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Membership Meeting

Monday, 8 October

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 8 October at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Bob Silver will make a presentation on the Club trip to Kodiak Island.

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 at 7:00 PM. Note: This date has been permanently changed from the 4th Wednesday which has been the meeting date to the 4th Thursday. This change has been made to accommodate the VFW veterans who wish to tie with us. The group will be tying the *Johnny Flash*. 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

Ron Warnke and I were at the leased property this past Thursday and fished from 9am to 2pm. Fishing was good, Ron caught 5 nice trout and I landed a 17-inch rainbow along with 8 other trout. Before leaving we

had a nice talk with Jim Ellett about the controversy over the property line by the lower waterfall. We still have every right to fish below the waterfall to the existing fence line for the time being. Jim thinks that after the land is surveyed we may only have about 150 feet access below the waterfall to fish. In the meantime if you do have any problems with the neighbor's foreman, please let Jim know about it.

Our general meeting is October 8th and Bob Silver will have a slide presentation and talk about their trip to Kodiak Island.

October 10th we have our PHW outing at the leased property for 21 of our soldiers from Fort Bliss. Jim Ellett said that the Cow Belles are looking forward to feeding and spending time with our soldiers. If you can help out that day please contact Ron Bellerose, we can use your help.

We have 32 members going on the club outing to the San Juan on November 1st. We plan on meeting Thursday evening at the Back Cast Café for dinner. Friday and Saturday everyone will enjoy dinner at the Octagon Inn. Thanks to Josi and Teako Nunn from Sparkies in Hatch, we will have pulled pork on Friday and green chile cheese burgers on Saturday. Just about everyone will be taking a guided trip from Sandstone Anglers or Land of Enchantment Guides.

Starting this month we are changing our Liars and Tyers from the 4th Wednesday of the month to the

4th Thursday of the month. This month we'll meet on Thursday October 25th.

Please mark December 1st on your calendar! The club is planning some stream restoration and releasing over 300 rainbow trout at the leased property. We can use help with releasing the trout and pulling out all of the temporary fencing along the stream that was installed two years ago. We'll have more on this next month.

See you at the general meeting. In the meantime keep a tight line.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is back on track and we have a great group of Vets from Ft Bliss. We had 22 soldiers tying flies and casting on September 19th and a couple of them caught fish with the flies they tied. Thanks to the volunteers that supported this great group. The donuts and coffee went over really well, thank you Tom. We all ate pizza for lunch. The next outing will be the fishing on the lease and I expect at least the same 22 soldiers will be there. I would like to have as many volunteers as possible for this event. Working with these soldiers is a rewarding experience and a one-on-one with them would be great. I would like to leave the K-Mart parking area at 5:45am on the 10th. Thank you volunteers that will be able to help out at this event.

On October 11th I will be working with some American Legion disabled Vets with flytying. This is the start of

a group of local disabled Vets and I expect great things to happen with this group. I would like a couple of volunteers to help with the fly tying on the 11th. We will be tying flies at the American Legion Hall at 1085 E Madrid Ave. starting at 6:30pm. This group of fly tiers will also be joining us for Liars and Tyers being held on the 4th Thursday of the month. That should enhance the group that regularly attends the class with Tim. This is a group that is available in the evenings and during the week-ends to go fishing.

I want to give special thanks to all our volunteers and to Jim and his wife with the Cow Belles. You all add to the recuperation of these soldiers. Thank you very much.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org. Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2012 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 any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- Early October - trip to Kodiak, Alaska (Bob Silver is contact for this trip.)
- 1-4 November - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Alan & Jill Barnwell

Lubbock, TX

Mark & Amy Buesing

La Mesa, NM

If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in.

Rachel Carson

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Johnny Flash

This month we will be tying the *Johnny Flash*. The *Johnny Flash* was originated by Johnny Gomez from Abe's Flyshop at the San Juan. This particular fly was tied by Jude Duran whom many of you know. Looks to be an easy tie. See you there.



Photograph: Hans Weilenmann

- Hook:** Tiemco 200rbl #22 or Tiemco 2488 #24-26
- Thread:** Red UTC 8/0
- Tails:** Brown saddle or neck hackle
- Body:** Black thread spun counterclockwise for smooth tapered body
- Emergent: wing:** 3 strands of pearl Krystal Flash or Flashabou accent
- Thorax:** Mahogany superfine dubbing

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Fishing report from the Rio Peñasco

September 27th 2012

Chuck Mueller

Weather was mostly cloudy with the temperature in the mid 70's to low 80's. The stream was low and clear. There was a nice PMD hatch going when I started fishing. I used a size 14 Copper John and a size 20 Pheasant Tail trailing about 12" behind. I caught a few with that combination but changed over to a PMD emerger and landed a nice 17" rainbow. After the hatch stopped around 10:30am, I switched to an Olive Sculpin and caught 5 more, every one of them over 12 inches. I quit fishing at 2pm when I heard thunder and it started raining. I would say that it was a good day of fishing for the short time I had.





Lady Anglers Fish the Arkansas

Helen Zagona



Spectacular fall weather greeted five Lady Anglers as they ventured into Colorado to fish the Arkansas River near Salida. Blazing aspens and cool sunny days made for great fishing. Although the river flows had dropped to typical fall levels (260cfs), we got good help

and talking with other anglers, we came up with a good plan which was very successful for our third and final fishing day. Everyone caught fish, both rainbows and browns. We found that the fish were holding in the heaviest water and were taking the smallest nymphs. We also found a great "secret spot" for fishing next time we are on the Arkansas. Our lips are sealed!

finding fish on our day with guides from Arkanglers. A successful strategy turned out to be dry and dropper, using hoppers and very small midge or mayfly nymphs. With very few exceptions, the strikes were on the nymphs. Also, fishing heavy riffles with a double nymph rig was very successful. Fish liked both the bead-head hare's ear and very small bat-winged emergers. We learned that the fish were feeding in small pockets of slightly calmer water, even in very heavy riffles.



