

Tale Waters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club

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Liars & Tiers will meet on 22 February at 7:00 PM at NMDG&F.

President's Corner

I would like to begin the New Year by thanking the **MVFF Board Members** for devoting their time and talents to serve the club. MVFF members should be proud of such a dedicated group who continue to serve the members. Say "Thank You" at your next opportunity.

Special thanks should go to Jim Hulsey for maintaining the website and as newsletter editor. These are important tasks that require regular time and attention from Jim.

While I feel like we have had a successful year in MVFF, we have additional opportunities in the New Year.

Our goals for 2006 include:

1. Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund - We really need all members to find a way to help grow this fund to reach the \$10,000 goal in 2006. A \$25 contribution from each member who received the newsletter this past year would put the fund over the goal. Please give it your consideration and help out. We owe it to Norm.

2. Liars & Tiers Meetings

The monthly fly tying meetings got off to a great start this past year. Our goal is to continue to improve these sessions and encourage all levels of tiers to participate. We have many experienced tiers in our club who can be great mentors for our newer tiers. Please bring your vise and a spare vise if you have one and assist and give tips or tie and enjoy the fellowship of other members.

3. Member Dues Expiration-Mar 31

This past year MVFF mailed out newsletters to many previous members who for some reason did not feel they received enough benefit to continue with the \$20-25 dues.

Joey Vega, Speaker for February Meeting Monday, 27 February

The general membership meeting for February will not be held on its regular date but due to scheduling conflicts with the room will be held on Monday 27 February instead. Our speaker for the meeting will be Joey Vega, Southwest Area Fisheries Specialist for New Mexico Game & Fish Dept. Joey's presentation will be on *Quality Trout Waters* in the Southwest Area, NM.

Joey has been with the Game & Fish Dept. for 6 years and has been in charge of the Southwest New Mexico Area for the past 3 years working out of the Las Cruces office.

The Southwest Area includes Elephant Butte Lake, Caballo Lake, Snow Lake, Quemado Lake, Bill Evans Lake, Lake Roberts, Bear Canyon Lake, Young Park and all of the Gila Streams. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about the trout fishing available in Southwest New Mexico. The meeting will be at the NMDG&F.

February Meetings

Due to scheduling conflicts all MVFF meetings for February have moved from their regular dates. In addition to the membership meeting described above the Board will meet on 21 February at 7:00 PM at PSL.

If you received the newsletter this past year and wish to continue to receive it, please bring your dues current soon. We need the small amount to continue with the club newsletters, stock the Peñasco, conduct Kids Fishing Clinic, speakers for meetings, and other general activities of the club. We will soon be deleting past due members, but certainly would like to retain everyone to keep the club active and growing. Dues expire March 31, 2006, unless you joined or paid dues since Jan.1, 2006.

4. General Meetings & Club Outings

Our club challenge is to continue with speakers and topics which are of interest to club members. Also we plan to coordinate club outings and fishing trips which would appeal to the members. If you have speakers or topics which you feel would be of interest to club members, please feel free to call or e-mail me with any suggestion. Lastly we need our members to assist in club work projects or stocking programs so that all these tasks do not fall on just a few.

I have enjoyed serving as President of MVFF during 2005 and I am looking forward to 2006. I hope to see as many members as possible at our meetings, so please set aside the time and mark your calendar.

Tight lines,
Tom

Rio Peñasco Work Parties

11 February & 18 March

The Club has two work sessions planned for the lease on the Rio Peñasco. On February 11 we will clean out some of the willows on the upper end of the lease to make the water easier to fish. If you have fished this stretch before you know that the fishing can be difficult and many flies will probably be lost. Bring chain saws, machetes, pruners and any other tools which can be used to thin the brush. March 18 will be devoted to planting trees. This will be on the lower part of the Lease which, unlike the upper stretch, doesn't have enough trees to reduce erosion and provide shade. Again bring whatever tools you think will be appropriate. In each instance we will meet at 7:00 AM at the Kmart parking lot on Del Ray and carpool from there. If you can help on either of these efforts let Tom Wobbe know so that he can coordinate efforts. His number is 522-5437 or email at president@mvff.org.

