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Membership Meeting

Monday, 10 October

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 10 October at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. There will be three parts to the program. Bob Silver will present some preliminary planning for the Club's trip to Kodiak Island next year. If you have any thoughts of going on this trip be sure and attend. Jeff Arterburn will give us updates on the Black Canyon restoration in the Gila and on the plans for restoring Rio Grande cutthroats in the Animas river in the Black Range. Last but certainly not least, Matt Ziegler will bring us up to date on his work on the *Habitat of Rio Grande Cutthroat in the Upper Rio Grande River Basin*. You will recall that Matt is the winner of the Norm Mabie scholarship this year.

There will be coffee and cookies for refreshments. Plan to attend.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 October

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 17 October at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 26 October

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 26 October at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The group will be tying the *Foam Beetle*. The recipe can be found later in this issue. 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 will be available for beginning tiers.

President's Corner



We had a nice turnout on September 11th for John Tavenner's clinic at the lease and with his presentation at our general meeting on Monday.

We are now ready to fish the San Juan on the upcoming trip from October 6th thru the 9th. The Octagon House is completely filled and we have all of the guided floats and guided wades filled. If anyone is still interested in going at the last minute, you will have to make your own arrangements. Those of you who are camping or staying elsewhere are welcome to stop by the Octagon House at the end of each day to share your fish stories of the day. On Saturday around 6pm we will have our pot luck dinner at the Octagon House. We will be grilling hamburgers and of course we will have green chile to top it off. Call me if you have any questions about this trip, Home - 575-647-4045 or Cell - 262-707-2252.

Our next general meeting is on Monday, October 10th. Jeff Arterburn recently visited the Black Canyon in the Gila and would like to share some photos and update us on that project. Jeff will also update us on the Animas Creek project. Bob Silver will be talking about next year's Alaskan fishing trip to Kodiak Island in September. If you plan now you should be able put money aside for this trip. We hope to have Matthew Ziegler give us an update on the *Habitat of Rio*

Grande Cutthroat in the Upper Rio Grande River Basin.

And last of all, I will share some photos and fill you in on the club's trip to the San Juan River.

The board is still working on dates for restocking the Rio Peñasco. We are trying to set this up for either the last Saturday of October or the first Saturday of November. We will notify everyone when the date is finalized.

Please see Ron Bellerose's article in this newsletter for updates on PHW. We had 28 soldiers at our flying class and I am sure Ron will need more volunteers for the casting class and outing coming up later this month.

We still have plenty of hats available, please contact Ron Warnke to purchase.

I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting and in the mean time keep a tight line.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters started its fall intro to flyfishing with the Ft. Bliss soldiers on Thursday September 29th with our flytying program. We had 28 Vets at the flytying, 4 Ft. Bliss Staff and only 8 volunteers from the club. We were very busy helping the Vets with the flytying but at the end of the training all went OK. A special thanks go out to our volunteers, Tom Wobbe, Jim Hulse, Julie Mueller, Chuck Mueller, Dave Medler, Bill Mayes and Karen Erickson. A special thanks goes out to Tim Mack who did a great job of working with the Vets and taking the time needed to let the Vets keep up with the flytying. Thanks Tim.

Our next session with the Vets will be on October 13th at Lake Ascarate in El Paso. We will be doing the fly casting lessons and more fly tying. We can use as many volunteers as possible. Las Cruces volunteers will meet at the Sportsman Warehouse parking lot at 6:45 to car pool to El Paso. El Paso volunteers can

meet at the lake around 8 AM. We expect the Vets to be there around 8:30.

Our fishing trip to the lease will be held on October 20th. It is vitally important the we have as many volunteers as possible for this event. I expect that we will have 25+ Vets to participate in the fishing of the river. We now have 25 fly rods for PHW, 25 vises and quite a bit of fly tying material for the Vets. The Cow Belles will be gracious enough to put on the lunch/dinner for the Vets and volunteers. For those of us that have had the pleasure of volunteering at the lease know that just the lunch is worth the trip. Thank you very much Cow Belles for your help in supporting our Vets. A special thanks goes out to Jim Ellett for letting us use the river and his backyard in supporting the Vets.

A letter from Dr. Thomas, Ft. Bliss, is also part of this newsletter. This letter will give you an idea of just how important this program is for our Vets. This letter has also gone out to the National organization to give the MVFF some well deserved recognition. Also a certificate with the volunteers has been presented to the MVFF for the volunteers helping with the Vets. Thank you so much to all our volunteers.

