



# TALE WATERS

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, 12 May

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 12 May at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Our guest speaker will be Nathan Chase, a fisheries graduate student at NMSU, who has done some amazing studies of native fish. In addition, some lucky person will go home with a custom crafted 7'9" Sage Circa fly rod from our summer rod raffle.

Doors open at 6:30. Cookies and coffee will be served.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 May

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 19 May at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 28 May

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 28 May at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied has not been determined but will be posted on the web page. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

## President's Corner



Congratulations to the winners of this year's Norm Mabie Scholarships—Hunter Falco and Dominique Lujan. Both are undergraduates at New Mexico State University majoring in Wildlife Sciences

and active in the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. They have also helped MVFF with stocking the Lease and the Kids' Fishing Clinic. We will invite them to our next meeting and to our annual banquet so that you can meet and congratulate these interesting young women in person.

I fished the Arkansas River east of Salida, CO on April 18<sup>th</sup> with Jeff Arterburn, Brad Schuster, George Sanders, Bob Silver and Bob Widgren. Jeff had a good day on the river—the rest of us, not so much. The spring runoff has come early to southern Colorado and northern New Mexico with the Arkansas at 600 cfs going to 1,000 cfs early the following week and the lower Conejos blown out. With late spring snow this weekend and a forecast for an early summer monsoon, maybe we will see some relief from the extended drought.

Our club trips are coming together nicely. Chuck has filled the Octagon House for the San Juan trip in early May and we have ten members going to the Big Horn in June. We will be staying at the Mogote Campground for the Conejos trip from July 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Bob Silver is planning a casting clinic for those going on the Kodiak trip to improve their double hauling technique. We will announce the date, time and place for the clinic in the newsletter. The dates for the Fall trip to the San Juan have been set for November 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Did you check out the Parasol Emerger, the fly for last month's Liars and Tyers. It is a little fluff of yarn that can be added to any emerger or nymph pattern to

hold the fly at just the right depth in the water column. I am looking forward to trying this innovative trick.

You don't want to miss the May General meeting. Our guest speaker is Nathan Chase, a fisheries graduate student at NMSU, who has done some amazing studies of native fish. In addition, some lucky person will go home with a custom crafted 7'9" Sage Circa fly rod in our summer rod raffle.

Tight Lines,  
Jim



Ron Bellerose



Project Healing Waters will have a very busy month in May. I will be looking for a few volunteers for some of the events. On Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> we will be doing some fly tying with the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Ft. Bliss. I will be looking for a couple of fly tyers to help with this. We will be at Bliss at 8am for fly tying and do the casting in the afternoon. Not more than 10 soldiers will be participating. On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> we will be fishing with them at the Lease. I would like 6-8 volunteers to work with them on that day.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> I will be working with Wounded Warriors in Cloudcroft. This is a VFW event for the soldiers and fly tying will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and we will be fishing with them on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Fishing will be at the Cloud Country pond about 10 miles east of Cloudcroft. More info to follow on this.

May 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> I will have 4 or 5 local Vets on the San Juan for guided float trips. Alex Montes will be helping me out with this and I also have the guides for the Vets to fish on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> I will be in Cloudcroft for a PHW fund raiser. I will be setting up on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> with what they call the Mayfair being held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. I hope to get the Vets to help with that event. And on May 28<sup>th</sup> We will have the fly tying at the Las Cruces VA clinic.

Thanks to all our volunteers to include the Cowbelles and the 4H group that assisted for our fishing event at the Lease on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Cowbelles served, with help from the 4H club, 93 meals. Updates will be coming.

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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.

### Lady Anglers Update

The MVFF Lady Anglers will take their fall trip to Colorado to fish the Gunnison River and surrounding waters. The trip dates are September 6 to September 10, 2014, with fishing days of September 7, 8 and 9. Our rental house is already full but additional lodging is available close by at the Three Rivers Resort in Almont, Colorado. We will be fishing with guides for one or two days and the other time on our own. For more information, contact Mary Hoffman at [maryfranlc@gmail.com](mailto:maryfranlc@gmail.com).

### Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2014 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:

- San Juan—May 1-4—ten people are signed up
- Big Horn—June 23 to 28—ten people are signed up
- Rio Conejos—July 10-13—five people are signed up—the Club will be staying at the Magote campground.
- Kodiak—October 4-12—six people are signed up.
- October - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

### Welcome New Members

Curtis Atherton	El Paso, TX
Dominic Bouvier	El Paso, TX
Andrew & Vicki Buechter	Alto, NM
Dillon & Amanda Nunn	Las Cruces, NM

**Quick Look Contact Information**

2014 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Secretary:</b>	Dave Medler, Jr. (575) 434-9313
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• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Position 4:</b>	Ray Rodriquez (575) 524-9420
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• <b>Position 7:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
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• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
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<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	
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](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. 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.

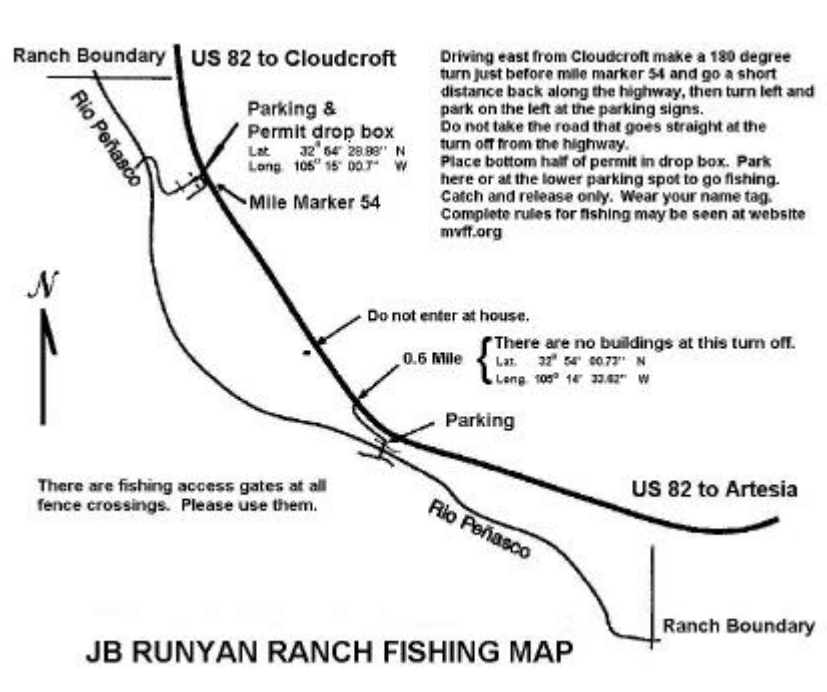
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. 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 (current dues have been paid) 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.