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Membership Meeting

Monday, 12 November

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 12 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Chuck Mueller will share some photos and talk about the Club trip to the San Juan. Allison Mann will also have some photos and talk about her trip to Belize with Gary, Al Trompler and Helen Zagona.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 November

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

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 28 November

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 28 November at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. Note: This date has been changed from the usual date because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The group will be tying the *Big Mac*. 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



Just got back from the San Juan River where I had a great time fishing and socializing with 28 other members on our San Juan outing. The weather was nearly perfect, the river was clear and the flow was at 500cfs. We had

the river covered, members fishing from Cable Hole to Crusher Hole and we caught a lot of fish each day. In the evening we all met back at the Octagon Inn for dinner and to exchange fish stories with each other. Thanks to Teako and Josi Nunn for providing spare ribs, sausage and green chile cheese burgers for dinner and to all the members who brought a side dish to share. Thanks to *Sandstone Anglers* and *Land of Enchantment Guides* for providing all of the guided trips for us. I recommend both of them if you need a guided service on the San Juan River.

At this month's general meeting I will share some photos and talk about our San Juan Trip. Allison Mann will also have some photos and talk about her trip to Belize with Gary, Al Trompler and Helen Zagona.

Raffle Tickets: you will be able to purchase tickets for the annual banquet starting this month. We have a nice list of prizes that I'm sure any flyfisher would want. You do not have to be present to win, just print out the online tickets and send them in to the club along with your check. Winners will be announced at our banquet on January 26th 2013.

Mark your calendar as we will be stocking the lease on Saturday December 1st. We will need a lot of volunteers to help with stocking fish and with the removal of the temporary fences that we put up a

year and half ago. The club has purchased two nice picnic tables that will be placed at the upper and lower parking lots. Members will now have a place to sit and enjoy their lunch. So, if you plan to fish the lease on December 1st you will probably be recruited to help with this project.

December 9th, the club is having a casting clinic at the NMSU Alumni Pond. Molly Semenik is a Certified Master Casting Instructor who will help you become a better caster. You can visit her website for *Tie The Knot Fly Fishing* at <http://www.tietheknotflyfishing.com>. I'll have more about Molly in December's newsletter.

Club Hats and license plates make a nice gift for your flyfisher which you can purchase from Ron Warnke. You can contact him at 575-532-5600 or email him at warnke@mvff.org.

Keep a tight line.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is going strong. We had 17 Vets fishing on the lease and from all comments it was the best event

that they've had.

I am working with a few local Vets and have had them doing some fly tying and casting at the University pond. Still trying to set up a good schedule for the American Legion Vets.

Our next large group of Vets will be in the Spring. We have not yet received the schedule from Ft. Bliss in order to determine what dates will be good for all involved groups.

Have not heard if anyone has found the lost PHW fly rod that is believed to be up on the lease somewhere. If anyone finds it, please turn it in to Jim Ellett or bring it to our club meeting. All those rods are accountable for and the property of PHW.

I have a Vet that is wanting to get to the lease and do some fishing. He is quite capable of fly fishing but

does not have the knowledge of the stream and how to fish it. If anyone is going up and would like to help him out, let me know so we can make contact with each other and get him fishing.

Thanks

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org. Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Fly Rod Lost

A fly rod was misplaced during the recent PHW event in which the soldiers were taken to the Rio Peñasco for a fishing outing. Quite likely the rod was left along the stream. Please keep an eye out for it when you fish the lease. If found you can leave it with Jim Ellett at the ranch or if you are from Las Cruces, bring it back and contact any Board member. The rod belongs to PHW and the Club is accountable for it.

Work Day at the Rio Peñasco

December 1st will be a work day at the Lease and volunteers are needed. Be sure and mark your calendar.

A delivery of rainbow and brown trout is scheduled and will need to be dispersed along the stream. Also, the fencing that was placed at various locations along the stream to provide protection for willows will be removed as they proved to be ineffective.

