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Membership Meeting

Monday, 10 September

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 10 September at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. At this meeting we would like to hear and share some of the fish stories from this past summer. See additional information in the *President's Corner*.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 September

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 17 September at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 26 September

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 26 September at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Rainbow Warrior*. 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

As the hot summer season comes to an end and the days get shorter and cooler, this is one of best times of the year to fish. It is also time for the club to get back to our general meetings which are held on the

2nd Monday of each month at the New Mexico State Game and Fish. At this meeting we would like to hear and share some of the fish stories from this past summer. I have pictures of the club trip to the Quinlan Ranch and will share some of the great times we had. Our Lady Anglers had a nice outing up in Taos over the summer and will share that with us as well. We welcome any member to share any fish stories from their summer adventure.

Jeff Arterburn will give us an update on Trout Unlimited. They are having a raffle and will be selling tickets later this year for a 2-day unguided fishing trip for 2 at the Vermejo Park Ranch, Raton, NM (Aug 1-Sept15, 2013), and a 5wt Winston rod. These are the major prizes which will be raffled off at our annual banquet in January.

Project Healing Waters will be starting up this month on September 19th. We can use as many volunteers as we can get to help our soldiers tie flies and to teach them some basic casting skills. Please see Ron Belerose's report in this month's newsletter.

At the end of this month we have 10 of our club member heading out to Kodiak Island in search of silver (not the precious metal or Bob Silver but the great Silver Salmon). I hope the weather is nice and the fishing is great. I know Bob will bring back some stories and photos to share.

I had some requests last spring about holding a casting clinic. Well I am looking into it for October

and should have more information at the meeting. We will try to arrange this on the Sunday before our October general meeting.

Our San Juan trip November 1st through the 4th is filling up. We have 22 members who have signed up for the trip. I still have some room for members who wish to join in. The cost for lodging at the Octagon Inn is \$50 per night. We will be meeting for dinner at the Back Cast Café Thursday evening and will have dinner at the Octagon Inn Friday and Saturday evenings. The Club will arrange a guided trip for you if you wish. The cost for a guided float is \$150 and \$100 for a guided wade. Please contact me if you are interested in the trip (president@mvff.org) or call me at 575-647-4045.

Just a reminder that you can purchase club hats, club license plates, stickers and lease permits at every general meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and keep a tight line.

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters will be getting into full swing this month.

We have the soldiers from Fort Bliss on the 19th of September for fly tying at the NMG&F conference room in the morning and casting at Alumni Pond in the afternoon. I am expecting around 20 soldiers to attend. Once again I am asking for as many volunteers as possible to help with assisting in the fly tying and casting. We will provide lunch and drinks for all the soldiers and volunteers. Would appreciate the volunteers to meet at the NMG&F around 8:00am to set up the vises and material.

On October 10th we will be going to the lease for fishing with the troops. This is always a great event and one that volunteers play an important part in making a successful day for the soldiers. If you can only volunteer for one day, this is the day that we can use as many volunteers as possible.

I am also working with the American Legion and our local disabled Vets. I expect this to be a big positive in expanding our PHW base and hopefully new active members in the club. More info to follow about our local disabled Vets.

Thank you, all the volunteers, for your support. Without you we would not have the opportunity to support those who have given so much for our freedom.

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 to Travel to Arkansas River

Helen Zagona

The Mesilla Valley Flyfishers Lady Anglers will travel to the Arkansas River in southern Colorado for our Fall trip this year, September 20 to 24. The Arkansas is reported to be in beautiful form now, with flows in the mid 300's below Salida. We anticipate interesting and challenging fishing with a wide variety of active bugs.

We will have able guiding from ArkAnglers of Salida. We also will be exploring and fishing several days on our own.

As always, the Lady Anglers will enjoy staying at a lovely and spacious house on the banks of the river. We will enjoy the culinary treats that Salida has to offer after our days on the river. While our passion is flyfishing, Lady Angler trips are always full of fun, camaraderie and gourmet nourishment. If you would like information about future trips or to be added to our mailing list, call me at 532-5668.



MVFF Trip to Kodiak 2012

Bob Silver

In 3 weeks there will be ten of us leaving for Kodiak, Alaska on one of the best "do it yourself" fishing trips I can think of. The silver

salmon runs have just started, and hopefully, they will be in full swing when we arrive. Most of us from Las Cruces will be flying through Phoenix to Seattle to Anchorage and finally arriving on Kodiak Island at about 4pm the same day. We'll pickup our rental car at the airport and drive into town. We will be staying at the Shelikof Lodge for about a week of fishing and sight seeing. Each day we will drive from town past the airport and the US Coast Station Kodiak to any of four major rivers and half dozen smaller creeks. We will be fishing along the so called "Road System" of the island. The Road System is the region of the island that is accessible from the public road network that runs primarily along the coastline. But, you soon run out of places to drive because there are only 80 miles of road in the entire Road System. So getting from one river to the next is easy and, now that the entire road system is paved, it also does not take long. The rest of the Kodiak region is called the Remote System. That is the other part of the island that is only accessible by small plane or boat.

The Shelikof Lodge where we will be staying is right in the middle of the old downtown area and a short walk from the harbor and the largest fishing fleet in the United States. The hotel is a block from Mack's and Cy's, two of the best outdoor stores I have ever seen. The restaurant at the hotel has a decent restaurant for breakfast and a bar with great halibut fingers with Alaska Amber beer. Within a couple of days you are treated like one of the regulars. Another handy feature of the hotel is the use of their freezer to freeze your fish fillets for the trip home. We also share a car rental from either Budget or Avis and the gas for the week which helps keep to cost reasonable.

