

Tale Waters

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Liars and Tyers

Monday, 22 November

Liars and Tyers will meet Monday 22 November at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. Note that this differs from the usual meeting date to accommodate those who may be leaving for Thanksgiving. The pattern to be tied will be the *Brown Foam Hopper*. 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 available for beginning tiers.

Membership Meeting

Monday, 8 November

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 8 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Guest speakers will be Rick Takahashi & Jerry Hubka, authors of *"Modern Midges-Tying and Fishing the World's Most Effective Patterns"*, currently the #1 book in fly fishing! They will tie flies, then talk about how to fish them. Rick and Jerry have appeared on numerous TV shows and fishing expos, clubs, etc. They are recognized as the worlds foremost experts in midge tying and fishing.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 15 November

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 15 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Corner

Comments from the President were not available this month.



Rick Takahashi & Jerry Hubka

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In addition, Rick & Jerry will travel to the Rio Peñasco Lease on Sunday, Nov 7th for an "on stream" demonstration at 10:00am. Everyone should meet at the lower bridge. Please arrange you own transportation or meet at the North Main K-Mart at

7:00 am to car pool. Buy your permits if you want to fish afterward.

Rick Takahashi:

Rick loves to design and tie fly patterns for the waters he fishes. Rick Takahashi has been tying flies since the age of eight. "After taking apart my first fly (Royal Coachman) and seeing the hackle unwind, I knew that I wanted to learn how to tie flies," reports Takahashi. He didn't have the slightest idea what a fly was but knew it was for fishing because of the hook. A couple of years later, Rick's uncle bought him his first fly tying kit and he has been tying ever since.

"I remember seeing my first fly fisherman on the South Platte River near the town of Decker's Colorado. I followed him around for a couple of hours and eventually got up the nerves to ask him what he was doing...he told him he was fly fishing," says Takahashi. The fly he was using was a Gray hackle Yellow. This connected the flies he so admired with the actual act of fly fishing.

Rick has used his talents to bring others into the realm of fly tying. He is a demonstration fly tier and often displays his skills at local and regional venues such as the Denver Fly Show, West Denver Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic, International Sportsmen Exhibition, Federation of Fly Fisherman Conclave and at various regional fly shops near Denver. He is an illustrator and contributor to Fly Fisherman Magazine and his art has been used for the Federation of Fly Fisherman Conclave. He is working on a presentation of Midge Fly fishing for his local Trout Unlimited Chapter. Rick has written his first book "Modern Midges, Tying and Fishing the World's Most Effective Pattern" with his fly fishing partner and co-author Jerry Hubka. Rick is a fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants and has done some consulting for C & F Design Co.

Rick's goal is to share with others the various aspects of fly fishing and fly tying he's learned. "It's the teacher in me that wants to share knowledge about an activity that has meant so much to me," says Takahashi.

Rick is a retired art educator and former Art Department Chairman at Rocky Mountain High School. He teaches a fly tying course for Angler's Roost and makes his home in Fort Collins, Colorado with his wife Susan, daughter Haley and son Josh.

Jerry Hubka:

Jerry Hubka began fly fishing on the Frying Pan River in 1966. He attended Colorado State University and majored in Art Education and earned a Masters Degree in Ceramic Chemistry from the University of Northern Colorado. His 32-year career as an Art Educator and Art Department Chairman at Poudre High School in Fort Collins, Colorado and his avocation as a studio potter only allowed for brief episodes of fly fishing on Colorado Rivers. When he met Rick Takahashi, he began tying, designing and fishing midges and traveling to tail waters all over the Rocky Mountain West. Jerry lives in Fort Collins, Colorado with his wife Joyce where he continues to work in the visual arts as a Logo designer and Commercial Artist through his company, Tailwater Media Productions. Since his retirement from Education, he also enjoys playing golf, pickleball, driving Porsches and traveling to US National Parks and to Italy with his wife Joyce.

