

# Tale Waters

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**Editor's Note:** I apologize for the lateness of this month's newsletter, but the pheasants in South Dakota needed to be hunted and I decided that I was the one to do it. - Jim Hulsey

## Membership Meeting

Monday, 10 November

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 10 November at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Special guest speakers, Karen Dennison and Helen Zagona, will speak on "*Western Women in Waders*." A program which includes a fly fishing retreat and a fly fishing school for women. Karen is a fly fishing guide, fly tyer and fly shop owner in northern New Mexico. Helen is a member of MVFF. Make sure the ladies attend this special meeting. Coffee and cookies will be served.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 November

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

## Liars and Tyers

Monday, 24 November

Liars and Tyers will meet Monday 24 November at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. Note that this is changed from the regular date due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The group will be tying the *Deceiver*. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.



## President's Corner

Several items of potential interest were discussed at a board meeting of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation that I attended in Albuquerque on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The current Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Bruce Thompson, has taken another job so the NM Game and Fish Commission will be selecting a new director with input from Diane Denish who would become acting governor if Bill Richardson accepts a position within President-elect Barack Obama's administration. Regardless of your political orientation I think all MVFF members should realize the importance of organizations like the National Wildlife Federation and Trout Unlimited in lobbying for fish and wildlife-related issues at the national and state level. One of the top agenda items for both of these organizations is global climate change and its impact on fish and wildlife populations in North America. Both presidential candidates had taken strong positions on dealing with climate change and the need to increase alternative energy sources. The incoming Congress will be concentrating on improving our economy and making us less dependent on imported oil. Increased drilling for oil and natural gas has benefited New Mexico in many

ways. A positive effect has been the increase in money coming into the state's coffers via severance taxes. However, Trout Unlimited believes the increase in sediment inputs into the San Juan River below Navajo Dam is related to increased drilling in the watershed. There may be a scientific study started soon to evaluate the causes and effects of sedimentation on the trout fishery below the dam.

I represented MVFF at the annual banquet of the Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen in Las Cruces just before our club trip to the San Juan River. About 20 MVFF members participated in the trip and cookout. We had great weather and variable fishing success. My wife and I only fished one day and caught some nice trout, but fishing pressure in Texas Hole and downstream was heavy and catch rates lower for waders than in past years. We had 12 MVFF members take advantage of the guide that was available. He also guides on Navajo Reservoir for flyfishing for smallmouth bass and northern pike so contact me if you might be interested. I talked with a fellow that landed a 23-inch rainbow while floating the quality section. It appears that the high spring and early summer flows in the river improved the health of the trout as they were in good condition and strong fighters. I had a problem breaking off trout until I realized my tippet was too old. It would have saved me quite a few flies and a lot of time if I had thrown it away earlier.

We had a great program at our November 10<sup>th</sup> membership meeting when Karen Denison discussed a special flyfishing school for women held annually near Creede, Colorado. We also have a trip to the Rio Peñasco scheduled on the 13<sup>th</sup> with servicemen in the Project Healing Waters program. This has been a rewarding project for MVFF and will be continuing next year. MVFF also has plans to stock the Rio Peñasco with brown and rainbow trout on November 16<sup>th</sup> so contact me at 575-523-6880 or by email if you can help out. Plans for the annual Awards Banquet on January 17<sup>th</sup> are shaping up nicely so put that date on your calendar.

Remember if you're too busy to go fishing, you're TOO BUSY!



The Club went to El Paso on 9 October to conduct a fly casting clinic for the soldiers. We met them at Ascarate Lake in El Paso so the students could practice casting on water. This class had been rescheduled from 11 September which was rained out. Present plans are to conduct an outing to the lease on 13 November. The soldiers are really looking forward to it. The military will furnish transportation for them so all we have to do is show up and help them get started fishing. It will be the first time many of them have fished on a stream. We will need as many volunteers as possible for this so as to have as close to a one-on-one instructor-to-student ratio as possible. We plan to meet the Fort Bliss vans at Lowe's in Alamogordo at 7:30am. We will meet at the K-Mart parking lot on north Main at 6:15am for those wanting to carpool from Las Cruces.

There will be a meeting of volunteers at 6:30 pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November at Sportsman's Warehouse. If you are interested come on out and find out what it is all about.

If you have any unused fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, etc that you would like to donate to be used with this program or to volunteer to help out, please contact **Randall Vallee** at 575-642-0212 or 575-373-9470 or **Tom Wobbe** at 575-649-0388 or 575-522-5437.

