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Membership Meeting

There will be no monthly membership meeting in January. Instead there will be the annual banquet on 22 Jan. See the article on page 2 for details.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 10 January

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 10 January at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Note that this is different from the regular date. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 26 January

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 26 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *BWO Foam Wing Emerger*, the same pattern originally planned for last month. The recipe can be found later in this issue. 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



Another year has almost past and a new one is about to begin. I think 2010 was a successful year. Our goal was to teach more people to fish and to invite more experts to present to the club. We taught

more people to flyfish through the mentor program. I hope to continue that next year too. The Board invited Ed Engle, Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka to speak and share information with the membership. It was a pleasure to meet Ed Engle whose articles I have always enjoyed reading. He is a true fishing expert for stream trout with small flies and I learned more things from him to try next time on the San Juan and the Conejos. I had the pleasure of picking him up and dropping him off at the airport. So the windshield time was well spent asking him all sorts of questions and it was a pleasurable time. Ed's book *Trout Lessons* is a must read to fish the small streams

in New Mexico. With the help of the El Paso Sportsman's Elite shop, we also had Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka from Ft. Collins. They are two retired high school art teachers that have applied their teaching and graphic art skills to their passion of fly fishing. They co-wrote one of the most complete fly tying books on midges titled, *Modern Midges*. They also gave an all morning streamside clinic at the lease fishing the flies that they demonstrated tying at the regular Monday night meeting. And wrapping up the list of experts will be John Bailey of Dan Bailey's Flyshop in Livingston Montana. He will be our guest speaker at the annual banquet on January 22, 2011.

The lease fished extremely well all season. We benefited from the natural reproduction that take takes place when conditions are right. Small fish seemed to be everywhere in the spring and they grew

about an inch per month. I think they should over winter well. In 2011, I hope that we can begin a few significant stream improvement projects. This would involve placing some large rocks in strategic locations. We will be looking for anyone willing to work on developing a plan for the project. Then we will need to ask Jim Ellett's permission before getting started.

A fun thing this year was the rod for Christmas raffle. It generated extra income for the Club and a lot of enthusiasm. The winner had their choice of two Winston rods or a Sage rod. This year's winner was Tom Wobbe. I witnessed Tom break a rod on the Conejos so he needed a replacement. For all that he does for the Club too, he is a deserving winner.

I want to especially thank Jim Hulse, Tom Wobbe and Gary Mann. Jim does the website and newsletter. Tom keeps up with the membership and permits for the lease and Gary manages the money and is the prize-meister for each year's banquet. They really help make the club run smoothly. And thanks to the other members of the Board too. They help me stay "between" the lines and made 2010 a successful year.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the President. A new slate of Boards members will start 2011 off fresh. I am looking forward to passing the presidency off to a new face with new ideas. Most of all, I hope everyone has a very happy holiday spent with family and friends. Also a special thanks to those with family in the military and away from home.

And maybe sneak some fishing time in at the lease too.

Buenos fishing,

Bob Silver

Election Results

The December Board meeting did not have a quorum and the results of the recent election of Board members could not be certified. This will be done in the January 10, 2011 meeting and Club officers will be appointed.

All Board members and officers will take office at the banquet on 22 January 2011 and will serve until January 2012.

Annual Club Banquet

Saturday, 22 January 2011

Our annual banquet will be Saturday, January 22, 2011. 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 3). Spouses and children are invited.

The guest speaker will be John Bailey of Dan Bailey's Fly Shop of Livingston, Montana. John will also be conducting a casting clinic during the day on Saturday.

The club will provide BBQ brisket, pulled pork, sausage, red and green enchiladas and drinks, with members asked to bring salads and desserts. A raffle will take place during the dinner. This raffle is probably the richest we have ever had. There are many top-of-the-line items. See the list of prizes in the following article. Raffle tickets and information will follow in a separate communication.

Raffle Items

Here's the list of prizes for this year's MVFF Banquet Jan 22nd.