Jerry has written his first book "Modern Midges, Tying and Fishing the World's Most Effective Pattern" with his fly fishing partner and co-author Rick Takahashi. Jerry's goal when writing Modern Midges was to share his knowledge of midge fishing with other fly fishermen. Jerry is affiliated with St. Peter's Fly Shop in Fort Collins, Colorado and participates in the Fly Fishing industry through Stackpole Books, SAGE, RIO, Redington, C&F Design, Outcast Boats and SIMMS.

Family Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 13 November

On November 13, Saturday, there will be a Family Fishing Clinic from noon to 4pm at Burn Lake as part of the Mayor's City Staff and Public Outdoor event. Ti Piper will be coordinating the fishing activities and is asking for assistance from the members of MVFF. The following is Ti's description of the activities and the schedule.

"I will be there setting up at 11am - and will put everything away after 4pm. I will be operating fishing skills activities and invite MVFF volunteers to come help show the fun of fishing. I will have fly rods, from a five-foot five-weight to a 14' Spey rod, plus bamboo, and steel and boron and fiberglass and a

bunch of 'regular' flyrods to help folks learn about fly casting.

I will have 100 pushbutton spincasting rod/reel combos for folks to learn about bait and lure casting, and/or to borrow if they are age 11 or under (or if they have a fishing license) to go try to catch a trout. I will have no prizes or give-aways other than fishing pamphlets. I will be pleased to show folks how to clean a fish. I will have bait casting gear, rubber worm tackle, and open face spinning rods for folks to learn about.

I will have lure making and fly tying equipment and supplies, as well as bobbers, nonlead splitshot, hooks and bait for teaching how to use and make terminal tackle. Plus the knot tying kit with the huge hooks, the Backyard Bass casting game, and handouts on fishing rules and regs and fishing maps and well, you get the picture.

I will have three tables and two chairs, plus some banners and quality snacks and drinks for the volunteers.

I invite your participation. Come on out and see how easy it is to cast a 14' Spey rod (with a 14 weight line!).

If you know someone who would bring their bass boat out and feel at ease teaching folks about boat fishing, please give them an invite".



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters has just completed sessions with the latest group of Vets from Ft. Bliss. We had 21 soldiers fishing on the lease on October 21st. A great time was had by all and a lot of fish were caught and released. We had a total of 18 volunteers which includes the Cow Belles, a Cattle Growers ladies organization, that put on a tremendous lunch. More like a full dinner. Our greatest appreciation goes out to them.

We have concluded working with the Ft Bliss soldiers until next spring and have entered a new era of working with White Sands soldiers. We have the contacts to get the project going and expect to get a company of soldiers returning from Afghanistan in the early spring. Working with these soldiers will be a lot easier because we will have the ability to work with them at times other than week-days. We already have 6 soldiers that are participating in the program and will be attending the fly tying on Wednesday night.

A special thanks needs to go out to all our volunteers that have helped with the Ft. Bliss soldiers. Without your support we would not be able to support these soldiers.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), roncor@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Editors Note: Following the fishing trip to the lease, Ron received the following thank you letter from one of the Ft. Bliss coordinators.

Hi Ron,

I wanted to make sure that you and the fine folks from Healing Waters and the Mesilla Valley Fly Fisherman's groups knew how much the soldiers and the staff appreciated your wonderful efforts to make the outing at the JB Runyan Ranch in the Sacramento mountains this past week. The experience was awesome for all. As the soldiers went through the outing, it was so apparent that they were enjoying the sense of peace and serenity brought on by their interaction with nature and the guidance and patience you offered them. Please pass on our appreciation to the senator, the Cow Belles (for the magnificent meal), and all who made the event possible. We look forward to working with you in the future. Thanks again.

