

Tale Waters

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Membership Meeting

Monday, 15 February

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 15 February at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Al Trompler will give a presentation on fishing for Brown Trout in New Zealand. Al has made 2 trips to New Zealand and will give an interesting presentation on fly fishing down under! Al is one of our most experienced club members who has fished many locations for both fresh water and saltwater fish. Come enjoy one of Al's trips. It promises to be very interesting and entertaining. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 22 February

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 22 February at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Tuesday, 23 February

Liars and Tyers will meet Tuesday 23 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *MacDe Nymph Larvae*. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso and is a professional tyer. 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

The MVFF 2010 year started quickly beginning with the annual Club Banquet and Raffle. Thanks to Gary Mann for contacting equipment companies to find the prizes that we were able to raffle.

Gary made some great choices of really nice equipment including Sage and Winston rods, Galvan and Ross reels, and a gift certificate from Simms. Also thanks to Tim Mack of Sportsman's Elite on Mesa Ave in El Paso for donating a reel for the Project Healing Waters rod. Thanks to the church for the use of the meeting hall and the kitchen. The food from Sparky's in Hatch was great.

Carol Katz, the southwest regional coordinator for Project Healing Waters Program, was our guest speaker and she gave an overview of the Program's national activities. Her talk made me glad that we are able to help soldiers at Ft. Bliss undergoing rehabilitation. In February, we will be teaching soldiers to cast and then they will be going to the lease to fish. We always need volunteers to help. So if you can, please check the MVFF website for the times and dates of the Project Healing Water events.

We will be stocking the lease on Feb 13th, please check the website for carpool information from the K-Mart on Highway 70 in Las Cruces. We will leave about 7AM to meet the stocking truck at about 9AM. Bring your gear to fish afterwards.

We will have another casting clinic tentatively late February or early March. We will take advantage of the low flow in the Rio Grande to demonstrate casting and mending. The class will be taught by Bob Widgren, a certified casting instructor from Albuquerque.

The March general meeting program will be a musky fishing clinic taught by Los Pinos Flyshop from Albuquerque. Tiger muskies were stocked in Quemado Lake to control the gold fish population. Reportedly, they are good quarry for fly fishermen during the spring with fish running to 40 inches. We hope to have a club trip to Quemado Lake in late April or early May.

Finally, I wanted to thank the Board for choosing me to be the next President of the MVFF this year. I am looking forward to continuing to have teaching activities and programs to help you enjoy the fly fishing and the opportunities in New Mexico. Please contact me if you have suggestions for MVFF activities.

Regards!

Bob



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is going strong thanks to the volunteer support from the club. On Thursday January 28 we had 17 Vets attend the fly tying and knots program. We had 23 volunteers that kept pretty busy working with the Vets and administrative tasks.

We have started working with the Vets at Ft. Bliss on additional days. Tom Kanouse and Mark Beltran were working with the Vets on February 1st. Thanks for the additional support to the troops. On the 4th of

February we expect a couple more volunteers to work with the vets tying flies. There are 30 Vets in the program at this time. Not all are available to attend our normal Thursday meetings with them so the extra time we can spend with them on usually Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be of great benefit to them.

On February 11th we will be working with the Vets and teaching them casting at Lake Ascarate. We can use all the help we can get. More info on when and where to meet to car pool will come out later. On February 25, we are planning on the trip to the lease. Should be an exciting time, not really knowing how many Vets will be there to go fishing. We are also looking at the possibility of working with the Vets on the afternoon of February 11th for those who would like to do some more fly tying. Thanks to all our volunteers and an extra thanks to Tom Wobbe and Chuck Mueller for all the extra support that they have given me.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), roncor@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

MVFF Lady Anglers

Helen Zagona

TACKLE SETUP CLASS: MVFF Lady Anglers are planning spring events to make our upcoming fishing trips more fun! On Saturday morning, February 27 there will be a class on tackle setup. We will learn all about setting up our rods for both wet and dryfly fishing. We will talk about leaders, tippet, knots and basic fly selection. This will be a free class for MVFF members! Following the class we will go to a nearby cafe for lunch and socializing. Don't be left out..... please email Mary Hoffman, maryfranc@gmail.com or call 575-525-1050.

