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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



Although the fishing wasn't as good this year as last year, the twelve MVFF members who went to the Big Horn all caught plenty of fish and had a good time. In early June, the Bureau of Reclamation

reduced the flows on the river to 2,900cfs and began releasing water from the top of the dam instead of the bottom. The combination of warmer water and abundant sun light caused the algae to grow like mad. After the first half mile below

the dam, it was hard to get a very long drift before the flies picked up a wad of "moss," "spinach," "cabbage" or a "long, skinny, green fish". The river bottom was so blanketed that hatches of aquatic insects were also greatly reduced. A majority of the guides stuck with nymph rigs and floated the upper three miles twice, relying on the clients to clean their flies and get them back in the water as quickly as possible. David Palmer found a nice run below the three mile takeout where wading and sight fishing were productive. Another guide overcame their skepticism and convinced Jim and Randy Hulseley to fish streamers. They spent the afternoon pounding the banks with great results until their casting arms fell off. The last night of our trip, the Big Horn Water Users Alliance had their third annual "Big Lips" Carp tournament and banquet. We all enjoyed a nice barbecue dinner and a blue grass band that had taken second place at this year's Telluride Blue Grass Festival.

I am looking forward to seeing as many as can make it to the Club's next trip to the Conejos River from July 10th to the 13th. We are planning to camp at the Mogote campground. The summer monsoon rains are projected to begin this week, so it should be cool weather and good fishing. In addition to the Conejos, its tributaries and the Los Pinos are within easy reach.

Finally, Kevin Holladay in the Santa Fe office of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish called to tell me that MVFF has been selected as the Volunteer Organization of the Year by the Aquatic Resources and Education Division of the Department. We will be recognized and receive a plaque at the Department's annual banquet on August 16th in Albuquerque, which is held in conjunction with their outdoor expo that weekend. A big thank you and congratulations to all of the Club members who have spent many hours on the Kids' Fishing Derby, the annual free fishing day, the special needs kids fishing clinic, Project Healing Waters, the Las Cruces Outdoor Expo and other projects. I especially want to thank and recognize

Tom Wobbe and Ron Bellerose who have been instrumental in organizing these events for many years.

The summer is slipping away pretty fast. Get out there and fish!

Tight Lines,
Jim



Ron Bellerose



Project Healing Waters is in the summer mode.

I have had to cancel a fund raiser because I will not be in the area at the time of the fund raiser.

Last quarter numbers for PHW: 34 new Vets, 5 new MVFF volunteers, 7 fly tying events, 3 casting events and 8 fishing events. We had 894 Vet hours and 2024 volunteer hours the 2nd quarter of 2014. Thank you all my MVFF volunteers.

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.

MVFF Wins AWARD

Editor's Note: MVFF has been selected as the Aquatic Resource Education Volunteer Group of the year by the Aquatic Resources division of the NMDG&F. The following is an email notifying MVFF President Jim Sorenson of the selection.

Hello Jim,

Thank you again for Mesilla Valley FlyFisher's involvement with youth and adult angling education this past year and for many years before that! MVFF has done a fantastic job in the training and instruction at fishing clinics and the attention given to the Healing Waters program.

We would like to present a plaque to Mesilla Valley Flyfishers Inc. as the 2014 Aquatic Resource Education Volunteer Group of the Year at an informal

banquet on August 16, 2014, beginning around 5:30pm at the City of Albuquerque Shooting Range Park. Directions and more information about Expo is attached.

You and any members and spouses up to twelve individuals are cordially invited to attend. If you have more than that that would like to attend just let me know and we will see what we can do. I am glad that you will be able to attend.

This award honors volunteer groups and individuals for their outstanding contributions towards enriching angling and aquatic resource education in New Mexico. You all have done a fantastic job not only this year but in many previous years at such events as June Free Fishing Day and the April NMSU fishing event.

The free dinner is an informal BBQ buffet and begins shortly after we shut down the ranges and events at 5:00pm on August 16, 2014 at the City of Albuquerque Shooting Range Park. After we close the event at 5:00pm, everyone gathers in the metal buildings (air-conditioned!) and we start the dinner.

