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Membership Meeting

Monday, 9 March

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 9 March at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The program will consist of a 20 minute video about the North Platte river in Wyoming. Dominique Lujan and Will Lubenau of the NMSU chapter of the American Fisheries Society will also give a short presentation.

Don't forget that this is an opportunity to buy a ticket on the handmade bamboo flyrod. See the President's column for details.

Doors open at 6:30. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 16 March

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

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 25 March

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 25 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Improved Rock Worm*. 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.

President's Corner



If you missed the annual banquet on February 7th, you missed a good one. The presentation by Landon Mayer was as good as any I have ever heard, the food was excellent and congratulations to the raffle prize winners. The annual prize for participating in club events went to Tom Wobbe—and there couldn't have been a more appropriate winner. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the banquet, including a speaker you would like to hear, email me at president@mvff.org.

Matt Zeigler and Eric Mammoser are teaching a class in stream management in the NMSU Fisheries Department this semester. On April 11 and 12, they will be taking approximately 20 students in the class to the Lease to measure stream flows; type, size and quantity of fish; and available food sources. In lieu of a final exam, the students will be divided into teams and given the task of preparing a proposal to improve the stream as a trout fishery. Matt and Eric will provide copies of the proposals to the MVFF Board to use as a guide to improving that stretch of the river. Hopefully, future classes can evaluate the efficacy of those improvements and make further suggestions for improvement.

In connection with that stream improvement project, the Board is announcing the Spring Rod Raffle. Club

***** REMEMBER *****

**MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING
LICENSES EXPIRE ON 31 MARCH**

member Mark Lenarz has made and donated a beautiful, hand-crafted bamboo fly rod with two matching tips. Beginning in March, we will be selling a maximum of 50 raffle tickets for the rod at \$20 each. In order to let as many as want to participate in the raffle, we are setting a limit of two tickets per member until after April 13th. After the April General Meeting, members will be able to purchase as many of the leftover tickets as they wish. All of the proceeds of the raffle are dedicated to making stream improvements on our leased section of the Rio Peñasco. So, here is your opportunity to win a high quality fly rod and improve the area we all fish for a pretty nominal amount.

April is shaping up to be a busy month. On April 1st, Project Healing Waters will host soldiers from Ft. Bliss for fly tying at the Las Cruces NMDG&F field office and for fly casting at Young Park and for a trip to the Lease on April 8th. April 4th is our annual Kids' Fishing Derby at Alumni Pond on the NMSU campus. We will need all of the volunteer help we can get for these events so please help out when and where you can.

Tight Lines,
Jim



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is going great. We continue to have fly tying at the Las Cruces VA Clinic the last Wednesday of each month with 6-9 Vets tying flies. We are also continuing with rod

building. Four of the seven Vets have completed their fly rods and I expect the other three will be completed within the next two weeks. Great going to our Vets and thanks to the volunteers that have given their time in assisting the Vets in rod building and fly tying.

I am looking at doing a San Juan trip with the Vets in

May and I will be looking for a couple of volunteers to help. I plan on a float for the Vets that will be unable to wade. Our next big event will be the fly tying on April 1st at the NMG&F and casting at the University pond in the afternoon. Fly tying will start about 8:30 AM. Fishing on the lease will be on Wednesday April 8th. I expect 20 soldiers to participate in these events. Jim Sorenson will be heading up these events. Thank you, Jim. Jim will need as many volunteers as possible for these events. For fishing on the lease, it is critical that we have the volunteers to work with the soldiers. One-on-one works the best.

On May 19th and 20th I will be working with the wounded warriors. The Cloudcroft VFW has a multiday event for this group and PHW will support the fly tying and fishing for the VFW. More info to come on the number of participants and volunteers expected.

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

April 16 - 19

Editor's Note: The Lady Anglers have reserved the Lease for April 18th. It has been set aside for "Ladies Only" on that day, so men make your fishing plans accordingly (that means plan on going another day.)

