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Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 November

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 11 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Special guest speaker will be Club member Carl McGrew. He will show a video of his trip to Alaska this past August. Carl, along with three of his friends, spent 14 days fishing around Yakutat.

Refreshments will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 November

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 November at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Cancelled

For a variety of reasons Liars and Tyers will not meet in November. The Thanksgiving holidays, Aggie basketball games and unavailability of the meeting room made it impossible to select a date. We have the same problems in December and may have to

cancel the December meeting also. However, when we do finally find a meeting time the fly of interest will be the *Foam Hopper*. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

The recipe for the *Foam Hopper* is included in this newsletter for those who wish to practice it beforehand.

President's Corner



San Juan Trip — We had around 30 members on this trip and I have received reports that everyone had a good time and caught plenty of fish to make this another great outing for the Club.

November General Meeting — Carl McGrew has a nice video of his trip to Alaska this past August. Carl, along with three of his friends, spent 14 days fishing around Yakutat. The Yakutat area is home to some of the best fishing in Alaska. You can fish a river, stream or lake one day and ocean fish the next day.

Stocking the lease — We are planning to stock the lease on Sunday November 17th if Bill Parker has enough fish for us. We should know within the next week. NMSU student chapter of the American Fisheries Society has asked us to hold a fly fishing clinic. The date we have set for this is November 16th for fly tying and casting. A trip to the lease will either be on November 17th after the stocking or December 7th. I should have more information at our next meeting on both the stocking and clinic.

Rod Building — We are having a rod building clinic. This will be a 3 part clinic with the first clinic covering blanks and components selections, which will be sometime in December. Then about 45 days later we will have the second part, preparing your rod for wrapping. The final part will be a week later for wrapping and finishing. This is a great way to have a

nice rod at less than half the cost. If you are interested please contact George Sanders, Bob Silver or Chuck Mueller.

Board Position — We have two positions available on the Board that will need to be filled. If you are interested, please let me or another board member know so that we can add you to the ballot for our December meeting.

We still have some club hats available which can be purchased at one of our meetings or by contacting Ron Warnke.

Keep a tight line.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is growing quite rapidly. We have a San Juan fishing trip planned for November 21st with a float trip for 6, that's 3

boats. We are also setting up several fund raisers in the near future and next year (Editor's note—see the letter of appreciation from PHW on page 5). Louis Perez, one of the PHW participants, has been very active in setting up future fundraisers as well as donations to PHW. I have hopes of getting enough funds to allow some of our participants to go to the Big Horn next year.

We will have fly tying at the Las Cruces VA clinic on the last Wednesday of each month. I will be looking for volunteers as I need them. We are also working with the Wounded Warriors Battalion at Fort Bliss and Louis has made contact with White Sands. Looking forward to a great 2014 in supporting PHW.

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.

Norm Mabie Scholarship Awarded

Jasmine Johnson has been awarded the Norm Mabie endowed scholarship for 2013. Jasmine sent the following bio:

"I am a senior in the Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Ecology program at NMSU. I have been a member of the Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society for three years, and am currently the Secretary of the club. I have worked during the summer for the Bureau of Land Management in the fisheries department. I have assisted with several educational clinics for children, including the Fish Fiestas at Santa Cruz Lake, the aquatic invertebrates and fish ecology station at the Celestino Romero Conservation Education Camp, and the fish station during "Sensational Science Night" at Desert Hills Elementary School. I am a member of the NMSU Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Also, I volunteer with ACTION Programs for Animals, a local pet rescue and adoption program. After obtaining my undergraduate degree, I plan to pursue a graduate degree in wildlife. Upon finishing my education, I would like to work for a federal agency such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service".

We wish Jasmine luck in attaining her life goals.

Rio Peñasco to be Stocked

Plans are to stock the Lease on Sunday November 17th. As most of you are aware the rains in September resulted in a wash out from all of the runoff and fishing has suffered. Pictures of some of the damage were shown in last month's newsletter. Because of limited availability we will be stocking fish that are somewhat smaller, 6- to 8-inches, instead of the usual 8- to 10-inch size. They will still be fun to catch this winter and should be in the larger range by Spring.

