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Membership Meeting

Monday, 10 March

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 10 March at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special speaker will be club member David Carmichael. David will report his and Miriam's trip to Yellowstone last summer. They fished waters off the beaten track and are anxious to tell you all about it.

Doors open at 6:30. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 March

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 17 March at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 26 March

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 26 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Hi-Viz Beetle*. The tying session will be led by professional

tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner



We have a busy couple of months coming up.

- March 8—A fly tying and casting clinic for the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society;
- March 15—The MVFF Lady

Anglers have a day trip to the Lease.

- March 22—The New Mexico Trout Conclave in Albuquerque;
- April 2—Project Healing Waters has a fly tying and casting clinic for Ft. Bliss Soldiers;
- April 5—Kids' Fishing Clinic at Alumni Pond;
- April 9—Project Healing Waters is taking the Ft. Bliss soldiers to the Lease;
- April 12—MVFF is sponsoring the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at the Lease.

As always, we will need Club members to volunteer to help with many of these projects. If you can help, please mark the dates on your calendar. We will provide additional details regarding times, places and car pooling by email and at the upcoming general meetings.

At several meetings, we have discussed the project to restore native Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout in Las Animas Creek. On February 19, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) held a hearing on the Department of Game and Fish's (NMDGF) application to use rotenone to ensure that all non-native fish populations in the restoration area have been eliminated. As you may be aware, the Silver fire and subsequent flooding in 2013 has eliminated virtually all fish in the watershed. Final action on the application will probably take place at the NMED Commission meeting in April or May. In addition, the

NMDGF has published its draft Environmental Impact Statement for public comment. Depending on the severity of the drought and other factors, we probably won't see Rio Grande Cutthroat in the Las Animas before the end of this year.

The Club trips are starting to come together. So far:

- San Juan—May 1-4—three people are signed up
- Big Horn—June 23 to 28—seven people are signed up—(deposit of \$637.50/person due by April 14th)
- Rio Conejos—July 10-13—five people are signed up—Ponderosa Campground at Horca, CO has 27 camping sites and four cabins available (\$21/night tents; \$28/night RVs; and \$65/night cabins). To reserve a site, go to www.ponderosaco.com.
- Kodiak—October 4-12—six people are signed up.
- Quinlan Ranch—Land of Enchantment Guides has negotiated a special rate for MVFF. Four nights lodging and meals at the Ranch and three days guided fishing is \$1,065 per person for three people to a guide or \$1,175 per person for two to a guide. The price does not include tax or gratuities for the guide or ranch staff. It does include rod fees for the Quinlan Ranch lakes and Abeyta Ranch on the Conejos. Other possibilities include the Navajo River, Frank Simms Ranch on the Brazos River and private water on the Chama River and Wolf Creek, but the price will need to be adjusted depending on the rod fees. Dates are open for now, but Noah recommends we look at the first two weeks in June.

At the March meeting, David Carmichael will present the details of his and Miriam's trip to Yellowstone. If you've ever thought about fishing in Yellowstone, you will want to hear this interesting and informative presentation.

Finally, don't forget the spring rod raffle. It's your chance to win a custom built 7'9", 4 wt. Sage Circa fly rod for \$2. How cool is that!

Tight Lines,

Jim

***** REMEMBER *****

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



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is moving along really well. Rod building has caught up with the rest of the rod builders in the class and I expect that all 4 participants will be ready to put on the reel seats by our next class. We may have the rods completed before. Rods have to be ready by the first of April to send in to PHW for evaluation and then will be sent back to the participants as their own. All these rod blanks and components were donated by Hook & Hackle fly shop. Visit their site for your fly fishing needs. Vet and volunteers that mention that they are a Vet or volunteer for PHW receive a 20% discount.

On April 2nd we will be doing the fly tying and casting with the Ft. Bliss group. On April 9th we will be fishing with the Vets on the lease. We need as many volunteers as we can get for the fishing event at the lease and 8-10 for the fly tying and casting. Hope to see you there.

PHW also has hats, pins and flies for sale. I am also looking at T-shirts, patches and small fly boxes.

I want to thank all our volunteers, the MVFF, Jim and the CowBelles for all their support. Without your support we would not be able to give these Vets the satisfaction and joy of fly fishing.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org. Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com if you wish to volunteer to help out.

NMSU American Fisheries Society Student Fly Tying & Fly Casting Clinic Saturday, 8 March

The Club will conduct a fly tying and casting clinic for the student chapter of NMSU American Fisheries Soc. on Saturday, March 8. The fly tying part of the clinic will be held from 9:30am to noon and will be held at NMSU in Knox Hall, room 143. The casting part of

the clinic will be held at Alumni Pond at NMSU starting at 1:00pm. Fifteen students have signed up so far so we will need plenty of MVFF volunteers.

