

Tale Waters

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

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Membership Meeting

Monday, 8 March

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 8 March at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Bob Widgren of Los Pinos flyshop in Albuquerque will give a presentation on fishing for Tiger Muskies. The club is planning a trip to Quemado Lake in late spring. Quemado Lake is a 130 acre lake containing approximately 800 to 1000 Tiger Muskies planted by NMDG&F to control the goldfish which were threatening to take over. Bob will present some very timely information for those members planning on making he trip. It promises to be very interesting and entertaining. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 15 March

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 15 March at 7:00 PM at a location yet to be determined. Game & Fish has preempted the room on this date necessitating the change of venue. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 25 March

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 25 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The group will be tying the *Black Half & Half Ant*. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso and is a professional tyer. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

President's Corner



Our goal this year is to help more members learn to fish well and to take trips to learn more about fishing opportunities in the state. To kick this off, the next Club meeting will be Monday March 8th

and will feature a talk about Musky Fishing in New Mexico by Bob Widgren of Los Pinos Flyshop in Albuquerque. The Game and Fish Department stocked muskies to control rough fish populations in Quemado and Bluewater Lakes. Both lakes now have a sizable population of muskies some approaching 40

inches in length. Bob will discuss fishing techniques and the best time of the year when these fish can be caught on a fly rod. The door prize will be a musky-flyline donated by Los Pinos Flyshop. The meeting will be held at the New Mexico Department of Games and Fish office on Northridge. Doors will open at 6:30PM.

Please check the MVFF website for Club events and trips this spring, summer and fall. We are organizing spring or early summer trips to Quemado Lake, Conejos River, or the White Mountains. We would also like to hear from members if there is enough interest in another trip to Kodiak, Alaska in early fall. A stream improvement project with Matt Schultz of the New Mexico Environment Department has tentatively been scheduled for June to help restore Gilita Creek and we would also like to plant willows at the lease this spring as well.

On February 27th Jeff Arterburn and I conducted a Tackle Class for the MVFF Lady Anglers. We covered tackle and fly selection, knots, rigging and fishing techniques. We would like to offer the same class to all members of the Club. Please contact me if you would like us to schedule another clinic.

I hope to see you at these events.

Regards!

Bob



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



PHW is still going even though the last two events, casting and actual fishing has come up short. The weather in both cases. The casting happened but it was cold and windy on that day. The fishing trip was canceled due to projected bad weather and safety concerns. It has not been rescheduled as of this time but expect to have a projected date to go fishing with the Vets in the next 3 weeks or so. Indications at press time are that either 18 or 25 March will be selected.

I have made contact with a Rep of the Game and Fish about a permit for the Vets to fish free. There was some positive feedback and I believe that Ft Bliss will be able to get a fish free permit for the future outings that we have. Dr. Thomas, Ft Bliss, has written another letter with the wording that should allow the Vets the permit.

A special thanks to all the volunteers that have helped make PHW a success. It is very difficult working with the military and setting up anything that does not pertain to military only. This program has been a great success with the soldiers that we have worked with in the past and I hope our volunteer support does not slack off due to some of the set backs we have working with the military.

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.

MVFF Lady Anglers

Helen Zagona

Spring is just around the corner and the MVFF Lady Anglers are jumping at the chance to start the fishing season early! We enjoyed an interesting and informative "Tackle Class" on February 27 taught by our own Bob Silver and Jeff Arterburn. Skills in tying knots, wet and dry fly setup and fly selection were among the topics of the morning. Our Lady Anglers continued the discussions at a "Getting to Know You" lunch following the class.

Our next activity is an all women Casting Class to be held on Sunday, March 7th. We are eager to learn new techniques from certified casting instructor, Bob Widgren at La Llorona Park on the Rio Grande River. Practicing on moving water will be a great benefit to our skills.

We are busy planning our first trip of the new season to the Lease waters of the Rio Peñasco on the weekend of April 24 & 25. We will have a day of guided fishing and a day of fishing on our own. It will be a full and fun weekend with shared meals, wine tasting and a soak in the hot tub of our large mountain cabin.

More trips are in the planning stage. October 1st will find us on the Conejos River in Southern Colorado. We are looking forward to testing our skills on a larger river (holding bigger fish) in a beautiful fall setting. Experienced local guides will show us the ropes (and hopefully their secret fishing spots) along the many miles of scenic and productive water.

We welcome all women anglers from beginner to expert. Don't be left out of the fun, join us by sending your contact information to Helen Zagona at hzagona@yahoo.com or Mary Hoffman at maryfranlc@gmail.com.

