

# Tale Waters

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door prizes and there will also be a raffle of fly fishing equipment. Raffle tickets will be available for \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10.00. See raffle details later in newsletter.

A club outing to allow Jude Duran to fish the lease is planned on Sunday following the banquet. If you wish to participate notify Paul Turner.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 7 January

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 7 January at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. This is not the normal meeting date, but has been changed to occur prior to the banquet. All members are welcome to attend.

## Annual Banquet

Saturday, 12 January

Program by Jude Duran

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 12, 2008 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. in Las Cruces, NM. **Note that this is a different location than used previously (see map for location).** The parking area for St. Paul's Methodist Church is south of the complex and is accessible from Alameda Avenue. The double doors facing the parking area and closest to Alameda will be open for MVFF members to enter the Fellowship Hall. There are at least 75 people already indicating that they will attend the banquet. The doors will open at 5:30pm if you wish to come early and help set things up. Jude Duran, well known San Juan guide, will present the program. 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

## Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 31 January

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 31 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Princess*. This is a great fly for the San Juan for which it was specifically developed. 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.

## President's Corner

Paul Turner

I welcome everyone to a new and productive year and hope that we can accomplish our goals for the coming year. After driving over 2,000 miles to visit with relatives and friends during the holidays I am glad to be back in New Mexico. I am looking forward to our annual awards banquet on the 12<sup>th</sup> and hope to see many of you this year. As I often tell many non-members, the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers is a great group to work with on various activities because our

members are always willing to help. Being president during 2007 was an enjoyable learning experience and I will try to help MVFF become more effective in providing activities for its members in 2008. My first goal for the new year is to have a great awards banquet and plans are shaping up nicely for this event at St. Paul's Methodist Church. You will find directions to the church in this newsletter and can always send me an e-mail or call if you need more specific details.

Another major goal will be to organize more club trips that are appealing and convenient for the members. George Sanders and the board of directors have been planning several trips for the general membership and will give more details about them in future newsletters. Our first outing will be to the Rio Peñasco on January 13<sup>th</sup> to show Jude Duran what our club water is like during the winter, assuming the weather cooperates. If you want to be notified about last-minute weather details you should let me know as we plan to call Jim Ellett on the 12<sup>th</sup> to find out what to expect the next day. We will probably notify the membership about this via e-mail, but some of you may need to call me for specifics if you can't attend the banquet.

I have checked the scale samples that we took on our electrofishing survey in October and can now confirm that most of the rainbow trout in the 9 to 12-inch range were from natural spawning and reached that size in one growing season! These trout should continue to grow rapidly during 2008 as the food supply is great. Because they will not yet be sexually mature until next fall all of their growth during the spring and summer will be in increased length and weight. This should make for excellent fishing this year so plan on spending some time on the Rio Peñasco in 2008.

I want to personally thank all the members for their help during 2007. We always have willing members when we need help on any club event. We have two new board members for 2008 that will bring new ideas and energy to MVFF. Serving on the board and participating in various activities is how we maintain an active and effective club. I know that my participation on the board and as an officer has cemented my commitment to MVFF. Friends that I have met through the club and on the streamside are likely to remain so regardless of where they are.

Although some of our past members are no longer with us or have moved out of the area, we will always have pleasant memories of times together that have enriched our lives.

There will be several MVFF activities coming up soon to add to the memory bank so plan on participating. The Kids' Fishing Clinic on April 5<sup>th</sup> has always been a great place to spend a morning helping children get started fishing in a safe and enjoyable setting so put it on your calendar.

Remember if you're too busy to go fishing, you are too busy.

Paul

### Annual Raffle

We have some great items donated to the Club for the raffle to be conducted at the banquet. Tickets will be \$2.50 each and you do not have to be present to win. If you wish to purchase tickets, print the tickets which appear later in this newsletter, fill them out and mail them to the address shown or bring them with you if you are sure that you will be attending. Additional tickets will be available at the banquet.

Donated items from Sportsman's Warehouse:

Fly Fishing Picture titled "Stretch of Heaven"

TFO 8' 6" 5wt 4pc Casting for Recovery Rod and Tube

Redington 9ft 5wt 4pc Flyrod and Tube

Pflueger 5/6 weight Summit Reel

Plano Guide Series Tackle Bag

Sportsman's Warehouse Broadin Catch and Release Net

Rivers Edge Fly Toilet Seat

Fly Tying Kit Coachman

Grab Bag of S.W. Elk and Deer Hair

Olive Pheasant Hackle

Scientific Angler Ultra 4 WF-5weight Fly Line

Suede Fly Reel Case

Water Mark Chest Pack

Fly Book Pack Fly Case

Nippers

Fishing Gloves UV Protection

Ross Reel Baseball Cap

Forceps

4 Sportsman's Warehouse Leaders 5X

2 Piece Tool

2 Sportsman's Warehouse Tippet 5X

S.W. Not Afraid To Fly Baseball Cap

S.W. Coffee Cup

Donated by Jude Duran:

