

Tale Waters

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at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *House & Lot*. This is a great rough water fly. Tying will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

President's Corner

Paul Turner

I hope to see many of you at our first regular meeting of the Fall on October 1st. We have Marc Wethington, fisheries biologist with the New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish, set to give a talk about habitat improvement projects and fisheries management issues on the San Juan River. After his talk we will have a short session on the things you need to know before going on the club trip to the San Juan River on October 12-14. I got to meet several new members at the club picnic on September 22nd, but if you didn't make it this year you missed an enjoyable outing with great weather to boot. We had about 45 members and their families attend and everyone got to meet Justin Mapula from the Department of Fishery and Wildlife Sciences at NMSU. Justin is this year's recipient of the Norman Mabie Memorial Scholarship and has helped the club at several Kid's Fishing Clinics. He is currently a senior majoring in fisheries science and plans to attend graduate school when he graduates.

We have a few slots left for guides on October 12th so make sure you contact me soon if you want one of the guides to help get you started on the San Juan. I have already reserved my campsite (E55) at the Main Pine campground on Navajo Lake and have the Main Pine Group Picnic Shelter reserved for our group meal on the evening of the 12th. MVFF will provide BBQ brisket and buns, salsa and chips, soft drinks and water, condiments, plates and utensils for this group activity. We have asked attendees to bring a side dish or dessert to share with other members. This is also

Membership Meeting

Monday, 1 October

The October meeting will be held on 1 October with Marc Wethington of the NM Dept. of Game & Fish speaking on "Habitat improvement projects and other management concerns on the San Juan River". This is different from the date we usually have our membership meeting so be sure and mark your calendar now.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 15 October

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 15 October at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 25 October

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 25 October at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting

a great way to find out what flies are working and where from members that already have been fishing the river on Friday. My wife, Kay, plans to attend and I have her set for a guide on Friday morning to get her started right. Having a knowledgeable guide to get you oriented to the San Juan is a wise investment, but if you chose to not take advantage of this opportunity you should at least talk to some members in advance or at the group meal to get some good advice. The Bureau of Reclamation plans to release some excess water from Navajo Reservoir starting on October 22nd with a weeklong flow of 5,000 cfs planned before they return to normal flows afterwards. I expect the mornings to be cool on the San Juan by mid October so bring some warm clothes to layer so you can keep comfortable throughout the day. Kay and I plan to bring a wading staffs to help when crossing swift and slippery riffles. Flows have been uniform during the summer so algae will have had time to grow on shallow areas. You should have felt soles or cleats on your wading shoes or waders if you want to keep from testing the water temperature using the whole-body technique (not recommended). I also wanted to alert the general membership about a tentative electrofishing survey of the Rio Penasco planned for October 27th. We have had good fishing reports throughout the summer and know that we have had some juvenile trout from natural reproduction in the river. This survey should help us know what type of stocking plans we need to make for the fall and winter fishing season. If you are interested in helping or watching during this survey, please e-mail or call me at (505) 523-6880. We have some students from NMSU planning to bring electrofishing gear and long-handled dipnets for this survey so all you would need to bring are some chest waders if you want to help with netting the stunned fish. Water temperatures will be cooler by then and that plus experienced persons running the gear reduce the likelihood of incidental mortalities of the fish during sampling. Remember if you're too busy to go fishing, you are TOO busy! Hope to see you on the San Juan to correct this undesirable condition.

Paul

George O'Connor

MVFF member George M. O'Connor died at home surrounded by family on September 22, 2007 at the



age of 68. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, George and his wife Sue, moved to El Paso, TX in 1990. George joined the MVFF in September of 2002 and was serving on the Executive Board at the time of his illness from cancer. He will be missed.

Electrofishing Planned for Lease

Saturday, 27 October

The Rio Peñasco Lease will be electrofished on 27 October 2007. The Board feels that before more stocking of fish is done it would be advantageous to know what kinds and sizes of fish are presently in the stream. Students from the NMSU Fisheries Dept. will assist and will furnish the electroshocking equipment. If you wish to help or if you simply wish to know how it is done come along and watch. We will be carpooling from the Kmart parking lot. Contact Paul Turner for equipment to bring and times to meet.

Permits Now Available at ATF Fly Shop

MVFF members may now purchase Rio Peñasco Lease fishing permits at the ATF FLY SHOP in El Paso. The shop is located at 1845 Northwestern, Ste D, which is off Transmountain Rd. Phone: 915-225-0570. Hours: 11-6 Tues-Fri and 10-5 Sat. Membership applications are also available at the fly shop.

