

# Tale Waters

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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.

## President's Corner

Paul Turner

Although it is still too cold to fish many higher elevation waters even in southern states like New Mexico, it is starting to warm up in Las Cruces and the crocus are blooming in my yard. This means it is time to start planning for fishing trips for 2008. If you have any excess funds left from the holidays you should plan on attending our next regular meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Tim Mack of the ATF Fly Shop in El Paso will be talking about new equipment that you might want to have for that next trip. I have started making plans for 2008 and have reserved a Forest Service cabin on the coast north of Juneau, Alaska for a 4-day kayaking/fishing trip with my wife and friends from Juneau in July. My son and I made this trip in 2006 and really enjoyed it as we caught dozens of pink and chum salmon on flyrods near the cabin. These cabins are found scattered throughout the Tongass National Forest and other forests in Alaska and can be reserved for a modest fee ([reserveusa.com](http://reserveusa.com)). Considering the potential for having both black and brown bears visit your camp, this makes sleeping much easier and also reduces the amount of gear you need to lash on to the kayak. I also plan to make several trips into the Gila Wilderness Area to fish for Gila trout and other species in a true wilderness setting. I have been backpacking into the Gila for 34 years now and often see very few others except on the hike in or out. The ideal time for early trips into the Gila are May and June when the weather is mild and the likelihood of thunderstorms is low.

## Membership Meeting

Tim Mack: Speaker

Monday, 11 February

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 11 February with Tim Mack of ATF Fly Shop in El Paso speaking on new flyfishing equipment. He will bring equipment from the shop for show and tell. Be sure and attend, you may find something that is a "must have."

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 February

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 February at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 28 February

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 28 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Bunny Leech*.

It should be good fishing on the Rio Peñasco on warmer days during the winter and spring. I am curious to see how much bigger last year's spawn of rainbow trout are since our October electrofishing survey when they were in the 9 to 12-inch range. Later this spring I will be watching for brown trout and rainbow trout fry to show up in the shallows after they emerge from the redds and encourage other anglers to let me know when they see any small trout this year. I would like to make another attempt at planting willow and cottonwood cuttings along the streambanks this year. With some luck maybe we won't have any of the scouring floods that have washed out previous attempts.

We will also be planning other club trips for 2008 in the near future so watch future newsletters for specifics or come to our regular or board meetings or Liars and Tyers. Bob Silver has already been writing about what you need to know in case you want to make the trip to Kodiak Island in September. I hope to make this trip too if I get enough frequent flyer miles on Alaska Airlines after my July trip. Anyone making flights to Alaska should become members of the appropriate programs as the miles on these flights add up quickly. Bob DuBay, a current club member, has recently moved to Anchorage to begin a fisheries job on the Yukon River. I hope to get Bob to write an article about his experiences in Alaska over the years.

We had a great awards banquet in January and many of us won nice raffle or door prizes (see list of winners in this newsletter). Jude Duran gave an inspirational talk about the benefits and attractions of flyfishing that explains to the beginner why many of us get so addicted to the sport. We had plenty of BBQ and potluck dishes to share and I even froze the leftover BBQ for future club trips. Now if I can start dropping the extra pounds that I picked up over the holidays I may be ready for backpacking trips by the spring.

We have made plans for the annual Kid's Fishing Clinic at Alumni Pond on the NMSU campus on April 5<sup>th</sup> so plan to help out with this fun event. Taking a kid fishing is a great way to introduce them to a lifetime of future enjoyment.

Remember if you're too busy to go fishing, you are too busy.

