

# Tale Waters

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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club

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## September Meetings

There will be no regular membership meeting in September, but instead there will be the annual picnic and raffle on 10 September. See article on details. The Board will meet on 12 September at the Village Inn on Telshor and *Liars & Tiers* will meet on 29 September at NMDG&F.

## President's Corner

We had a very enjoyable presentation at the recent August meeting as club member George Sanders gave those in attendance a slide presentation with comments of his and club member Eric Pratt's summer trip to fish several Montana streams and lakes and the Green River in Utah. They certainly had an exciting trip catching cutthroats, graylings, browns and rainbows. George's presentation was followed by a brief review by Jeff Aterburn of his trip to Montana, also this past summer. Thanks to both members for preparing and giving the presentation. You missed a good meeting if you didn't make it.

The excitement is building as those planning to attend our October San Juan trip, double check their fly boxes to see that they have ample 22's, 24's & 26 size flies. We only have guide slots available for 24

members and they are almost all reserved so if you plan to go confirm very soon to take advantage of fishing with the guides. Just a reminder that anyone fishing with the guides must be a **current paid member and the \$50.00 fee is due by 10/1**. Call Tom Wobbe at 522-5437 or 649-0388 or send an email to [president@mvff.org](mailto:president@mvff.org).

I have been contacted by club members Kathy & David Nesbitt who are associated with a hunting and fishing show, seen on the Men's Channel and Dish Network- TexMex Adventures. They will attend our October San Juan trip with film crews and plan to film our club enjoying the San Juan. They also plan to attend the upcoming picnic and raffle as an opportunity to meet other club members.

Don't miss the opportunity to enter the Sept 10<sup>th</sup> raffle. We have many great prizes for the drawing and you can enter as many as you want, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100. Remember all funds raised will go to our club events and the Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund. Besides the raffle tickets in the August & September newsletters, additional tickets will be available at the picnic. Those out of town can e-mail or give me a call at phone numbers above and I will fill out the tickets if you mail the club a check prior to the event.

Tightlines,  
Tom

## Club Picnic

The Club will have their annual picnic and raffle on 10 September at Presidio Park on the NMSU campus. This is the same place as last year. If you are not sure how to get there, directions are on the back page of this newsletter and there is a map posted on the webpage.

The Club will supply hamburgers and hotdogs along with plates, flatware, condiments, etc. You should bring a covered dish or dessert along with any other

snacks you might like. You should also bring a lawn chair.

The picnic will start at 11am and go to 2pm, but preparations will begin about 9 or 9:30. If you want to come out early and help set things up it will be appreciated. We have to set out tables and erect an awning in case of rain. Cooking preps must be completed so cooking can begin at 11am or shortly after.

Come on out. We always have a great time.

### Annual Raffle

In this issue of *Tale Waters* you will again find tickets for the Club's annual raffle which is to be conducted at the picnic on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Just in case last month's were not enough. This raffle is the Club's major fund raising of the year and you are urged to buy lots of tickets. If you need more tickets they are available at the *Anglers Nook* and from any of the officers and board members.

We have some great prizes this year and more are coming in all the time. Below is a partial list. You do not have to be present to win and remember, the more tickets you buy the better your chances of winning.

1. Sage Custom Rod crafted by Joseph Lopez
2. 1-Day Float or Wade Trip for 2 with Anasazi Anglers
3. 1/2-Day Wade Trip for 2 with Jude Duran
4. Gallatin Onyx Fly Rod
5. Folstaf Wading Stick
6. Northern Sport (Aquanova) Fly Line
7. Scientific Anglers GPX Fly Line, (DT-5wt-F)
8. Action Optics Polarized Sunglasses/with a Cap
9. Flying Fisherman Sunglasses
10. Panama Jack Sunglasses
11. Flip Focal Magnifiers
12. Many other prizes including hackle, tools, books, etc.

### Club Trip to the San Juan

The final plans for our annual fall San Juan outing have been firmly arranged for 7, 8 and 9 October 2005. It is expected that about 35 people will participate. The guided portion of the trip will be on 7 October (Friday). A current membership in the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers is required to participate in

this outing, so please check your membership status in advance of the trip. A "Sign Up Sheet" will be established with a cutoff date of 1 October or when a total of 24 club members have registered. Registration will be on a first come first served basis. The member fee for a guide will be \$50.00 on a non-refundable basis and is due by 1 October. This fee will cover a guide for 1/2 day with each guide having three clients. This is unchanged from the way things have been done for the past several years. If unable to attend after registration, you may transfer your reservation to another individual upon timely notification to Tom Wobbe. Direct contact with Tom for registration is suggested to avoid any delay caused by club mail pickup. If you have never fished the San Juan a list of equipment, fly patterns and motel information are available on the Club webpage. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> at the pavilion in Pine Creek campground. This is the same one we have used several times in the past. The Club will furnish the main course, probably barbecue, and everyone should bring a side dish or dessert. We will start eating at 6:30 p.m.