Club Trip to the San Juan

12 - 14 October

The final plans for our annual fall San Juan outing have been firmly arranged for 12, 13 and 14 October 2007. It is expected that about 30 people will participate. The Club has arranged for two guides on Friday. Each guide will take three people in the morning and again in the afternoon, for a total of 12 people. If you want a guide let Paul Turner know. The cost for each angler will be \$50 + tip. The club is paying the remainder of the fees. 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 12th 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 Paul Turner know.

Detailed instructions along with a list of motels and an equipment list may be found on the Club [website](#).

Club Outings Planned

The board has discussed several possible fishing outings for the coming year but at present only has the one shown below scheduled. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to George Sanders, (505) 527-5536, who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

San Juan - 12 - 14 October - annual fall trip to San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Abraham Anderson	Mesilla Park, NM
Donald Brazil	Las Cruces, NM
Christopher Evey	Las Cruces, NM
Blaine Goss	Las Cruces, NM
Kirk & Sydney Jelinek	El Paso, TX
Ike Johnson	El Paso, TX
Bernie Lorenz	Las Cruces, NM
David Manago	El Paso, TX



**MVFF Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 24, 2007**

In Attendance: Paul Turner, Jim Hulsey, Ron Bellerose, Donna Mabie, Gary Mann, Bob Silver, Tom Wobbe, Richard Keding, and George Sanders Absent: Jeff Arterburn

1. The August 2007 Board Meeting Minutes and the Treasurer's Report were approved by the Board Members.
2. Plans for the picnic of Sept. 22 were discussed and everyone volunteered what they would bring and what they would do to set it up.
3. Plans for the San Juan River trip of October 12-14 were discussed. At the October 1 general membership meeting, money will be collected from those who sign up for guides for half-day sessions. It will cost \$75, and the member will pay \$50 and the club will pay \$25. The guides will be available for Friday morning and Friday afternoon.
4. Marc Wethington is still scheduled to speak at the October 1 general membership meeting.
5. A need for fall trout stocking was discussed and further information will be forthcoming. Help from members will be needed on Oct. 27th for about a half day's work for an electrofishing survey. Waders and nets will be needed on this survey. More information will be forthcoming in the newsletter.
6. Bob Silver will talk in November on his summer fishing trip. George Sanders will host the talk in December on his summer fishing on the Arkansas and Gunnison Rivers.
7. The Club donated a fishing print to the Consolidated Sportsman for their October 25th banquet.
8. Jim Hulsey mentioned that he will no longer be doing the website through Zianet but will go with a different provider which will be cheaper and offer more such as chat rooms, etc. The Board okayed whatever is needed to set it up.

The Kodiak Quarterly

by Bob Silver

It's not too early to begin thinking about a trip to Kodiak Island, Alaska next year for silver salmon. Tentative dates are September 20, 2008 to September 27, 2008 and September 27, 2008 to October 4, 2008. This column will be updated quarterly between now and then for those anglers wanting to make the trip. I hope by starting now anglers will have enough time to plan schedules and save for the trip. This column will include information to prepare yourself and hopefully entice you to go. We'll cover air and hotel reservations, traveling with equipment, what equipment to bring, and information about Kodiak Island. In the past, the trip has cost each person about \$1,600 to \$1,700. That includes round trip air fare from El Paso to Kodiak, hotel room with double occupancy, a shared cost of a rental car and a share of the gasoline. I didn't count food costs, but it can range from McDonalds to a decent restaurant. We stay at the Shelikoff Inn, which is right in the middle of town within walking distance of everything. It is inexpensive, but clean, quiet, convenient, safe, and its restaurant is good too.

This trip is ideally suited for an angler who knows how to flyfish and doesn't mind a do-it-yourself experience. As a group, we share the cost of motel rooms and rental cars as well as the camaraderie of fishing together. We have pretty well worked out the mechanics as we have made this trip for three years from 2004 - 2006.

The typical trip sets out like this. We leave El Paso on a Saturday and fly back a week later arriving on Sunday. Two days are spent on travel and five days for fishing. We fish the Kodiak Road System. There are only about 70 miles of roads on the island leading away from the town of Kodiak and this is called the "Road System." Each morning, we leave the motel

about 8 am and drive to the "river of the day". On the drive, you will see splendid scenery, bald eagles, otters, mink, and sometimes a Kodiak bear. The best rivers to fish have been the Buskin, Olds, American and the Pasagshak. The rivers are close to the motel and driving time is no more than 45 minutes. We park on the shoulder of the road next to the river and fish up or down stream. Everyone brings a snack and it has been customary to cook a salmon for shore lunch. This gives everyone a break to discuss the day's fishing strategies. Will you see a bear - probably! We have each year.

