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Membership Meeting

Monday, 10 February

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 10 February at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special speaker will be club member Tom Lightfoot. Tom will report on a trip to Alaska that he and his son took in October 2013. Apparently they had great success fishing for silvers and are anxious to tell us about it. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 February

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 17 February at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 26 February

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 26 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Morris PMD Emerger*. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra

vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner



Another year is off to a great start. The club had a booth at the Outdoor Sportsmen's Expo at the Las Cruces Convention Center over the weekend of January 10th to 12th. We recruited some new members;

sold some raffle tickets and club merchandise; and helped the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish with its kids' fishing pool. Bob Silver's "fly fishing 101" presentation found its way onto YouTube and Ray Rodriguez got his picture in the newspaper. Special recognition goes to Nick Carter, a sophomore at Centennial High School, and to Jasmine Johnson and Seth Hall, Fisheries and Wildlife Majors at NMSU, who gave up their Saturday to help at the kid's fishing pool. In addition, Project Healing Waters was able to raise some funds and gain additional exposure in the community. All in all, a worthwhile project which we will endeavor to repeat and improve upon next year.

Our annual banquet was another huge success. We had 100 guests, including many members of the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Van Beacham's slide show and presentation on solitary angling was outstanding. It reminded me that, instead of going back to the same old places each year, there are plenty of great new places waiting to be discovered if I will only look for them. Thank you to everyone who helped to organize the banquet, cooked the food, solicited the raffle prizes and bought the tickets; and congratulations to all of the prize winners.

Speaking of prizes, Bob and Lee Widgren have donated a custom-built 7'9", 4 weight Sage Circa rod for the Spring Rod Raffle. It is a beautiful fly rod. We have begun selling raffle tickets for \$2 each; 3 for \$5.

If you can't make it to a meeting, you can order tickets by email from Tom Wobbe at Wobbe@mvff.org. The drawing will be at the club's May 12th meeting.

We have begun planning club fishing trips for 2014. So far, we have settled on the following:

- The San Juan on May 1-4. We have reserved the Octagon Inn for those dates and will make arrangements to have guides available for those who want them.
- The Big Horn on June 23-27. The price is \$1,275 per person, which includes five nights lodging, meals and four days of guided drift boat fishing.
- The Conejos River on July 10-13. Come and camp out and enjoy fishing the Conejos, its tributaries and the Los Pinos.

In addition, we are planning a trip to Kodiak in late September or early October depending on the tides and another trip to the San Juan in October or November. We will provide details in the near future. If there other places that you want to propose for club trips, send me an email at President@mvff.org.

I came across a great book, [About Trout, The Best from Robert J. Behnke from Trout Magazine](#). It is a collection of articles written over a 25 year period by Dr. Behnke, a noted fisheries biologist who died in 2013. His articles include descriptions of various trout species, commentary on the need for conservation and biodiversity and the history of fisheries management. It is fascinating reading and beautifully illustrated by Joseph R. Tomelleri.

Finally, the next time you see Chuck Mueller, take time to thank him for his three years as club president. During his tenure, Chuck has worked hard to expand the club's activities and to increase the enthusiasm of its members. I hope only to follow in his footsteps.

Tight Lines,
Jim

Winners for the Annual Raffle

Here's the list of prize winners for this year's MVFF Banquet Jan 18th.

Annual Attendance Prize:

- Land Of Enchantment Guided Trip Alison Mann
- Octagon Inn Lodging for Two Jim Sorenson

PHW:

- TFO Fly Rod/Reel Combo Brad Schuster

Fund Raiser Raffle

- Winston Boron III Fly Rod David Schoep
- Sage Cicra Fly Rod Jeff Wobbe
- Bob Widgren Custom Fly Rod Duane Sorenson
- Galvan T-4 Reel Debbie Hamlyn
- TFO Reel Tom Wobbe
- Hardy Reel Lou Benevento
- Simms Waders Certificate David Lucoski
- Fishpond Chest Pak Ron Belanger
- Fishpond Chest Pak Henry Rodriguez
- Van Beacham Guided Trip Brad Schuster



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is moving right along thanks to the MVFF volunteers. We had a great response to our banquet rod raffle and a good attendance of PHW participants. Many of our PHW participants are also members of the MVFF.

Rod building class was great even though the rod blanks for the Vets did not arrive when they were supposed to. I expect the rods to be in the first week of February and we will try and do a catch up to be ready for our next rod building class. We had a good turn out for our fly tying, both at the club fly tying and at the Las Cruces VA clinic. Next fly tying at the VA center will be on February 26.

Waiting for a break in the weather to get some Vets up to the Lease for fishing. We also have the permit to use the University pond on April 2. Tanner, NMSU Sportsman Club, has taken care of the permit and as soon as I get the info to him will also submit the request for the kids fishing clinic. Thanks to Tanner and also Hunter, American Fisheries Society, NMSU, for their support. I expect several Vets to attend our monthly meeting.

Planning on up to 4 trips to the San Juan this year with the Vets. With a couple more successful fund raisers we should be able to get it done.



Annual Banquet
December 18, 2014





Van Beacham Casting Clinic

January 18, 2014



Quick Look Contact Information

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Officers	
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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.

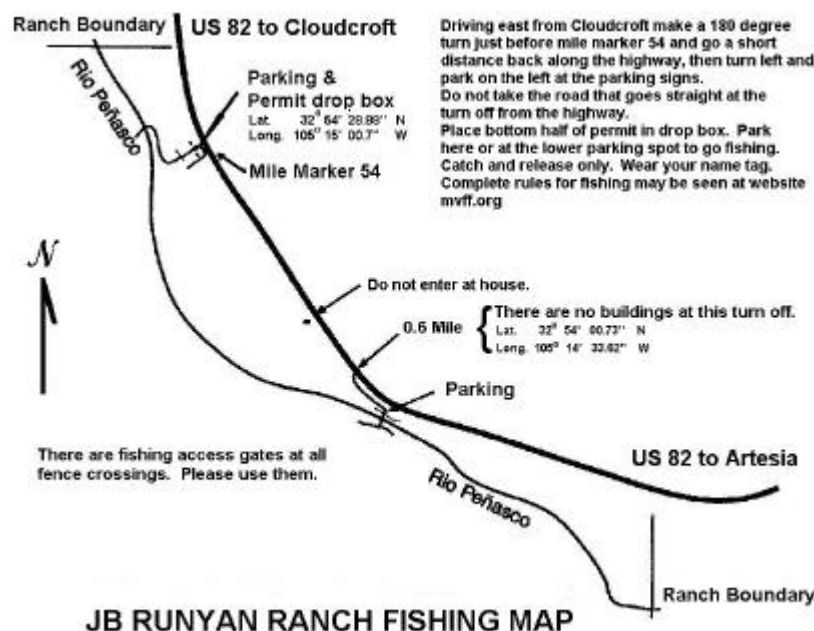
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. 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 (current dues have been paid) 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.