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Membership Meeting

Monday, 9 December

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 9 December at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Please join us for a special presentation by Toner Mitchell, noted fly fishing guide, author, and New Mexico's Public Lands Coordinator for Trout Unlimited. A detailed bio for Toner is given later in this newsletter.

Cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 16 December

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 16 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. However, when we do finally find a meeting time the fly of interest will be

the *Foam Hopper*. The pattern can be found on the club website.



President's Corner

The past couple of weeks were busy ones for the Club. Bob Silver and Jim Ellett made some stream improvements on the lower section of the lease in preparation for releasing trout. November 16th we had a fly tying clinic at NMSU for the Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. November 17th the lease was stocked with 700 trout with help of our members and students from NMSU. The students who helped with stocking trout were able to fish the upper section of the lease in the afternoon. From November 18th through the 23rd some of our members helped Ti Piper with his fishing clinic for special needs kids. November 22nd, Tom Wobbe, Julie Mueller and I went to Fort Bliss to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for our work with their soldiers through PHW. Certificates were also given out to PHW, Jim Ellett and Yucca CowBelles in appreciation of their work. November 23rd Tom Wobbe, Bob Silver and George Thomas stocked another 300 trout in the upper section. I want to thank all our members and students who turned out and helped with the above projects. See photos in this newsletter.

Fishing the lease will be great this winter for those, who like me, enjoy fishing the lease throughout the winter months. I hope you also have a chance to visit the lease in the next couple of months to see the improvements and enjoy a good day of fishing.

Volunteers are needed for December 7th fly fishing clinic for NMSU Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at the lease. If you can help, plan to meet at the K Mart parking lot at 6:30am Saturday morning.

December guest speaker is Toner Mitchell. Toner has been guiding in northern New Mexico for over 18

years. He is a member and past president of Truchas Chapter Trout Unlimited. At our December 9th meeting he will be talking about fishing in Northern New Mexico and a TU project on the Red River. Toner will hold a Casting Clinic at 2:00pm on Sunday December 8th at the Alumni Pond. This clinic will be on rigging and casting techniques for streamers. Also, at the December meeting you will be voting for board members for 2014. We have two board members going off the board and we will need to fill the positions.

Club Raffle tickets are now available on line or at the December meeting and banquet. You do not have to be present to win. Mark your calendar, our Annual Banquet is set for Saturday January 18th.

Rod Building Clinic - first part is 9:00am on December 14th at the New Mexico State Game and Fish. This part is about selecting your rod blanks and components. The how's, what's and where's you need to make your first rod. The second part will be held in late January or early February which will give you enough time to make your selections.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe, merry and happy holiday.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is going great. We just had a San Juan trip with Sandstone Anglers as guides on a float. We had two drift boats

and caught a lot of fish, several in the 20 inch range. We are looking forward to a couple more trips in the local area, either the Lease or Grindstone.

We also have three Vets that will participate in the rod building put on by the club. I expect to receive the rods sometime in December. We have had several fly tying events with minimal participation but expect that to improve. We have an afternoon of fly tying at the Las Cruces VA Center the last Wednesday of each month. A thank you goes out to Ray Rodriguez for his help in November's fly tying event. I will be

meeting with the Wounded Warriors Battalion at Ft. Bliss in January. I am in hopes of getting several of the local Vets enrolled in the club shortly. We will also soon be working with the VFW in Cloudcroft.

Thanks to all the club members that have volunteered to help with PHW.

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.

Bio for Toner Mitchell

Please join us for a special presentation by Toner Mitchell, noted fly fishing guide, author, and New Mexico's Public Lands Coordinator for Trout Unlimited. Toner has been a key figure in New Mexico fly fishing and conservation efforts for many years. He has been the Operations Manager for The Reel Life fly shop in Santa Fe since 2003, with a real commitment towards integrating the fly fishing industry into the conservation of our fisheries and recovery of native trout species. He has published numerous articles describing fly fishing locations in northern New Mexico, and is intimately familiar with the Rio Chama, Rio Grande, etc. You can check out his interesting and informative online conversation about fly fishing and outdoor life at: <http://truchacabra.com/>.

