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## Membership Meeting

There will be no monthly membership meeting in January. Instead there will be the annual banquet on 18 January. See the article on page 2 for details.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 13 January

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 13 January at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 22 January

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 22 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Foam Hopper*. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

## President's Corner

### Happy New Year!

It is only fitting for us to review our past year of 2013.

Our guest Speakers for the past year:



Carter Kruse for our Annual Banquet; David Palmer for February; Noah Parker for March; Tim Mack for April; Bob Silver for May; Jim Sorenson and Mary Hoffman for September; George Sanders for October; Carl McGrew for November and Toner Mitchell for December.

### Last year's club events:

Fly casting clinic with Bob Widgren in January; Fly tying demo in February with David Palmer; Kids Clinic in April; Fly fishing clinic with NMSU student chapter of the American Fisheries Society in November; Stream improvements in the fall; stocking the lease with 1,000 trout in November; Fly casting clinic with toner Mitchell in December; and part one of our Fly Rob building clinic in December.

### Club Trips:

San Juan Trip in May; Bighorn trip in June; Quinlan Ranch trip in July; and San Juan trip in October.

### PHW:

March and September we had our fly fishing clinic and outing for our soldiers at Fort Bliss; we got local vets involved in fly tying and fishing; in November Ron took five Vets to the San Juan for a day of fishing; the club along with PHW, Jim Ellett and the Cow Belles received certificates of appreciation from the William Beaumont Center for our work with their soldiers. I want to thank all members who help to make this happen.

In 2014 we will start the year off at the Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo on January 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have a booth at the show and have two 1-hour sessions on Saturday and Sunday about Fly Fishing

101. We have 12 volunteers so far and could use a few more.

Our Annual Banquet will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Methodist Church and will start at 6pm. Spouses and children are invited. The club will provide pulled pork and BQ brisket from Sparky's, red and green enchiladas from Andele's and refreshments. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. This year we invited members of the Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited and NMSU Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to our banquet. We have our biggest raffle yet with over \$4,000 in prizes, plus a lot of door prizes to be given away. PHW will also have a raffle for a Fly Rod.

Our guest speaker for the banquet is Van Beacham, author of the *Flyfisher's Guide to New Mexico*. Van has donated a guided fishing trip for two and will have some books available to purchase and autograph. I am sure you will enjoy his presentation. Fly Casting Clinic at 9:30am Saturday before the Banquet. Van will hold a casting clinic at the Alumni Pond next to the Pan Am Center on the NMSU Campus.

We will also announce our club trips that the board lined up for 2014.

Finally, it has been my pleasure to serve as President for the past three years. I have learned a lot from so many of you to be a better flyfisher and person. We have new slate of board members and new officers appointed for 2014. I look forward to passing the presidency off to someone who will serve the club well.

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

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator

Project Healing Waters is moving ahead with an increasing number of Vets from the local area. I will



be meeting with the Wounded Warrior Battalion early this month to possibly set up some fly tying/fishing sessions with this group of soldiers. We are looking at the possibility of having groups of 8-10 soldiers go fishing as many as 4 times a year. This would be in addition to the Warrior Resilience Center group that we have been working with for several years. I have not yet received the schedule from them.

We will be holding several fund raisers this new year starting with the forum at the Las Cruces Convention Center on 10-12 January and our annual banquet on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

I have been able to establish an e-mail group listing for PHW participants. Hope to have that completely updated by the end of the month and then start on the MVFF PHW volunteer group after that.

Expect to have many fishing trips to different locations this year and will need volunteers to work with the Vets. I greatly appreciate all the volunteers that have participated this past year.

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

## Election Results

During the board meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2013, board members canvassed the election results and declared the following members elected as board members for 2014: Paul Turner, Jeff Arterburn, Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, Jim Sorenson, Bob Silver, Ray Rodriguez, Dennis Lanpher and Dave Medler.

The board will select officers during the January Board Meeting.

All Board members and officers will take office at the banquet on 18 January 2014 and will serve until January 2015.

## Annual Club Banquet

Saturday, 18 January 2014

Our annual banquet will be Saturday, January 18, 2014. 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.

Speaker for this event will be Van Beacham, author of the *Flyfisher's Guide to New Mexico*. See the bio which follows for more information.

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.

### Items for MVFF Raffles

Here's the list of prizes for this year's MVFF Banquet Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Door Prizes (must be present to win):

There will be a variety of door prizes awarded including 6 magnetic fly boxes, 2 fly boxes, 2 zingers, the floral table arrangements and a variety of books. Each person present will receive a ticket.

