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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

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

Liars and Tyers

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

President's Corner



The unofficial start of summer is underway. Northern New Mexico and Colorado have had enough snow and rain this past winter and spring that every seep, spring and creek is running full tilt.

Except for the tailwaters, the spring run-off is still

pretty strong in most area rivers. I went to the Meadows section of the Conejos last week. The water was up but clear but the wind was blowing downstream at 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph. Managed to catch a few, but left when the rain and sleet started about 2:30. They have done a lot of work on the dirt road from Horca to Rocky Mountain Estates. It has been graded, graveled and oiled. I don't know how much further they plan to go, but it is an easy drive at least half way to Platoro. The forecast is for average or above average precipitation through the summer and fall—so it should be good fishing conditions and low forest fire danger throughout the region.

Thanks to Chuck Mueller, the Club trip to the San Juan in May was another rousing success. The next Club trip is to the North Platte in June. Bob Silver is looking at a Club trip to the Conejos either on the weekend before or the weekend after the July 4th weekend. Watch your emails for further information. Tom Lightfoot has a trip to Kodiak in the works for the end of September—early October. At the last Board meeting, we decided on November 11th to the 15th as the dates for a fall trip to the San Juan. Over the summer, Chuck is going to look into organizing a Club trip to Lee's Ferry sometime next February. If you have other ideas or suggestions for Club trips, let us know.

Congratulations to Ted Hopkins, the winner of the spring rod raffle. He picked up a nice bamboo rod for a pretty small investment. The Club sold all of the raffle tickets, so we made \$1,000 on the raffle which we intend to invest in stream improvements at the Lease. Bob Silver met with Matt Zeigler last week to get the recommendations from him and the NMSU students who surveyed a portion of the river at the Lease for a school project. We will be announcing plans for a work day at the Lease sometime next fall. I have not heard how the recent rains have affected

the Peñasco, but the fishing reports from the Lease were pretty good in early May.

We have tentatively scheduled October 28th for fly tying and casting clinics and November 4th for the trip to the Lease for Project Healing Waters. If you are able to help, please save those dates because we could not do it without all of the volunteers.

Have a great summer and get out and fish.

Tight Lines,

Jim



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters had a very busy May. We had the VFW wounded warriors event in Cloudcroft on 13 and 14 May with soldiers from Ft Bliss, Holloman Air Force Base and Kirtland AFB. We worked on fly tying on the 13th and fishing the Cloud Country pond on the 14th. We still have not been able to have a Vet land a trout. Just too big. Thanks to my volunteers, Chuck Rementer, Dennis Lanpher, Carl Lieberwirth, Jim Laird and Ben Gardner.

On May 22nd, 23rd and 24th we had a fund raiser in Cloudcroft raising close to \$400. Thanks to volunteers Don, Abe and Irish.

On May 27th we had our monthly fly tying event at the Las Cruces VA Clinic and fly tying with the Club in the evening.

On May 28th, 29th and 30th we had our San Juan PHW event. A great time was had by all with a lot of fish being caught, several being the first fish they had ever caught. Terry, my 100% blind Vet, caught his first fish on the fly rod that he built himself. Thanks to the Sandstone Anglers guides the fishing experience for these Vets was great. Now it is time to take a break for a few days. Thanks again for all the club support and the volunteers that work with the Vets.

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 2015 and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let them know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members. Trips now in the planning stages are:

- June 22 - 26 — trip to the North Platte in Wyoming. This trip is fully booked at this time.
- July 9-12 — Conejos (See article below.)
- Oct. - Nov. — trip to Kodiak Island, Alaska
- Nov. 11-15 — annual fall trip to the San Juan
- Fall — Lady Anglers will be going to the Conejos.

Conejos Camping Trip

July 9-12, 2015

Bob Silver



Almost every year the Club has a trip to the Conejos River to fish. This is a great time of the year because the runoff is over with, the weather is nice and the insect hatches are in full swing. So for anyone that is interested, I am planning a trip to the Conejos and nearby waters from July 9 to July 12. I will be camping in the Rio Grande National Forest Mogote Campground.

