

Tale Waters

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund \$5,979

No Membership Meeting in June

Since many of our members spend their summers fishing and vacationing there will be no membership meeting in June, July or August.

Liars and Tiers

Wednesday, 19 July

Liars and Tiers will meet Wednesday 19 July at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. This is a change from the regular meeting date which conflicts with the club trip to the Conejos. Several of the regular participants will be on the trip and therefore the change. The group will be tying the *Zugbug* which 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.

"Of all the hardware a fisherman carries with him to the stream, his timepiece is the least important."

Paul Quinnett

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 July

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on 17 July at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Corner

We are continuing to receive good fishing reports from those who have fished the Penasco Lease. Even with lower water conditions the fish are continuing to be in good condition and hitting quite well on top and nymphs. Permits are available from Donna Mabie, Jim Hulseley or Tom Wobbe. Just give any one of us a call and pick up a permit or let us mail it to you.

The San Juan trip proved to be a good time for those who were able to attend. The flow was cut to 500 cfs and has remained there until Tuesday, June 27 when it was raised to over 700 cfs to provide more water downstream for the endangered species. There was plenty of food at the potluck and a good time was enjoyed by everyone, with about 17 attending. Fishing was great with several reports of 15-20+ trout daily. It seems that Brown's are showing up in Texas Hole and above, with Texas Hole running about 40-50% Brown Trout.

The Conejos River outing is still planned for July 28, 29 & 30th. Additional information is located in this newsletter so make your final plans. There is a list of those who signed up to make the trip, so if you hope to car pool or share a room you might contact myself or Jim Hulseley for additional information for fellow members phone #'s.

We are continuing to have new members join our club so let's all make them feel welcome when we have the opportunity at future meetings.

Tight lines,
Tom

Conejos River Trip

The Club trip to the Conejos will be on 28 - 30th of July. Present plans are to center our activities around the Ponderosa campground which is located approximately 20 miles west of Antonito on highway 17. At press time camping spaces were pretty well reserved but if you wish to stay there check for cancellations. There are other campgrounds nearby. Our usual potluck dinner is not planned this time but the campground has a group meeting room if we wish to get together and compare fishing notes. The Ponderosa is pretty well centered along the river so that we can fish either up or down stream. There is a restaurant and a country store close by. Jon Harp at www.conejosriveranglers.com offers guide services and has a flyshop on the river.

Many of you signed up for the trip scheduled at an earlier date. If you are still interested please let us know by email or by filling out the form on the web page. We will send an e-mail to those who signed up for the trip.

Check the MVFF website for details of where to stay, phone numbers, etc. Late breaking news will be posted there. If you want to share rides, RV's, etc. contact Tom Wobbe or Jim Hulsey.

"Old Friends can wade a trout stream together or walk a woodland cover and not encounter just the fish or the game of that day, but also the memories of other days and other places. They've taken the bitter with the better and found it all rewarding."

LeeWulff, Outdoor Life

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Rio Peñasco Fishing Report

Editor's Note: Tim Mack of El Paso recently fished the Lease on the Rio Peñasco and filed the following report.

We arrived around 10:30 AM and were greeted by the ranch owner. He was very friendly. We walked down to the bridge and two of us went down and the rest went up stream. I went up stream. Casting was tough but I hooked a few and lost them. They were hitting on a size 16 pheasant tail nymph. I finally caught two rainbows, they were 8- and 10-inches long. The two that went down stream came up and passed the rest of us. I worked the stream up to a large slow moving pool where I found the guys trying to catch these rainbows that were feeding on top. The pool was large enough that all four of us could fish it. I noticed a lot of ants around and tied on a foam ant. In two casts I caught a good size rainbow (approx. 15 inches) on the ant. He came up and nailed it! We took a picture and I will send it to you as soon as I get it from Bill. We all started using ants. They seemed to be hitting them all over. I caught two more and worked my way downstream.

