

Tale Waters

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund \$5,979

Membership Meeting

Monday, 9 October

The MVFF membership will meet on Monday 9 October at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room.

The program will be presented by Stephanie Coleman, the most recent recipient of the Norm Mabie Scholarship. She will speak on: *Gila trout: past, present, and future*. Since the Gila trout has been downlisted and it may be possible to fish for them in the near future this should be especially interesting.

Stephanie has a BS in Wildlife and Fisheries from Arizona State University and is currently doing research on the Gila trout. She has also worked as a fisheries technician on the San Juan River.

Liars and Tiers

Thursday, 26 October

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 26 October at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Midge Emerger* which will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez.

This is the same pattern scheduled for September but the September meeting was canceled because of

unavailability of the room. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 16 October

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 16 October at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Corner

The September picnic was attended by about 35 members, family members and friends. Those in attendance had the opportunity to visit with other club members and their families and enjoy some great food. You missed out on a good time if you did not attend!

It's time for the next group trip to the San Juan River for some great trout fishing. I understand that fishing has been very good this year and the fish caught have been good size. We will have a BBQ potluck on Friday, Oct. 20th at the small group shelter.

The Jujubee Midge Zebra has been reported as a hot fly recently on the www.Ifly4trout.com discussion board. The recipe for this fly is available at www.danica.com and www.charliesflyboxinc.com.

The first Kodiak group has just returned from their trip to the Emerald Island for that great fishing for Silver Salmon. Group 2 left on Saturday and will return in a week. I understand that Jim Hulsey was motivated to move down river by a large Kodiak bear who wanted to fish in Jim's fishing hole. It seems that Roger Pastoor was the top fisherman in group 1, with several nice Silvers and Dolly Vardens. The entire group caught some fish, and we are anxious to hear the fish tales from this trip.

We will be stocking the Rio Peñasco Lease in October; the exact date is yet to be determined, so if you would like to participate with the stocking, please let me know, with an e-mail or phone call.

Tight lines,
Tom

Club Trip to the San Juan

20 - 22 October

The final plans for our annual fall San Juan outing have been firmly arranged for 20, 21 and 22 October 2006. It is expected that about 35 people will participate. We will not have guides available this year as they declined to participate. If you have never fished the San Juan a list of equipment, fly patterns and motel information are available on the Club webpage.

Most of us will be assembling at the Texas Hole parking lot on Friday morning so if you have never fished the San Juan there will be someone available to give advice on rigging and places to fish.

There will be a potluck dinner on Friday the 20th at the small pavilion in Pine Creek campground. This is the same one we used last fall. The Club will furnish the main course, probably barbecue, and everyone

should bring a side dish or dessert. We will start eating at 6:30pm.

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](#).

Fish Stocking Scheduled for Rio Peñasco

8 October

The club will have a work party on 8 October to stock the Rio Peñasco. We plan to stock about 450 rainbows and brown trout. People wishing to carpool can meet in the K-Mart (the one on N. Main) parking lot at 7:15am. We need to be on the road by 7:30am in order to meet the fish truck at the lease at 10:00am. Bring a 5 gallon bucket if you have one.

After stocking, workers will be able to fish for the rest of the day without a fee.

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Midge Emerger

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *Midge Emerger*. Midge emerger is a rather generic name as there are many flies tied to simulate midge emergers, but this particular one is a pattern taught to Joseph Lopez by Norm Mabie.

A number of years ago Joseph took a fly tying course from Norm and as part of the instruction was taught to tie this fly. It is a very effective fly and can be used on just about any stream.



Hook: TMC 2488 or 2487 size 24, 26

Thread: Unithread - black 8/0

Rib: Extra fine gold wire

Wing: White antron

Body: Black thread

Thorax: Uniyarn - black or gray

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HELP!!!**E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to President@mvff.org. If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to president@mvff.org.

Angler's Nook

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.

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 \$5,979. 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.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31
And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license

Note: The following article is from the FFF newsletter.

Stupid Fly Fishing Tricks

Submitted by Daryl Crowley – West Michigan Hacklers

We've all done it. And for what other reason then to amuse and entertain our friends. While akin to Stupid Human Tricks, or Stupid Pet Tricks, these are specific to our chosen sport. Many of these I've compiled from personal experience, others from observing friends equally practiced at executing tricks. You probably already know many of these tricks, but add any you're not already familiar with to your repertoire and amaze your friends. Here then is a collection of Stupid Fly Fishing Tricks bound to make you the life of the party during your next fly fishing trip.

