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President's Corner



Our annual banquet is Saturday, February 7th, with dinner starting at 6:00pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 West Griggs. Once again, the Club will furnish the entrée (BBQ from

Sparky's in Hatch and enchiladas from Andele's). The banquet is free to all Club members, their families and guests. Bring a side dish or dessert.

This year, we are privileged to have Landon Mayer as our guest speaker. Landon has been guiding on the South Platte River in Colorado for 17 years. During that time, he has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking and landing big trout. He has written books and numerous magazine articles; produced two DVD's; and made appearances at major sports shows and fishing organizations around the country. In addition, Landon will give a fly tying demonstration and be available to answer questions at the NM Department of Game and Fish classroom, 2715 Northrise Blvd., beginning at 10:00am with lunch served.

In addition to the guest speaker, the banquet features our annual raffle. This year, the raffle is the largest in the Club's history. It includes four guided fishing trips, three fly rods, fly reels, waders and other accessories with a retail value totaling \$6,000. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Tom Wobbe has emailed raffle tickets to all Club members and tickets will be available at the banquet.

The Club's trip to the North Platte River near Casper, Wyoming during the last week in June is filling up fast. Chuck Mueller has made reservations for up to 16 people at a house and cabin on the River with four days of guided fishing on the River. If you are interested, you can contact Chuck at Mueller@MVFF.org.

Membership Meeting

The MVFF general membership meeting will not meet in February due to the annual banquet. The next meeting will be in March at the regular time.

Executive Board Meeting`

Monday, 16 February

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 16 February at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 25 February

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 25 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Lime Green Parachute Caddis*. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped out at the Outdoor Expo of Southern New Mexico at the Las Cruces Convention Center from January 9th to the 11th. The Club picked up several new members as a result of its exposure at the show. Our next volunteer opportunities will Project Healing Waters on April 1st and 8th and the Kids' Fishing Clinic on April 11th.

Tight Lines,

Jim



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is going really strong. We have 7 Vets doing rod building. Thanks to Chuck Mueller and Jim Sorenson, the success of the rod building has been great. We have had two

sessions and we are up to winding the eyes. We have one of our Vets that is 100% blind and, with the devises that Chuck has come up with to assist, he has been really successful in working on the rod. I expect there will be an article in the PHW weekly newsletter in the next couple of weeks. We are also still having our fly tying with the assistance of Ray Rodriquez. Our local Vets are doing a great job with fly tying.

We have had a few Vets fishing at the ponds and catching fish with the flies that they have tied. They are all doing great.

Dates for our wounded warriors resilience program with Ft. Bliss, this is the large group of soldiers, has not been confirmed yet. Our wounded warrior transition battalion group has not been confirmed yet. My goal is to get all our serious local fly fishing Vets into the MVFF and we have a good amount that are part of the club. This is another success story. We will be doing the rod building on Wednesday mornings at the NMG&F conference room and the fly tying the last Wednesday of the month at the Las Cruces VA Clinic.

Thank you to all our Vets and to all the club members that support the program.

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

MVFF Lady Anglers Spring Trip

MVFF Lady Anglers are looking forward to a Spring trip April 16 to 19. Our annual trip to begin the season includes two full days of fishing and three evenings of fun and good company. This year we will fish a day at the Lease on the Rio Peñasco and another day on the Mulcock Ranch. Reservations are now being taken for this great get-away weekend. All female club members are welcome. This is a good opportunity to brush up on rusty skills, renew old friendships, and make plans for more Lady Angler trips later in the season. For more information or to make a reservation, call Helen Zagona at 575 532-5668.

Annual Banquet & Raffle

Sat. February 7, 2015

The annual MVFF banquet and raffle will be held Saturday, Feb 7, 2015. The banquet will start at 6:00pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, which is where we have had it for the last several years (see map on page 5). Spouses and children are invited.

The guest speaker for the banquet will be *Landon Mayer*, renowned Colorado guide, author of numerous books, and presenting speaker at numerous international fly fishing shows throughout the United States. He also writes numerous articles for fly fishing magazines, most recently for Fly Fisherman and High Country Angler Magazines. His website is www.landonmayer.com.

