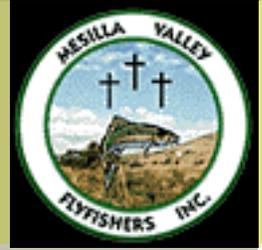


# Tale Waters

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 October

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 11 October at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. George Sanders and Mary Hoffman will give presentations of trips made to the Green River and by the ladies anglers to the Conejos. Bob Silver will show a few bear and fish pictures from Kodiak Island.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 October

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 October at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 27 October

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 27 October at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The pattern to be tied has yet to be determined. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in

El Paso and is a professional tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.



## President's Corner

Summer is over so remember, we start the regular meetings on the second Monday of each month. We kicked off the start of the regular fall MVFF meetings with an all day session featuring Ed Engle.

He demonstrated how to design and tie several small fly patterns and he also tied a fly on a size 32 hook.

The next meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup>. George Sanders and Mary Hoffman will give presentations of trips made to the Green River and by the ladies anglers to the Conejos. Brad Shuster and I just returned from Kodiak, Alaska so I will slip a few bear and fish slides into the program as well. The door prize for the Oct 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the flies that Ed tied at the meeting. The November meeting will feature Rick Takahashi, another well know fly fisherman/fly tier from Colorado. You can learn some more about Rick from this website <http://www.askaboutflyfishing.com/speakers/rick-takahashi/rick-takahashi.cfm>.

Club members traveled to the San Juan last week and enjoyed several days of fishing as well as made good use of the guide program that MVFF offered. I understand that the lease is still fishing well. Make use of the time before the weather changes and turns colder. Usually the fishing slows on the lease during the late fall and winter months.

The trip to Kodiak this year was sort of a last minute affair. I had gone in 2008, but really had not planned to go this year. I forgot how much I like it there. Weather was typical for Kodiak. Nice one minute and drizzle the next. My last afternoon was the highlight

of the entire trip. This is a picture of one of our new friends. The bear to salmon ratio was a little higher



than we would have liked, but it all turned out well. But, I will save the rest for the next meeting.

Christmas is approaching and we are having the "Rod for Christmas" raffle at the December meeting. So buy your tickets at the next meeting. The winner has a choice of a Sage or Winston rod. I will bring them to the next meeting for you to see.

Regards

Bob



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters has had a couple of events this last month. Ft Bliss participants came on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September for fly tying and knots. We had 12 soldiers, 3 staff and 12 volunteers. The group we had was very interested in the program and really worked on tying the flies. Thanks to our volunteers for making this a success. Our next outing with the Ft. Bliss soldiers will be on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> at Lake Ascarate in El Paso. We could have up to 20 soldiers attending this event. We can use all the volunteers we can get.

A group of volunteers went to White Sands Missile Range on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. There was a total of 17 signed up for the intro to fly fishing, only 3 showed up. Sounds like a very disappointing outing but on the positive side I obtained several more contacts to work Project Healing Waters. The vets that showed up were very appreciative and interested

in what we had to offer and I need to follow up with them.

On Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Thanks Team WSMR" event. This allows area businesses to show their appreciation for soldiers and their families. This event will be from 3pm to 7pm at WSMR Volunteer Park. I am planning on setting up a table to not only promote PHW but to let the base know about our fly fishing club and what we have to offer to the soldiers and their families. I will be looking for a couple of volunteers to help me get things set up. I will have more info in the next few days.

A special thanks needs to go out to the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers and all the volunteers that help supporting our area Vets. Thank you very much.

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For more information about PHWFF see [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org).

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), [roncor@hotmail.com](mailto:roncor@hotmail.com)) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

### Club Outings Planned

The board has no outings planned at this time. Now is the time to make your suggestions for possible outings for the remainder of this year and also for 2011. 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

Alegra Alexander	Las Cruces, NM
Gerald Briones & Luz Franco	Carlsbad, NM
Todd & Brie Howell	Las Cruces, NM
George & Denise Klein	Grand Prairie, TX
Michael O'Toole	El Paso, TX
Charles R. Powell	Hurst, TX
E. Peter Barnes-Smith	Las Cruces, NM
Kyle Wagner	Lubbock, TX



### MVFF Lady Anglers Have great Time on Conejos

Helen Zagona



Once again our MVFF Lady Anglers proved that they know how to have a good time! Seven of our most hardy members ventured north for a weekend of fishing, fine dining and wine tasting September 11 and 12.

Although the Conejos River lived up to its reputation as a difficult

and temperamental river, those who used patience and were at the right place at the right time caught a few nice fish. The weekend of September 11/12 turned out to be a time of significant lowering of water flows from Platoro Dam. Flows fell about 25% from about 200cfs to 150cfs on the day before we arrived. Even with this impairment, several of our members were rewarded with fine catches.

