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Membership Meeting

Monday, 13 February

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 13 February at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special guest speaker will be Doc Thompson of Doc Thompson's High Country Anglers in Northern New Mexico. His program is titled *Fly Selection: Understanding Aquatic Insects and Fly Selection*. See additional bio information in the *President's Corner*.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 20 February

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 20 February at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 22 February

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 22 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Beaded Drowning Ant*. 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 had close to 100 members at our Annual Banquet this past January. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who made this year's Banquet a success.

Bob Widgren gave us a great history lesson on the evolution of modern fly fishing and a few laughs along the way. Thank God for modern technology.

Our current officers and board of directors remain the same as in 2011. Our committee chairs have change slightly, so please refer to our website. Since our 25th is coming up in April, we are looking for ideas on how we should celebrate the occasion. Your input is needed.

Our guest speaker for the February 13th meeting is Doc Thompson of Doc Thompson's High Country Anglers in Northern New Mexico. His program is titled *Fly Selection: Understanding Aquatic Insects and Fly Selection*. In this program, Doc will present some basic ways to help identify key aquatic insects that make up a trout's diet and discuss fly patterns designed to imitate the important aquatic insects.

In addition to being an Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide, Doc is also an Orvis Fly Designer. He has been guiding in Northern New Mexico since the early 1990's and started High Country Anglers in 1995. Doc is known for his patient and calm demeanor to fly fishing while mixing education into his guide trips. The Cimarron River, Rio Costilla, Red River and Rio Grande are his home waters. Each year Thompson also organizes and hosts trips to places like Alaska, Chile, Belize, Ascension Bay and other destinations. For more information about Doc Thompson you can visit his website: www.flyfishnewmexico.com.

See you at the meeting,

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is about to get started again for what should be an exciting program for our disabled Vets. I have made

contact with Ft Bliss and expect to have a schedule for them this coming month. We will not be able to support all the soldiers since they have modified their program but should be able to continue with two events a year. I am in hopes of combining the fly tying with the casting/fishing and then giving them a day-trip to the lease. Ft Bliss is saying we will have the soldiers for a full day for the casting/fishing session so I am hoping we can set up fly tying in the morning with casting and fishing at Alumni pond in the afternoon using the flies tied during the morning activities.

Also have made a new contact with White Sands and expect some positive results from our local Vets as well as the White Sands soldiers. Still working with the local VA Clinic here in Las Cruces and expect to hold another meeting with them shortly.

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

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

Volunteers Needed

Saturday, 11 February

A work day is scheduled for Eagle Creek on Saturday, February 11th, to help plant willows along a section of stream that has been severely damaged by erosion. Recent road reconstruction has made dramatic improvements in the stream crossings, but the stream banks have lost protective vegetation and are critically vulnerable to damage by future flood events. A large group of volunteers is needed to help plant willow slips along this section, initiating the process of recovery.

The project is being organized by Larry Cordova, Staff Wildlife Biologist and Regional Bat Coordinator, Smokey Bear Ranger District, and participating groups include Wildlife & Fish Biology students from ENMU-Ruidoso, members of the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers, and other interested citizens. The teams will meet at the gate on the 127A road (North Fork Eagle Creek) at 9:30 am. Road 127A is located off of the 532 road that goes to Ski Apache.

Please contact Jeff Arterburn (jeffgilatu@aol.com, 575-649-9729) if you are interested in helping out on this important project, and for additional details and transportation arrangements.

Raffle Winners

Here's the list of prize winners for this year's MVFF Banquet held on Jan 14th.

Annual Attendance Prize:

The 2011 MVFF Attendance drawing winner for a guided float trip for two with Conejos River Anglers was Dick Newton.

PHW:

PHW TFO 5-weight, 4-piece rod with reel and case - winner not recorded

Fund Raiser Raffle:

Rods:

- Winston LT589 rod 8'9" 5-weight 5-piece - Roger Pastoor
- Sage ZXL rod 9' -weight 4-piece - Mark Beltran
- Sage TXL rod 9' -weight 4-piece - Gary Mann
- Widgren custom built rod (Sage ZXL 8' 4-weight blank) - Tom Lightfoot

Reels:

- Galvan Torque reel 4/5 wt - Tom Wobbe
- Lamson Lite Speed reel 4/6 wt - George Thomas

Gear:

- Simms G3 stocking foot waders - Jolene Youngers
- Fishpond Yellowstone wader bag - Matt Schultz
- Fishpond Ice Storm soft cooler - Jim Sorenson
- Brodin Ghost rubber bag net - Gary Mann
- Dan Bailey fly boxes each with 12 assorted flies - Ben Gardener, Howard Steinhoff, Sue Spence
- Rick Takahashi flies - Mark Beltran, Luis Vargus



Beaded Drowning Ant

This month Liars and Tyers will devote their efforts to tying the *Beaded Drowning Ant*.



- Hook:** TMC 100 or 101 #12 to 18
- Thread:** Black Uni 8/0 or UTC 70
- Abdomen:** Red 11/0 glass bead (Czech or Japanese seed) and thread built up
- Legs:** grizzly or black hackle trimmed on bottom (this helps it stay flat in the film)
- Thorax:** thread built
- Optional:** You can coat the thread on the body with head cement or Sally Hansen *Hard as Nails* to keep the thread from fraying.



Quick Look Contact Information

2012 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
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• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
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• Position 4:	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$11,003

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.

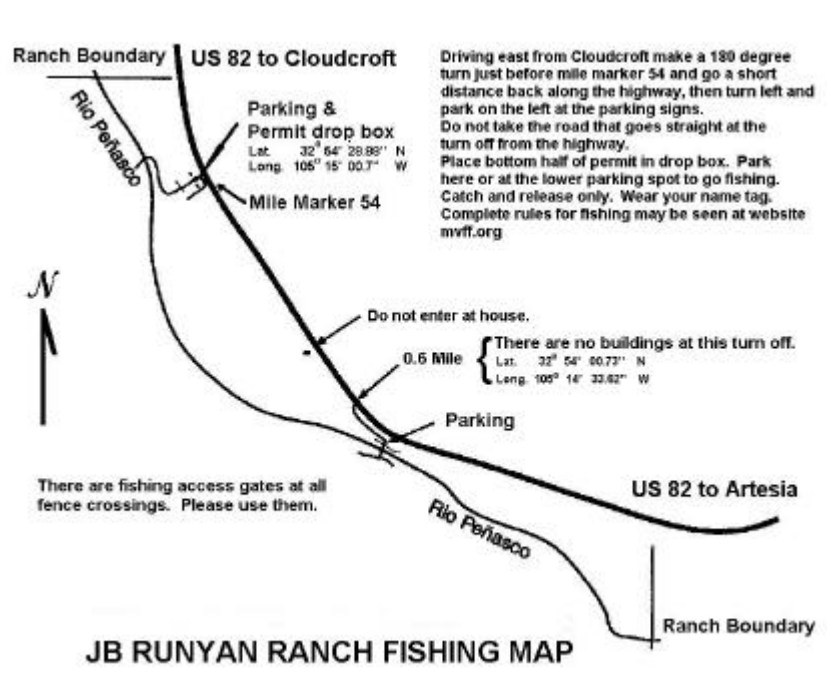
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.