Paul

### Annual Raffle

The MVFF annual banquet was conducted at the banquet on 12 January and the winners were:

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|---|---------------------|
| 1. 2 SW Tippet 5X                         | Randy Hulsey        |
| 2. SW Coffee Cup                          | Jim Sorenson        |
| 3. Fly Rod & Reel Sack                    | Paul Turner         |
| 4. Forceps                                | Donna Maybie        |
| 5. Nippers                                | Kim Baird           |
| 6. Bag of Elk and Deer Hair               | Larry Baker         |
| 7. Olive Pheasant Hackle                  | Sam Moore, Jr.      |
| 8. 4 SW Leaders 5X                        | Glendon Paulk       |
| 9. Instruments                            | Gary Mann           |
| 10. Suede Fly Reel Case                   | Tom Wobbe           |
| 11. ATF Cap                               | W. Cotter White, JR |
| 12. SW Not Afraid to Fly Cap              | Bruce Begin         |
| 13. Wicker Creel                          | Anna Mary Mulhern   |
| 14. Fly Case                              | Bruce Begin         |
| 15. Plano Tackle Bag                      | Tom Wobbe           |
| 16. Ross Reel Baseball Cap                | Jeff Arterburn      |
| 17. UV Fishing Gloves UV                  | Thomas Giovanni     |
| 18. Fly Book Pack Fly Case                | John Chess          |
| 19. Water Mark Chest Pack                 | Donna Mabie         |
| 20. Fly Tying Kit Coachman                | Ron Bellerose       |
| 21. SW Broadin C&R Net                    | Sam Moore, Jr.      |
| 22. Rivers Edge Fly Toilet Seat           | Bruce Begin         |
| 23. SA Ultra 4/5 wt Fly Line              | Chuck Widger        |
| 24. Pflueger Summit Reel                  | Tony Gronich        |
| 25. Fly Fishing Picture                   | Paul Turner         |
| 26. Reddington 9ft5wt4pc Flyrod & Tube    | W. Cotter White, Jr |
| 27. TFO 8' 6" 5 wt 4 pc Flyrod & Tube     | Gary Mann           |
| 28. Custom Rod by Joseph Lopez            | Don Eddings         |
| 29. ½ Day Guide Trip for two w/Jude Duran | Richard Keding      |

### Casting Clinic

Saturday, 23 February

A free casting clinic will be presented at 2pm on 23 February at Alumni Pond, NMSU. The clinic will be presented by Sportsman's Warehouse and is open to all. Bring your own rods but if you are a beginner and haven't yet acquired one there will be several available.

**Kids Fishing Derby**

Saturday, 15 March

Sportsman's Warehouse will host their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids' Fishing Derby at Young Park Lake on 15 March. Sign up time for the event is 7:30am through 9:00am and the fishing hours will be 9:00am through 1:00pm with weigh-in at 1:15pm. It will be open to kids 11 years old and under. Contact customer service or Joseph Borrego at 575-556-8400 for additional information.

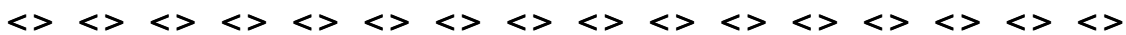
**Club Outings Planned**

A club trip(s) to Kodiak, Alaska is in the planning stages. If you have an interest note the meeting on 24 March detailed later in this newsletter. The board is now discussing possible outings for 2008 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 George Sanders, (575) 527-5536, who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

**Welcome New Members**

Steve Ayers	El Paso, TX
George Harrington	El Paso, TX
William Hutchins	San Marcos, TX
Kyle Kenter	San Marcos, TX
Steve Lackey	Lubbock, TX
Ben Maestas	Mesilla, NM
Jarid Malone	San Marcos, TX
David Medler	Alamogordo, NM
Dan & Kim Pettit	Chaparral, NM
James Wiley	Pearland, TX



**The Kodiak Quarterly**

Planning Meeting  
March 24, 2008

Tom Wobbe and Bob Silver will host a meeting on Monday, March 24, 2008 to answer questions about the trip to Kodiak Island in September 2008. The meeting will be held at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room, which is the room where we have our regular MVFF monthly meetings.

If you have an interest in the trip please come on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We plan to discuss travel, costs, dates, clothing, equipment, tackle, and fishing conditions as well as anything someone wants to ask about. Tentative dates for the trip have been set for September 20 - 27, 2008 and September 27 - Oct 4, 2008. This trip is ideally suited for the angler who knows how to flyfish and doesn't mind a do-it-yourself experience. For more information, the Alaska Game and Fish website for the Kodiak Road System is <http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/region2/areas/index.cfm/FA/kodiakRoads.overview>

Kodiak is a beautiful place. To see some live pictures of Kodiak go to <http://akweathercams.faa.gov/viewsite.php>.