George Welch, LCSW

Club Outings Planned

The board has no outings planned at this time. Now is the time to make your suggestions for possible

outings for the remainder of this year and also for 2011. 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, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

Marcus Chambers
Luz Franco
Lindsey Gibson
Todd Harper
Michael Keller
Bill & Kay Schumacher
Kyle Schumacher

Mesilla Park, NM
Carlsbad, NM
Mesilla Park, NM
Las Cruces, NM
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Welcome New Members

Gerald Briones

Carlsbad, NM



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 18, 2010

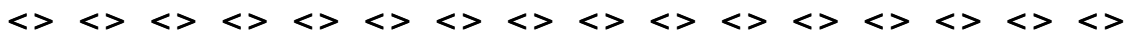
Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room by Vice-President Chuck Mueller. In attendance were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Paul Turner, Jeff Arteburn, George Sanders and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Jim Hulsey and Tom Wobbe.

1. The Minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved. The club has \$13,065 in available funds and \$11,003 in the Mabie Scholarship.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 200 current members, of which 83 are in Las Cruces, 48 in El Paso and 12 in Lubbock.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that the next Project Healing Waters is scheduled with a trip to the lease on October 21. Ron has made contact at WSMR and three soldiers attended the last general meeting and four are expected for the fly tying class of October 27. A budget of \$2,300 for 2011 has been submitted to Project Healing Waters.

5. There was a discussion concerning segregating the proceeds from the PHW rod raffle at the Club's annual meeting.
6. The November general meeting program will feature Rick Takahishi and Jerry Hubka. They will also provide a fishing demonstration at the lease on at 10:00am on Sunday, November 7.
7. The annual Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen's annual meeting and banquet is November 5. A motion for the Club to donate an annual family membership and two permits as a raffle prize and a fish print as a door prize was unanimously approved.
8. Arrangements for the Club's annual meeting and banquet on January 22, 2011 were reviewed. Motions to purchase additional fly rods from Winston and Sage and to include two permits for the lease in the raffle were approved.
9. Whether to schedule another fly casting clinic was discussed. Since John Bailey will be conducting a casting clinic in conjunction with the annual meeting, it was decided to defer scheduling another casting clinic with Bob Widgren.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.





Quick Look Contact Information

2010 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• V-Pres.:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
Board Members	
• Position 1:	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	George Thomas (575) 532-5614
• Position 5:	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• Position 9:	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
Newsletter & Web Page Editor	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

Total	\$11,003
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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.

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.

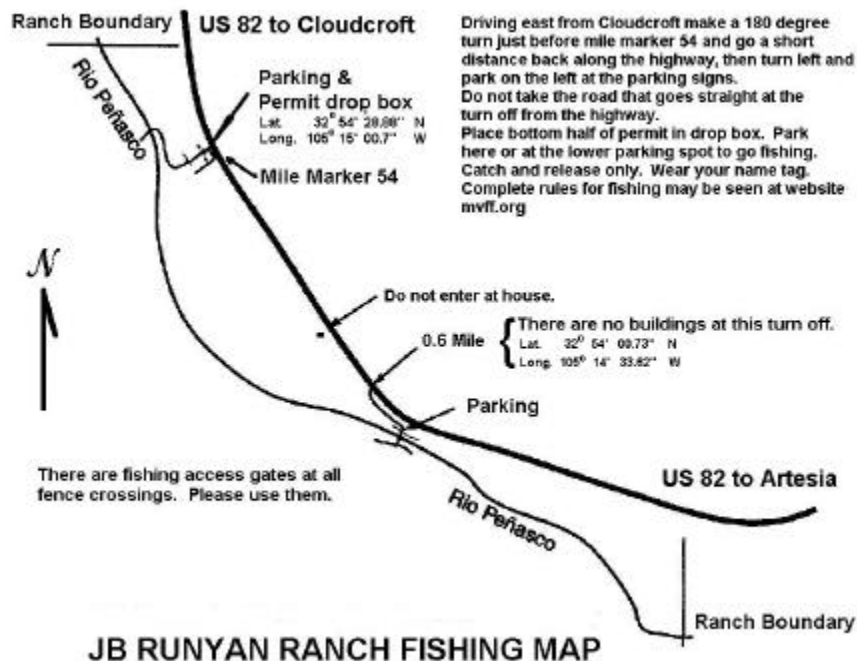
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



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/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.