

# Tale Waters

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$8,657
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## Membership Meeting

**Monday, 12 February**

The MVFF membership will meet on Monday 12 February at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room.

The program has not been completely settled at press time so watch for details on the website. An email will also be sent when details are firm. Everyone should make an effort to attend.

## Liars and Tiers

**Wednesday, 21 February**

Liars and Tiers will meet Wednesday 21 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Adams*. Tying will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez.

A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

## Executive Board Meeting

**Monday, 19 February**

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 19 February at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and

Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## President's Corner

Paul Turner

For my first article I thought I would introduce myself to our new members and even some old-timers who may not know me too well yet. I retired 3 years ago from New Mexico State University after 30 years of teaching and aquatic research with the Department of Fishery and Wildlife Sciences. I remain in touch with NMSU faculty and students and am on Stephanie Coleman's Masters Committee. Ms. Coleman was our 2006 MVFF scholarship recipient and gave an excellent talk on the status of the Gila trout and her thesis research at our October general meeting. My wife, Kay, is a novice flyfisher, but won't be able to join us on many club outings until she retires from her teaching position with the Gadsden School District. My son, Clinton, took fly-tying lessons from Norm Mabie and has loaned me his equipment and materials so I can start tying later this spring. He and I took a 10-day trip to Alaska last July for a week at an old friend's fishing lodge (DocWarners.com) and then took a 3-day kayak trip up the coast from Juneau with another friend and his two sons. We stayed at a primitive cabin that was only 2 miles from the mouth of a stream with a fresh run of pink and chum salmon, so I can honestly say I caught and released more 4 to 8-pound salmon on my flyrod than I bothered to count.

I grew up in the Missouri Ozarks and spent many days spin fishing for smallmouth bass from my canoe and by wade fishing. Thus, I am not truly a fly-fishing purist and will use other hook-and-line gear when the circumstances require. Because of my fisheries research experience and 31-year tenure on the Gila Trout Recovery Team, I know many of the headwater streams of the Gila and Aldo Leopold wilderness areas

and enjoy backpacking into remote streams. I also plan to make another float trip down the 42-mile wilderness stretch of the Gila River this spring, assuming the snowpack holds up and the river cooperates. I vow to make time for more fishing this time! So if any club members are into backpacking and river running, give me a call (505 523-6880) or e-mail me at [president@mvff.org](mailto:president@mvff.org).

I'll end this article with a big thank you to Tom Wobbe for his 2-year stint as MVFF president and for all the help he will be giving me to keep on track in 2007. As all the regulars know Tom did a great job and will be a tough act to follow. The club is also fortunate to have Jim Hulsey handling our newsletter and website. I'm looking forward to working with our new officers, Jeff Arterburn, Donna Mabie, Gary Mann, new board members, Ron Bellerose and George Sanders, and all the other old-timers and new members. The club is in good shape financially and has many active members with diverse skills and the willingness to help out on MVFF activities. For all of the new club members I think you will find the MVFF a great group for making friends and learning more about fly fishing, fly tying, and great 'fishing holes on western rivers. I'll end with a quote from Bill Ring, an Ozarks radio personality who ended his program with "remember, if you're too busy to go fishing, you're too busy." Hope to see you at our February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Paul

### Annual Banquet & Fundraiser Raffle

Wow! The attendance at the annual banquet and fundraiser raffle was the largest ever crowd at this event. We had almost 90 members and family members in attendance. While we ran a little short on the BBQ, we had plenty of food for all to enjoy.

The slide show presentation had a few laughs along with a monthly review of the many fishing trips and activities of the club members.

The fundraising raffle was a fantastic success with over \$2,400 in ticket sales. This was our largest

fundraiser in the history of MVFF. See a list of the winners in this newsletter.

The donations to the NMSU Foundation for the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund were over \$1,400 this month and will be a tremendous boost to our \$10,000 endowment goal. As you know the Executive Board had voted to match the first \$1,000 in personal donations to the Scholarship Fund. This will give us a \$2,400 increase to the scholarship fund and an accumulated total of approximately \$8,657. If you have not found the time to make your donation you still have time to help out during this current drive. Your donation check should be made out to **NMSU Foundation** with a notation on the for line—**Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Please give consideration to help out just as the following members and others have done previously.