Pictures of the Pasagshak can be seen at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/units/kodiak/pasagshak.htm>.



Buffalo along the Pasagshak River on Kodiak Island

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 07, 2008

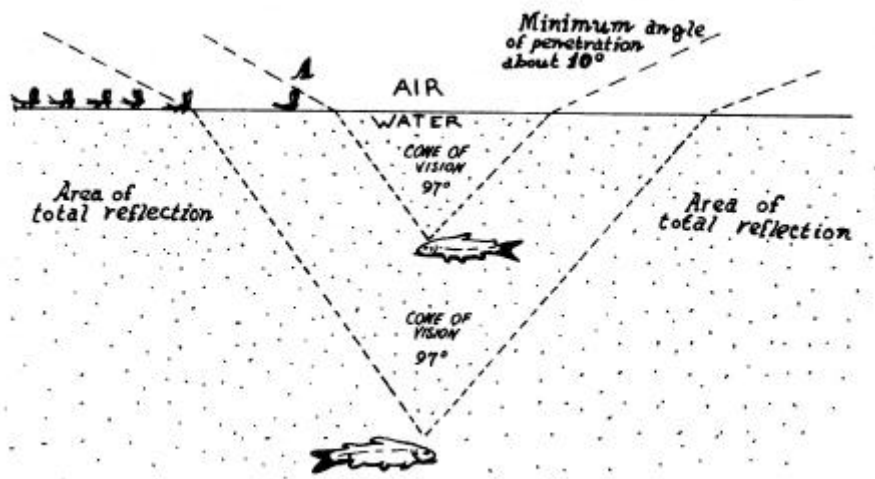
The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room.

In Attendance: Paul Turner, Tom Wobbe, Jeremiah Richardson, Gary Mann, Ron Bellerose, Bob Silver, Randall and Vicki Vallee, Jim Hulsey, Jeff Arterburn, George Sanders and Donna Mabile.

- 1. Minutes of the December Board Meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report presented by Gary Mann was approved.
- 2. Reports from Jim Ellett indicate there are no imminent changes in the lease agreement due to the recent death of his grandmother, owner of the ranch. Recent fishing reports from the lease have been good.
- 3. Plans were discussed for the Annual Awards Banquet being held on Jan. 12, including raffle items, awards, door prizes and plans for Jude Duran as speaker. Approximately 85 people have indicated intentions to attend.
- 4. Mile Anderson (NMSU) will give a presentation at the March meeting on his research on trout streams in the Valles Caldera National Preserve, Jemez Mountains.
- 5. February's program has not been settled.

- 6. Several ideas were presented for MVFF participation in "Operation Healing Waters," a program to help rehabilitate disabled Iraqi war veterans through flyfishing. Randall Vallee is to head this action and will report back at a later date.
- 7. The Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park will not be having their grand opening on Feb. 2, 2008 as planned. Park opening has been delayed due to construction problems. MVFF will participate when the opening does occur later in the year.
- 8. Plans are still up in the air regarding the Spring Meeting in El Paso, TX. Several board members will meet with Sam Moore on 10 Jan. to discuss options.
- 9. Tom Wobbe reported there are presently 165 paid members in the Club.
- 10. Jim Hulsey reported the new Club brochure is finished and will be printed in the near future.
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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In *The Marvels of Fish Life*, Dr. Francis Ward was the first to explain how trout perceive objects floating on the surface.

Annual Banquet - 2008



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2008 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>V-Pres.</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Secretary</b>	Donna Mabie (575) 522-3810
• <b>Treasurer</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
<b>Board Members</b>	
• <b>Position 1</b>	Jeremiah Richardson (575) 639-3261
• <b>Position 2</b>	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
• <b>Position 3</b>	Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437
• <b>Position 4</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 5</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$10,677
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**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.

