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Membership Meeting

Monday, 10 December

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 10 December at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Guest speaker will be Molly Semenik, guide & master casting instructor from Livingston, MT. Molly will talk about some of her favorite places to fish in Montana. Molly is a Certified Master casting Instructor and a member of Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). See Molly's website at www.tietheknotflyfishing.com

Cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 December

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 17 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



On December 1st we had 14 volunteers on the Rio Peñasco help with stocking 500 rainbows and 100 browns. All of the temporary fencing that was along the bank of the river is now

removed, and we have added two new picnic tables, one at each parking lot. Now we have a place for our members to enjoy their lunch. Bob Silver and Jim Ellett picked out some large rocks which will be placed in the stream at a later date. All of these improvements should make your day on the stream more memorable.

On Sunday December 9th MVFF will have a fly casting clinic with Molly Semenik. Molly is a Certified Master casting Instructor and a member of Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). At our General meeting on Monday December 10th she will talk about some of her favorite places to fish in Montana. Molly started *TIE THE KNOT FLY FISHING* in 2001 and annually teaches over 400 students throughout the USA through schools, shops, shows and clubs like ours. Both Molly and I grew up in Michigan and enjoyed fishing on the famous Pere Marquette and Au Sable Rivers.

Election of Board Members for 2013 will be voted on at our Monday general meeting. The board will certify the results and elect new officers to take office at the Annual Banquet on January 26th 2013.

Mark your calendars for the MVFF Annual Banquet on January 26th. This is our biggest event of the year! You will have a chance to break bread with you fellow members and share stories from the past year. Winners for our Annual Raffle, Trout Unlimited raffle and PHW raffle will be announced. Raffle tickets can purchased in advance and you do not have to be present to win. I will have more about the banquet in January's newsletter.

Club hats and License plates make a nice gift for Christmas. You can purchase them for Ron Warnke (warnke@mvff.org or 575-523-5600).

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at the banquet.

Stay safe through the Holidays and keep a tight line.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters has slowed down for the season. Ft. Bliss will resume in the spring, no dates yet.

We do have a couple of local PHW Vets that are enjoying their new skills of fly fishing. Went to Grindstone Lake last week, not much water in the lake but plenty of fish. My Vet caught one and lost many others. We were fishing with sinking lines and I caught more than my share of trout. It was a new experience for the Vet. I plan on ordering a couple of sinking lines and the reels from PHW so as to be able to fish some of the lakes.

Our next trip will be to the *Inn of the Mountain Gods*. I understand there is a lot of big trout there. If you know of any disabled Vets that want to learn to fly fish, send them this way.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org. Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Casting Clinic

Sunday, Dec 9-- 9:00 AM--12:00 PM

Molly Semenik, FFF Certified Master Casting Instructor who is our guest speaker at the general membership meeting, Monday-Dec 10, will conduct a casting clinic at Alumni Pond, NMSU. See Molly's website at www.tietheknotflyfishing.com.

Fish Stocked in Rio Peñasco

December 1st was fish stocking day at the Lease. Volunteers gathered early in the morning to meet the delivery truck and distribute the fish throughout the stream.

The bucket brigade distributed 500 rainbows and 100 browns in the stream starting at the upper boundary fence and continuing downstream as far as the waterfall below the lower bridge. The browns averaged about five inches long but the rainbows were from 8 inches to 13 inches. The larger ones weighed about a pound. Everyone should catch fish now.

Also, two picnic tables were assembled and placed at each of the parking areas.

Annual Club Banquet

January 26, 2013

Mark your calendars for January 26, 2013. That will be the day of the annual banquet. This year MVFF and Trout Unlimited are joining forces and having a joint banquet. Each will conduct their own raffle so be sure to buy lots of tickets from each organization.

Speaker for this event will be Carter Kruse, Aquatic Resource Coordinator for Turner Enterprise, Inc., who will be talking about the tremendous efforts towards native trout recovery projects that are taking place across the Turner properties and including major projects in New Mexico.

Details will be in the January *Tale Waters*.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2013 and 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 any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- June 18-23 - trip to Big Horn River in Montana.
- July 17-20 - trip to Quinlan Ranch
- October 10-13 - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Amando Beall	El Paso, TX
Mark & Laura Brinkman	Austin, TX
John Cornell	Hillsboro, NM

John Hummel & Debra Jaccard	Bernalillo, NM
Clint Pavey	Roswell, NM

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**News from Trout Unlimited
Gila/Rio Grande Chapter**

Note from the editor: since a majority of members of the G/RG chapter of TU are also members of MVFF, occasionally news items pertaining to the chapter will be included in this newsletter. Hopefully they will be of interest to members of both organizations.