#### Annual Attendance Prize:

Two MVFF Attendance drawing winners, taken from the ticket stubs for meetings and formal club events collected throughout the past year, will win:

- Night's stay for two at the Octagon Inn at Navajo Dam.
- A guided trip for two from Noah Parker.

#### PHW:

Ron Bellerose will be running a separate raffle during the banquet for a TFO 5wt 4pc rod and reel. Funds from this go to help finance PHW activities.

#### Fund Raiser Raffle (need not be present to win):

##### Rods:

- Winston Boron III-X Fly Rod (\$795 value)
- Sage CICRA Fly Rod- 8'9"—5wt (\$775 value)
- Custom. Sage One 9' 5wt rod built by Bob Widgren (\$775 value)

##### Reels:

- Galvan T-4 Reel (\$340 value)
- Hardy Reel, Ultralite 5000DD (\$225 value)
- TFO Reel- BVK II (\$240 value)

#### Gear:

- Simms G-3 Guide wader gift certificate (\$450 value)
- 2 - Fishpond Chest Paks

#### Guided Trips

- A guided trip for two from Solitary Angler in Taos (Van Beacham).

### Bio for Van Beacham

Van Beacham, author of the *Flyfisher's Guide to New Mexico*, will be our guest speaker at the 2014 MVFF Annual Banquet and Raffle that will held on January 18, 2014.

Van Beacham is a fourth generation native New Mexican and descends from a long line of over six generations of fly fishermen. He was born in Santa Fe and began fishing with his father and grandfather when he was four years old.

Van is a very well known guide in New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming. He is the owner of The Solitary Angler in Taos, New Mexico. Van has guided anglers of all levels from New Mexico to Wyoming since 1978.



At 9:30am on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Van will hold a casting class at the Alumni Pond next to the Pan Am Center on the New Mexico State University campus.

Then that evening, he will be our guest speaker after dinner at the Banquet. He is well known for finding special out-of-the-way fishing locations that are less known and crowded; hence the name, *Solitary Angler*.

He will talk about some of the quality waters that he has fished and how each of us can go about finding similar fishing spots in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

Van has donated a guided fishing trip for two and he will also have some of his books available to autograph for purchase. Come hear a very special talk about the knowledge, skills and favorite locations that Van will share with you.

### Casting Clinic

Saturday, 18 January, 2014

We are holding a fly casting clinic on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, featuring Van Beacham. The clinic will be held on the NMSU campus in the Alumni Pond, which is located to the southwest of the Pan American Center. There is a link to the NMSU campus map website, where it is referred to as "Duck Pond" <http://maps.nmsu.edu/>. The closest parking lot adjacent to the pond can be accessed from Stewart

Street. Bring your favorite rod and improve your casting skills.

### Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2014 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.

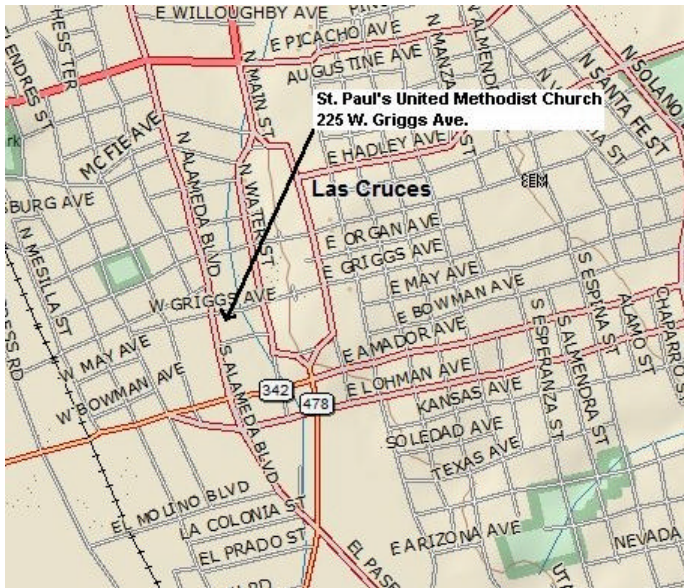
There are no trips currently planned.

### Welcome New Members

Joe & Marion Baca	Las Cruces, NM
Patrick & Margo Lamb	Las Cruces, NM



Map showing location for Banquet.



The parking area for St. Paul's is on the south side and can be entered from N. Alameda Blvd. Entry to the church is through the double doors facing the parking area and closest to Alameda.



**Don't forget your Raffle Tickets!!  
Buy early and avoid the rush.**





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**MVFF Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 16, 2013

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Chuck Mueller. In attendance were Chuck Mueller, Jeff Arterburn, Jim Sorenson, Bob Silver, Paul Turner and George Sanders and non-Board members Tom Wobbe, Patrick Drake and Dave Medler.