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 Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 4 April

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Don't forget the Kids Fishing Clinic scheduled for April 4th at 9 AM at Alumni Pond next to the Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus. Volunteers should arrive at 7:30am to set up the stations, rig up the rods and reels, etc. Trout will be stocked in the pond by NM Game and Fish. The clinic portion of the activities will consist of knot tying, fly tying, fish anatomy, fish identification, fish prints, entomology, bait, casting and fishing rules and regulations.

There will be some prizes ,pizza and drinks. Last year we had 120 kids register for the clinic! Along with parents and volunteers we had over 300 in attendance. As you can see we need a lot of volunteers, at least 25 for this event. Please mark your calendar and make plans to help out with this event.

Contact Tom Wobbe at tomjaw@aol.com or 575-649-0388.

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. This trip is fully booked at this time.
- Fall - annual fall trip to the San Juan

Welcome New Members

Richard Bigelow	Silver City, NM
Meredith Campbell	Las Cruces, NM
Dustin Ferguson	Lubbock, TX
Dan Jacquez	Las Cruces, NM
Paul Stricker	Roswell, NM
Edward Vent	Las Cruces, NM

An old phrase evokes the fly-fisher's spring: the sweet of the year.
R. Palmer Baker

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Improved Rock Worm



- Hook:** Mustad 37160 – #14 to #18
- Thread:** Uni thread 8/0 black
- Head:** black metal bead
- Body:** micro chenille – chartreuse
- Gills:** black ostrich herl
- Head/wing case:** black thin skin or black mylar tinsel
- Legs:** black hackle.



Gila National Forest Plan Revision

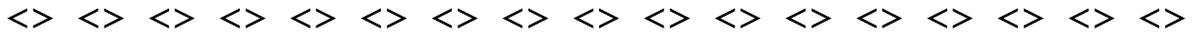
The process of revising the existing forest plan for the Gila National Forest is beginning, with opportunities for public participation and input. The first phase of the process involves assessment of the current conditions and trends of forest resources and multiple uses. The plans set management, protection and use goals and guidelines. Monitoring conditions on a forest ensures projects are done in accordance with plan direction and determines effects that might require a change in management. Six “Community Conversations” public meetings are scheduled during the month of March 2015 (details below). These events are being held to learn how people value the forest and why it is important to them, and get your ideas about how to organize the agency’s outreach and involvement efforts. When this process is completed, the revised plan will describe the strategic direction for management of forest resources for the next 10 to 15 years. — <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671>

Community Conversations will occur at the following locations:

Ranger District	Location	Date	Time
Quemado RD	Quemado School	March 9	5–8:00 p.m.
Reserve RD	Fair Bldg, Catron Cty Fairgrounds	March 10	10–1:00 p.m.
Glenwood RD	Glenwood Community Center	March 10	5–8:00 p.m.
Silver City RD	Grant County Conference Center	March 11	5–8:00 p.m.
Wilderness RD	Little Toad Creek Inn (Lake Roberts)	March 12	9–12:00 p.m.
Black Range RD	Sierra County Fairgrounds	March 12	5–8:00 p.m.

The public can send suggestions, comments and information by: email (gilaplan@fs.fed.us) or mail to Gila National Forest Plan Revision, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, NM 88061–7863.





MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday February 16, 2015

Submitted by John Kennedy, Secretary

The MVFF Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Jim Sorenson. In attendance were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Bob Silver, Dennis Lanpher, John Kennedy and non-members Ron Bellerose, Jim Hulsey, Tom Wobbe, Dominique Lujan and Will Lubenau from the American Fisheries Society, and Helen Zagona.