See [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org) for additional information.

## Lease to be Stocked

Sunday, 16 November

The lease will be stocked with fish on Sunday, 16 November by Club volunteers. The truck will arrive about 9:30 am so plan to be there by that time. The actual stocking will only take a couple of hours if we have several volunteers and after the stocking workers will be allowed to fish free for the rest of the day. Volunteers are needed. We will meet at the K-Mart parking lot on north Main at 7:00am for those wanting to carpool.

**Scott Sanchez To Present At Annual Banquet & Conduct Workshops**

Saturday, 17 January 2009

Our annual banquet will be Saturday, January 17, 2009 with Scott Sanchez, well known guide, fly tier, speaker, and teacher as the banquet speaker. Scott will also conduct workshops during the day on Saturday. Scott fishes and guides out of Jackson, Wyo., and is associated with Jack Dennis. He is recognized as an innovative fly tier, has written several books and numerous articles about fly fishing, and comes highly recommended by several club members.

There is a full schedule of workshops on the 17<sup>th</sup>. From 9:30 -12:00 noon at St. Paul’s Methodist Church (Alameda/Griggs). Scott will tie his flies, give pointers (bring your vises and materials), talk about when/how to use these flies, discuss entomology, etc. For lunch the club will provide deli sandwiches. From 1:30-3:00pm, Scott will demonstrate casting techniques (bring your fly rods), discuss how and when to use weighted lines, presentation tips, etc.

The banquet will start at 6:00pm, also at St Paul’s Methodist Church, which is where we had it last year. Spouses and children are invited. Scott’s presentation at the banquet is geared towards family, and has been given rave reviews by other clubs. The club will provide BBQ brisket, chicken, sausage and drinks, with members asked to bring salads and desserts. A raffle will take place during the dinner. Prizes are being accumulated, and hopefully will include several high end rods built by club members and other goodies. Tickets and information will follow in a separate communication.

Workshops, lunch, dinner for the family, and an exciting presentation on fly fishing make for a pretty special day! A program such as this requires the club to incur additional costs, and so we are asking for a

\$25 donation from MVFF members or \$35 for non members to help offset the cost of the many scheduled activities. **WE NEED A HEAD COUNT** to comfortably accommodate everybody, so, **TODAY, PLEASE SEND A CHECK**, payable to MVFF, Box 2222, Las Cruces, NM, 88004-2222, marked “Banquet/Workshops”. Let’s make this event our biggest and best ever!

**Club Outings Planned**

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2009 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, who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

**Welcome New Members**

Hunter Brown	El Paso, TX
Joseph & Diane Calamia	El Paso, TX
Steven Calamia	El Paso, TX
Daniel & Helen Dillow	Las Cruces, NM
Charlie Elbjorn	El Paso, TX
Cole Elbjorn	Anthony, NM
Abraham Inzunza	Las Cruces, NM
Marco Inzunza	Las Cruces, NM
Walter Kowalski	Las Cruces, NM
Wil Lamarre	Las Cruces, NM
Jamie LaPage	Las Cruces, NM
Michael & Lisa Marie Lara	El Paso, TX
Bill Pitts	Las Cruces, NM
Michael Sommer	El Paso, TX
Bernardino Sotelo	Deming, NM
Ron Warnke	Las Cruces, NM
Gary & Vickie Watts	Lubbock, TX
Eric & Dawn Weed	Running Springs, CA



### Lefty's Deceiver

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be *Lefty's Deceiver*.

"The fly can be tied in many ways. The Lefty's Deceiver is not really a strict pattern but a method of tying. It can have various shapes, lengths, and colors. The fly can be tied as short as two inches and longer than a foot for billfish, amberjack, and other species demanding a large offering. It can be tied in a bend-



back fashion or with the hook reversed. It has caught everything from striped bass to baramundi and billfish. To get full benefit from the Lefty's Deceiver, you need to analyze what you are trying to do and match the type of fly to the conditions." - Lefty Kreh

This version of the fly is presented with a movie of Lefty tying the fly at

<http://www.flyfisherman.com/ftb/lkdeceiver/>.

**Hook:** Mustad 34007 or 34011, #4 to 3/0.

**Thread:** White 6/0

**Tail:** Six to eight white saltwater saddle hackles tied at hook bend.

**Flash:** Rainbow and/or pearl Krystal Flash trimmed to different lengths--some fibers should extend past saddle hackles.

