

# Tale Waters

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### Membership Meeting

There will be no monthly membership meeting in January. Instead there will be the annual banquet on 17 Jan. See the article for details.

### Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 12 January

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 12 January at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

### Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 29 January

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 29 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Lightning Bug*. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the ATF flyshop in El Paso and is an accomplished tyer. 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

I want to express my sincere appreciation for all the great

times and assistance on many club activities freely given by members of MVFF during 2007 and 2008. It is typical that we get 10 to 20 members volunteering for club activities when we ask for help. Several members deserve special thanks for the great job they do. You wouldn't be reading this newsletter or checking out the website without Jim Hulse's expertise and commitment. Tom Wobbe has developed our club database so that we can notify over 200 members about upcoming activities and handles incoming mail. Gary Mann has really done a great job as treasurer and has organized an exciting program for the January 17<sup>th</sup> banquet and workshop. Randall Vallee and Chris Evey have organized and coordinated our Project Healing Waters service project that many of us have thoroughly enjoyed being involved with. I could recognize many other members, but will just say thank you to all the board members, officers, and members that gave many hundred hours of their time to make MVFF a great flyfishing club. We have much to be thankful for in 2008 and you should expect another great year in 2009 as our officers and members are truly committed to keeping MVFF active and growing. We also should thank Jim Ellett for his hospitality and making the Rio Peñasco such a great place to go fishing. The ten servicemen that got their first experience at flyfishing in November and the 14 MVFF members present will always remember the day. Fishing has been outstanding this year thanks to the cooperation of the weather, Jim and club members. We hope to do some stream improvement work on the Rio Peñasco and at Black Canyon Creek in 2009 so watch for details soon.

I have many great memories as president and member over the years and plan to honor the great tradition of camaraderie and service that has been created by hundreds of current and past members. Remember that this club wouldn't exist without the



foresight and efforts of individuals like Norm and Donna Mabie and other founding members. I hope to see many of you at the banquet, but if you can't attend know that I will remember your help and friendship so freely given. You can still buy some raffle tickets for some great flyfishing equipment so send in your tickets soon if you can't attend in person. We still have a few slots available for the workshop before the banquet. I expect to have nearly 100 members attend the banquet and workshop so please drop me a note if you plan to attend and have not yet registered formally so we can have seating and food ready. MVFF has facilitated many hundred days of fishing and related activity over the years and will continue to provide an outlet for outdoor enjoyment and service in the future.

Thanks again - remember, if you're too busy to go fishing, you are too busy.

### Election Results

During the board meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2008, board members canvassed the election results and declared the following members elected as board members: Paul Turner, Jeff Arterburn, Donna Mabie, Gary Mann, George Sanders, Tom Wobbe, Bob Silver, George Thomas and Randall Vallee.

Then in accordance with club by-laws, board members selected as officers: president - Jeff Arterburn, vice-president - Bob Silver, secretary - Donna Mabie and treasurer - Gary Mann.

### Scott Sanchez To Present At Annual Banquet & Conduct Workshops

Saturday, 17 January 2009

Our annual banquet will be Saturday, January 17, 2009 with Scott Sanchez, well known guide, fly tier, speaker, and teacher as the banquet speaker. Scott will also conduct workshops during the day on Saturday. Scott fishes and guides out of Jackson, WY, and is associated with Jack Dennis. He is recognized as an innovative fly tier, has written several books and numerous articles about fly fishing, and comes highly recommended by several club members.

There is a full schedule of workshops on the 17<sup>th</sup>. From 9:30 - 12:00 noon at the NM Dept. of Game & Fish conference room Scott will tie his flies, give

pointers (bring your vises and materials), talk about when/how to use these flies, discuss entomology, etc. For lunch the club will provide deli sandwiches. From 1:30-3:00pm, the activities will move to Alumni Pond at NMSU where Scott will demonstrate casting techniques (bring your fly rods), discuss how and when to use weighted lines, presentation tips, etc.

The banquet will start at 6:00pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, which is where we had it last year (see map on page 4). Spouses and children are invited. Scott will be the featured speaker. Scott's presentation at the banquet is geared towards family, and has been given rave reviews by other clubs. The club will provide BBQ brisket, chicken, sausage and drinks, with members asked to bring salads and desserts. A raffle will take place during the dinner. Prizes are being accumulated, and will include several high end rods built by club members and other goodies. Tickets and information will follow in a separate communication.

