

Tale Waters

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund \$9,671

Membership Meeting

Monday, 12 March

The MVFF membership will meet on Monday 12 March at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The program will be presented by club member Jeff Arterburn who this past summer fished for steelhead in Alaska. The following is what Jeff had to say about the experience.

The hidden coastal rivers of Southeast Alaska host significant runs of large, wild steelhead that can fill an angler's dreams and memories. Dense spruce-hemlock rain forests shade the fish returning to these tannin-rich waters each Spring. Finding them in these roadless regions requires navigation through a spectacular maze of channels, narrow straights and extreme tidal currents, with critical timing that matches the arrival of fish and the weather's permission. We fished this incredible region with Captain Kent Brekke of Petersburg, AK, following his passion for these magnificent fish, learning from his twenty years of discovery and knowledge, and sharing a camaraderie that elevated the entire experience. This presentation will provide a photo overview of the

trip, and discuss the gear and tactics involved in chasing these magnificent fish.



This promises to be a great program and everyone should make an effort to attend.

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 Tiers

Thursday, 22 March

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 22 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Royal Wulff*. Tying will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

I think of color in flies as a matter of artistic pleasure and fun for the angler rather than as a necessity for the catching of fish. - Lee Wulff

President's Corner

Paul Turner

I thought the MVFF members would like to know some of our preliminary plans for 2007 before they get finalized. Input we get from the membership about possible trips and other activities will help the Board of Directors make our plans fit your interests. So I'm asking you to give us some feedback about our plans for the coming year. You can review in more detail what the Board discussed at our February Board meeting by reading the Minutes later in this newsletter.

MVFF has been working with Jeremiah Richardson and Matt Selders from the Fishing Department at Sportsman's Warehouse to increase fly fishing options for both the novice and more experienced fly fishers. Along those 'lines' Jeremiah has a personal trip to the San Juan planned for April 1-4 and has offered to assist MVFF members that might like some expert advice on methods and other details about the river. He can be reached at 505 556-8400 if you are considering a trip to the San Juan. Sportsman's Warehouse has two new activities for Las Cruces scheduled with a Trout Fishing Tournament at Burn Lake on March 3rd and a free Fishing Derby for kids under 12 and persons with disabilities set for March 10th at Young Park. Jeremiah has asked MVFF members to help out with the latter event so contact him if you have some free time.

Other upcoming MVFF activities include trout stocking at the Rio Peñasco and our annual Kids' Fishing Clinic set for April 14th at Alumni Pond on the NMSU campus. We will need 10-15 MVFF members to help with this event so put it on your calendar and contact me at president@mvff.org or 505 523-6880 if you are available. We have also been discussing MVFF-organized fishing trips and will be advising you about details for likely trips to the San Juan, Rio Conejos in Colorado, White Mountains in Arizona, and Green River in Utah. As I indicated in the February newsletter I hope to take a trip to the Gila National Forest for fishing and floating during April or May so if you are interested in any of these potential outings you should let me know. George Sanders who has agreed to be chairman of the Outings Committee has a trip planned for June to the Green River and will discuss more details at upcoming meetings and in the newsletter.

Jeff Arterburn will give a talk on steelhead fishing in Alaska at our March 12th meeting so plan on attending. We have been getting good turnouts at our regular and board meetings and they are good times to talk about other upcoming events so I hope to see you then. Remember- if you're too busy to go fishing, you're too busy.

Paul

Fishing Tournament

Saturday, 3 March

Sportsman's Warehouse is sponsoring a "Trout Fishing Tournament" on 3 March at Burn Lake. Its open to everyone and the top 6 places win some nice prizes. The entry fee is \$15 with registration from 7:30am to 9:00am. Fishing is from 9:00am to 2:00pm with weigh-in at 2:15pm. You can go by the Sportsman's Warehouse and ask for either Jeremiah Richardson or Matt Selders for early entry.

Kids' Fishing Derby

Saturday, 10 March

Sportsman's Warehouse is sponsoring a Fishing Derby for kids 10 March at Young Park. Its open to all kids under 12 years of age and persons with disabilities. There will be lots of prizes for everyone. Entry is free with registration from 7:30am to 9:00am. Fishing is from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Sportsman's Warehouse is asking for volunteers to help with the kids, primarily to help them get rigged for fishing. You can go by the Sportsman's Warehouse and ask for either Jeremiah Richardson or Matt Selders for early entry or more information. The store telephone number is 556-8400.

Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 14 April

MVFF will hold their annual Kids' Fishing Clinic this year on 14 April at Alumni Pond at NMSU. It will be conducted very similar to what has been done in past years. Final details have not yet been worked out. Watch next month's newsletter along with the web page for final plans. Volunteers will be needed just as in the past, so mark your calendars now.

MVFF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**Monday, Feb. 19, 2007**

In attendance: Paul Turner, Tom Wobbe, Ron Bellerose, Jim Hulse, Donna Mabie, Randall and Vicky Vallee, Richard Newton, Bob Silver, Jeff Arterburn, Jeremiah Richardson, Richard Keding, and Gary Mann.
Absent: George Sanders.

1. The Treasurer's Report was presented and the status of the Norman J. Mabie Scholarship Fund was reviewed. The Board voted to match the full amount of the individual donations (\$1,412.00) that were made during our fund drive that ended in January.
 2. The membership database report was given and Tom Wobbe said that he had dropped the names of members who had not renewed their memberships since 2005. We have 203 active members plus several honorary members. We are mailing newsletters to 16 members that do not have internet access and are diligent in keeping our e-mail address list up to date.
 3. Jeremiah Richardson (Assistant Fishing Department Head, Sportsman's Warehouse) was designated as an honorary board member. He also volunteered to be chairman of our Programs Committee.
 4. Jim Hulse was commended for the great job he is doing on the website and newsletter. He recently added a link on the website about the Norm Mabie Scholarship with pictures and information about our most recent scholarship recipients and Norm's role in getting our club started.
 5. The Board discussed the need to revise our committees and designate new chairmen for 2007. Paul Turner will work on the committees and plans to review the changes in an upcoming newsletter. We discussed the need for new committees for fund-raising, publicity,
 6. Kid's Fishing Clinic, etc. The Kid's Fishing Clinic is scheduled for April 14th at the Alumni Pond which is west of the Pan American Center on the NMSU campus. It will be coordinated with Josephine Graf, New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish Clinic Coordinator, and Joey Vega, Southwest Area Fisheries Manager.
 7. Nothing was finalized on club outings, but possible streams and dates will be discussed at the next board meeting and publicized in the newsletter and website. Jeremiah Richardson will be making a fishing trip to the San Juan River on April 1-4 and would be happy to assist anyone who might like some fishing help while he is there. Jeremiah was a guide on the San Juan in the past so club members should consider his offer and contact him at the Las Cruces' Sportsman's Warehouse at (505) 556-8400 if they are interested in some expert advice.
 8. The Board voted to purchase \$500.00 worth of trout for stocking the club water on the Rio Peñasco. March 3rd or 4th was mentioned as possible dates for stocking. Tom Wobbe will contact Mr. Parker on this and will let members know when some help on stocking is needed via the newsletter or email. Hopefully we can get some help from members from the east side of the state. A request was made for installing a picnic table at the lease and the possibility of another porta-potty near the lower parking area.
 9. Sam Moore and Tom Prestidge will be working on plans for a Club meeting in El Paso within the next year. Program topics, dates and meeting location need to be determined.
 10. Jeremiah Richardson discussed the Sportsman's Warehouse Trout Fishing Tournament (March 3rd) at Burn Lake in Las Cruces and Fishing Derby at Young Park in Las Cruces on March 10th. He would like MVFF volunteers for March 10th to help the children under 12 and persons with disabilities at this free event. If you can help on either event, call him at 505 556-8400.
 11. Jeremiah and Paul will be working on programs for upcoming general meetings. Jeff Arterburn will be presenting a program on steelhead fishing in Alaska for our March 12th meeting.
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- Club member Karen Erickson is interested in working on old bamboo rods. If you have one that needs repairs give Karen a call at (505) 524-7729.