Two teams of anglers fished the lower river with guides on Saturday. Kay Turner started the day by hooking a very nice rainbow and making quite a splashy scene before losing it to the current. I also lost a nice one early on and then it was pretty slow until just before quitting time. About then I hooked a couple of Rainbows with a very small Copper John-type fly. Alison Mann, Mary Hoffman and Debbie Hamlyn fished the "flywater" stretch of the Conejos both days. The weather and scenery were beautiful but the fishing was tough. On Saturday, fishing with guide Doug Camp, Alison caught rainbows on a Pat's Rubber Legs crafted by Doug. She hooked a very stout fish that put a big bend in her rod and while letting the fish "run", it snapped the tippet. Debbie caught a rainbow during an early afternoon mayfly hatch using a Blue Winged Olive. Meanwhile, Mary took a large brown also on a Pat's Rubberlegs. It turned out to be the Fish Of The Trip as you can see from the picture.



Mary Haynes and Miriam Carmichael decided to try something a little different and traveled to Culebra Creek on the Quintana Ranch near Chama, CO (not NM) with guide Randy Keyes. They fished the small stream pocket water using a dry and dropper and caught 20 browns up to 12" between them. Most if not all were caught on the nymph. Miriam used a standard stimulator or a #14 Parachute Adams for her dry fly, and caught fish with both a flashback pheasant tail and a nymph called the "lightning bug".

Sunday was a very slow day for everyone. Kay, Miriam and I traveled all the way up to the "Meadows" section of the upper river and saw some incredible Fall scenery. We had a lovely day but it was not made better by catching any fish! Alison, Debbie, Mary and Mary fished the lower river again. Alison caught another nice Rainbow on the dry this time! It took the Parachute Adams and prevented us from having a total strikeout for the day.

From our perspective, this trip was a complete success. We all increased our skills, caught some fish and had a grand time! Everyone is now talking about where we ought to go on our next big adventure. For those Lady Anglers who missed out this time, stay tuned for the next trip announcement.... don't miss out on the upcoming trips for fun and good company!



**MVFF Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 20, 2010

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the NMDG&F conference room by Vice-President Chuck Mueller. In attendance were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, Paul Turner, Jeff Arterburn and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Jim Hulsey and Tom Wobbe.

1. The Minutes of the July and August Board meetings were approved as published in the September newsletter.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved. The club has \$13,459 in available funds and \$11,003 in the Mabie Scholarship.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 189 current members, which is an increase of 2 since July.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that the next Project Healing Waters is scheduled with a fly tying class on September 23, a casting class on October 7 and a trip to the lease on October 21. Volunteers will meet at the K-Mart Parking lot on September 28 for a trip to White Sands. Fourteen people have signed up for an introductory fly fishing class.
5. Ed Engle's program in September was well received. There were 30 people in attendance and 30 books were sold.
6. The Club outing on the San Juan on October 1, 2

and 3 has been reduced in scope. Tom Wobbe has received commitments for eight of the guide slots and four remain open. A motion that the Club honor its commitment to the guides if the slots remain open passed unanimously.

7. Jeff Arterburn announced that there will be a trip to the Black Canyon on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to do more stream restoration work with Matt Schultz from NM Environmental Improvement Dept. The Forest Service has completed a land swap with the Diamond Bar owner to provide easier access to the upper portion of Black Canyon. The NM Game and Fish have expressed interest in a project to improve the Snow Lake and Snow Creek area for fishing.
8. Paul Turner will have a table at the Southwest Conference of Sportsmen (SCS) program on September 25<sup>th</sup> to hand out materials on the Club in recognition of National Hunting and Fishing Day. The SCS annual banquet will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
9. The Club has rented a 10' x 10' storage locker to store the materials belonging to the Club. Tom Wobbe, Bob Silver, Ron Bellerose and Jim Hulsey have keys to the locker.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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**MVFF Monthly Events Calendar**

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
October	Liars & Tyers 27 Oct. <i>pattern tbd</i>	Oct. 1-3 - MVFF trip to San Juan.	11 Oct. - Program George Sanders and Mary Hoffman will give presentations of trips made to the Green River and by the ladies anglers to the Conejos.	7 Oct. - PHW fly casting clinic - Ascarate Lake 21 Oct. - PHW fly fishing outing - Rio Peñasco
November	Liars & Tyers 24 Nov. <i>pattern tbd</i>		8 Nov. - Rick Takahashi will present a program on fly tying and fishing.	