We will need volunteers to distribute them so keep the above date clear on your calendar. Additional details will be emailed later. Remember that you can fish for free following the work.

Flyfishing Clinic Scheduled

The NMSU student chapter of the American Fisheries Society has requested that MVFF teach them something about flyfishing. A few of the members have flyfished before but the majority of them are

complete novices. Fly tying and casting will be covered on Saturday November 16th at a site yet to be determined, probably a meeting room at NMSU. Fishing will be at the Lease following the stocking on Sunday November 17th. If they are unable to make the 17th then the fishing will be scheduled on December 7th.

In general the clinic will be much the same as what we do for the Project Healing Waters vets and about the same number of volunteers will be needed.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2014 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.

There are no trips currently planned.

Welcome New Members

Brad Alpers	Carlsbad, NM
Carl & Debra Clark	Las Cruces, NM
David Denney	Las Cruces, NM
Britt & Becky Devenport	Artesia, NM
Jet Ellis	Midland, TX
Lawrence Korschgen	Las Cruces, NM
Joe & Rose Ann Marino	Artesia, NM

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Foam Hopper



- Hook:** TMC 5263 or any equivalent streamer hook #8 to #12
- Thread:** Ultra 70 Denier Tan
- Body:** Tan 2mm craft foam and 2mm yellow craft foam
- Wing:** Deer hair over pearl krystal flash
- Head:** Tan dubbing, UV tan ice dub for more flash with foam bullet style head
- Indicator:** bright green foam or antron yarn
- Legs:** Tan rubber legs

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I may find them or I may not. It matters very little. In searching I shall certainly find other things, expected or unexpected, and from somewhere among them I shall take at least one bright picture of excitement or beauty to make the day...rivers remain places of enchantment and the fish that swim in them creatures of wonder. Some small share in this is the fisherman's real reward.

—Roderick Haig-Brown

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2013

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, 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 Chuck Mueller, Jeff Arterburn, George Sanders, Ron Warnke, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulsey.

1. Minutes of the September 2013 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$12,395. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
3. The Club has 218 paid-up members of which 74 are from Las Cruces and 41 are from El Paso.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that PHW held a fund raiser at Jack Key Nissan on Saturday, October 20 which raised \$260. Ron plans to hold PHW fund raisers every other month.
5. Guest speaker for the upcoming monthly meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:
 - November—Carl McGrew will talk about his trip to Alaska. Chuck will talk to Tom Lightfoot to see if he is available to talk about his trip to Kodiak.
 - December—Toner Mitchell will hold a casting clinic on December 8th at 2:00pm at NMSU Alumni Pond and be the speaker at the December 9th meeting.
6. Hunter Falco, President, and Dominique Lujan, Vice-President, of the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society requested that MVFF present a fly tying and casting clinic for their Chapter. It was decided that the fly tying and casting clinics will be on Saturday, November 16th and MVFF will host their Chapter members at the Lease on December 7th. Paul Turner will coordinate with Hunter regarding the time, NMSU

classroom and number of students for the fly tying clinic.

7. A motion was approved for MVFF to donate \$200 to the Cowbelles.
8. A motion approved to authorize Tom Wobbe to order fish next week to be stocked at the Lease on December 7th, provided that Bill Parker has any fish left.
9. The first rod building class will be held on December 14th at 9:00am at the NMDGF classroom.
10. A motion authorizing MVFF to donate a permit and a hat as prizes for the Southwest Sportsmen's annual banquet was approved.
11. Tom and Chuck gave George Sanders a list of the items they purchased from Sportsmen Elite as raffle prizes. A motion authorizing the prize committee to spend an additional amount to bring the total up to the same amount as was spent last year was approved.
12. There was a discussion about soliciting new nominees to serve as board members at the November meeting. The election of board members will be held at the December meeting.
13. A motion was approved authorizing Tom Wobbe to offer Tim Mack either \$30 or two permits to the Lease as compensation for conduction the Liars and Tiers meetings.
14. Jeff reported that the Trout Unlimited National meeting will be held in Santa Fe in September 2014.
15. The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00pm. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Down at the core of every fisherman's heart is the belief that on any day something wonderful and unlikely could be made to happen, and that if you're careful and patient enough it could happen to you.