You can also read his article in the current November/December 2013 issue of Southwest Fly Fishing magazine that describes some of the conservation related initiatives in the Taos area such as the recent designation of Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, and ongoing efforts to further protect the headwaters of the Rio Hondo and Red River located in the Columbine Hondo Wilderness Study Area as a federally designated wilderness. Through his role in Trout Unlimited he is directly involved in researching means of providing in-stream winter water to key drainages in northern New Mexico such as the Chama, Cimarron, and Costilla, promoting outdoor education opportunities for all age groups in southern Rocky Mountains, working towards passage of Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act, facilitating development and transmission renewable energy, and working towards

the transfer of the Valles Caldera National Preserve from the Forest Service to Park Service in the interest of better wildlife management and greater sportsman access to wildlife. Please join us for a stimulating presentation and discussion with Toner Mitchell. The doors will open at 6:30pm in the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Conference Room, 2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011.

Casting Clinic

Sunday, 8 December

We are holding a fly casting clinic on Sunday December 8th from 2-4pm, featuring Toner Mitchell. Toner has over 35 years of expertise in fly fishing, fly tying and teaching, and one of his favorite activities is throwing big streamers to the large residents of the Rio Chama each fall. The clinic will be held on the NMSU campus in the Alumni Pond, which is located to the southwest of the Pan American Center. There is a link to the NMSU campus map website, where it is referred to as "Duck Pond" <http://maps.nmsu.edu/>. The closest parking lot adjacent to the pond can be accessed from Stewart Street. Bring your favorite rod and improve your casting skills.

Please contact Jeff Arterburn for more info. Email: jeffgilatu@aol.com; or arterburn@mvff.org; Cell: (575) 649-9729

Annual Club Banquet

January 18, 2014

Mark your calendars for January 18, 2014. 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 Van Beacham, author of the *Flyfisher's Guide to New Mexico*. See the bio which follows for more information.

Banquet details will be in the January *Tale Waters*.

Bio for Van Beacham

Van Beacham, author of the *Flyfisher's Guide to New Mexico*, will be our guest speaker at the 2014 MVFF Annual Banquet and Raffle that will held on January 18, 2014.

Van Beacham is a fourth generation native New Mexican and descends from a long line of over six generations of fly fishermen. He was born in Santa Fe and began fishing with his father and grandfather when he was four years old.

Van is a very well known guide in New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming. He is the owner of The Solitary Angler in Taos, New Mexico. Van has guided anglers of all levels from New Mexico to Wyoming since 1978.



At 9:30am on Saturday, January 18th Van will hold a casting class at the Alumni Pond next to the Pan Am Center on the New Mexico State University campus.

Then that evening, he will be our guest speaker after dinner at the Banquet. He is well known for finding special out-of-the way fishing locations that are less known and crowded; hence the name, *Solitary Angler*.

He will talk about some of the quality waters that he has fished and how each of us can go about finding similar fishing spots in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

Van has donated a guided fishing trip for two and he will also have some of his books available to autograph for purchase. Come hear a very special talk about the knowledge, skills and favorite locations that Van will share with you.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2014 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.

There are no trips currently planned.

Welcome New Members

Tyler Kappic
Dominique Lujan

Lincoln, NE
Las Cruces, NM

Daniel & Grace Rich
Bobby Torres

El Paso, TX
Hatch, NM

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On November 22 Ft. Bliss presented Mesilla Valley Flyfishers with a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in helping disabled veterans through Project Healing Waters. Chuck and Julie Mueller along with Tom Wobbe were present to accept the award for the Club. Also presented with Certificates were PHW, Jim Ellett and the CowBelles.

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Don't forget to go to page 8 and fill out the ballot to elect new members for the MVFF Executive Board for 2014

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2013

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 Arterburn, Ron Warnke, Jim Sorenson, Bob Silver and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Tom Wobbe, Dave Medler, Ray Rodriguez, Hunter Falco and Dominique Lujan.

