

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, 14 June

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 14 June 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 June 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

Put July 9 and 10 on your calendar for the Club trip to the Conejos River in southern Colorado. The Conejos has about 45 miles of fishing available from a meandering river in wide open meadows to boulder-strewn pocket water. Early to mid July is a good time to fish dry flies and there is a very good chance to fish during the Green Drake hatch. The Green Drake is a large (size 12) mayfly famous with fishermen on most of the western rivers. There still might be some giant stoneflies hatching as well. In addition, the Rio de los Pinos where the Cumbres & Toltec narrow gauge trains stops for lunch, and the Chama river are also not far away. Last year the Conejos was muddied by strong thundershowers. We fished the Los Pinos instead and walked up stream on the railroad tracks. The river was perfectly clear plus we had the bonus of seeing the train come by with its steam whistle blowing. And, there is a "secret" small stream with Rio Grande cutthroats nearby as well. By the way, this would be a perfect trip for those in the mentoring program. I am planning to camp July 8, 9 and 10 at the Mogote Campground. The campground is about 12 miles west of Antonito, CO on Highway 17. I will post driving directions and places to stay on the MVFF webpage. If you are planning to go, but don't want to camp, a cabin at the Conejos River Anglers is a really great place to stay. They are located at 34591 State Highway 17 just about 5 miles west of Antonito, CO. The telephone number is (719) 376-5660. Call soon because it is a popular place with fishermen.

We had about 10 people in our first mentorship program class on May 29th. Colleen Caldwell did a great job covering stream entomology and trout biology. The rest of the class was devoted to tackle

and knots. Anyone who could not attend should contact me at rsilver@nmsu.edu because we will have classes throughout the summer. We want as many people involved to help them learn to fish plus make a trip or two to the lease or elsewhere.

I am still not sure about the best time to make muskie trip to Quemado Lake. If you are interested, please email me at rsilver@nmsu.edu. The trip will likely be the third week in June.

The speaker for the January Banquet will be John Bailey of Dan Bailey's Fly Shop in Livingston, MT. John is a well known speaker and fishermen and the son of the founder Dan Bailey.

If you are interested in "A rod for Christmas raffle" tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please send your check to MVFF, P.O. Box 2222. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2222. We will mail your tickets stubs back and put your tickets in the raffle jar. If you win you have your choice of a Sage 4 weight, a Winston 4 weight or a Winston 3 weight.

Finally, please read Jim Hulsey's article. We need suggestions from the membership on things that you would like the Club to do this year. Some ideas include additional casting classes and inviting well known speakers to the monthly meetings. You can email your ideas to president@mvff.org.

Regards!

Bob



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator

Project Healing Waters is taking a rest for the summer.

Plan on the next adventure next September.

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.

Usage of Club Funds

Jim Hulsey

A few years ago the Club discontinued the mailing of newsletters and instead started posting them on the MVFF web site. Since that time the balance of funds in the bank account has continued to increase. This increase is also helped somewhat by the fees collected for fishing permits for the Lease. For those who don't know, 60% of the fees collected for permits go the land owners as trespass fees with the remainder going to the Club. We use most of our part for stream improvements and stocking.

The Club has its annual fund raising raffle in January along with the annual banquet. Because of the nice prizes offered for the raffle and since the banquet is no cost to the attendees, not only does the Club not make money but actually loses a few hundred each year.

In spite of the expenditures our bank balance is almost *13,000 (May report) and the Board has been discussing ways of using some of these funds for the benefit of the members. Some of the items suggested were:

- Stream improvements for the Lease. There are probably several things that could be done to make it more fishable and to increase the trout carrying capacity. Probably, any of these would require land owner approval.
- A small bunk house at the lease for overnight use by members. A small pre-fab building could be moved to the Lease with carpentry skilled members fixing it up with bunks cabinets, furniture, etc. This, obviously would require permission from the ranch owner.
- A picnic table at the lease; A picnic table could be placed at the lower bridge under the large tree there. A porta-potty is already located nearby. This would also require land owner permission.
- Guest speakers; Perhaps members would like to see more big name flyfishing personalities brought in to speak and conduct workshops such as Scott Sanchez did a couple of years ago.
- Better door prizes at monthly meetings (\$50 gift card); This would only help local members that can attend meetings but would reward them for participating.

- Casting classes for members; This is almost a given. Bob Widgren, a FFF certified casting instructor, came down from Albuquerque a couple of times this last year to conduct classes and would certainly be available in the future. Expenses for this is minimal.
- Expense reimbursement for mentors. Pay the out-of-pocket expenses for members involved with the mentoring program the Club is trying to get started. Maybe this would help get more members to take neophyte fisherman to the Lease and give them a few pointers.

These are just a few of the things that might be done to make the Club more fulfilling of member needs and to make it more new-member friendly. I'm sure there are many more worthy of consideration. If you have other suggestions the Board wants to hear them. After all this is your club, participate.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2010 and would welcome suggestions from

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When Wind Knots Really Are Wind Knots

(Or, a trip to the lease on 5/2/10)

David Carmichael

After hearing how well the Awesome Lady Anglers did on the lease the week before, we decided to make a family trip to the Rio Peñasco to usher in the month of May. When we arrived on the lease shortly after 11am, conditions were already fairly intimidating. The skies were mostly clear, air temperature was 55 degrees and the water conditions were normal and clear, but the winds were already whipping at 20-30 mph. By mid-afternoon they were getting up to 30-40 mph, and storm clouds moved in from the southwest. The fish were biting all day, but as you can imagine, line control was very challenging and we had problems putting the flies in front of the fish and making any sort of natural drift. The willows were



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.

