

Tale Waters

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Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 26 March

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 26 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Parachute Midge*. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack.

Tim manages the ATF flyshop in El Paso and is an accomplished tyer. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

***** REMEMBER *****

**MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING
LICENSES EXPIRE ON 31 MARCH**



President's Corner

Welcome to the March 2009 Edition of *Tale Waters*. I must

have blinked long enough for winter to come and go, because

these recent warm sunny days have me in a springtime state of mind, thinking about snowpack and stoneflies and the timing of future trips with this year's runoff. I enjoyed an escape day on the Peñasco recently, and found great flows, water temperatures still cool and a little off-color, so bright stuff fished deep was most productive for me. The willows were already starting to bud out, so it's time to restock your fly boxes, throw away those old tippet spools, buy your new fishing licenses and send in your MVFF membership renewal.

The MVFF Club Meeting on March 9th will feature a presentation on fishing the Gunnison River in Colorado from Ben Olson of Black Canyon Anglers <http://www.blackcanyonanglers.com/about.html>.

This should definitely help fan the fires of your Spring fever, and will provide valuable insight on an outstanding and accessible fishery. The MVFF Club Trip committee chair, George Sanders, is planning an extended multi-river trip that includes the Gunnison in mid-June, which will be preceded by several days on the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam, and

Membership Meeting

Monday, 9 March

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 9 March at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Ben Olsen of *Black Canyon Anglers* will give a 40 minute Power Point presentation on Colorado's Black Canyon of the Gunnison. He will then discuss what *Black Canyon Anglers* has to offer in the way of guides and outfitting. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 16 March

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 16 March at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

then followed on the Conejos in late June. A high degree of flexibility with access to multiple drainages and including some reliable tailwaters into the trip agenda is always a good approach for this time of year. The fishing can be downright outstanding, particularly if you hit at just the right time when the big bugs are bringing everything in the river into reach, or you may be left standing out on the side of an impossible brown torrent, all depending on the actual conditions that present themselves, regardless of your best plans.

I hope that you are looking ahead to the upcoming Kids Fishing Clinic at Alumni Pond on April 11th. This is an important annual event held with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and is a great chance to share your interests and experience with local kids. We are also planning a workday on the Peñasco Saturday March 14th. Bring work gloves and gear, we'll plan to clear away detritus and brush and possibly do some willow planting and light trimming. For those interested in car-pooling from Las Cruces we'll plan for a group departure at 7:00 am from the K-Mart parking lot on Highway 70. Following up on Matthew Schultz's presentation of the ongoing restoration of Black Canyon watershed, the MVFF is planning to assist with a willow-planting project and the anticipated dates are April 4-5. More details will be provided at the March 9th club meeting.

The club operates through the efforts of outstanding volunteers through various committees. We have recently updated the committee structure and are actively recruiting members to participate in these important tasks. We will have more information available at the March 9th club meeting.

Jeff



Randall Vallee, MVFF Coordinator

PHW volunteers will be meeting at Sportsman's Warehouse the morning of the 5th of March to go to El

Paso to meet with the soldiers from Ft. Bliss at Ascarate Lake to practice casting on the water and knot tying.

Because we had a volunteer meeting in February after our last outing we are not having one this month.

For those who live in Las Cruces:

We will be meeting at Sportsman's Warehouse at 6:30am so that we might carpool to Ascarate Lake. We ask that you please be prompt so that no one is left behind.

For those volunteers who live in El Paso:

Please meet at the main gate of Ascarate Park. Please be there no later than 7:45am and those from Las Cruces will meet you there.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either **Randall Vallee** at 575-382-6959.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2009 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

Rick & Beth Black	El Paso, TX
Joe & Gay Farr	Ruidoso, NM
Mike Hand	El Prado, NM
Paul Hathaway	Santa Fe, NM
Litton & Kathleen Logan	Los Alamos, NM
Rex May	Alamogordo, NM
Matt Mumme	Las Cruces, NM
Art Sanchez	Las Cruces, NM
Chris Skillern	El Paso, TX
Gary & LeAnn Tonjes	Albuquerque, NM

Parachute Midge

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Parachute Midge*.



Hook: TMC 100 #18 to #24
Thread: Sheer 14/0 Black or similar
Tail: Micro-fibetts black
Body: Super Fine Black Dubbing
Parachute post: Calf body hair or Poly-pro yarn
Hackle: Black Whiting Dry Fly Hackle

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MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
Feb.	Liars & Tyers 26 Feb. <i>UV Midge Larvae</i>		9 Feb. - Jeff Arterburn to talk on <i>Bonus Days; Winter Tailwater Fishing on the Arkansas and San Juan Rivers</i>	5 Feb. PHW workshop at Ft. Bliss
Mar.	Liars & Tyers 26 Mar. <i>Parachute Midge</i>		9 Mar. - Pete Olsen will speak on the <i>Black Canyon of the Gunnison</i> .	5 Mar. - Proj. Healing Waters workshop at Ascarate Lake. 14 Mar - Workday on Rio Peñasco
Apr.	Liars & Tyers 30 Apr.		13 Apr. - Program tbd	4-5 Apr - Willow planting on Black Canyon Creek 11 Apr - Kids' Fishing Clinic at Alumni Pond

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Western Yellow Stonefly
(*Isoperla marmona*)

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Chemistry Bldg. at NMSU due to conflicts in Board schedules and availability of the NMDG&F Bldg. Jeff Arterburn presided.

