



# TALE WATERS

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, 12 March

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 12 March at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special guest speaker will be Rex Johnson, Jr., author of several flyfishing books. Members may be familiar with *Fly-Fishing in Southern New Mexico* which he co-authored with MVFF club member, Ron Smorynski. See additional bio information in the *President's Corner*.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 March

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

## Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 28 March

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 28 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Foam Caddis*. 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 February general meeting we started a raffle for a Sage ZXL 3wt 8½ foot rod valued at \$685 and a Regal Vise with a bronze pedestal valued at \$250.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 for the Rod and \$1 each or 6 for \$5 for the vise. Both items will be raffled off at the May general meeting, just in time for summer.

Our guest speaker for the March general meeting is Rex Johnson, Jr. You may recognize Rex by some of his published books, *Fly-Fishing New Mexico* and *Arizona Trout: A Fly Fishing Guide*. One of his Books, *The Quiet Mountains: A Ten Year Search for the Last Wild Trout of Mexico's Sierra Madre Occidental* (University of Arizona Southwest Center), will be the basis for his topic *The True Thoraevian Man* (that man being David Sanchez, from the stunning Sierra Madre Occidental, Chihuahua, Estados Unidos Mexicanos).

Our kids fishing clinic will be held on Saturday, April 14. Last year we had 122 kids registered and we can use all the help we can get for that day. It's a lot of fun and you will make many kids very happy with your support. So please check with Tom Wobbe to volunteer.

Rod Building Class: if any members are interested, Bob Widgren would hold a rod building class on a Saturday sometime in May. Class would be limited to 5 members and would cost \$200 which includes everything except your rod blank. Look for an email with a complete description of class and included materials.

Fly Casting Clinic: if we have a clinic it would probably be in May. Please email to [president@mvff.org](mailto:president@mvff.org) or call Chuck Mueller @ 575-647-4045 if you are interested in either the Rod Building or Casting Clinic.

Club Trips: in addition to the Quinlin Ranch and Kodiak Alaska Trips we are looking into a club trip to

the White Mountains in Arizona in late May or early June and of course our trip to the San Juan river in October.

April's guest speaker will be Bob Widgren on April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Monday after Easter. I'll have more on this in the next newsletter.

In closing I would like to leave you with a quote from Henry David Thoreau: *Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.*

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

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters will begin working with Ft. Bliss again starting on Wednesday May 2, 2012 with flytying and casting.

Yes, that is right, on Wednesday now and we will combine the flytying and casting on the same day. The NMG&F conference room has been reserved for that day. The casting will take place at Alumni pond.

Fishing on the lease will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Thanks to Jim Ellett and the Cowbells that date has been approved and they will take care of us again. Jim has also agreed to let the local disabled Vets fish the lease for \$10 when they are with a MVFF member. Thank you so much Jim. I have been working with a local disabled vet and hope to get him up to the lease shortly. Waiting for a good report from the lease.

We will also be working with Ft Bliss Vets on September 19<sup>th</sup> for the flytying and casting and

October 3<sup>rd</sup> for fishing the lease. These dates have all been confirmed.

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For more information about PHWFF see [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org).

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), [flyfishnh@hotmail.com](mailto:flyfishnh@hotmail.com)) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

## Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2012 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 any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- Late May or early June: possible trip to White Mtns. Of Arizona
- Late July - trip to Quinlin Ranch
- Early August - trip to Quinlin Ranch (Chuck Mueller is contact for the Quinlin Ranch trips.)
- Early October - possible trip to Kodiak, Alaska (Bob Silver is contact for this trip.)
- Early October - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

## Welcome New Members

Michael Gaines	Las Cruces, NM
Carl McGrew	Las Cruces, NM
Mark & Leslye Molamphy	Lubbock, TX
Michael & Susan Pomeroy	El Paso, TX
Craig Reynolds	Phoenix, AZ
Taylor Reynolds	Phoenix, AZ
Bruce Smith	Lubbock, TX

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





**Eagle Creek Restoration Project**  
February 11, 2012



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2012 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Secretary:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Treasurer:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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• <b>Position 1:</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>Position 2:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Position 4:</b>	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• <b>Position 5:</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• <b>Position 6:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Position 7:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 8:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• <b>Position 9:</b>	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
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• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
<b>Membership Committee Chairman</b>	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,003</b>

**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](mailto: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.

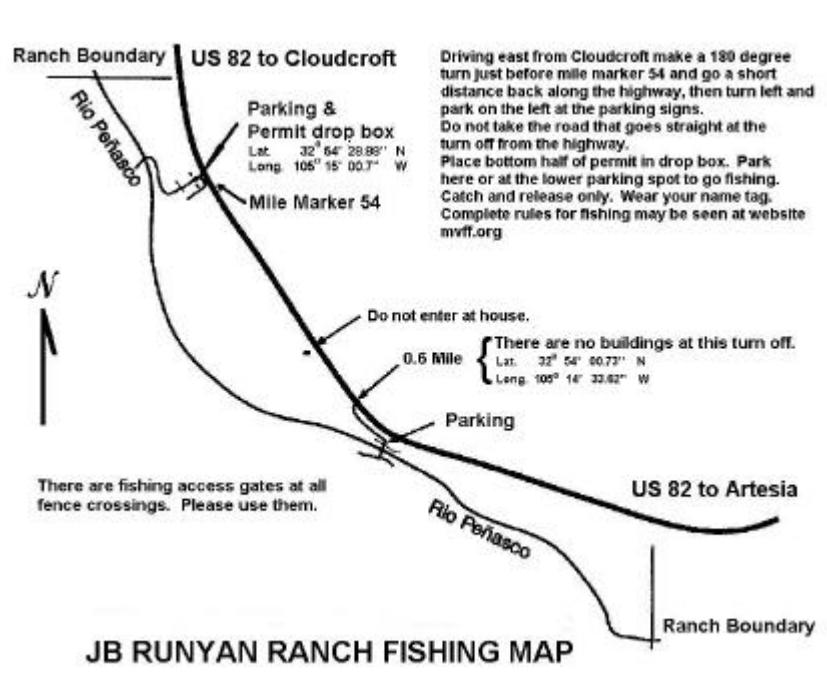
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.