The club will provide BBQ brisket, pulled pork, sausage, red and green enchiladas and drinks, with members asked to bring salads and desserts.

Several raffles will take place following the dinner and are the richest (\$6,000) we have ever had. There are many top-of-the-line items. See the list of prizes in the following article. Raffle tickets will be E-mailed soon and will also be available at the January general & fly tying meetings. They will also be available at the banquet. You don't have to be present to win.

Mark your calendar as this is an event you do not want to miss!

Volunteers will be needed to set up the tables and chairs and prepare things in general. Volunteers should arrive about 4pm.

Items for MVFF Raffles

Here's the list of prizes for this year's MVFF Banquet February 7.

Door Prizes (must be present to win):

There will be a variety of door prizes awarded. Each person present will receive a ticket.

Annual Attendance Prize:

The 2014 MVFF Attendance drawing winner, taken from the ticket stubs for meetings and formal club events collected throughout the past year, will win a 1-day guided trip for 2, wade or float, with Landon Mayer.

PHW:

Ron Bellerose will be running a separate raffle during the banquet for a variety of prizes. Proceeds will go into the PHW fund.

Fund Raiser Raffle:

Rods:

- Bob Widgren custom built Sage rod – 4 wt, winner's name will be added (\$795)
- Bob Widgren custom built Sage rod – 5 wt, winner's name will be added (\$795)
- David Carmichael custom built Winston rod (see description below) (\$895 value)

Reels:

- Galvan 'Torque' reel for 4 wt loaded with Rio Gold line (\$415 value)
- Lamson 'Lite Speed' reel for 5 wt loaded with Rio Gold line (\$415 value)

Gear:

- Fishpond 'Wasatch' Tech vest (\$190 value)
- Fishpond 'Bumpy Road' rolling cargo/duffel bag (\$190 value)
- Sims G3 'Guide' stocking foot waders (\$500 value)
- Smith Optics Chroma Pop Sunglasses (\$210 value)

Guided Trips

- 'Solitary Angler' (Van Beacham) 2-day guided trip for 2, wade and/or float (\$1,000 value)

- 'Sandstone Anglers' (John Tavenner) 2-day guided trip for 2, wade and/or float (\$750 value)
- 'Land of Enchantment Guides' (Noah Parker) 1-day guided trip for 2, wade and/or float (\$395 value)

Rod Raffle

Editors note: The raffle held at the annual banquet will include 3 flyrods. They are all being hand built from kits. Two of them will be built on Sage blanks by Bob Widgren and the other will use a Winston blank and will be built by David Carmichael. Each of these builders exhibits the craftsmanship required to produce a rod that the winner will be proud to display and fish. David recently supplied the following description of the rod he is building.

"Winston Boron III LS, 9 ft. 4 wt. The LS series rods are lightweight, medium-fast rods with the famous "Winston Feel," especially well-suited to small stream and spring creek settings. The reel seat is standard Winston logo nickel silver with birdseye maple insert. Wraps are dark green with silver trim bands and alignment dots. I've added \$100 worth of upgrades: flor grade custom modified Struble half wells grip, Struble knurled winding check, Struble agate stripping guide, Snake Brand universal guides, and matching keeper and tip top. It is packed in a generic rod sock and the Healing Waters tube.

These rods are getting great reviews, especially for their softer action and resultant casting accuracy. (Retail list price is \$795, upgrade value of \$895)"

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2015 and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let them know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members. Trips now in the planning stages are:

- April 16 - 19 - Lady Anglers trip to the Lease.
- Spring - annual spring trip to the San Juan
- June 22 - 26 -- trip to the North Platte in Wyoming
- Fall - annual fall trip to the San Juan

