

Tale Waters

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Membership Meeting

Monday, 12 October

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 12 October at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Jeff Arterburn will speak on *Rockport Redfish*. It promised to be very interesting and entertaining. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 October

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 19 October at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 29 October

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 29 October at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The group will be tying the *Black Beauty*, a fly that, along with its many variants, is especially effective in tailwaters. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the ATF flyshop in El Paso and is an accomplished tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

President's Corner



Flyfishing can lead you to some spectacular places, and sharing those times with friends and family adds greatly to the experience. The Northern Rocky

Mountains hold so many different possibilities for chasing trout that even granted a second lifetime would likely leave many streams unfished. My wife and I were extremely fortunate to spend a beautiful morning with longtime MVFF member and avid fly angler Sam Moore at his special place on Fish Creek at the base of Teton pass, just outside of Jackson Hole, WY. He has truly found his center here, where for the past two and a half decades and counting he can literally wake up each morning to rising Snake River Fine-spotted Cutthroat trout in view from the cabin window, and can access the Snake, Flat Creek, Gros Ventre, and myriad other excellent trout streams in the immediate area. I was then able to spend some time with Brad Shuster in the Gallatin Canyon, wet wading to catch the contrast of the cool water and late afternoon sun. Finally, we visited our good friends Michael and Bridgette Guerin in Helena, MT where a first breath of 30 mph winter kept us off the big Missouri but let us find relative calm and beautiful Westslope Cutthroat trout on two tributaries of the Blackfoot.

Many of you will be enjoying the club trip to the San Juan, and I will be looking forward to hearing some fish-tales. There is still great fishing ahead across the region for the next couple of months, and we are so fortunate to have the opportunity to fish the Penasco where some of the best fishing of the year is beginning right now.

I will be giving a presentation at the October 12th meeting about flyfishing for redfish in the shallow bays of the Texas coast near Rockport. I'm a relative

newcomer to saltwater flyfishing, but with some encouragement from our local sage Al Trompler, I have bitten this bug and will try to show you all how exciting and different this sport can be, and how accessible it is for anglers on a budget.

I hope to see you streamside.

Jeff

New Board Member

The Executive Board has appointed Jim Sorenson to fill the remainder of the term for Randall Vallee who recently resigned his position.



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Thirteen soldiers made the trip from El Paso to attend the fly tying and knot tying session held on 17 September at the

NMDG&F. The fly tying part was led by Tim Mack with the knot tying session conducted by Chuck Mueller. There were enough volunteers for one-on-one assistance. Everyone had a great time and everything went great.

On 24 September we met at Ascarate Lake in El Paso and conducted a fly casting clinic. About the same

number of soldiers attended as the previous meeting and again there were enough volunteers for individual instruction.

We are planning on going to the lease with the Vets on the 15th of October to fish the river. With at least 25 Vets wanting to fish, all the volunteers we can get will make this trip a great success for both the volunteers and the Vets.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Contact Ron (575-541-0807, roncor@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2009 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 George Sanders, (575) 527-5536, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

Welcome New Members

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| Scott & Billie Jo Allred | Ruidoso, NM |
| David Blount | Odessa, TX |
| Jack Corman | Oklahoma City, OK |
| Gary Elam | Odessa, TX |
| Mark & Annette Kowalski | Las Cruces, NM |
| Alan Leshnaver | Odessa, TX |



Annual Picnic



Black Beauty

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Black Beauty*.

The *Black Beauty* was developed by Pat Dorsey and here is what Charlie Craven has to say about it on his website: "Pat Dorsey, the illustrious South Platte River guide, popularized the *Black Beauty* in recent years. The *Black Beauty* is the ultimate guide fly; quick and easy to tie, durable and the thing catches fish. The *Black Beauty* is the basis for a number of other patterns with just slight differences. Tie it with white thread and a black or gray dubbed or marker colored head and you've got a *Miracle Nymph*, add a silver bead, substitute silver wire for the rib and you have a *Zebra Midge*, red thread and no head makes a *Blood Midge*. You get the idea, a simple thread body ribbed

with wire for segmentation and flash and a small dubbed head combine to match a variety of midge larva. You can tie up a complete size and color range to match midges anywhere using this fly as a pattern and varying the colors. Don't forget to tie some with small metal or glass bead heads, too. I use the *Black Beauty* and other thread midges on a dropper behind a *Pheasant Tail* or *RS-II* much of the time and in tandem with a *Brassie* or *Poison Tung* during the winter months. This fly is particularly successful on tail waters and holds it's own on freestone rivers during low water periods and the winter."

Charlie has detailed tying instructions for the *Black Beauty* along with its many variations at his a great web site at <http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com/>.



