

Tale Waters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club

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Taylor Streit - November Speaker

The general membership meeting will be held on 14 November at 7:30 PM. Taylor Streit, NM guide, will speak on "Flyfishing Northern New Mexico and Argentina". Taylor Streit has been guiding fly fishermen in New Mexico for over 20 years and is the author of "Taylor Streit's No Nonsense Guide to Fly Fishing in New Mexico" and is also the author of "Instinctive Fly Fishing" which contains a wealth of good common sense fly fishing information. Taylor's presentation will include slides of both New Mexico streams and the great rivers of Argentina. Take a look at www.streitflyfishing.com for other information on Taylor and Nick Streit. We feel honored to have Taylor as guest speaker for our meeting. Mark your calendar and don't miss this exciting presentation by one of the best.

November Meetings

In addition to the general membership meeting as described above the Board will meet on 21 November at 7:00 PM. *Liars & Tiers* has been moved from the regular date because of the Thanksgiving holiday and will meet on 16 November at 7:00 PM. All meetings will be at NMDG&F.

President's Corner

We had over 30 members make the trip to the San Juan earlier in October. We had a great time at the BBQ/potluck on Saturday night with 28 members and family joining in the fun & food. The fishing was off somewhat, especially for me as I was in bed with a "bug" most of the time after Thursday night. The report from most everyone was that the guides found some fish, and most all members caught several fish, even though it was a bit more difficult and did require searching out the fish.

We decided at the recent Board meeting that the club would ask for members interest in making a trip to the Green River, Utah or the White Mts, Arizona next year, in addition to a summer and fall trips to the San Juan. We will be seeking your interest in these other fly fishing areas in future meetings.

We plan to stock the Penasco Lease on Saturday, October 29th, so make your plans to get your permits and give it a try with the addition of more fish. We will be stocking over 300 with some 12" rainbows in addition to the 9"-11" we normally stock.

The Liars & Tiers is going well, with more members attending each session, so mark your calendar to attend these fun and informative sessions. It is helpful to have experienced tiers attend, so that we can learn from each other.

Tightlines,
Tom

Lease Stocked

A Club member work party stocked the Runyan Lease on 29 October with 100 12"-rainbows and 220 8"- to 11"-rainbows. The water is in good shape and they should do well. Now is the time to get your permits and go fishing. Another stocking for late autumn is being considered.

Penasco Fence Repair and Flood Impact

A work party consisting of Tom Wobbe, Gary Mann, George Thomas and Paul Turner repaired the water gap below the lower bridge and rehung the section of fence on the south side of the stream that had been pulled over by water and debris coming across the field from the south. The big flood in September washed out the lower bridge and moved it about 100 feet downstream and left it on the south side. It currently makes a heck of a deflector. about even with the first baffle which had some minor damage because of high flows. Many of the tree cuttings that were planted are resprouting from their bases or have started leafing out again, but won't have time to develop much leaf mass before the first killing frost. We will probably need to plant some additional slips next spring.

Land owner Jim Ellett has made arrangements with the state stream erosion control people to put up a

 It is once again that time of year when we elect a slate of officers and board members to run the Club for the coming year. All of the present officers and board members have volunteered to go another year, primarily because of a dearth of new volunteers. Please mark your choices on the ballot below by checking the square in front of each name. If you or

berm south of the fence to channel water away from the woven wire fence section and down a natural channel on to his neighbor's land so we don't have the problem with water-carried organic debris creating a dam against the fence and knocking it down. The September flood came within 2 feet of the bottom of the upper bridge and was 6 to 8 feet deeper than normal bankfull conditions. Paul Turner took a series of pictures to show the impact of the flood on the baffles and channel.

Manager Hired

Club member Tom Prestridge, owner of ATF Flyshop in El Paso, has announced that he has hired Tim Mack to run the shop. Tim is a commercial tyer and has a lot of passion for Fly Fishing; When you are in the vicinity, stop and get acquainted with Tim.

any of your friends are interested in a position then write in the name in the appropriate place and mail the ballot to the address on the newsletter letter head. The Board will certify the results at the Board meeting in December (which all members are invited to attend) and the new officers will take office at the Club banquet in January 2006.