The quarry is silver salmon also called coho salmon. We go late September for two reasons. The silver run on Kodiak peaks later than in most other parts of Alaska and there is more rain, which helps the fish enter the rivers. This year, appears to be a good year on the Buskin as the Alaska Game and Fish has increased the daily bag limit for the Buskin from 2 to 5 salmon per day. The salmon are big and strong typically running 10 to 15 pounds with an occasional 20-pounder thrown in for fun. There are other anglers, but this is not like the combat fishing stories that you may hear or have read about occurring on other rivers of Alaska.

For more information, the Alaska Game and Fish website for the Kodiak Road System is <http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/region2/areas/index.cfm/FA/kodiakRoads.overview>

Kodiak is a beautiful place. To see some live pictures of Kodiak go to <http://akweathercams.faa.gov/viewsite.php> .. Pictures of the Pasagshak can be seen at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/units/kodiak/pasagshak.htm>



Quick Look Contact Information

2007 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President	Paul Turner (505) 523-6880
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• Treasurer	Gary Mann (505) 521-7793
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• Position 2	Ron Bellerose (505) 541-0807
• Position 3	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
• Position 4	Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
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• Jim Hulsey (505) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$10,677
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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.

Bamboo Rod Repair

Club member Karen Erickson is interested in working on old bamboo rods. If you have one that needs repairs give Karen a call at (505) 524-7729.

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.

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.
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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
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H & L Variant

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the H & L Variant also referred to as the *House & Lot*.

The H & L Variant was designed as a rough water fly, one that would not sink, and still be visible on fast water. It is fished as a dry fly, upstream or quartering

upstream, mending line to obtain the longest possible float.

Detailed tying instructions may be found at <http://www.flyanglersonline.com/flytying/fotw2/041601fotw.html> from which this information was taken.

For those of you not familiar with this website, it is an excellent fly tying resource.



Hook: Standard dry fly, sizes 16 - 10.

Thread: Brown, 8/0 or 6/0.

Body: Rear half stripped peacock herl: front half peacock herl.

Wing: White calf tail.

Tail: White calf tail.

Hackle: Furnace (brown is fine).



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
September	Liars & Tyers 27 Sept. Jujubee Midge		22 Sept. - Club picnic at Preciado Park, NMSU	14-16 Sept. - 3 rd annual Gila River Festival
October	Liars & Tyers 25 Oct. House & Lot	Club trip to San Juan - 12 - 14 Oct.	1 Oct. - Marc Wethington, NMDG&F, will speak on San Juan.	27 Oct. - electrofishing project at Rio Peñasco Lease.
November	Liars & Tyers 29 Nov.		12 Nov. - Bob Silver will speak on "Salt Water Flyfishing".	
December	Liars & Tyers 27 Dec.		10 Dec. - George Sanders will speak on "Fishing the Green River".	

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.

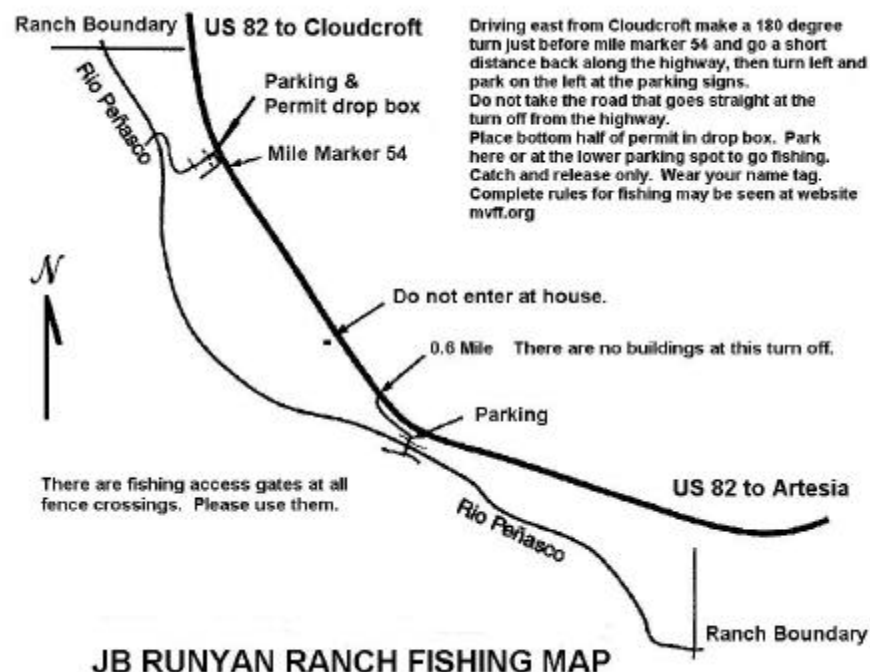
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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* in Las Cruces and the ATF fly shop in El Paso. 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 \$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 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.