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Membership Meeting

There will be no monthly membership meeting in January. Instead there will be the annual banquet on 26 Jan. See the article on page 2 for details.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 21 January

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 21 January at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Liars and Tyers will meet at a date to be determined, probably, Wednesday 30 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is also undecided. 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

Happy New Year!

2012 marked our 25th Year Anniversary. So, it's only fitting for us to do a bit of a year in review.

We had guest speakers starting



with:

- Bob Widgren for last year's annual banquet, as well as for our April meeting.
- Doc Thompson at the February meeting.
- Rex Johnson at the March meeting.
- Jeff Venegas and Paul Bauer at the May meeting.
- Molly Semenik at the December meeting and she also conducted a casting clinic.

Last year's club events:

- In April we had club members help the Girl Scouts with their Passport to Nature.
- Two groups of Soldiers from Fort Bliss went through our PHW program.
- Stream improvements on the Lease last spring
- December 1st we released 600 trout at the Lease.

Club Trips:

- July - we had 24 members on our Quinlan Ranch trip.
- September - Bob Silver and other members went to Kodiak, Alaska.
- November - we had 30 members fishing on the San Juan River.

This year, our Annual Banquet will be held on January 26th at St. Paul's Methodist Church and will start at 6pm. Spouses and children are invited. The club will provide pulled pork, BQ brisket, red and green enchiladas and refreshments. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. This year we are sharing our banquet with the Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited. We have three raffles this

year, MVFF, Trout Unlimited and PHW. We have plenty of door prizes to give away and our general drawing. Our guest speaker for the Banquet is Carter Kruse, Aquatic Resource Coordinator for Turner Enterprises, Inc. I am hoping to put together a casting clinic Saturday morning before the banquet and will let everyone know later.

Fly Casting Clinic:

Since Bob & Lee Widgren were coming to the banquet. He has agreed to put on a casting clinic for us on Saturday morning January 26th from 9am to noon at the NMSU Alumni Pond. We will send out a reminder a few days before

The board has already approved three club trips this year and I hope to have one or two more trip added. Our Bighorn trip will be June 18th through the 23rd, the Quinlan Ranch trip is July 17th through the 21st and our San Juan Trip is October 10th through the 14th. Our mentoring program will continue again this year with casting clinics and streamside education to help our members improve their skills.

See you at the Banquet and in the mean time keep a tight line.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is moving at a slow pace during the Holidays but I expect to see it pick up soon. I still have not received anything from Ft. Bliss on their schedule of soldiers going through the training and working with PHW. I am still trying to work with the American Legion and the local VA clinic. PHW will have it's usual raffle at the banquet. We have a Regal vise and a Fish Pond waist pack. Hoping for a great new year with PHW.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org. Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Election Results

During the board meeting on December 17th 2012, board members canvassed the election results and declared the following members elected as board members for 2013: Paul Turner, Jeff Arterburn, Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, George Sanders, Jim Sorenson, Bob Silver, Ron Warnke and Ron Bellerose.

Then in accordance with club by-laws, board members selected as officers: President - Chuck Mueller, Vice-President - Bob Silver, Secretary - Jim Sorenson and Treasurer - Gary Mann.

All Board members and officers will take office at the banquet on 26 January 2013 and will serve until January 2014.

Casting Clinic

Saturday, 26 January

Bob Widgren will hold a casting clinic on Saturday 26 January from 9am until noon at Alumni Pond, NMSU. Bob is a FFF certified casting instructor.

Annual Club Banquet

Saturday, 26 January 2013

Our annual banquet will be Saturday, January 26, 2013. This year MVFF and Trout Unlimited (TU) will have a joint banquet, with TU providing the speaker. Since many MVFF members are also TU members this would seem to be a natural. The banquet will start at 6:00pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, which is where we have had it for the last several years (see map on page 4). Spouses and children are invited.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Carter Kruse of Turner Enterprises, Inc. Dr. Kruse will speak on *Conservation and Recovery of New Mexico's Native Cutthroat Trout: A Public-Private Partnership to Preserve A Piece of Our Angling Heritage*.

The club will provide BBQ brisket, pulled pork, sausage, red and green enchiladas and drinks, with members asked to bring salads and desserts. Several raffles will take place following the dinner and are some of 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 and will also be available at the banquet.

Volunteers will be needed to set up the tables and chairs and prepare things in general. Volunteers should arrive about 4pm.