Rivers and Creeks that we will fish in order of the distance from the Town of Kodiak are:

- Buskin – right next to the airport. View the fish count for the Buskin and other rivers in Alaska is on [this link.](http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/FishCounts/)
- Salonie Creek
- Russian River
- American River
- Olds River
- Pasagshak and Lake Rose Tead. This is a favorite spot that is a 30 to 40 minute drive from the hotel

I enjoy using large flies and tippet that you can see without glasses. An 8-weight rod is just about right for these fish that will reach up to 20 pounds. We always bring an assortment of flies in bright colors, but the best seem to be big bunny leech style flies in chartreuse, black, and black and white as well as the Clouser-minnow fly in chartreuse and white. I think fish arriving fresh from the ocean prefer chartreuse, but they seem to switch to purple and pink if they have been in fresh water for a while. Chum salmon also seem to like pink, purple and cerise better than chartreuse.

The climate is damp and cool. The temperatures will typically range between 45 and 55 degrees. Expect it to rain and dress accordingly. Polar fleece and wool are the most comfortable fabrics in damp weather and I leave the cotton items at home. The bottoms of the streams are not slippery and composed mostly of coarse gravel. Alaska this year passed a "no felt sole" rule for wading boots. Regular rubber soled wading boots are more than adequate.

Sometime this fall at one of our meetings we will give a talk with pictures from this year's trip. Wish us well.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2012 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 any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

- September 20-24: Lady Anglers trip to the Arkansas River
- Early October - trip to Kodiak, Alaska (Bob Silver is contact for this trip.)
- 1-4 November - the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Jim & Frances Curtis	El Paso, TX
Steven DuCharme	Roswell, NM
Ron & Stephanie Eastes	El Paso, TX
Jacob Garland	Las Cruces, NM
Michael Lance McLead	Roswell, NM
Gary & Dee Miller	Lincoln, NM
Ryan Najjar	Roswell, NM

John Wright

Las Cruces, NM

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MVFF LADY ANGLERS Fish the Cimarron

Mary Hoffman

The MVFF Lady Anglers took their second trip of the season to northern New Mexico to fish the Cimarron River and the Rio Costilla in the Valle Vidal on July 1 and 2. The trip was great fun and the fishing was good at both locations.



The first day of fishing was on private water on the Cimarron below the Eagle Nest

dam with guides from Doc Thompson's High Country Anglers in Ute Park. The Lady Anglers divided into two groups and the best fishing was on the Cimarroncita Ranch where lots of browns and rainbows were caught using dry flies and nymphs. The group gathered on the porch of the fishing shed at the ranch for lunch and to wait out a short rainstorm.

On the second day, at the beautiful Valle Vidal, fishing on the Rio Costilla was interrupted

mid-day by a thunderstorm but in the afternoon the cutthroat action was heavy using dry flies. So good,



in fact, that one Lady Angler had to be pried from the river.

The next Lady Angler trip to fish the Arkansas River in Colorado is fully booked but there will be other trips in the future. If you are interested in joining the Lady Anglers e-mail list, or have ideas for future trips, please send your name and e-mail address and a message to Mary Hoffman at maryfranlc@gmail.com.



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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2011	\$10,709

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. 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.

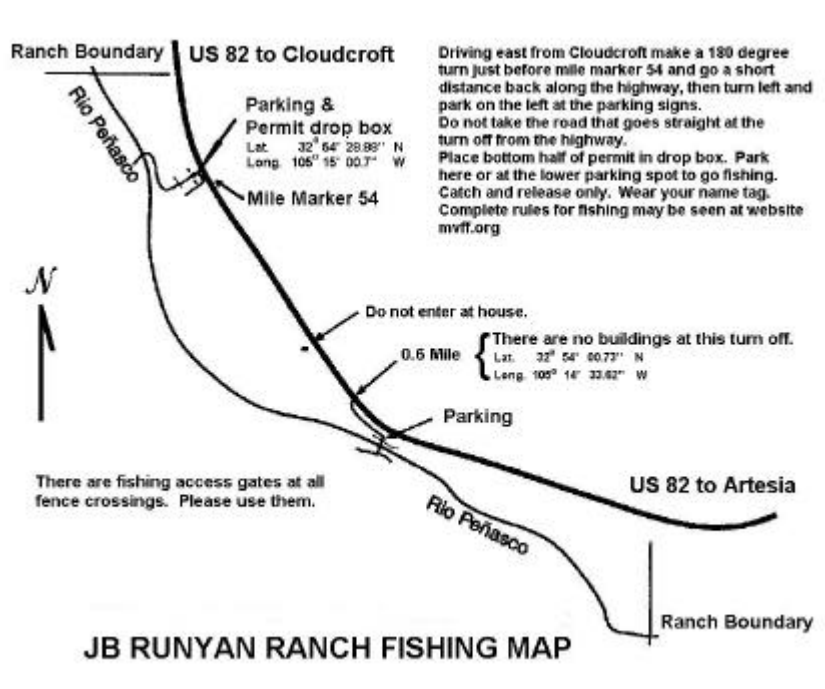
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.