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Membership Meeting

Monday, 13 May

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 13 May at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The guest speaker will be Bob Silver and he will be covering the Super Fly and fishing the Arkansas. Chuck Mueller will have a report and pictures from the Club trip to the San Juan, May 2nd through the 5th.

Refreshments will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 20 May

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 20 May at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 22 May

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 22 May at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Yellow Sally*. This fly is effective in many rivers of the West but is especially good for the Big Horn. If you are planning to go on the Club trip to the Big Horn in

June this is a good way to start preparing. 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



On April 13th MVFF hosted the Kids' Fishing Clinic. Close to 100 kids showed up for the clinic and I was told that many of the kids had a great time catching "A LOT OF Fish." Sounds like they cleaned out the pond. I want to

thank Tom Wobbe and all MVFF members that turned out to make this day special for the kids. Good Job!

While many of our members were working at the Kids' clinic, I along with Bob Silver, Jeff Arterburn, Bob Widgren, Jim Sorensen and Brad Shuster were competing in the Super Fly on the Rio Conejos. Bob and Bob did very well with a 7th place finish, good job to the Bobs. On our day off, the 6 of us did a day trip fishing the Arkansas River. It was my first time on the Arkansas and I had a good day catching some nice trout. I was glad I had the chance to fish that great river. On Sunday, since Jim and I did not make it in the finals, we decided to try our luck on the Rio Grande, just above the South Fork. Fishing was a little slower but we did have a nice day and we landed some nice trout before heading back for the Super Fly awards banquet.

Our speaker for the May meeting will be Bob Silver and he will be covering the Super Fly and our trip up to the Arkansas. I will have a report and pictures from our San Juan trip May 2nd through the 5th.

Club Raffle - this your last chance to get in on the raffle for a Sage One fly rod. The drawing will be held at the May general meeting.

Club trips - we still have room for the Quinlan Ranch Trip July 17th through the 21st. The cost for this trip

The Lady Angler's 4th Annual Rio Peñasco Fishing Trip

Miriam Carmichael

The Lady Anglers once again had a fun weekend of fly-fishing and friendship on the Rio Peñasco on the weekend of April 19-21. Amy Buesing, Annie Campagna, Debbie Hamlin, Donna Curlin, Helen Zagona, Josie Nunn, Judy Broussard, Mary Haynes, Mary Hoffman and Miriam Carmichael met in Cloud Country West near Cloudcroft on Friday night where we shared an evening of fine cooking, wine and laughter.



Amy Buesing

We were very happy with the spacious and comfortable cabins that we rented this year. Culinary highlights for the weekend included bison short ribs braised in red wine, a variety of tasty appetizers and sides, homemade crusty bread, gruyere potatoes, perfectly prepared salmon and key lime pie. Saturday night we had our traditional Lady Angler scotch toast with a shot of Glenmorangie and Sheep Dip scotch.



Annie and Amy

Both Saturday and Sunday were sunny and mild, and Mulcock Ranch was beautiful in its spring colors. We saw lots of deer and new calves in the meadows. Off-color river water and afternoon wind made for some fishing challenges but the Lady Anglers managed to figure out what worked, and to land a bunch of beautiful trout as well as a whole slew of spirited chubs.

Annie Campagna spent Saturday fishing with Amy



Annie Compagna

Buesing in the meadow. They had good luck using a

white or yellow nymph "tied big and scruffy" with sparkle flash followed by a small copper john or flashback pheasant tail. Annie was top angler of the day landing 7 rainbows and even more chubs.

Mary Hoffman came in a close second. She enjoyed fishing with flies that her husband Jim Sorenson had tied. She reported that she caught some rainbows in the meadow on a small, red annelid worm

dropped from a black pine squirrel leach. In the canyon she caught trout on a single red copper john, flashback pheasant tail and a light colored hare's ear.



Debbie and Helen

Look at the pictures of the beautiful rainbow that Helen Zagona caught below the big water fall using a red zebra midge larvae.

I had fun fishing in the canyon both days with flies tied by my husband David. On Saturday I caught some rainbows on red copper johns and little red midge larvae. On Sunday I

had quite a few whoppers hit a yellow and brown streamer in the deeper canyon pools.

Our little group of dedicated women anglers keeps growing, with Amy and Judy our newest members. We have grown together in our fishing skills and our friendships. We enjoy each other's wit, wisdom and companionship and look forward to our future

adventures.

New Additions to the Rio Peñasco Bob Silver

A couple of weeks ago a work party added some rocks and boulders to the lease. The first picture shows two J-hook pattern rock structures made from about 6 or 7 boulders each. They extend about 30% across the stream. With the help of Jim Ellett and his son, Andy, and their Bobcat and large front end loader, we placed boulders with the purpose of making holding water and hopefully, causing the stream to meander in that stretch. The dirt in the picture hides three boulders and many smaller rocks. Eventually, the dirt and rocks will settle and with a little luck, will sprout new grass enlarging the streambank.



