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Membership Meeting

Monday, 10 November

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 10 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special speakers will be club members Bob Silver and Mary Hoffman. Bob is going to do a presentation on the club trip to Kodiak Island and Mary is going to talk about the Lady Anglers' trip to the Gunnison. Doors open at 6:30. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 November

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 17 November at 7:00pm 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 on Monday 24 November at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. (Note: this is different from the normal schedule). The fly to be tied is the *Peñasco*

Chub. See recipe on page 5. 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.

President's Corner



We are into November but don't put your fly rods away yet. On October 25th, we stocked the Lease with 450 trout between nine and 13 inches. While we were stocking, David Carmichael

spotted four 20-inch trout in a pool above the lower bridge. By now, the trout we stocked should have settled in and begun feeding on the chubs and grasshoppers, both of which were in plentiful supply. It is time to get up to the Lease and catch some fish before the herons do.

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has announced the opening of the Hammond Tract, a new 80 acre aquatic park on the San Juan River about 14 miles south of Navajo Dam. The park includes a half mile of river with 15 in-stream structures and has been stocked with hybrid rainbow trout. Ron Bellerose and I are going on the Club's San Juan River trip this week. We will check it out and report on it at the November meeting and in the next newsletter.

We have finalized the prize list for the Club's annual raffle which includes three guided trips, three fly rods, two reels and much, much more. Raffle tickets go on sale this month, so please help support the Club's activities and take a chance on upgrading your gear and enjoyment of the sport.

The annual banquet will be on Saturday, February 7, 2015 and will feature Landon Mayer as the guest speaker. Landon has been a guide on the South Platte River in Colorado for more than 15 years. He is the author of numerous books and articles on fly fishing, including How to Catch the Biggest Trout of

Your Life and Sight Fishing for Trout. It should prove to be an informative and entertaining evening, so mark the date on your calendar now.

December is the month when we elect directors to serve for the coming year. We have at least one opening. If you are interested in serving on the Board, send me an email at President@mvff.org. With the increased number of women who are active in the Club, we would particularly welcome any women who are willing to serve on the board.

Tight Lines,

Jim



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters had a very busy October. We had 26 new Vets introduced into fly fishing. In addition to the new participants we had 3 fishing events, 3 casting events, and 2 fly tying events. We had a total of 40 participating Vets and 23

volunteers. The Vets had a total of 276 hours and the volunteers put in 165 hours. Thanks to all the volunteers, PHW in this area is a success.

We will have a major fishing event on the 5th of November; expecting 20 Vets and 10 Staff members at the lease. This event requires as many volunteers as we can get. The CowBelles will be providing lunch/dinner for all of us and that alone is worth the trip.

We will have 2 Vets on the San Juan during our club trip on the 6th of November. I am also waiting for final approval to have a fund raiser at Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson on the 15th of November.

Also looking for a volunteer to take over the coordination of setting up the wounded warrior resilience program at Ft. Bliss. This is the large group with which we do the fly tying in Las Cruces and fishing at the lease. We have 2 events with this group. Coordination is between Ft. Bliss, the MVFF and Jim Ellett and the Cowbells. Reserving the

NMG&F conference room for fly tying is also required. I will be able to take care of the food and paperwork for these events.

I want to thank all our volunteers that work with the Vets. We are now introducing fly fishing to the wounded warrior resilience program (Ft Bliss), the wounded warrior transition Battalion (Ft Bliss), the Las Cruces VA Clinic and the Cloudcroft VFW. Hope to see you at the lease on the 5th of November.

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

Annual Banquet & Raffle

Sat. February 7, 2015

The annual MVFF banquet and raffle will be held Saturday, Feb 7, 2015 at St Paul's Methodist Church. A map and address will be in future newsletters and on the website.

The guest speaker for the banquet will be *Landon Mayer*, renowned Colorado guide, author of numerous books, and presenting speaker at numerous international fly fishing shows throughout the United States. He also writes numerous articles for fly fishing magazines, most recently for Fly Fisherman and High Country Angler Magazines. His website is www.landonmayer.com.

