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Membership Meeting

Monday, 12 October

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 12 October at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Guest speaker will be David Carmichael.

Cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 October

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

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 28 October

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 28 October at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Chocolate Midge Pupae* (two versions.). 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

Jim Sorenson



We accomplished all of the stream improvements at the Lease that we set out to do during last Saturday's work-day! With Jim Ellett's pneumatic fence post pounder, and

his son, Andy, as the operator, we placed 108 six-inch posts extending from the bank into the stream bed below the lower bridge. Over time, the posts will capture silt and debris which will build up the bank and narrow and deepen the channel. By narrowing and deepening the channel, we will speed up the flow, increase the oxygen content and cool the water and, hopefully, decrease the amount of algae growth in late spring and summer in this part of the stream. We owe a special thanks to Bob Silver for engineering and spearheading this project.

As we had machines to do the heavy work, a crew took the opportunity to clear as much of the vegetation overhanging the stream as could be reached from the lower bridge to the irrigation takeout and from the upper waterfall to the upper end of the Lease. There are a number of deep holes in these areas which will now be more accessible than they have been.

Thanks to the following Club members who helped with the stream improvement project—David Carmichael, Ted Hopkins, George Kasper, Ron Bellerose, Dennis Lanpher, John Downey, Stan Wright, Jim Sorenson, Bob Silver and Tom Wobbe and also to the NMSU students—Will Libenau, Dominic Lujan, Dillon Martinez, Tyler Carter, Haley Smith and Sarah Grubel.

A quick reminder of some upcoming events: David Carmichael is our speaker at the October meeting and Tom Lightfoot will make a presentation regarding the

Club trip to Kodiak at the November meeting. Project Healing Waters will be hosting approximately 24 soldiers from Ft. Bliss for fly tying and casting on October 28th and for a trip to the Lease on November 4th. We can use as many volunteers as we can get for both of these events. The Club trip to the San Juan is set for November 11th. We have about 12 members who have signed up and room for plenty more. If you are interested, contact Chuck Mueller. The signup deadline is October 13th.

On Sunday, December 13th, the Club will sponsor a fly casting clinic with Bob and Leigh Widgren at Alumni Pond on the NMSU campus. We are still in the planning stage, but we anticipate there will be a beginning session and an advanced session. The clinic will be free to all Club members, so take advantage of this opportunity to improve your casting skills. We will provide more information at upcoming meetings, in the newsletter and by email.

Finally, the Board has set February 6, 2016 as the date for our annual Club banquet. Our guest speaker will be Tim Cammisa. Tim is the host of TroutandFeather.com and a large number of fly tying and fly fishing videos on YouTube. He is a frequent and dynamic speaker on all aspects of fly fishing. So save the date, as it should be another entertaining and informative event.

Tight Lines,

Jim



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is going strong. Third quarter summary shows that even with the heat of the summer we did quite a bit. The volunteers spent a total of 424 hours at different events during the 3rd quarter. We had 16 new Vets join the program, 6 fly tying classes, 5 rod building classes, 2 casting events and 5 fishing events. Thanks to all our MVFF volunteers.

Upcoming events include casting at the University pond on October 3rd, rod building on October 5th, fly

tying at Ft Bliss on October 23rd, fishing at the lease on October 24th, fly tying on October 27th at the Las Cruces VA Clinic, fly tying at NMG&F on October 28th with casting in the afternoon. We will have the fishing on the lease November 4th. October 28th and November 4th will be with our large group of soldiers from Ft Bliss. We need all the volunteers that we can get for these events.

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

Lady Anglers Conquer Conejos

Helen Zagona



Veni, Vidi, Vici. Seven MVFF Lady Anglers and one new recruit traveled to the Conejos River earlier this week. It was a success all 'round. Each angler spent one full day on private waters at "Rainbow Trout Ranch." All anglers pulled colorful 18" to 22" rainbows and browns from waters of that ranch. These fish had hardly seen a fly all year and willingly grabbed assorted nymphs and a few dries artfully cast to them. The dries included one "Stimmie" (tied by our own Uncle Al) which caught fish by two different people. Browns had



spawning colors and were wearing their "clown suits" as described by Scott our guide. Our MVFF First Lady (President's wife) seemed to catch the fattest and biggest with her newly acquired expert "czech nymphing" skill. (We see a new Echo Shadow II czech

nymph rod in her future.) She perfected this high sticking method, pulling so many huge fish out of pools that she shamed her fishing partner using standard casting technique!

Three of the anglers also took the drive and long hike down into the canyon to the Los Pinos River near the Osier Station. This beautiful stretch of river is wild



and challenging with the narrow gage railroad train thundering past on the tracks hundreds of feet above. Fishing there was difficult but a couple of fish were caught on dries, including one 17" brown (in clown suit) on a PMD variant. That made the long hard climb out a bit easier. On another day, four of the women anglers were taken by guides on the endless bone-jarring, teeth rattling drive (don't try this in your own vehicle!) to La Jara Creek. Three hours of driving only yielded mixed results with each woman

only landing a few smallish fish. It was a character-building experience.

The Conejos valley was in full fall color with aspens and narrow-leaf cottonwoods all yellow and orange. A scene of heart-stopping beauty with the river below. As always, Lady Anglers enjoyed good food, very good beverages and comfortable accommodations and (best of all) close friendships on their annual fall trip. The only question left open: where next year??

