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Membership Meeting

There will be no MVFF general membership meeting in June. 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

Monday, 18 June

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 June at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Liars and Tyers will not meet during the summer months. Next meeting will be in September.

President's Corner



On May 22nd we had 22 soldiers from Fort Bliss up to the lease for a day of fishing. This was one of the best groups we've had for PHW. They all had fun

and they appreciated what MVFF member and the

Cow Belles did to make the day special, stress free, and inspiring. I want to thank all of the volunteers who spent the day showing these soldiers a good time fishing. A special thanks to the Cow Belles for serving us a fantastic lunch and to the Ellett's for hosting this event.

Coming up on June 2nd, we have the New Mexico State Free fishing Day. We will have a clinic at the NMSU Alumni Pond and at Lake Roberts. If you can volunteer for the Alumni Pond, please contact Paul Turner at habitat@mvff.org. For Lake Roberts please contact Jeff Arterburn at arterburn@mvff.org.

Our fall trip to the San Juan is November 1st through the 4th. If you wish to stay at the Octagon House and Cabin, the cost will be \$50 per night. If you plan on camping I would suggest staying at the Cotton Wood Campground which is close to the Octagon House. We are looking into guides and will have more information next month. Please contact me at chuck_wagon46@hotmail.com or call me at 575-647-4045 if you wish to reserve a spot at the Octagon House or Cabin.

Enjoy the summer months and if you have any fishing reports please send them to Jim Hulseley at newsletter@mvff.org. We will post them in the newsletter to update our members.

Enjoy your summer, good fishing and keep a tight line,

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters has once again been a great success. With 21 soldiers from Fort Bliss attending the fly tying at the NM

Game and Fish conference room, eating lunch of pizza and then going to Alumni Pond for the casting in the afternoon, it was a great success. The soldiers were able to use the flies they tied in the morning to practice casting and for fishing in the afternoon. That was just a start for these soldiers' introduction to fly fishing. Many of them commented that it was the first time in quite a while they were able to fully relax. Thank you all the volunteers that helped with this event.

On May 16 the soldiers once again continued their adventure of really fly fishing. With over 20 Fort Bliss soldiers/staff fishing, the fishing event was a great success. Jim and Earlene Ellett provided great cooperation by allowing the MVFF and the Fort Bliss soldiers to use the river and their backyard. The Cow Belles once again outdid their great previous successes for our troops and provided the best lunch that many of the volunteers and soldiers had had in a long time. Thank you so much for your support.

Many fish were caught and even though the troops got to the ranch a little late (no fault of their own) the fishing was great and they were able to stay later than they would normally stay. I think the Fort Bliss staff got outvoted on what time they would be leaving.

A special thanks needs to go out to Jim and Earlene, all the Cow Belles and the 20 volunteers that we had to assist the soldiers in fishing the river. We have received some special recognition and thanks from Ft. Bliss. More info to follow on what type of thanks we are getting from Fort Bliss.

If any member has a disabled soldier that wants to try flyfishing, please take him. We have the permits, and all the equipment they will need to go fishing. The only cost to them would be the NM fishing license. I would like to get a more solid core of our local disabled Vets involved in flyfishing.

Thank you all for supporting the men and woman that are trying to keep our country safe.

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.

Alumni Pond Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 2 June

MVFF will once again be assisting the NM Dept. of Game & Fish as they conduct a fishing clinic at Alumni Pond. The clinic will be held on 2 June, NM Free Fishing Day, and will be open to all kids of the community. Since it is Free Fishing Day no one will require a fishing license. Format of the clinic will be similar to our own clinic held in April.

There will be a number of learning stations conducted by volunteers to highlight such things as knot tying, entomology, regulations, fish prints, etc.

Volunteers from the Club are needed and should be prepared to work from 7:00am (setup) until 1:00pm. If you have never participated in one of these you will find that it is a lot of fun.

If you are willing to volunteer, contact Paul Turner at habitat@mvff.org.

