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Membership Meeting

Monday, 14 March

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 14 March at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room.

The special guest speaker will be Matthew Zeigler, a graduate student at NMSU. Mathew will speak on *Potential influence of changing climate*

on the persistence of Rio Grande cutthroat trout.

***** REMEMBER *****

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

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 21 March

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 21 March at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 23 March

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 23 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting

at 7:00pm. The group will be tying the *Mini Bow Tie Buzzer*. The recipe can be found later in this issue.

The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso and is a professional tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tiers.

President's Corner

At our next general meeting on March 14th we will have graduate student Matthew Zeigler from NMSU as our guest speaker. Matthew will give a talk on the habitat of the Rio Grande Cutthroat in the upper river basin of the Rio Grande. Paul Turner will give a review of our plans to improve the Rio Peñasco habitat.

At our last meeting we started a raffle for either a Sage 3wt 8½ foot ZXL or a Sage 4wt 8½ foot ZXL which will be raffled off at the May general meeting, just in time for summer.

Coming up this April, we need volunteers for the April 9th Kids fishing clinic and PHW clinic for our Soldiers at Fort Bliss.

We are looking at having two club trips again this year. One trip planned for

sometime in July, and the other to the San Juan in October.

With the price of gasoline going up we are looking into ways to allow members to hook up together for trips to the lease, Gila or Member outing. This could also be used to help our new members who need some mentoring. We hope to have something in place soon.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. In the mean time keep a tight line.

Chuck



MVFF Lady Anglers Meet

Helen Zagona

The MVFF Lady Anglers met for a champagne luncheon on February 12. Discussion was focused on possible destinations for our annual Lady Angler fishing trips for the year. After many toasts to a good fishing season---libation provided by Mary Hoffman--the members of our little group decided on dates for our fishing trip to the Lease on April 9 and 10. Notice is hereby provided to all that we will be at the Lease in force and will be stalking the big ones on that weekend. We also have tentative plans for other trips to occur during this summer and fall.

If you know of other women who would like to join us, who would like to learn to flyfish or polish their skills, we would love to include them in our plans for the year. Contact me at hzagona@yahoo.com.



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is about to get on the roll again. We have confirmed the dates for Ft. Bliss soldiers to participate in the introduction to fly fishing. Our first outing, fly tying and knots, will be held on April 7th at the NM Game and Fish. Our fly casting will be held on April 21st in El Paso at Lake Ascarate and the grand finale will be on May 5th when the soldiers will be fishing at the lease.

Jim Ellett has confirmed the date to have the soldiers at the lease and the Cowbells will be putting on the lunch/dinner for the troops. George Welch, Ft Bliss coordinator for the troops has already shown the CD on PHW and has an enthusiastic group again this time. There may be as many as 25 soldiers participating this time so mark your calendar for these dates. We will need as many volunteers as we can get to assist the soldiers. Thanks to all the volunteers that help out with PHW.

White Sands soldiers are still in a holding situation. They will not return until next month and then they will be on at least a 30 days leave. I also have an appointment with the local VA representative on March 11th to discuss the program and try to get some local disabled Vets to try the program. These are the Vets that live in the local area and would be available to participate as well as be possible club members. More info to follow.

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.

New Board Member

Ron Warnke has agreed to fill the vacant MVFF Board position previously held by George Thomas. Our thanks to Ron.

Rod Raffle

The club is selling raffle tickets for a rod. The drawing will be held during the May general meeting. The winner need not be present to win, but you must come out to the meetings between now and then to buy the tickets. Remember, the more you buy the better your chances.

The winner will have a choice between two Sage ZXL rods, a 3wt 8½ foot or a 4wt 8½ foot.

Annual Kids Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 9 April

Don't forget the Kids Fishing Clinic scheduled for April 9th 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 NM Game and Fish. There will be prizes and pizza. We can always use more volunteers to help with the clinic. Mark your calendar now.

