

Tale Waters

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Membership Meeting

Monday, 14 May

The MVFF membership will meet on Monday 14 May at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. **Jeremiah Richardson**, Sportsman's Warehouse Fishing Mgr., will give a talk titled "*Fishing the San Juan and not being afraid of Chasing the Gold.*" Jeremiah was a guide on the San Juan for two years and should be able to give us some good tips on fishing it.

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

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 21 May

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 21 May at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 24 May

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 24 May at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at

7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Parachute Adams*. This is the same pattern that was planned for last month, but almost everyone forgot the meeting which had been moved from its normal date. So we will give it another try this month. 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.

President's Corner

Paul Turner

As you may know, the Board of Directors voted to delay the San Juan trip until after the 5,000 cfs scouring flow ends in late May. When I talked to Raymond Johnson at Float and Fish before the April board meeting, he indicated that fishing was slow because of low water temperatures and high turbidity. He said the 38 degree water temperature was 5 degrees lower than normal and water visibility was only 2 feet. Thus, the number of fish being caught was low and dry fly fishing wasn't working. Wolf Creek had just gotten 4 feet of new snow that weekend and the spring runoff hadn't started yet so we felt that fishing would be much better later. I'm looking forward to fishing the San Juan then as the best fishing I've ever had there was after the scouring flow in 2005.

I do have a backpacking trip planned for May 4-6 into the headwaters of Iron Creek in the Gila Wilderness with Roger Pastoor. We will hike the "crest" trail which starts at 9300 feet and climbs to 10,500 feet at Hummingbird Saddle where we plan to camp Friday night before dropping into Iron Creek the next morning to fish for Gila trout. This population has a low (1-2%) level of hybridization with rainbow trout so catch and release fly fishing is acceptable even though Gila trout are still listed as a threatened species. We can also fish for brown trout below the

artificial barrier if we want some trout for supper on Saturday. I've made this hike many times with my family and coworkers over the last 30 years and want Roger to have a true wilderness experience. In addition, we will get to fish for Gila trout that were listed as endangered from 1966 until 2006. I have been looking forward to this opportunity for over 30 years! I plan to take it 'easy' by going slow and carrying a light backpack as I'm not as young as I once was. Also my cardiologist wants me to get a pacemaker to keep my heart rate higher than the 30 to 50 bpm it drops to when I'm asleep or inactive. I'm planning to have my operation later in May when it will have the least impact on my spring fishing.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Kid's Fishing Clinic! We had great weather for the clinic and lots of prizes for the kids thanks to the Sportsman's Warehouse, MVFF members and Wal-Mart. Game and Fish was well represented and had stocked Alumni Pond with trout a few days before the clinic. You should also put the May 14th MVFF meeting on your calendar as Jeremiah Richardson will be talking about fishing the San Juan before the club trip. Jeremiah was a fishing guide on the San Juan before moving to Las Cruces so his talk should really help those planning to fish the Juan. We will also be wishing Roger Pastoor and his family good-bye before they return to Germany in June. Remember, if you're too busy to go fishing, you're too busy.

Paul

Report on Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 14 April

The weather was great and the kids, parents, grandparents and volunteers all had a great time! The weather had been very windy all week and the day after, however on Saturday, the 14th it was a perfect 65 degrees and no wind.

We had 93 kids who had been pre-registered and 65 actually came to the event. Many kids caught fish, mostly trout which had been stocked by NM Game & Fish earlier in the week.

Josephine Graf, NM Game & Fish fishing clinic specialist, brought 60 rods & reels and some bait, plus a great aquatic insect display, complete with microscopes for the kids to view the "larva and bugs"! We had several stations manned by MVFF Volunteers

including Registration, Casting, Fly Tying, Knots, Fish ID, Fish Guts, Aquatic Insects, Rules & Regulations, Bait and Lures & Tackle

NM Game & Fish department provided tables and five officers including, Ray Aaltonen, Lu Ann Tafoya, Chris Ortega, Joey Vega and Shaylor Wells. NMSU Fisheries Society student Jessica Griffith also assisted during the clinic. The twenty MVFF members who assisted included the following, Vickie Vallee, Randall Vallee, Jacob Vallee, Alex Montes, Jim Hulsey, Bob Silver, Paul Turner, Brad Shuster, Bob DuBey, Barry Pahl, Sam Kuntz and granddaughter, Ron Bellerose, Ray Morey, Tom Wobbe, Joyce Wobbe, Donna Mabie, Ed Rangel, Ben Gardner, Richard Keding and Daniel Medford.

