

Tale Waters

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Membership Meeting

There will be no general membership meeting in June 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, 16 June

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 16 June at 7:00 PM at 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 June 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 meeting will be in September.

President's Corner



After spending the last 10 days visiting with relatives in Texas and Missouri I'm ready to get back to New Mexico and some

"dry heat." MVFF has several June activities for

members including the Free Fishing Day Clinic at NMSU's Alumni Pond on June 7th and the beginner's flycasting sessions at the Outdoor Woman program in El Paso on June 21st. I also hope to get in a backpacking trip into the Gila Wilderness to fish for Gila trout this month if I can find someone willing to go with me (let me know if you're interested). I attended the annual meeting of the National Wildlife Federation at Keystone, Colorado on May 14-18 as a New Mexico board member and enjoyed meeting many interesting people from all over the United States. New Mexico was well represented at the awards banquet with Senator Jeff Bingaman receiving The National Conservation Award for Legislative Achievement and architect Edward Mazria of Santa Fe receiving one of the three national awards for special achievement for his dedication to "green" architecture (he published the seminal text on the subject nearly 30 years ago and is internationally known). I will be forwarding information on several major initiatives of the National Wildlife Federation (e.g., climate change, revision of the Mining Act of 1872, energy development compatible with fish and wildlife habitat protection) via our member database in the coming months.

My wife and I have firmed up our fishing/kayaking trip to Utah, Idaho, and Alaska for July that will include some time on the Green River below Flaming Gorge and on the Henry's Fork and Henry's Lake in Idaho. I hope to see Ron Smorynski, one of the charter MVFF members, and one of my flyfishing cousins while in Washington. By using my Alaska Air Lines Visa companion ticket our total roundtrip airfare from Seattle to Juneau and on to Anchorage was less than \$800. I also have enough frequent flyer miles on Alaska Air for a free roundtrip flight from Phoenix to Kodiak, but I will have to go a few days earlier than the rest of the MVFF members going to Kodiak Island in September. Oh well, I think I can find something to

do in the Anchorage or Kodiak areas, but am open to suggestions from anyone with special knowledge of these areas. As you can see I have made a special effort for the rest of the year to NOT be too busy to go fishing.

Paul

New Board Member Appointed

Blaine Goss has been appointed by the MVFF Board of Directors to fill the remaining portion of Jeremiah Richardson's term.

Project Healing Waters

Randall Vallee reports that 12 flytying vices have been obtained along with other tying tools. A starting date is being determined and when that is accomplished it will be up to the club to furnish volunteers to travel to Fort. Bliss and conduct the classes.

If this is something you like to get involved with, contact any board member.

If you wish to learn more about the project browse their website at projecthealingwaters.org.

Club Outings Planned

The Club is planning a possible trip to Elephant Butte to fish for stripers. An e-mail will be sent soon to

members to determine interest level. The e-mail will contain details such as cost and number that can be accommodated.

A possible trip to the Conejos is being discussed for July or August. Let us know if you are interested.

The annual trip to the San Juan is planned for 17-19 October. Details such as guides are yet to be determined.

A club trip(s) to Kodiak, Alaska is in the planning stages. This trip will take place in late September. If you are interested, contact Bob Silver.

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2008 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, who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

Welcome New Members

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| Mark Freitas | Federal Way, WA |
| Becky King | Lubbock, TX |
| Rodney Witcraft | Hamel, MN |
| Phillip Young | Lubbock, TX |

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MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
June	There will be no Liars & Tyers meeting in June		There will be no general meeting in June	Free Fishing Day - NMSU Alumni Pond - 7 June
July	There will be no Liars & Tyers meeting in July		There will be no general meeting in July	
Aug.	There will be no Liars & Tyers meeting in August		There will be no general meeting in August	
Sept.	Liars & Tyers 25 Sept. <i>Rusty Rat</i>		8 Sept. - Planning for coming club trips.	Annual Club picnic - 13 Sept.

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 19, 2008

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room.

In Attendance: Ron Bellerose, Richard Newton, Jeff Arterburn, Jim Hulsey, Gary Mann, Blaine Goss, Randall and Vicki Vallee, Richard Keding, and Donna Mabie. Absent: Paul Turner, George Sanders, and Bob Silver.