The second picture below is of one of two improvements, upstream of where the J-hooks were put in, called "deflectors." By angling the deflectors into the current, we are expecting two things to happen. One is to deflect the current to the other side of the stream and narrow the channel. Second is to trap water between the rocks



and the bank during high flows to create more stream bank. The water will cover the rocks, and will slow the flow down so that sediment will deposit between the rocks and in the grass between the rocks and the bank. Lastly, we added three larger boulders to the stream structure a fallen cottonwood had already created. In the next 2 or 3 weeks, we plan to

add some more boulders upstream of these structures closer to the spot where the irrigation take out is located. This entire stretch has some deep spots with good fish, but it would benefit even more from better holding cover. We are limited to where we can add improvements by where we can drive heavy equipment along the stream. So for now, the stretch below the irrigation take out and the water fall will get

the most attention. Thanks to everyone that came out to help.....now go enjoy your free permit.

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No angler merely watches nature in a passive way. He enters into its very existence.

John Bailly

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 15, 2013

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, Gary Mann, Bob Silver, George Sanders, Jeff Arterburn, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulsey.

1. Minutes of the March 2013 Board meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter.
2. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 259 members.
3. Treasurer, Gary Mann, reported that the Club has a balance of \$12,762. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. Chuck and Gary will meet to reconcile amounts paid for the Big Horn trip.
4. Ron Bellerose shared the thank you card and notes he received from the Ft. Bliss soldiers who participated in the Project Healing Waters events held this Spring.
5. Because of the number of Board members who will be "gone fishing", the June and July Board meetings are cancelled.
6. Tom Wobbe gave a written report on the Kids' Fishing Clinic which was held Saturday, April 13th. Eighty five children attended and 24 Club volunteers assisted in the Clinic. The names of two of the volunteers, George Sanders and Gary Mann, were drawn and each was awarded a permit for the Lease. The excellent article which appeared in Sunday's Las Cruces *Sun News* was circulated.
7. The Board congratulated Tom on the success of his efforts to organize the Kids' Fishing Clinic, particularly in light of other issues he has dealt with in the past several weeks.
8. A motion to authorize Tom Wobbe to purchase five new portable tables before the next Kids' Fishing Clinic at the best available price was approved.
9. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has requested 6 to 8 volunteers to assist with the Free Fishing Day at Alumni Pond on June 1st. The Gila Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited will assist with the Free Fishing Day in the Silver City area. A motion to give 10 of the Zebco rod and reel sets to NMDG&F and the GRG Chapter was approved.
10. Ron Bellerose has invited members of the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to the next Liars and Tyers meeting on April 24th.
11. A motion to give a permit to the Club members who participate in the stream improvement project at the Lease on Saturday, April 20th was approved.
12. Discussion of the request to provide a letter in support of the U.S. Forest Service's proposed road closures in the Gila National Forest was tabled. Jeff will circulate the email request so Board members can have a better understanding.
13. The GRG Chapter of TU will have a general meeting on April 29 at 7:00pm at the NMDG&F classroom. The NMDG&F Rio Grande Cutthroat biologist, Bryan Bakevich, will be the speaker. Jeff extended an invitation to all interested MVFF members.
14. The next Board meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2013 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Quick Look Contact Information

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Officers	
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2012	\$9,808

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.

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. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. 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.

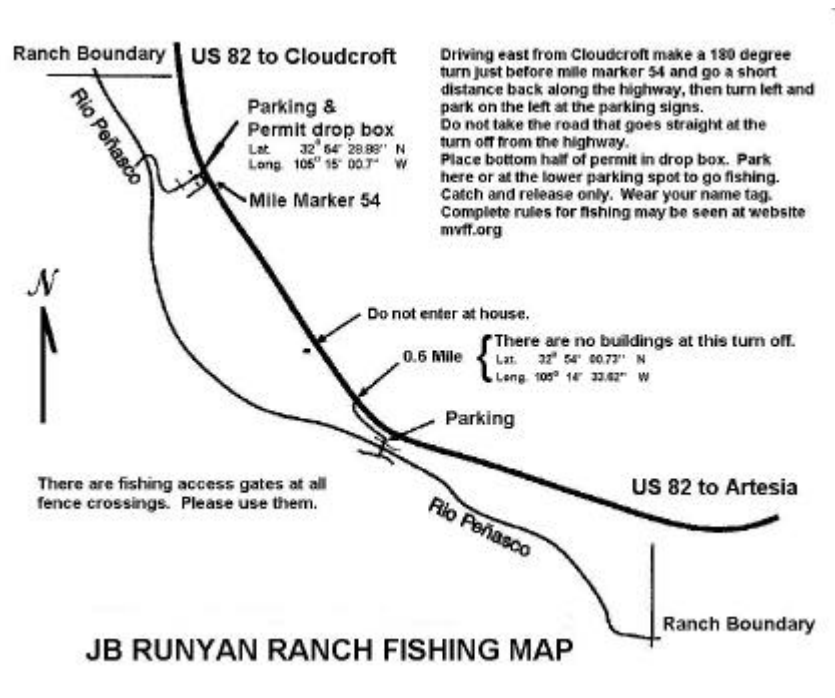
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.