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Membership Meeting

Monday, 12 September

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 12 September at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special guest speaker will be John Tavenner of *Sandstone Anglers*. He will speak on fishing the San Juan in Northern New Mexico. This should get you tuned up for the Club trip in October.

John will conduct a streamside clinic at the Lease on the 11th. Read about it later in this newsletter.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 September

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

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 28 September

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 28 September at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The group will be tying the *Rattling Minnow*. The recipe can be found later in this issue. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso

and is a professional tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tiers.



President's Corner

Summer has gone by fast and September will be no different with our upcoming events! We have John Tavenner coming in on the 10th to hold a casting clinic on the 11th on the Rio Peñasco as well as be our guest speaker at our general meeting on the 12th. If you plan to attend the casting clinic, you can either car pool from the Kmart lot at 6:30am or meet at the lease at 9:00am. The clinic will run from 9:30 to about 12:30. Afterwards, please feel free to fish the rest of the day. Thanks to Jim Ellett, who has agreed to waive the fee for any angler attending the casting clinic. At our general meeting on Monday, John's topic will be about the San Juan River, which should help those of us planning to attend the club outing in October.

Later this month we have a new group of soldiers from Fort Bliss going thru our Project Healing Waters Program. See Ron Bellerose's report in this newsletter for more details. And don't forget for those of us who like to tie flies our *Liars and Tyers* will meet the last Wednesday of this month.

We have 20 members so far, who are planning on participating in our club outing to the San Juan from October 6th to October 9th. The Octagon House is fully booked, so if you plan to go you will have to make other arrangements. If you have not contacted me about going, please do so as we will need a head count for Saturday's pot luck dinner. The club has arranged to have some guided services from Sandstone Anglers and Tailwater Anglers. We have some full day float trips available on Saturday at \$150.00 per angler and also a few half-day guided wade trips for Saturday at \$50.00 per angler. All guided trips will need to be confirmed and pre-paid

by September 20th. Please call me at 575-647-4045 or email me at chuck_wagon46@hotmail.com if you want to reserve a guided trip on the San Juan. For those members staying at the Octagon house I will need a down payment of \$50.00 at our general meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the casting clinic and general meeting.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is tentatively scheduled to start with the Vets from Ft Bliss on Thursday September 29th with our fly tying event at the NM Game & Fish conference room. We are also planning on doing the casting and flytying session at Lake Ascarate on October 20th with a trip to the Lease on October 27th. The conference room has been reserved for September 29th. I have also talked to Jim at the lease and have a tentative OK for fishing the lease on October 27th. The Cowbells have offered to feed the Vets once again. Thank you so much for the assistance. I have not received confirmation from the Cowbells yet but talking with Jim, he didn't think there would be a problem.

Also I am still talking with White Sands and expect to have some confirmation on working with the White Sands Vets by the middle of the month. Working with White Sands should be a lot easier than Fort Bliss due to the location and the ability to work with individual Vets as well as with groups. Hope to have more info on White Sands by our next meeting.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), roncor123@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Rio Peñasco Casting & Fishing Clinic Sunday, 11 September

John Tavenner will conduct a casting and fishing clinic at the Rio Peñasco lease on Sunday, 11 September. People wanting to car pool should meet at the Kmart parking lot on North Main at 6:30am. Those driving from other locations should plan on arriving at the Lease by 9:00am. There is no fee associated with the clinic and those attending may fish afterwards.

Contact Bob Silver for more information (575-522-6325 or silver@mvff.org).

Club Scholarship Awarded

Recipient of the Norm Mabie Endowed Scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year is Matthew P. Zeigler. Matt is working on his master's degree in the Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology department at NMSU. When he completes his master's degree he plans on continuing his education and work towards obtaining a Doctorate degree in fisheries science. While at NMSU Matt has worked on the preservation and conservation of native salmonids in the western U.S. and plans to continue these efforts while pursuing his Doctorate. Later in his career he hopes to research applicable management and conservation strategies for imperiled native salmonid species.

Many of you know Matt as he was our speaker at the March 2011 meeting, when he spoke on *Potential influence of changing climate on the persistence of Rio Grande cutthroat trout*.

We wish Matt luck as he continues his career efforts.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2011 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.

Trips currently planned are:

- October 6-9, - San Juan River

Quick Look Contact Information

2011 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Total	\$11,003

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.

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.

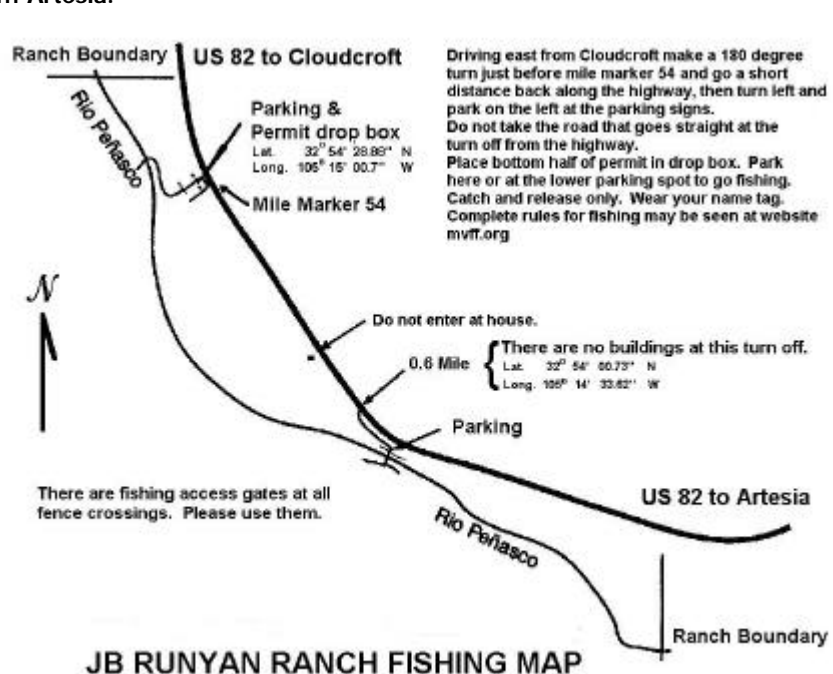
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.



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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.