Door Prizes (must be present to win):

1. Fish Pond Drifter Soft Boat Cooler (\$59 value)
2. Flip Focal Magnifiers (\$19.95 value)
3. TFO Signature rod 5-weight
4. Alaska Almanac
5. DVD *Strategies for Selective Trout* by Doug Swisher

Annual Attendance Prize:

The 2010 MVFF Attendance drawing winner, taken from the ticket stubs for meetings and formal club events collected throughout the past year, is a guided float trip for two on the Rio Grande with Wolf Creek Anglers.

PHWW:

Ron Bellerose will be running a separate raffle during the banquet for a G. Loomis GL3 9' 5-weight 2-piece rod (\$180 value.) Proceeds will go into the PGW fund.

The Fund Raiser Raffle includes the following high value prizes:

Rods:

1. Sage Z-Axis 9' 5-weight, 4-piece rod (\$700 value)
2. Winston WT 8'9" 4-weight 5-piece rod (\$700 value)
3. St. Croix AVID 8'6" 4-weight 4-piece rod (\$230 value)

Reels:

1. Galvan OB-1 reel (\$275 value)
2. Lamson Guru G1.5 reel (\$179 value)

Gear:

1. Simms G3 wader gift certificate (\$429 value)
2. Fish Pond Gore Range Vest (\$139 value)
3. Fish Pond Yellowstone Wader Duffel Bag (\$149 value)

Casting Clinic

John Bailey of Dan Bailey's Fly Shop of Livingston, Montana will be conducting a casting clinic at Alumni Pond during the day on Saturday 22 January. The time for the clinic has not been determined.



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



PHW has been at a slow down during the holidays. I expect to meet with White Sands in the next couple of weeks or the beginning

of January. The flyrod that was broken on the last Ft. Bliss outing has been replaced by TFO. Great response from them. We need to support them as much as possible.

Tentative dates to work with Ft Bliss soldiers are fly tying on the 25th of March, casting on the 8th of April and fishing the lease on the 22nd of April.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), roncor@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

**MVFF LADY ANGLERS**

Helen Zagona

Greetings Lady Anglers and Happy New Year!

We are starting the fishing season off early this year by planning a winter social and get-together lunch. We would like to invite all

MVFF Lady Anglers to join us on Saturday, February 12 for lunch and wine and fishing talk. We will discuss our plans for several Lady Angler events during the year. Bring your Calendar! There are more fun times ahead and you won't want to miss out.

Lunch is at my home, 4020 Chuparosa Ct, Las Cruces. You must RSVP by February 1st to be included. You can just send a reply to me at hzagona@yahoo.com. I will confirm the date, time and location to those who reply.

If you have not participated in our events before, WELCOME! This is your opportunity to meet new friends and become involved. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Trout Unlimited**Gila/Rio Grande Chapter**

Jeff Arterburn

President



Conservation, Protection and Restoration of Cold Water Fisheries in New Mexico.

Looking ahead to opportunities in 2011.

Catch and release fishing for native trout is a tremendously satisfying aspect of flyfishing, and I find that enjoyment is enhanced when you can fish a stream where your efforts have helped improve the habitat, or reclaimed water to ensure those natives are there for generations to come. This past year, members of MVFF and Trout Unlimited participated in willow planting projects on Gilita Creek and Black Canyon, and on both occasions participants enjoyed the hands-on work, fishing and camaraderie of camping out in these beautiful spots.

This year we initiated a new chapter of TU to focus conservation and restoration projects, reinforce partnerships with Federal, State and Private Agencies, and bring needed resources to our region that spans the southwestern border from the Gila and Aldo Leopold in the west, to the Sacramento Mountains in the east. The addition of a new chapter means that both long-time and new TU members will have the opportunity to be directly involved and participate in projects close to home, with a chapter to call their own. We are currently working with the other NM chapters to develop a comprehensive strategic plan. Earlier this month we submitted a proposal to the TU *Embrace a Stream* program, requesting funding for a project on Agua Chiquita in the Sacramento's. We should hear back soon on the status of this proposal, and we are actively pursuing other conservation and restoration partnerships in the region, so 2011 promises to be a great year for trout in southern NM!