The Club will take them to the Lease for a day of fishing on 12 April.

Mark your calendar.

Ladies Day Fishing/Picnic At The Lease

Saturday, 15 March

Editor's Note: The Lady Anglers have reserved the Lease for March 15th. It has been set aside for "Ladies Only" on that day, so men make your fishing plans accordingly (that means plan on going another day.)

The MVFF Lady Anglers will have a full day of fishing on the Rio Penasco at the club lease with a picnic potluck lunch on Saturday, March 15, 2014. All Lady Anglers are invited and casting instruction will be available but you will need to bring your own fly-fishing equipment and flies. You will also need to have a current, New Mexico fishing license and a club day-permit for the lease. Permits are available in advance from Jim Hulse (575-524-1880) and Tom Wobbe (575-522-5437) in Las Cruces and the cost is \$25. Fishing licenses and day-permits will not be available at the lease. Come join us to renew ties, share our love of fishing and visit about possible future trips for the group.

Please call Mary Hoffman if you plan to attend or have questions (575-525-1050).



Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2014 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:

- San Juan—May 1-4—three people are signed up
- Big Horn—June 23 to 28—seven people are signed up—(deposit of \$637.50/person due by April 14th)
- Rio Conejos—July 10-13—five people are signed up—Ponderosa Campground at Horca, CO has 27 camping sites and four cabins available (\$21/night tents; \$28/night RVs; and \$65/night cabins). To reserve a site, go to www.ponderosaco.com.
- Kodiak—October 4-12—six people are signed up.
- October - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Volunteers Needed

RGCT Stocking in Rio Grande Gorge

Monday, 24 March

On March 24th, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will be stocking the Rio Grande Gorge with our state fish and one of the river's native inhabitants, the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout. The plan is to meet at the La Junta Trailhead at the Wild Rivers Recreation Area at 10:30 AM. We will need a good number of volunteers

as we will be hiking to the river. For those of you that helped in the past will be the new



For those helped in everything same. For volunteers,

we load about 3 to 4 gallons of water into plastic bags or containers, load 100-200 fingerling cutthroats into the bags, tie/load the bags into a backpack, hike the fish down one of the Wild and Scenic trails to the Rio Grande, and then release the fish to their new home. Trail length varies from 0.5 to 1.2 miles and drop about 800 ft. BLM has some good trail descriptions on their website (http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/taos/wild_rivers_rec_area.html). You will need a good pair of hiking boots, drinking water, snacks/lunch, sunscreen, fishing gear (for those angling diehards),

etc. Some backpack frames will be available, but if you have a good internal frame or large day pack that you prefer then bring it. The NMDGF will provide the containers, bags, ties, etc.

To reach the La Junta trailhead take Hwy 522 north, go about 2 miles north of Questa, turn west on St Hwy 378 through Cerro, follow Hwy 378 for about 13.5 miles to the La Junta trailhead.

Please feel free to pass this information along to any interested parties not included in this email. I would like to get a ballpark idea of the number of people that will be helping, so let me know if you plan on joining. Interested parties are more than welcome to contact Jason Blakney, Coldwater Fisheries Biologist. for more information (Cell 575-707-0368, Office 575-445-2311, or by email jason.blakney@state.nm.us).

up the stations, rig up the rods and reels, etc. Trout will be stocked in the pond by NM Game and Fish.

The clinic portion of the activities will consist of knot tying, fly tying, fish anatomy, fish identification, fish prints, entomology,bait, casting and fishing rules and regulations.

There will be some prizes ,pizza and drinks. Last year we had 120 kids register for the clinic! Along with parents and volunteers we had over 300 in attendance. As you can see we need a lot of volunteers, at least 25 for this event. Please mark your calendar and make plans to help out with this event.

Contact Tom Wobbe at tomjaw@aol.com or 575-649-0388.

Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 5 April

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Don't forget the Kids Fishing Clinic scheduled for April 5th at 9 AM at Alumni Pond next to the Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. Volunteers should arrive at 7:30am to set

Welcome New Members

Wayne Cousineau	Litchfield, NH
Philippa & Thomas Elliott	Las Cruces, NM
Hunter Falco	Las Cruces, NM
Mark Lenarz	Las Cruces, NM
Mark & Kate Pitzak	El Paso, TX
Kevin Sanchez	Los Lunas, NM
Harvey Sumner	Las Cruces, NM

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HI-Viz Beetle



- Hook:** TMC 5212 size 10 to 14 or use long shank dry fly hook
- Thread:** Ultra black, 70 denier
- Under body:** Peacock herl
- Body:** Black foam
- Legs:** Black krystal flash
- Head:** Foam, cut and propped up
- Indicator:** Hot pink foam

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

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 17, 2014

Submitted by Dave Medler, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Jim Sorenson. In attendance were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Bob Silver, Gary Mann, Paul Turner, Ray Rodriguez, Jeff Arterburn, Dennis Lanpher, Dave Medler and non-board members Ron Bellerose, Tom Wobbe, Jim Hulsey, Hunter Falco and Dominique Lujan.