1. Shut the car door on your rod tip.
2. Bring a box of streamers to the big hatch and leave your dry flies at home.
3. Bring your waders but leave your wading boots at home.
4. Just as a really big trout starts feeding voraciously, hang your backcast high in a tree.
5. Don't use the restroom before putting on your waders, belt, and vest.
6. Don't check the batteries in your flashlight before going night fishing.
7. While stopping the boat along the river for a break, let one of your oars drift away.
8. Forget to put the drain plug in your boat.
9. Float downstream until dark and miss your take-out.
10. Stab wildly at a big fish with your net and catch the fly on the outside of the net, knocking the fish off.
11. When stringing your rod, wrap the line around the rod between the 5th and 6th guides. Don't figure out why you are having trouble shooting line until you're done fishing and putting your rod away.
12. Tie on a very small and difficult-to-see fly in low-light, and then cut the main line instead of the tag end.
13. Tie a very complicated leader, weight, bobber, and two-fly rig, and then realize you've missed a guide when stringing your rod.
14. While closely examining your fly to make sure it's intact and the hook is sharp, burn your leader with your cigar.
15. Don't check your fly regularly and fish for a half-hour to a large steadily rising fish with an empty tippet.
16. Pull hard on a snagged and weighted fly until the tippet breaks and the split-shot rockets back striking you in the face.
17. Inadvertently get mosquito repellent on your lips.
18. Drop an open box of 150 meticulously tied and weighted nymphs into a fast riffle.
19. Decide it would be fun to fish salmon with your 2 weight.
20. Fish salmon with your 2 weight using 20 pound tippet and a tight drag.
21. Confide in someone a hot secret fishing spot, but ask them to tell no one.
22. Hike into a remote river through swampy lowlands but pay no attention to the thick growths of waist-high nettle.
23. While a fresh green 25 pound salmon is making that first screaming run, grab the reel handle and stop him.
24. After losing your fly to an overhanging bush, retie and immediately cast into the same bush. (Score extra points for a good grouping.)
25. Stick your thumb in the mouth of a big brown trout and land him like a bass.
26. When double hauling sixty feet of line at a big cruising fish, accidentally let go of the fly line with your left hand on the last back cast.
27. When roll casting a heavy weighted streamer, bring the rod tip back farther than usual, give it some extra punch on the forward cast and whack yourself upside the head, knocking your hat into the water. (A hugely popular trick)
28. While quickly hiking along the riverbank, ignore the brush grabbing your landing net, until it breaks free and the bungee on your net drives the handle into the center of your back.
29. When fishing from a boat and giving your very best efforts to not move or wiggle your feet even the smallest amount; find yourself frequently standing on your fly line.
30. After lightly hanging your fly on stick in the river, give the rod an expert little roll with quick snap and pop the fly cleanly off the stick and solidly into a tree branch high over your head.
31. Decide it would be a smart thing to put on a fresh fly at the peak of the midge hatch and cut off the perfectly good fly you've been fishing with and then realize you left your glasses in the car.
32. After snagging your fly on a submerged log, push your rod tip down to the fly and hook the tip-top onto the fly and break an inch off the tip of your fly rod. Still loose the fly in spite of breaking your rod.
33. When setting your boat up to fish a very fast run, lower your anchor into the fork of a submerged tree. Don't keep anything on board suitable for cutting an anchor rope.
34. While unsuccessfully trying to tie on a fly under a heavy mosquito attack, suddenly and angrily loose control and swat at the bugs in your face knocking your glasses off and into the river.

35. While fishing from a moving drift boat, pay no attention to the slightly submerged snags and when the boat comes to a sudden stop - pitch headlong out of the boat and into the river.

36. Finally the all time classic Stupid Fly Fishing Trick..... Leave your rod and reel on top of your car after fishing and drive away!

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Kodiak Island - Group 1

The first group of club members has returned from Kodiak Island and have a few silver salmon to show for their efforts. The fishing wasn't as good as hoped but it wasn't bad.



Roger Pastoor



Jim Hulsey



Paul Turner



Randy Hulsey



Jim Sharp



A nice silver showing the fly that was his demise.

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MVFF Monthly Events Calendar*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
September	Liars & Tiers 28 Sept. Midge Emerger	Club Trip to Kodiak 23 Sep- 1 Oct	No Club Meeting This Month Picnic instead	9 Sept. - Picnic
October	Liars & Tiers 26 Oct. Midge Emerger	Club Trip to Kodiak, 30 Sep - 8 Oct 20-22 Oct. - Club Trip to San Juan	9 Oct. Stephanie Coleman: <i>Gila trout: past, present and future,</i>	Penasco Stocking - 7 Oct.
November	Liars & Tiers 30 Nov. Kiwi Muddler			
December	Liars & Tiers 28 Dec.			

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

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.

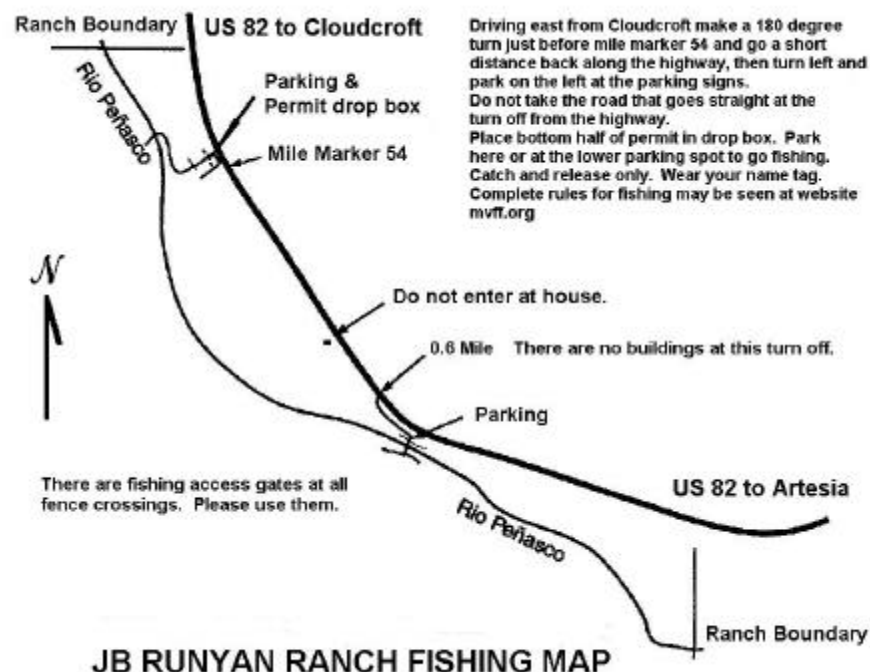
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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 \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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 Hulseley. 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 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

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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ _____
_____ Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.