- Late-June - Quemado Lake
- July 9-11 - Conejos
- Oct. 1-3 - San Juan
- Oct. 1-3 - Conejos - Lady Anglers

Welcome New Members

Ardist & Sylvia Allen	Roswell, NM
Cody & Stephannie Allen	Roswell, NM
Henry Allen	Carlsbad, NM
David Atkins	Liburn, GA
David Martin	Tulsa, OK
Ken & Mary Martin	Las Cruces, NM
Mike & Jacquelyn Miller	Hobbs, NM
Michael Temple	Ingram, TX

beginning to bloom, making them all the more likely to snare our tippetts. And it seems that the limpness of fluorocarbon that we value for presenting dead drifts also makes it more prone to wind knots and bird nests. It was one of those days that Landon Mayer writes/speaks about... where you pay your dues on the water and hopefully learn a few things in the process. One of those days that make you feel good later for having stuck it out, but which are pretty grim while you're in the midst of battling the elements. Like fishing the Juan in a snowstorm and 30 degree temperatures.

There was a substantial *baetis* hatch in the early afternoon, about 2pm, but the wind was so fierce the

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 17, 2010

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

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, Jeff Arterburn, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner, Gary Mann and non-Board members Jim Hulsey, Tom Wobbe, Dick Newton and Ron Bellerose.

1. Minutes of the April Board meeting were approved as published in the May newsletter.
2. The Treasurer’s report was approved. The Club has a balance of \$12,963 and the Mabie Scholarship fund has a book value of \$11,003.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 149 current members. He projects that another 50 will join by the end of the year.
4. The Club will support the NM Game & Fish “Free Fishing Day” on June 5 at Alumni Pond and Lake Roberts. Jeff, Ron, Ray and Henry have volunteered to help at Lake Roberts and Tom, Blaine, Paul and Jim Hulsey at Alumni Pond.
5. Because of a scheduling conflict, the first mentor class will be postponed from May 22nd to May 29th.
6. A discussion was held regarding possible uses of some of the funds that are accumulating in the Club Treasury. Suggested possible uses included:
 - A small bunk house at the lease for overnight use by members; A picnic table at the lease;
 - Guest speakers;
 - Better door prizes at monthly meetings (\$50 gift card);
 - Casting classes for members;
 - Expense reimbursement for mentors.
7. The dates of July 9-11 were confirmed for the Club trip to the Conejos River. No date is set yet for the trip to Quemado Lake.
8. Ron Bellerose reported that the PHW program will start up again in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

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MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
May	Liars & Tyers 27 May		10 May - Mary Hoffman will speak on Lady Anglers trip.	
June	No Liars & Tyers meeting this month.		No general meeting this month.	5 June - National Fishing Day Late-June - Club trip to Quemado Lake, date tbd.
July	No Liars & Tyers meeting this month.		No general meeting this month.	July 9 - 11 - Club trip to Conejos

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
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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.

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.

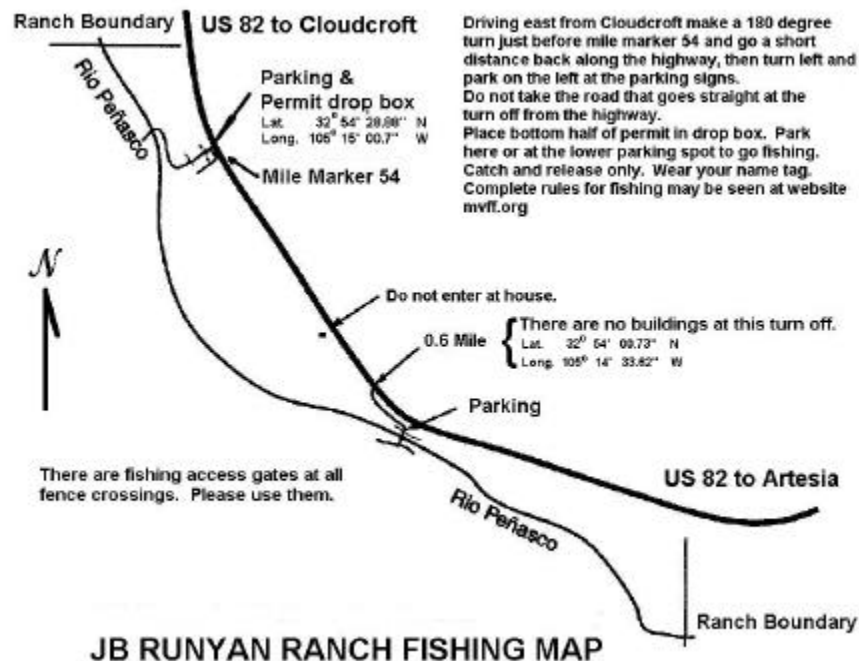
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.