

Tale Waters

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New Mexico Trout Fly Tiers Symposium March 26, 2005, in Albuquerque

New Mexico Trout would like you to attend its first ever **Fly Tying Symposium**, on Saturday, March 26, 2005 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The show will run from 9am-1pm. Cost will be \$5.00 for NM Trout members and \$7.00 for non-members. Children 15 and younger are free.

Whiting Farms will give away a **free** 100's pack of hackle to the first 100 people that go through the door the day of the show! Drawings will be held and several door prizes will be given.

The event will showcase some of the top fly tiers in New Mexico and surrounding states. MVFF's own Karen Erickson will be one of the featured tiers at the show. A complete list of fly tiers and their schedules is available on the NM Trout website.

Karen has been asked to invite other tiers from Southern New Mexico and the El Paso area to come and tie your favorite fly at the show. Contact Karen at 505-524-7729, if you will be able to join in and represent MVFF as a fly tier. The symposium will be held at the Sandia Prep School, 532 Osuna Rd., Albuquerque, NM. Directions can be found at the NM Trout website at www.newmexicotrout.org.

Next Liars and Tiers on 24 February

Liars and Tiers is held on the third Thursday of each month at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 6:30 pm. We will tie the caddis larvae that was planned for January because we had to postpone the January meeting due to a room conflict. The recipe is

- **Hook:** Mustad 3906 #14-16 or equivalent
- **Thread:** Black 8/0
- **Ribbing:** copper wire
- **Abdomen:** Ultra chenille (olive, tan, brown, cream)
- **Thorax:** Ultra Chenille dark brown
- **Bead:** 3/32 or 1/8 inch brass bead:

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Alaska Fishing with Doc Warner

Do you want to find out about fishing Alaska's southeast coast at reasonable rates in a self-guided setting, then come to the next meeting and meet Doc Warner. Doc owns *Doc Warner's Alaska Fishing Adventures*. This is a fishing lodge at Icy Straits Alaska which is part of Excursion Inlet south of Glacier Bay National Park

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Doc is retired from the State of Alaska as the director of the Alaska Sport Fisheries Research bureau. He will talk about the lodge operations, salmon fishing including fly fishing and fishing for halibut in the waters of the inside passage during the 2004 season.

Rio Peñasco Stream Improvement Project, 19 -20 February 2005

"Fire up your chain saws and warm up those tired muscles." We are going to have the work project at the lease. Bad weather in December forced us to postpone the work. We worked with Bill Zeedyk to understand the installation techniques for the baffles and vein diversions. Please see the picture of a baffle diversion on the next page. If you go fishing at the lease, walk downstream from the lower bridge and you'll see where this baffle was installed. We measured and flagged where the other diversions need to be installed. This time we need a large group of volunteers to help complete the remainder of the project. To carpool, please plan to meet at the K-Mart on highway 70 at 7:30 AM. Camping at the lease is also allowed. It will be helpful to bring leather gloves, hip boots, sledge hammers, a lunch and something to drink. We will have the raw materials ready and the work will go quickly if we have plenty of help. **Remember, everyone that comes to the project will be given a chance to win a rod.** Please contact Tom Wobbe at 505-522-5437. We will contact those people who had registered to help in December. We had a number of volunteers call from as far away as Lubbock and Midland, Texas. Hope to see you at the work project..



Picture of a Baffle at the Lease

Private Fly Tying Lessons by Joseph Lopez

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies, Joseph would like to give private fly tying lessons at Norm's Shop. Please call Donna Mabie at 522-3810, and she will help you get in touch with him to work out the arrangements and cost.. Joseph is a club member and avid fly fishermen. Norm taught Joseph to tie flies and to build rods when he was a young boy. Joe just moved back to the area. Give him a try!

