

Tale Waters

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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 in September.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 July

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 19 July at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

There will be no Liars and Tyers 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 and are trying the flies they tied in the winter. Our next meeting will be in September.



President's Corner

Bob Silver

This weekend July 9-11, is the MVFF Conejos River trip. I will be camped at the Rio Grande National Forest Mogote Campground, which is about 10 miles west of Antonito, CO on State Highway 17. I will be in Spot 011 in the upper loop of the campground. Look for the MVFF banner. I know that there are more camp sites still available. The fishing reports for the last couple of weeks on the Conejos River Anglers website have been very good. Fishing has also been good on the Los Pinos. The large salmon flies are still hatching and the Green Drake hatch has just started. Day time temperatures are forecast to be about 70 degrees, that by itself is worth the trip. But, bring a rain jacket just in case. Contact me if you need directions, want to share a ride or for more information about the trip.

I have some great news to share with you. Kicking off the start of the regular monthly meetings in September, Ed Engle has accepted our invitation to speak to the Club. He will give two seminars on techniques for nymphing and tying small flies as well as an evening program about fly fishing in the West. This will take the place on Saturday September 18th and is instead of the regular evening meeting. In case you don't recognize his name, Ed Engle is a well known fly fisherman from Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is the Southwest Field Editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine, a columnist for Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Journal, the Outdoor Writer for the Boulder Daily Camera and a regular contributor to American Angler. The location and time for Ed Engle's visit will be posted on the website and in next month's Presidents column.

I can't remember a better day fishing than the day I had at the lease on June 25th. I arrived at 8am and only covered about a quarter mile of the stream from the fence just above the lower bridge to the irrigation takeout just downstream of the bridge. Tricos had already hatched and were swarming above the stream. Fish were already taking small insects from the surface. I started fishing a dry-dropper combination with a size 16 yellow/orange Stimulator above a size 18 BWO emerger as the dropper. The bite was so good that I switched just to a dry fly. Ordinarily I don't count the number of fish I catch, but I knew this was going to be an extraordinary day, so I kept count from the bridge upstream to the fence. In less than 100 yards, I landed 16 fish. And that does not count the number I hooked that let go. I don't know why, but the whole day was like that. I caught a large number of small rainbows. Most were 5 to 7 inches long. They have all the characteristics of a wild fish, and I am positive they were spawned in the stream. They all had very striking vertical parr marks on their sides. I also caught 7 big fish that rightfully measured 15 to 17 inches long. It was a beautiful day. I left at 2pm because of a thunderstorm, but the fish were still biting. The stream was clear and had a good flow. And, I didn't see anyone else fishing.

The mentorship classes are going well. We decided to have a regular schedule of classes on Saturdays so that people can attend as they have time. We have tackle classes and casting classes on alternating Saturdays through July (see schedule in Board Meeting minutes). In the tackle class we cover aquatic insects and trout behavior, fly fishing tackle and rigging, and knots. The casting class is very basic, but we impart enough skill to get everyone able to cast far enough to fish. Later we will schedule Bob Widgren from Albuquerque to conduct a "real" casting class for everyone. Thanks to Jeff Arterburn, Chuck Mueller, Dave Carmichael and Colleen Caldwell for the instruction. The class schedule for July is posted on the MVFF.org website.

See you on the Conejos or the lease. Remember to say "God Save the Queen" before you set the hook when the trout takes your dry fly.

Regards!

Bob



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters will start up again in late September, early October. From talking with Dr. Thomas, Ft. Bliss, we can expect another 20 participants in the program.

Still working with White Sands and a contact at the base. Most of the troops have been deployed to the war zone and will need some support when they get back. I hope to be able to get the interested fly fishing soldiers returning from the war into the program and into the club. It should be a lot easier for the PHW volunteers to work with White Sands. I expect to come up with some possible dates by the next board meeting.

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.



Lady Anglers

Helen Zagana

Hi Gals!

It is time to plan for our Fall Gala Trip. This year we will be traveling to the beautiful Conejos River on the southern Colorado border with NM. This river will be prime in mid-September when we will be going. Besides being just gorgeous, the Conejos offers fantastic fishing opportunities for anglers of all experience levels. The river is many miles long and offers a wide variety of types of water to fish. You will love it!