We met under the bridge for lunch. I was fishing while Bill went for the food. I worked the pool right

under the bridge with the foam ant and a copper john for a dropper. I hooked up with a brown trout, he hit the copper john. Bill's son-in-law helped me land it. It was about 11 inches. We broke for lunch. After lunch we all worked the stream below the bridge. I caught another brown on the same copper john. The only two browns caught through out the day. Bill took a picture of this fish. I will also send it when I get it.

On the lower end, I switched to a stimulator size 14. I caught a bunch of rainbows on it. They were all around 12 inches. We were having too much fun. At the end of the day we switched to small flies because there were tricos hatching. We caught a few on griffin's gnats size 22. It was a good day.

"DON'T wait until you retire to go fishing. Don't even wait until your annual vacation. Go at every opportunity. Things that appear more urgent may, in the long run, turn out to be far less so."

Ted Trueblood, Field & Stream

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HELP!!!**E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to President@mvff.org. If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to president@mvff.org.

Angler's Nook

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at 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.

Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. 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." 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. Presently the fund contains \$5,979. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

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.

"There is nothing that attracts human nature more powerfully than the sport of tempting the unknown with a fishing line."

Henry Van Dyke

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Zugbug

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *Zugbug*. It was originally designed by J.Cliff Zug and is thought to be a variation of a nymph called the Kemp bug. It is one of those must have flies and rates along with Pheasant Tail nymphs, Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear nymphs and Prince's nymph as one of the top 10 nymphs that you must have in your fly box. It is the use of the green peacock herl with it's efflorescent qualities that makes it so alluring and successful. Detailed step-by-step tying instructions can be found at flyanglersonline.com Fished in the same manner as the Hare's Ear Nymph, the Zug Bug generally imitates food items like mayfly and damselfly nymphs, caddis pupae, etc. It can also be used as a stonefly imitation. This fly could also be tied as a beadhead.



Hook: Daiichi 1710, sizes 6 - 16.

Thread: Black or olive.

Weight: Med. or small lead wire (if desired).

Tail: Peacock herl.

Wingcase: Woodduck flank or turkey quill, clipped short.

Body: Peacock herl.

Ribbing: Oval silver tinsel.

Hackle: Furnace, sparse, tied beard-style.

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Gunnison/Taylor Rivers Fishing Report

Editor's Note: Club member Barry Prah and daughter Courtney recently (18-22 June) took a fishing trip to Colorado and filed this fishing report.

I had to be dragged off the river, the fishing was incredible. My daughter and I fished the Taylor River pocket waters around Almont, CO. Every evening there was a wall of caddis so thick that I'd never seen anything like it.

The evening hatch made the river boil with hungry trout. We caught 15-20 fourteen- to sixteen-inch browns and bows almost every night. I fished the Gunnison River down by Cooper's Ranch on Wednesday and Thursday between 11 and 2pm. There were green drakes coming off on Wednesday and I caught more than half dozen healthy browns and bows.

Thursday I went back for more. The sun stayed out and there was a caddis hatch between 11:30am and

1:30pm. I caught twenty three trout on a tan elk hair caddis (18 size.) My daughter and I took a guided float trip on Monday and did ok. It was a learning experience for her, fishing from a raft and on a big river. She did great and I'm sure proud of her. All in all GUNNISON is fishing really well. We hadn't been there in about three years. Now that the whirling disease has been handled, the rainbows are coming back nicely. All of the browns in the rivers are native. I would highly recommend a trip to Colorado to get away from the heat here and go where there is water everywhere. (PS. Mount Crested Butte was still pretty much covered in snow.) Enjoy your next fishing trip.

