

# Tale Waters

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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$5,979
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## No Membership Meeting in September

There will be no general membership meeting this month, but instead there will be the club picnic on 9 September. See article.

## Liars and Tiers

Thursday, 28 September

Liars and Tiers will meet Thursday 28 September at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Midge Emerger* which will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 11 September

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 11 September at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. This is a change from the regular date due to scheduling conflicts with the meeting location. All members are welcome to attend.

## President's Corner

It's picnic time for MVFF! Don't miss out on this fun social event for the entire family. If you have friends or acquaintances who have expressed an interest in fly fishing or MVFF, then invite them to our picnic. Also at this year's picnic we will have fly tying items available for silent auction as a fund raiser for the Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund. The items were provided to the club at below cost by Donna Mabie.

We have fourteen club members and other family members planning to make another trip to Kodiak Island, AK for the great Silver Salmon fishing that is available there. This is truly the least expensive way to enjoy catching large fish with a fly rod, as those who have gone the previous two years can tell you.

As many of you know Trout Unlimited would like to start a Southern New Mexico chapter to assist in the restoration project of the Gila Trout. The state organization of Trout Unlimited has been awarded a large grant of money to coordinate and facilitate the Gila project. I would like to hear from you if you would be interested in joining and participating in a new chapter. The dues for Trout Unlimited are \$35 annually and would be in addition to our MVFF dues. You may e-mail me at [president@mvff.org](mailto:president@mvff.org) or give me a call at 522-5437 or 649-0388.

Don't forget to share your summertime fishing trips with other club members. We are always looking for members who could give a short presentation or write a short article on interesting personal fishing trips. I realize it requires some preparation on the individual's part, but it will add to the club and would make it possible for all to enjoy your trip. Please give it some consideration and let a board member know if you would be interested in helping out.

Don't forget to notify me if you change your e-mail address. As you know this is the only way we have of regular contact with club members and notifying you of newsletters and other activities. You can just drop

an e-mail to [president@mvff.org](mailto:president@mvff.org) if your mailing address, phone, or e-mail address changes.

Tight lines,

Tom

## Club Picnic

### Saturday 9 September

The Club will have their annual picnic on 9 September 2006 at Preciado Park on the NMSU campus. This is the same place as last year. If you are not sure how to get there, directions are at the end of this article 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.

There will be door prizes and a silent auction with proceeds to go to the Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund. Come on out. We always have a great time.

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. Preciado 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. Preciado Park will be on your left

## Club Trip to the San Juan

### 20 - 22 October

The final plans for our annual fall San Juan outing have been firmly arranged for 20, 21 and 22 October 2006. It is expected that about 35 people will participate. It is unlikely that we will have guides available this year as so far all have declined to

participate. We will let you know if this situation changes. 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 Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> at the small pavilion in Pine Creek campground. This is the same one we used last fall. The Club will furnish the main course, probably barbecue, and everyone should bring a side dish or dessert. We will start eating at 6:30pm.

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.

Detailed instructions along with a list of motels and an equipment list may be found on the Club [website](#).

## Welcome New Members

It has been awhile since we have welcomed our new members, last December to be exact. We have several and they are:

Larry Baker	Santa Fe, NM
Don Blutworth	El Paso, TX
Steve Bradbury	San Antonio, TX
John Cordova	El Paso, TX
Monte & Andy Correll	Las Cruces, NM
Bob & Joni Deitner	Las Cruces, NM
Jose "Rick" Diaz	Las Cruces, NM
Richard & Phillip Dimsha	Las Cruces, NM
Jude Duran	Flora Vista, NM
Stephen Garland	Las Cruces, NM
Darrell James	Las Cruces, NM
Brandon Mabry	Las Cruces, NM
Tim Mack	El Paso, TX
Bill Mayes	Chaparral, NM
Melvin & Rebecca Moe	Roswell, NM
Raymond Morey	Las Cruces, NM
Glendon & Ashleigh Paulk	Lubbock, TX
Barry Prael	Las Cruces, NM
Jerry Schickedanz	Las Cruces, NM
Vernon & Margaret Smith	Las Cruces, NM
Ray & Carol Stoker	Odessa, TX

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**HELP!!!****E-mail Addresses Needed**

Please take a minute and forward your current E-Mail address to [President@mvff.org](mailto:President@mvff.org). If you do not receive e-mail messages regarding MVFF info, it would be very helpful if we had a current e-mail address on file.

Many of the addresses on file 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 to [president@mvff.org](mailto:president@mvff.org).

