

Tale Waters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club

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Bill Schudlich, Speaker

Monday, 13 March

Bill Schudlich, chairman of the New Mexico Council of Trout Unlimited will be our guest speaker for the Monday, March 13th meeting.

In addition to his chairman duties, Bill also has a full-time job as a financial director for Mariah Media, Inc., in Santa Fe, which publishes *Outside* magazine.

Trout Unlimited was founded in 1959 in Michigan. Its 140,000 members in 450 chapters around the U.S. are advocates for wild trout and salmon and their watersheds.

Trout Unlimited has been active in the restoration of native Gila Trout and Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout. TU has applied for a large amount of grant monies for projects in the Gila National Forest. Because of the project and funding a TU Chapter is needed in the southern part of New Mexico.

Bill will speak on Trout Unlimited and on the Gila Restoration Project. Don't miss out on this program.

Liars and Tiers

Thursday, 30 March

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 30 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the Lady Todsen which will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez.

The Lady Todsen is our official club fly; bet most of you didn't even know we had one. It was originated by Norm Mabie many years ago, and was the club "Fly of the Month" in April 1993. Norm's instructions for tying the fly are copied from that issue of *Tale Waters* and shown on page 4. The 'young Lady Todsen' that Norm refers to was in her mid-seventies. Apparently she did not fish but loved to tie flies and was quite active in the Club.

Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 20 March

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on 20 March at 7:00 PM at the Physical Science Laboratory, NMSU. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Corner

We have been getting many good fishing reports for the Rio Peñasco lease the last few weeks. Don't forget to keep a couple of permits on hand for those impromptu fishing trips. Permits are available from Donna Mabie, Jim Hulsey or Tom Wobbe.

Our annual Kid's Fishing Clinic will be held April 8th at NMSU Alumni Pond. We need many volunteers to help make this a success, so why not take a day and help out with this great, fun event. Sign up at the March 13th meeting or e-mail or call Tom Wobbe.

At the February meeting Joey Vega, NMG&F presented an excellent program on Southwest New Mexico

fisheries. He gave a real insight into the Game & Fish Dept. projects and restocking programs in the streams and lakes in SW NM. You missed a good program if you weren't able to attend.

MVFF trips are tentatively being planned for the San Juan River, Conejos River, White Mts, and Kodiak, Alaska. Sign up at the March 13th meeting if you would like to enjoy the fishing and fellowship of club members on one or all of these trips.

Don't forget to renew your membership and your NM Fishing License by the March 31 expiration date.

Tight lines,
Tom

Rio Peñasco Work Party

Saturday 18 March

The Club has a work session planned for the lease on the Rio Peñasco. On March 18 we will plant additional trees on the lower end of the Lease to supplement those planted last year. This part of the Lease, unlike the upper stretch, doesn't have enough trees to reduce erosion and provide shade. Bring whatever tools you think will be appropriate. In addition we plan to extend two of the baffles that were built last year by about three feet. Also, time permitting, we will clean out some of the willows below the upper bridge to make the water easier to fish. If you have fished this stretch before you know that the fishing can be difficult and many flies will probably be lost. Bring chain saws, machetes, pruners and any other tools which can be used to thin the brush. We will meet at 7:00 AM at the Kmart parking lot on Del Ray and carpool from there. If you can help on this effort let Tom Wobbe know so that he can coordinate efforts. His number is 522-5437 or email at president@mvff.org.

KIDS FISHING CLINIC

Saturday, APRIL 8

The Annual Kids Fishing Clinic sponsored by MVFF, New Mexico Game & Fish and Walmart will take place Saturday, April 8 at the NMSU Aggie Alumni Pond. The event will start at 9:00am with club members requested to arrive no later than 8:00am to help set up. NMG&F will arrange for trout to be stocked prior to the event. Kids 6-11 years old may fish free, however those 12 or older must have a New Mexico

fishing license. All kids must register for the event at the NMG&F office, 2715 Northrise Dr. or by calling 532-2100.

New Permit Source

For those of you who fail to plan ahead and keep a couple of permits on hand for fishing the Lease, another source has been arranged.

