

Tale Waters

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Annual Banquet

Saturday, 27 January

The general membership meeting will not be held in January, instead we will have our annual potluck banquet. The annual MVFF Banquet will be held at 6 PM Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 Locust Street in Las Cruces, NM (same location as last year's banquet). The doors will open at 5:30pm if you wish to come early and help set things up. A slide show presentation will be made showing highlights of the club's activities over the past year along with a few glimpses into fishing trips of club members. The Club will be serving barbecue and will furnish plates, napkins, flatware, etc. Please bring a covered dish, a salad, rolls, or a dessert to round out the meal. In addition to camaraderie, there will be a number of door prizes and there will also be a silent auction and a raffle of fly fishing equipment. Raffle tickets will be available for \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10.00.

"I never lost a little fish—yes, I am free to say
 It always was the biggest fish I caught that got away."
 -Eugene Field

Annual Club Raffle

Saturday, 27 January

MVFF will conduct its annual fund raising raffle at the banquet on 27 January. We have been running a little late this year in getting the prizes together. A mailing of tickets will be made in the next few days and it is important that you send them back as soon as possible. Additional tickets will be available at the banquet. Since this is our club fund raiser, members are encouraged to dig deep and remember, the more tickets you buy the better your chance of winning. We have some great prizes this year consisting of:

1. Sage custom fly rod by Joseph Lopez
2. Ross *Cimarron* 2 reel—4-6 wt
3. Temple Fork fly rod--Sportsman's Warehouse
4. Ross *Flystart* 2 reel --Sportsman's Warehouse
5. 3- \$100 gift certificates -- ATF fly shop in El Paso
6. Watermark chest pack-Wm. Joseph Mfg.-- Sportsman's Whse
7. Scientific Anglers fly line—WF-5 wt- F— Sportsman's Whse
8. *Knives of Alaska* fillet knife- Sportsman's Warehouse
9. Chota mesh back pack
10. Cabela's mesh vest
11. Cabela's fly tying tool kit
12. Fitover sunglasses
13. Flip focal magnifiers
14. Anglers tool nippers
15. Chota cap
16. Ross Reels cap- Sportsman's Warehouse
17. *Catch & Release* landing net- Sportsman's Warehouse
18. "*Under Cottonwoods*" book
19. "*The Stream*" book
20. 8 spools Danville floss
21. 8 spools ultra wire

- 22. Plastic fly box
- 23. Gudebrod "*Designing Flies*" cd by Gary & Jason Borger
- 24. 12 fisherman eyewear sunglasses
- 25. Gudebrod *Ez-Fold* landing net
- 26. Wooden fly box- Sportsman's Warehouse

Liars and Tiers

Thursday, 25 January

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 25 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *BC Hopper* which was scheduled for the December meeting but since that was canceled will be tied this month instead. Tying will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 15 January

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 15 January at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Election results for new officers and board members will be canvassed. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Corner

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a wonderful New Years! It has been an honor to serve as President of MVFF for the past two years. I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Directors, Officers and to all members for their support and cooperation during the past two years. Our club is a great mixture of novice and experienced fly fishers and I have found that the sharing of this experience is one of the greatest assets of membership.

A Special Thanks to Jim Hulse for his continued dedication to produce the monthly newsletter and maintaining the MVFF website. His continued dedication to these functions is a tremendous asset to the club. Thanks, Jim!

Also thanks to another Jim; Jim Ellett for provided MVFF a great place to fish. Thanks, Jim for your continuing hospitality at the Penasco River.

Our annual banquet and fundraiser raffle will take place on January 27 at 6 pm. This raffle is the major fundraiser to support the various club activities for the year. You will soon receive raffle tickets in the mail. Please mail them in promptly. Buy a few extra and come to the banquet/potluck and buy a few more.

As the New Year begins at MVFF we will have new officers and a new Board Member. Please give your support to Paul Turner- President, Jeff Arterburn-Vice President, Gary Mann-Treasurer, Donna Mabie-Secretary and Ron Bellerose- Executive Board Member.

Thanks for a great two years as your President of MVFF. See you at the meetings and on the stream!

Tight lines,
Tom

Club to Match Funds

Contributions to the Norm Mabie Memorial Fund have been lagging. To get the fund moving again and to stimulate interest, the MVFF Board voted during the December meeting to use Club funds to match member donations to a total of \$1,000.

To refresh your memory, after Norm's death the Club set up a memorial fund through the NMSU Foundation. When donations total \$10,000 the fund will become endowed and will be managed by the Foundation to provide an annual scholarship for a student majoring in Fisheries or related fields. The catch is that the fund must become endowed within five years of establishment. We are currently about half way through this period. Of course, \$10,000 is only the minimum allowed. Since all earnings each year go into the scholarship a larger base fund means larger scholarships.