Thanks to Sportsman's Warehouse for providing almost \$200 in prizes and to Walmart for the bags, and clinic kit. Drinks, snacks, chips and some fishing accessories were purchased by MVFF. Twenty pizzas were provided by Dominos on Missouri Ave. and MVFF bought 20 more pizzas at a great price. We had ample pizza for the kids, parents and volunteers. We had enough prizes to award every kid some type of prize, including 12 rod/reel combos, 6 tackle boxes, plus sandals and many other items.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the event. Next time you are in the Sportsman's Warehouse, say hello to Thomas See, Store Manager, or Jeremiah Richardson, Fishing Dept. Manager, and thank them for their participation in the event.

Tom Wobbe

Volunteers Needed for Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 2 June

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has asked MVFF to assist with a fishing clinic they are having on the national *Free Fishing Day* on June 2nd at Alumni Pond on the NMSU campus. LuAnn Tofoya has indicated that they will set up a series of stations for the attendees to visit during the early part of the morning. Department personnel will man some of these, but she would like club members to run some stations (e.g. fly tying, knots, fish identification, aquatic invertebrates, etc.). They will also need help with registration and getting the fishing gear ready and teaching the basics of casting to novice anglers. This event will be open to all age groups and handicapped anglers so the turnout could be several

hundred. We will coordinate with Game and Fish on this event so more details will become available during May. If you can assist with this event, contact Paul Turner at president@MVFF.org or signup on May 14th or at the board meeting. This will be a good chance to make contacts with potential new club members and provide a worthwhile service to local residents.

Club Outings Planned

The board has discussed several possible fishing outings for the coming year and have more or less settled on the ones shown below. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to George Sanders who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

1. San Juan - Poor fishing reports and murky water caused the Board to cancel this trip scheduled in April. It will be rescheduled when conditions improve. The planned ramp up of the flowrate has also been changed and will be considered in the rescheduling. The trip will probably occur in late May or early June. A decision will be made at the Board meeting in May.
2. Green River in Utah - 14 - 20 June - Club members George Sanders, Jeff Arterburn and others plan to be at the Green River during these dates. This is a good opportunity for Club

members who have never fished the Green to make use of their experience since they have expressed a willingness to provide whatever assistance possible.

3. Conejos in Colorado. - This trip will be scheduled for late June or early July depending on the state of the runoff. Spring runoff should be about completed and fishing should be good. For those who have never fished the Conejos, the scenery alone is worth the trip.
4. San Juan - 12 - 14 October - annual fall trip to San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Paul & Rosie Almaguer	Las Cruces, NM
Doug & Nancy Cowley	Alamogordo, NM
John Haynie	Las Cruces, NM
Jerry & Marilou Martin	Fort Davis, TX
Daniel & Tracy Medford	Las Cruces, NM
Mike & Vickie Medford	Las Cruces, NM
Terry Moore	Las Cruces, NM
Gloria Neal	Las Cruces, NM
Landon Neal	Las Cruces, NM
Robert Sanchez	El Paso, TX
Karen Stull	Las Cruces, NM



Kid's Fishing Clinic



Beautiful day - Lots of kids - Great time for all



Lots of prizes - every kid received one

MVFF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**Monday, Apr. 16, 2007**

In attendance: Paul Turner, Tom Wobbe, Ron Bellerose, Jim Hulsey, George Sanders, Bob Silver, Jeremiah Richardson, Donna Mabie. Absent: Gary Mann, Jeff Arterburn, Richard Keding.

1. The Club paid NMSU the amount needed to fully endow the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship fund. Bill Parker was paid \$500 for the last trout stocking. Jim Ellett was paid \$396.00 for daily fishing permits on the Rio Peñasco. Many membership renewals have been received recently and a number of new members have joined the club.
2. About 65 kids came to the Kids' Fishing Clinic at Alumni Pond. There were 18 volunteers including two student volunteers. Sportsman's Warehouse donated several hundred dollars for prizes and supplies. All children received a prize and many trout, sunfish and largemouth bass were caught during the clinic. Dominos provided 40 large pizzas for a bargain price of \$100.00. MVFF purchased over \$200.00 worth of snacks, drinks and supplies for the clinic. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish provided rods and reels for children without their own gear and Josephine Graf brought live aquatic insects and other materials for use at the stations. Game and Fish stocked the pond with rainbow trout three days prior to the clinic and had a number of personnel present during the clinic.
3. No selection has been made for the scholarship recipient for 2007 because of a problem with student applications caused by NMSU. Once applications are available to review the board will make our selection and publicize it via the newsletter.
4. The April trip to the San Juan has been rescheduled due to reports of very murky water and poor fishing. A new time for the trip will be discussed at the next general club meeting on May 14th after the final flow regime is known for the spring scouring flow.
5. Ray Rodriguez, club member and Sportsman's Warehouse employee, will be doing a one-hour presentation of "Fishing the Penasco" and there will be a club table to enlist new memberships.

