

# Tale Waters

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## No Membership Meeting in June

Since many of our members spend their summers fishing and vacationing there will be no membership meeting in June, July or August.

## Liars and Tiers

Thursday, 29 June

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 29 June at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear* which will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 June

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on 19 June at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices. All members are welcome to attend.

## President's Corner

We have had many good fishing reports coming in from members who have fished the Penasco Lease the last couple of weeks. The water is low at times due to the drought and irrigation, however the fish are hitting dry flies (tricos or small adams) early and nymphs and wooly buggers during the day. The next couple of weeks should continue to be good fishing as long as the current water flow continues. Permits are available from Donna Mabie, Tom Wobbe or Jim Hulsey.

If you have not checked the flow at the San Juan it is currently (May 30<sup>th</sup>) at 2880 cfs. You can check on the flow and fishing conditions at several websites such as [www.lfly4trout.com](http://www.lfly4trout.com), [www.customflies.com](http://www.customflies.com) or [www.sandtoneanglers.com](http://www.sandtoneanglers.com). It appears that our plans for the club trip June 16, 17, 18<sup>th</sup> will be just right for excellent fishing conditions.

Remember we have a potluck dinner planned for Saturday night, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Pine Main Group Shelter. The club will provide BBQ Brisket and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert for the potluck.

As we look forward to the fall meetings and next years meetings at MVFF, I would like to ask our club members if there is a special program or speaker that you feel would be of real interest for one of our meetings. The Board and Officers certainly wish to provide programs and speakers which are informative and create the interest for members to attend meetings. While MVFF does not have the finances available for an expensive speaker, we can provide room and meals along with gas expenses. Personally, I have run out of ideas, so I am asking for any suggestions for future meetings.

Hopefully, many of you will have the opportunity to take a summer vacation and fishing trip. Remember to drop us a line and let us know how your trip is going or when completed, let us hear about it. It

would be great to have a nice article or fish story for the newsletter.

Tight lines,  
Tom

### New Membership Categories

During the May Executive Board meeting it was decided to create two new categories of membership: 3 year and life time memberships. This will, hopefully, alleviate the club from some of the chores of collecting dues and at the same time give members a price break. All categories will have individual and family levels with a family defined as member, spouse and children 17 years of age or younger. The fee for each is:

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

### Conejos River Trip

Due to the late heavy snowfall in the Colorado mountains our tentative date of early June for the club trip to the Conejos was delayed. Jon Harp at [www.conejosriveranglers.com](http://www.conejosriveranglers.com) felt that the first week of June would possibly still have an excessive runoff. The trip is tentatively rescheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> of July. Many of you signed up for the trip on the earlier dates. If you are still interested please let us know by email or by filling out the form on the web page. We will send an e-mail to those who signed up for the trip.

### SAN JUAN TRIP

June 16-17-18

The San Juan Trip is planned for June 16, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> after the 5,000 cfs release. No guides are planned through the club, however we have several members who are experienced San Juan fishermen to show the beginners what works best. If you have not already signed up for the trip and wish to do so let Tom Wobbe know or fill out the form on the web page.

We plan to have a pot luck dinner on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at the group shelter at Pine Creek Campground. The club will furnish BBQ and members should bring a side dish or dessert. Last year after the high water level dropped the fishing was the best it had been in

years. The fish were healthy and put up a tremendous battle when hooked. If BOR plans hold the 15<sup>th</sup> will be the first day that the flow will return to normal (350 cfs). You can monitor San Juan fishing by watching the discussion board at [www.lfly4trout.com](http://www.lfly4trout.com). Also see updated reports at Jude Duran's [www.customfly.com](http://www.customfly.com) or John Tavenner's [www.sandstoneanglers.com](http://www.sandstoneanglers.com). These are just three of many websites where you can keep abreast of San Juan fishing.