—John Gierach



October 28, 2013

Chuck Mueller
Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers, Inc.
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Dear Chuck Mueller,

On behalf of the wounded and injured military service members and disabled veterans who are involved in Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) activities, I thank you for your generous in-kind contribution. Your gift of allowing veterans to fish your river has already made a difference and has helped us manage our precious resources more effectively. Your thoughtfulness is an inspiration to us all and will help us give back to individuals who have given so much.

As you may know, we desire to share the positive recreational and rehabilitative experiences of fly fishing with those who struggle with post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, loss of limb, or have a plethora of medical and psychological issues. Fly fishing helps individuals cope and participation is *free*; therefore, gifts of money and in-kind donations are highly valued assets and provide us with the vital resources needed to sustain our programs. Your gift will help us purchase the fly fishing equipment and supplies we require to support fly tying instruction, fly casting workshops, rod building classes and fund other activities, such as fishing trips. Please know that you are helping us make a difference and we will put your donation to good use.

I invite you to learn more about PHWFF on our web site, www.projecthealingwaters.org and read about the extraordinary participants, volunteers, trips and activities recorded in our "Current Events" under "Events & Activities."

Again, thank you for your charitable gift. Your support and encouragement is deeply appreciated, and needed as we carry out our mission to improve the health and well being of our program participants

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Nicholson".

Ed Nicholson
President and CEO

Please note: PHWFF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Our Federal EIN is 61-1518154. PHWFF does not receive any government funding and is dependent upon cash and in-kind donations from individuals, corporations and foundations to fund and provide equipment and materials for its programs. The IRS requires individuals who make charitable donations of noncash gifts, in good used condition or better, of \$500 or more, must file an IRS Form 8283 with their tax return to claim the deduction. Consult your accountant or tax preparer for details. It is the responsibility of the donor to establish a fair market value of their donation, not the charitable organization. This letter hereby serves as a receipt for the above gift.



HEALING THOSE WHO SERVE

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2013 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
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• 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
• Position 9:	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

Market Value as of 30 June 2012	\$9,808
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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.

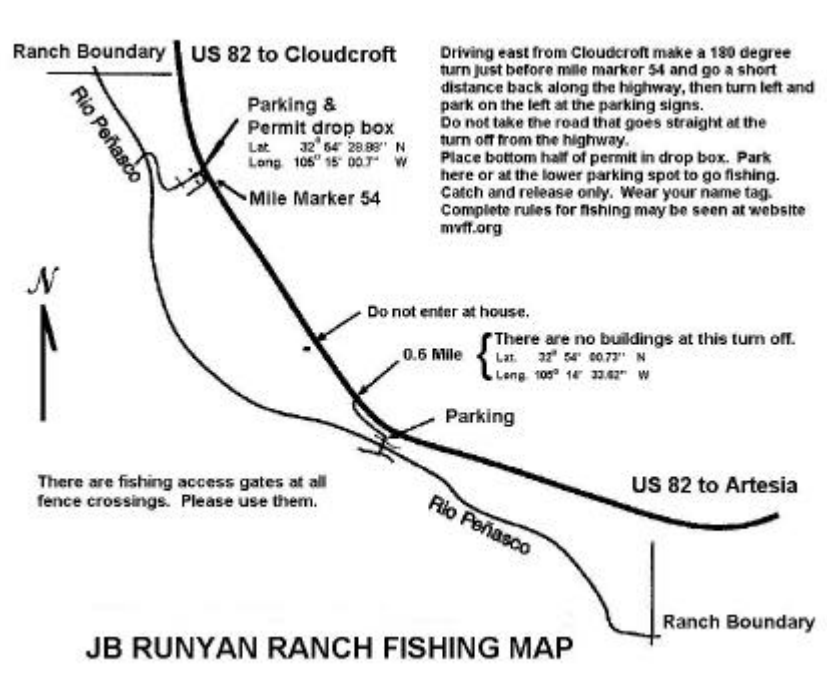
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. 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 (current dues have been paid) 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.

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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.