So dig deep! The money is for a great cause and better yet is tax deductible. For details on how to contribute see the article on page 5.

New Mexico Trout 2007 Conclave

Saturday, 3 February

New Mexico Trout will conduct its 2007 annual Conclave on Saturday, February 3 at Sandia Prep School, 532 Osuna NE in Albuquerque from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The program features two highly talented fly fishermen/speakers, Gary Borger and

Brad Befus; and in addition, a large raffle, youth and adult fly casting sessions and a fly tying demonstration.

Gary Borger is one of the world's foremost fly fishing educators. Since 1972 he has taught classes and lectured on all aspects of fly fishing for trout and salmon. He has written 5 best selling books on fly fishing: *Nymphing*, *Naturals*, *The Borger Color System*, *Designing Trout Flies* and *Presentation*. He pioneered fly fishing video instruction with his release of Nymphing in 1982. Since then, Gary has appeared in 4 videos for the 3M company and has produced over 25 videos in the "Skills of Fly Fishing Series." He has designed many innovative angling products and unique fly designs and is recognized internationally for his conservation efforts. At our conclave, he will present 3 talks: "Nymphing," "Reading the Water," and "Presentation;" he will also provide a fly casting and line handling demonstration.

Brad Befus is an accomplished freshwater and saltwater angler who has fished world-wide and now

resides in Montrose, CO where he is sales manager for Ross Reels. He is an innovative fly tier with many of his patterns being produced and sold by Umpqua Feather Merchants. He has co-authored (with Barry Reynolds and John Berryman) *Carp on the Fly*. He has recently completed his second book, *Basic Techniques for Successful Fly Tying* and has released three fly tying videos. Brad contributes articles and photography to many fly fishing periodicals and speaks at fly fishing and sports shows throughout the country. At the conclave, he will present talks entitled "Colorado's San Luis Valley," "A Taste of Western Colorado" and "The Gunnison River Basin." He will also conduct a fly tying demonstration.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Bob Widgren at bobwidgren@msn.com, or at (505) 884-7501 or at Los Pinos Fly Shop. They can also be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members and include lunch. Children under 15 years will be admitted free.

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MVFF 2006 EVENTS:

MVFF members had numerous events for your participation during 2006.

Board Meeting-Jan 16
 Fly Tying-Joe's Hopper—Jan 26
 Annual Banquet- Jan 28
 Penasco Clean-up- Feb 11
 Board Meeting- Feb 21
 Liars & Tiers-Picket Pin-Feb 22
 Joey Vega-Speaker NMG&F- Feb 27
 Bill Schudlich Speaker-TU-Mar 13
 Penasco Tree Planting- Mar 18
 Board Meeting- Mar 20
 Liars & Tiers-Lady Todsen-Mar 30
 Kids Fishing Clinic-April 8
 Bob Dubey-Speaker-April 10
 Board Meeting- April 17
 Liars & Tiers-Prince Nymph-April 27
 Tale Waters by E-Mail
 J. Tavenner-SJ Guide-Speaker-May 8
 Board Meeting- May 15
 Liars & Tiers- Copper John- May 25
 San Juan Trip- June 16-18
 San Juan Potluck-June 17

Board Meeting- June 19
 Liars & Tiers- Hares Ear- June 29
 Scholarship Awarded-
 Board Meeting- July 17
 Liars & Tiers-Zugbug-July 19
 Conejos Trip-July 28-30
 Board Meeting- Aug 21
 Liars & Tiers-RS2 Emerger-Aug 31
 Annual Picnic & Raffle- Sept 9
 Board Meeting-Sept 11
 Penasco Stocking- Oct 8
 Stephanie Coleman-Speaker-Oct 9
 Board Meeting- Oct 16
 San Juan Trip- Oct 20-22
 San Juan Potluck- Oct 20
 Liars & Tiers-Midge Emerger-Oct 26
 Roger Pastoor-Speaker- Nov 13
 Board Meeting- Nov 20
 Liars & Tiers- Kiwi Muddler- Nov 30
 Matt Selders- Speaker- Dec 11
 Board Meeting- Dec 18

BC Hopper

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *BC Hopper*.

The BC Hopper has been extolled by flytyer John Barr (designer of the *Copper John*) as very effective in a three fly setup where the top fly is the *BC Hopper*, the

second fly is a *Copper John* and the bottom fly is an emerger of some sort. Barr calls this a Hopper-Copper-Dropper rig. It is claimed to be very effective at times.