We have about 24 members planning to join in on the trip. Anyone interested in car pooling or possible room sharing with other members, here is a list of those planning to attend: Wade Hedgecoke, Paul Turner, Jim Hulsey, Randy Hulsey, Bryan Hulsey, Jim Sharp, George Thomas, David Cordova, Randall & Vickie Vallee, Gary & Allison Mann, Charlie Graham, Luis Vargus, Jerry Schickedanz, Bill & Lucy Santiago, Bill & Chris Garrison, Joseph Lopez, Bob Silver, Tom & Joyce Wobbe.

### Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Winner

Stephanie Coleman has been selected as the 2006 recipient of the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship by the Board of Directors of the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers. Ms. Coleman is a graduate student in the Department of Fishery and Wildlife Sciences at New Mexico State University. Her graduate research relates to evaluating the impact of forest fires on the population ecology of Gila trout in the Gila National Forest. She has worked as a fishery biologist with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in New Mexico since 2001 and has extensive field experience working with the biological and water resources of the San Juan, Rio Grande, Pecos, and Gila rivers. Previous full-time work includes stints as a wildlife technician with the U.S. Forest Service and Arizona Game and Fish Department, maintenance worker at San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuge and as a research specialist and lab manager with Arizona State University. Stephanie assisted the club during the annual Kid's Fishing Clinic and really appreciates the financial assistance provided by the MVFF. We expect Ms. Coleman will attend one of our monthly meetings this fall and describe the status of her research and the restoration efforts for the Gila trout.

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**HELP!!!****E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to [President@mvff.org](mailto:President@mvff.org). If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to [president@mvff.org](mailto:president@mvff.org).

**Angler's Nook**

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at 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.**

**Norm Mabie Endowment Fund**

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. 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." 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. Presently the fund contains \$5,979. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

**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**

### Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear*. The *Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear* is an old fly which has been around for a couple of hundred years or so. It is often attributed to Victorian tier James Ogden and was popularized by Frederick Halford in the late 1880s. Traditionally, to give it its bug like appearance, the pattern used fur from a hare's ear, mingling the longer guard hairs with the lighter colored under fur and dubbing for a body. Rabbit fur is easier to obtain and now more widely used. The mayfly nymph can be imitated quite well with a large gold ribbed Hare's ear. It can be fished either weighted or unweighted. It has won fans everywhere and ranks as one of the better general purpose flies. It is a good fly for the Rio Peñasco. Detailed step-by-step tying instructions can be found at <http://www.troutflies.com>.



**Hook:** TMC 9300 6-22

**Thread:** Tan, brown, black, 6/0, 8/0

**Weight:** Med. or small lead wire

**Tail:** Hares Ear Fur, short

**Wingcase:** Turkey Quill slip

**Body:** Rabbit, natural, brown, tan, olive, black, etc

**Ribbing:** Copper or gold wire, reverse wrapped forward

**Thorax:** Same as body, or darker tones

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*Editor's Note: Club member Roger Pastoor recently filed this fishing report. For those who haven't met Roger he is a German national living in El Paso and works to support the German troops stationed there. As you can tell Roger loves to fish the lease.*

I just want to give you an update on the last fishing trip I did with John/David Cordova.

Water was at the lowest level I have seen the river so far. The regular nymphs worked well through out the day. Around noon fishing was slowing down a little bit. After that they were going to take dry flies and sometimes they took my red/yellow foam strike indicator.

We fished above and south from the bridge and did well. We caught several 14" and lost also a lot

because the fish are in areas where they are difficult to get and while playing them they get underneath the bushes. So I lost some leaders/flyes/strike indicators.

In a certain place (I won't tell) a very big one took after an aerial jump half of my leader, the fly and the strike indicator. I call it the Penasco monster and this Rainbow was huge and relatively dark so it must be in the river since a long time.

I'm so crazy for fishing there I ask you to send me one more time a permit because I like to go there the upcoming weekend. Don't tell anybody about our experience until I'm back from there.