*"I never lost a little fish—yes, I am free to say
It always was the biggest fish I caught that got away."*

Eugene Field

MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

| Month | Events | Trips | General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker | Clinics or Lease Projects |
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| December 2005 | Liars & Tiers Meeting has been cancelled. | | 12 Dec. Dr. David Cawley - Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico | |
| January 2006 | Liars & Tiers 26 Jan. Joe's Hopper | | No general membership meeting 28 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet | NM Trout Conclave - 21 Jan. |
| February | Liars & Tiers 22 Feb. Picket Pin | | 27 Feb. Joey Vega - Quality Trout Waters in the Southwest Area. | 11 Feb - Work party at Lease. |
| March | Liars & Tiers 30 Mar. Lady Todsen | | 13 Mar. Bill Schudlich, NM Council of Trout Unlimited | 11 March NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium 18 March - Work party at Lease |
| April | Liars & Tiers 27 Apr. Prince Nymph | | 10 April Flyfishing Video on "Lee;s Ferry" | 8 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic |
| May | Liars & Tiers 25 May Copper John | | 8 May John Tavenner - NM Guide <i>Tackle and techniques for fishing the San Juan River</i> | |
| June | Liars & Tiers 29 June Hare's Ear | Club Trip to San Juan, 16-18 June | No Club Meeting This Month | |
| July | Liars & Tiers 19 July Zugbug | Club Trip to Conejos 28 - 30 July | No Club Meeting This Month | |
| August | Liars & Tiers 31 July RS2 Emerger | | No Club Meeting This Month | |
| September | Liars & Tiers 28 Sept. Midge merger | Club Trip to Kodiak 23 Sep- 1 Oct | No Club Meeting This Month Picnic instead | <i>Picnic, date tbd</i> |
| October | Liars & Tiers 26 Oct. Kiwi Muddler | Club Trip to Kodiak, 30 Sep - 8 Oct Club Trip to San Juan | 9 Oct. | |

* **Bold text** in table means confirmed and *Italics text* means tentative

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.

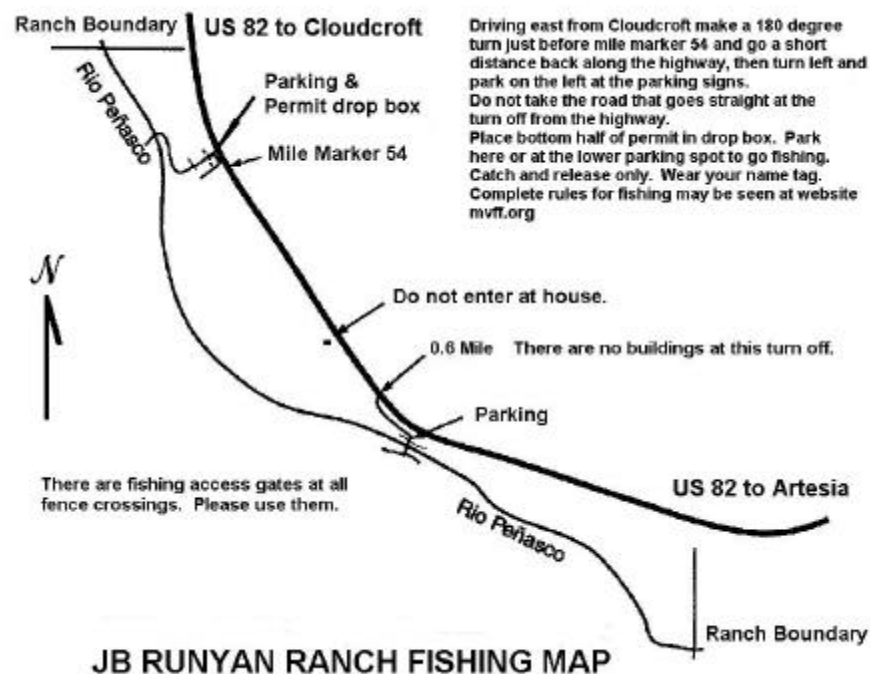
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| 1 Year | \$20 | Individual |
| | \$25 | Family |
| 3 Years | \$50 | Individual |
| | \$60 | Family |
| Life | \$400 | Individual |
| | \$500 | Family |

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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 \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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 _____?

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|------------------------|------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Membership Categories: | Individual | Family | Circle the one desired. |
| 1 Year | \$20 | \$25 | |
| 3 Years | \$50 | \$60 | |
| Life | \$400 | \$500 | |

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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ _____

_____ Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.