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I have never met a true angler who is not by nature at least a somewhat hopeful person - Charles Gauvin

Membership Meeting

Monday, 12 December

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 12 December at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special guest speaker will be Noah Parker with the Land of Enchantment Guides (www.loeflyfishing.com). He will be giving a talk and slide show on fishing in northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado. See additional bio information in the *President's Corner*.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 December

The MVFF Executive Board will meet Monday 19 December at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

There will be no meeting of the Liars and Tyers in December due to the holidays.

President's Corner



We started the month off by helping Ti Piper with a fishing clinic at the Alumni Pond for over 150 enthusiastic special needs children. This was a very rewarding event putting smiles

on everyone's faces. So, thanks to all who volunteered.

On November 5th we had 15 volunteers at the Lease to help with the stocking of 550 rainbows and with the placement of some giant rocks in specific locations of the stream to improve habitat. Afterwards we had a nice shore lunch with some Alaskan salmon that was given to us by Howard Steinhoff. I want to thank all of the members for doing an excellent job. Early next year we are planning to do more restoration on the lower section of the river and will be looking for volunteers to help with that project. With the above improvements, the MVFF board approved an incentive for purchasing fishing permits. We are selling permits in lots of 11 for the price of 10, a savings of 10%.

Our December general meeting will meet on Monday December 12th. Our guest speaker is Noah Parker with the Land of Enchantment Guides (www.loeflyfishing.com). He will be giving a talk and slide show on fishing in northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado. Noah has put together a very nice fishing package for a four night stay at the Quinlan Ranch (www.quinlanranch.com) and three full days fishing with a guide. Noah grew up out east fishing many of the classic trout streams in the Catskills and New England with his father. He has been fishing and guiding in northern New Mexico since 2004. We hired Noah as a guide for four of our members on our club San Juan outing. He was the first guide on the river and one of the last off showing our members a very good time; just ask Tom Wobbe or Paul Turner. Also, at the December meeting you

will be voting for nine board members. Please see the sample ballot in this newsletter for list of names.

Mark your calendars for our annual banquet on January 14th. This is our biggest event of the year where the club provides BBQ from Sparky's and enchilada's from Andelas. We ask you to bring your favorite side dish, salad, vegetable or desert to round off our banquet. This year our guest speaker will be Bob Widgren from Albuquerque. A big thanks to Bob for donating a custom Sage rod specially built for our annual raffle. We have a great selection of items for the raffle valued at over \$2,500. Thanks to smart buying by Gary Mann and the great selection of items by Bob Sliver, Jeff Arterburn, and George Sanders makes this one of our best raffles. You do not have to attend the banquet to purchase tickets or win the raffle. Just print a copy of the raffle ticket document attached to Tom's email, fill it out and send it in with your check enclosed. Project Healing Waters will have a fund raiser raffle for a TFO fly rod and reel combo. You can purchase these tickets from Ron Bellerose at our December general meeting and at the banquet. And last of all, we will have a nice door prize with all of tickets that were deposited at the end of each general meeting you attended. Look for more information about the banquet in the January news letter.

If I don't see you at the December meeting, I wish you and your family a very happy and safe holiday, and hope to see you at the banquet.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project healing waters is in a slowdown period at this time. Fort Bliss is still working on a new shorter period for the troops which will affect how we

will be able to support them. I will let you all know when I know more. We are still working with the local VA clinic and hope to have several Vets participate in PHW with more flexible times and groups to work with.

A PHW flyrod has been ordered and will be available for our raffle in January. Tickets for the flyrod will be available at our December meeting. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The money raised from this raffle will be used to support PHW events and miscellaneous expenses that the club incurs in support of PHW. Hope to sell lots of tickets and you do not need to be present to win.

I want to thank all our volunteers and outside groups that support our Vets.

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

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), roncor123@hotmail.com, if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Annual Club Banquet

Mark your calendars for January 14, 2012. That will be the day of the annual banquet. Details will be in the January *Tale Waters*.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for the remainder of 2011 and for 2012. They 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 George Sanders, (575) 527-5536, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

No trips are currently planned.

