

# Tale Waters

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## Membership Meeting

Saturday, 18 September

Instead of the usual Monday meeting in September we will have an all day Saturday program presented by Ed Engle, well known flyfisherman and author. There will be no charge for the event but you need to reserve a seat so that the Board can get an idea as to seating requirements. It will be held in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Lunch will be provided by the Club. See details later in this issue of the newsletter.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 20 September

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 20 September at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 22 September

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 22 September at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The group will be tying the *Blue Wing Olive*. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso and is a professional tyer. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.



## President's Corner

Welcome back everyone from the summer break to a series of special events this fall.

**Ed Engle Seminar** Instead of our regular Monday evening meeting in September, we have invited Ed Engle to give a fly tying and fishing seminar on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost and we will be providing lunch. **PLEASE RSVP** by Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> to ensure we have enough food and space. The seminar will be held at the New Mexico Game and Fish meeting room starting at 10am. Please check the article later in this newsletter for the detailed schedule and the MVFF website for last minute details, but here is a summary of his visit. Ed is a writer and contributing editor for many of the fly fishing magazines that we read and has spent 30 years as a guide and instructor. His interest in tying and fishing small flies led to the publication of *Tying Small Flies* in 2004 and *Fishing Small Flies* in 2005. On Saturday morning, he will give a tying demonstration of flies we all use at the lease, the San Juan and many other places in the west. Saturday afternoon he will give a presentation on *Catching Difficult Trout* based on his years of experience

teaching thousands of fly fishers the subtle art of nymphing. Then as a finale, he will present a Travelogue that fishermen and those not so afflicted will all enjoy. This is a unique opportunity that you won't want to miss. In addition, he will autograph books during his visit. Check the MVFF website for the books available and RSVP them as well.

**San Juan Trip** Ed Engle's visit is also a good start for the 2010 San Juan trip planned for Oct 1, 2 and 3. We again have made arrangements for guides by the half day on Friday October 1 and have spots for 12 anglers. Please contact Tom Wobbe or send an email through the website to reserve your spot. The cost for a half day is \$50. It can be paid by check before September 20<sup>th</sup> to reserve a spot. Friday night at 5:30pm, the Club will have a potluck dinner at the Navajo Lake State Park Pine Main campground. We have reserved the Picnic Group Shelter at the campground. See the MVFF website for detailed directions to the campground. It is a short distance from the river to the lake side of the dam.

**Mentorship Program** If you are someone just learning to fish or want to fish with someone more experienced at the lease, please contact me to help me set up day trips with more experienced fishermen.

**Conejos Trip** I have a love-hate relationship with the Conejos River. About 10 Club members went to the Conejos the weekend of July 9-11. The river looked perfect, but the fishing was tough. Even the local guides were having a hard time. Fishing on some of the other nearby streams was better and Jim Sorenson and his brother did very well on the Los Pinos. I am hoping Ed Engle's seminar will shed some light on what to do in situations like this.

Remember Sept 18<sup>th</sup> in your calendar. RSVP to attend the Ed Engle seminar and any books that you want to buy and have autographed.

Looking forward to fall weather and fine fishing.

Regards!

Bob



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters will start this month. We are scheduled to work with Ft. Bliss on Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be meeting at the NM Game and Fish conference room for fly tying and knots. I expect that we will have about 20 soldiers/vets. Hopefully, we can get our volunteers to arrive at the conference room around 8:00am to set up the vises and material. The casting clinic will be held on 7 October at Ascarate Lake and finally we will take the soldiers to the Lease for a flyfishing outing on 21 October.

As it stands right now we will work with the Vets and Soldiers at White Sands on Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup>. This will also be for fly tying and knots but just how we will be working with White Sands may end up different than Ft. Bliss. I am hoping that we will have a mixed group of active duty soldiers as well as Vets enrolled in this initial meeting. We will meet and get set up between 8 and 8:30 with the participants arriving at 9:00. I hope that with this group we will be able to utilize weekends and evenings to work with the Vets. I hope to get as many as possible to join us with the fly tying at our monthly fly tying meeting. Time will tell.

We have some money allocated to us from the main office. I will be ordering fly tying material in the next couple of weeks. Also we should be able to get reimbursed for mileage on our trips to Ft. Bliss and the lease. There is only a certain amount of money for this and I am working on how to apply for it now. I am having trouble opening some of the forms that PHW is sending to complete this task. More info on what is happening will get out to all of you as soon as I am able.

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For more information about PHWFF see [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org).

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), [roncor@hotmail.com](mailto:roncor@hotmail.com)) if you wish to volunteer to help out.