Casting Classes

Sunday, 7 March

This is a reminder to those members that have signed up for the casting class Sunday March 7th. The Advanced Class will be held at 9AM at Alumni Pond next to the Pan AM Center on the NMSU campus. The Beginner/Intermediate class will be held at 2 PM at La Llorona Park. The park is located on the bank of the Rio Grande where West Picacho Ave. crosses the Rio Grande. Please arrive early enough to assemble your flyrod so that the class can begin on time. Both classes will be taught by Bob Widgren who is a FFF certified instructor. Both classes are currently full, but if you are interested in another class please contact Bob Silver at 522-6325. If there is enough interest, we will offer more classes this year. Please make sure you bring your fishing licenses to the casting clinics.

Kids Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 17 April

Don't forget the Kids Fishing Clinic scheduled for April 17th at 8AM at Alumni Pond next to the Pan Am Center on the NMSU. Kids must be pre-registered with the Department of Game and Fish. Trout will be stocked in the pond by Game and Fish. There will be prizes and pizza. We can always use more volunteers to help with the clinic.

Local TU Chapter Organized

The organizational meeting held Feb. 27th in Las Cruces, New Mexico initiated a new local chapter of Trout

Unlimited. The inaugural meeting of the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter was attended by 34 individuals, including NM TU State Council representative Bill Schudlich, and NM TU Public Lands Coordinator Greg McReynolds, and fisheries project partners Jerry Monzingo, Tawnya Brummett, and Matt Schultz who identified ongoing and potential future projects that involve the chapter in pursuit of the single purpose of TU "to conserve, protect, and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds."

Jeff Arterburn was elected president, Andrew Brill VP, Terry Spence treasurer and Jim Sorenson secretary. Additionally, Ray Rodriguez, Ross Brunner, Devon Fletcher, Jim Karol, Jim Maxwell, George Sanders, Brad Shuster, Dick Newton and Colleen Caldwell were nominated to serve as board members.

The new chapter spans the southwestern border region from the Gila and Aldo Leopold in the west, to the Sacramento Mountains in the east. Besides the obvious importance to Gila trout, with pending projects on Sacaton Creek, Main Diamond, Little Turkey Creek, and Black Canyon, the new chapter will also work on southern New Mexico Rio Grande cutthroat and wild fish issues.

The new chapter is forging close relationships with the fisheries department at New Mexico State University with Dr. Colleen Caldwell serving as an elected Director, doctoral candidate Matt Ziegler who serves as the President of the NMSU Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, and partnership with the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers to help the chapter develop a strong influence for conservation in the region.

The addition of a new chapter means that both long-time and new TU members will have the opportunity to be directly involved and participate in projects close to home, with a chapter to call their own. The National TU membership provides automatic association with local chapters without any additional costs, and TU members outside the region will have the opportunity to affiliate with the chapter of their choice.

For additional information or other questions please contact Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773, jeffgilatu@aol.com.



Rio Peñasco Stocked

A work party convened February 13th to stock the Rio Peñasco lease. Members released 290 7- to 9-inch rainbows (see photos below.) They were all released on the lower half of the lease. Afterwards most enjoyed the free fishing allowed following any work project such as this.

trips pass them to George Sanders, (575) 527-5536, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

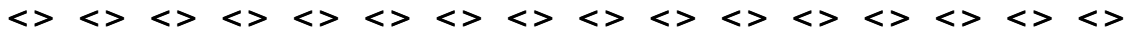
- Spring - Quemado Lake
- April 24-25 - Lady Anglers will be fishing the Rio Peñasco lease.
- October - San Juan
- Oct. 1 - Conejos - Lady Anglers

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2010 and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let us know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional

Welcome New Members

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| Lance & Brandi DeLong | Lamesa, TX |
| Bill & Colleen Gould | Las Cruces, NM |
| Andy & Ella Olsen | Cloudcroft, NM |
| Tony Owens | Cloudcroft, NM |
| Jeb & Jessica Rogers | Cloudcroft, NM |



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
February	Liars & Tyers 23 Feb. <i>MacDe Nymph Larvae</i>		15 Feb. - Al Trompler will speak on <i>Fishing New Zealand</i>	11 Feb. - PHW fly casting at Ascarate Lake in El Paso 13 Feb. - Stocking of Rio Peñasco 25 Feb. - PHW fishing at the Lease. 27 Feb. - Lady Anglers - Tackle setup class.
March	Liars & Tyers 25 Mar. <i>Black Half & Half Ant</i>		8 Mar. - Bob Widgren will present a program on <i>Fishing for Tiger Muskies.</i>	7 March - Casting Clinic 18 or 25 March - PHW fishing trip to the Lease.
April	Liars & Tyers 29 Apr.		12 Apr. - Program tbd	17 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic at Alumni Pond, NMSU 24-25 Apr. - Lady Anglers Outing to Rio Peñasco.
May	Liars & Tyers 27 May		10 May - Program tbd	Club trip to Quemado Lake



Black Half & Half Ant

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Black Half & Half Ant*.



