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Membership Meeting

There will be no MVFF general membership meeting in July. Many members will be fishing and the rest of them should be. The next meeting will be in September. See you then.

Executive Board Meeting

There will be no MVFF Executive Board meeting in July. The next meeting will be in August. See you then.

Liars and Tyers

Liars and Tyers will not meet in July. The next meeting will be in September. See you then.

President's Corner



Our Bighorn Trip In June had eight members, Jim and Randy Hulsey, Jim Sorenson, Mary Hoffman, Tom Wobbe, Tom Alford, Paul Turner and myself. The drive up took 17 hours and was fairly easy except for the Denver area. We stayed at

the Bighorn Anglers Lodge, www.bighornanglers.com. The rooms were nice and clean, the only complaint would be that the bathrooms could have been larger. Each day, we had a continental breakfast, and bag lunch for the river and a lovely evening meal where

we all talked about our adventures on the river for that day.

We mainly fished the upper 13 miles of the river just below the Bay dam. The first two days, Paul Turner and I had a guided trip. We had a nice midge hatch most of the day with a small baetis hatch in the afternoon. I managed to land over 40 fish each day with the average size between 15 and 17 inches. Most of my fishing was wading the slower side currents of the river. On our last two days Paul and I rented a drift boat. We did not catch as many fish since one of us rowed while the other fished. We mainly fished some of the spots we had fished the day before. As for everyone else, they had a different guide each day with each day better than the day before. The last day had to be the best since they all came back with giant smiles, look at the attached pictures of Tom Wobbe in this month's newsletter. Most everyone on this trip had over 150 fish in the net over the 4 days. Everyone agreed that we would do the trip again in the future. It certainly was one of our best. Just ask Tom or Jim!

Upcoming Club Trips:

- Quinlan Ranch Trip July 17th through the 21st. If you are interested in this trip you can contact Noah Parker at *Land of Enchantment Guides*, 505-927-5356.
- San Juan Trip October 10th through the 13th. We have the Octagon Inn and 5 rooms at Fishhead's reserved for the club. We will have dinner at Fishhead's on the 10th and dinner at the Octagon Inn on the 11th and 12th. Cost should be between \$150 and \$165 per person for lodging. If you plan to camp, I would suggest you reserve a site as soon as possible or you may not get one. I will have more information on this trip in the next newsletter.

I understand that fishing on the lease has been pretty good. If you do go to the lease please send in your report to me or Tom Wobbe.

Get out and fish and keep a tight line,

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing waters is still moving along. On Tuesday, July 9th, we will have a fly tying session with the Las Cruces VA center starting at 1PM. Also on Wednesday, July 10th, we will have a fly tying session with different groups of Vets from the Las Cruces VA. This is also a 1PM start time. I will be looking for a couple of volunteers to help with these sessions. More info will be going out via e-mail. Also ,we are trying to set up a monthly session of fly tying with the Vets and it looks like the last Wednesday of each month will work out well. I have the NM Game and Fish conference room reserved for the 31st of July, 1PM to 5PM. More info on what I expect for attendance for this event. We will also try and get some casting on the river and fishing at the lease this month.

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.

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:

- July 17-20 - trip to Quinlan Ranch
- October 10-13 - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Robert Egan	Las Cruces, NM
Harold Hedges	Ft. Davis, TX
Brad & Catherine Hirsch	San Miguel, NM
Len & Linda LoPresto	Las Cruces, NM
Ross McClellan	Roswell, NM

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

The Board did not meet in June so there are no minutes to report. The next board meeting will be in August.

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Adventure on the Big Horn River





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New Rock Structure Added to the Stream

On June 13th Jim Ellett, Brad Hirsch (new member) and I put another load of big rocks into the stream to improve the holding water for the trout. The area that got the treatment is just below the 90-degree bend in the stream just downstream of the irrigation takeout as you can see from the picture at right.



fish already holding behind the rocks that were put in about a month ago.

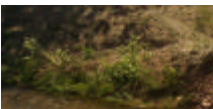
It has rained twice since rocks were added a month ago. The stream rose about a foot from the biggest rain and that helped to seal in those rocks. We need a couple of good rains to tidy up the tracks of the frontend loader and re-position the

We put in two dump truck loads of big rocks about 15 or so in all.



the bigger rocks, will hopefully add structure to the stream to improve the holding capacity for fish.

The picture below is about 25 yards from the 90-degree bend in the stream below the irrigation take out. Eventually, the gravel will filter out between the rocks and work its way down stream. However, right now it is holding back some of the flow making some nice holding water where it used to flow really quickly. The battery in my phone died so I was not able to take pictures of the rocks further downstream. But, about 6 rocks were put in just about 100-yards above the waterfall. I spotted

A photograph of a stream with a large rock in the center, creating a small pool of water. The water is brown and murky, and the surrounding area is covered in green vegetation.

new rocks. But, I expect fish will begin using the new

rocks for
cover right
away. After
we were
done, Brad
and I walked
the stream
from top to
bottom. We
spotted

many fish. A lot were in the 14 to 16 inch range and they were taking bugs from the surface. Fishing a size 16 stimulator with a size 18 pheasant tail or



hairs ear for a dropper should work. There was a Trico hatch in progress and I saw rusty brown caddis about a size 18 flying about. The stream has a lot of weedy growth in some spots, but float a dry fly above the open channels. Trout bust out of the weedy cover for anything drifting by so be quick.

Tightlines.....Bob Silver

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Quick Look Contact Information

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

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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.

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.

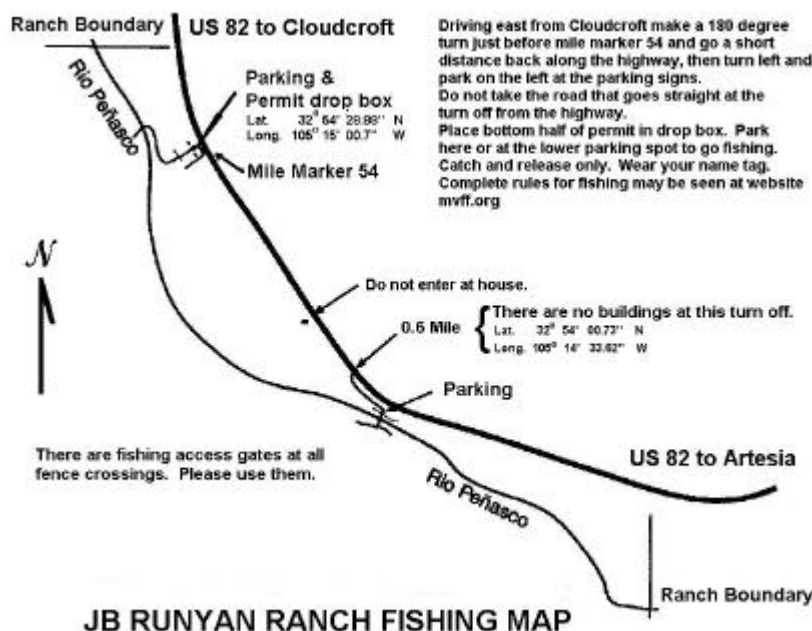
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulseley (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 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/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.