## MVFF Lady Anglers Prepare for Fall Trip

Helen Zagona

A hint of Fall is in the air and MVFF Lady Anglers are busy with preparations for the annual Fall Fishing (and Wine Tasting) Extravaganza. This year our destination is the beautiful Conejos River on the weekend of September 11 and 12. Our preparations have included classes given earlier this year by Bob Silver, Jeff Arterburn and Al Trompler. Many thanks to them for their help and support as we learn the skills and secret techniques of this great sport. Guides for the trip will be provided by Conejos River Anglers. On this trip, we are looking forward to expanding our experience and knowledge of flyfishing and having a great time with good friends. This is our second trip this year. In April we enjoyed a successful Season Opening Weekend on the Rio Peñasco.

Information about MVFF Lady Anglers can be had by email at: [hzagona@yahoo.com](mailto:hzagona@yahoo.com)

## Ed Engle Saturday

Saturday Sept 18

Ed Engle, well known flyfisherman and author, will present a program for MVFF members. The program will be free and will take the place of the regular general membership meeting for September. It will be held in the NMDG&F conference room. If you plan to attend you should reserve a seat by notifying Tom Wobbe (575-522-5437).

### Schedule:

- 10:30am to 12:00pm – Fly Tying demonstration *Tying Small Flies*  
Ed will explain and demonstrate the art of tying some of his favorite small flies in this 1-hour presentation.
- 12:00pm to 1:30pm – Lunch provided by MVFF
- 2:00pm to 3:30pm – Fishing presentation *Catching Difficult Trout*

This program is full of new ideas for catching those trout that leave most fly fishers scratching their heads. These could be the ultra selective,

highly educated fish found in heavily fished public waters or they could be the trout in your favorite stream that just happen to have an "attitude" on a particular afternoon. The program explains the importance of your approach and casting position, slack line casts, the use of small flies, using spent spinners as attractors, terrestrials as attractors, how to match the *riseform* and the hatch, and fishing the zones where trout are feeding. In addition, the program covers crucial equipment checks that will help you land difficult-to-catch trout once you do hook them.

- 3:30pm to 4:30pm – a general presentation *A Fly Fisher's Life*

*A Fly Fisher's Life* is ideally suited for general fly fishing audiences. It's a non-technical program that has been well received at Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited and unaffiliated fly fishing club fund raising banquets. It's especially designed to meet the needs of an audience that includes both fly fishers and non-fly fishing members.

The program is a lighthearted look at Ed Engle's 30 years of experience as a fly fisherman, fly fishing writer, fly fishing guide and all around trout bum. The presentation begins with a brief explanation of what fly fishers do followed by a travelogue of Ed's fly fishing adventures on Montana's spring creeks, the warm water spring creeks of Texas, bonefish and permit on the fly in Mexico, fishing Chile's fiords, catching Alaska silver salmon on surface flies, fly fishing Colorado's small upland streams and finally fly fishing Ed's home water, the South Platte River. A highlight of the show are Ed's humorous antidotes about fishing with A.K. Best, John Gierach and other fly fishing personalities.



## Black Canyon Restoration Project

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter TU, MVFF Members, Partners and Friends. We are scheduling a work project on Black Canyon with Matt Schultz and Tawnya Brummett the weekend of Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. This

will be similar to other volunteer weekends where people can arrive Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday morning, and the restoration work would take place on Saturday morning and early afternoon. Then late Saturday afternoon and Sunday people could fish for Gila Trout, explore the area, and relax before heading home.

Restoration activities may include more willow plantings, fence removal, and possibly construction of fish habitat structures (similar to the designs used at Willow Creek).

Many of the details will be the same as earlier trips, but check the MVFF web site for the latest developments and lists of clothing, tools, etc. Maps will also be available on the web site. Please let me know if you are definitely planning to participate, or if you are possibly available to join in.

Thanks!

Jeff Arterburn

## Annual San Juan Trip

October 1 - 2, 2010

It's time for a trip to the San Juan River! It is a MVFF tradition to fish the San Juan in the fall. This year's trip is planned for Friday and Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Potluck:* We will have a potluck dinner on Friday night, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:30pm. Please bring a side dish to go along with the BBQ main course. The potluck will be held at the Pine Main Picnic Group Shelter, which is located in the Pine River Campground. The Pine River Campground is located at the top of Navajo Lake Dam. Follow the signs for the Main Picnic Group Shelter as you enter the Campground. This is the same place as last year.

*Equipment:* Please check the MVFF website for a list of equipment and other suggestions for the trip. Bring any questions about the trip to the Ed Engle Saturday meeting.