1. Minutes of the April Board Meeting were approved as published in the May newsletter as well as the Treasurer's Report presented by Gary Mann.
2. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the June 7th fishing clinic.
3. Randall Vallee explained that Chris Evey would be gone a lot this summer and so he would go to Ft. Bliss himself for the Healing Waters Project. Tom Wobbe will send out e-mails soliciting volunteers to help on this project.
4. The San Juan club trip is planned for October 17, 18, and 19. It was agreed that there will be a general meeting September 8th to discuss this trip and the Alaska trips. There will be no speaker for the month of September. The picnic will be held probably September 13th. Bob Silver will make the arrangements with NMSU to reserve the park.
5. The last newsletter asked for volunteers for the board member vacancy. Blaine Goss was voted as the new board member replacement for Jeremiah Richardson who has resigned.
6. Rio Peñasco fishing reports have been quite positive. The new signs and dashboard cards for the lease are still being worked out. Paul Turner has suggested that members report size ratio of their catch from the lease to provide data that would help determine future stocking efforts. The feasibility of this request and concerns for validity of the resulting data were discussed. The

board encourages members to submit fishing reports, and recognizes some qualitative value of data of this type. Members are encouraged to respond according to their interests.

7. The rod building sessions are coming along well. Bob Silver is the instructor. There are 12 students.
8. It was agreed that the Liars and Tiers will not meet from June through August. It will be started again in September if enough people show interest in attending.
9. Initial planning for the Annual Banquet in January was discussed. Gary Mann is working with Joseph from Sportsman's Warehouse to possibly engage a high visibility speaker from the National fly fishing community. The date of January 24th, 2009 was identified as a possibility.
10. Randall Vallee initiated discussion of a recent advertisement by the Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen in the Las Cruces Sun News in which the MVFF was identified as a supporting organization. The board was concerned that no formal request of support from this group was received. The board members reiterated the consensus opinion to encourage individual action from the MVFF members, but that no individual member can authorize a supporting signature representing the organization. The board will distribute information on efforts that impact fly fishing and water quality related subjects, and will responsibly deal with formal requests for MVFF support.
11. The next MVFF Board meeting will be held June 16th at the regular time and place.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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The Zen of Fishing

Charley Graham, MVFF member from La Luz, NM, sends the following Haiku for your enjoyment and contemplation. Send one in return if you wish to get even.

*Deep within the stream
the huge fish lie motionless
facing the current
(J.W. Hackett)*

Quick Look Contact Information

2008 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• V-Pres.	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Secretary	Donna Mabie (575) 522-3810
• Treasurer	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1	Blaine Goss (575) 522-1981
• Position 2	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
• Position 3	Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437
• Position 4	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 5	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$10,777
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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 (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.

Angler's Nook

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at (575) 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.
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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
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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.

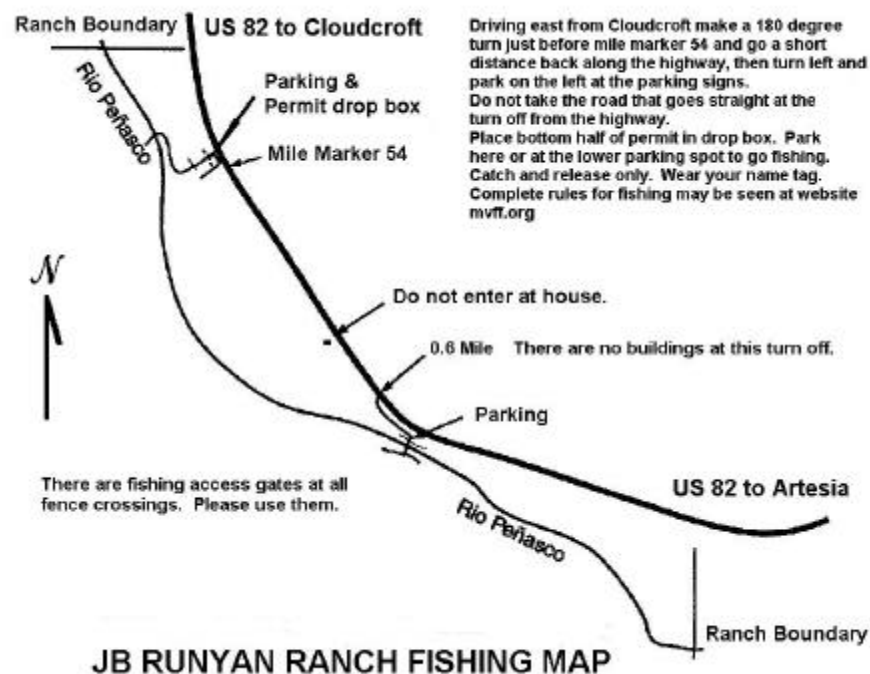
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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* (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the ATF fly shop in El Paso (915-225-0570.) 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.



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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 @ \$25 per permit = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

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