



# TALE WATERS

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, 14 May

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 14 May at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special guest speaker will be Wayne Suggs. Many of you know Wayne as he a longtime life member of the Club. Wayne will be talking about his book which he wrote with Paul Bauer "Of Trout and Men - Fly Fishing the San Jauns." See additional bio information in the *President's Corner*.

## 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

Wednesday, 23 May

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 23 May at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Grey Flash Wing Emerger*. The recipe can be found later in this issue. 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 will be available for beginning tiers.

## President's Corner



MVFF was asked by the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest to hold a fly fishing clinic for their "Passport to Nature" at the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park

on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped make this event a success. I was informed that the Girl Scouts voted us #1 for their Passport Event. **Good Job!!**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> we had 21 soldiers from Fort Bliss go through our PHW program. This year we combined fly tying and knot tying with fly casting. This program is an important part for our soldier's recovery from Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). One soldier mentioned to a member that "Fly Tying Quiets My Mind", and another soldier came up and thanked us for giving him a stress free day. This confirms the importance of this program!! A big thanks to Ron Bellerose and all the volunteers that made this day special. We will be taking these same soldiers to the lease on Wednesday May 16 for a nice day of fishing and fun. The CowBelles will once again be serving a fantastic feast for lunch, making this a memorable day for our soldiers. We can us as many volunteers as possible to make this a great day for these soldiers, please contact Ron Bellerose if you can help.

Note, photo collages of the above clinics are in this month's newsletter. A special thanks to my wife Julie who took the pictures at both clinics for us to enjoy.

Our Guest speaker for this month was going to be Taylor Streit, but due to some health issues he is unable to make it and sends his regrets. In his place we have Wayne Suggs who is a lifetime member of our club. You might say he grew up with the club and was mentored by Norm Mabie. With this being our 25<sup>th</sup> year as a club, I cannot think of any one better

for speaker at our May general meeting before we break for the summer. Wayne will be talking about his book which he wrote with Paul Bauer "Of Trout and Men - Fly Fishing the San Juans". The book is about fishing the snow capped mountains, deep canyon rivers and high meadow streams of the San Juans. He will have some books available for those of us who wish to purchase one.

This month's meeting is **your last chance to get in on our club's raffle** for a nice 4-piece Sage ZXL Series Rod (8' 3wt) and Regal Vise with a Bronze Pedestal. Tickets for the rod are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and tickets for the vise are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. This is a great chance of winning something special and just in time for summer. The winners will be drawn at the end of our general meeting. We also have a good selection of club hats to keep cool this summer at a cost of \$15. See Ron Warnke at the meeting to make your purchase.

Our club trip to the San Juan will be November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> and I have reserved both the Octagon Main House and Cabin which will hold up to 14 members. I will have more information on this in the June Newsletter.

See you at the meeting and in the mean time keep a tight line,

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters will go into full swing on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I expect to have 21 Vets from Ft Bliss tying flies at the NMG&F

conference room. They should arrive there around 8:30am. The plan is to have the Vets tying flies in the morning, around 11:30am we will have pizza and drinks for all as lunch. After lunch we plan on going to Alumni Pond at the University to do the casting and fishing. The Vets should be able to use the flies they tied in the morning to cast and fish. I hope all goes well. We can use all the volunteers that we can get at

the flytying or casting or better yet to assist at both events.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having the Vets up to the lease for some trout fishing. I expect them to arrive around 8:30am. Those who have been to the lease fishing with the Vets know, it is a great experience. For many Vets this is the highlight of the program and for those that really don't care to fish there is the awesome lunch/dinner that the Cowbells put on. I am expecting 29+ Vets for this event. As you well know, we really need volunteers to assist with this activity. If we can get close to a one-on-one ratio for this event it makes it a great day for both the Vets and the volunteers. All flies, leaders and tippetts are available through PHW and thanks to Tim Mack we hope to have flies that the fish will hit.

With the changes that are going on at Ft Bliss, I urge our members to help any local Vets that might be interested in fly fishing to contact me to set up a time/place to work with the Vets. We really need the local area Vets to become participants of PHW. We do not need a large group, one or two at a time works well. We have the equipment, there is no charge for the Vets and we have the areas to take them fishing. The program consists of fly tying, casting and fishing but is not required that a Vet do all three. I am working with a Vet that cares to not try the fly tying yet but is really ready to go fishing.

Remember May 16<sup>th</sup>, we need all the volunteers that we can get. Car pooling for Las Cruces volunteers will meet at the K-Mart on 70. Need to be there early, 5:45 in the morning. Thank you for all your help.

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For more information about PHWFF see [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org).

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), [flyfishnh@hotmail.com](mailto:flyfishnh@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

## Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 14 April

For the first time ever the Kids' Fishing Clinic had to be cancelled this year. By 8:00am the wind was already blowing 35 or 40 mph and was predicted to get worse. After a council was held of all the volunteers it was decided that there was no way the

clinic could be held. Nearly all of the kids who had registered were contacted. Few protested.

As usual when wind is predicted, the weather person was correct. The wind throughout the day did indeed worsen.



### 2012 Kodiak Roadie Trip It is a GO!

We checked with our wives, checked the tide charts and some of us had to get time off from work. The hard part is done and six club members so far have made their reservations for Kodiak Island. Most of us are leaving on September 27<sup>th</sup> and returning October 6<sup>th</sup>. That is usually a good time to go because most of the silver salmon will have entered the rivers or are staging in the mouth of the rivers at the ocean. Also September is a rainy month and the extra water in the rivers helps the fish swim upstream from the ocean. The week that we are going there are some double tides and some of the higher tides for the month. That additional water also helps bring fish into the rivers. So now we need to tie some flies and have a strategy session. Hopefully, we will bring back lots of pictures for a presentation and

some fish to eat as well. Anyone still interested should contact Bob Silver for information.

### Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2012 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 any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- Late July - trip to Quinlin Ranch
- Early August - trip to Quinlin Ranch (Chuck Mueller is contact for the Quinlin Ranch trips.)
- Early October - possible trip to Kodiak, Alaska (Bob Silver is contact for this trip.)
- 1-4 November - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

### Welcome New Members

Adrian Franco	Anthony, NM
Burnell Haldiman	Overland Park, KS
Joe & Jalyann Hogan	Midland, TX
Darryl & Kim Leslie	Alamogordo, NM
Karl Malcolm	High Rolls, NM
Paul & Sharon McKim	Las Cruces, NM
Heidi Pirtle	Las Cruces, NM
Richard & Regine Tatem	Alamogordo, NM



### Grey Flash Wing Emerger



**Hook:** TMC 2847, Umpqua 202 #16 to #24  
**Thread:** UNI 8/0 Grey  
**Body:** thread  
**Rib:** Fine silver wire  
**Wing:** Midge Pearl Krystal flash  
**Wing:** Case: same as wing  
**Thorax:** Grey super fine dubbing



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**MVFF Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 16, 2012

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

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

1. Minutes of the March 2012 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
  2. The Treasurer reported that the Club has a balance of \$11,457. The Mabie Scholarship Fund had a market value of \$10,709 as of June 30, 2011. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
  3. The Club has 247 members; 93 of whom live in Las Cruces and 44 in El Paso.
  4. Ron Bellerose reported that the Project Healing Waters fly tying and casting clinic will be on May 2 and the trip to the Lease will be on May 16. He is expecting 21 soldiers and four or five staff members.
  5. Ron Warnke reported that the Club has 11 hats, nine license plates and numerous decals. It was decided that no more inventory will be purchased until after the summer.
  6. The speaker for the May General Meeting will be Taylor Streit who will give a presentation on fishing the four seasons in northern New Mexico.
  7. Bob Silver presented information about proposed stream improvements at the Lease. A small work party will be planned for April 28 to see if the proposed improvements are feasible. If so, a larger work party will be planned in May.
  8. Club fishing trips were discussed as follows:
    - Ten people have expressed an interest in the trip to Kodiak, Alaska from September 29 to October 7.
    - Chuck has booked lodging for the San Juan River trip on November 1, 2 and 3. Five guides have been lined up for that time. Chuck is proposing using the guides for a full day at \$135 per person for wading and \$180 per person for float trips instead of the half day trips as in the past.
  9. The Kids' Fishing Clinic which was scheduled for April 14 had to be cancelled due to weather. It was decided to postpone the event until next year. Beginning next year, the Club will give out a limited number of prizes until the current stock is depleted. Thereafter, the Club will continue to sponsor the Clinic, but discontinue giving prizes. Due to the number of children who participate, trying to give each child a prize has become too expensive.
  10. Justin Monzingo was selected as this year's recipient of the Mabie Scholarship. He is a fisheries major at NMSU with a 3.45 grade point. Chuck will attend the banquet on Thursday and award the scholarship. It was also decided to donate a free Club membership as a raffle prize at the banquet.
  11. The next Board meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00pm.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

**\*\*\*\*\* REMEMBER \*\*\*\*\*****MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING LICENSES EXPIRED ON 31 MARCH**



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2012 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
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• <b>Secretary:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
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• <b>Position 2:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
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• <b>Position 7:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
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**Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund**Market Value as of 30 June 2011 **\$10,709****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.

**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](mailto: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.

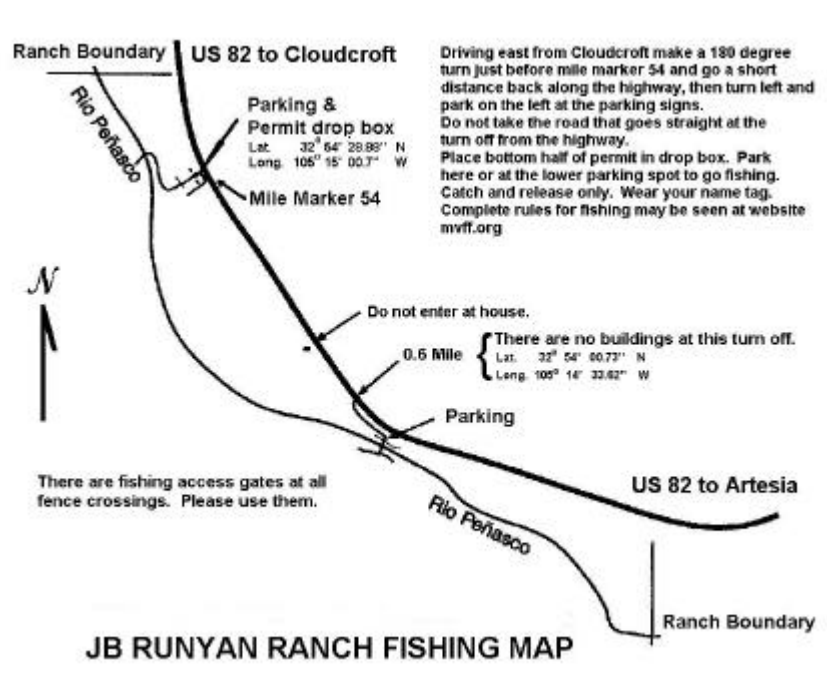
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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.



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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.