

Tale Waters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club

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with comments from several members who made the Kodiak trip at the October 10th meeting.

Remember that MVFF is your club and if you have suggestions for events, meetings, fund raisers or just general comments, please contact myself or other board members. If you would like to serve on a committee for various club activities please let me know, as we can always use your participation and assistance.

Check your fly box for those tiny flies for the San Juan trip!

Tightlines,
Tom

October Meetings

The October general membership meeting will be held on 10 October at 7:30 PM. The Kodiak gang (Club members who recently went to Kodiak, AK to fish for silver salmon) will speak on their excursion into the land of big fish. The Board will meet on 17 October at 7:00 PM and *Liars & Tiers* will meet on 27 October at 7:00 PM. All meetings will be at NMDG&F.

President's Corner

We had a great time at the September picnic and raffle. Those who attended had the opportunity to meet and visit with other club members, plus enjoy some great food and a fun time with the drawing. It would be great if more members could fit next year's event into their schedule.

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be almost time for fishing on the San Juan. We have a couple of openings left for the guides on Friday so give me a call if you would like to attend and fish with the guides. We will have the club BBQ potluck at the group shelter at the Main Pine Campground on Saturday night at 6:30pm.

The Kodiak Gang recently returned from their trip to the "Emerald Isle". We will have a slide presentation

Club Picnic

The Club had their annual picnic and raffle on 10 September at Preciado Park on the NMSU campus. It was attended by 35 to 40 club members who all seemed to have a good time. The food was terrific as always and the weather couldn't have cooperated more. If you weren't able to attend you should make an extra effort next year. This is one of the Club's more enjoyable events, even if you don't get to fish you get to talk about it. See you there next year.

Annual Raffle

The Club's annual raffle was conducted on 10 September at Preciado Park during the picnic. Funds raised in this raffle go into the Club's general fund and are used for a variety of things such as our annual scholarship, stocking of the lease, publication of the newsletter, website name registration and a host of other items required to keep the club going. This year the raffle raised \$1,795 of which \$1,500 was profit. The silent auction also conducted during the picnic brought in \$99. Everyone should be congratulated for the great response. We especially want to thank all of the donors who really came through with some great gifts this year.

Raffle prize winners were:

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| 1. MVFF Custom Rod | Randy Hulsey |
| 2. Anasazi Anglers Guided Trip | Tom Kanouse |
| 3. Jude Duran's Guided Trip | Don Eddings |
| 4. Action Optics Sunglasses | Dewey Davis |
| 5. Folstaff Wading Staff | Jeff Arterburn |
| 6. Gallatin onyx Fly Rod | Bruce Proctor |
| 7. Whiting Hackle- Med Br. | Jeffrey Wobbe |
| 8. Whiting Hackle- Grizzly | Sam Kunz |
| 9. Fitover Sunglasses | Dennis Lanpher |
| 10. Trout T-Shirt | Rudy Saucedo |
| 11. Trout Shorts | Dick Fall |
| 12. Trout Cap | Helen Zagona |
| 13. Trout Country Flies Book | Wade Hedgecoke |
| 14. Fly Fishing Northern NM Bk | Don Eddings |
| 15. Aquanova Fly Line | Jim Sharp |
| 16. Flip Focal Magnifiers | Gary Mann |
| 17. Gudebrod Desgn Flies CD | Jeff Arterburn |
| 18. Gudebrod Desgn Flies CD | Dennis Lanpher |
| 19. EZ Fold Fish Net | Bob Wood |
| 20. Angler's Image Fly Pouch | Bob Silver |
| 21. Shed Restaurant Gift Cert | Al Hynes |
| 22. Rio Grande River Jrnl Book | Paul Turner |
| 23. Flying Fisherman Sunglasses | Chuck Widger |
| 24. Maxima Gray T-Shirt | Sam Kunz |
| 25. Maxima White T-Shirt | Gary Mann |
| 26. -35. Panama Jack Sunglasses | Jon Cook, |
- Edward Alvarez, Todd Garrison, Michael Jarvis,
Marc Bernat, Dennis Lanpher, Chuck Widger,
Karen Erickson, Joyce Wobbe, Matt Giuthan

Club Trip to the San Juan

The final plans for our annual fall San Juan outing have been firmly arranged for 7, 8 and 9 October 2005. It is expected that about 35 people will participate. The guided portion of the trip will be on 7 October (Friday). A current membership in the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers is required to participate in this outing, so please check your membership status in advance of the trip. A "Sign Up Sheet" has been established and presently has two openings left. The member fee for a guide will be \$50.00 on a non-refundable basis and is due immediately. This fee will cover a guide for 1/2 day with each guide having three clients. A total of 24 fishermen will be accommodated: 12 in the morning and 12 in the afternoon. Those fishing in the morning should meet at 7:30am at the Texas Hole parking lot and those

fishing in the afternoon should meet there at 1:00pm. This is unchanged from the way things have been done for the past several years. If unable to attend after registration, you may transfer your reservation to another individual upon timely notification to Tom Wobbe. Direct contact with Tom for registration is suggested to avoid any delay caused by club mail pickup. Even if you are too late for a guide, put your name on the waiting list because there are often last minute cancellations. If you have never fished the San Juan a list of equipment, fly patterns and motel information are available on the Club webpage.