*Lodging:* The Pine River Campground is the best place for those planning to camp. If you are not

camping, here are some other suggested places to stay. This is a popular time of the year so make your reservations soon.

- The Octagon Inn (<http://www.octagoninn.com>)
- Dee's B&B (<http://www.dsbandb.com/>)
- Abe's (<http://www.sanjuanriver.com/>)
- Rainbow Lodge  
(<http://www.sanjuanfishing.com/lodgingandmeals.htm>)

*Guides:* We are making arrangements to have two guides from Sandstone Anglers (John Tavenner's shop) on Friday. Please contact Tom Wobbe (575-522-5437) to make a reservation. Each guide will take three fishermen for a half-day. We can accommodate only 12 fishermen so please call Tom to reserve a spot. The cost for the members is \$50 **plus** a tip to the Guide. Checks must be received by September 20<sup>th</sup> to hold your reservation. A guide can be a great help your first time on the river or if you are not familiar with the San Juan.

Finally, a good website for more information about the San Juan is <http://www.ifly4trout.com/>. Hope to see you there.

## Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2010 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 George Sanders, (575) 527-5536, chairman of the "Outings" committee.

- Sept. 11-12 - Conejos - Lady Anglers
- Oct. 1-3 - San Juan

## Welcome New Members

Tom & Kate Fleming

Will Keener

James & Robin Womack

Wheaton, IL

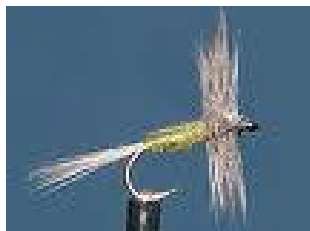
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San Antonio, TX

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**Blue Wing Olive**

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Blue Wing Olive*.



**Hook:** TMC 100BL #14 to #22

**Thread:** Olive UNI 8/0

**Tail:** Micro Fibetts, Med Dun

**Body:** Super Fine Dubbing Olive

**Wing:** Whitings Mayfly Winger feathers, Med Dun

**Hackle:** Whitings's dry fly saddle, Med Dun

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**MVFF Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, July 19, 2010

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:05pm in the NMDG&F conference room by President Bob Silver. In attendance were Bob Silver, Jim Sorenson, Gary Mann, Chuck Mueller and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Jim Hulsey and Tom Wobbe.

1. Minutes of the June Board meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved. The Club has a balance of \$13,766 and the Mabie Scholarship fund has a book value of \$11,003.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 177 current members, which is an increase of 7 in July.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that the next Project Healing Waters is scheduled with a fly tying class on September 23, a casting class on October 7 and a trip to the lease on October 21.
5. Ed Engle's program is set for September 18 and will be in lieu of the general meeting for September. Tentatively, he will make a slide show presentation on nymphing in the morning, followed by lunch, a fly tying demonstration in the afternoon and a travelogue on fly fishing in the West in late afternoon or early evening at the NMG&F classroom. A motion for the club to provide lunch at no cost to the members was approved. An email advertising the presentation

will be sent out in advance and members will be asked to RSVP. Bob Silver will provide transportation to and from the airport. Gary Mann will arrange for lunch and Tom Wobbe will take care of hotel reservations.

6. A motion was approved for the club to contribute \$750 toward the cost of Mr. Takahashi's visit in November. He will do a fly tying demonstration at Sportsmen's Elite on Saturday. We will invite him to spend Sunday on the lease and he will present a program on Monday at the November general meeting.
7. The annual San Juan River club outing is scheduled for October 1-3. Bob Silver will contact John Tavener to arrange for guides.
8. Jeff Arterburn and Colleen Caldwell will be invited to make presentations at the October meeting.
9. A motion was approved to ask for mentoring volunteers to take people fishing at the lease on August 14 and 21. The mentors will receive \$50 each per day.
10. A short discussion was held regarding possible improvements that could be made in the Rio Penasco at the lease. The matter was referred to the stream improvement committee for further action.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

**MVFF Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 16, 2010

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:05pm in the NMDG&F conference room by President Bob Silver. In attendance were Bob Silver, Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, George Sanders, Jeff Arteburn and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Jim Hulsey, Dick Newton and Tom Wobbe.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the July Board meeting was deferred until the next meeting.
2. The Treasurer's report was deferred until the next meeting.
3. Tom Wobbe reported there are 183 current members, which is an increase of 2 since July.
4. Ron Bellerose reported that the next Project Healing Waters is scheduled with a fly tying class on September 23, a casting class on October 7 and a trip to the lease on October 21. He will be meeting with representatives of WSMR on August 18 to discuss beginning a PHW program with soldiers from that facility. An inquiry about fly fishing opportunities for a wheel-chair bound individual was discussed.
5. The schedule for Ed Engle's program in September has been set. It will be in lieu of the general meeting for September. Twenty-three club members have confirmed their attendance and six books have been pre-ordered.
6. Arrangements for the Club outing on the San Juan for October 1, 2 and 3 have been made. There

will be two guides for 12 Club members on Friday, October 1. The small pavilion behind the Visitor's Center will be reserved for Saturday evening.