**Wing:** Two clumps of white bucktail on the sides, one clump of chartreuse bucktail on top.

**Throat:** Red Flashabou or red Accent Flash.

**Eyes:** Painted on body (optional).



### MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
Nov.	Liars & Tyers 24 Nov. <i>Deceiver</i>		10 Nov. "Qwestern Women in Waders" by Helen Zagona & Karen Dennison	12 Nov. - PJHW meeting, 6:30pm at Sportsman's Warehouse 13 Nov. - PHW outing to lease. 16 Nov. - Stocking of Lease
Dec.	Liars & Tyers 22 Dec.		8 Dec.	



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## Fishing Reports

**date** = 11-01-08    **location** = Lease  
**reporter** = Gary Watts    **fishermen** = Vickie Watts,  
 Dave & Mariam Carmichael  
**water\_temp** = mid 50's    **water\_vol** = Normal  
**water\_clarity** = Clear    **air\_temp** = 68-70  
**weather** = Cool in the morning. warmed up mid  
 morn. Want to stand in water by noon.  
**hatches** = Saw BWO over water. Fish hitting emergers  
 up stream. never saw them hitting spinners. Hoppers  
 still very hot.  
**details** = Just joined MVFF. This was our first trip to  
 the lease. We had fished Mulcock Ranch (upstream  
 from lease) a few back. Met Mr. Ellett amd he was

very nice. Cool morning, but warmed quickly. Water  
 was moving pretty good. Fish were very active on  
 nymphs/emergers near the upstream bridge until the  
 river flattens out. I caught (2) 14" rainbows that were  
 very solid on BH Prince in this section. In the  
 afternoon, a nice 15" Bow in a deep pool by the  
 irrigation inlet (photo) on a hopper at about 4:00pm.  
**NOTE:** Happy Birthday to Dave Carmichael. He and  
 Miriam (sp) already got his present. A very nice 21"  
 Brown on the dropper. Very nice Brown (photo).  
 Look forward to meeting more of ya'll on the water.



David Carmichael with his 21" birthday fish.



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2008 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>V-Pres.</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Secretary</b>	Donna Mabie (575) 522-3810
• <b>Treasurer</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
<b>Board Members</b>	
• <b>Position 1</b>	Blaine Goss (575) 522-1981
• <b>Position 2</b>	Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470
• <b>Position 3</b>	Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437
• <b>Position 4</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 5</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org

<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	
Principle Account	\$10,930
Operating Account	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,930</b>

**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](mailto:membership@mvff.org).

**Angler's Nook**

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at (575) 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

**Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.**

**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.



### 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.

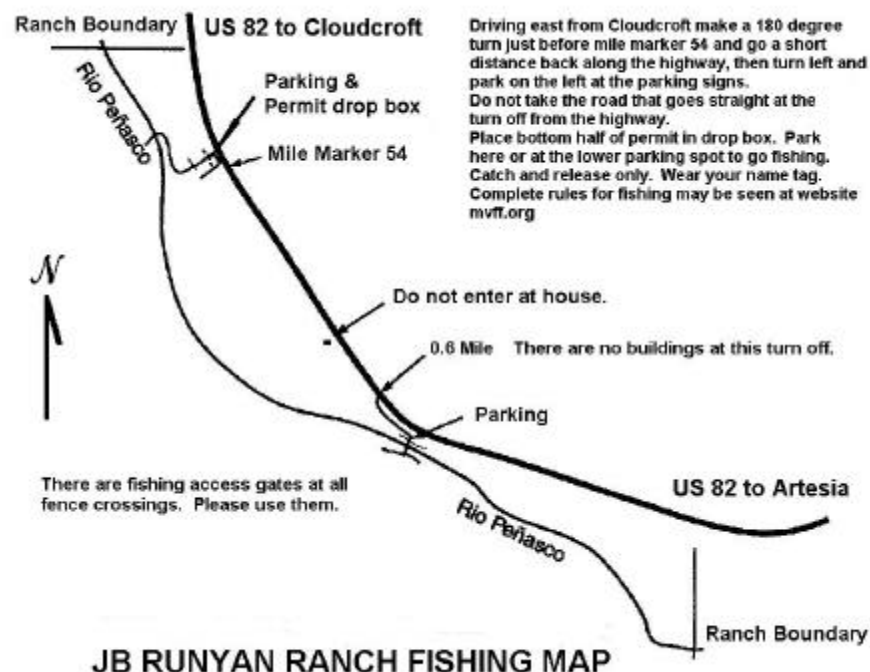
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook* (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the ATF fly shop in El Paso (915-225-0570.) 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 Hulseley. 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 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.