A link to the campground information is <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/riogrande/recarea/?recid=29568>. This is about 1-mile north of the Fox Creek store on Highway 17. I will take the MVFF banner with me and hang it at the campsite so that anyone dropping in can find my camp. I plan to camp in the Upper Loop. There is also a Lower Loop at the campground. It is near the river but I have found the mosquitoes are fierce in the evenings. If mosquitoes "love you", I recommend that you stay in the Upper Loop.

An option to camping is to stay at the cabins of the Conejos River Anglers flyshop in Mogote. The link is <http://www.conejosriveranglers.com/>. We have stayed there many times and they are comfortable. They will sleep 3 to 4 per cabin and have small kitchens. They also have "guide and sleep" deals that are very good and the guides will put you on fish.

Each day last year we had a Green Drake hatch around 11am that lasted a couple of hours. Green Drakes must taste good to the trout because the surface action was intense.

This is beautiful time of the year to camp, but plan on an afternoon thundershower.

Getting There: GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude): 37.06472, -106.23444, or 37°3'53"N, 106°14'4"W

From Antonito, Colorado, go west on Highway 17 about 15 miles to the campground access road on your left, it is well marked. Travel 1/4 mile and turn right into the Upper Loop Road.

You can reach me at 575-642-5865 if you have any questions.

Tightlines

Bob

Fishing Reports

5/20/15, Blaine Goss — Ed Romero and I went to the lease Wednesday. The water was high at the upper end and lower down below. It was clear and quite fishable since most of the algae strands are gone below the lower bridge on down. We didn't fish the middle section. Ed and I caught a number of young native rainbows (5-6") which is good. Of course, the chubs were catchable as well. It looks like the river is recovering from the onslaught of the top water algae.

5/20/15, John Kennedy, Jr. — Stephanie and I were also at the lease on Wednesday. We caught numerous chubs, and one small rainbow at the lower end late morning. About 4pm, I caught a nice rainbow (14-15") at the upper end, down river from the bridge, near the gate, under the wire that crosses the river. I caught it on a #18 red copper john. The stream was very clear, and very little algae/moss fouled our hooks.

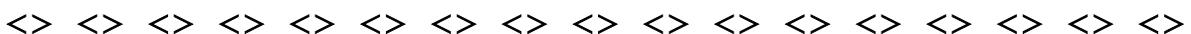
5/15/15, Mark Pitzak — I went on the 15th. I caught two 7- 8-in rainbows on nymphs in the faster section below the upper bridge. The middle section was full of really nice big fish lazily feeding on the surface. Couldn't figure out what they were eating and they were picky. I got a few strikes on a really small royal wulff but only landed one, although it was a very nice fish. As I fought him, at least six or seven other nice fish came out of the weeds drawn by the movement.

Welcome New Members

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| Wade & Sheila Davenport | Lubbock, TX |
| Ron & Edwina Davenport | Friona, TX |
| Winfield & Patty Davenport | Floydada, TX |
| Taylor & Summer Davies | Lubbock, TX |
| Camron Dunn | Lubbock, TX |
| Sam Dunn | Lubbock, TX |
| Don & Martha Hume | Las Cruces, NM |
| David & Bonnie McGehee | Midland, TX |
| Benjamin & Kelly Soltis | Tularosa, NM |
| Anthony & Emma Tarazoff | Las Cruces, NM |



PHW on the San Juan





MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2015

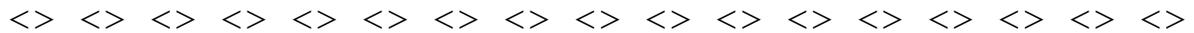
Submitted by John Kennedy, secretary

The MVFF Board Meeting was called to order at 7pm in the NMDG&F Conference room by President Jim Sorenson. In attendance were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, Dennis Lanpher , Ray Rodriquez, Paul Turner, Jeff Arterburn, John Kennedy, Bob Silver, and non-board members Jim Hulsey, Ron Bellerose and Tom Wobbe.