Jim Ellett, land owner of the Lease, now has permits and can sell them to you at the Lease. However, you should call the night before between 6pm and 9pm to ensure that someone will be home when you arrive. Jim can be reached at 505-687-3362.

Porta-Potties Placed at Lease

For some time the MVFF Board has been trying to find some used porta-potties to place at two or three locations along the Lease. Jim Ellett, land owner, recently acquired several and has made three available to the Club. Locations have not yet been determined but one will be placed in the upper bridge area within the next couple of weeks.

New Mexico Trout

2006 Fly Tying Symposium

New Mexico Trout will be holding its second annual Fly Tying Symposium on Saturday, March 11, 2006 in Albuquerque at Sandia Prep School. Last year's fly tying event was a great success, with excellent turnout and interest. This year's event will showcase some of the better tiers in New Mexico and surrounding states. The symposium is unique in that the tiers are the show and will be featuring a variety of fly patterns from standard to complex and new. The show has a beginner section to help anyone new to fly tying to obtain a basic foundation of skills. There will be door prizes and give a ways from local and nationwide vendors.

The show will run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It will be organized into two sessions – the first from 9 to 11 AM, the second from 11AM to 1 PM. This is not a fundraising event, but rather a day of learning, sharing and camaraderie. Children under 15 are free, New Mexico Trout members pay \$5.00 and non-members pay \$7.00 to cover expenses. For the latest news and directions visit www.newmexicotrout.org.

Quick Look Contact Information

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HELP!!!**E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to President@mvff.org. If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to president@mvff.org.

Angler's Nook

Norm's Shop is open as usual. Please contact Donna at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information, fishing permits and extra newsletters. Beginning 1 March all club members will receive a 10% discount.

Private Fly Tying Lessons

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies, Joseph Lopez would like to give private fly tying lessons at Norm's Shop. Please call Donna Mabie at 522-3810, and she will help you get in touch with him to work out the arrangements and cost. Joseph

is a club member and avid fly fisherman. Norm taught Joseph to tie flies and build rods when he was a young boy. Give him a try!

Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. 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." 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.

Presently the fund contains \$5,549. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

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.

Newsletter on Website

Each month the *Tale Waters* is placed on the MVFF webpage (www.mvff.org), usually several days prior to being mailed, in Adobe Acrobat format. If you wish to view it there you have the advantage of seeing it earlier and in color.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Lady Todsens

By Norm Mabie

This streamer pattern, although tied and used successfully by yours truly for a number of years, remained "nameless". Generally, a fly pattern assumes its name due to productivity, situations and circumstances encountered in its development or later use. The name must convey character, strength, radiant beauty and memories everlasting.

In our midst several years ago was a young lady who, in addition to being an avid fly tier and strong club supporter, possessed the aforementioned attributes. It seemed fitting to match her beautiful smile and radiant character with the warm coloration of this fly pattern. The "LADY TODSEN" was selected as the official club fly shortly before Margaret Todsens passed away. Before leaving us, she provided the background necessary for naming this fly pattern which will endure as an eternal reminder of one of the club's finest.

MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS CLUB FLY

LADY TODSEN

This fly is generally fished the strip tease, down and across, or is frequently trolled by the boat types. The fly may be tied weighted by placing medium lead wire on the front half of the hook shank. Other suitable hooks are the Mustad 9575, 9672, or 7980.



Hook: Mustad 9671, sizes 8 thru 12

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: Rear half - Peacock Herl

Front half - Burnt Orange Chenille

Tail: Golden Pheasant

Beard: Black Hackle Fibers

Under Wing: Golden Pheasant Crests

Over Wing: Peacock Herl

Cheeks: Jungle Cock, Starling or Eyed Quail Breast Feathers

Tying Instructions:

1. Properly place hook in vise and check to insure that the hook is held securely by the vise jaws.
2. Apply thread midway on hook shank and wrap tightly back to bend of hook. Cut off excess thread.
3. Tie in approximately ten golden pheasant tippet fibers which will serve as the tail. The tail length should be about 2/3 hook shank.
4. Reverse wrap the thread to the midway point covering the excess tailing material. Cut off excess tailing material.
5. Tie in three long strands of peacock herl. Care should be exercised to insure that the tips of the herl are fairly even and that actual tie-in occurs about one inch or so from the butt ends of the herl. The butt ends are usually brittle and have a tendency to fracture when wrapped around the hook shank. Wrap thread over herl strands back to the bend of the hook, then reverse wrap thread back to the midway hook shank position. Cut off excess herl stems.

