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Membership Meeting

Monday, 21 February

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 21 February at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Note: this is a week later than usual because of Valentine's Day. The special guest speaker will be Mike McCormick owner of Wolf Creek Anglers. His presentation will highlight the streams in the area including the upper San Juan and Rio Grande Rivers. For additional information on this shop see www.wolfcreekanglers.com.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 21 February

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 21 February at 5:30pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Note that this is different from the regular time and will be held just prior to the general membership meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 23 February

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 23 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The group will be tying the *Purple Flash Midge Pupa*. The recipe can be found later in this issue. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso and is a professional tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tiers.

President's Corner

We started out 2011 as usual with our annual club banquet and raffle. First, I'd like to thank Bob Silver for his service as our President in 2010. It will be hard to follow in his foot steps; he has agreed to be our Vice President giving me support when needed. The following thanks are in order; to Gary Mann, George Sanders, Jeff Arterburn and Bob Silver for picking the prizes for the raffle and door prizes; to Tim Mack and Sportsmans Elite for door prizes and flies that decorated our center pieces; to all members who helped set up the banquet, saw to the great food and who brought in the great side dishes, and to those members who helped with the clean up. Finally a special thanks to St Paul's Church for the use of their church hall, I don't know what we would do without them.

My long term friend and President of Dan Bailey's Fly Shop, John Bailey, was our guest speaker for this banquet. Saturday Morning John gave a casting clinic to 26 of our members; each member received personal attention to improve their casting skills. At our banquet, John gave a history lesson about his father, Dan Bailey, and some of the pioneers of fly fishing in North America. He followed that with his experiences as a consultant with the *River Runs through It*, and concluded his talk about the flood on Yellowstone wiping out the spring creek and the

costly efforts to restore them. On Sunday, I took John fishing to our lease. We fished 2 hours in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon, fishing was good. We then walked the whole stream, observing the stream's habitat, and for the most part he saw a healthy stream, with good holding water and good aquatic food chain. I hope to share more of my talk with John and some of the fishing techniques we used that day at our upcoming membership meetings in February and March.

Our upcoming general meeting has been moved to February 21st. Our guest speaker is Mike McCormick from Wolf Creek Anglers. His talk will be about the upper San Juan and Rio Grande watersheds. Ron Bellerose will update us on our next group of solders to go through our PHW program this spring. I will give a quick talk about my walk with John Bailey along the Rio Peñasco. The Board has accepted George Thomas' resignation and we thank him for his services. We will ask for nominations and vote for a nominee to fill the open board position.

Finally, I want to thank the Board for trusting me with the responsibility as your next President. I look forward to continuing our mentoring, teaching, PHW, club outings, activities and programs to promote and help you enjoy this great sport of fly fishing. I hope to see all of you at our general meetings. Please feel free to call or talk to me or any board members at any of our meetings or outings with any suggestions, ideas, topics or techniques that could improve our club.

Good fishing,

Chuck

Election Results

During the board meeting on January 10th 2011, board members canvassed the election results and declared the following members elected as board members: Paul Turner, Jeff Arterburn, Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, George Sanders, Jim Sorenson, Bob Silver and Ron Bellerose.

Then in accordance with club by-laws, board members selected as officers: President - Chuck Mueller, Vice-President - Bob Silver, Secretary - Jim Sorenson and Treasurer - Gary Mann.

One position for Board member remains open. If you are interested in contributing to the Club by filling it, please notify any of the Board members.

Raffle Winners

Here's all the prize winners for this year's MVFF Banquet held Jan 22nd.

The Fund Raiser Raffle winners were:

Rods:

1. Sage Z-Axis 9' 5-wt, 4-piece rod - Jeff Wobbe
2. Winston WT 8'9" 4-wt, 5-piece rod - Ron Belanger
3. St. Croix AVID 8'6" 4-wt, 4-piece rod - Al Trompler

Reels:

1. Galvan OB-1 reel - Richard Keding
2. Lamson Guru G1.5 reel - Gail Silver

Gear:

1. Simms G3 wader gift certificate - Mark Beltran
2. Fish Pond Gore Range Vest - Jim Ellett
3. Fish Pond Yellowstone Wader Duffel Bag - Mary Hoffman

Door Prizes:

1. Fish Pond Drifter Soft Boat Cooler - Ron Smorynski
2. Flip Focal Magnifiers - Mary Hoffman
3. TFO Signature rod 5-weight - Thomas DiGiovanni
4. Alaska Almanac - Jeremy Keding
5. DVD *Strategies for Selective Trout* by Doug Swisher - Tim Mack
6. Jewelry by Michele Arterburn - Monica Wooff, Donna Mabie, Kay Turner
7. Flowers/Flies - Tom Wobbe, Samantha Keding, Cody Heingel, George Sanders, Blaine Goss, Jeff Arterburn, Ron Bellerose, Ron Belanger, Dave Medler, Shawna Heingel, Debbie Hamlyn, Alison Mann, Ron Warnke, Sharon Smorynski, Audrey Keding, Al Trompler, Mary Hoffman, Brad Schuster

Annual Attendance Prize:

Wolf Creek Anglers Float Trip - Ross Bruner

PHWW raffle:

- G. Loomis GL3 9' 5-weight 2-piece rod - Jim Sorenson



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Tentative dates to work with Ft Bliss soldiers are fly tying on the 25th of March, casting on the 8th of April and fishing the lease on

the 22nd of April.

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 Plan Upcoming Fishing Events

Helen Zagona



The pipes might freeze and the snow might swirl but we know Spring is almost here. MVFF Lady Anglers want to be ready the moment the weather turns perfect

as we know it will soon. We will have a planning luncheon on February 12 to talk about our trips this year. We will sip a little wine and remember all the fun times last year. We will remember the heavy snowstorm we encountered in Cloudcroft the

weekend of our outing to the Lease in April last year. Like magic, the next day was sunny and bright and the weekend turned out perfect. We will also recall the outstanding gathering on the Conejos in September.

The Lady Anglers sure know how to have fun!

We have several fishing trips in the works for this year. The first will be another April weekend at our Lease. We will once again rent the lavish accommodations at the Orr Canyon Ranch and fish the Lease on April 9 and 10. We also have several other ideas for great Lady Angler trips. You won't want to miss any of them. Contact Helen Zagona or Mary Hoffman for details.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2011 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, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

Trips currently planned are:

April 9-10 - MVFF Lady Anglers trip to the Lease.

Welcome New Members

Steve Blair	Hobbs, NM
Stephen Grouell	El Paso, TX
Tye Taylor	Lovington, NM
James Wright	Lovington, NM

I salute the gallantry and uncompromising standards of wild trout, and their taste in landscapes.

—John Madson

Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.

—Henry David Thoreau

Take care of the fish, and the fishing will take care of itself.

—Art Neumann

Quick Look Contact Information

2011 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• V-Pres.:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1:	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	Vacant
• 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:	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
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• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

Total	\$11,003
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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.

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.

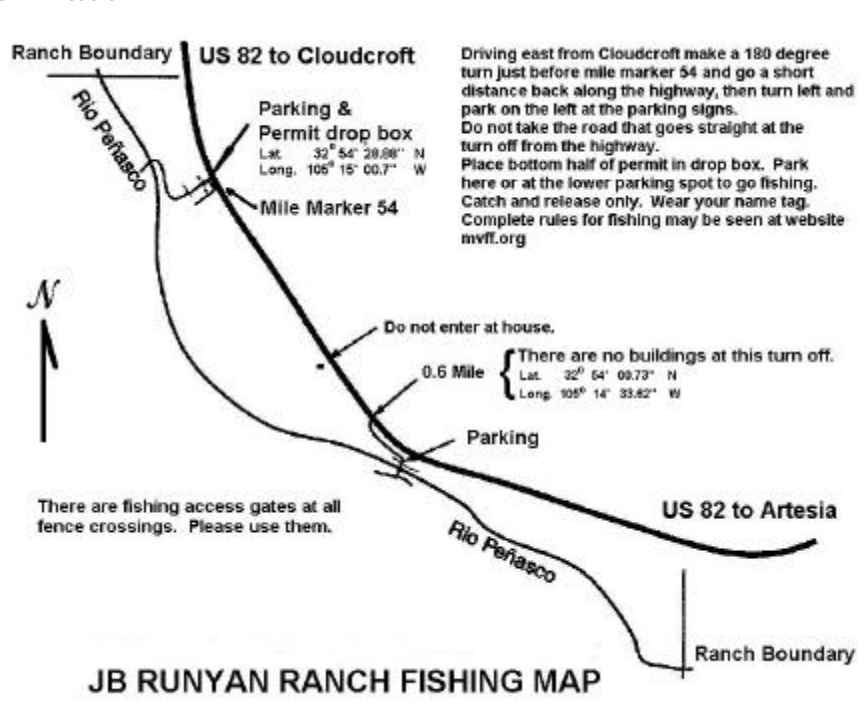
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



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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.