



# TALE WATERS

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## President's Corner



Christmas is coming early this year for someone. At the December General meeting, we will have the drawing for the fall rod raffle. The winner gets his or her choice of a custom made Sage fly rod—

either a 7'9" 3 weight Circa or a 9' 5 weight Accel (which was the winner of the Best Freshwater Fly Rod at the 2014 International Fly Tackle Dealer show). There is still time to buy raffle tickets.

The rod which is not selected will go into our raffle for the annual banquet. This year, we have prizes totaling nearly \$6,000 in retail value. Many thanks go to Gary Mann who has done the lion's share of the work in arranging for these prizes. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and the proceeds go to support the Club's educational and outreach programs, as well as the stocking and upkeep of the Lease.

The Club will be an exhibitor again this year at the Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo at the Las Cruces Convention Center on January 9-11, 2015. The show hours are Friday, 1:00pm to 7:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am to 5:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. We will need volunteers to fill three-hour time blocks on those days for the booth to talk to people about the Club and fly fishing in general and, most likely, for the kids' fishing pool run by the NM Department of Game and Fish. Bob Silver and George Sanders are going to present their "Fly Fishing 101" class, which was a big hit at last year's show.

Don't forget that the annual banquet is on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker this year is Landon Mayer. Our plan is to have a fly tying demonstration in the early afternoon at the NMDG&F classroom. The banquet that evening will be at the United Methodist Church. As usual, the Club will furnish the main entrée and Club members are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

## Membership Meeting

Monday, 8 December

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 8 December at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special speaker will be club member Chuck Mueller discussing the Club Trip to the San Juan in November.

A drawing will be held to determine the winner of the Sage rod from the Fall raffle.

Doors open at 6:30. Cookies and coffee will be served.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 15 December

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 15 December at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

Due to the Christmas Holidays there will be no December meeting of the Liars and Tyers. The next meeting will be Wednesday 28 January, 2015.

At the December General meeting, we will elect Board members for 2015. The Board has approved the following nominees: Paul Turner, Jim Sorenson, Jeff Arterburn, Ray Rodriguez, Dennis Lanpher, Chuck Mueller, Bob Silver, Gary Mann and John Kennedy. Nominations are still open, but please obtain a person's consent before nominating him or her.

Finally, all reports are that fishing at the Lease is very good to excellent. In addition to the fish that were stocked in October, people are catching larger Rainbows that have held over from past years and Brown trout. We still have another four to six weeks of cool nights and warm days before the weather turns cold and the spring winds start. Plenty of time to take a break from the holiday festivities.

Tight Lines,  
Jim



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is going at a reasonable pace. We had a great local fly tying event on Wednesday the day before Thanksgiving with 6 Vets fly tying. Thanks to Ray Rodriguez the tying went extremely well and many flies were tied. Our next

fly tying for the local Vets will be on December 30<sup>th</sup>. I have ordered rod building kits for 7 Vets and hope the rods will be in before the end of the month. We have done some fishing with the Vets at the University pond and at Young Park pond. They are getting pretty good at casting.

We will be working with the Ft. Bliss groups starting in February or March of 2015 but will continue to work with our local Vets as much as possible. Thanks to

my volunteers, without you the program would not be possible.

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

## Annual Banquet & Raffle

Sat. February 7, 2015

The annual MVFF banquet and raffle will be held Saturday, Feb 7, 2015 at St Paul's Methodist Church. A map and address will be in future newsletters and on the website.

The guest speaker for the banquet will be *Landon Mayer*, renowned Colorado guide, author of numerous books, and presenting speaker at numerous international fly fishing shows throughout the United States. He also writes numerous articles for fly fishing magazines, most recently for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler* Magazines. His website is [www.landonmayer.com](http://www.landonmayer.com).

We will have over \$5,900 in prizes for the Annual Raffle and the drawing will be held at the banquet. Raffle tickets will be E-mailed soon and will also be available at the Dec, & Jan general & fly tying meetings.

Mark your calendar as this is an event you do not want to miss!

## Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2015 and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let them know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members.

## Welcome New Members

Roger Poole

Anthony, NM

Trout are quite unaware of their exalted status.  
---Harold Blaisdell

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**Club Members Who Went on the Club Trip to the San Juan**



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**No angler merely watches nature in a passive way. He enters into its very existence.  
---John Bailey**



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2014 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Secretary:</b>	Dave Medler, Jr. (575) 434-9313
• <b>Treasurer:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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• <b>Position 1:</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>Position 2:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Position 4:</b>	Ray Rodriquez (575) 524-9420
• <b>Position 5:</b>	Dave Medler, Jr. (575) 434-9313
• <b>Position 6:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Position 7:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 8:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• <b>Position 9:</b>	Dennis Lanpher (575) 642-2946
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• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
<b>Membership Committee Chairman</b>	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

**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](mailto: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.

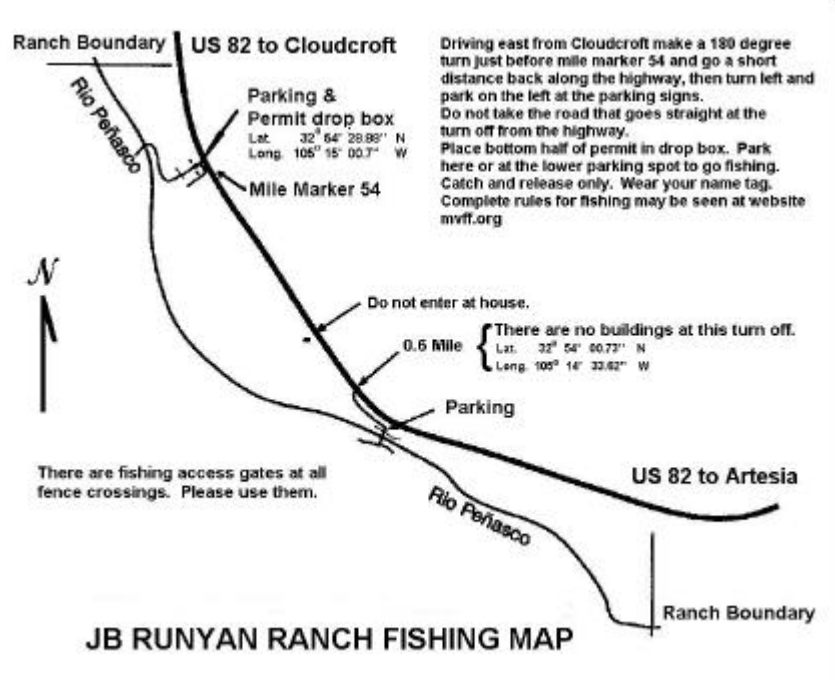
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.