Since this is a Club sponsored event using club funds, attendees should be paid-up members. This is a great opportunity for all you new members to come out, meet some of the folks and have a good time.

For planning purposes we need to get a rough idea how many are going to attend the dinner. If you plan on being there but do not wish to use a guide let Tom Wobbe know.

### Fly Casting Clinic

Each fall the MVFF conducts a fly casting clinic if there is enough interest. The clinics are held at NMSU's Alumni Pond so that water will add realism to the instruction, i.e. the drag on the line as it is lifted from the water. A clinic is planned for this fall, September or October prior to the San Juan trip, if there is sufficient interest.

If you would like to attend this clinic please contact the instructor, Richard Keding, at 382-7498. The fee will be \$15 for members and \$35 for non-members. \$20 of the non-member fee is applied to a membership in the Club.

**Quick Look Contact Information****2005 Officers of the Club****Officers**

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**Fishermen Wanted**

Tom Korsmo is looking for someone to accompany him on a one week fishing trip to the Conejos in Colorado during the first week of September. If you are interested contact Tom at (505) 521-1755. Henry Rodriguez says he has room for 2 anglers in his pop-up camper for the San Juan Trip. Call Henry at (505) 5232-6450.

**Angler's Nook**

Norm's Shop is open as usual. Please contact Donna at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information, fishing permits, extra newsletters and raffle tickets.

*For the remainder of the year, 10% of all purchases by Club members will be donated to the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund.*

**Private Fly Tying Lessons**

If you are interested in learning how to tie flies, Joseph Lopez would like to give private fly tying lessons at Norm's Shop. Please call Donna Mabie at 522-3810, and she will help you get in touch with him to work out the arrangements and cost. Joseph is a club member and avid fly fisherman. Norm taught Joseph to tie flies and build rods when he was a

young boy. Joseph just recently moved back to the area. Give him a try!

**Norm Mabie Endowment Fund**

The scholarship has been named in honor of Norm Mabie. The NMSU Foundation will be handling the checks for the Club. We plan to deposit the donations until we have accumulated \$10,000 so that a permanent endowment at New Mexico State University can be created. Until that time when the endowment has been established, MVFF will continue to provide an annual scholarship from MVFF funds. Help us raise the fund. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail a check to the Club. 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." 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.

Presently the fund contains \$4,345. We are doing fairly well but still have a long way to go.

**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.

**Newsletter on Website**

Each month the *Tale Waters* is placed on the MVFF webpage ([www.mvff.org](http://www.mvff.org)), usually several days prior to being mailed, in Adobe Acrobat format. If you wish to view it there you have the advantage of seeing it earlier and in color.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31**

**And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license**

## Seven Days on the River

Earl and Adan Arbogast

*Editor's Note: Club member Earl Arbogast recently posted this story on Mike Mora's webpage and we thought that our members would like to read it also. The story is about fishing the San Juan during the Club outing in June and a follow-on trip to Colorado with Jude Duran. This is the first installment, the story will be finished next month.*

Just spent 7 days on the river and it was great. My 12 year old son and I couldn't have had a better time. This is probably not much of a fishing report but I wanted to talk about the people at the Juan also. You have a special place there. We'd be fishing at Texas Hole and this one young guide with blonde hair on a drift boat would yell at us cause my son had on a Texas Longhorn cap. He was trying to find out who won the national championship and found out Texas did. Other people visiting told us "Go Horns" also. That type of camaraderie existed 25 years ago when people could come up and joust with people they didn't know. Way to go!

During lunch, my son and I and our guide, Jude Duran, ate some MRE's. Put 1 oz of water into a packet and we had hot meals of spaghetti and meatballs, meatloaf, chicken breast and macaroni. Some of the guides looked interested and amazed and it started a conversation with some older Army guys about c-rations way back when. It was a great lunch that day.

Had a float trip with Jude at night, stripping the fly line and catching fish. A float trip the next day had me hooking the anchor rope about five times. Once, I tangled the leader up and was working on it and my rod almost got pulled in the water. I knew it wasn't a strike and when I looked, my fly line had wrapped around the anchor when Jude put it down. I told Jude and he mumbled something under his breath. I could of swore he was saying over and over something like, "You're killing me Earl". You guides have a hell of a job. How many times do you guys want to kill your client but sit there and smile?

After fishing the Juan we went to Colorado and the Frying Pan but Jude said we had to fish on our own since he can't guide up there. My son was sick but went out in the afternoon and we caught 3 brownies and two rainbows on our own in about 3 hours. Jude crossed the river which was real high at 450 cfs and he said it was the stupidest thing he has done cause of the danger. We stayed on one side. Jude went out of sight down river but came back and said he had caught about 8. Jude went out the next day on his own and we stayed at the hotel cause my son was sick. The last day at the Juan we just filmed on my camcorder and took pictures but every day we caught lots of fish, real big and also a few small ones.