**Angler's Nook**

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

**Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.**

**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 \$5,979. 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.



**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31**  
**And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license**

## Midge Emerger

The center of attention for the Liars and Tiers this month will be the *Midge Emerger*. Midge emerger is a rather generic name as there are many flies tied to simulate midge emergers, but this particular one is a pattern taught to Joseph Lopez by Norm Mabie.



A number of years ago Joseph took a fly tying course from Norm and as part of the instruction was taught to tie this fly. It is a very effective fly and can be used on just about any stream.

**Hook:** TMC 2488 or 2487 size 24, 26

**Thread:** Unithread - black 8/0

**Rib:** Extra fine gold wire

**Wing:** White antron

**Body:** Black thread

**Thorax:** Uniyarn - black or gray

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*Note: The following article is from the FFF newsletter.*

## Fishing Alone

Submitted by Daryl Crowley – West Michigan Hacklers

I like fishing alone but it seems I work hard at trying to avoid it. I call all my fishing buddies and make considerable effort at trying to locate a fishing partner for the day's outing. Having a fishing companion certainly has advantages, like conversation in the car to and from the river or sharing coffee on the bank, while relaying the hard won information on "what the fish are biting on today" are certainly hallmarks of trout fishing pleasures. There is safety in numbers too and as we get older that begins to take on a real importance. And who can deny that it's always cool to hold up a nice trout for someone to see. But occasionally you find that everyone else is either busy or lacking in the political capital department with their spouse, and despite all your phone calls and pleading, its apparent that today you fish alone, or not all. No problem, fishing alone has its advantages too.

We seem more prone to engage in research and development when we are alone. Maybe we're more comfortable then because no one can see us fail. You

can try that latest outrageous fly pattern before you put your reputation on the line in front of a witness. Sometimes you are willing to try new places and you are assured that if they turn out to be major flops, you can cover up the fact that you were stupid enough to go there, and if they turn out to be really good spots, you can cover up the fact that you were ever there at all, at least for awhile.

When you fish alone you can arrive at the river or leave whenever you want. You can take a break when you want. You can go upstream or down or start one way and change your mind; nobody cares. You can fish slower and more methodically when you are alone. After all you're not engaged in any real or perceived competition. You can spend more time studying a run without the danger of your partner saying; "to heck with this" and making a gravy cast into the middle of the run and pulling out a 20-inch trout right from under your over-scrutinizing nose. No, when you are alone you can savor the anticipation of each and every cast.

You can fish however you want; meticulously or sloppily, no one will comment. You can take the time to tie on a new tippet every few minutes, or fish with the same ratty one all day. If you loose a fish by being careless, you can just say you caught it and let it go, who's going to know? Stretching the truth to enhance the fishing alone experience may be acceptable, but outright lies never are, and you will be discovered eventually. Fishing alone is not a license to compromise basic fly fishing principals. But you can also be selective in what you tell; you may freely convey every nuance of the large trout you caught, but you can completely forget to mention that you fell in the river or broke your rod. That's not lying, that's editing.

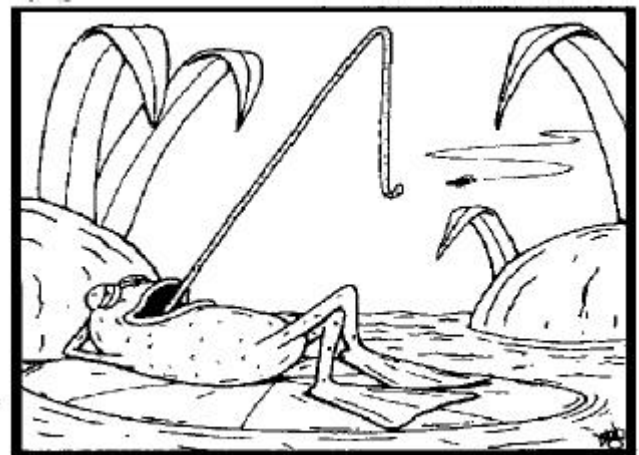
Once many years ago while fishing alone I caught an exceptional brown trout. Not a record fish, but real dandy, one of my best at that time. As I let the fish slid back into the water I resolved at that moment to never tell anyone about that fish. This would be my personal and secret trophy, one that would be made even greater by not telling anyone about it; or so I thought. And for a while it was special. I took more than a little pleasure and self-importance in being able to keep such a nice fish a secret. But I wanted to share it with someone in the worst way. For all the esoteric magic of my secret trophy it paled by comparison to the pleasure I would have had from telling all my friends about it.

And now I find, many years later, that I can't remember much about catching that fish except that he was a dandy; the memory lost for lack of use. Now it wouldn't matter who I told as it is no longer important and it happened so far in the past that no one would give it a second thought or would just assume it was the deranged ranting of old man about "the good old days." In retrospect: I'm not sure that

it's wise to keep the catching of good fish to yourself. You should share the memories of those big fish you catch. It makes them immortal, at least in your own mind.