Thank you for your support during the Banquet and Fundraiser.

Tom Wobbe

### Recent Donors to the Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

Jeff Arterburn .....	Las Cruces, NM
ATF Fly Shop .....	El Paso, TX
Louis Benevento .....	Las Cruces, NM
Christopher Black .....	Las Cruces, NM
James L. Bowman .....	Monument, CO
James Bradley .....	El Paso, TX
Dr. John Conniff .....	Las Cruces, NM
Donald E. Crowell .....	Las Cruces, NM
Don Eddings .....	Las Cruces, NM
Ben Gardner .....	Las Cruces, NM
Jim Hulsey .....	Las Cruces, NM
Gary Mann .....	Las Cruces, NM
Lynn S. Mathews .....	Las Cruces, NM
Barry S. Prah .....	Las Cruces, NM
Bob Pridgen .....	Las Cruces, NM
Bob Silver .....	Las Cruces, NM
Raymond Trompler .....	Las Cruces, NM
Paul Turner .....	Las Cruces, NM
Tom Wobbe .....	Las Cruces, NM

**Raffle Winners**

1. Sage Custom Fly Rod By Joseph Lopez ..... Victoria Vargus
2. Ross Cimarron 2 Reel—4-6 Wt ..... Audrey Keding
3. Temple Fork Fly Rod--Sportsman's Warehouse ..... Glendon Paulk
4. Ross Flystart 2 Reel --Sportsman's Warehouse ..... Tony Gronich
5. 3- \$100 Gift Certificates -- Atf Fly Shop In El Paso ..... Rick Alm, Randy Hulsey, Mike Suggs
6. Watermark Chest Pack-Wm. Joseph Mfg.--Sportsman's Whse .. D.E. Crowell
7. Scientific Anglers Fly Line—Wf-5 Wt- F—Sportsman's Whse ..... Tom Kanouse
8. Knives Of Alaska Fillet Knife- Sportsman's Warehouse ..... David Fisher
9. Chota Mesh Back Pac ..... Gary Mann
10. Cabela's Mesh Vest ..... David Fisher
11. Cabela's Fly Tying Tool Kit ..... Monte Correll
12. Fitover Sunglasses ..... Richard Keding, Corrine Bellerose
13. Flip Focal Magnifiers ..... Tom Freelove
14. Anglers Tool Nippers ..... Eric Pratt
15. Chota Cap ..... Adrian Tafoya
16. Ross Reels Cap- Sportsman's Warehouse ..... Lynn Mathews
17. Catch & Release Landing Net- Sportsman's Warehouse ..... Bernadette Thomas
18. "Under Cottonwoods" Book ..... Gary Mann
19. 8 Spools Danville Floss ..... Bob Dubey
20. 8 Spools Ultra Wire ..... Chris Black
21. Plastic Fly Box ..... Rick Alm
22. Gudebrod "Designing Flies" Cd By Gary & Jason Borger ..... Larry Baker, Mike Hill
23. 12 Fisherman Eyewear Sunglasses ..... Tom Freelove, David Cawley, Jim Hulsey, Bob Day, Larry Baker, Louisa Pastoor, Josie Nunn, Gene & Shirley Johnson, Tim Mack, Larry Baker, Jim Hulsey, Chris Black
24. Gudebrod Ez-Fold Landing Net ..... Chris Black, Bernadette Thomas
25. Wooden Fly Box- Sportsman's Warehouse ..... Lynn Mathews
26. Fly Reel Dots-Donated By Member Karen Erickson ..... A.M. Mulhern
27. Custom Earrings- Donated By Michelle Arterburn ..... Thomas Prestige  
See [www.Michellearterburn.Com](http://www.Michellearterburn.Com)

**Door Prize Winners**

1. Reel Case ..... Jim Hulsey
2. Reel Case ..... Bob Dubey
3. Potted Plants ..... Michelle Arterburn, B. Bellarose, Martha Hedgecoke, Sophia Arterburn, Lynn Mathews, Kristma Turner, Paul Turner, Corrine Bellerose

**Monthly Meeting Attendance Prize:**

- \$100 Sportsman's Warehouse Gift Card ..... Al Trompler

**Quick Look Contact Information****2007 Officers of the Club****Officers**

- **President** Paul Turner (505) 523-6880
- **V-Pres.** Jeff Arterburn (505) 524-0773
- **Secretary** Donna Mabie (505) 522-3810
- **Treasurer** Gary Mann (505) 521-7793

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- Ron Bellerose (505) 541-0807
- Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
- Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
- George Sanders (505) 527-5536

**Newsletter & Web Page Editor**

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:president@mvff.org).