Roger shows a nice one.



David holds up one of many.

## MVFF Monthly Events Calendar\*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
December 2005	Liars & Tiers Meeting has been cancelled.		12 Dec. Dr. David Cawley - Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico	
January 2006	Liars & Tiers 26 Jan. Joe's Hopper		No general membership meeting 28 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet	NM Trout Conclave - 21 Jan.
February	Liars & Tiers 22 Feb. Picket Pin		27 Feb. Joey Vega - Quality Trout Waters in the Southwest Area.	11 Feb - Work party at Lease.
March	Liars & Tiers 30 Mar. Lady Todsen		13 Mar. Bill Schudlich, NM Council of Trout Unlimited	11 March NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium 18 March - Work party at Lease
April	Liars & Tiers 27 Apr. Prince Nymph		10 April Flyfishing Video on "Lee;s Ferry"	8 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic
May	Liars & Tiers 25 May Copper John		8 May John Tavenner - NM Guide <i>Tackle and techniques for fishing the San Juan River</i>	
June	Liars & Tiers 29 June Hare's Ear	<b>Club Trip to San Juan, 16-18 June</b>	<b>No Club Meeting This Month</b>	
July	Liars & Tiers 27 July Zugbug	<b>Club Trip to Conejos 28 - 30 July</b>	<b>No Club Meeting This Month</b>	
August	Liars & Tiers 31 July RS2 Emerger		<b>No Club Meeting This Month</b>	
September	Liars & Tiers 28 Sept. Midge merger	<b>Club Trip to Kodiak 23 Sep- 1 Oct</b>	11 Sept.	<i>Picnic</i>
October	Liars & Tiers 26 Oct. Kiwi Muddler	<b>Club Trip to Kodiak, 30 Sep - 8 Oct Club Trip to San Juan</b>	9 Oct.	

\* **Bold text** in table means confirmed and *Italics text* means tentative

### 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.

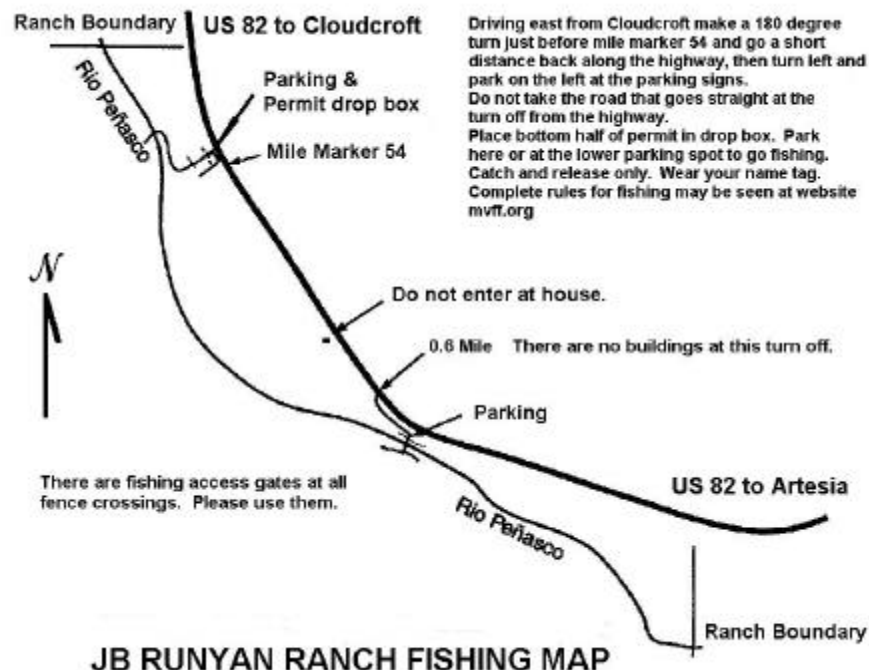
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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 \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_ Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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