Fishing alone can be a lot fun and the prospect of fishing alone is certainly not something that should not put you off from enjoying a day on the river. And while I enjoy fishing alone, I must confess that I would rather fish with one of my friends. I enjoy their companionship, which is why we are friends in the first place. I like not having to make all the decisions and when something goes wrong, you have someone to share the blame with. But mostly, fly-fishing is a sport that begs to be shared, and it's more fun to hold up a nice fish for someone else to admire or to admire someone else's fish, than it is to release it to total obscurity. There is a magic in the sharing that goes beyond what can be delivered by a single pair of eyes. And besides, it keeps us honest.

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Favorite pond pastimes -- fly fishing

## MVFF Monthly Events Calendar\*

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
February	Liars & Tiers 22 Feb. Picket Pin		27 Feb. Joey Vega - Quality Trout Waters in the Southwest Area.	11 Feb - Work party at Lease.
March	Liars & Tiers 30 Mar. Lady Todsen		13 Mar. Bill Schudlich, NM Council of Trout Unlimited	11 March NM Trout Fly Tying Symposium 18 March - Work party at Lease
April	Liars & Tiers 27 Apr. Prince Nymph		10 April Flyfishing Video on "Lee;s Ferry"	8 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic
May	Liars & Tiers 25 May Copper John		8 May John Tavenner - NM Guide <i>Tackle and techniques for fishing the San Juan River</i>	
June	Liars & Tiers 29 June Hare's Ear	Club Trip to San Juan, 16-18 June	No Club Meeting This Month	
July	Liars & Tiers 19 July Zug Bug	Club Trip to Conejos 28 - 30 July	No Club Meeting This Month	
August	Liars & Tiers 31 Aug. RS2 Emerger		No Club Meeting This Month	
September	Liars & Tiers 28 Sept. Midge Emerger	Club Trip to Kodiak 23 Sep- 1 Oct	No Club Meeting This Month Picnic instead	9 Sept. - Picnic
October	Liars & Tiers 26 Oct. Kiwi Muddler	Club Trip to Kodiak, 30 Sep - 8 Oct 20-22 Oct. - Club Trip to San Juan		
November	Liars & Tiers 30 Nov.			
December	Liars & Tiers 28 Dec.			

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

### 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.

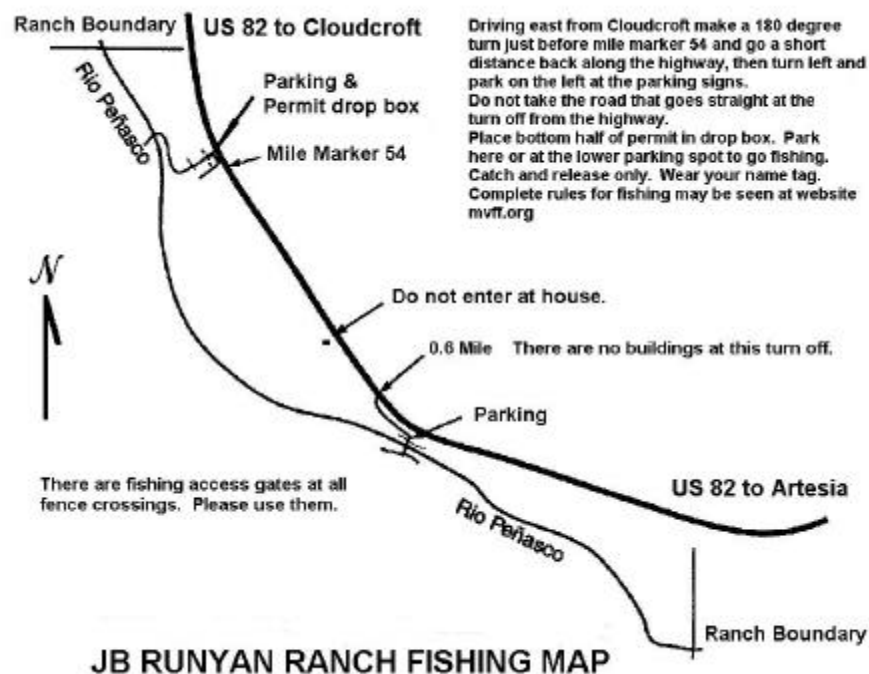
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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](http://mvff.org)) by filling out the form and mailing as directed. Cost is \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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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Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

Membership and/or Permit Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work 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

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 @ \$20 per permit =            \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit =            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.