Update on Gila Trout Stocking Efforts

October 2012

One thousand Gila trout from the Mora National Fish Hatchery (MNFH) were stocked in Black Canyon in late October. Black Canyon is a recovery stream for Main Diamond lineage fish and was not affected by this years' Whitewater-Baldy fire. Three thousand Gila trout were stocked in the West Fork of the Gila River between the Gila Cliff Dwellings and the water falls

below White Creek cabin. This section is downstream of that portion of drainage that was renovated for Gila trout and will support a recreational fishery. The immediately adjacent areas of this section were not burned, however, this reach was affected by fire associated ash and sediment flows, which likely greatly diminished, if not eliminated, nonnative trout. The fish that were stocked in this lower section were originally intended for designated recovery reaches, but stocking them at this time was not feasible, and MNFH could not continue holding the fish. The Gila Trout Recovery Team will be meeting in early December, and we will notify members of current status and plans for efforts in 2013.

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The angler forgets most of the fish he catches, but he does not forget the streams and lakes in which they are caught. ---- Charles K. Fox

Don't forget to go to page 7 and fill out the ballot to elect new members for the MVFF Executive Board for 2013

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 19, 2012

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, Gary Mann, Ron Warnke, Bob Silver, George Sanders, Jeff Arteburn, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members, Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulsey.

1. Minutes of the October 2012 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported that the Club has a balance of \$10,764 and \$1,825 has been spent for the annual raffle. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
3. A motion was approved to authorize \$350 toward a rod building class with Bob Widgren as this year's President's gift.
4. The Club has 222 members (92 in Las Cruces) who have paid their dues for this year.
5. Ron Bellerose reported that a Project Healing Waters fly rod was left at the Lease. Anyone who finds the rod is asked to please return it. He has been working with a couple of local veterans, but otherwise PHW is quiet until next spring.
6. Ron Warnke reported \$79 in Club merchandise sales during the San Juan trip. He will make the merchandise available for purchase as Christmas gifts.
7. Plans for the December 1st stocking and stream improvements at the Lease were finalized. Members will be asked to meet at 6:45am at the K-Mart parking lot to car pool to the Lease.
8. The current slate of directors will be nominated for election at the December general meeting.
9. The request for the Club to provide a fly tying and casting demonstration in February at the Bosque State Park was approved.
10. A request for the Club to participate in the Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo at a cost of \$600 was discussed. A motion to decline the request passed.
11. Paul Turner agreed to inquire about the Club's scholarship fund balance with the NMSU Foundation.
12. The following 2013 Club trips have been scheduled:

Big Horn River, Montana	June 18 to 22
Quinlen Ranch, NM	July 17 to 20
San Juan River, NM	October 10 to 13
13. The next Board meeting will be Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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Quick Look Contact Information

2012 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
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Norm Mabie Scholarship FundMarket Value as of 30 June 2011 **\$10,709****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.

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. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. 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.

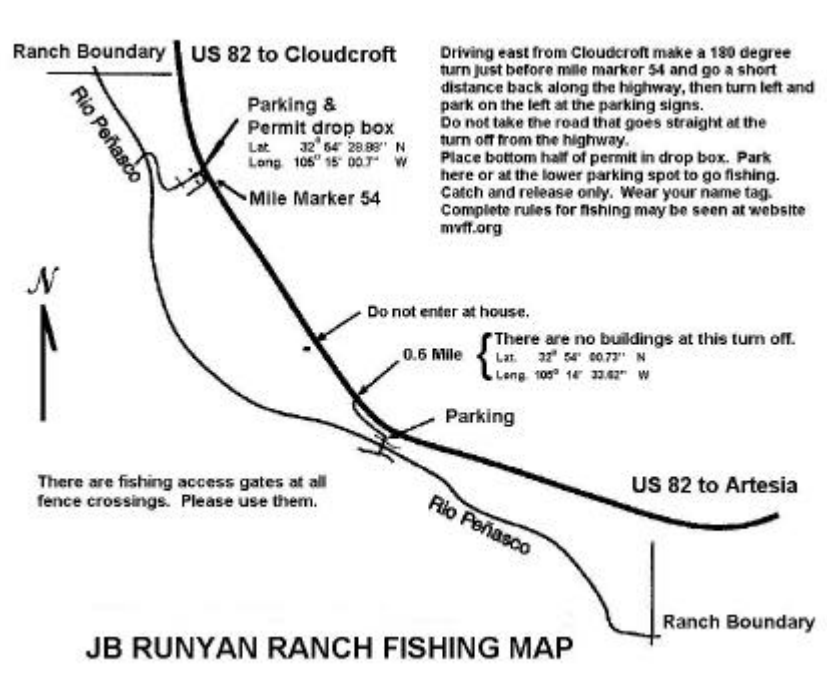
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulseley (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 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/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.