

Tale Waters

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President's Corner

Paul Turner

I am writing this from my hometown of Springfield, Missouri where I am visiting my Mom and other relatives so the weather is a bit different from Las Cruces. It has rained or sprinkled every day since I reached Oklahoma; Springfield got another 2 inches of rain in the last 24 hours and I got to listen to various tornado and floodwater warnings several times in the last 2 days. It has been unusually wet in the Ozarks this year and Missouri and Oklahoma are greener than I can remember. The Arkansas River west of Tulsa was running fast and high when I crossed it on the 27th. If we could shift some of this rain westward, we would make a lot of people in the Midwest happy and end our drought conditions in the Southwest at the same time.

Speaking of rivers, I met George Sanders and Eric Pratt on the Green River in northeastern Utah on June 15th and George gave me a lesson on wade fishing in Section A upstream from the Big Hole Access the next day. We caught trout on zebra midges fished below a fly that imitated a red oligochaete attractor. Later that morning we switched to dry flies and I got some action on a small cicadid. I have relatively little experience with dry fly fishing and I managed to jerk the fly out of the mouth of my first three or four strikes before George told me to say "God bless the queen" and then just raise the rod tip to set the hook (this worked much better although I still need more practice). George showed me one of the few places where you could safely wade across the Green below Flaming Gorge Dam before they increase the flow later in the day. It was a lot harder wading across the riffle going upstream and I suspect I wouldn't have made it without a wading rod. The next day I tried to show Al Hynes from El Paso what George had showed me and we hiked upstream about 1 and a half miles to a nice riffle/run at the mouth of a small stream. I

Membership Meeting

There will be no general membership meeting in July as the club takes its customary summer break. Most members are busy doing other things and hopefully many of them have gone fishing. Our next general activity will be the annual picnic in September.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 16 July

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 16 July at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 26 July

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 26 July at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Pale Morning Dun - Parachute*. Tying 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.

left after noon so I could be at the campground to meet two of my buddies from graduate school who came down from Idaho to fish with me. One of them brought his new Hyde floatboat so we could float the Green River together the next few days. Again George gave us a lesson in what should work on Section A which none of us had ever floated. I offered to help handle the floatboat after a couple of rapids and quickly found that my canoe experience didn't translate well so Ron took over the oars for any rapids that looked like a potential problem. Al Hynes joined the three of us the first day and we floated the 7.2-mile upper reach in less than 6 hours even with a stop for lunch. We all caught trout and I can honestly say that this reach of the Green is certainly one of the most beautiful rivers of this size that I have floated. I have not looked at my digital pictures yet, but hope to include some of them in a future article that George Sanders plans to write for the newsletter. Al left for El Paso the next day so he could get ready for the Conejos MVFF trip the end of June. We floated the same section the next day and then floated Section C the third day. This section of the Green still has trout, but they were noticeably smaller and less numerous than the section below the dam.

After leaving the Green the next morning I drove through Colorado to the Conejos east of Antonito. I arrived about 9 p.m. and set up my tent at the Mogote campground. The next morning I fished the reach below the campground without any success. The Conejos was running at about 700 cfs so the flow was too fast to fish except for the river edges. I moved upstream in the afternoon to the meadows area, but didn't have any luck there despite a few strikes. The flow out of Platoro Reservoir was nearly 300 cfs and the stream was essentially unswimmable in most sections. The next morning I started upstream from Mogote on a nice reach with some boulders and logs along the highway side of the river that I could fish from the bank. I had a strike almost immediately and netted three brown trout up to 16 inches within the next 30 minutes. Counting several additional strikes and one trout that I managed to give too much slack while nearly falling into the river, it was an exciting hour or so. I noticed a stonefly hatch going on when I gave this 100-yard section a second unproductive try after a short break. I was using a large dry fly as a strike indicator with a golden

stonefly on a 12 to 16-inch dropper during my successful fishing even though it hadn't worked the previous day. When I reported on what had worked for me on the Conejos to Ron Bellerose several days later I noticed that the river flow was down to 500 cfs at Mogote so I hope the river was more fishable later that week when the MVFF trip was scheduled. After driving nearly 2,000 miles to the northeastern corner of Utah and back to the Conejos I was ready for a break before leaving for Missouri from Las Cruces. I can honestly say I enjoyed the great fishing with MVFF members and my old school buddies. I plan to visit my Idaho buddies with my now-retired wife for some fishing and floating next year. As you can see I have taken my sign-off (remember if you're too busy to go fishing, you're too busy) to heart.

Paul

Jeremiah Leaves

Jeremiah Richardson, Fishing Department Manager for the Las Cruces Sportsman's Warehouse, has been promoted to be the manager of the fishing department in the Albuquerque store. Jeremiah has been very helpful to the club through the Sportsman's Warehouse and was also chairing the Programs Committee for the Club. We wish him luck in his new job and the next time you go through Albuquerque stop and say Hello.

Club Outings Planned

The board has discussed several possible fishing outings for the coming year and have more or less settled on the ones shown below. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to George Sanders who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

1. San Juan - 12 - 14 October - annual fall trip to San Juan.
2. Kodiak Island - Sept. - depending on interest

Welcome New Members

Glenn Lees
Michael Waldo
Erin Thompson
Iliana Flores

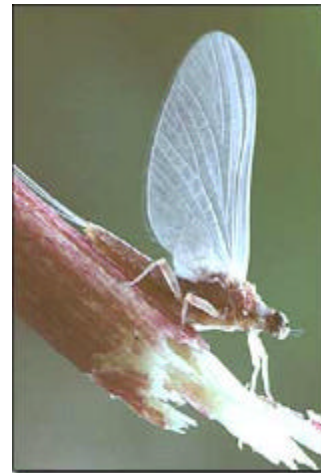
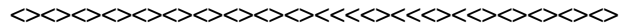
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El Paso, TX
El Paso, TX

MVFF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 11, 2007

In attendance: Paul Turner, Tom Wobbe, Jim Hulsey, Gary Mann, Jeff Arterburn, Ron Bellerose, Donna Mabie, and Richard Newton. Absent: Richard Keding, Bob Silver, and George Sanders.