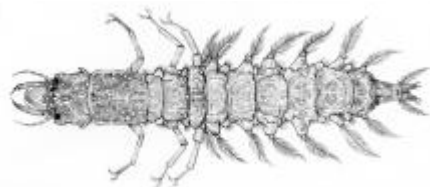
In attendance were Board members Jeff Arterburn, Paul Turner, Tom Wobbe, George Sanders, George Thomas and Donna Mabie. Absent were Gary Mann, Robert Silver, and Randall Vallee. Also in attendance were visitors Jim Hulsey and Ron Bellerose.

1. Minutes of the January Board Meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter.
2. The submitted Treasurer's Report showed the Club has a balance of \$12,972.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that there are 223 current members through March 31, 2009.
4. A suggestion to sell permits online using Pay Pal was discussed and considered as an option for further consideration and possible future implementation.
5. The club has many VCR tapes to dispose of and it was agreed that they would be brought to the next general membership meeting for sale to members. Any unsold tapes will be donated to the Branigan Library for sale at their periodic book sales events, except some of the tapes may be suitable for showing at the general club meetings.
6. Much discussion was centered on establishing various club committees in which many volunteers will be needed. Some of those present volunteered to be involved. Many more volunteers are needed and will be discussed further at the next general membership meeting. Ten different pages listing the committees will be available for members to sign up as volunteers.

7. At the March 9th meeting, Ben Olson of Black Canyon Anglers will give a presentation on fishing the Gunnison River in Colorado. Several options for presentations at the April 13th meeting were discussed, and George Thomas will follow up with a suggested invited speaker from northern NM. The club encourages members to give presentations of their trips. At the May 11th meeting, slides of the *Conejos Superfly* will be shown. Preparation plans for the June trips will be discussed.
8. The Board discussed projected club activities such as cleanup, willow planting, picnic, etc. at the Rio Peñasco on March 14th, the Kids' Fishing Clinic on April 11th, and trips to the Gunnison, Green, and Conejos in June. Other possible trips were discussed for May-July to Stone Lake, White Mountains, Hurricane Lake, Reservation Lake, Pacheta and White River. The membership will be asked for feedback.
9. The next Project Healing Waters trip will be on March 5th at Ascarate Lake in El Paso. Volunteers will be solicited by e-mail.
10. The Board discussed possible spending plans such as group travel by rental van, banquet, raffles, membership access to private waters such as the Conejos and other streams, fish stocking, fishing permits, video camera, software, lap top, lamps, casting clinics, etc. Club funds were approved for a new coffee pot. The club will look into the cost of purchasing license plates, embroidered T-shirts, hats, and patches with the MVFF club logo to offer for sale to members

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Hellgrammite Larva (Dobsonfly) (Corydalis cornuta)

Quick Look Contact Information

2009 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• V-Pres.	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Secretary	Donna Mabie (575) 522-3810
• Treasurer	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• Position 2	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
• Position 3	Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437
• Position 4	George Thomas (575)
• Position 5	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Principle Account	\$10,930
Operating Account	0
Total	\$10,930

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.

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.



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.

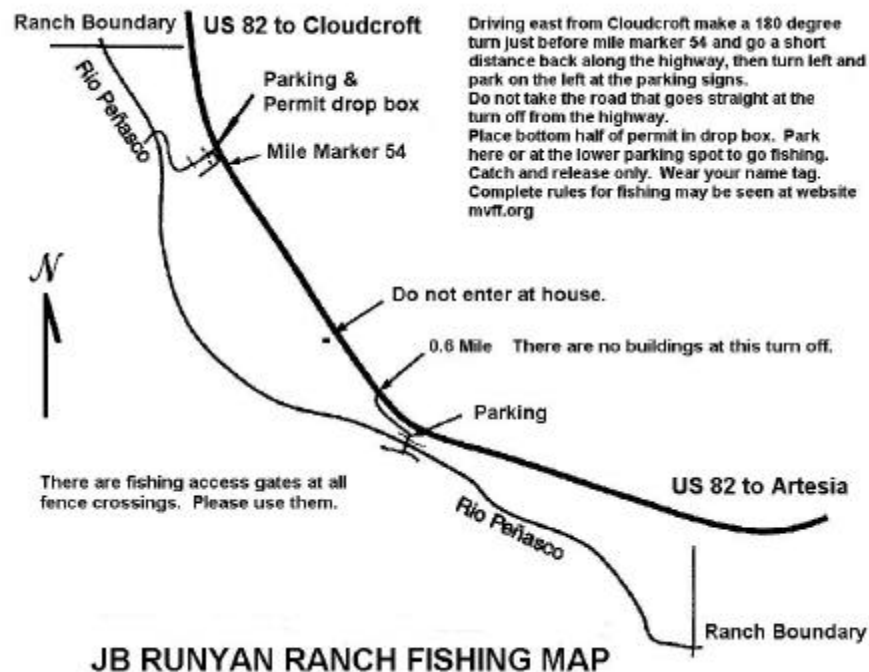
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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 Hulseley. 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.