- Earl & Adan (to be completed next month)



Father and son spending some quality time.



Adan with one of many caught with Jude guiding.

### The Palomar Knot

This month we present another knot that is useful to the flyfisher. The Palomar knot is a fairly strong and a very secure knot and may be used when the eye of the hook is large enough to allow the passing of the doubled tippet.

To become proficient at tying this knot start by using 10 or 12 pound test line, take these instructions, sit quietly in a chair and practice.

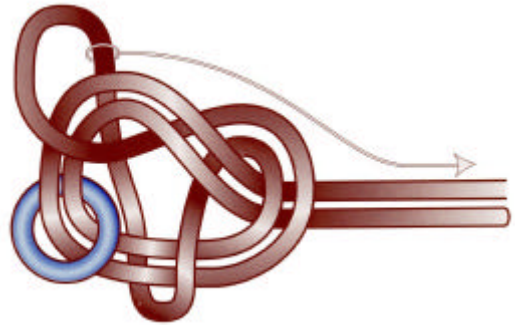
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Insert a long loop (long enough to pass over the hook) through the eye and tie an overhand knot.

These drawings and instructions were adapted from "The Complete Book of Fishing Knots" by Geoffrey Budworth; The Lyons Press

2



Tuck the hook through the loop.

3



Bring the loop back over the half-form knot to form a collar around the standing part of the doubled line.

4



Tighten the knot.

### Liars and Tiers

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 29 September at the New Mexico Game and Fish offices starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the WD-40 and other small San Juan type midges.



Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

Detailed step-by-step tying instructions can be found at <http://www.charliesflybox/flybox/>

**HOOK:** #20-22 (shrimp/caddis hook)

**THREAD:** Red, black, brown or gray 8/0

**TAIL:** Wood Duck fibers

**BODY:** Layer of thread

**WINGCASE:** Fine rabbit dubbing (matching color or white)

**HEAD:** Thread

## 2005 MVFF Monthly Events Calendar\*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
January	Liars & Tiers 27 Jan.		22 Jan. 6 pm MVFF Banquet & Raffle, Featured speaker - Dutch Salmon	NM Trout Conclave - Jan 15 Albuquerque, NM Sandia Prep School
February	Liars & Tiers 24 Feb		14 Feb. Alaska Fishing with Doc Warner	Peñasco Improvement Project
March	Liars & Tiers 31 Mar. Wooly Worm		14 Mar. Yucatan Fishing with Al Trompler	Peñasco Improvement Project NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium- Mar 26, Sandia Prep School, Albuquerque
April	Liars & Tiers 20 Apr. Elk Hair Caddis		11 Apr. Fishing the San Juan with Jude Duran	Fish stocking at Lease Kids Fishing Clinic-April 23
May	Liars & Tiers 26 May Prepping for San Juan		9 May Dr. Colleen Caldwell on Whirling Disease	
June	Liars & Tiers 30 Jun.	San Juan Trip Jun 24-26	No general membership meeting.	
July	Liars & Tiers 28 Jul.		No general membership meeting.	
August	Liars & Tiers 17 Aug. (Wed)		8 Aug. George Sanders - Flyfishing in Big Sky country.	
September	Liars & Tiers 29 Sep.		No general membership meeting - picnic instead.	Sept. 10 Annual Picnic & Raffle
October	Liars & Tiers 27 Oct.	San Juan Trip Oct. 7-9	10 Oct.	<i>Casting Clinic</i>
November	Liars & Tiers 16 Nov. (Wed.)		14 Nov Taylor Streit - NM guide will speak on "Fishing Northern NM."	<i>Fish Stocking</i>
December	Liars & Tiers 29 Dec.		12 Dec.	

\* **Bold text** in table means confirmed and *Italics text* means tentative

## Membership and Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Cost is \$20.00 per day with student permits (12 or over) costing only \$12.00 per day. 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.

**Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, Inc.**  
**Attn: Membership**  
**P.O. 2222, Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222**  
**Membership Application**  
**(Please print clearly)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status: (check one)      Regular (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status: (check one)      Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to get out of belonging to the Club?

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## **September Meeting**

**Presidio Park on the NMSU Campus**

### **Annual Picnic and Raffle**

**10 September 2005**

**11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Directions:**

**From I-25:** Exit at University Ave. and turn west at the end of the freeway ramp. At Espina St. (the fifth traffic light) turn left. At Stewart Ave. (the third stop sign) turn left. At Sweet St. turn right. At Gregg Ave. turn left. Presidio Park will be on your left.

**From I-10:** Exit at University Ave. and turn east onto University Ave. At Espina St. (the first traffic light) turn right. At Stewart Ave. (the third stop sign) turn left. At Sweet St. turn right. At Gregg Ave. turn left. Presidio Park will be on your left