Conejos Superfly Tournament

The Conejos River Anglers flyshop will be holding the 5th Annual Superfly tournament again this year on 15-

17 April. The Superfly is a fishing tournament held on the Conejos River with 40 to 44, two-man teams competing for fun, prizes, and the chance to be the 2011 Superfly Champions. There will be games, prizes, SWAG, fishing excursions, 2 evening dinners and parties, and a chance to have your name engraved on the coveted Mayfly Trophy.

There are both a Pro and Amateur division. The pros fish 22-24 April. The spots fill up fast so contact Bob Silver if you are interested and he will send you an application. The flyshop, which is in Mogote, CO, will be the headquarters for the tournament. The flyshop has cabins available and these will fill up quickly too. The entry fee is \$215 per person and that includes 2 catered dinners, Simms shirt or jacket, hat, prizes, misc. swag, and access to private ranches. Conejos River Anglers is located at 34591 Hwy 17, Antonito, CO. 81120. For questions you can also contact Jon Harp at (719) 376-5660.



Gila-Rio Grande TU Chapter gets Grant for Agua Chiquita

The Gila-Rio Grande Chapter of TU, out of Las Cruces, has received an *Embrace-A-Stream* grant from Trout

Unlimited to work with the US Forest Service and the NM Department of Game and Fish to restore the Agua Chiquita. The overall goal of the project is to restore trout habitat on 4.8 miles of the creek. Since there is already an existing barrier at the downstream end of this section, it offers the possibility to restore Rio Grande cutthroat to the stream. If that objective is met, it would become the only stream in the Sacramentos with cutthroat, and would offer the

residents of southern New Mexico an opportunity to catch our state fish.

Read the full story at the NM-TU Website: <http://newmexicotu.org/>

Contact Jeff Arterburn (jeffgilatu@aol.com) or Andrew Brill (abrill@gsurface.com) to join the Gila-Rio Grande Chapter and help them make this project a reality.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2011 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, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

Trips currently planned are:

- April 9-10 - MVFF Lady Anglers trip to the Lease.
- July - location tbd
- October = San Juan River

Welcome New Members

Annie Campagna	Albuquerque, NM
George Kralik	Clayton, NM
Steve & Linda McCormick	Mesilla, NM
James & Janet McKimpson	Las Cruces, NM

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February Board meeting were not available at press time. They will be published in next month's edition if available.

Quick Look Contact Information

2011 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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Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$11,003

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.

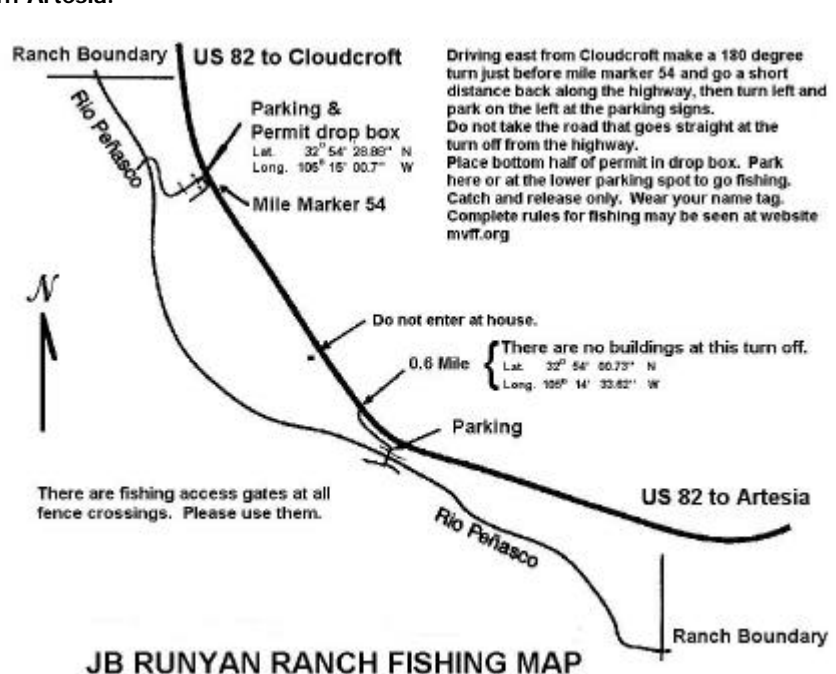
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



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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.