1/2 -day guided trip for 2 on the San Juan River

Donated by MVFF:

Joseph Lopez is hand crafting a 4 pc 5wt rod using a G. Loomis blank

Donated by various members:

Wicker Creel

Items to be added

### Club Outings Planned

On 13 January (day after the banquet) several members of the club plan to take Jude Duran to the lease for a day of fishing, weather permitting. Jude has never seen or fished the Rio Peñasco and this will be a way of showing our appreciation for his help with the banquet. If you wish to participate notify Paul Turner.

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2008 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, who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

### Hearing Planned on Use of Multiple Flies

Monday, January 28

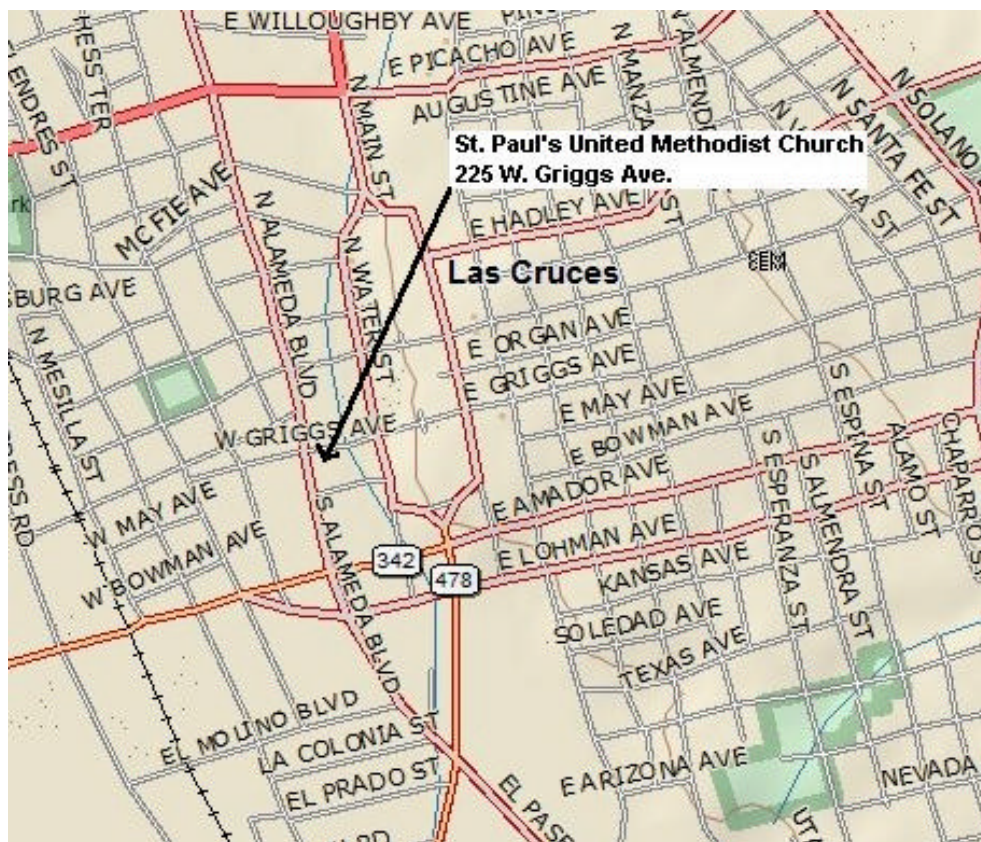
There will be a public comment meeting at the NMDG&F office on January 28. The topic will concern the use of multiple flies. The meeting will start at 6:00pm.

### Welcome New Members

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| Ross & Julia Bruner | Las Cruces, NM         |
| Angel & Dora Moreno | Carmona Sevilla, Spain |
| Thomas See          | Las Cruces, NM         |
| Nadine M. Vera      | El Paso, TX            |



### St. Paul's Methodist Church



**MVFF Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 17, 2007**

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room.

In Attendance: Paul Turner, Tom Wobbe, Richard Keding, Gary Mann, Ron Bellerose, Bob Silver, Randall and Vicki Vallee, Jim Hulsey, Jeff Arterburn, and Donna Mabie. Absent: George Sanders.