POSITION	√	NOMINATED CANDIDATE	√	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE
President		Tom Wobbe		
Vice-President		Paul Turner		
Secretary		Jeff Arterburn		
Treasurer		Al Trompler		
Board Position #1		Richard Keding		
Board Position #2		Bob Pridgen		
Board Position #3		Gary Mann		
Board Position #4		Bob Silver		
Board Position #5		Jim Hulsey		

Quick Look Contact Information

2005 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
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• Secretary	Jeff Arterburn (505) 524-0773
• Treasurer	Al Trompler (505) 532-5668
Board Members	
•	Richard Keding (505) 382-7498
•	Bob Pridgen (505) 526-9132
•	George O'Connor (915) 584-9318
•	Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
•	Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880
Newsletter Editor	
•	Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880

Angler's Nook

Norm's Shop is open as usual. Please contact Donna at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information, fishing permits, extra newsletters and raffle tickets.

For the remainder of the year, 10% of all purchases by Club members will be donated to the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Private Fly Tying Lessons

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies, Joseph Lopez would like to give private fly tying lessons at Norm's Shop. Please call Donna Mabie at 522-3810, and she will help you get in touch with him to work out the arrangements and cost. Joseph is a club member and avid fly fisherman. Norm taught Joseph to tie flies and build rods when he was a young boy. Give him a try!

Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. 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." 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.

Presently the fund contains \$4,465. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

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.

Newsletter on Website

Each month the *Tale Waters* is placed on the MVFF webpage (www.mvff.org), usually several days prior to being mailed, in Adobe Acrobat format. If you wish to view it there you have the advantage of seeing it earlier and in color.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Missouri Dry's

Jeff Arterburn

Editor's Note: Club member Jeff Arterburn fished the Missouri River this past summer and obviously had a fabulous experience. We thought that our members would like to read about it,

I found myself standing on the banks inside the canyon, the wide upper Missouri before me, surrounded by the shadows of morning and a welcome ceiling of high clouds breaking a mid-July string of +90o days. The water was clear and cool, rolling over a long riffle while brown caddis flurried off the willows as they brushed against my legs. My friend Michael had suggested this spot, now a local and always one to follow that persistent little voice inside, and he was right. He had been ribbing me about my penchant for fishing nymphs, and inspecting my box of tailwater flies stated that "flies that small aren't even allowed inside the Montana state lines", and that "these fish want dries".

This day I would fish alone. I had grown up fishing Adams, Humpys, Wulff's and Elk Hairs on freestones throughout the prime Rocky Mountain summer time, but the last 20 years have mostly reinforced my affection for nymphing with small stuff, and I truly enjoy the effectiveness and aesthetics involved. But today, by myself, I felt like throwing dry's and I still had almost two weeks left to offend Michael with a bobbing red wad of yarn.

It's true that I had more to shake out than the dust of 1,300 miles and a couple of months in the hole without fishing. Averting the temptation to blindly cover the rich water

before me, I found a rising fish downstream and moved into position. Splashing rise forms moved up, then down and back again in a chaotic pattern. I drifted a simple low floating caddis pattern, straining to visualize the subtle silhouette within the reflections of the cliffs. When the fly disappeared I raised the rod to tighten the line and a large fish shot into the air then back and forth until the 5X tippet broke at the connection, a blood knot, but not enough. I tied on again and moved further down along the bank, the entire river to myself. The water slowed while the river bent gently to the west and the story repeated itself again.

Further downstream a series of large boulders created interesting sections of flow and eddy hosting several fish feeding with regularity in both zones. I spent some time moving into position, finally sheltered on the downstream side of one shoulder-high boulder, and felt again that sense of unproven anticipation when a connection was made and the rod bent under a substantial fish. All of the MO fish I saw were healthy and strong, and when this fish acquiesced to the net I measured a full 24" and near 4 1/2 lbs on a #16 and noted that the day was officially in the black.