Lake Roberts Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, 2 June

The 4th Annual Aldo Leopold Kids Fishing Derby and Festival will be held on Saturday June 2nd 2012 at Lake Roberts. The Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Mesilla Valley Flyfishers are hosting a booth again this year with a coloring contest for the kids, information on trout habitat and life cycle, and an opportunity for them to try their hand casting a fly rod. There was a good turnout of kids last year, and it would be wonderful to have members with their own rods rigged and able to provide individualized casting instruction. The Mora National Fish Hatchery will be stocking retired Gila Trout broodstock again this year, providing the public with an opportunity to catch a memorable trophy. No fishing licenses will be required since June 2nd is the free fishing Day around the state. The festival is being hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wilderness Ranger District of the Gila National Forest, and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Registration for the kids will begin at 9:00 a.m. while the activity learning

stations start at approximately 9:30 a.m. To conclude the fishing derby, there will be an Awards Ceremony at 1:00 p.m.

We will start setting up the GRG-TU/MVFF booth at 8:00am. Please contact Jeff Arterburn if you are interested in participating, or want more info.

Cell: (575) 649-9729, email: jeffgilatu@aol.com; or arterburn@mvff.org

For other questions about the event and organizers please contact Dustin Myers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by email: dustin_myers@fws.gov, or call: (505)342-9900 ext. 115

Sportsmen's Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, 12 June

There will be a Sportsmen's Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Steve Pearce at 7:00pm on 12 June at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

The local sportsmen's associations are providing a MEMBERS ONLY forum to meet and talk with Congressman Steve Pearce about the many diverse issues currently affecting all local sportsmen. This will be a unique opportunity to not only hear a first hand description of the three national monument/wilderness proposals, but to explore the legislative environment affecting other areas of concern to sportsmen, shooters and hunters. Just as important, this venue will provide us the chance to show our potential influence in these matters as a cohesive sportsmen's organization.

SUBJECTS:

- National Monument Proposals (ten min. video)
- Gun rights and ownership
- Hunting sports
- Shooting sports
- The NRA and legislation
- Wildlife management issues

- Others (as time allows)

PARTICIPANTS:

- Picacho Gun Club
- Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports
- New Mexico Quail
- Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen
- Wild Turkey Sportsmen
- Mesilla Valley Fly Fishermen
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Organ Mountain Bowmen

This will be a one-time-only opportunity for all the sportsmen's associations in the area to hear the viewpoints of our own organizations, to have conversations leading to unified positions on these issues, to speak with Congressman Pearce, and to meet and visit with old and new friends. Come early and get a seat!

Club Outings Planned

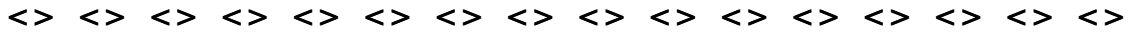
The board is now discussing possible outings for 2012 and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let us know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- Late July - trip to Quinlin Ranch
- Early August - trip to Quinlin Ranch (Chuck Mueller is contact for the Quinlin Ranch trips.)
- Early October - possible trip to Kodiak, Alaska (Bob Silver is contact for this trip.)
- 1-4 November - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Stephen & Dari-Lynn Lovell	Carlsbad, NM
Harry Palmer	Las Cruces, NM
Renald Miller	Anthony, NM
Lauro Barragan, Jr.	El Paso, TX
Brent & Vickie Sprouse	Las Cruces, NM
Paul Bauer	Las Cruces, NM
Bob & Peggy Donnell	Roswell, NM



MVFF LADY ANGLERS

Mary Hoffman

The MVFF Lady Anglers took their first trip of the season to fish the Rio Peñasco on the Mulcock Ranch and the MVFF lease waters on the weekend of May 4, 5 and 6. A great time was had by all and lots of fish were caught at both locations.



On the first day of fishing, at the Mulcock Ranch, there were midge hatches early in the morning and Lady Anglers caught rainbows using Prince Nymphs, Copper Johns, a pale pink San Juan Worm, Parachute Adams and a Parachute Grey Dun. Fishing slowed in the afternoon but more rainbows were caught on Copper Johns, Woolly Buggers and Prince Nymphs. The best fishing on the Mulcock Ranch was in the pool under the big waterfall in the canyon.

On the second day, at the lease waters, lots of chub were caught on the upper and lower parts of the river.

Rainbows were caught using Copper Johns, an Olive Hare's Ear and an Orange Hare's Ear. Josie Nunn of



Hatch, who learned to flyfish from Norm Mabie, caught the fish of the trip - a 24-inch rainbow - in the pool below the lower waterfall on the lease waters. Josie used a Hare's Ear to catch the monster.