Welcome New Members

Erick Bauer
Judy Broussard
Michael Miller

Manor, TX
Alamogordo, NM
Las Cruces, NM

Unsticking Fly Rod Ferrules

Submitted by Bob Silver



A couple of weeks ago five of us went to the lease on a Thursday. It started as an all-around special day. The best part was being able to take the day off from work....hoorah! And the fish cooperated and the weather was

nice.

I was fishing with my 3-weight Winston LT rod. This is the Presidents' rod that the Club gave me at the Annual Banquet in 2010. I really love fishing this rod. The day that started so well became a worry because I could not get the rod apart. No matter what I did, not one of ferrules would come loose. I really tried everything I knew, but they were really stuck. So before I could make the situation go from bad to worse, I took the rod home in one piece. I was hoping that I remembered to mail the warranty card back to Winston just in case. I am glad Jim Hulseley drove his extended Ford Expedition that day too.

At home, I consulted the "all knowing" Internet for advice. What I found out really worked and I wanted to share that in case this happens to you someday. Here are few things you should not do. DO NOT forcefully twist the rod, use pliers, vice grips, bench vices or any other mechanical equipment to hold the rod. Under NO circumstances should you use the guides to get a better grip on the rod unless you plan on replacing the guide when it comes loose. The suggestions ran from using penetrating oil to heating the ferrules with a hair drier. I could see that some ideas might lead to damaging the rod in some way.

Since my fall back plan was to send the rod back to Winston in one piece, I didn't want to do something

that would jeopardize the warranty. So I based my decision on what to try at home on two things. The first was to consider the apparent reputation of the source of information. For example, advice by fly shops and guides ranked higher in my decision making than advice from "Joe Six-Pack". And second, I followed the "do no harm" principle in case Winston was my only hope. The solution I tried worked so well, I could hardly believe the rod was stuck at all. I wound up chilling each ferrule connection.

At my house the kitchen countertop sometimes becomes an extension of my workshop to my wife's dismay, but this time Gail was sympathetic to my plight (and I needed the extra space and the rod was much cleaner than other things I sometimes drag in). I put a towel down on the kitchen countertop and sandwiched each ferrule between two packets of blue ice. A baggie with regular ice would work too. I waited about 15 or 20-minutes and then I just pulled each segment apart. They all came apart so easily that I could hardly believe they were immovable before. To keep this from happening again, I cleaned both ends of the ferrules and applied a small coating of rod ferrule wax. The Winston LT uses spigot ferrules.

I will be more careful not to push them together too tightly next time. But if this happens to you make sure you go with someone with a long wheel base vehicle or have some ice handy. Two cans of cold beer would work too and you can toast your success afterwards.

Tight Lines,
Bob

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Fishing Report

Submitted by Bob Silver

On November 10th the day was sunny and mild. The temperature was about 40 when we arrived at the Lease and eventually warmed up to 60. About 9:30am, a blue wing olive hatch lasted intermittently through the morning. Some fish were looking "up" and I caught a couple of fish at the lower bridge on a size 20 Adams



parachute. My best flies were a size 16 Hares Ear with a gold bead and a size 18 Lightning Bug with a silver bead. Here is a picture of the Lightning Bug, but the one I used had peacock hurl instead of the red material shown in the picture.

I fished the hares ear and the bug below a small strike indicator set about 3 feet above the bottom fly. The newly released stockers are doing well and hungry. I caught two fish on one cast....that is a first. Everyone caught fish. The newly placed rocks look good. Three browns were caught and two were about 15 or so inches long. We stocked the Lease on November 5th because of concern that ash from the Mayhill fire may have killed some fish from a runoff in late summer. But, I am happy that many fish survived including a very large rainbow in the lower end of the slough. I hooked it on the bug, but it jumped once too often and broke the tippet before I could land it.

Yes, I can hear it now. I know what you are saying.....but, I do have a witness. Even though it wasn't landed for a picture, it is nice to know that we do have some big fish at the lease. I like Henry David Thoreau's quote - "Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."

If you see me at the lease, I bet you can guess where I will be fishing.

Regards,

Bob

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2011

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room by President Chuck Mueller. In attendance were Chuck Mueller, Jeff Arteburn, Ron Warnke, Gary Mann, Bob Silver, Jim Sorenson and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members, Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulsey.