Fund Raising Raffles

Tickets for the fund raising raffles, MVFF and TU, are \$5 each, there's no limit to the number of entry's you can submit, the prize drawings will be held during the annual banquet on Saturday, January 26th, 2013 and you do not need to be present to win

Items for MVFF Raffles

Here's the list of prizes for this year's MVFF Banquet Jan 26th.

Door Prizes (must be present to win):

There will be a variety of door prizes awarded. Each person present will receive a ticket.

Annual Attendance Prize:

The 2012 MVFF Attendance drawing winner, taken from the ticket stubs for meetings and formal club events collected throughout the past year, will win a night's stay for two at the Octagon Inn at Navajo Dam.

PHW:

Ron Bellerose will be running a separate raffle during the banquet for a Regal vise and a Fish Pond waist pack. Proceeds will go into the PHW fund.

Fund Raiser Raffle:

Rods:

- Sage rod 'One' model - 4pc 9' - 5wt
- Bob Widgren custom built Sage rod 'ZXL', 7'9" - 3 wt, winner's name will be added

Reels:

- Galvan 'Torque' reel for 5 wt
- Lamson 'Lite Speed' reel for 3 wt

Gear:

- Fishpond 'Yellowstone' wader/duffel bag
- Brodin 'Ghost' rubber bag net
- \$135 gift certificate from Sportsmans Elite

Guided Trips

- 'Conejos River Anglers' guided trip for 2, wade and/or float
- 'Sandstone Anglers' guided trip for 2, wade and/or float
- 'Land of Enchantment Guides' guided trip for 2, wade and/or float

Items for TU Fund Raising Raffle

The Grand Prize is a 2-day fishing trip (unguided) for 2 with lodging and meals at the spectacular Vermejo Park Ranch in northern NM (available dates Aug. 1 - Sept. 15, 2013). Other great prizes include a beautiful 5wt Winston Boron IIX Fly Rod.



Dr. Carter Kruse Bio

Dr. Carter Kruse has been the Aquatic Resource Coordinator with the Turner organization since 2000. He earned a B.Sc. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from South Dakota State University (1993) and M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Wyoming (1998). Carter manages a variety of aquatic projects from water rights to native species conservation, including the Native Cutthroat Trout Initiative. A current program of interest is water management and conservation on working ranches under a changing climate. Carter lives near Bozeman with his wife and five kids.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2013 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 any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- June 18-23 - trip to Big Horn River in Montana.
- July 17-20 - trip to Quinlan Ranch
- October 10-13 - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Alan Franzoy	Radium Springs, NM
Robert Joslin	Ft. Worth, TX
Garrett Pace	Ft. Worth, TX
Josh & Megan Ragsdale	Roswell, NM
Paul Ragsdale	Roswell, NM
Luke Ragsdale	Roswell, TX

Quick Look Contact Information

2013 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• V-Pres.:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• 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
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2011	\$10,709

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.

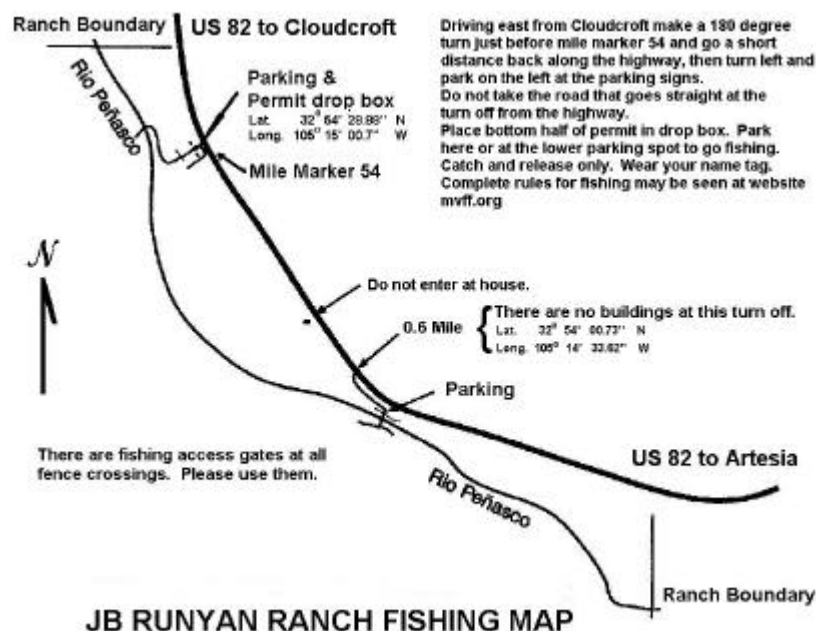
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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), 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.