Workshops, lunch, dinner for the family, and an exciting presentation on fly fishing make for a pretty special day! A program such as this requires the club to incur additional costs, and so we are requiring a \$25 fee for participants of the workshop. This will also cover the banquet for non-members. There will be no fee for MVFF members attending the banquet only. **WE NEED A HEAD COUNT** to comfortably accommodate everybody, so, **TODAY, PLEASE SEND A CHECK**, payable to MVFF, Box 2222, Las Cruces, NM, 88004-2222, marked "Banquet/Workshops". Let's make this event our biggest and best ever!

### Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2009 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.

### Welcome New Members

Tobin Crain	Austin, TX
Barton & Cherie Jennings	El Paso, TX
Michael Owens	Cloudcroft, NM

### Lightning Bug

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Lightning Bug*.

A very successful trout fly pattern, the *Lightning Bug* has become more widely recognized in the past few years. The fly's originator, Larry Graham of Kirkland Washington, developed the pattern in the 1992 season, with the final version emerging in 1993.

Larry Graham was a noted northwest fly tier, and Yakima River guide.

The *Lightning Bug* is one of the most popular flies on Western waters (especially the tailwaters) for the simple reason that it catches fish—and lots of them, in all sizes and all species. This bright, bead-headed bug has been a day saver for many a river guide, on many a day, throughout the entire season.



- Hook:** TMC 3761 or Mustad 9671 #16 to #20
- Bead:** Copper 3/32" (#16 hook) to 2mm (#18-#20 hook)
- Thread:** Brown UNI-Thread 8/0
- Tail:** Pheasant tail fibers
- Body:** Mylar tinsel green, gold, silver, or pearl
- Rib:** Fine copper wire
- Wing case:** Mylar tinsel same as body or pearl over pheasant tail fibers
- Thorax:** Peacock herl or dubbing
- Legs:** Pheasant tail fibers from wing case pulled back

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### MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
Dec.	Liars & Tyers 22 Dec. Foam Grasshopper		8 Dec. - Randall to talk on Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.	
Jan. 2009	Liars & Tyers 29 Jan. Lightning Bug		No monthly membership meeting - Banquet instead.	17 Jan. - Scott Sanchez Fly Fishing Clinic. And annual banquet.
Feb.	Liars & Tyers 26 Feb.		9 Feb. - Program tbd	



**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>	Blaine Goss (575) 522-1981
• <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

<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	
Principle Account	\$10,930
Operating Account	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,930</b>

**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.

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

**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.





### 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.

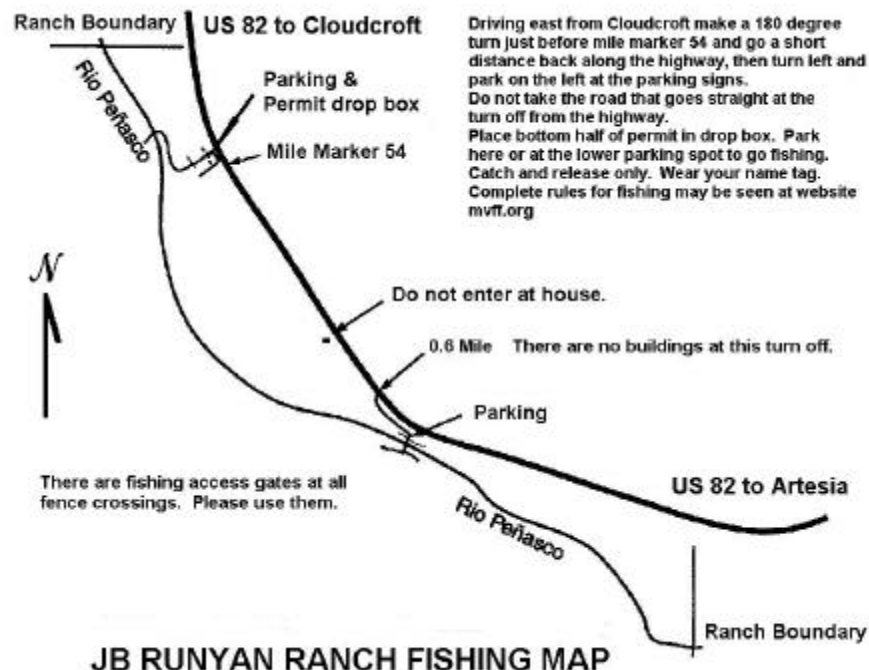
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.