

# Tale Waters

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$5,979
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## Liars and Tiers

Thursday, 25 May

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 25 May at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Copper John* which 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.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 15 May

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on 15 May at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices. All members are welcome to attend.

## President's Corner

I took the opportunity to slip away for a solo fishing trip to the San Juan at the end of April. It was quite enjoyable even though it was rather quiet by myself. I must say it was really fun and I caught quite a few fish, with my best day producing 16-18. The water was rather clear, but of course the San Juan produced some lively Rainbows and Browns. I planned to take a few pictures but I found it not that easy to take my own, so just released and fished. I think I will do it again if Joyce gives me the opportunity to slip off from the many at home projects I seem to ignore!

The Club trip to the Conejos has been delayed because of 'iffy' runoff conditions at the first of June. It will probably be rescheduled for the end of July or beginning of August. Currently we have about 20 members signed up for the trip. See the newsletter article for additional information on this trip. Hopefully members will be able to join together and carpool to save on gas for the trip.

The San Juan Trip still looks good for the weekend of June 16, 17, 18. The current plan is for the BOR to

## San Juan Guide, John Tavenner

May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 7:00pm

Guide, fly designer, author and lecturer, John Tavenner has been fly fishing and fly tying for over 30 years. John began fishing the San Juan River in 1985 and started guiding the river in 1988. In 1999 he and his wife started *Sandstone Anglers*, a guide service focused primarily on the San Juan River. John is the only FFF certified casting instructor on the river. Sandstone Anglers' guides average about 15 years of experience guiding the San Juan. The presentation, *Tackle and techniques for fishing the San Juan River*, will give the viewer not only an idea how to fish this great river, but a greater knowledge of how to become a better fisherman on all rivers. A fresh look at some of the techniques that are rarely talked about, such as mending, extending drifts and fighting and landing big fish on light tackle. A must see for any one thinking about fishing the San Juan, or who just want to become a better fishermen.

begin the spring release on May 25 and ramp up the flow 1,000 CFS each day until total flow is 5,000 CFS. The flow would remain at 5,000 CFS for one week and then ramp down 1,000 CFS each day until normal flow is reached. That being said the weekend we have planned should be a great fishing weekend as the fish will be very active after the release. The club will once again provide BBQ for a Saturday night potluck. Members attending should bring a side dish or dessert to the potluck. Join us for this fun trip. Several club members are making final preparations for another fantastic trip to Kodiak. This is a fun and wonderful fishing opportunity, and while airfares are increasing it is still a very reasonable way to catch some great fish. We have two groups planning to make the trip this year and there is still room for one more member the week of Sept. 23-30<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to tie some Alaska flies and get your wet weather gear!

Many members have paid their dues for continuing their membership, however we still have a few procrastinators! So just take a minute and drop your check in the mail or come to the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and support the club, by bringing your membership current.

Tight lines,  
Tom

### Conejos River Trip

Due to the heavy snowfall in the Colorado Mountains the last few weeks, we are once again delayed on setting a definite date for the Conejos River trip. Jon Harp at [www.conejosriveranglers.com](http://www.conejosriveranglers.com) feels the first week of June will possibly still have an excessive runoff so we plan to keep in touch and watch snowfall % of norm. We will send an e-mail to those who signed up for the trip when we select a new date. If we can hit it right, Jon says the Conejos fishing should be great!

### SAN JUAN TRIP

June 16-17-18

The San Juan Trip is planned for June 16, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> after the 5,000 cfs release. No guides are planned through the club, however we have several members who are experienced San Juan fishermen to show the

beginners what works best. You may sign up at the May meeting to join in or let Tom Wobbe know.

We plan to have a pot luck dinner on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at the group shelter at Pine Creek Campground. The club will furnish BBQ and members should bring a side dish or dessert. Last year after the high water level dropped the fishing was the best it had been in years. The fish were healthy and put up a tremendous battle when hooked. If BOR plans hold the 15<sup>th</sup> will be the first day that the flow will return to normal (350 cfs). You can monitor San Juan fishing by watching the discussion board at [www.lfly4trout.com](http://www.lfly4trout.com). Also see updated reports at Jude Duran's [www.customflies.com](http://www.customflies.com) or John Tavenner's [www.sandstoneanglers.com](http://www.sandstoneanglers.com). These are just three of many websites where you can keep abreast of San Juan fishing.