1. Minutes of the November 2013 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
2. In the Treasurer's absence, Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has a balance of approximately \$8,000.
3. The Club has 227 paid-up members.
4. In Ron Bellerose's absence, there was no PHW report.
5. Patrick Drake made a short presentation regarding the Mesilla Valley Sportsmen's Expo to be held at the Las Cruces Convention Center on January 10-12, 2014. The Convention Center will be open for setup on Thursday and the Expo's hours will be:
  - Friday: 1:00pm to 9:00pm
  - Saturday: 9:00am to 6:00pm
  - Sunday 9:00am to 4:00pm
6. A motion was approved authorizing the Club to spend \$100 plus gross receipts tax to purchase a booth at the 2014 Mesilla Valley Sportsmen's Expo. In addition, the Club will do a one-hour "fly fishing 101" presentation on Saturday and Sunday.
7. The election of members of the Board of Directors for 2014 was confirmed as follows: Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Jeff Arteburn, Gary Mann, Paul

Turner, Bob Silver and new Board members, Dave Medler, Ray Rodriguez and Dennis Lanpher.

8. The following were elected as officers for 2014:
  - President: Jim Sorenson
  - Vice-President: Ray Rodriguez
  - Treasurer: Gary Mann
  - Secretary: Dave Medler
9. The following Committee members were confirmed:
  - Membership: Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulsey
  - Habitat: Bob Silver and Dave Carmichael
  - Mentoring: Bob Silver and Chuck Mueller
  - Project Healing Waters: Ron Bellerose and Ray Rodriguez
  - Club Trips: George Sanders, Chuck Mueller and Jim Sorenson
  - Kids' Fishing Clinic: Tom Wobbe and Ron Bellerose
  - Bylaws: Jim Sorenson and Jim Hulsey
  - Meetings and Banquets: Bob Silver and Paul Turner
  - Newsletter: Jim Hulsey and Tom Wobbe
10. Final preparation for the Club's annual banquet and raffle was discussed. A motion to invite members of the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the NMSU Chapter of the American Society of Fisheries was approved.
11. Speakers for the February General Meeting will be Tom Lightfoot on his recent trip to Kodiak and Bob Silver regarding the upcoming 2014 Kodiak Trip.
12. The next Board meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00pm.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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**Quick Look Contact Information**

2013 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Secretary:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Treasurer:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
<b>Board Members</b>	
• <b>Position 1:</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>Position 2:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Position 4:</b>	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• <b>Position 5:</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• <b>Position 6:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Position 7:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 8:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• <b>Position 9:</b>	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
<b>Membership Committee Chairman</b>	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	
Market Value as of 30 June 2012	\$9,808

**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](mailto: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.

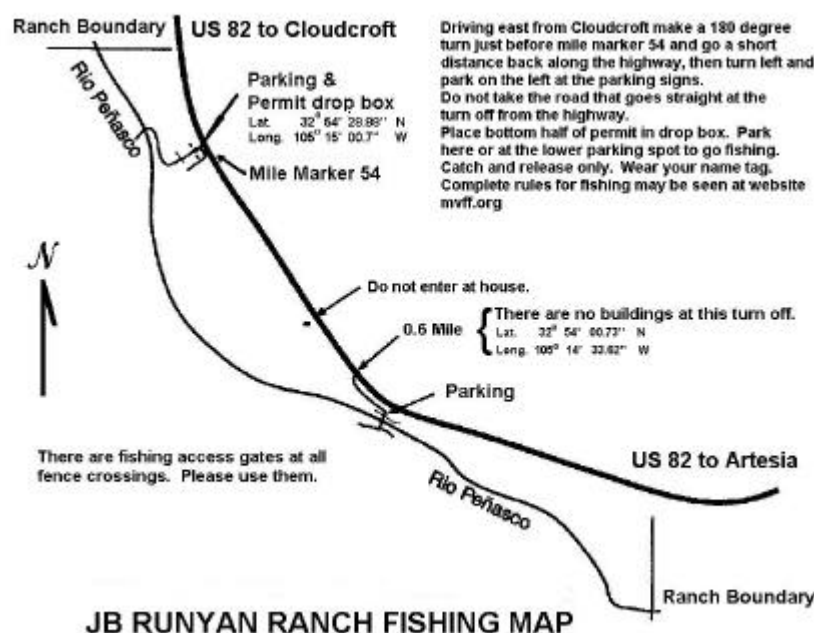
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. 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 (current dues have been paid) 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.