Quick Look Contact Information

2007 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President	Paul Turner (505) 523-6880
• V-Pres.	Jeff Arterburn (505) 524-0773
• Secretary	Donna Mabie (505) 522-3810
• Treasurer	Gary Mann (505) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1	Richard Keding (505) 382-7498
• Position 2	Ron Bellerose (505) 541-0807
• Position 3	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
• Position 4	Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
• Position 5	George Sanders (505) 527-5536
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org

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

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.

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 \$9,671. We are getting close but still have a 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.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Royal Wulff

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *Royal Wulff*.

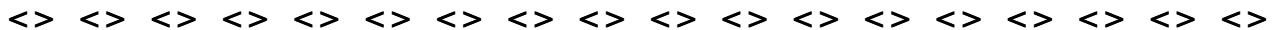
The *Royal Wulff* was designed by Lee Wulff as a variation of the famous *Royal Coachman*. While it imitates nothing in particular, it can catch trout when they aren't feeling selective and picky. Wulff-style flies are attractor patterns that are designed for rough water. They are too highly dressed to work well on

slow clear water or when trout are feeding selectively. However, because of their high visibility they often work well when you're casting to eager trout in fast water where the fish want a floating fly, but don't have long to look at it.

The most common variations are the Gray Wulff (gray body, blue-dun hackle) and White Wulff (white body and tail, badger hackle).



- Hook:** TMC 100, sizes 10-18
- Thread:** Black
- Wing:** White calftail, divided
- Tail:** Deer hair
- Body:** Peacock herl, then red floss, then more peacock
- Hackle:** Brown



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
January 2007	Liars & Tiers 25 Jan. <i>BC Hopper</i>		No Club Meeting This Month Banquet instead	Annual Banquet - 27 Jan.
February	Liars & Tiers 21 Feb. <i>Adams</i>		12 Feb. - Paul Turner to speak on salmon fishing in Alaska	NM Trout Conclave - 3 Feb.
March	Liars & Tiers 22 Mar. <i>Royal Wulff</i>		12 Mar. Jeff Arterburn to speak on steelhead fishing in Alaska.	3 Mar. - Fishing Tournament - Burn Lake 12 Mar - Kids Fishing Derby - Young Park
April	Liars & Tiers 18 April <i>Adams Para.</i>		9 April - program tbd	14 April - Kids Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond

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.

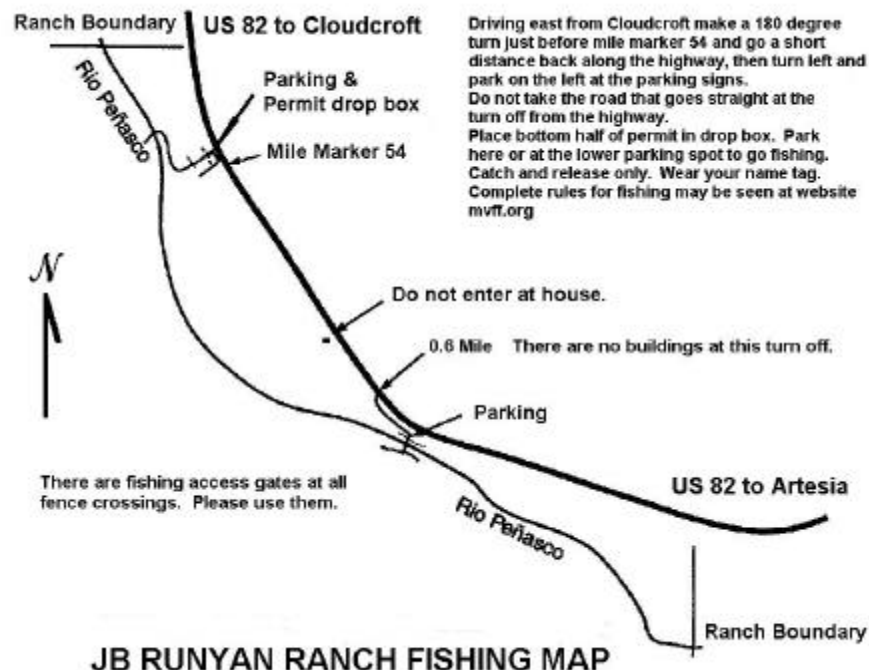
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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 \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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 Hulseley. 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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Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

Membership and/or Permit Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work 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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ _____

_____ Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.