1. The Minutes of the November Board Meeting were approved. The Treasurer's Report presented by Gary Mann was approved.
2. Plans were discussed for the Annual Awards Banquet being held on Jan. 12, including awards, door prizes and plans for Jude Duran as speaker. Map and general directions to St. Paul's Methodist Church, where the banquet is being held, will be given in the newsletter.
3. Ideas were presented for awards and recognition of NMG&F and Club members at the banquet.
4. Depending on the weather, the Club will go to the Rio Peñasco on Jan. 13 with Jude Duran, who has not seen the river. Perhaps Dutch Salmon will come also.
5. The Club sent pizzas to the NMG&F and to Sportsman's Warehouse as tokens of appreciation for all they have done for us. Sportsman's Warehouse is donating \$800 in merchandise for the banquet prizes and

raffle. They send a couple of new members to the Club each month. The Club will give a monetary donation to Vista Care Hospice in memory of Jim Ellett's grandmother who died recently.

6. Paul Turner reminded all that the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park is opening on Feb. 2, 2008. They have asked the MVFF to do something then and also on an ongoing basis.
7. Plans are still up in the air regarding the Spring Meeting in El Paso, TX.
8. Membership issues were discussed. There have been 15 to 20 new members added the last three months. There are 53 members who have not renewed since March 2007.
9. Jim Hulsey is still planning the new website setup.
10. Other issues mentioned were that the raffle tickets will be available online at \$2.50 each. Two fly rods are being offered. Some of the other prizes will be listed on the tickets, which are to be mailed in promptly if one is not attending the Jan. 12 banquet.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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**Election of Officers and Board Members for 2008**

Election results for officers and board members for 2008 have been tabulated and the winners are:

- President: Paul Turner
- Vice-Pres.: Jeff Arterburn
- Treasurer: Gary Mann
- Secretary: Donna Mabie
- Board 1: Jeremiah Richardson
- Board 2: Randall Vallee
- Board 3: Tom Wobbe
- Board 4: Bob Silver
- Board 5: George Sanders

write-in votes. A complete tabulation may be requested from Paul Turner.

This was one of the better elections of recent years. There was more interest shown and there were even

## Kodiak Quarterly - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Bob Silver, MVFF Member

This is the second article in a series for those thinking about going on the fishing trip to Kodiak, Alaska in the fall of 2008. The idea of this series is to make information available to you in advance of the trip so that there is enough time to plan and save for the trip. If you have any questions, call me at 575-522-6325 or Tom Wobbe at 575-522-5437. We will try our best to answer any questions about the trip. Scheduling the time to coincide with the coho run is the key to having a successful trip. Coho salmon mature in the ocean and they return to the tributary streams of the Kodiak Road System drainages to spawn. Each year, the Alaska Game and Fish Department monitors the number of returning



salmon through placement of a weir on the Buskin River, and through foot surveys of the Pasagshak and Olds Rivers that are conducted during the peak periods of the spawning run. I have been in touch with Leonard Schwartz, the fisheries biologist with the Alaska Game and Fish on Kodiak. According to historical data, 25 % of the returning cohos have usually entered the rivers by September 5<sup>th</sup>, 50% by September 15<sup>th</sup> and 90% by September 25<sup>th</sup>. He said good fishing continues through mid-October, when fish begin moving toward the spawning grounds and go off the bite. With any luck, the tentative dates of September 20, 2008 to September 27, 2008 or September 27, 2008 to October 4, 2008 should put us near the peak of the run.

In March 2008, Tom Wobbe and I will host a planning meeting at the Game and Fish Office at 7PM for those interested in the trip. As soon as we have a firm date for the meeting, it will be posted on the MVFF website and in the newsletter. Plan to make your airline reservations by May 2008 to book the best rates and reserve seats. Air travel to Kodiak involves flying to Anchorage and then connecting with either Alaska Airlines or ERA Aviation for the one hour flight to Kodiak. We have found that scheduling a flight that

arrives in Anchorage as early in the day as possible is best to make the connection to Kodiak in case of weather delays.

For fishing equipment, an 8- or 9-wt. rod and reel is the best option. The road system streams are a delight with no raging currents or 50-yard casts, just clear riffles alternating

with deep pools and gravelly bars. Some streams have steep brushy banks. A floating line with weighted flies is perfect for these rivers. In addition, cohos are known to chase big deer hair flies on the surface. Coho's are not leader shy. We use a heavy 7 1/2 foot leader and a 10 to 12 pound test tippet. To reach fish in some of the deeper holes, I used a short (5 foot) piece of sink-tip looped between the floating line and leader to get the fly

down deep quickly. We have used a wide variety of colorful (black, purple, hot pink, chrome, white-green, and chartreuse) and highly visible fly patterns sizes 6 to size 2 including Clousers, marabou Trompler Specials, black and purple egg sucking leeches, and black-white bunny leeches. The weather is cool and damp and changes rapidly. The temperature in the fall will range from the low 40s to the low 60s. Be prepared for rain and dress in layers. Most of the time, I have been very comfortable wearing lightweight fleece pants, a long sleeve undershirt, and a light wool (or fleece) shirt under breathable waders and a wading jacket. But if the weather gets colder, I am ready to add another layer plus a cap and light gloves. Cotton doesn't dry well so wool or synthetic clothing is the most comfortable for the Kodiak climate.