1. Minutes of the October 2011 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported that the Club has a balance of \$8,040 in the bank after spending \$2,017 for raffle prizes for the annual banquet and \$1,695 for stream improvements at the Lease. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 195 paid members. Between November 2010 and October 2011, 253 permits for the Lease were sold.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that Ft. Bliss is shortening its PTSD treatment program to six weeks. It is not clear whether it will be able to continue to participate in the Project Healing Waters Program. He has not received a response for WSMR, but has had a good response from the local VA clinic. He will talk to the local Toyota dealer about sponsoring an informational program for veterans in conjunction with the recent large donation to
5. PHW by Toyota. He has submitted a budget of \$2,000 to PHW.
6. Ron Warnke reported that two hats were sold and 14 remain.
7. Noah Parker will give a presentation on a guided fly fishing trip in the Chama area at the December general meeting. Details regarding the trip were distributed to the Board.
8. There was a brief discussion regarding the topic for Bob Widgren's presentation at the annual banquet.
9. A motion was approved to sell 11 permits for the price of ten (i.e., anyone purchasing 10 lease permits would receive an additional free permit). The Club will absorb the cost of the free permit.
10. Work to extend the stream improvements in February 2012 will be scheduled.
11. A motion was approved to allow Bob Silver to purchase a copy of Zedeke's book on stream improvements for the Club.
12. Jim Sorenson will contact Van Beacham about being the speaker at the February general meeting.
13. The next Board meeting will be Monday, December 19 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.



Election of Board Members for 2012

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 14 January 2012.

Please vote for no more than nine members.		
The nine nominees receiving the most votes will constitute the new Board of Directors.		
POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	NOMINATED CANDIDATE
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Turner
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Arterburn
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Sorenson
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Mann
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	George Sanders
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Warnke
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Silver
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Bellerose
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chuck Mueller
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	(write in candidate)
Executive Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	(write in candidate)



Quick Look Contact Information

2011 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• V-Pres.:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• 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:	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• 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	
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Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

Total	\$12,000
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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.

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.

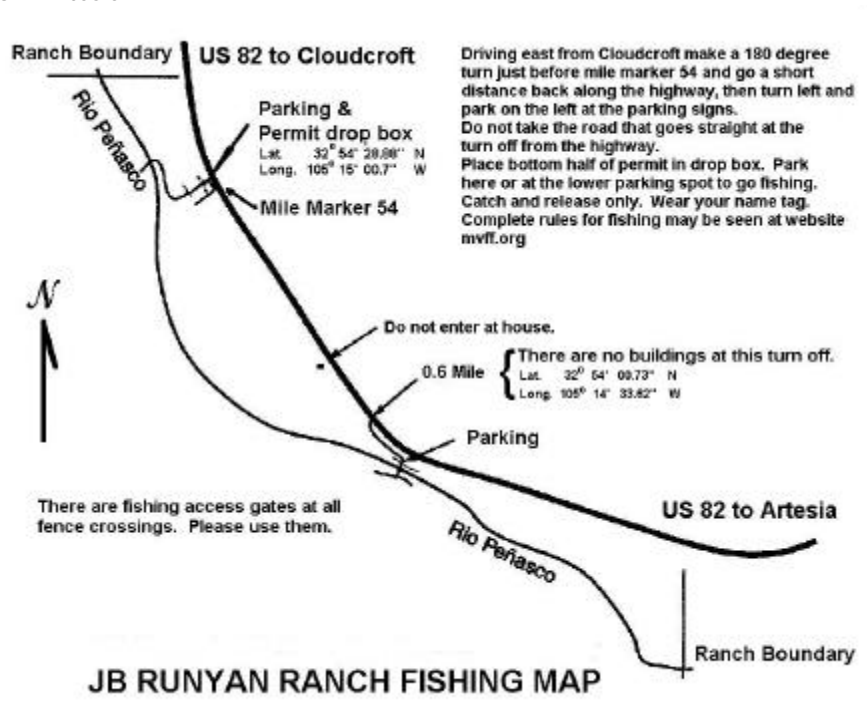
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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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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.