New Mexico Trout

2006 Fly Tying Symposium

New Mexico Trout will be holding its second annual Fly Tying Symposium on Saturday, March 11, 2006 in Albuquerque at Sandia Prep School. Last year's fly tying event was a great success, with excellent turnout and interest. This year's event will showcase some of the better tiers in New Mexico and surrounding states. The symposium is unique in that the tiers are the show and will be featuring a variety of fly patterns from standard to complex and new. The show has a beginner section to help anyone new to fly tying to obtain a basic foundation of skills. There will be door prizes and give a ways from local and nationwide vendors.

The show will run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It will be organized into two sessions – the first from 9 to 11 AM, the second from 11AM to 1 PM. This is not a fundraising event, but rather a day of learning, sharing and camaraderie. Children under 15 are free, New Mexico Trout members pay \$5.00 and non-members pay \$7.00 to cover expenses. For the latest news and directions visit www.newmexicotrout.org.

Annual Banquet

The Club's annual banquet was held on January 28 and was attended by about 45 people including members and their families. As usual, there was more food than could be eaten and everyone had a great time socializing and telling fish stories. A slide presentation highlighted the various activities and accomplishments of the club during 2005 and showed many members doing what they enjoy, fishing. The raffle and silent auction raised \$532 for the Norm Mabie scholarship. The winners were:

Raffle Items:

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| 1. Fly Rod - | George Thomas |
| 2. Fitover Glasses - | Paul Turner |
| 3. Lee Wulff Book - | Adrian Tafoya |
| 4. Rio Peñasco Permits - | David Cordova |
| 5. Chota Logo Cap - | Bob Silver |
| 6. Gudebrod CD - | Sherry Grimes |

Silent Auction Items - Highest Bidders:

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| 1. Aquanova Fly Line - | George Thomas |
| 2. Aquanova Fly Line - | Paul Turner |
| 3. Scientific Anglers Fly Line - | Gary Mann |

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| 4. Grizzly Hackle - | Vickie Vallee |
| 5. Grey Dun Hackle - | Wade Hedgecoke |
| 6. Rio Grande River Journal - | Bob Silver |
| 7. Hair Hackle Tying Book - | Gary Mann |
| 8. Rio Grande Trout Print - | Randall Vallee |
- Rio Peñasco Projects Drawing:**
Gallatin Fly Rod - James Bradley

Annual Meeting Drawing

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| \$100 ATF Certificate - | Bill DeGrow |
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Door Prize Winners**Sunglasses:**

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| 1. Gail Silver | 6. Sofi Arterburn |
| 2. Adi Reeves | 7. David Cordova |
| 3. Kay Turner | 8. Randall Vallee |
| 4. Paul Turner | 9. Wade Hedgecoke |
| 5. Sherry Grimes | 10. Allison Mann |

Plants:

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| 1. Bob Pridgen | 5. Michelle Arterburn |
| 2. Jim Hulse | 6. LuAnn Tafoya |
| 3. Cecilia DeGrow | 7. Adrian Tafoya |
| 4. Ron Bellerose | 8. ?? |

1ST Annual FFF International Fly Tying Competition

As a Fund Raising event in support of its many conservation and education projects, the Federation of Fly Fishers is sponsoring an international fly tying competition. The Competition will run from February 1, 2006, until midnight April 30, 2006. There are 39

separate categories within which to enter a fly. Judges include such famous fly tyers as David Whitlock of bass fishing fame, Ron Alcott of traditional salmon pattern fame, Bill Blackstone, the master of the "realistic" patterns, Bob Clouser, creator of the famous Clouser Minnow, Stu Apte the saltwater fly fishing legend, and Bob Jacklin, the famous instructor/guide of West Yellowstone, Montana, to name a few.

