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Membership Meeting

Monday, 14 October

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 14 October at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special guest speaker will be Club member George Sanders. George made an extensive trip through Utah, Colorado and New Mexico this past summer. He will share these adventures through slides and videos. Refreshments will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 21 October

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 21 October at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 23 October

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 23 October at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied has not been decided. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner



On September 25th we had our PHW fly tying and casting clinic for about 20 of our soldiers from Fort Bliss. We had a good day with these soldiers and they were ready for their fishing trip to the lease. Today October 2nd we had

a picture perfect day with 19 of our soldiers fishing at the lease. Thanks to our many volunteers, Jim Ellett and the Cow Belles. They made this day very special. See photos in this newsletter.

Our general meeting is October 14th and George Sanders has a presentation on his summer fishing venture. George started his trip on the Green River in Utah and worked his way through the Southern Rockies from the Gunnison River to the South Fork and Rio Grande and finishing up on the Rio Conejos. He has both slides and videos of his trip and will give you a good idea of what you can expect if you plan a trip to any of these areas.

Twenty-five members will be heading up to the San Juan on October 10th for our fall club trip. Friday and Saturday everyone will enjoy dinner at the Octagon Inn, thanks to Josie and Teako Nunn from Sparky's in Hatch. Most of the members will be taking a guided trip from either Sandstone Anglers or Land of Enchantment Guides. The river flows should remain low, between 260cfs and 350cfs, which will make it easy to wade. The weather forecast for October 10th at Navajo Dam is partly cloudy with a high of 62 degrees and a low of 42 degrees.

We are planning a Rod Building Clinic this fall which will consist of three sessions (rod selection and cost, preparing and setting up your rod, and wrapping and finishing your rod). If you are interested in building a rod, please contact George Sanders, Bob Silver or myself.

In the meantime keep a tight line.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is getting very active. We have a group from Ft. Bliss fishing on the lease Wednesday October 2. Hope you

all can make it there to help these Vets.

Last Quarter we had a total of 24 new PHW Vets, 19 from Ft. Bliss, 8 fly tying classes, 7 fishing trips for a total of 221 Vet hours and 127 Volunteer hours. Thank you all for your support and help.

We are planning a couple of fund raising events this quarter in hopes of making enough money to go on a couple of trips to the San Juan or maybe even the Big Horn. We will have PHW hats for sale along with red, white, and blue flies on a safety pin that we will be selling. It looks like we will have a fund raising session at Jack Key Nissan the last Saturday in October. More info to follow on that. Without the

generosity of the MVFF volunteers and the time that is spent with the Vets fly fishing for them would not be possible. Thank you all so 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 2014 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:

- October 10-13 - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Britt & Becky Devenport

Artesia, NM

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Rio Peñasco Fishing Report

During September large runoffs were experienced on the Rio Peñasco causing a washout of the leased waters. On the 27th of September Blaine Goss fished it and filed the following report and photos of the damage.----

"Caught a couple of rainbows Friday, but I had to go all the way down (almost to the property line) to get them. One was 14" and "shell-shocked." The other

one was a "stocker" 8-9". Water is dirty at the upper end. In the lower portion, the water is clearer but still discolored. The bridge that was damaged was the lower one, not the upper one as I thought. Pictures I sent you tell more of the story. The river flow in lower portion is a lot flatter and straighter than before the storm. Recovery is going to take a while".





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MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2013

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, Bob Silver, Jeff Arterburn, Ron Warnke, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulse.

1. Minutes of the August 2013 Board meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$12,707, although some adjustment has to be made for next month's Club trip to the San Juan. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
3. Tom Wobbe distributed a list of raffle prizes that the Club has on hand. The Club spent about \$800 for raffle prizes (including the PHW raffle prize) at the recent Sportsmen's Elite close-of-business sale at a 50% discount. Bob Silver, Jeff Arterburn and George Sanders were appointed to the committee to select the remaining prizes for the Club's annual banquet.
4. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 213 paid-up members of which 74 are family memberships. He also reported that he picked up 110 permits from the box at the Lease which have been deposited since May.
5. Ron Bellerose reported that PHW will host the Ft. Bliss soldiers for fly tying and casting clinics on

- September 25th and for fishing at the Lease on October 2nd. Approximately 22 soldiers are expected and volunteers are needed. Tim Mack will lead the fly tying and will be at the Lease. Ron is organizing a PHW fundraiser to be held on Columbus Day and/or Veterans' Day. He reported that the Club is holding \$617.83 for PHW after reconciliation and including the amount that the Club spent for the PHW 2014 raffle prize.
 6. Guest speakers for the upcoming monthly meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:
 - October—George Sanders—summer fishing trip
 - November—Tom Lightfoot—his trip to Kodiak
 Bob Silver will contact them to be sure that the dates work.
 7. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Club would not order any new hats or other merchandise.
 8. Chuck Mueller reported on the final preparations for the Club trip to the San Juan.
 9. Jeff Arterburn reported that the Trout Unlimited National meeting will be held in Santa Fe in September 2014.
 10. The next Board meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:00pm.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.



Quick Look Contact Information

2013 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• V-Pres.:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Secretary:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
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• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
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• Position 4:	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• Position 5:	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
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• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2012	\$9,808

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.

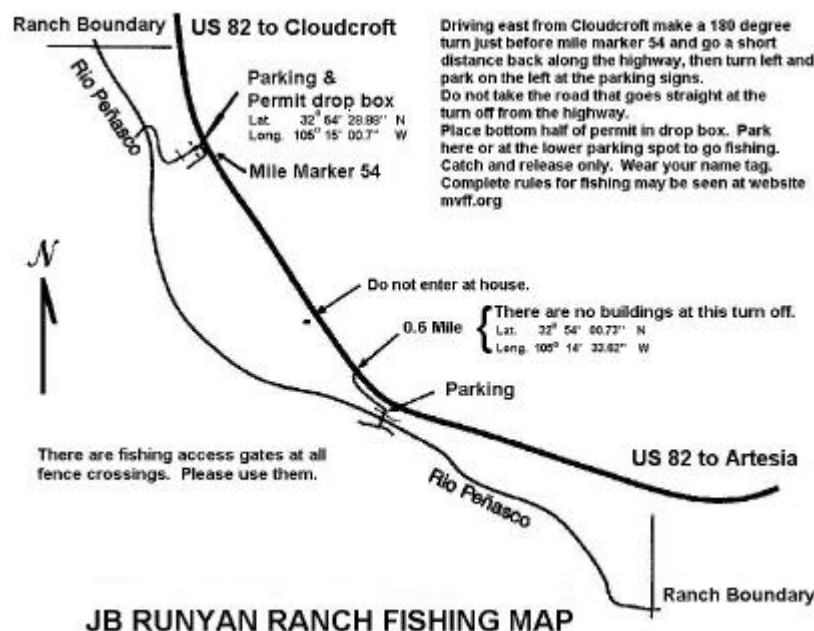
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. 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 (current dues have been paid) 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.