Quick Look Contact Information 2004 Officers of the Club

President Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
Vice President Paul Turner (505) 523-6880
Secretary Jeff Arterburn (505) 524-0773
Treasurer Al Trompler (505) 532-5668

Board Members

Richard Keding (505) 382-7498
 Bob Pridgen (505) 526-9132
 George O'Connor (915) 584-9318
 Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
 Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880

Fly of the Month

Bite Me Bugger

Submitted by Mick Finn from Cheyenne WY

Description

This pattern was developed by Mark Boname, a guide on the North Platte in central Wyoming. It's a guides' favorite among those who float below Grey Reef. The pattern has been a good producer of both trout and panfish for me in ponds. A very versatile pattern because it imitates a lot of different things from baitfish, to leeches, to a daphnia cluster. **more flies.**

HOOK: 4X long, size 6, streamer hook
BEAD: Bronze cone-head
THREAD: Brown
TAIL: Brown marabou with red krystal flash
UNDERBODY: Brown chenille - small
BODY: Canadian brown mohair



Tying Instructions

1. Slide on the conehead. You can glue the conehead to the hook, but it is not necessary. To glue the conehead hang the hooks from the bend after putting on the cone-head, then fill hollow back of the cone-head with epoxy and allow to cure. Zap A Gap works well too.
2. Tie in tail with 3 or 4 strands of krystal flash on each side.
3. Tie in the chenille and mohair at front of tail
4. Wrap chenille in touching turns up to rear of the cone- head and secure with thread.
5. Wrap mohair forward in opposite direction from that used with the chenille. Brush fibers toward rear with fingers after each wrap, and tie off at rear of cone-head.

The annual MVFF Banquet

was a success. Dutch Salmon did a great job as our guest speaker and told a great story about his adventure following the Gila River from its head waters to several hundred miles into Arizona with his dog and cat as companions. In addition, he updated us on the water development issues on the Gila. We thanked Richard Keding and the Board for their service and presented Richard with his President's rod from Orvis. We raffled off a number of valuable prizes. Hope to see you next year.

Presidents Corner

We should start off the New Year by thanking Richard and the MVFF Board Members for a successful year. MVFF members can be proud to have such a dedicated group who volunteer to serve the club as board members. Give them a big "Thank You" at the next opportunity. I would like to urge all members to mark your calendars and make your plans to attend the monthly meetings. I think we have an outstanding list of guest speakers for the first few months of 2005. Take a look at the monthly events calendar in the newsletter. While we have accomplished a good many projects during the past year, we have many to look forward to in the new year. Our goals for 2005 include:

1. Completing the current phase of the Peñasco Stream Improvement Project,
2. Increasing the contributions to the **Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund**,
3. Maintaining and strengthening our membership,
4. Continuing with the Liars & Tiers sessions,
5. Encouraging members input and attendance at general meetings, board meetings and fly tying sessions,
6. Increasing usage of the Peñasco Lease thru additional fish stocking, on stream clinics, and tying flies for the lease.

Our attendance has been good for the San Juan trips, which we will have again this year, plus the board will seek members input regarding interest in other MVFF coordinated trips, such as to the White Mountains in Arizona, Green River, Wyoming, or

*"next Liars and Tiers
24 February"*

other northern New Mexico streams, depending on member interest.

I would like to encourage all members to attend as many meetings and fly tying sessions as your time permits. The strength of any club depends on the members and how well the club meets their needs. The expertise of experienced the fly fisherman is invaluable to the new fly fisherman or member. An experienced fisherman can feel a great reward personally in teaching others to enjoy the sport.

I look forward to serving as your President in 2005; however, I am sure I will need plenty of assistance and guidance as I learn the ropes. I encourage all members to volunteer to help out on future projects and events. I plan to utilize e-mail to remind members of meetings, events and projects, so if you have changed your e-mail address, did not give an e-mail address when joining, or you prefer not to receive e-mails regarding MVFF information please let me know at president@mvff.org

Good Fishing,

Tom

Changes to Membership Expiration

In January 2005, the Board changed the membership expiration dates in order to make the process of keeping the records more efficient. Updating the membership records each month is substantial task; therefore, we want to try a different approach by having all memberships expire on the same date. Starting in 2005, all memberships will expire each March 31. We recognize that in the first year that some people will not benefit from a full 12-month membership. Therefore to lessen this problem, any expiring memberships that are paid between December 31, 2004 and March 30, 2005 will not expire until March 31, 2006.

