

Tale Waters

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Membership Meeting

Monday, 10 May

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 10 May at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Mary Hoffman will have a ten minute presentation on the ladies April 24th trip to the lease. We will also have the details of the Mentorship Program ready to discuss. It promises to be very interesting and entertaining. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 May

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

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 26 May

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 26 May at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly of interest for this month had not been determined by press time. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the

Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso and is a professional tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.



President's Corner

Beginning in May, we will start a mentoring program for those wanting to learn or improve fly fishing skills. This is open to anyone in the Club at no cost. The Board is still working out the

format, but, the goal is to help more Club members get out fishing this summer and learn skills to apply for a lifetime. The objectives are to have a series of tackle and casting classes this summer. During the program, the students will pair up with a mentor who will help fine tune the classroom lessons and then fish the lease. The Mentorship Program is patterned after the Lady Anglers fly fishing classes. During the weekend of April 24th, nine lady anglers had a very good time at the lease. Plenty of fish were caught, but most importantly they were able fish on their own using skills that they had learned. That is why we are starting the Mentorship Program in May and it will run through the summer. I would like to see that same outcome for everyone in the Club that joined to learn to fly fish.

At the May 10th meeting, Mary Hoffman will have a ten minute presentation on the ladies April 24th trip to the lease. We will also have the details of the Mentorship Program ready to discuss. We will also have details for two Club trips, one for muskies to Quemado Lake in June and the other to the Conejos River in July. Just a reminder that we take a siesta from the General Meetings during the summer. The May 10th meeting at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices will be our last meeting until September 13th.

But, in place of the regular meetings we will launch the Mentorship Program.

How about a new rod for Christmas? We will raffle off a Winston or Sage rod and tickets will be available at the May meeting. Tickets are \$2 apiece or 3 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at the General Meeting on December 13th, just in time for Christmas. There is no limit to the tickets you may purchase. I will have the rod at the May meeting for you to see.

We need volunteers for the Free Fishing Day on Saturday, June 5th. We will be helping New Mexico Game and Fish with the event at Alumni Pond on the NMSU campus and at Lake Roberts.

Regards!

Bob



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is taking a rest for the summer. Our last outing went well with a lot of fish being caught by the soldiers from Ft. Bliss. We expect to start another session in September.

In the meantime we will be working on the local VA groups, White Sands and maybe even Holloman AFB to recruit a more stable group of Vets that will become members of the club.

Plan on the next adventure next September.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), roncor@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Fishing Trip Raffle

Win the fly-fishing trip of a lifetime in breathtaking northwestern New Mexico! When you're not hooking the trout of your dreams on the world-famous San Juan River, you'll be relaxing at the unforgettable

Rainbow Lodge (www.sanjuanfishing.com) and enjoying gourmet food. Enjoy 4 nights and 3 days for two, including lodging, meals (excluding alcoholic beverages), guide service, airport pickup from Farmington NM or Durango CO, and airfare/mileage and travel expenses (max. \$750 each). Winner will make arrangements for date of fishing trip with the Rainbow Lodge.

Hurry: The deadline is October 22nd. Only 1000 tickets are available at \$10 (limit 20/person; your donation may be tax deductible). Drawing will take place on November 11th during SETAC-North America's 31st Annual Meeting in Portland OR. The winner will be notified immediately after the drawing (you do not need to be present to win). To buy a raffle ticket online, go to <http://www.setac.org/node/414> and click on "Click here" in the text, or US citizens may send check to SETAC-NA Endowment Fund, 1010 North 12th Avenue, Pensacola FL 32501-3370 (include your name, address, telephone #, and email address). Sponsored by the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC)-North America Endowment Fund (www.setac.org) and the Rainbow Lodge. Contact FL Mayer for any questions or additional information (575-647-1939; comanche46@comcast.net).

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2010 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 George Sanders, (575) 527-5536, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

- Mid-June - Quemado Lake
- July 12 - Conejos
- Oct. 1-3 - San Juan
- Oct. 1 - Conejos - Lady Anglers

Welcome New Members

Charlie & Lydia Gurerra	El Paso, TX
Ned Kline	La Luz, NM
Derek & Cheri Pearson	El Paso, TX
Blake & Shawna Swanson	Las Cruces, NM
Stewart & Joyce Whittier	Las Cruces, NM
Layton & Jan Woodul	Lubbock, TX

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 19, 2010

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room by President Bob Silver. In attendance were Bob Silver, Chuck Mueller, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner, George Sanders, Gary Mann, George Thomas and non-Board members Jim Hulsey, Tom Wobbe and Ron Bellerose.