- Hook:** TMC 5262, size 6
- Thread:** Tan Monochord, 3/0
- Body:** Foam, 3mm thickness
- Kick Legs:** Round rubber
- Underwing:** Web Wing, tan mottled
- Flash:** Krystal Flash, root beer
- Overwing:** Elk body hair
- Bullet Head:** Deer hair
- Front Legs:** Round rubber
- Indicator:** Float-Vis, chartreuse



Yellowstone Cutthroat

Quick Look Contact Information**2006 Officers of the Club****Officers**

- **President** Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
- **V-Pres.** Paul Turner (505) 523-6880
- **Secretary** Jeff Arterburn (505) 524-0773
- **Treasurer** Al Trompler (505) 532-5668

Board Members

- Richard Keding (505) 382-7498
- Bob Pridgen (505) 526-9132
- Gary Mann (505) 521-7793
- Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
- Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880

Newsletter & Web Page Editor

- Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880

HELP!!!**E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to President@mvff.org. If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to president@mvff.org.

Angler's Nook

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.

Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. 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." 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. Presently the fund contains \$6,157. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

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.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

WIT & WISDOM OF FISHING

“The great charm of flyfishing is that we are always learning; no matter how long we have been at it, we are constantly making some fresh discovery, picking up some new wrinkle. If we become conceited through great success, some day the trout will take us down a peg.”

-Theodore Gordon

“Next time you hook a fly in your shirt or jacket, try this method of working it free without tearing the fabric: Stick a pin through the cloth where the hook entered and use it as a wedge to force the fabric away from the barb. Then carefully back the hook out.”

-H.G. Tapply, *Field & Stream*

“It is not easy to tell how to cast. The art must be acquired by practice.”

-Charles Orvis

“OH THE BRAVE Fisher’s life,
It is the best of any,
‘Tis full of pleasure, void of strife,
And ‘tis belov’d of many:
Other joys Are but toys;
Only this Lawful is,
For our skill Breeds no ill,
But content and pleasure.”

-Izaak Walton, *The Compleat Angler*



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
November	Liars & Tiers 30 Nov. <i>Kiwi Muddler</i>		13 Nov. Roger Pastoor: Kodiak presentation	
December	Liars & Tiers 28 Dec. <i>BC Hopper</i>		11 Dec. <i>Matt Selders - Mayfly-Emerger Presentation</i>	
January 2007	Liars & Tiers 25 Jan. <i>BC Hopper</i>		No Club Meeting This Month Banquet instead	Annual Banquet - 27 Jan.
February	Liars & Tiers 22 Feb. <i>Adams</i>		12 Feb.	NM Trout Conclave - 3 Feb.
March	<i>Liars & Tiers</i> 29 Mar.		12 Mar.	

* **Bold text in table means confirmed and *Italics text means tentative***

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.

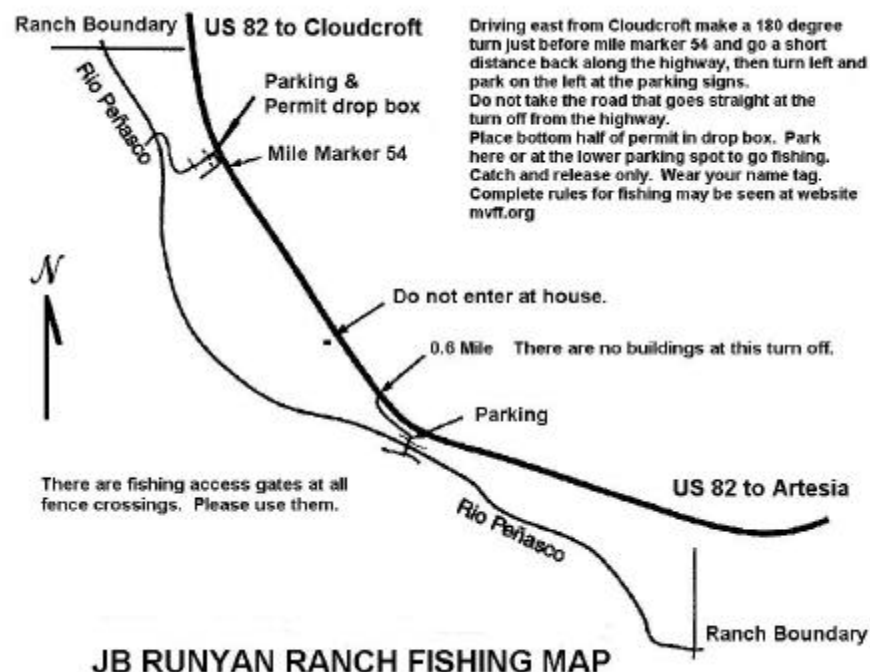
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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 \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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 Hulseley. 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 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	

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 @ \$20 per permit =	\$ _____
_____	Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit =	\$ _____
	Total = \$	_____

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.