6. Align the peacock herl so that the widest or longest herl fibers will point outward when wound on the hook shank. Wrap all peacock herl simultaneously to the midway¹ hook shank position. Tie off herl and clip off excess.
7. Advance thread to the eye position which is approximately two hook eye lengths behind the eye of the hook. Tie in the burnt orange chenille overwrapping the thread back to the midway point, then back to the eye position. Clip off excess chenille.
8. Wrap chenille forward to the eye position; tie off chenille; clip off the excess.
9. Tie in a small clump of black hackle fibers which will serve as a beard. The beard length should extend to the hook point. Clip off excess hackle fibers.
10. Tie in three strands of golden pheasant crests to serve as the underwing. Clip off excess. Length of underwing extends to half tail length.
11. Tie in approximately 8 - 12 strands of peacock herl (depending on hook size) to serve as the overwing. The length of the overwing should extend to half tail length.
12. Tie in cheeks, individually, on each side of the head. Cheeks should extend approximately 1/4 inch toward hook bend, but will vary slightly with the length of the eye on the cheek feather. Clip off excess cheek stems.
13. Form head of fly with thread; whip finish; apply head cement.

Recent Activity at the Lease



Tom Wobbe caught this 19 inch beauty on 3/01/06.



Roger Pastoor and David Cordova score a double.



David shows a nice one.



Roger said he caught so many it got boring so he changed from a Prince Nymph to a Woolly Bugger.

MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
June 2005	Liars & Tiers 30 Jun.	San Juan Trip Jun 24-26	No general membership meeting.	
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul.		No general membership meeting.	
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug. (Wed)		8 Aug. George Sanders - Flyfishing in Big Sky country.	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep.		No general membership meeting - picnic instead.	Sept. 10 Annual Picnic & Raffle
October		San Juan Trip Oct. 7-9	10 Oct. Kodiak Gang will give presentation on flyfishing for silver salmon.	29 Oct. Fish Stocking at the Lease
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov. (Wed.)		14 Nov Taylor Streit - NM guide will speak on "Fishing Northern NM and Argentina."	
December 2005	Liars & Tiers Meeting has been cancelled.		12 Dec. Dr. David Cawley - Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico	
January 2006	Liars & Tiers 26 Jan. Joe's Hopper		No general membership meeting 28 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet	NM Trout Conclave - 21 Jan.
February	Liars & Tiers 22 Feb. Picket Pin		27 Feb. Joey Vega - Quality Trout Waters in the Southwest Area.	11 Feb - Work party at Lease.
March	Liars & Tiers 30 Mar. Lady Todsen		13 Mar. Bill Schudlich, NM Council of Trout Unlimited	11 March NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium 18 March - Work party at Lease
April	Liars & Tiers 27 Apr. Prince Nymph		10 April TBD	8 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic
May	Liars & Tiers 25 May Copper John		8 May John Tavener - NM Guide	

* **Bold text** in table means confirmed and *Italics text* means tentative

Membership and Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Cost is \$20.00 per day with student permits (12 or over) costing only \$12.00 per day. 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.
Attn: Membership
P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
Membership Application
(Please print clearly)

NAME: _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Status: (check one) Regular (\$20) _____ Family (\$25) _____

Membership Status: (check one) Renewal _____ New _____

What would you like to get out of belonging to the Club?



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Next Meeting:

New Mexico Game and Fish Office
2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico
(next door to the Peter Piper Pizza store on the feeder road of Highway 70)

Bill Schudlich, NM Council of Trout Unlimited

will speak on

Trout Unlimited and the Gila Restoration Project

March 13 - 7:00 PM

Directions from I-25:

- Exit Del Rey Blvd and follow the lane for Del Rey.
- At the Del Rey traffic intersection make a right.
- Go to the next traffic intersection and make a left at the light onto Northrise Dr.
- You should see Piper Pizza on your left and shortly after is the New Mexico Game and Fish Building, 2715 Northrise Drive