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Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 February

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 11 February at 6:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. **Note: this is an hour earlier than usual** to allow a fly tying demonstration following the meeting. The special guest speaker will be David Palmer, a guide with the *Big Horn Angler*. He will give some insight on fishing Montana rivers and especially the Big Horn. Following his presentation, David will give a fly tying demonstration for everyone who is interested.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 February

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

Liars and Tyers

Liars and Tyers will on Wednesday 27 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is undecided. 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



This past weekend we had our Annual Banquet and we had a great turnout. It allowed us to share fish tales from the past year with our fellow members. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who made this year's Banquet a

success. Our guest speaker Carter Kruse was provided by GRG-TU. This was our first year sharing our banquet with TU and it went well. If you have any feedback, please let me or one of the board members know.

Our current officers and board of directors remain the same as in 2012. Our committee chairs have changed slightly, so please refer to our website.

We have four club trips planned for this Year:

- San Juan - May 2nd thru the 5th
- Bighorn River - June 18th thru the 25th
- Quinlan Ranch - July 17th thru the 21st
- San Juan - October 10th thru the 14th

You can sign up for any of these trips by contacting Bob Silver silver@mvff.org or Chuck Mueller Mueller@mvff.org. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting for each of these trips.

This month's general meeting on February 11th will start one hour earlier at 6:00pm. Our guest speaker is David Palmer with the *Bighorn Angler* www.bighornangler.com. He will give us some insight for fishing on the Bighorn and other Montana Rivers. Then, around 7:30pm David will be giving a fly tying demonstration and we should finish by 9:00pm. David's passion for the Bighorn is second to none and he enjoys photography and tying unique fly patterns. I think this should be a must attend meeting if you plan to fish Montana!

MVFF will host a Fly Tying and Casting Clinic on February 16th at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. The clinic will run from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. I am looking for some volunteers for this clinic. Please contact me if you can help.

See you at the meeting and keep a tight line,

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is getting active and I expect that we will be more active as the weather gets warmer. Scheduled for Ft. Bliss,

PHW events are March 20th for fly tying and casting at NMG&F and University pond with fishing at the Lease on April 3rd. The fall event will take place on August 28th for the fly tying and casting and fishing the lease will be on September 11th.

I expect that we will be working with our local Vets in the near future. At the present time, we are working with the American Legion on finding a location to do the fly tying.

The MVFF banquet went well for the PHW raffle. We sold \$217 in tickets and that money will be used for PHW items that are not reimbursed by PHW budgeted funds. Remember we have paid Lease permits for the Vets and a program that will pay the volunteer that takes the Vet fishing. Hope to see you on the stream.

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.

Tying and Casting Clinic

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park

Saturday, 16 February

Recently, MVFF was asked by the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park to conduct a fly tying and casting clinic open to the general public. We will be conducting that clinic on 16 February at the Park. It

will be from 9am to 1pm. The tying portion will be indoors. We need volunteers to help out. If you can help notify Chuck Mueller and let him know which portion you would like to volunteer for. They are limiting enrollment to 20 people. Normally there is a parking fee at the Park but if you are a volunteer the fee will be waived.

Winners for MVFF Raffles

Here's the list of raffle winners for this year's MVFF Banquet held on Jan 26th.

Annual Participation Prize:

- One night's stay for two at the Octagon Inn at Navajo Dam - Robert Trompler

PHW:

- Regal fly tying vise — David Lucoski
- Fishpond Waist Pack - David Lucoski
- Rod Bag - Bob Silver

Fund Raiser Raffle:

Rods:

- Sage rod 'One' model - 4pc 9' - 5wt - Robert Ardovino
- Bob Widgren custom built Sage rod 'ZXL', 7'9" - 3 wt, - Jim Hulsey

Reels:

- Galvan 'Torque' reel for 5 wt - Jim Sorenson
- Lamson 'Lite Speed' reel for 3 wt - Ron Belanger

Gear:

- Fishpond 'Yellowstone' wader/duffel bag - Al Hynes
- Brodin 'Ghost' rubber bag net - Jerry Monzingo
- \$135 gift certificate from Sportsmans Elite - Robert Ardovino
- Scientific Fly Line - Scott Ackleson
- Fly Box with Flies from Roger Pastoor - LeAnn Tonjes
- Wooden Fly Box With Flies - Jim Hulsey