We will fish with guides (Conejos River Anglers: conejoseriveranglers.com) on Saturday, September 11 and fish on our own on Sunday 12. Travel days are planned for Friday 10 and leaving on Monday 13.

(But you will love it so much you will want to stay a couple extra days!!) The website tells about the River and the beautiful setting. Guide fees are \$325. for two anglers (\$162.50 each plus tip.) This is for a full 8 hour day and includes lunch.

This trip will be no different than our other great adventures: fine wine, beautiful scenery, super fishing and great company. In order to plan our accommodations, we will need an estimate of the number joining us. We have several options and will make reservations accordingly. Join the fun, don't be left out! Send your verbal reservation to me at hzagona@Q.com right away!

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2010 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.

- July 9-11 - Conejos
- Oct. 1-3 - San Juan
- Oct. 1-3 - Conejos - Lady Anglers

Welcome New Members

Todd & Danielle Allen	Carlsbad, NM
Charles Armendariz	El Paso, TX
Russell Beacht	Alamogordo, NM
Gilbert & Lorenza Gil	Las Cruces, NM
Steve & Olive Hester	Lubbock, TX
Mike & Cindy Lancaster	Hobbs, NM
Don & Genna Pendergras	El Paso, TX
Craig & Kristin Waide	Roswell, NM

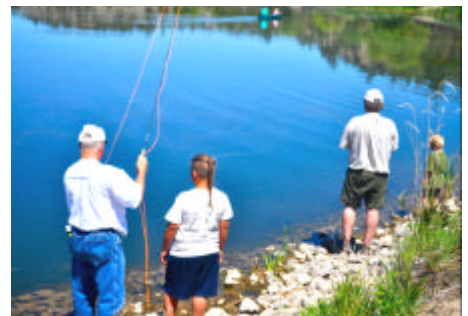
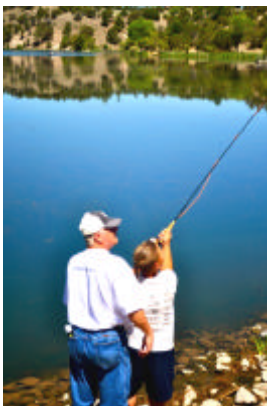


Aldo Leopold Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Roberts

Saturday, June 5th

A group of MVFF/TU Members hosted a booth with activities that included fly casting, educational trout and aquatic insect identification, and a coloring contest as part of the Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Roberts. The team included Jeff and daughter Kara Arterburn, Ron Bellerose, Dick Buchanan, Henry Rodriguez and Ray Rodriguez. The weather was hot but not windy, there was a really good turnout and everyone had a nice time. Several kids did a great job and showed their individual creative expression in the

drawing competition, with the grand prize being a membership in the "Stream Explorers" program, that includes a magazine and access to a variety of educational and fun activities. If anyone is interested in sponsoring one of these kids for the annual membership cost of \$12.00 please contact Jeff Arterburn at jeffgilatu@aol.com, they really are all winners and this is a great way to encourage kids interests in fish and fly fishing!



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Willow Planting on Gilita Creek

Saturday, June 26th

A group of MVFF/TU Members set up camp at the Willow Creek Campground in the Gila National Forest, and worked with Matt Shultz from the New Mexico Environment Department, Water Quality Division to plant willows along the road-side section of the stream that follows the Bursum Road. This section was hit hard in 2006 by fire, burning over 50,000 acres, followed by flood that scoured the creek bed

and eroded the road base. This section is immediately above the special trout regulation section of Gilita Creek canyon as it flows to become the middle fork of the Gila, and this project initiated the critical step of re-establishing willows to help prevent further degradation to this section and improve water quality downstream.



L to R: Jose, Sylka and Jim Karol, District Ranger John Pierson, Herb and Merilee Daugherty, Chuck Mueller, Jeff Arterburn, Ron Bellerose, Clara, Frederick and Immo Hansen, and Matt Schultz



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Upcoming Events

We are planning a return monitoring and work trip to Black Canyon this Fall. The dates are flexible this far in advance, but we will definitely complete this before the end of October. Please contact Jeff

Arterburn at jeffgilatu@aol.com if you are interested in participating.