I attended the recent Gila Trout Recovery Team meeting, and can enthusiastically report on this group's exciting accomplishments in both restoration/renovation efforts, and increasing our recreational opportunities to enjoy these beautiful native trout.

Please keep your email tuned and check the websites for announcements of upcoming projects, and I hope to see you on the water in 2011!

Trout Unlimited: Gila/Rio Grande Chapter - 780

Your National TU membership provides automatic association with local chapters without any additional costs, and TU members outside the region have the opportunity to affiliate with the new Gila/Rio Grande Chapter-780. To check your membership and chapter affiliation status log into your member profile on the TU website <http://www.tu.org/>. If you need to update or change your Chapter/Council just call TU member services at 1-800-834-2419. If you are not a current TU member, you can take advantage of a special introductory rate of \$17.50 when you designate your chapter affiliation: <https://www.tumembership.org/member/intro>.

For additional information or other questions please contact Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773, jeffgilatu@aol.com.



Black Canyon Gila Trout, Courtesy of Robert Trompler

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2011 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, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

Welcome New Members

Steve & Dory Hunt	Eagle River, AK
Ward Kidder	Albuquerque, NM
Al & Kathy Siegwart	Milford, NJ
Monty Smith	Carlsbad, NM

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 20, 2010

The Board met on December 20, 2011 but since a quorum was not present no business could be conducted.

Quick Look Contact Information

2010 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• V-Pres.:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1:	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	George Thomas (575) 532-5614
• 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
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

Total	\$11,003
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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.

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.



***** 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.

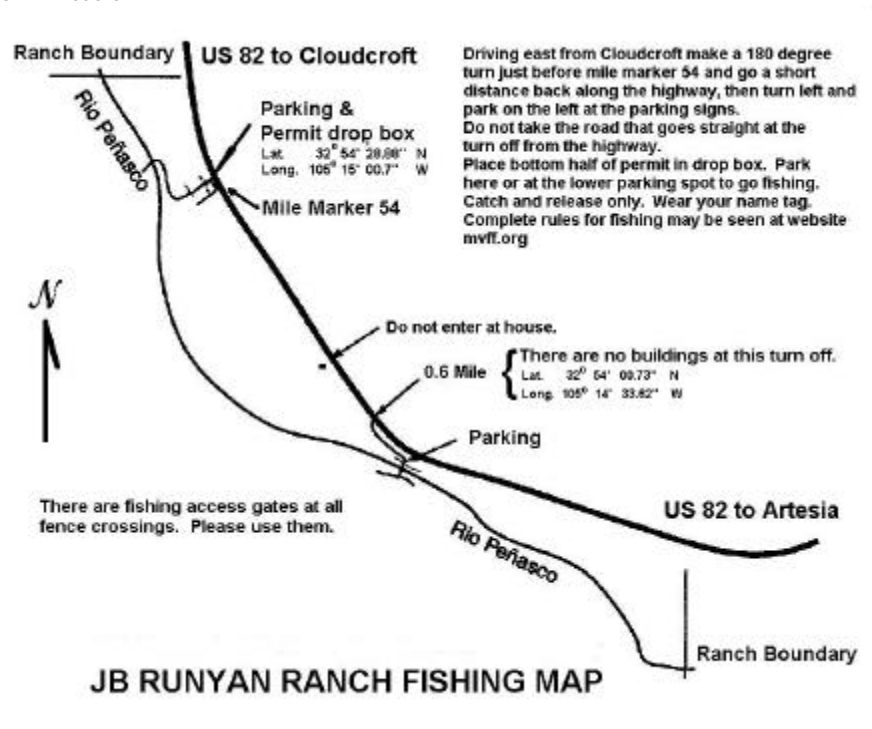
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.