Guided Trips

- 'Conejos River Anglers' guided trip for 2, - Jerry Schickedanz
- 'Sandstone Anglers' guided trip for 2, - Alison Mann
- 'Land of Enchantment Guides' guided trip for 2, - Gail Hedrick

Door Prizes:

- *Modern Midges Book* - Thomas DiGiovanni
- *Of Trout and Men Large Book* - Jim Hulsey
- *Of Trout and Men Small Book* - David Carmichael
- *Flyfishing Montana Spring Creeks Book* - Dave Medler
- *Tying Small Flies Books* - Tim Pettibone, Linda Fisher, Tom Lightfoot, Jim Karol
- *Fishing Small Flies Book* - George Kasper
- MFC Water Bottle - Julie Mueller
- MFC Flask - Jerry Monzingo
- MFC Fly Boxes - Lisa Pirtle, George Thomas, Jim Hulsey
- MFC Aluminum Fly Box - Amy Buesing
- MVFF License Plate - Gus Ramos
- Loon Mug - Julie Mueller
- Table Flowers - Ron Belanger, George Sanders, Henry Rodriguez, Mark Hedrick, Miriam Carmichael, Ron Warnke, Andy Ellett, Collen Gould
- NOTE: All Winners have not been listed as the names were not available

Winners for TU Raffle

- Vermejo Park Ranch Lodging/ Fishing Trip - Andrew Brill
- Winston Blix 9' 5 wt Fly Rod - Judy Broussard
- Black Diamond Knit Hat - Matt Ziegler

- L.L. Bean Ball Cap - Brad Shuster
- Native Sunglasses - Erick Pratt
- Timbuk2 Messenger Bag - Tom Lightfoot
- North Face Base Camp Duffel Bag - George Thomas
- Rio Grande Trout Print - Russ Blanchard
- Patagonia Mesh Fly Fishing Vest - Sophie Arterburn

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2013 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 any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- May 2 - 5 - trip to the San Juan
- June 18-23 - trip to the Big Horn River in Montana.
- July 17-20 - trip to Quinlan Ranch
- October 10-13 - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Richard S. Helbock	Silver City, NM
Jack & Kristen Marberger	Las Cruces, NM
Aaron & Michelle McDonough	Las Cruces, NM

Casting Clinic



Quick Look Contact Information

2013 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
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• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• 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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• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2012	\$9,808

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.

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. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. 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.

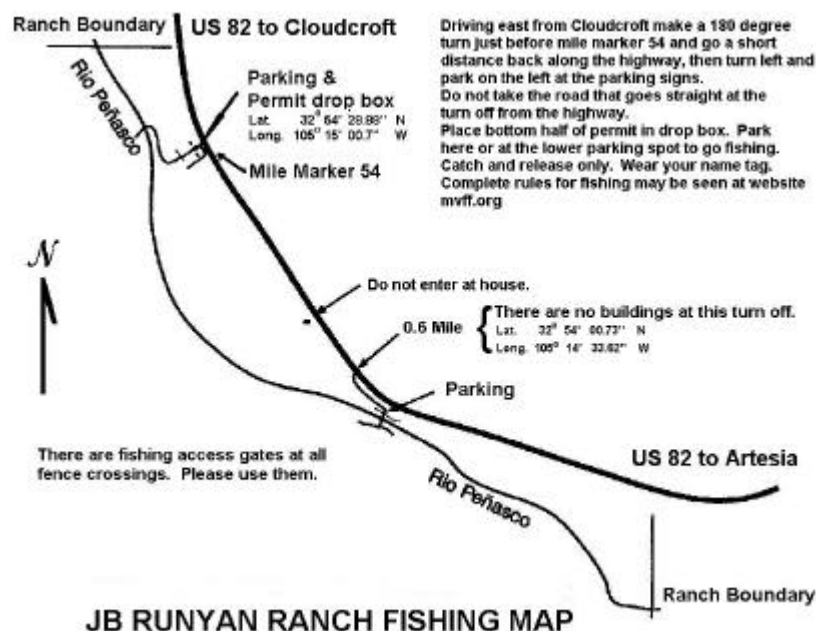
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.