August 16-17 is the weekend of the annual Albuquerque Outdoor Expo. After the dinner gets underway we start the awards. Jennifer Morgan, Hunter Education Coordinator, has the first part of the evening as she honors her volunteers.

By the way, if anyone wants to help out we would welcome any volunteers to either teach fly-casting and/or fly-tying on August 16 or 17 either for a morning or afternoon.

Sincerely,

Kevin Holladay

Kevin W. Holladay

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Trout Unlimited National Meeting

Santa Fe, NM

September 3-7, 2014

Please join fellow TU members from across the country for the annual National Meeting in Santa Fe. Events will include a variety of presentations, working group meetings, Friday Fiesta and Saturday Banquet social events, and exciting options for hosted fishing trips on our northern NM waters, and a conservation tour of the Valles Caldera. All general meetings will be held in the Eldorado Hotel & Spa. The State of TU will be given at the New Mexico History Museum Auditorium. The General Registration Fee includes all standard meals and events Thursday through Saturday night. Please register for the fishing and conservation events in addition to your general registration. There will be a chance to win a fabulous door prize during the conservation tour, and a silent auction with a broad selection of valuable items.

The online registration form is available at: <http://www.tu.org/get-involved/national-events/2014-annual-meeting?>

The New Mexico Council of Trout Unlimited Chapters has dedicated the fundraising efforts of the 2014 TU National Meeting to focus on Gila Trout!

For questions or additional information please contact:

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President, Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

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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.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- Rio Conejos—July 10-13—five people are signed up—the Club will be staying at the Magote campground.
- Gunnison River—Sept. 6-10—This is a "Lady Anglers" event
- Kodiak—October 4-12—six people are signed up.
- San Juan Nov. 6 - 9 the Club's annual Fall trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

David Brown

El Paso, TX

Anthony & Barbara Salazar

Mesquite, NM

Jason & Ecklyn Salazar

El Paso, TX

MVFF Members at Big Horn



Quick Look Contact Information

2014 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• V-Pres.:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
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Norm Mabie Scholarship FundMarket 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.

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.

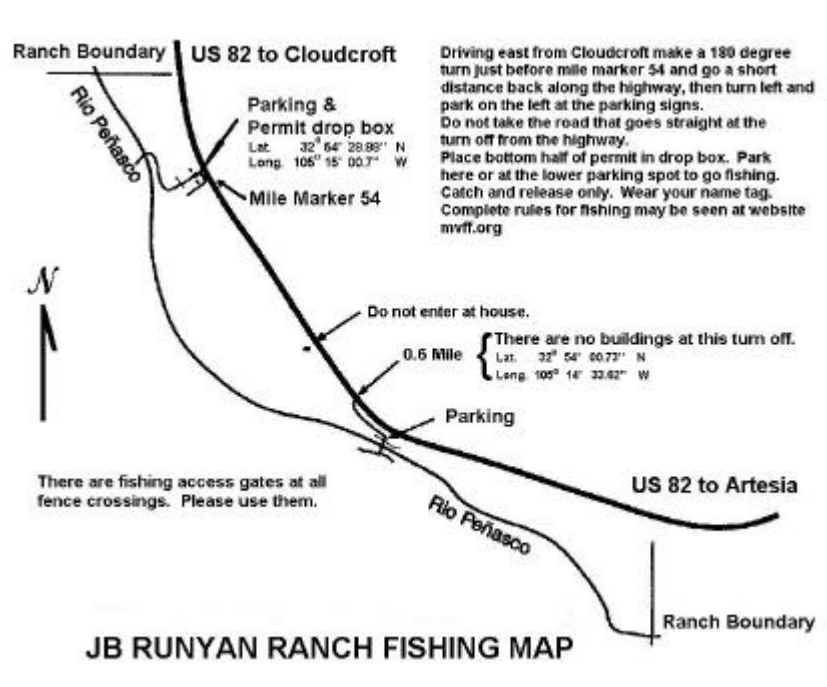
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.