- 1. Minutes of the January 2014 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- 2. The treasurer reported that the Club has a balance of \$10,412. The Treasurers report was accepted.
- 3. Tom Wobbe reported the Club has 244 paid up members.
- 4. Project Healing Waters-Ron Bellerose reported that PHW rod building was moving along ok. Also discussed was the Fort Bliss Warrior Transition Disabled Battalion's interest in fly fishing. Ron suggested small classes of 8 or so soldiers in hopes to get volunteers from our club to assist as needed. More details to follow.
- 5. Trout Unlimited - Jeff Arterburn reported that Trout Unlimited and other organizations were meeting this week to discuss the Las Animas

- Creek Restoration Project in hopes that the project will get off the ground.
- 6. Wobbe gave a report on the cost of the Banquet this year with a comparison chart of the previous four Banquets. Also discussed was the quantity of food to be purchased next year to cut down on waste.
- 7. A motion was passed to appropriate \$200 to provide a raffle prize won by Rodger Pastoor who resides in Germany.
- 8. Discussion for upcoming monthly meeting speakers with several names as possibilities.
- 9. Wobbe reported on the Spring Rod Raffle - \$265 in tickets sold so far.
- 10. American Fisheries Society - Falco and Lujan requested that another fly tying/casting clinic be held and a motion was passed. Suggested date for the clinic was set for March 8,2014 and April 12, 2014 was set for fishing on the lease. The American Fisheries Society will supply help with the Kids' Fishing Day.
- 11. Motion was passed to allocate up to \$400 for Wobbe to use for pizza and drinks for Kids Fishing Day.
- 12. The next Board meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7pm
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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"There are as many reasons why and ways to fish as there are people who do it."
Russell Chatham

Quick Look Contact Information

2014 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• V-Pres.:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Secretary:	Dave Medler, Jr. (575) 434-9313
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	Ray Rodriguez (575) 524-9420
• Position 5:	Dave Medler, Jr. (575) 434-9313
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
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Norm Mabie Scholarship FundMarket Value as of 30 June 2012 **\$9,808****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.

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. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. 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.

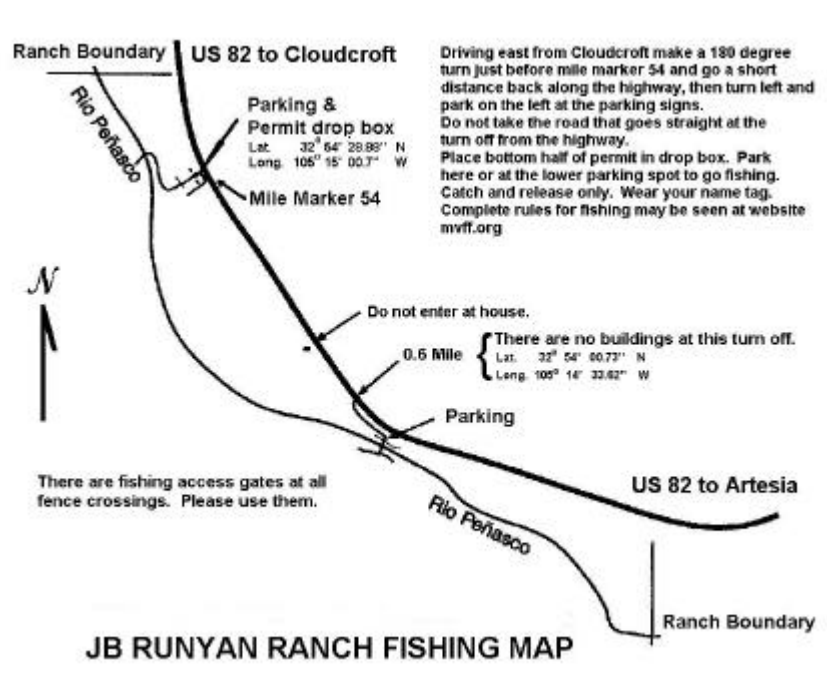
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. 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 (current dues have been paid) 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.

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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.