In addition to the "Judged" competition where specific flies must be tied for comparison by the judges, there will be a "Peoples' Choice" competition where tyers may submit the fly of their choice in any of the 39 categories. These flies will be posted on the FFF website where the people will get to vote for their favorite patterns.

Awards include beautiful 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medallions in each of the 39 categories, and prizes totaling over \$11,000 including Orvis, Thomas & Thomas, Loomis, and Winston fly rods, Islander and Abel fly reels, the famous Oasis tying benches, the incomparable Wasatch custom tools, among many other valuable prizes. To learn more about this great event linking dedicated tyers from around the world, go to the following website where you will find the link to the Fly Tying Competition: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/begin.php>.

Join in..have fun, and at the same time help support our sport and preserve its heritage.

Liars and Tiers

22 February

Liars and Tiers will meet Wednesday 22 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the Picket Pin which

will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez.

Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.



Hook: Mustad 79570 or other 4XL

Thread: Black

Body: Peacock herl

Wing: Grey Squirrel tail

Tail: Brown hackle fibers

Hackle: Brown, palmered over body

Rib: Gold wire

Head: Peacock herl

Quick Look Contact Information

2006 Officers of the Club	
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• President	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
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•	Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880

HELP!!!**E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to President@mvff.org. If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to president@mvff.org.

Angler's Nook

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.

Private Fly Tying Lessons

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies, Joseph Lopez 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 fisherman. Norm taught Joseph to tie flies and build rods when he was a young boy. Give him a try!

Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent 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 or mail a check to the Club. 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." 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.

Presently the fund contains \$6,320. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

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.

Newsletter on Website

Each month the *Tale Waters* is placed on the MVFF webpage (www.mvff.org), usually several days prior to being mailed, in Adobe Acrobat format. If you wish to view it there you have the advantage of seeing it earlier and in color.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Annual Banquet - 2006



Whats a banquet without food?



Or Door prizes and raffle tickets?



Everyone chows down.



Tom digs deep for another winner.



Charter member Bill DeGrow and wife, Cecilia, make sure everything is done right.



The fly rod is won by George Thomas.

MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
May 2005	Liars & Tiers 26 May Prepping for San Juan		9 May Dr. Colleen Caldwell on Whirling Disease	
June	Liars & Tiers 30 Jun.	San Juan Trip Jun 24-26	No general membership meeting.	
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul.		No general membership meeting.	
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug. (Wed)		8 Aug. George Sanders - Flyfishing in Big Sky country.	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep.		No general membership meeting - picnic instead.	Sept. 10 Annual Picnic & Raffle
October		San Juan Trip Oct. 7-9	10 Oct. Kodiak Gang will give presentation on flyfishing for silver salmon.	29 Oct. Fish Stocking at the Lease
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov. (Wed.)		14 Nov Taylor Streit - NM guide will speak on "Fishing Northern NM and Argentina."	
December 2005	Liars & Tiers Meeting has been cancelled.		12 Dec. Dr. David Cawley - Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico	
January 2006	Liars & Tiers 26 Jan. Joe's Hopper		No general membership meeting 28 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet	NM Trout Conclave - 21 Jan.
February	Liars & Tiers 22 Feb. Picket Pin		27 Feb. Joey Vega - Quality Trout Waters in the Southwest Area.	11 Feb - Work party at Lease.
March	Liars & Tiers 30 Mar. Lady Dotson		13 Mar. -	11 March NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium 18 March - Work party at Lease
April				8 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic

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

Membership and Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the Angler's Nook. Cost is \$20.00 per day with student permits (12 or over) costing 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.
Attn: Membership
P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
Membership Application
(Please print clearly)

NAME: _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Status: (check one) Regular (\$20) _____ Family (\$25) _____

Membership Status: (check one) Renewal _____ New _____

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



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Next Meeting:

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)

Joey Vega, Southwest Area Fisheries Specialist

New Mexico Game & Fish Dept.

Quality Trout Waters in the Southwest Area

February 27 - 7:00 PM

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 shortly after is the New Mexico Game and Fish Building, 2715 Northrise Drive