alaska in 2010. Brad Shuster and

his dad, Bill, and Bob Silver went in late September and Al Trompler and his son Curtis went in early October. We have some great pictures and interesting experiences to share. Kodiak is one of my favorite places to go and it is a great do-it-yourself location for silver salmon. So I will cover the logistics of the trip too.

Monday the 13th will be someone's lucky day because this is the meeting where the *Rod for Christmas* will be given away. The winner has their choice of a Sage ZXL 4-weight, a Winston LT 4-weight or a Winston ST 3-weight. Tickets will be sold at the meeting if you need a few more to improve your odds. If you have tickets in the raffle be sure to come to the meeting. While you don't have to be present to win, we all want to watch the winner agonize over the choice of these rods.

Thank you to the Club members who volunteered for the Project Healing Waters events that Ron Bellerose put together in November. The volunteers helped several groups of soldiers from White Sands and Ft.

Bliss learn fly tying and casting. Then they went fishing at the lease. I think everyone caught fish too.

The Club also helped with the City of Las Cruces Burn Lake event as well as helped Ti Piper with a weeklong fishing clinic at Alumni Pond for about 150 special needs children. We always need help with these events so thank you to those they gave up your free time to help out.

The lease has been fishing very well all through the summer and fall months. Last month, our November speakers, Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka from Ft. Collins, Colorado give a stream side seminar. We lost count how many fish were caught. Many of these fish were spawned in the fall of 2009. During April and May we were catching 3- and 4-inch fish and they gradually increased in size to 8- to 10-inch fish now. In addition, Rick and Jerry caught a fair number of 12- to 15-inch fish as well. So it looks like the lease is heading into winter in good shape with a nice population of fish. Perhaps we'll get another good spawn this fall as well.

The last date for your calendar is the MVFF Banquet on Saturday, January 22, 2011. This is a potluck dinner and a fun way to get together. The guest speaker will be John Bailey of Bailey's Fly Shop of Livingston, Montana. John will also be conducting a casting clinic during the day on Saturday. There will be more information about the clinic on the website. For the banquet, the Club will provide BBQ from Sparky's in Hatch and enchilada's from Andelas Restaurant in Old Mesilla. Bring your favorite salad, vegetable or desert. This is the Club's annual fund raising event. This year, thanks to Gary Mann, we have many fine items to raffle including Winston and Sage rods, Lamson reels, a Simms gift certificate, Fish Pond tackle Bags and more. Also, to raise funds for our Project Healing Waters project, there will be a silent auction for a G. Loomis rod. Also one of the best items that will be drawn is a guided float trip on the Rio Grande with Wolf Creek Anglers. This trip will be drawn from attendance tickets given out at the general meeting and at other Club's events so this makes all of the volunteer work and meeting attendance worth your while.

Buenos fishing,

Bob Silver



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is moving right along. We have five soldiers from White Sands that have participated in the program. They have been to several fly tying classes, fly casting and a trip to the lease for some fishing. A special thanks goes out to Chuck Mueller, Dave Medler, Andrew Brill and George Thomas for guiding the soldiers at the lease.

I will be working with CSM Paul, White Sands Post Command Sergeant Major, and Sandra Class, Alcohol & Drug Control Officer for White Sands. I expect to set up an organized program to work with the PHW soldiers that are on post now and with the troops that will be returning from deployment in the spring. We also hope to get soldiers from White Sands that do not qualify for PHW to join the Club and help with PHW. Hopefully I will have much more info next month.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), roncor@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Annual Club Banquet

Mark your calendars for January 22, 2011. That will be the day of the annual banquet. Details will be in the January *Tale Waters*.

New Masthead

The January edition of the *Tale Waters* will present a new look. Look for it and let us know what you think.

Club Outings Planned

The board has no outings planned at this time. Now is the time to make your suggestions for possible outings for the remainder of this year and also for 2011. 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.

Kyle Green	Las Cruces, NM
Pat Homer	Lovington, NM
Ryan Jonnes	Cloudcroft, NM
Mark Malone	Dallas, TX
David Osborne	El Paso, TX
George & Janet Piskurich	El Paso, TX
James & Margaret Valenti	El Paso, TX

Welcome New Members

Charles Carter	Broken Arrow, OK
Susie Drew	Lovington, NM
Terik Gohrick	Las Cruces, NM



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15, 2010

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room by President Bob Silver. In attendance were Bob Silver, Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Paul Turner, Jeff Arteburn, George Thomas, Gary Mann and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Jim Hulsey and Tom Wobbe.