**Bamboo Rod Repair**

Club member Karen Erickson is interested in working on old bamboo rods. If you have one that needs repairs give Karen a call at (575) 524-7729.

**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).

**Angler's Nook**

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at (575) 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

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



<b>RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31</b>
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<b>And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license</b>
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**Bunny Leech**

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Bunny Leech*.  
 The *Bunny Leech* has been around for a long time and has proven effective in many different situations for many kinds of fish. It can be tied in a variety of

colors and can be weighted or not. The illustration is an olive cone head. This configuration can be particularly effective at the lease on the Rio Peñasco.



- Hook:** Mustad 9674 size 4 - 10
- Thread:** 6/0 - color to match rabbit fur
- Head:** Cone head
- Tail:** Zonker strip of chosen color
- Body:** Cross-cut zonker strip
- Flash:** Pearl Flashabou



**MVFF Monthly Events Calendar**

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
January 2008	Liars & Tyers 31 Jan. <i>Princess Nymph</i>		12 Jan. - Annual Banquet Jude Duran: Speaker	28 Jan. - Public Hearing on Use of Multiple Flies - NMDG&F
February	Liars & Tyers 28 Feb. <i>Bunny Leech</i>	24 Feb. - Kodiak Planning Meeting	11 Feb. - Tim Mack will speak on "New Flyfishing Equipment."	23 Feb. - Casting clinic at Alumni Pond, NMSU by Sportsman's Wrhs
March	Liars & Tyers 27 Mar.		10 Mar. - Mike Anderson will speak on "Trout Streams of the Valle Caldera."	15 Mar. - Kids' Fishing Derby at Young Park Lake. Sponsored by Sportsman's Warehouse 24 Mar. - Kodiak trip planning meeting
April	Liars & Tyers 24 Apr.		14 Apr.	5 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond, NMSU
May	Liars & Tyers 29 May		12 May	

### 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.

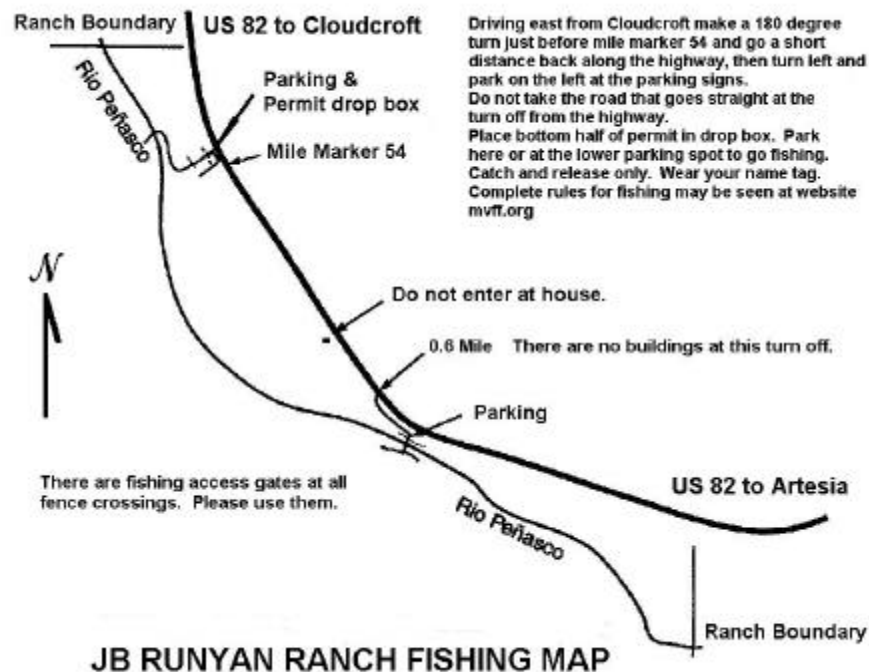
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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* (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the ATF fly shop in El Paso (915-225-0570.) 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 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.





MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS, INC.

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Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

Membership and/or Permit Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 @ \$25 per permit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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