I spent the rest of that day with rising fish, never achieving the heavy heedless feeding sprees of some dreams, but satisfied enough with the individual gluttons who can easily consume both a fisherman and the daylight.

I'll never know if I would have caught more or less using a more analytical, systematic approach covering the entire water column. It really couldn't have mattered less.



Enjoying the solitude.



Jeff with a Missouri beauty.

Stocking Shots



Bob Silver puts a bucket of fish in a good pool. If you want to know where these spots are you have to join the stocking parties.



The stocking crew.

L to r: Tom Wobbe, Jim Ellett, Jim Hulsey, Sherry Grimes, Roger Pastoor, front: Bob Silver

Liars and Tiers

Liars and Tiers will meet Wednesday 16 November at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the JJ Special.

The JJ Special is basically a wooly bugger with legs and can be tied as a weighted fly or can be used effectively without added weight. If weighted, put the weight on the forward part of the hook which will result in a jiggling action by the fly.

Though brown & yellow are the original, and overall most effective colors, many color combinations are possible and sometimes more effective. Try replacing all yellow materials with red.

The JJ Special will catch any trout but it is especially effective for browns and cutthroats.

Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.



Hook: Tiemco 5263 or Dai-Riki 710, sizes 2-10

Thread: 3/0 Black

Tail: Brown marabou feather topped with yellow marabou feather topped with copper Krystal Flash

Body: Brown chennile

Body Hackle: Grizzly saddle

Legs: Yellow rubber, medium or large

2005 MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
January	Liars & Tiers 27 Jan.		22 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet & Raffle, Featured speaker - Dutch Salmon	NM Trout Conclave - Jan 15 Albuquerque, NM Sandia Prep School
February	Liars & Tiers 24 Feb		14 Feb. Alaska Fishing with Doc Warner	Peñasco Improvement Project
March	Liars & Tiers 31 Mar. Wooly Worm		14 Mar. Yucatan Fishing with Al Trompler	Peñasco Improvement Project NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium- Mar 26, Sandia Prep School, Albuquerque
April	Liars & Tiers 20 Apr. Elk Hair Caddis		11 Apr. Fishing the San Juan with Jude Duran	Fish stocking at Lease Kids Fishing Clinic-April 23
May	Liars & Tiers 26 May Prepping for San Juan		9 May Dr. Colleen Caldwell on Whirling Disease	
June	Liars & Tiers 30 Jun.	San Juan Trip Jun 24-26	No general membership meeting.	
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul.		No general membership meeting.	
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug. (Wed)		8 Aug. George Sanders - Flyfishing in Big Sky country.	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep.		No general membership meeting - picnic instead.	Sept. 10 Annual Picnic & Raffle
October	Liars & Tiers 27 Oct.	San Juan Trip Oct. 7-9	10 Oct. Kodiak Gang will give presentation on flyfishing for silver salmon.	29 Oct. Fish Stocking at the Lease
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov. (Wed.)		14 Nov Taylor Streit - NM guide will speak on "Fishing Northern NM and Argentina."	
December	Liars & Tiers 29 Dec.		12 Dec. Dr. David Cawley - Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico	

* **Bold text** in table means confirmed and *Italics text* means tentative

Membership and Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Cost is \$20.00 per day with student permits (12 or over) costing only \$12.00 per day. 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.
Attn: Membership
P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
Membership Application
(Please print clearly)

NAME: _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Status: (check one) Regular (\$20) _____ Family (\$25) _____

Membership Status: (check one) Renewal _____ New _____

What would you like to get out of belonging to the Club?



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Next Meeting:

New Mexico Game and Fish Office
2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico
(next door to the Peter Piper Pizza store on the feeder road of Highway 70)

Taylor Streit, NM guide, will speak on
"Flyfishing Northern New Mexico and Argentina."

November 14 - 7:30 PM

Directions from I-25:

- Exit Del Rey Blvd and follow the lane for Del Rey.
- At the Del Rey traffic intersection make a right.
- Go to the next traffic intersection and make a left at the light onto Northrise Dr.
- You should see Piper Pizza on your left and the next building is the New Mexico Game and Fish Building, 2715 Northrise Drive