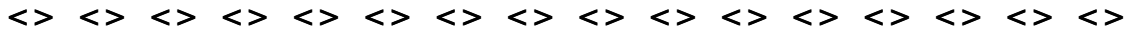
We will have over \$5,200 in prizes for the Annual Raffle and the drawing will be held at the banquet. Raffle tickets will be E-mailed soon and will also be available at the Nov, Dec, & Jan general & fly tying meetings.

Mark your calendar as this is an event you do not want to miss!

Mayhill Cafe Now Open Under New Management

Following the stocking of the Lease on 25 October, several members stopped off for lunch at the Mayhill Cafe. The food was great and there is plenty of seating.

They open at 7:00am and we observed large cookies and some rolls in the case. They also have a few



Stocking the Lease

Saturday, 25 October was stocking day at the Rio Peñasco. Club members gathered to meet the fish truck at about 9:30am and proceeded to the stream to stock 200 11- to 13-inch rainbows and about 250 9- to 11-inchers. The fish looked very good and were placed through out the stream! The was an active insect hatch around 10-10:30am. Grasshoppers were also seen! The weather was fabulous and everyone had a great time. David and Miriam Carmichael stayed to do a little fishing afterwards so don't miss their report later in this newsletter. Permits are available from Jim at the ranch or mail check to the Club P.O. Box, or contact Tom Wobbe or Jim Hulsey.



Fishing Report

By David Carmichael, 25 October

After the stocking, Miriam and I stayed and fished for about 3 hours (2-5pm) in the middle section of the lease. Caught about 30 fish, but only three were trout; all the rest were chubs. Hopefully the stocking will help alleviate the recent imbalance in species.

The water was clear and 60 degrees, but about a foot low, so many of the shallower runs didn't provide good holding water. The deeper runs and holes are the ticket. We saw baetis spinners ovipositing, but no hatches during our time on the water.

Quick Look Contact Information

2014 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• V-Pres.:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Secretary:	Dave Medler, Jr. (575) 434-9313
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• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
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Norm Mabie Scholarship FundMarket Value as of 30 June 2012 **\$9,808****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.

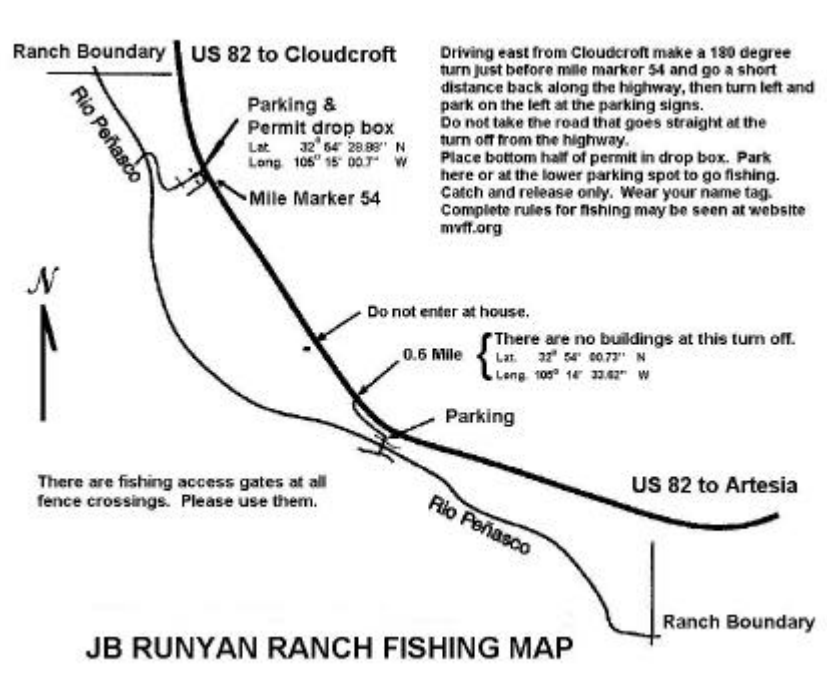
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



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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.