### Kids Fishing Clinic

The Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic sponsored by MVFF and New Mexico Department of Game & Fish was held on Saturday, April 8, at the NMSU Aggie Alumni Pond. The event this year was one of the best ever. Participation was great. Lots of volunteers showed up to help and the weather cooperated. And best yet, the fish cooperated. The kids caught fish, lots of fish. The NMDG&F stocked several hundred trout in the pond the night before and by the next morning they were hungry and ready to feed. For some of the action see the photos presented on pages 4 and 5.

**KIDS** -- approximately 65

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

**MVFF VOLUNTEERS:** Karen Erickson, Donna Mabie, Joyce Wobbe, Vickie Vallee, Randall Vallee, Anna Mary Mulhern, Bob Silver, Richard Buchanan, Ron Bellerose, Ray Morey, Gary Mann, Richard Keding, Jim Hulsey, Al Trompler, Bob Pridgen, Paul Turner, George Thomas, Jeff Arterburn, Sophie Arterburn, Tom Wobbe

**NMSU STUDENTS:** Suzette Mc Farland, Justin Mapula

**NM DEPT. OF GAME & FISH:** Ray Aaltonen, Chris Ortega, Storm Usrey, Clay Moyers, Bob Srba, John Sershen, Richard McDonald, Cynthia Adcock

**NM STATE PARKS:** Alex Mares, Lillian Mares

#### **FOOD, DRINKS, PRIZES**

Domino's (Missouri Avenue)--Furnished 20 pizzas  
Walmart (Walton Ave)--Furnished \$150 in prizes, drinks, etc

**Quick Look Contact Information**

2006 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President</b>	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
• <b>V-Pres.</b>	Paul Turner (505) 523-6880
• <b>Secretary</b>	Jeff Arterburn (505) 524-0773
• <b>Treasurer</b>	Al Trompler (505) 532-5668
<b>Board Members</b>	
•	Richard Keding (505) 382-7498
•	Bob Pridgen (505) 526-9132
•	Gary Mann (505) 521-7793
•	Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
•	Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880
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**HELP!!!****E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to [President@mvff.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

<p><b>Club members receive a 25% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.</b></p>
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**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 \$5,979. 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.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31**

**And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license**

Copper John

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *Copper John*. The *Copper John* is a relatively new fly, designed by John Barr, that has won fans everywhere and ranks as one of the best general purpose flies. It is one of the better flies for the Rio Penasco. It is a relatively heavy fly and reaches down deep in large pools. It is primarily a trout fly, but can be effective for warm water species as well. Detailed step-by-step tying instructions can be found at <http://www.troutflies.com> It was originally tied with regular copper wire but other colors, such as red or green, are also used.



- Hook:** TMC 5262, 5263 10-18
- Thread:** Black, 6/0, 8/0
- Bead:** gold-plated brass, 1/8" with tapered hole
- Weight:** med. or small lead wire
- Legs:** Partridge
- Tail:** Biots, Brown, Black Goose or Turkey
- Wingcase:** Thin Skin with Flashabou center strip, epoxy finish
- Body:** Medium copper wire. An underbody of thread, tapered
- Thorax:** Peacock herl



Kids' Fishing Clinic



Register and go through the clinic.



A big turnout.



Teach them the regs,



Bugs



And fish guts



Can't go fishing until you can cast.



Plenty of prizes for the kids.



Plenty of pizza for everyone.



They come in all sizes.

And the Kids Catch Fish



### MVFF Monthly Events Calendar\*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
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 Todsén		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 Flyfishing Video on "Lee;s Ferry"	8 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic
May	Liars & Tiers 25 May Copper John		8 May John Tavenner - NM Guide <i>Tackle and techniques for fishing the San Juan River</i>	
June	Liars & Tiers 29 June	Club Trip to San Juan, 16-18 June	No Club Meeting This Month	
July	Liars & Tiers 27 July	<i>Club Trip to Conejos</i>	No Club Meeting This Month	
August	Liars & Tiers 31 July		No Club Meeting This Month	
September	Liars & Tiers 28 Sept.	Club Trip to Kodiak 23 Sep- 1 Oct	11 Sept.	<i>Picnic</i>
October	Liars & Tiers 26 Oct.	Club Trip to Kodiak, 30 Sep - 8 Oct Club Trip to San Juan	9 Oct.	

\* **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 (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 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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