Finally, the Club has purchased two picnic tables and they will need to be assembled and placed at each of the parking areas.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2012 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:

- May 2013 - trip to Quinlin Ranch
- June 2013 - trip to Big Horn River in Montana.
- October 2013 - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2012

Submitted by Ron Warnke, Acting Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Chuck Mueller. In attendance were Jeff Arterburn, Ron Bellerose, Gary Mann, Chuck Mueller, George Sanders, Bob Silver and Ron Warnke and non-Board members, Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulsey.

- 1. Minutes of the September 2012 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- 2. Treasurer, Gary Mann, reported that the Club has a balance of \$12,561 and gave a breakdown of expenses. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
- 3. Tom Wobbe reported the Club has 219 members who have paid their dues for this year.
- 4. Ron Bellerose reported that the Project Healing Waters trip to the lease had 17 vets, 9 staff members from Ft. Bliss, and 16 volunteers from MVFF.

- 5. Ron Warnke reported that merchandise showed a pick-up of sales as our general meetings have once again begun.
- 6. A motion was made and seconded to raise the cap for prizes at our annual banquet to \$1800 from \$1500. Discussion followed as to how the additional \$300 would be spent. Motion passed.
- 7. A motion was made ,seconded, and passed to allow the prize committee to use their discretion on selection of prizes for our January banquet.
- 8. Possible club trips for next year were discussed, including but not limited to The Big Horn, and a return to the Quinlin Ranch.
- 9. The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

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Big Mac

This month we will be tying the *Big Mac*. The *Big Mac* was originated by John Tavenner for use on the San Juan. Many of you know John as he has been down several times to make presentations to the Club. See you there.



- Hook:** Tiemco 200R #18-20
- Thread:** Iron Gray 8/0 Uni
- Body:** Tying thread
- Rib:** Clear Micro tubing or Stretch Magic
- Thorax:** Black superfine dubbing

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...knowing a river intimately is a very large part of the joy of fly fishing. -- Roderick Haig-Brown

Quick Look Contact Information

2012 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• V-Pres.:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
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• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• 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
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

Market Value as of 30 June 2011	\$10,709
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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.

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. 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.

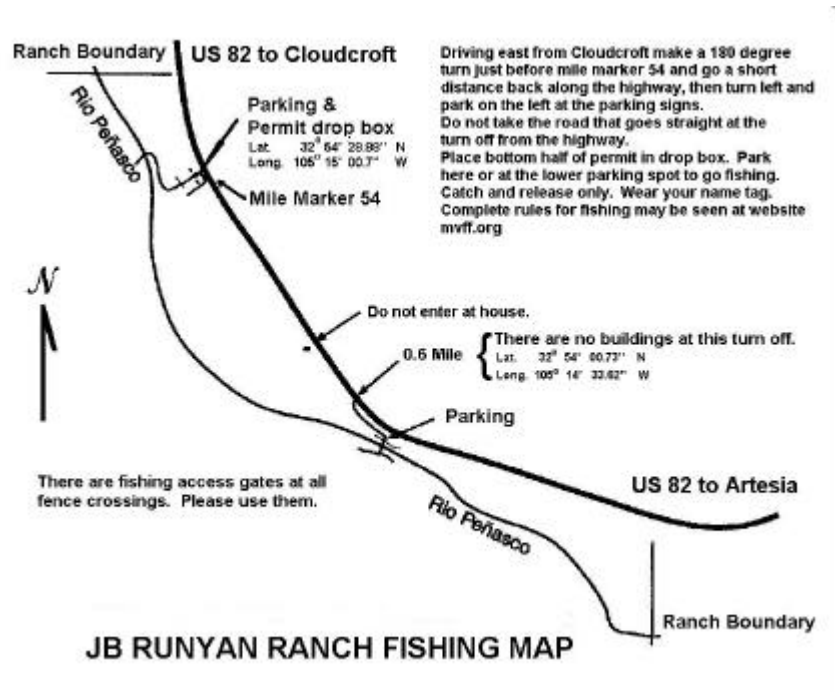
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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), 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.