1. The Treasurer's report was presented by Gary Mann and approved by the Board.
2. LuAnn Tafoya presented a plaque from the NM Game and Fish Dept. thanking the MVFF for our participation in the June 2 Fishing Clinic at Alumni Pond.
3. Paul Turner related that four people have signed up to fish the Green River, and about ten have signed up for the Conejos River trip. E-mails will be sent giving more information on fishing the Conejos.
4. There are reports of quite a few 4-inch trout in the section of the Rio Peñasco where we have an agreement with the Jim Ellett. This is good news because it indicates that the fish are reproducing. Randall and Vickie Vallee's recent successful fishing trip to the Rio Peñasco will be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, along with some pictures.
5. Jeremiah Richardson has left his position at Sportsman's Warehouse in Las Cruces to become the Fishing Department manager at the Albuquerque store. The board voted to present him with a gift certificate for a meal at the Outback restaurant and to mention elsewhere in this newsletter MVFF's appreciation for all his contributions to us.
6. Paul Turner proposed that we have a general membership meeting in September even though it is the month we have the picnic. He will try and get Marc Wethington (NM fisheries manager for the San Juan River) to speak at either the September or October meeting. This will help us prepare better for the planned October 12-14 club trip to the San Juan River. We plan to arrange for fishing guides to assist MVFF members for half a day that are willing to defray part of the cost of hiring the guides.
7. A trip to Kodiak Island this fall will depend upon how many are interested in going. September 15 has been the peak time for fishing for silver salmon.
8. Beginning July 1st, it will be possible to fish for Gila trout at Black Canyon and Iron creeks in the Gila National Forest. This will require obtaining a free permit for fishing for Gila trout from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish's website.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Ephemerella inermis (Pale Morning Dun)

Quick Look Contact Information

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• Position 2	Ron Bellerose (505) 541-0807
• Position 3	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
• Position 4	Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$10,100
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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 (505) 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.

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.

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.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Pale Morning Dun - Parachute

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Pale Morning Dun - Parachute*.

There are two species of pale morning duns, *Ephemerella inermis* and *E. infrequens*. The latter is larger (about size 16), but not very common. The former is size 18-20 and much more plentiful.

Parachute style flies ride low in the water and provide a realistic silhouette. Use this fly during hatches of mayflies when the duns are on the water.

Detailed tying instructions may be found at <http://www.flyangleronline.com> from which this information was taken. For those of you not familiar with this website, it is an excellent fly tying resource.



Hook: Daiichi 1190, sizes 16-18.

Thread: Yellow.

Tail: Two blue dun Micro Fibbets, split.

Body: Pale yellow to chartreuse yellow super fine dubbing.

Wing: Mallard flank, parachute style.

Hackle: Light ginger or blue dun.



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
June	Liars & Tyers 28 June <i>Rio Grande King</i>	14 - 20 June - Fishing trip to Green River	No General Membership Meeting	2 June - NMDG&F Kid's Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond
July	Liars & Tyers 26 July <i>PMD Para.</i>	Club trip to Conejos - 29 June - 1 July	No General Membership Meeting	
August	Liars & Tyers 30 August		No General Membership Meeting	
September	Liars & Tyers 27 Sept.	Club trip to Kodiak Island - tbd		
October	Liars & Tyers 25 Oct.	Club trip to San Juan - 12 - 14 Oct.		

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.

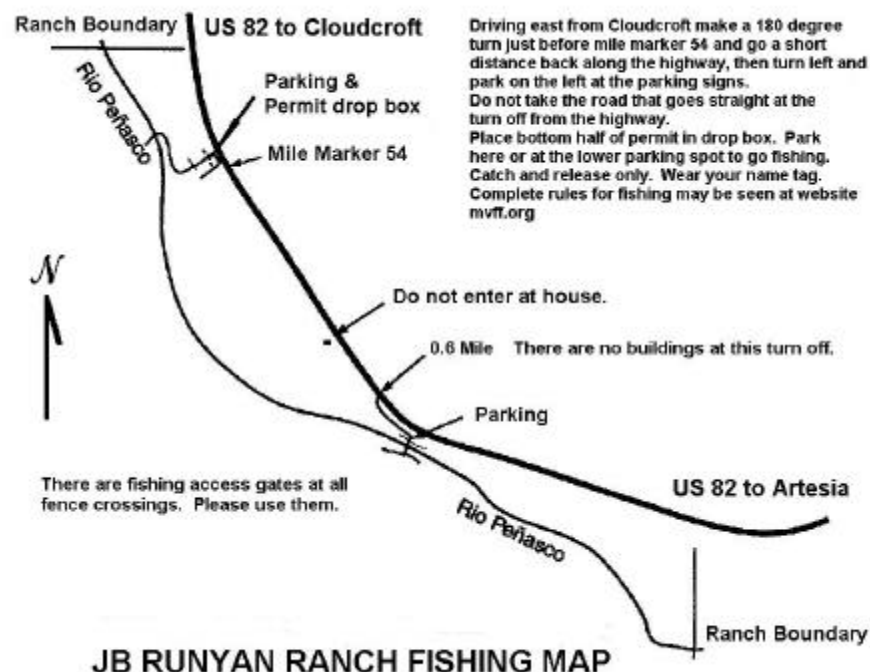
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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*. 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 Hulseley. 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 _____?

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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ _____

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

Total = \$ _____

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