Fishing Reports



*The following report came from club member Steve Lewis of Elbert, CO.*

"I caught it on the South Platte River (Dream Stream) between Eleven Mile and Spinney Reservoirs 30 September. I caught it on a gray thread midge with a sparsely tied thorax and wing case. I only caught one Kokanee, but several more rainbows and browns. I would have had more pictures but since "someone" that we all know (initials "Jim") says I take pictures of the same fish over and over, I only took one picture! The day was perfect for the Dream Stream with very little wind and big spawners in the water. I saw the owner of a fly shop down on the Arkansas river land a big spawner that must have been at least 28-29 inches. Made my 20-incher look small."

Rio Peñasco

*Club member Chuck Mueller from Las Cruces reports:*

"Fishing Report on the lease on September 30th. I had a great time and caught a lot of fish throughout the day. I put on a hopper with a dropper (copper john or emerger). Fish were mainly taking the emerging pattern and I had few takes on the hopper. Most of the fish were about 10 inches with a few over 12 inches".

*Randy Powell, a brand new club member from Hurst, TX submitted this report after his 1st fishing trip to the lease:*

"Tuesday (14 Sept.) I did make it over to the Rio Penasco. I spoke with the lady at the house prior to going over to make sure it was convenient, asked if it were alright to come over, received her "OK", then purchased a permit from her. I filled out the permit and left the stub in the mailbox. Fishing was excellent. I only used one fly pattern as it worked so well - a clicker counter would have been needed to record how many fish I caught. I quit at counting at 15. The pattern I used was a dry fly - caddis imitation, CDC and deer hair size 18 TMC 101 barbless. CDC was tan with bleached coastal deer hair. All fish were rainbows to 12", and all were returned to the river unharmed with a nice tail wave "good-bye". I can send you a fly I used, or you can view on FLYfisherman's web site in the "top 40" flies area. As to the river, I don't think I have ever been so pleasantly surprised. I've never fished east of the Mississippi River but I've pretty much covered every state west, including Alaska and Canada. Your river is definitely in my top five places. It will be a closely guarded referral to only those who practice catch and release, antiseptic cleaning of boots, waders, etc. after each area fished, and use of barbless hooks. I look forward to maintaining my membership with your club, and anticipate further requests for permits".

**Quick Look Contact Information**

2010 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Secretary:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Treasurer:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
<b>Board Members</b>	
• <b>Position 1:</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>Position 2:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Position 4:</b>	George Thomas (575) 532-5614
• <b>Position 5:</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• <b>Position 6:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Position 7:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 8:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• <b>Position 9:</b>	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
<b>Membership Committee Chairman</b>	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

<b>Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,003</b>

**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](mailto: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.

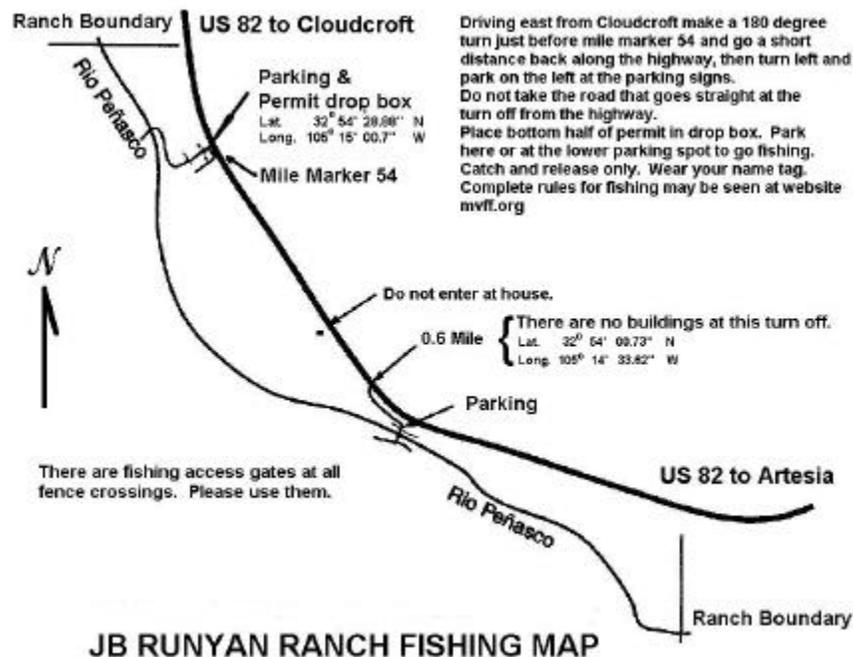
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

**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), Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the Sportsman's Elite fly shop (915-587-4867) in El Paso. 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/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.