There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday the 8th at the pavilion in Pine Creek campground. This is the same one we have used several times in the past. The Club will furnish the main course, probably barbecue, and everyone should bring a side dish or dessert. We will start eating at 6:30 p.m.

Since this is a Club sponsored event using club funds, attendees should be paid-up members. This is a great opportunity for all you new members to come out, meet some of the folks and have a good time.

For planning purposes we need to get a rough idea how many are going to attend the dinner. If you plan on being there but do not wish to use a guide let Tom Wobbe know.

Detailed instructions along with a list of motels and an equipment list may be found on the Club website.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined MVFF since the last newsletter:

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| Josh Rogers | Las Cruces, NM |
| Charles Dixon | Alto, NM |
| Roger Pastoor | El Paso, TX |
| Tim Lewis | Apopka, FL |
| Steve & Mary Lacy | Las Cruces NM |
| Linda Lacy | El Paso, TX |
| Vernoy Walker | El Paso, TX |
| Rudy & Anna Romero | WSMR, NM |
| Scott Hochmuth, | Las Cruces, NM |

Quick Look Contact Information

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Help Wanted

Tom Prestridge, owner of ATF Flyshop in El Paso, has a sales position available. He is looking for someone who has some knowledge of flyfishing, a love of flyfishing and can work days. This would be a good position for someone from El Paso or Las Cruces who is retired and looking for something to do during the day. If you are interested contact Tom at 915-877-2020 X232 or email at HTP@PSRBB.com.

Fishermen Wanted

Henry Rodriguez says he has room for 2 anglers in his pop-up camper for the San Juan Trip. Call Henry at (505) 523-6450. Charley Graham is taking his camper and has room for one more. Contact Charley at (505) 437-3143.

Angler's Nook

Norm's Shop is open as usual. Please contact Donna at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information, fishing permits, extra newsletters and raffle tickets.

For the remainder of the year, 10% of all purchases by Club members will be donated to the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Private Fly Tying Lessons

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies, Joseph Lopez would like to give private fly tying lessons at Norm's

Shop. Please call Donna Mabie at 522-3810, and she will help you get in touch with him to work out the arrangements and cost. Joseph is a club member and avid fly fisherman. Norm taught Joseph to tie flies and build rods when he was a young boy. Joseph just recently moved back to the area. Give him a try!

Norm Mabie Endowment Fund

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. 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." 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.

Presently the fund contains \$4,465. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

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.

Newsletter on Website

Each month the *Tale Waters* is placed on the MVFF webpage (www.mvff.org), usually several days prior to being mailed, in Adobe Acrobat format. If you wish to view it there you have the advantage of seeing it earlier and in color.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Seven Days on the River

Earl and Adan Arbogast

Editor's Note: Club member Earl Arbogast recently posted this story on Mike Mora's webpage and we thought that our members would like to read it also. The story is about fishing the San Juan during the Club outing in June and a follow-on trip to Colorado with Jude Duran. This is the second and final episode.

Coming back from Colorado, there was this old guy pulling a trailer through the mountains, going real slow. My son and I go with Jude cause he's real patient with kids but he has a bit of a road rage problem. After trying several times to pass this guy, Jude finally gets to pass him and by this time, he's steaming and wants me and my son to flip the guy off. Of course we don't, but Jude blows his horn at him. As luck would have it, about 15 miles down the road, we all have to do God's will and stop at a convenience store to take a dump. Only one bathroom and by the time we're through, Jude pulls out of the parking lot and the old geezer pulling the trailer drives by. I know the guy won't let us pass now but luckily he pulls in for some gas about a mile later.