Norm's Shop is Open

Norm's Shop is Open as usual. Please contact Donna at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information, fishing permits and extra newsletters.

2005 MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
January	Liars & Tiers 27 Jan		22 January 6 pm MVFF Banquet & Raffle, Featured speaker - Dutch Salmon	NM Trout Conclave - Jan 15 Albuquerque, NM Sandia Prep School
February	Liars & Tiers 24 Feb		14 February Alaska Fishing with Doc Warner	<i>Penasco Improvement Project</i>
March	Liars & Tiers 31 Mar		March 8 Yucatan Fishing with Al Trompler	
April	Liars & Tiers 20 Apr		April 11 San Juan Flies with Jude Duran	<i>Fish stocking at Lease and Kids Fishing Day</i>
May	Liars & Tiers 26 May	<i>San Juan Trip</i>	May 9 How to Match the Hatch with Steve Robbins of Tyler Jr. College, TX	
June	Liars & Tiers 30 Jun		No Meeting	
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul			
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug		8 August Prepping for the San Juan	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep			<i>Annual Picnic and Raffle</i>
October	Liars & Tiers 27 Oct	<i>San Juan Trip</i>		<i>Casting Clinic</i>
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov			<i>Fish Stocking</i>
December	Liars & Tiers 29 Dec			

* **Bold text** in table means confirmed and *Italics text* means tentative

The Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Scholarship Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that an endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting, the Banquet or mail a check to the Club. Please make checks out to the NMSU Scholarship Foundation and on the "for" line of the check, identify Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund for deposit only. For any questions please contact one of the Officers or Board members.

These are very useful websites for fishing in New Mexico

Flyfishnm.com website has been online since 1998 and contains a wealth of information about fishing northern New Mexico watersheds. Featured on this site are nine watersheds: Jemez, (Upper) Pecos, (Upper) Red River, Red River/Rio Grande Box, (Lower) Rio Grande, Cimarron, Rio de Los Pinos, Chama/Brazos, and San Juan River. If you want to know where to go, see maps.

<http://www.ifly4trout.com/>

For the San Juan River, Mike Mora's website is a wealth of information. This site is dedicated to sharing helpful information on the San Juan River and related fly fishing and fly tying resources. Within the site you'll find fishing reports, information on hatches, fly patterns, tips & techniques, the latest news, FAQs and answers, an informative discussion board, fishing photos, guide services and lodging information. Browse around and find out why so many fishermen from around the world are attracted to fly fishing the San Juan River.

Membership and Lease Information

Please contact any of the Club Officers or Board Members to obtain a fishing permit for \$20.00 per day. Student permits (12 or over) cost only \$12.00 per day. 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.

Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, Inc.
P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
Membership Application
(Please print clearly)

NAME: _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Status: (check one) Regular (\$20) _____ Family (\$25.00) _____

What would you like to get out of belonging to the Club? _____

How can you help the club? _____

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Next Meeting:

February 14, 2005

New Mexico Game and Fish Office

2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico

(next door to the Peter Piper Pizza store on the feeder road of Highway 70)

Doc Warner Fishing Southeast Alaska

Directions from I-25:

- Exit Del Rey Blvd and follow the lane for Del Rey.
- At the Del Rey traffic intersection make a right.
- Go to the next traffic intersection and make a left at the light onto Northrise Dr.
- You should see Piper Pizza on your left and the next building is the New Mexico Game and Fish Building, 2715 Northrise Drive