7. Colleen Caldwell is unavailable for the October meeting, but would like to give a presentation on aquatic insects in the Spring. George Sanders will make a presentation at the October meeting.
8. The mentoring program is set to go to the Lease the last two weeks in August.
9. The stream improvement committee has not met because of scheduling conflicts, but Paul needs some help in hauling materials for his house to the Lease.
10. Chuck Mueller reported that arrangements for John Bailey's presentation at the annual banquet in January are being finalized. Mr. Bailey will give a fly casting clinic at Alumni Pond on January 22, the day of the banquet.
11. Jeff Arterburn has sent an email regarding a request by a group of breast cancer survivors for a fly casting instructor and a request for proposals by the Regional Advisory Committee for environmental improvement projects on Forest Service lands. Proposals are due October 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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**MVFF Monthly Events Calendar**

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
September	Liars & Tyers 22 Sept. <i>Blue Wing Olive</i>	Sept. 11-12 MVFF Lady Anglers trip to Conejos.	18 Sept. - Ed Engle all day program.	23 Sept. - PHW fly tying and knots clinic - NMDG&F 25- 26 Sept - Black Canyon Creek Project
October	Liars & Tyers 26 Oct. <i>pattern tbd</i>	Oct. 1-3 - MVFF trip to San Juan.	11 Oct. - Program tbd.	7 Oct. - PHW fly casting clinic - Ascarate Lake 21 Oct. - PHW fly fishing outing - Rio Peñasco
November	Liars & Tyers 24 Nov. <i>pattern tbd</i>		8 Nov. - Rick Takahashi will present a program on fly tying and fishing.	

**Quick Look Contact Information**

2010 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Secretary:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Treasurer:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
<b>Board Members</b>	
• <b>Position 1:</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>Position 2:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Position 4:</b>	George Thomas (575) 532-5614
• <b>Position 5:</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• <b>Position 6:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Position 7:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 8:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• <b>Position 9:</b>	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
<b>Membership Committee Chairman</b>	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

**Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,003</b>
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**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.

**Bamboo Rod Repair**

Club member Karen Erickson is interested in working on old bamboo rods. If you have one that needs repairs give Karen a call at (575) 524-7729.

**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](mailto: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. 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.

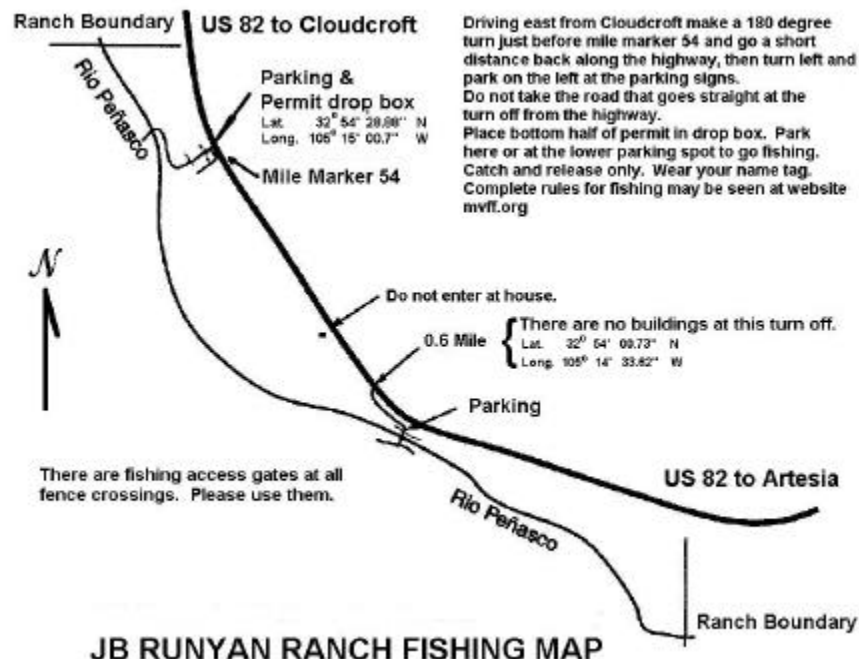
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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.





MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS, INC.

PO Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

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.