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

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), roncor123@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Agua Chiquita Work Training

Tuesday, 11 October

Please join us for a work-training day on Agua Chiquita Creek in the Lincoln National Forest. The group will work on several objectives including stream surveys, installation of temperature sensors, collection of aquatic invertebrates, and willow planting. We will be working with the U.S. Forest Service, New Mexico Environment Department Water Quality Division, New Mexico State University Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology, and members of the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers, and other interested groups are invited to participate. This project is supported by a grant from Trout

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Foam Beetle



Hook: TMC 5263 #10 to #14

Thread: 6/0 UNI Black

Abdomen: Black 2mm foam over Peacock Herl

Collar: Peacock herl

Legs: Medium Rubber Legs Black

Indicator: Chartreuse Green foam 2mm

Head: Black Foam pull over from abdomen cut to form a tapered head

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WILLIAM BEAUMONT ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
RESTORATION AND RESILIENCY PROGRAM
BLDG 48 SLATER ROAD
FORT BLISS TX 79916

Ron Bellarose
Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers Association
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Date: July 27, 2011

Dear Mr. Bellarose,

On behalf of the soldiers and staff of the Restoration and Resilience Center at Fort Bliss, I wanted to thank you and the volunteers of the Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers for your time and efforts that provided our service members the wonderful the fly fishing experience.

I wanted to share our view of the therapeutic benefits of the in vivo exposure outings, for which you and the volunteers at the Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers Association and the Healing Waters program afford our warriors who suffer from the invisible wounds of war.

While the soldiers engaged in the initial in vivo encounters, being guided through the intricate process of tying flies and learning how to cast, SM was required to have patience with himself and others as he learned new fine motor skills, accepting instruction from non-uniformed volunteers, and engaging in the repetitive motions required for fly fishing. This process of both facilitating the warriors' awareness of their own physical condition and limitations as well as engaging in intense focus help the wounded soldier to experience relief from the mind racing and intrusive thoughts so characteristic of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

Finally, the in vivo exposure outing in the Sacramento Mountains required the warriors to have adequately prepared themselves for dealing with the topography and the weather indigenous to the location of the expedition. While engaged, hiking through irregular terrain, exercise patience, and accept guidance from non-uniformed volunteers from the Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers Association as they applied the gross and fine motors skills learned in earlier outings. Faced with addressing numerous natural and frustrating barriers to effectively engage in the process, the soldiers were required to "step out of their comfort zones" in order to accept the gift of the experience from civilians who so appreciate their service, to address distress tolerance, successfully manage self affect, and apply interpersonal skills.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Welch".

George Welch, LCSW
Clinical Social Worker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vickie Thomas".

Vickie Thomas, Ph. D., Chief
Restoration and Resilience Center

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The staff and soldiers at
The Fort Bliss Restoration & Resilience Center
The Warrior Resilience Program

Wish to express our sincere appreciation to the volunteers at
Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers Association

Ron Bellerose
Mark Beltran
Andrew Brill
Ross Bruner
Karen Erickson
Mary Hoffman
Jim Hulsey
Sam Kunz
Tim Mack

Joen McAchren
Dave Medler
Bill Meryes
Alex Montes
Sam Moore
Chuck Mueller
Dick Newton
Barry Prah1
Henry Rodriguez

Ray Rodriguez
Bill Santrage
Monty Smith
Jim Sorenson
Jerry Spence
Howard Steinhoff
Paul Turner
Ron Warnke
Tom Wobbe

For providing support, time and facilities for our soldiers.

The Fort Bliss Restoration & Resilience Center
William Beaumont Army Medical Center
Fort Bliss, Texas



George Welch, LCSW
Clinical Social Worker

Vicki Thomas, Ph.D., Chief
Restoration and Resilience Center



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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$11,003

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.

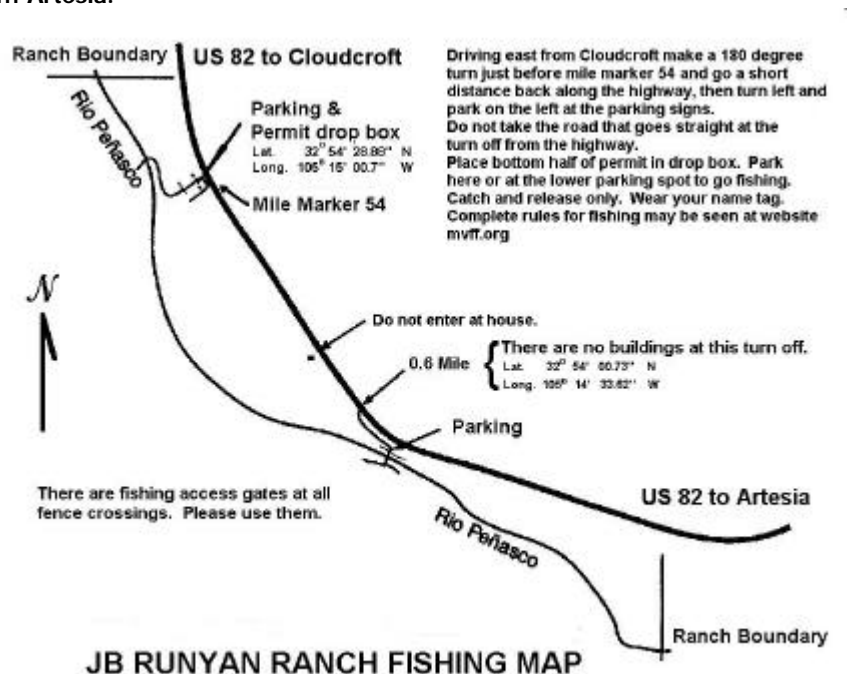
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.