1. Minutes of the January Board meeting as published in the February newsletter were approved.
2. Tom Wobbe presented the Treasurer's report, and financially the Club is in good shape with \$11,734 in the bank. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.
3. Membership is at 234 active members through March. Nine new members have joined the Club since January 1.
4. Helen Zagona presented a proposal to donate Al Trompler's fly fishing books to the Club for a library. Her generous offer was accepted, and the titles will be posted on the Club's website. Members will be able to check out 2 books at a time with a 1 month loan period. Bob Silver will serve as librarian.
5. Eric Mamoser from NMSU is involved with a new course at the university, "Fisheries Management." Twenty students are interested in possible lease improvements. Their deadline is early April. Ideas for improvement include quantatative assessments for the stream, fish, etc. The group intends to prepare 2 written plans to explain their management ideas. Ideas kicked around included shoreline preservation, creation of pools, flow patterns, flooding and designs for damage control. Oral and or written presentations of their work will come by the May meeting, or the fall meeting.
6. 100 people attended the 2015 annual banquet which was a great success. Speaker Landon Mayer presented an excellent slide/video abbreviated discussion of his book, 101 Trout Tips. It was well received. All agreed that the food and prizes were excellent. There was further discussion on future speakers, prizes, and expenses.
7. Ron Bellarose presented a report on Project Healing Waters. 4 Veterans were at the banquet. 75 % of the veterans are club members. On April 1 there will be fly tying at the NMDG&F Conference Room, and fishing at the lease will be on April 8. On May 13 there will be fly tying in Cloudcroft, and fishing at the Cloud Country Pond on May 14. These 2 activities will include spouses and kids. Some of the Vets have been fishing at Alumni Pond with some success. 7 Vets are presently building fly rods.
8. It was agreed that the American Fisheries Society will do a fly tying session at the NMDG&F Conference Room on March 14. They will do a presentation at the March meeting. They will again do a presentation on invertebrates at the kids fishing clinic on April 4.
9. There was further discussion of a possible club general meeting in April in El Paso.
10. Club member Mark Lenarz donated a beautiful custom made bamboo fly rod for the Spring Raffle. 50 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 per ticket, 2 tickets maximum per purchase. The money raised from the spring raffle will be designated for lease improvements.
11. Chuck Mueller reported that the North Platte trip, June 21 - 26, is almost full, and the San Juan trip, April 30 - May 3, is about 1/2 full.

The next board meeting will be March 16th, 2015. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.



Quick Look Contact Information

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Officers	
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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.



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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.

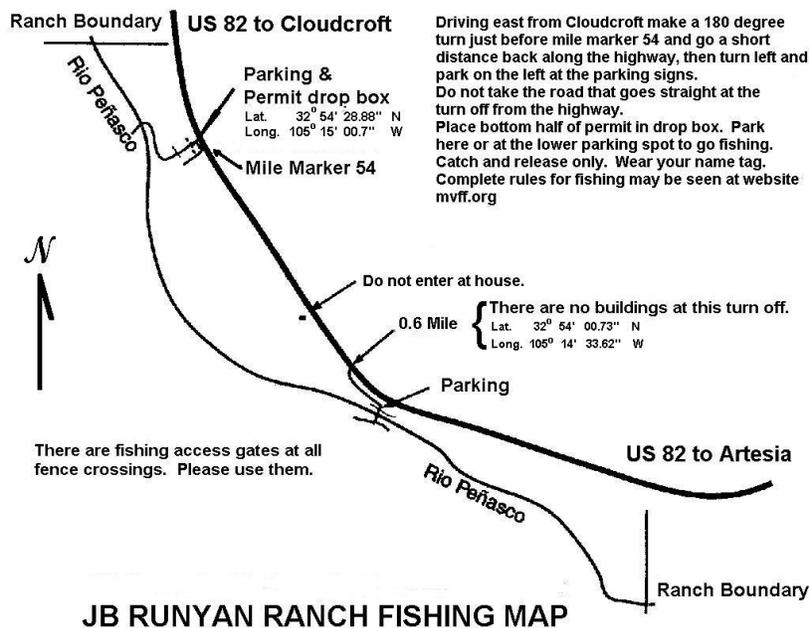
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulseley (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 Hulseley. 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.