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible future outings and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let them know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members. Trips now in the planning stages are:

- Fall —annual fall trip to the San Juan
- Fall —annual fall trip to Kodiak Island

Welcome New Members

Catherine Carter	Austin, TX
Dan Samoly	Austin, TX
Patrick Lussier	Alamogordo, NM
Sander & Marvia Avant	Castroville, TX
Bill & Hattie Barham	Utopia, TX
Ricardo Chavez	Carlsbad, NM
Kimmie Kruczek	Carlsbad, NM
Danny & Charlotte Sons	Roswell, TX



Chocolate Midge Pupae



Chocolate Midge Pupae UV

- Hook:** TMC 200R or similar #24 to #18
- Thread:** UTC Dark Brown 70 denier or similar dark brown thread 8/0 or smaller
- Bead:** small root beer or similar glass bead
- Tail:** small pheasant tail fibers, the closest to the tips
- Body:** thread
- Wing case:** UV Knot Sense over UV pearl tinsel or any UV mylar tinsel
- Thorax:** Antron Chocolate dubbing or similar dubbing

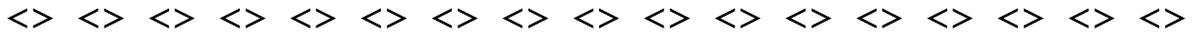
Chocolate Midge Pupae Foam

- Same as above except for wing case
- Change to white Razor Foam or craft foam cut to size.



Rio Peñasco Stream Improvements Project
September 26, 2015





MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2015

Submitted, John Kennedy, Secretary

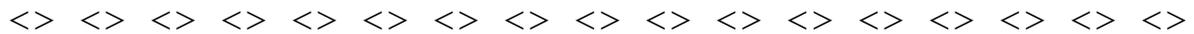
The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7pm, in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Jim Sorenson. In attendance were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, John Kennedy, Bob Silver, Dennis Lanpher and Paul Turner and non-board members Jim Hulsey, Ron Bellerose, Tom Wobbe, Tom Lightfoot and Will Labenau from the American Fisheries Society.

1. Minutes of the August 2015 Board meeting were approved as published in the September issue of the newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$14,831. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 297 members.
4. Ron Bellerose reported on PHW activities into early November. Fly tying will take place at the VA Clinic in Las Cruces on September 30; on Oct. 5 there will be rod building with Terry Keibel, including preparing a manual on *How to Build a Flyrod* for blind people; fly tying on Oct. 23 at Fort Bliss; fishing at the lease on Oct. 24; fly tying on Oct. 28; and the Club's annual Fall fishing at the lease with the Wounded Warriors, with lunch provided by the CowBelles on Nov. 4.
5. Will Lubenau reported on behalf of the American Fisheries Society. The Society will have at least 7 volunteers at the stream improvement project on Sept. 26. The Society is also interested in doing another fly tying event with the club.
6. The stream improvement project at the lease for Sept. 26 was discussed. Materials have been pur-

- chased including fence posts and metal caps. Jim Ellett will supply equipment to drive in the posts. A number of people have volunteered. The Club will supply lunch, and give permits to the volunteers.
7. A discussion on stocking the stream was tabled.
8. Club trips were discussed, including the San Juan trip in November. A possible trip to Lee's Ferry in the spring of 2016, was discussed with more information needed. Kevin Campbell of Lee's Ferry Anglers will speak at the Club's Jan. 2016 meeting.
9. Fall speakers will include David Carmichael in Oct. and Tom Lightfoot in Nov., discussing the Kodiak Island trip.
10. A casting clinic for the Club was discussed for Dec. 2015, with Bob Widgren instructing and possibly our speaker for the Dec. general meeting.
11. The Club's annual banquet will be February 6, 2016 with Tim Cammisa as the speaker. He will do a fly tying clinic in the morning. Tim is best known for his You Tube Videos on Fly Fishing and Fly Tying. A prize committee was formed. David Carmichael will build a 4 wt. 4 piece rod for the raffle.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.



Quick Look Contact Information

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2014	\$11,487

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 LI-
CENSES 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.

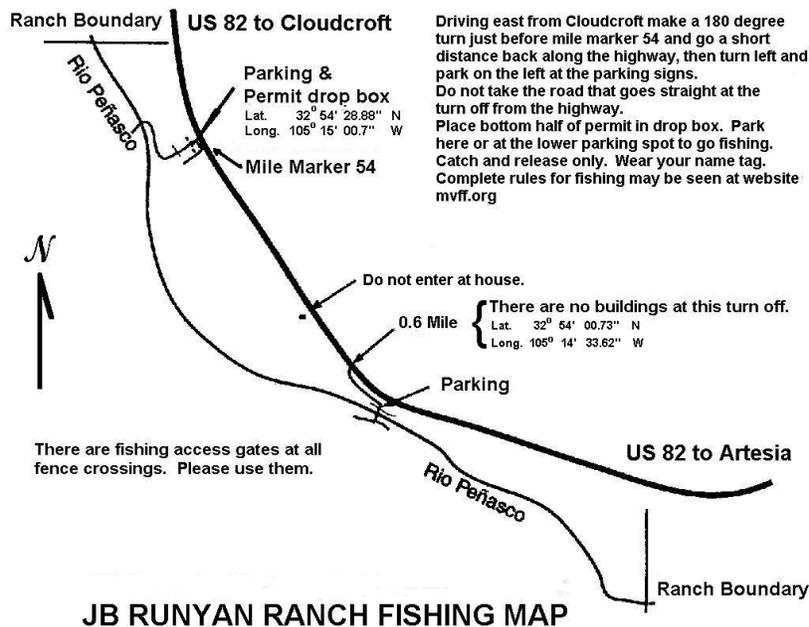
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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 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.