- Hook:** TMC 101 #18 to 24
- Thread:** Uni 8/0 Black
- Rib:** fine copper wire
- Body:** thread
- Thorax:** Super Fine Black Dubbing
- Bead:** Crystal Clear glass bead



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

| Month | Events | Trips | General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker | Clinics or Lease Projects |
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| September | Liars & Tyers 24 Sept. <i>"Charlie Boy Hopper"</i> | Sep. 30 - Oct. 3 - MVFF Lady Anglers trip to the Pecos. | 14 Sept. - Bob Silver will speak on preparing for the San Juan trip. | 12 Sept. - Annual Club picnic to be held at Preciado park, NMSU 17 Sept. - PHW Fly Tying session. 24 Sept - PHW Casting session at Ascarate Lake |
| October | Liars & Tyers 29 Oct. <i>Black Beauty</i> | 2-4 Oct. - annual trip to the San Juan | 12 Oct. - Jeff Arterburn will speak on <i>Rockport Redfish</i> . | 15 Oct. - PHW fishing trip to the Lease. |
| November | Liars & Tyers 23 Nov. | | 9 Nov. | |

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2009

Submitted by Donna Mabie, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting presided over by Vice-President Bob Silver was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room.

In attendance were Robert Silver, Ron Bellerose, Tom Wobbe, Gary Mann, Richard Keding, George Thomas, George Sanders, Paul Turner, Donna Mabie, Jim Sorenson, and guests Richard Newton, Randall and Vicki Vallee.

1. Minutes of the August Board meeting, as published in the September newsletter, were approved with no corrections noted.
2. The Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Gary Mann was approved and shows a balance of \$13,843.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 207 paid members.
4. Ron Bellerose reported on the status of Project Healing Waters. Thirteen of the 25 expected soldiers came to the flytting session in September. Carol Katz will be coming to our January banquet. We have 20 fly rods for the Project activities. Ron reported that local disabled veterans are eligible to belong to the Project and flyers will be disbursed at various

places in town such as the VFW and the VA on Don Roser Street.

5. Plans for the San Juan fishing trip were discussed, especially as to when and where members are to meet with their guides and also to the place and time of the Friday night potluck.
6. Robert Silver will check into why we have not received billings for the monthly porta-potty cleaning at the Rio Peñasco.
7. Board members discussed various ways in which more of the club funds could be spent to benefit the members. Some suggestions were to offer free fishing permits to volunteers and to buy more raffle prizes for the banquet in January.
8. A care package has been sent to Joshua Vallee in Afghanistan and this will continue on a monthly basis. Donations are requested from club members and are to be brought to the monthly general meetings.
9. The question was raised as to whether the Rio Peñasco should be restocked with trout soon and it was decided that observations would be made to determine if it is necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

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More Picnic



Quick Look Contact Information

| 2009 Officers of the Club | |
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| Officers | |
| • President | Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773 |
| • V-Pres. | Bob Silver (575) 522-6325 |
| • Secretary | Donna Mabie (575) 522-3810 |
| • Treasurer | Gary Mann (575) 521-7793 |
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| • Position 2 | Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050 |
| • Position 3 | Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437 |
| • Position 4 | George Thomas (575) 532-5614 |
| • Position 5 | George Sanders (575) 527-5536 |
| Newsletter & Web Page Editor | |
| • Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880 | newsletter@mvff.org |

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

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| Total | \$11,003 |
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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 (575) 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.

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.



***** 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.

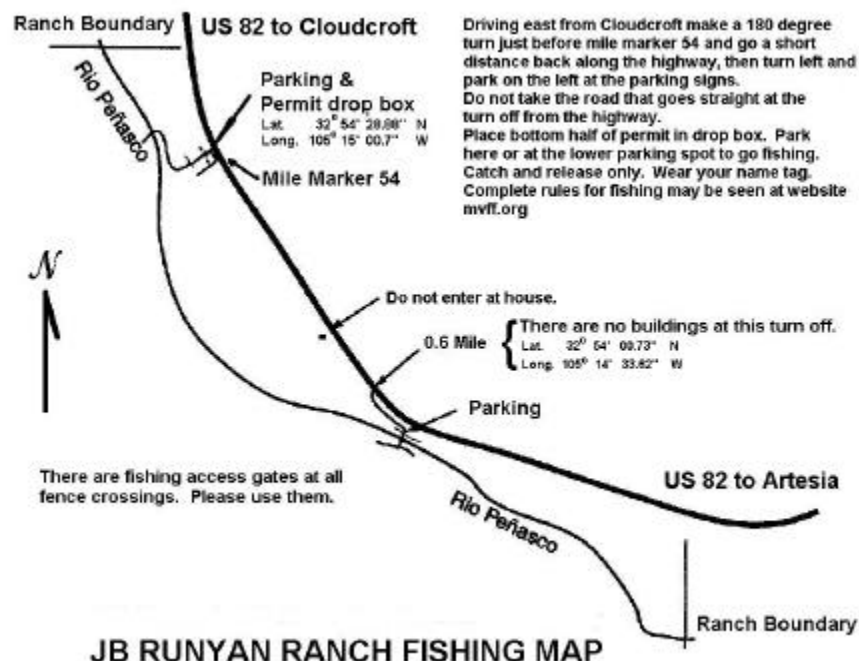
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| 1 Year | \$20 | Individual |
| | \$25 | Family |
| 3 Years | \$50 | Individual |
| | \$60 | Family |
| Life | \$400 | Individual |
| | \$500 | Family |

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* (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the ATF fly shop in El Paso (915-225-0570.) 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 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.