1. Minutes of the March Board meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved. The Club has a balance of \$11,770 and the Mabie Scholarship fund has a book value of \$11,003.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 251 current members.
4. Ron Bellerose presented the quarterly report on Project Healing Waters. Club members have provided a total of 432 volunteer hours and 2,385 miles driven.
5. Because of other commitments, we will decline the invitation to participate in the Las Cruces Shooting Fair on April 24th at Butterfield Range.
6. The Kids' Fishing Clinic was held on Saturday, April 17. Nearly 80 kids and 120 parents attended the event.
7. The Club will support the NM Game & Fish "Free Fishing Day" on June 5 at Alumni Pond and Lake Roberts.
8. Paul Turner reported that there is \$824 available for conservation improvements to the lease.
9. Bob Silver circulated a list of Committee members.
10. A motion to use one of the purchased rods for a "Rod for Christmas" raffle was approved. The raffle will begin with the general meeting in May and the winner announced at the December meeting.
11. Club fishing trips were approved as follows:
 - Muskie fishing at Quemado Lake in mid-June
 - Conejos River beginning July 12th
 - San Juan River on October 1-3. John Tavenner will be asked to furnish two guides.
12. The date for the next annual meeting was set for January 22, 2011. John Bailey will be the guest speaker. We will ask him to make a technical presentation on a topic of his choice earlier that day.
13. A motion to begin a Mentoring Program was approved to consist of:
 - Written handouts about equipment, rigging, fishing techniques, casting, etc.
 - Two to three classes on knots, tackle and equipment, basic entomology, etc.
 - Trips to the lease with a mentor.
 - The Club will furnish the mentor's permit for the lease for that day.
 - Mentors will be solicited at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Kids' Fishing Clinic - 2010



Quick Look Contact Information

2010 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• V-Pres.:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1:	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	George Thomas (575) 532-5614
• Position 5:	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• Position 9:	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
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Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$11,003

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 (575) 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.

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.



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

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.

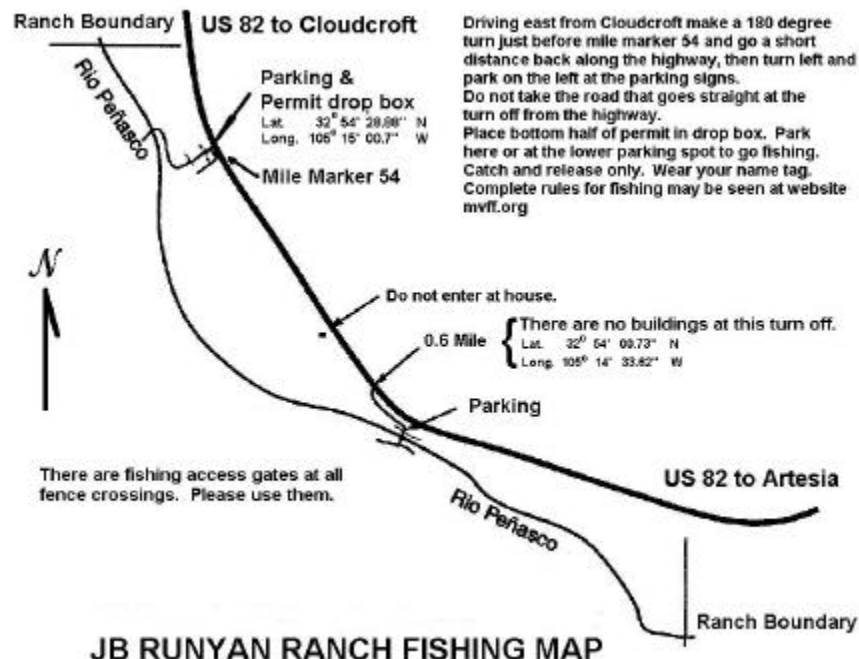
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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), Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the Sportsman's Elite fly shop (915-587-4867) in El Paso. 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 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.

PO Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

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.