**Angler's Nook**

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

**Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.**

**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 \$8,657. We are getting there but still have a 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.



**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31**

**And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license**

**Adams**

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *Adams*.

If ever there was a dry fly that needed no introduction, it is the *Adams* fly. This American fly pattern (designed by Len Halladay of Michigan in 1922 at the request of his close friend Charles Adams) was believed to have originally been a down wing pattern that more closely imitated a caddis. Regardless of its origins, the *Adams* dry fly is considered by many anglers to be the best dry fly

pattern ever conceived. There are many variations tied which include parachutes, egg-bearing females, trailing-shuck emergers, thorax ties, CDC-hackled Adams...even Adams wet flies! There are countless others, especially when you consider that the gray muskrat body color is often switched to imitate other species of mayflies and caddis!

For detailed tying instructions see the website <http://hipwader.com/2005/adams-dry-fly>.



- Hook:** Tiemco 100 size #10-#20 (or any standard dry fly hook)
- Thread:** Gray or black 8/0
- Wing:** Grizzly hackle tips (hen)
- Tail:** Hackle fibers - grizzly/brown/grizzly
- Abdomen:** Muskrat underfur
- Hackle:** Grizzly and Brown (rooster/neck)



**MVFF Monthly Events Calendar\***

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
December	Liars & Tiers 28 Dec. <i>BC Hopper</i>		11 Dec. <i>Matt Selders - Mayfly- Emerger Presentation</i>	
January 2007	Liars & Tiers 25 Jan. <i>BC Hopper</i>		No Club Meeting This Month Banquet instead	Annual Banquet - 27 Jan.
February	Liars & Tiers 21 Feb. <i>Adams</i>		12 Feb.	NM Trout Conclave - 3 Feb.
March	Liars & Tiers 22 Mar. <i>Royal Wulff</i>		12 Mar.	

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

### 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.

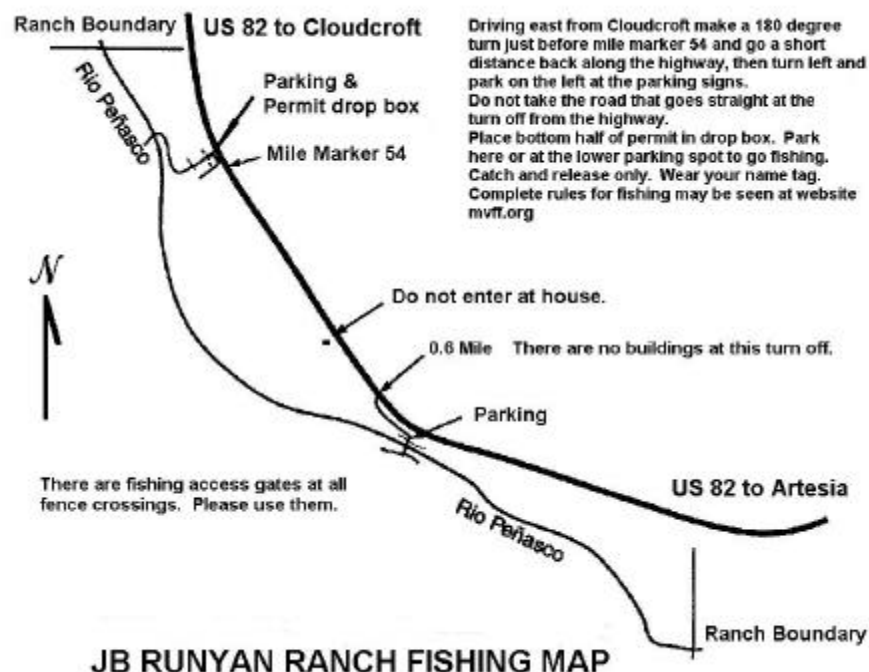
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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 \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work 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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.