1. Minutes of the October 2013 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
2. In the Treasurer's absence, Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has a balance of approximately \$9,800.
3. The Club has 222 paid-up members.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that PHW has \$138 in the Club's treasury and \$1,000 from PHW. He is taking five or six veterans to the San Juan to fish on Thursday. The Cloudcroft Chapter of Wounded Warriors has asked PHW to provide a fly fishing clinic for its members on the weekend before Memorial Day 2014. About 20 veterans are expected to participate. PHW will also have a fly tying clinic on Thursday, November 27 at 1:00pm at the Veteran's Affairs Clinic on Don Roser.
5. Toner Mitchell will hold a casting clinic on December 8th at 2:00pm on rigging and casting streamers at NMSU Alumni Pond and will speak at the December 9th meeting regarding fly fishing in Northern New Mexico and the Trout Unlimited Project on the Red River.
6. Hunter Falco, President, and Dominique Lujan, Vice-President, of the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society were present to thank MVFF for the fly tying and casting clinic for their Chapter on November 16th and the trip to the Lease on November 17th. MVFF will host their Chapter members at the Lease on December 7th. An invitation to attend the MVFF annual banquet in January was also extended to their members.
7. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club stocked the lower Rio Peñasco at the Lease with 700 rainbow trout on November 17th. A motion authorizing Tom to purchase an additional 300 fish to stock the upper part on December 7th was approved.
8. Ray Rodriguez, Dave Medler and Dennis Lanpher have agreed to be nominated for election to the Board at the December meeting. Ron Warnke and Ron Bellerose have asked not to be nominated for another term. A motion to invite a member of the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to serve as a member of the MVFF Board was approved.
9. A motion to sell permits to NMSU students for \$15, provided that the student is a member of the Club, was approved. The Club will waive receipt of its portion of the permit price.
10. Final preparation for the Club's annual banquet and raffle was discussed. Van Beacham has agreed to be the keynote speaker and will provide a casting clinic at the NMSU Alumni Pond on January 18th from 9:30am to 11:30am. The January Board meeting will be moved to Monday, January 13th.
11. Jeff reported that the Trout Unlimited National meeting will be held in Santa Fe in September 2014.
12. The next Board meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Quick Look Contact Information

2013 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
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• 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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Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2012	\$9,808

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.

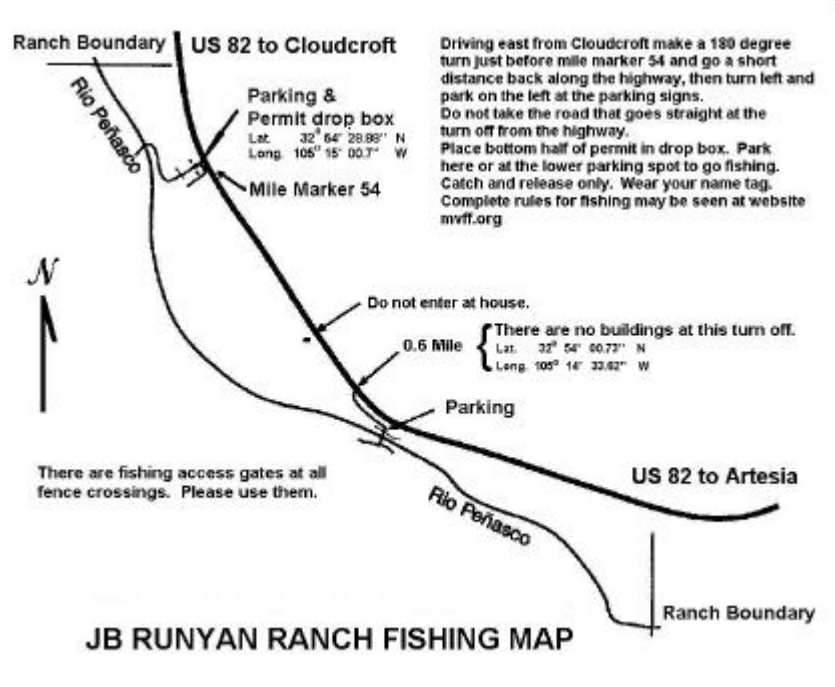
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulsey (575-524-1880), Tom Wobbe (575-522-5437) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. 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 (current dues have been paid) 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.