To check the 5-day weather forecast go to website <http://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=99615>. To see a live view of the island go to web address <http://akweathercams.faa.gov/viewsite.php>. At the meeting in March we will discuss traveling, equipment, flies, clothing, rods and anything else anyone wishes to bring up.

**Quick Look Contact Information**

2008 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>V-Pres.</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Secretary</b>	Donna Mabie (575) 522-3810
• <b>Treasurer</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
<b>Board Members</b>	
• <b>Position 1</b>	Jeremiah Richardson (575) 639-3261
• <b>Position 2</b>	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
• <b>Position 3</b>	Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437
• <b>Position 4</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 5</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$10,677
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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](mailto:membership@mvff.org).

**Angler's Nook**

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at (575) 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

<b>Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.</b>
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**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.



<b>RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31</b>
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<b>And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license</b>
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**Princess Nymph**

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Princess Nymph*.

The *Princess Nymph* was made popular by guides fishing the San Juan River. It has proven to be a great fly for the San Juan and should certainly be in your fly box. The picture and recipe shown here was taken

from Mike Mora's website at

<http://www.ifly4trout.com/flypatterns/princess.htm>

If you are not familiar with this website you should check it out. It is a great resource for anyone fishing the San Juan.



- Hook:** Daiichi 1270 size 20-22
- Thread:** Fl Orange 8/0 Uni-thread
- Body:** Thread
- Thorax:** Red Marabou or Red Ice Dubbing
- Rib:** Pearl Flashabou

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**MVFF Monthly Events Calendar**

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
December	Liars & Tyers 27 Dec. Stimulator		10 Dec. - George Sanders will speak on "Fishing the Gunnison & Green Rivers".	
January 2008	Liars & Tyers 31 Jan. <i>Princess Nymph</i>	13 Jan. - Club fishing trip to Rio Peñasco.	12 Jan. - Annual Banquet Jude Duran: Speaker	28 Jan. - Public Hearing on Use of Multiple Flies - NMDG&F
February	Liars & Tyers 28 Feb.			
March	Liars & Tyers 27 Mar.			
April	Liars & Tyers 24 Apr.			5 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond, NMSU

### 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.

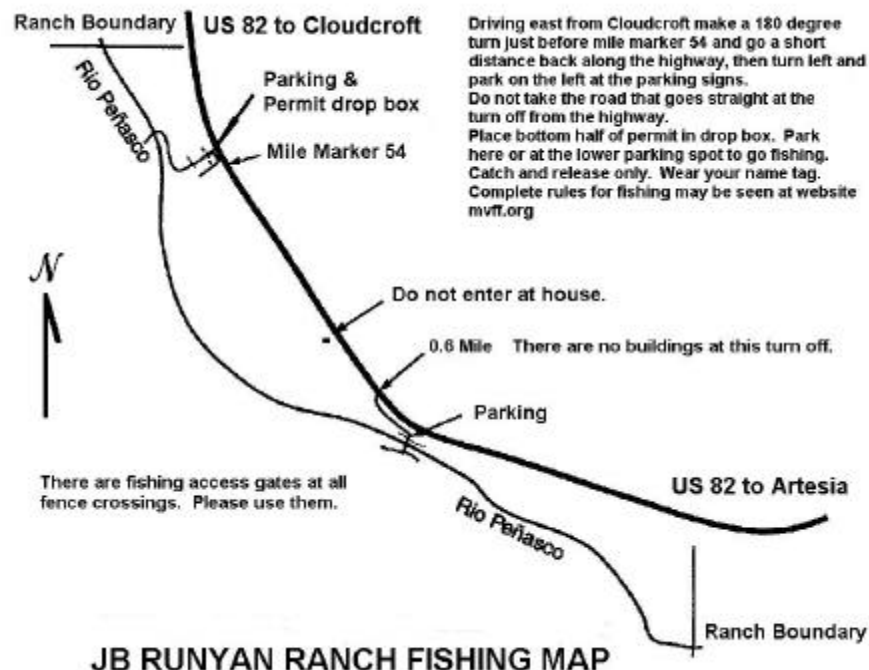
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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* (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the ATF fly shop in El Paso (915-225-0570.) 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 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.