1. The Minutes of the October Board meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved. The club has \$11,697 in available funds and \$11,003 in the Mabie Scholarship.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 216 current members, an increase of 16.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that Chuck Mueller conducted a casting clinic for 5 Project Healing Waters soldiers from White Sands Missile Range. Chuck needs volunteers to take them to the lease on Saturday, November 20.
5. A report from the ad hoc committee that was appointed to decide on raffle prizes for the annual banquet was received. The club will purchase two additional rods from Winston and two from Sage. A motion to include in the raffle a float trip on the headwaters of the Rio Grande

from Wolf Creek Anglers at a cost to the Club of \$400 was approved. In addition, George Thomas will invite Mike McCormick from Wolf Creek Anglers to make a presentation at the February or March general meeting of the Club.

6. The program for the December general meeting will include a presentation on the 2010 Kodiak trip, a short presentation regarding the new trap range at the Butterfield Shooting Range and the election of Board members for 2011.
7. Ti Piper has asked the Club for help in putting on a Kids Fishing Clinic for special needs children on November 17-19 at Alumni Pond. Tom Wobbe will send an email soliciting volunteers.
8. Arrangements for the Club's annual meeting and banquet on January 22, 2011 were reviewed. It was decided to order three pans of green and two pans of red enchiladas and 45 pounds of barbecue.
9. Since John Bailey will be conducting a casting clinic in conjunction with the annual meeting, it was decided to table discussion of scheduling a casting clinic with Bob Widgren.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.



Election of Board Members for 2011

It is once again that time of year when we elect a slate of board members to run the Club for the coming year.

All of the nominated candidates have volunteered to serve. 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 or bring your marked ballot to the December membership meeting. The Board will certify the results at the Board meeting in December (which all members are invited to attend) and will elect new officers to take office at the Club banquet on 22 January 2011.

Please vote for only nine members.

The nine nominees receiving the most votes will constitute the new Board of Directors.

POSITION	√	NOMINATED CANDIDATE
Executive Board		Paul Turner
Executive Board		Jeff Arterburn
Executive Board		Jim Sorenson
Executive Board		Gary Mann
Executive Board		George Sanders
Executive Board		George Thomas
Executive Board		Bob Silver
Executive Board		Ron Bellerose
Executive Board		Chuck Mueller
Executive Board		(write in candidate)
Executive Board		(write in candidate)

Quick Look Contact Information

2010 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• V-Pres.:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1:	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	George Thomas (575) 532-5614
• Position 5:	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• Position 9:	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$11,003

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.

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.

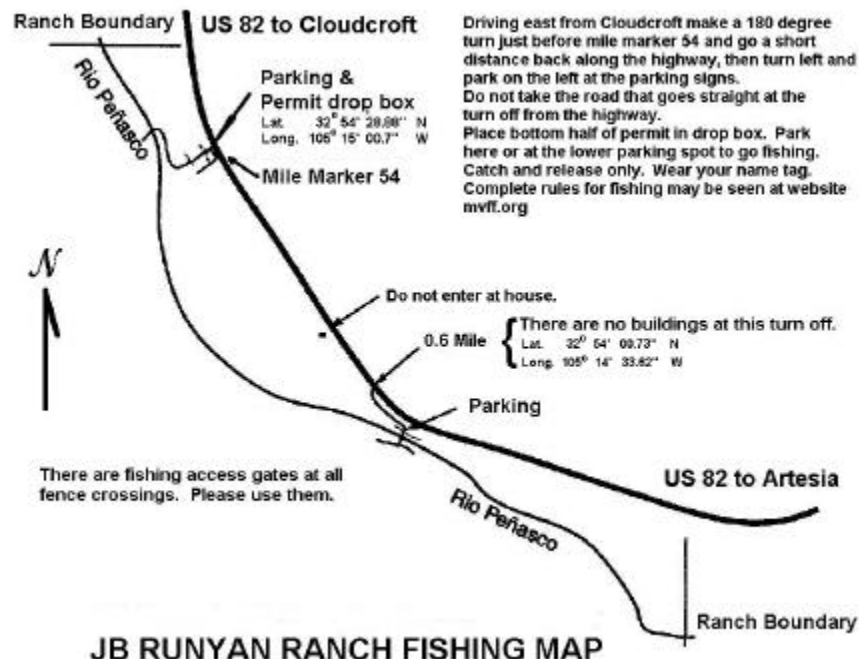
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from 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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Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

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.