LADY ANGLER EMAIL LIST: If you would like email information about any Lady Angler news and events and you are not currently on our email list, please send your contact information to Helen at hzagona@yahoo.com.

FIRST LADY ANGLER TRIP OF THE SEASON: Save the dates of April 24 and 25. We are planning a Lady Angler trip to the Club Lease waters on the Rio Peñasco. We will have a day of guided fishing on Saturday and a day to fish on your own on Sunday. Our guides will be our club officers, Bob Silver and Jeff Arterburn. Watch for more information in the March Newsletter or email your contact information to Helen Zagona at hzagona@yahoo.com for a direct notice of our plans.

FALL FISHING TRIP: We are currently planning our big Fall Trip. Last year's trip was a huge success and really lots of fun. We learned a lot and made new friends and drank some very nice wine. This year we will journey to the Conejos River on the Colorado/New Mexico border. Our time frame is the last week in September or first few days in October. We are polling our members: If you think you would like to join us (this is not a reservation or commitment) would you rather fish on weekdays or weekend days? If we have a large number we could schedule two trips. Right now we just need to know what the preference is. Please let me hear from you before we set the dates! Email hzagona@yahoo.com.



TU Organizational Meeting

Saturday, Feb 27th

Trout Unlimited (TU) is dedicated to the conservation, protection and restoration of coldwater fisheries. We are organizing a meeting to initiate a new chapter for TU members in this region. This chapter will focus on projects that involve local fisheries, working with the Gila National Forest Wilderness District, the NM Environment Department Watershed Protection Section, Fishery Biologists for the Gila National Forest, the NM State University Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology and many other dedicated groups and individuals. We are planning to meet on Saturday February 27th from 3-5pm on the NM State University campus in Las Cruces, the specific meeting location will be determined by the number of confirmed attendees.

Please RSVP if you are planning to attend the meeting, and/or if you would like more info and to be included in future communications and events!

Contact: Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773 ; email: jeffgilatu@aol.com

TU information: <http://www.tu.org/>

The basic requirements for starting a new chapter are:

- At least 12 TU members
- A chapter name
- A set of chapter By-Laws
- Chapter Officers
- A board of directors (6 members).

Rio Peñasco to be Stocked

A work party will be convened February 13th to stock the Rio Peñasco lease. Members from Las Cruces can meet at the NE corner of the the K-Mart parking lot on Hwy 70 if they wish to carpool. Departure time will be 7:00am in order to be at the lease by 9:am to meet the stocking truck. Don't forget to bring your fishing gear as volunteers will be allowed to fish for free for the rest of the day.



Norm Mable Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Edward Enriquez was awarded the Norm Mable Scholarship at our annual awards banquet in January. He is an avid angler from Las Cruces and will complete his Bachelor's degree in

the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Ecology at New Mexico State University in December 2010. He currently works as a laboratory assistant for Dr. Colleen Caldwell, a MVFF member and faculty member employed by the New Mexico Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at NMSU. Edward plans to pursue a Masters in Fisheries Science and eventually work as a fisheries biologist. He worked last summer for the Bureau of Land Management in Taos, New Mexico and was able to assist with stocking of Rio Grande cutthroat trout in the Valle Vidal and electrofishing in the Chama River. He

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2010

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

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

In attendance were Jeff Arterburn, Bob Silver, Gary Mann, Chuck Mueller, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner, George Sanders, George Thomas and non-Board members Jim Hulsey, Tom Wobbe, Alex Montes and Mark Beltran.