This will be held at 1:00 PM on April 28th at the Sportsman's Warehouse. Six fly tying lessons will be taught by Jeremiah Richardson at the store beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. Materials will be furnished and the course will cost \$10. Tiers are to bring their own tools, including Matarelli whip finishers. That same day at 1:00 p.m., at the same place, Jeremiah will have a session on "Fishing the San Juan River."

6. Further discussion was held regarding the rod-building classes. It was decided that the lessons would not be held at the Liars and Tiers meetings, but at the Sportsman's Warehouse. These classes will start sometime in the fall.
7. It was suggested that perhaps Jim Hulsey, our web master, could set up a special signup link for the various fishing trips on our website to supplement signups at regular meetings.
8. We have decided to table any decision on developing an annual fishing permit for the Rio Penasco until we have further discussions with Jim Ellett. Fishing has been quite good on the Rio Peñasco with all trout caught being in excellent condition.
9. The board has agreed to assist the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish with the free (no license required) fishing day to be held at Alumni Pond on June 2nd. Members available for this day should contact Paul Turner at president@mvff.org.



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

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$10,000
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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 (505) 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.

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.
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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
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Parachute Adams

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Parachute Adams*.

This is a variation of the *Adams* fly pattern (designed by Len Halladay of Michigan in 1922 at the request of his close friend Charles Adams). The parachute version has higher visibility and will float better than the original. There are many other variations tied

which include egg-bearing females, trailing-shuck emergers, thorax ties, CDC-hackled Adams...even Adams wet flies! There are countless others, especially when you consider that the gray muskrat body color is often switched to imitate other species of mayflies and caddis flies.



- Hook:** TMC 100, sizes 10-18
- Thread:** Black
- Tail:** Mixed brown and grizzly hackle fibers
- Body:** Gray dubbing
- Hackle:** Brown and grizzly mixed.
- Post:** Antron, Z-Lon, deer or calf hair.



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
April	Liars & Tyers 18 April <i>Adams Para.</i>		9 April Dutch Salmon to speak on Gila River topics.	14 April - Kids Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond
May	Liars & Tyers 24 May <i>Adams Para.</i>	Club trip to San Juan - date tbd	14 May Jeremiah Richardson to speak on "Fishing the San Juan"	
June	Liars & Tyers 28 June <i>Rio Grande King</i>	14 - 20 June - Fishing trip to Green River	No General Membership Meeting	2 June - NMDG&F Kid's Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond
July	Liars & Tyers 26 July <i>PMD Para.</i>	Club trip to Conejos - date tbd	No General Membership Meeting	
August	Liars & Tyers 30 August		No General Membership Meeting	

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.

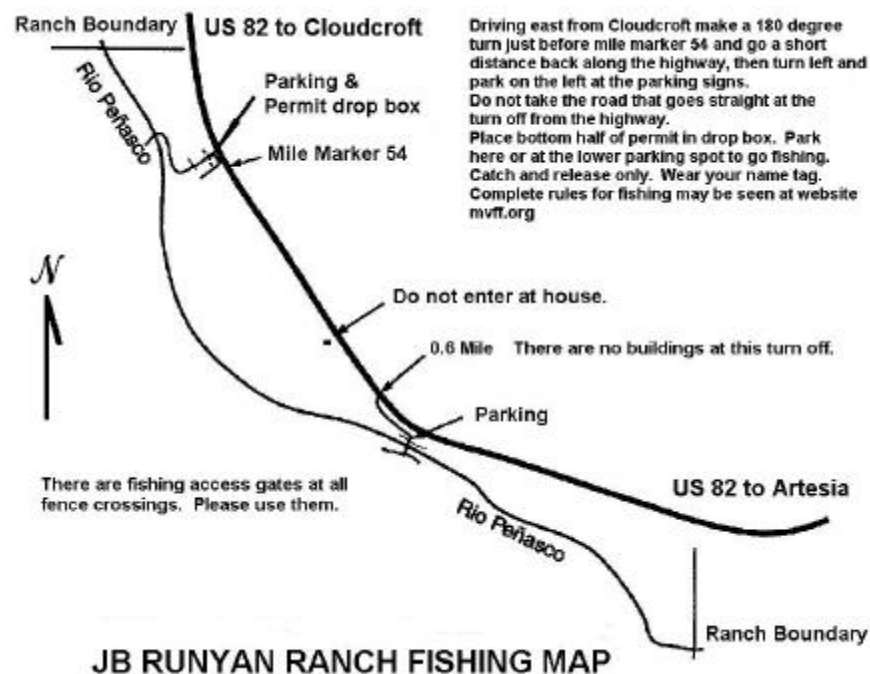
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.