And as always, we had a fantastic time off the water as well. A beautiful spacious rented home with a back deck overlooking the river was our setting. Wonderful dinners and wine at Salida's best restaurants and browsing unique galleries rounded out a really fabulous trip.

We are now busy planning our Lady Angler Spring Getaway. We invite all MVFF women to participate. We would love to hear suggestions from everyone. Be sure to watch for news in the coming months.

Wading was nearly impossible without wading staffs and landing fish in the heavy water was difficult. A

disappointment was the lack of fall blue winged olives hatching, even when we had cloud cover, making dry fly fishing unproductive. Even when fish could be seen rising, they were taking tiny emergers rather than dries.

Our first day without guides was a learning experience and we found out which strategies do not work. We also found out where fish were NOT feeding. However, after putting our heads together



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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 17, 2012

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Chuck Mueller. In attendance were Chuck Mueller, Ron Warnke, Bob Silver, George Sanders, Jeff Arteburn, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members, Tom Wobbe, Jim Hulsey and Dick Newton.

1. Minutes of the August 2012 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
2. In the Treasurer's absence, Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has a balance of \$14,121 and gave a breakdown of expenses for the past year and permits sold. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
3. The Club has 217 members who have paid their dues for this year.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that the Project Healing Waters fly tying and casting clinic for Ft. Bliss soldiers is set for Wednesday, September 19. He is meeting with the American Legion representative this week to determine how many local disabled veterans would be interested in learning more about fly fishing. To accommodate any veterans who are interested in fly tying, Liars and Tyers will be rescheduled to either the fourth Tuesday or Thursday of the month depending upon Tim Mack's availability.
5. A motion to provide a permit and gasoline reimbursement up to \$50 from PHW raffle funds for volunteers taking a disabled veteran to the Lease was approved.
6. The Club has seven license plates and six hats left. Ron Warnke will place an order for more of each of them.
7. Chuck reported that 25 members have signed up for the Club's trip to the San Juan on November 1st to the 4th.
8. A motion to reserve \$750 worth of 8" to 10" rainbow trout to be stocked at the Lease on December 1st was approved.
9. Speakers for the October, November, December, January and February general meetings have been lined up.
10. A motion was passed authorizing the Raffle Prize Committee to order \$1,500 worth of raffle prizes for the annual meeting. The amount will be discussed further at the next meeting when the Treasurer is available.
11. Dick Newton made a presentation on the need to have a monitor installed at the Lease to indicate stream flow and clarity to avoid Club members making a wasted trip. He and Jim Hulsey will investigate the feasibility of installing a monitor and having the information linked to the Club's website.
12. The request for the Club to provide a fly tying demonstration in October at the Bosque State Park was discussed. In light of the short notice and crowded schedules, we will decline.
13. The next Board meeting will be Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

*Often I've been exhausted on trout streams, uncomfortable, wet, cold, briar-scarred, sunburned,
mosquito-bitten but never with a fly rod in my hand have I been unhappy.*

Charles Kuralt

Quick Look Contact Information

2012 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
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• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Treasurer:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• Position 4:	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• Position 5:	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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Norm Mabie Scholarship FundMarket Value as of 30 June 2011 **\$10,709****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.

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. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. 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.

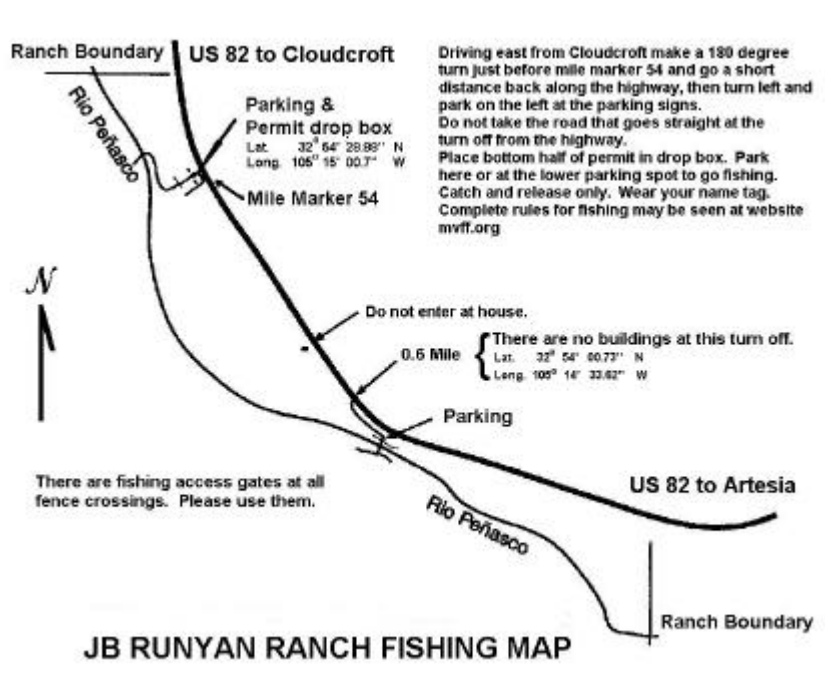
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.