Second story was my only disappointment at the river in the last three years. We floated with Jude one day and we left my jeep at the drop off so we could go back and get Jude's truck at Texas Hole to get the boat. Only thing was I left my Jeep keys in Jude's truck and we had no way back. One of the well known guides up there was loading his boat and we

asked if he could give us a ride to Texas hole. He told us no so me and my son started hiking back on 511. It really didn't bother me when he refused cause it was my stupidity for leaving the Jeep keys in Jude's truck. But then me and my boy started hiking on 511 and people were whizzing by us and some parts of the road curved and you can't get off the road but a couple of feet. That bothered me knowing the guide knew the road and the danger it posed to me and my boy. He even drove by us when we were walking to 511 to hitch a ride. I mean it's only about a two minute ride from the drop off point to Texas Hole. I'll never book a trip with that guide but wanna know what? If I see that guide stranded on the side of the road in El Paso, I'll still stop and help him or ask what I can do. As a police officer here for 28 years, you gotta stop and help don't you? That's what makes the river special. The people with one exception were all special and friendly. Makes us wanna come back every chance we get.

Met a lot of good people, John Gordon and Rob Jiron (those guys seem real friendly, like they would give you the shirt off their back), Paul and his lovely wife. Thanks to the Mesilla Valley Fly Fishing Club for their barbecue. All real friendly people from the young guide on the drift boat to the visitors and the people that live there that make the river so special.

Earl and Adan (that was only about 10% of our "adventures")



Jude and Adan on the way back to the San Juan just before we came to the old guy driving the 5th wheel.



Adan holding his first trout at the Frying Pan.

Picnic Shots



What's a picnic without lots of good food



And lots of good friends

Liars and Tiers

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 27 October at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the Stimulator.

The Stimulator was originated by Randall Kaufmann and is considered an attractor fly. It can be used as a stonefly or caddisfly imitation simply by matching the size and color of the insects present on the water. When no hatch is evident it can be used as a searching pattern, often rigged with a nymph on a

dropper. Good choices would be a Peacock Woolly Bugger or an EZY Prince Nymph. It is good tied in orange, olive, peacock, lime, and hare's ear for colors with a size range from four to twenty-two.

Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

Detailed step-by-step tying instructions can be found at <http://www.flyanglersonline.com/>



Hook: Size 4 to 22, curved shank.

Thread: Orange.

Tail: Elk hair.

Body: Orange Dubbing.

Body Hackle: Brown.

Wing: Elk hair.

Head: Peacock herl.

Front hackle: Grizzly.

2005 MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
January	Liars & Tiers 27 Jan.		22 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet & Raffle, Featured speaker - Dutch Salmon	NM Trout Conclave - Jan 15 Albuquerque, NM Sandia Prep School
February	Liars & Tiers 24 Feb		14 Feb. Alaska Fishing with Doc Warner	Peñasco Improvement Project
March	Liars & Tiers 31 Mar. Wooly Worm		14 Mar. Yucatan Fishing with Al Trompler	Peñasco Improvement Project NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium- Mar 26, Sandia Prep School, Albuquerque
April	Liars & Tiers 20 Apr. Elk Hair Caddis		11 Apr. Fishing the San Juan with Jude Duran	Fish stocking at Lease Kids Fishing Clinic-April 23
May	Liars & Tiers 26 May Prepping for San Juan		9 May Dr. Colleen Caldwell on Whirling Disease	
June	Liars & Tiers 30 Jun.	San Juan Trip Jun 24-26	No general membership meeting.	
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul.		No general membership meeting.	
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug. (Wed)		8 Aug. George Sanders - Flyfishing in Big Sky country.	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep.		No general membership meeting - picnic instead.	Sept. 10 Annual Picnic & Raffle
October	Liars & Tiers 27 Oct.	San Juan Trip Oct. 7-9	10 Oct. Kodiak Gang will give presentation on flyfishing for silver salmon.	
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov. (Wed.)		14 Nov Taylor Streit - NM guide will speak on "Fishing Northern NM."	<i>Fish Stocking</i>
December	Liars & Tiers 29 Dec.		12 Dec. Dr. David Cawley - Fishes of the Rio Bonito, tributary of the Rio Yaqui, Mexico	

* **Bold text** in table means confirmed and *Italics text* means tentative

Membership and Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Cost is \$20.00 per day with student permits (12 or over) costing only \$12.00 per day. 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.
Attn: Membership
P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222
Membership Application
(Please print clearly)

NAME: _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Status: (check one) Regular (\$20) _____ Family (\$25) _____

Membership Status: (check one) Renewal _____ New _____

What would you like to get out of belonging to the Club?



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Next Meeting:

New Mexico Game and Fish Office
2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico
(next door to the Peter Piper Pizza store on the feeder road of Highway 70)

The Kodiak Gang on:
Flyfishing for Coho salmon on Kodiak Island.

October 10 - 7:30 PM

Directions from I-25:

- **Exit Del Rey Blvd and follow the lane for Del Rey.**
- **At the Del Rey traffic intersection make a right.**
- **Go to the next traffic intersection and make a left at the light onto Northrise Dr.**
- **You should see Piper Pizza on your left and the next building is the New Mexico Game and Fish Building, 2715 Northrise Drive**