1. Minutes of the December Board Meeting were approved as published in the January 2010 newsletter.
2. The Treasurer's report presented by Gary Mann was approved. The Club has a balance of \$11,427 and the Mabie Scholarship fund has a book value of \$11,003.
3. A motion to pay St. Paul United Methodist Church \$150 for the use of its facility for the annual banquet was approved. This is the same amount as the Club paid last year.
4. Tom Wobbe reported there are 227 current members. He also reported that there have been no sales of permits for the lease. A motion to appropriate \$500 to stock the lease was approved. Bob Silver will check on stocking the lower section of the lease in mid-February or at the earliest available opportunity.
5. Ron Bellerose and Chuck Mueller reported on the arrangements for the next session of the Project Healing Waters. A fly tying class will be held at NMDG&F conference room from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm on January 28; a casting clinic will be held at Ascarate Lake in El Paso from 8:30 am to noon on February 11; and a trip to the lease will take place on February 25. Volunteers are needed for all three dates.
6. Project Healing Waters will hold a separate raffle at the annual banquet. In addition to the rod which has been approved as a raffle prize, a motion was approved to use ATF's contribution as a prize for that raffle also.
7. Final preparations for the annual banquet on Saturday, January 16 were discussed. Tom Wobbe reported that sale of raffle tickets is about 25% ahead of last year. Setup will begin at 3:30pm and the dinner will start at 6:00pm.
8. A tentative meeting schedule for the next several months was discussed. Paul and Bob will arrange for a speaker for the February meeting. Bob Widgren will be asked to speak on fly fishing for muskie in March. The Kids' Fishing Clinic will be on April 10. Because of scheduling conflicts with NMDG&F classes, it will be necessary to change the February general membership meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

2010 Annual Awards Banquet



Project Healing Waters



Quick Look Contact Information

2010 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• V-Pres.:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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• Position 1:	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	George Thomas (575) 532-5614
• Position 5:	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• Position 9:	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulse (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$11,003
Earnings available	410

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.

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.



***** 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.

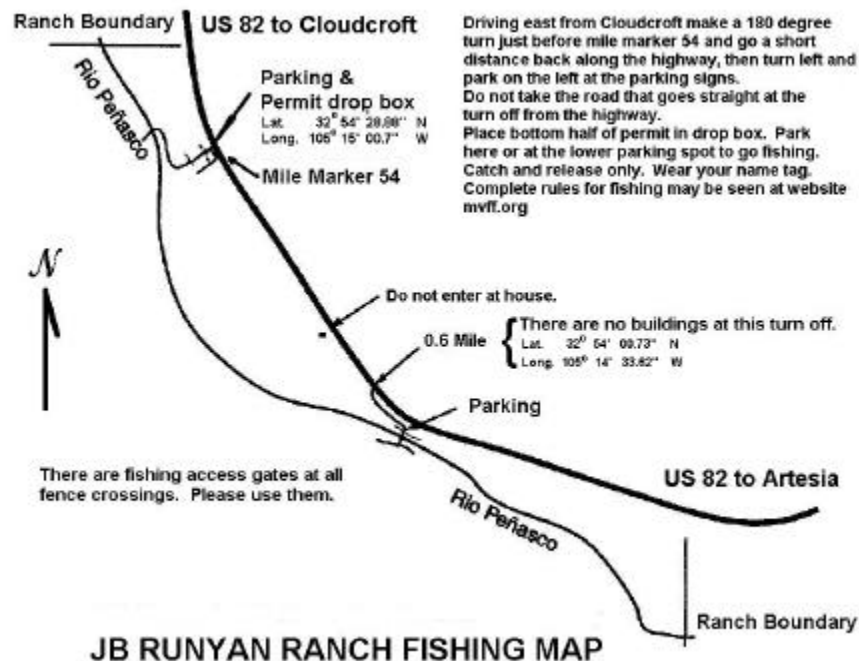
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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), Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the Sportsman's Elite fly shop (915-587-4867) in El Paso. 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 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.

PO Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

Membership and/or Permit Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

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.