Hook: TMC 100BL #16

Thread: Black Uni-Thread 0/8

Underbody: Super Fine Dubbing, Black

Overbody: Ant Foam Cylinder

Legs: Black, Whiting Dry Fly Hackle

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 23, 2010

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room by President Bob Silver.

In attendance were Jeff Arterburn, Bob Silver, Gary Mann, Chuck Mueller, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner, George Thomas, Randall Vallee and non-Board members Jim Hulsey, Tom Wobbe, Vicki Vallee and Ron Bellerose.

1. Minutes of the January Board meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter.
2. Dave Noble and Coralie Carrier from the Picacho Gun Club gave a short presentation on the Las Cruces Shooting Fair to be held April 24 at the Butterfield Shooting Range. They invited MVFF to have an exhibit regarding club activities and a hands-on demonstration for children.
3. The Treasurer's report presented by Gary Mann was approved. The Club has a balance of \$12,478 and the Mabie Scholarship fund has a book value of \$11,003.
4. A motion for the Club to pay for dinner for guests and an amount not to exceed \$20 for the host board member was approved.
5. Tom Wobbe reported there are 239 current members. **ANNUAL DUES FOR 2010 ARE DUE MARCH 31, 2010.**
6. Ron Bellerose and Chuck Mueller reported that Project Healing Waters will make a trip to the lease on February 25. Volunteers are needed.
7. Bob Silver will circulate a list of Committee members. Each of the Committees will select a lead member.
8. The question of whether to take advantage of an offer to purchase Winston rods at a discount was referred to the Awards and Scholarship Committee.
9. The Club Trips Committee will obtain further information about a trip to Quemado Lake and other venues.
10. Ways to provide more benefit particularly to new Club members were discussed.
11. Bob Silver has sent an inquiry to Matt Schultz for more information about a stream improvement project on Gilita Creek and Paul Turner will talk to Jim Ellett about a project on the Lease.
12. The Kids' Fishing Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 17. A motion to authorize Tom Wobbe to spend \$300 to purchase prizes was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Stocking the Rio Peñasco



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:	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulse (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$11,003
Earnings available	410

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.



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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.

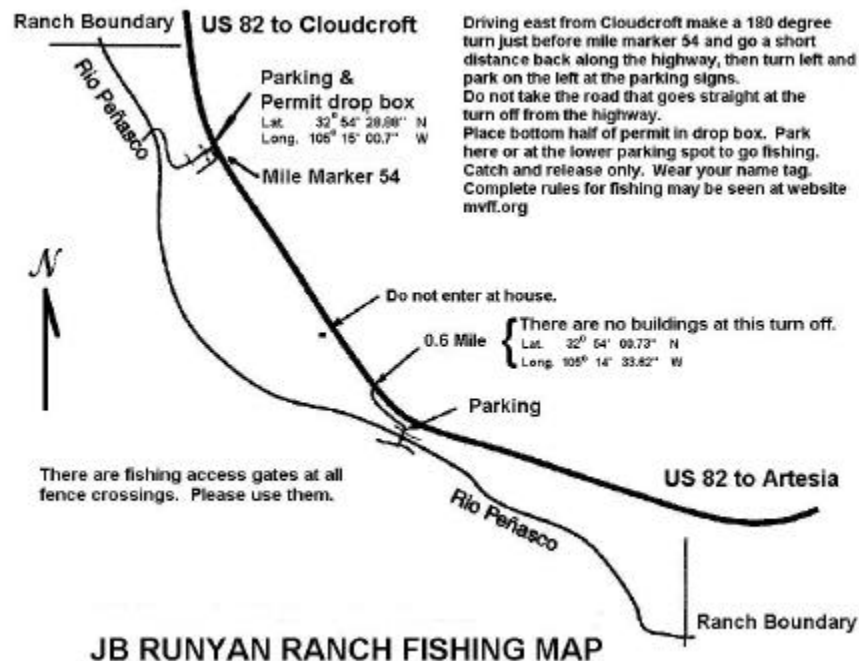
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.