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Membership Meeting

Monday, 14 November

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 14 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special guest speaker will be Dutch Salmon, a MVFF member from Silver City. He will make a power point presentation on fishing the Gila river with emphasis on brown trout. Many of you know Dutch, if not personally then through the articles he writes for the Las Cruces Sun News. He was also previously a member of the NM State Game Commission.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 21 November

The MVFF Executive Board will meet Monday 21 November at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 30 November

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 30 November at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. Note that this is a week later than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The

group will be tying the *Blue Dun Emerger*. 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 will be available for beginning tiers.

President's Corner



Our club trip to the San Juan was very successful with eighteen members attending the event. Six members enjoyed a guided wade with John Tavenner and eight

members enjoyed a full day float through the quality waters. The Octagon House made it easy for us to entertain and enjoy evening meals with everyone on Friday and Saturday. There were plenty of fish stories, good food, fun and good company each night.

I want to thank all members who volunteered for the PHW events we had this past month. I know your efforts made a huge impact with our soldiers. I want to thank Jim and Earlene Ellett for opening their ranch to us and the soldiers. Plus a very special thank you to all of the Yucca Cow Belles who served up a fantastic luncheon. See Ron Bellerose's article for more about this outing.

Coming up on November 5th we will be stocking the lease with about 600 rainbow trout from 9am to noon. Robert Silver and George Sanders will be working with Jim Ellett placing some large rocks below the lower bridge to improve the stream habitat and protect the stream bank. Please mark your calendars and plan on fishing the afternoon. Look for Tom Wobbe's email closer to this event.

At this month's General Meeting, our guest speaker will be Dutch Salmon who is one of our members living in Silver City. Dutch has published several books about fly-fishing and has written many articles

in the Las Cruces Sun News. He will present a power point on fly-fishing the Gila with emphasis on the brown trout. Dutch will also have some of his books on hand if you wish to buy one and have him personally sign it.

See you at the meeting on November 14th and in the meantime keep a tight line.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is back. Our Fall group of Vets from Ft. Bliss has completed the fishing

event at the lease with 21 Vets and 7 Ft. Bliss Staff meeting bright and early at the lease. See the photograph on page 5. Although the fishing was rather slow, all had a great time and I believe that most of the Vets caught at least one fish.

A big thank you to many is in order. First a thank you to the ladies that put the lunch on for us all. The Cow Belles outdid themselves again with a meal that was a lot more than a lunch. Thank you so much. Not only do you show the Vets your appreciation for their service, you help the MVFF. There is a lot less stress on the club knowing the soldiers are going to be given a great meal and we can concentrate on fishing with them. Another big thank you goes out to Jim and Earlene Ellett. Thank you for your continued hospitality and use of you river and back yard. An event as large as this could not be accomplished without your consent and cooperation. To our great volunteers that give the time and energy to support the Vets, thank you. I know many of you take time off from your regular job to help out. We had a total of 24 MVFF volunteers to assist in catching the fish. A special thanks goes out to the two volunteers from Holloman Air Force Base who are not members of the club yet but heard about the program and our need for volunteers and were there for us. I hope to be talking to you real soon about the program and disabled Vets around the Holloman area.

Contact with our local VA clinic has finally been made and I hope to get several Vets from the local area to participate in PHW. This should work out well because of the flexibility that we can have with them. We can include them in with our monthly fly tying class, events that take place on the river, stocking, river restoration etc. I will have some solid information on how this is working out by our November meeting.

A proposed budget has been submitted to PHW National for \$2,000. If we get a positive response from our local Vets, I plan on trying to increase the \$\$ amount to include guided San Juan river events for them. I have talked to some of the guides on the river and they seem to favor the reduction of guide fees for this. This could really work out well for the Vets and the club members to give us another excuse to go to the river.