Welcome New Members

Michael & Elena DeJulio

Las Cruces, NM

Terry Kebbel
Jim & Judy Laird
Don L. Price

Las Cruces, NM
Las Cruces, NM
Las Cruces, NM

Edward & Rita Romero

Las Cruces, NM



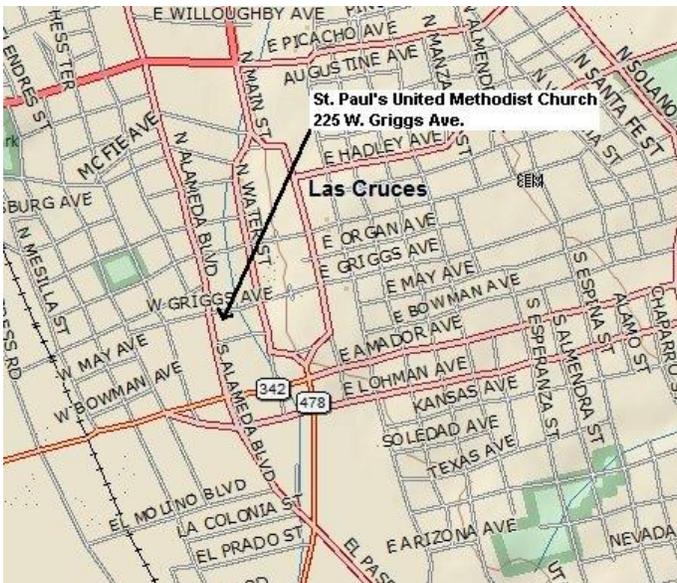
Lime Green Parachute Caddis



- Hook:** TMC 5212 #14 to #16 or similar 2X long dry fly hook
- Thread:** 0/8 Chartreuse Uni or 70 denier ultra thread
- Body:** lime green or chartreuse antron dubbing (for more flash ice dubbing lime/chartreuse)
- Wing:** bleached or natural fine elk hair
- Parachute:** Poly Pro yarn or Antron yarn white
- Hackle:** grizzly or brown Whiting Farm dry fly hackle
- Legs:** rubber white grizzly or barred legs small or micro size (white can be used and barred with black marker)
- Head:** same as body.



Map showing Location for Banquet



The parking area for St. Paul's is on the south side and can be entered from N. Alameda Blvd. Entry to the church is through the double doors facing the parking area and closest to Alameda.





MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday January 19, 2015

Submitted by John Kennedy, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Jim Sorenson. In attendance were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Dennis Lanpher, Ray Rodriquez and John Kennedy, and non-board members Ron Bellerose, Jim Hulsey and Tom Wobbe. Representing the American Fisheries Society were Dominique Lujan and Hunter Falco.

1. Minutes of the December Board meeting as published in the January newsletter were approved.
2. The Treasurer's report was accepted, with a balance of \$11,528.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 228 members, 20 additional members since the last meeting.
4. The February 7th Club Annual Banquet was discussed, with final preparations underway. The banquet begins at 6pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Fly tying will be at the NMDG&F Conference Room 10am to 12pm.
5. Ron Bellerose reported on Project Healing Waters. Activities coming up are rod building over 4 - 8 weeks, and fishing at the pond. Volunteers are needed. In the spring, fly tying will be on April 1st in the NMDG&F Conference Room, and fishing at the lease on April 8th. Volunteers are needed.
6. The American Fisheries Society reported that no meeting has taken place yet, but discussions are underway concerning a project to improve the Lease.
7. Programs for the general meetings were discussed for March, April and May. The March meeting will include a flyfishing video on the North Platte, and a presentation from NMSU students from the American Fisheries Society. It was discussed that our April meeting might be in El Paso. The May meeting may possibly have a NMSU scientist discuss aquatic insects or similar topic. Representatives of the American Fisheries Society will report further on this.
8. The recent Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo was discussed. We had 14 member volunteers participate. The Expo was not heavily attended this year by the public.
9. It was reported that the combined meeting of The Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society will be February 5th and 6th.
10. The January Liars and Tyers event will be on January 28th at 7pm at the NMDG&F Conference Room. Ray Rodriquez will head that up.
11. Tom Wobbe reported that 248 permits to fish the lease were sold in 2014. Raffle ticket sales for the banquet are going good, and ahead of last year's sales.
12. Chuck Mueller reported that 12 people are signed up for the June trip to the North Platte (June 21 - 26) and 3 so far for the San Juan trip (April 30 - May 3). For the San Juan trip we will be staying at Enchanted Hideaway.
13. The next board meeting will be February 16th, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm





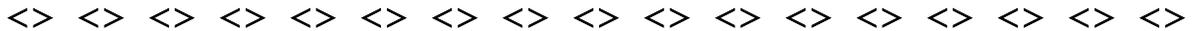
Want Ads

Editor's Note: *From time to time someone asks me about listing something for sale in the newsletter, so with this listing from David Carmichael I am instituting a new topic for inclusion in the newsletter. Whenever you have something to sell, buy or trade, let me know. You may also place an ad for a service as long as it is flyfishing related. I plan to place the ad in the newsletter for one month but I am also planning on placing them on the web page where they will stay for a somewhat longer time.*

For Sale: David Carmichael—Now that I'm building rods, I'm looking to clear out some of the rods I have stored in various corners of the house. I'd like to make these 4 rods available to club members before I list them for sale on eBay:

1. 2 Scott rods: E2 905/4 These rods are used, but well cared for. Miriam and I have caught many fish with them. Discontinued model, original retail price was \$525, so they are mid-range rods. Asking \$100 each.
2. 2 Fly Logic rods: Fly Logic rods are mid-range, very good quality rods made in Melba, ID. I was introduced to them by a guide in Kodiak, Alaska who uses them for salmon, Dolly Varden and trout. These rods are very slightly used and in great condition. The FLP+ designates their mid-level rod (retail \$295), and the FLO+ is their highest level rod (retail \$535). They were purchased for a trip to Alaska that has not happened yet, so someone else might as well get some use from them. (I have caught Northern Pike on the 8wt in the Rio Grande near Taos)
 FLP+ 908/2 (9 ft., 8wt, 2-piece) \$75, FLO+ 907/3 (9 ft., 7wt, 3-piece) \$150

If interested, contact me by email at bt Trout22@hotmail.com.



I look into...my fly box, and think about all the elements I could consider in choosing the perfect fly: water temperature, what stage of development the bugs are in, what the fish are eating right now. Then I remember what a guide told me: 'Ninety percent of what a trout eats is brown and fuzzy and about five-eighths of an inch long.'

Allison Moir-Smith

Quick Look Contact Information

| 2014 Officers of the Club | |
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| Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund | |
| Market Value as of 30 June 2014 | \$11,487 |

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. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. 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.

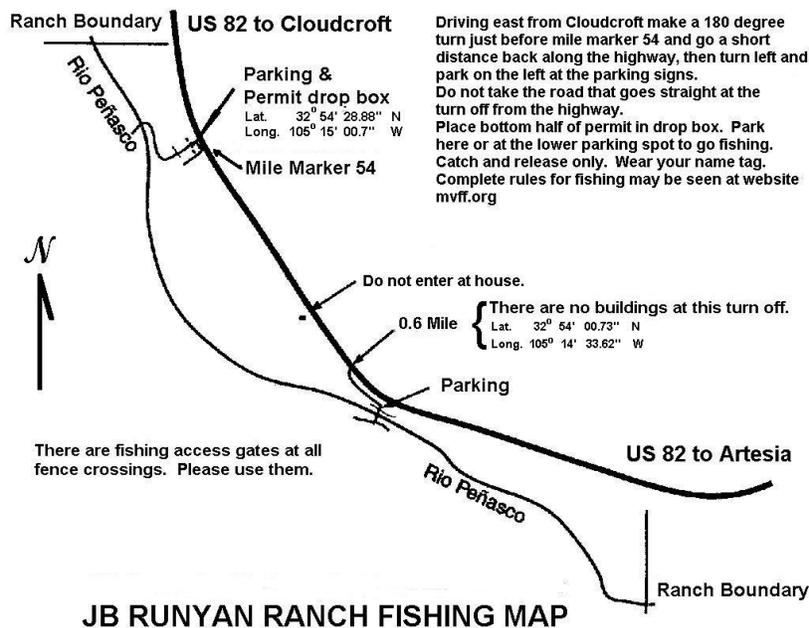
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| 1 Year | \$20 | Individual |
| | \$25 | Family |
| 3 Years | \$50 | Individual |
| | \$60 | Family |
| Life | \$400 | Individual |
| | \$500 | Family |

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) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. 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 (current dues have been paid) 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 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.