Future Lady Angler trips are already planned for this summer and fall to fish the Rio Costilla and the Cimarron River in northern New Mexico and the Arkansas River in Colorado. If you are interested in joining the Lady Anglers e-mail list, send your name and e-mail address to Mary Hoffman at maryfranc@gmail.com.



Lower Waterfall on the Lease - Photos by Blaine Goss

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 21, 2012

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Chuck Mueller. In attendance were Chuck Mueller, Ron Warnke, Gary Mann, George Sanders, Jeff Arteburn, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members, Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulsey.

- 1. Minutes of the April 2012 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
 - 2. The Treasurer reported that the Club has a balance of \$11,470. The Mabie Scholarship Fund had a market value of \$10,709 as of June 30, 2011. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
 - 3. The Club has 180 members who have paid their dues for this year.
 - 4. A motion was passed to circulate a roster of club members by email which will include the member's name, address and phone number.
 - 5. Ron Bellerose reported that the Project Healing Waters trip to the lease included 21 soldiers, four staff members and 20 volunteers. The next PHW trip to the lease will be October 10, 2012.
 - 6. The club raised \$320 from the sale of the raffle tickets for the fly rod and \$86 for the vise.
 - 7. The free fishing day will be on June 2nd. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has asked the club for volunteers again this year at Alumni Pond. In addition, Jeff Arteburn is asking for volunteers from the club and the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited to assist at Lake Roberts.
 - 8. A motion was passed to donate 10 kid's fishing rods and potato chips left over from the Kid's Fishing Clinic to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for the free fishing day. A motion was also passed to obtain a second club banner so a banner would be available at both sites.
 - 9. The club has been asked to send a representative to a meeting of local sportsmen's organizations with Representative Steve Pearce on Tuesday, June 12 at the Farm and Ranch Museum.
 - 10. A motion was passed authorizing Ron Bellerose to purchase two picnic tables, a chain and lock for use at the Lease.
 - 11. A motion was passed to cancel the July Board meeting.
 - 12. The next Board meeting will be Monday, August 20, 2012 at 7:00pm.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

******* REMEMBER *******

MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING LICENSES EXPIRED ON 31 MARCH

PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLYFISHING



Quick Look Contact Information

2012 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• V-Pres.:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• 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:	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• 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:	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
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• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2011	\$10,709

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. 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.

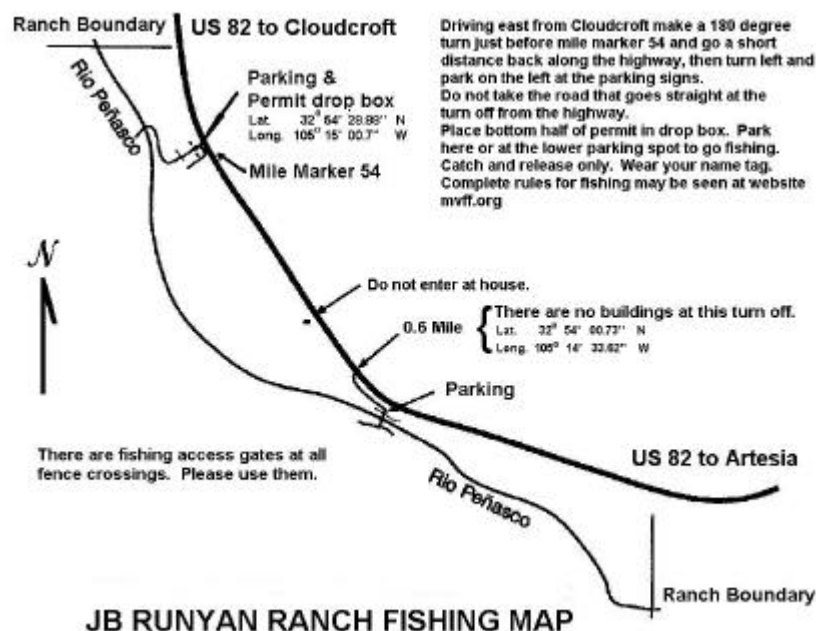
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



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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.