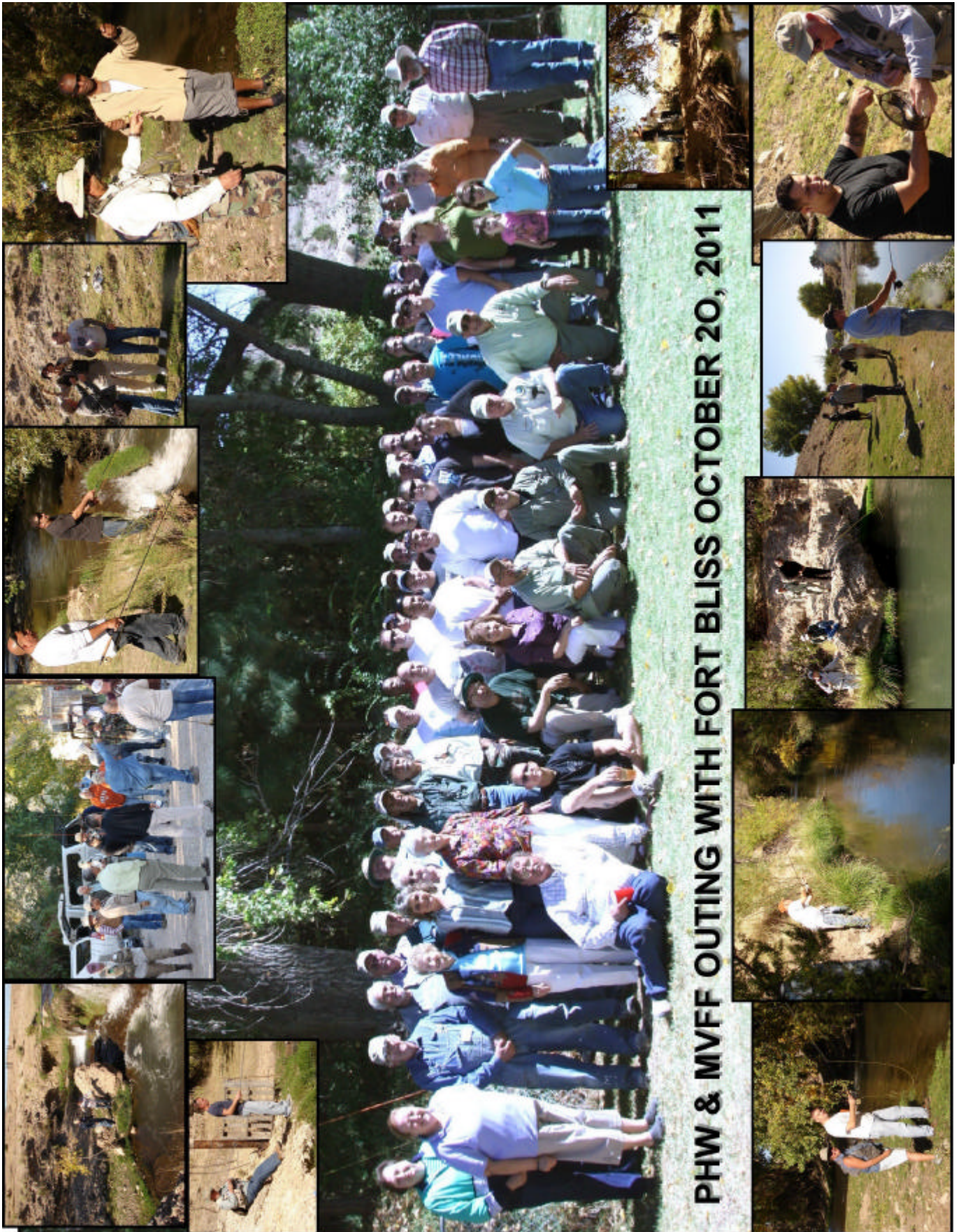
For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), roncor123@hotmail.com, if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Fish to be Stocked at Lease

Saturday, 5 November

As many of you know, recent rains have resulted in large amounts of ash from last spring's forest fire being washed into the Rio Peñasco resulting in the killing of many of the fish at the Lease. The Board has decided to restock this fall with the date set for 5 November. Plans are to stock about 500 fish. Volunteers will be needed when the time comes and reminders will be sent out. Volunteers will be able to fish without a permit after the stocking is complete. We need volunteers to help with the stocking to distribute the fish from the truck to the stream by a bucket brigade. The stocking truck will be at the lease at 9 AM. Those that wish to car pool to the lease should meet at the K-Mart on Highway 70. The carpool will leave at 6:30 AM sharp! Otherwise we will see you at Jim Ellett's house at 9 AM. Bring a clean plastic bucket, lunch and a jacket. Also bring your fishing gear. Large boulders will be added to the stream on the 5th as well to improve the fish holding habitat near the lower bridge.



Quick Look Contact Information

2011 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$12,000

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.

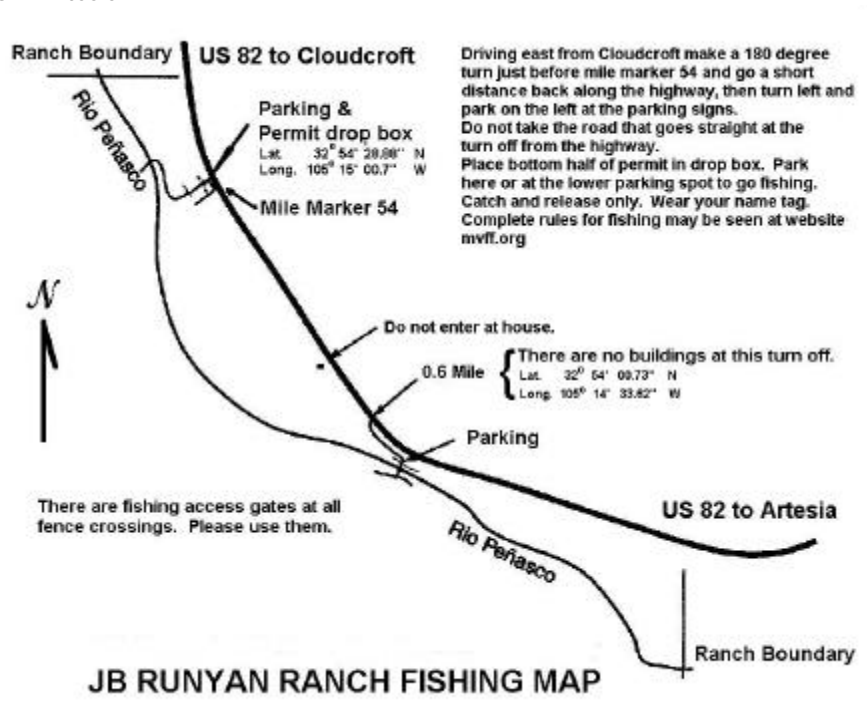
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



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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.