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 21, 2010

Submitted by Bob Silver, President

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:05pm in the NMDG&F conference room by President Bob Silver. In attendance were Bob Silver, Paul Turner, Gary Mann, Jeff Arterburn, Chuck Mueller and non-Board members Jim Hulsey, Tom Wobbe and Ron Bellerose.

1. Minutes of the May Board meeting were approved as published in the May newsletter.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved. The Club has a balance of \$13,766 and the Mabie Scholarship fund has a book value of \$11,003.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 170 current members.
4. Discussion about bringing in Ed Engle and Rick Takahashi, both well known speakers, to speak at club meetings this fall. Motion passed unanimously to engage Ed Engle in September for approximately \$800 and to pay part of the expense with Sportsmen Elite for Rick Takahashi in November. Bob Silver would confirm with Ed Engle and Gary Mann would confirm with Tim Mack.
5. Motion passed unanimously to rent a 5x10 foot storage for \$55.00 per month for Club items. Tom Wobbe would investigate which storage facility to use.
6. Decision was made to temporarily postpone fly tying classes until the fall. Too few members were attending to make the setup time worthwhile.
7. Further discussion took place on a stream improvement project to place large boulders in the river at the lease. A plan should be developed to present to Jim Ellett. More information is needed about the cost of heavy equipment and the availability of large boulders.
8. Bob Silver presented a schedule for the mentorship program which is presented below.
9. Ron Bellerose agreed to become a Board member to replace Randall Vallee who resigned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Mentor Instructor Name	Date	Class	Location
Chuck Mueller & Bob Silver	June 26th	Tackle and Knots	NMSU Skeen Hall Room 200
Chuck Mueller	July 3	Casting	Alumni Pond
Chuck Mueller	July 10	Tackle and Knots	NMSU Skeen Hall Room 200
Bob Silver	July 17	Casting	Alumni Pond
Chuck Mueller	July 24	Tackle and Knots	NMSU Skeen Hall Room 200
Bob Silver	July 31	Casting	Alumni Pond

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:	Vacant
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

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.

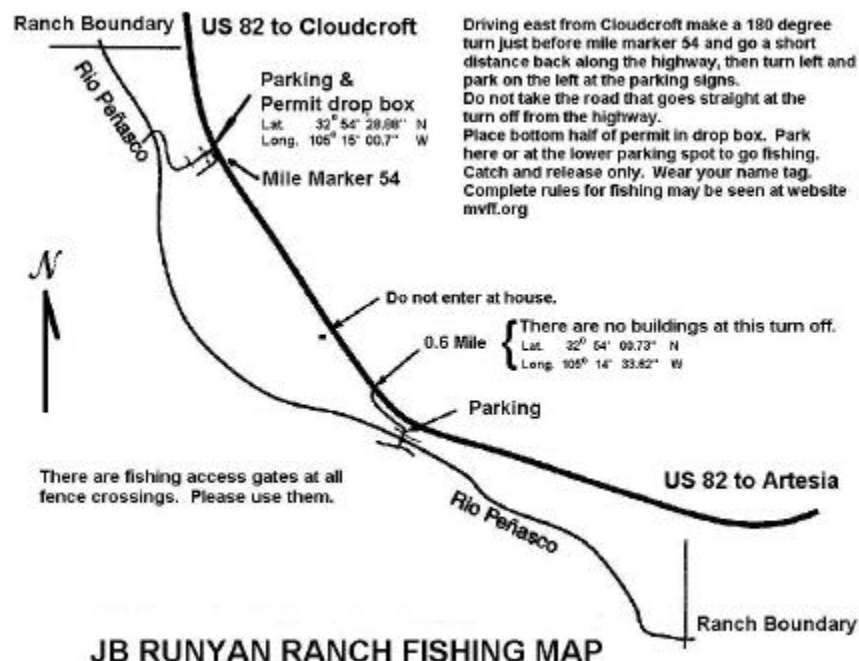
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS, INC.

PO Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

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.