1. Board minutes of the April, 2015 meeting, as published in the May newsletter, were approved.
2. The Treasurer reported that the Club has \$13,291 in the bank after expenses. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that the club has 268 members, including 15 new members. Members need to pay their dues to remain current.
4. The spring rod raffle was successful, raising \$1,000 for the Club. Thank you to member Mark Lenarz for donating the beautiful bamboo rod won by Ted Hopkins.
5. Ron Bellerose reported on Project Healing Waters. At the end of May there is a trip to the San Juan River with 6 veterans, including fishing with guides in the Texas hole. There is a Wounded Warriors event in mid-May in Cloudcroft. There are also activities at Fort Bliss. Later activities include fly tying and casting Oct. 28, and the fall trip to the lease Nov. 4. Volunteers will be needed.
6. Jeff Arterburn reported for the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited. There will be a

McKnight creek project in July involving barrier reconstruction and planting willows. Trout Unlimited is also discussing the possibility of sponsoring public projects--more later.

7. There was no American Fisheries Society Report. The Club is hoping to receive a report from the recent NMSU students' trip to the Lease concerning possible stream improvements.
8. Ideas were also kicked around at the meeting by the above referenced board members for stream improvements, including a Fall Work Day. Ideas discussed included stream movement, and cleaning areas for better access to fishing areas. There was also discussion about future stocking.
9. Chuck Mueller briefly discussed the upcoming Club trip to the North Platte in Wyoming in June. There was also some discussion of the fall trip to the San Juan in November, and possible future trips to the Conejos, and to Lee's Ferry.
10. Probable future general meeting speakers will be, September, concerning the North Platte trip; November, concerning the Kodiak trip; and possibly a future speaker concerning Lee's Ferry.
11. The annual banquet will be in January, 2016. There was a discussion about raffle prizes.
12. There was discussion about a fall rod raffle. The next Board meeting will be Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:00pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.



Quick Look Contact Information

| 2015 Officers of the Club | |
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| Officers | |
| • President: | Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050 |
| • V-Pres.: | Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045 |
| • Secretary: | John Kennedy (612) 720-3456 |
| • Treasurer: | Gary Mann (575) 521-7793 |
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| • Position 2: | Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050 |
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| Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund Market Value as of 30 June 2014 | \$11,487 |
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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 LI-
CENSES 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.

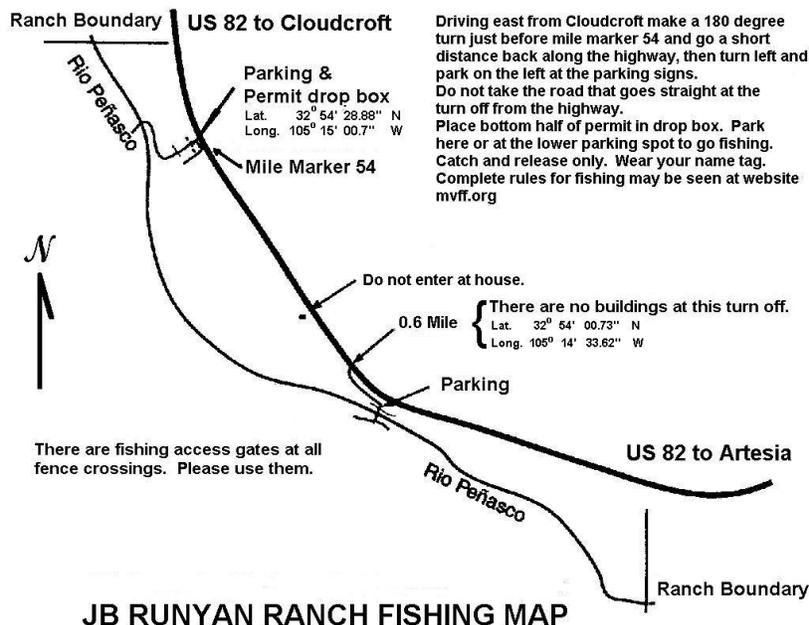
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| 1 Year | \$20 | Individual |
| | \$25 | Family |
| 3 Years | \$50 | Individual |
| | \$60 | Family |
| Life | \$400 | Individual |
| | \$500 | Family |

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 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.