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Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 January

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 11 January at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Guest speaker will be Kevin Campbell. Kevin is an outfitter and guide at Lee's Ferry in Page, AZ. You will enjoy this program and will find it especially informative if you are considering going on the Club trip to Lee's Ferry in early May.

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

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 January

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 January at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 27 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. Two flies will be tied: the *Simple Baetis* and the *Semi Realistic Caddis*. The tying session will be led by visiting tyer, Deward Yocum. Check the recipe section for a short bio for Deward. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner

Jim Sorenson



The Lease has been stocked! On December 5, we put in 265 8"-10" Rainbows. Get your permits and go catch them before the Herons eat them. The plan is to stock again in a

couple of months and then again before summer. Bill Parker, our fish vendor, has 250 or so Browns but he can't sell them before Game and Fish inspects them, probably in early April. We have already told Bill that we will buy them.

At the December meeting, the following members were elected to the Board for 2016: Jeff Arterburn, David Carmichael, John Kennedy, Dennis Lanpher, Gary Mann, Chuck Mueller, Ray Rodríguez, Bob Silver and Jim Sorenson. Thanks to the members for their willingness to serve and to our newest member, David Carmichael. The Board will elect officers at its January meeting and all new terms will start after the Annual Meeting in February.

Tickets for the annual raffle are available for \$5 each. Get your chance to win up to \$4,000 in prizes. The drawings will be held at the annual banquet but you do not have to present to win. The raffle helps to offset the cost of the banquet and funds some of our activities for the year. Help us out if you can.

Kevin Campbell will be our guest speaker at the January meeting. Kevin is an outfitter and guide at Lee's Ferry in Page, AZ. We will be organizing a Club trip to Lee's Ferry to arrive on May 3, fish the 4th, 5th and 6th and leave on May 7th. Chuck Mueller has negotiated a 10% discount on lodging and guide service for the trip. If you have ever considered fishing this renowned stretch of the Colorado River, here is the opportunity.

A Happy New Year to all as we look forward to another great year of fly fishing.

Tight Lines,

Jim



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator

Another great year for Project Healing Waters thanks to all our great volunteers. It has been a great month for fly tying and fishing. We tied flies on December 23rd and again on

December 30th. I greatly appreciated Ray Rodriquez for his participation in the fly tying event on December 30th. He did a great job of assisting our new fly tying Vets and I could not have done the class without his help.

Statistics for 2015 are as follows: new vets – 87, new volunteers – 17, fly tying events – 28, casting events – 10, fishing events – 26.

We had a total of 314 Vets participate in 2015 with a total hours spent of 2,030. We had a total of 213 volunteers for the year with 1,883 hours spent with the Vets. Thank you so much for the MVFF volunteers that make this program possible.

Also PHW had a total of \$4,790 in 'In kind' donations, \$1,900 in personal donations, and \$1,600 in fund raisers and fly sales. Thank you all for your support.

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

Sportsman's Warehouse Returning

For several months, rumors have been circulating that Sportsman's Warehouse will be returning to Las Cruces. Recently Tom Wobbe emailed the district manager to verify the truthfulness of the rumor. Following is the reply: *Yes we are!!! Our plan is to open up late summer or early fall of 2016. We are very excited to be back in Las Cruces and look forward to serving our customers everyday again.*—Ryan Steele, District Manager, Sportsman's Warehouse, South West Region

NM Native Trout Resolution for 2016

Jeff Arterburn

Hopefully you are enjoying the year's ending with



reminiscences of fine fishing and good times on the water, and are eagerly looking forward to angling in the New Year. Who among us isn't inspired by the chase for wild trout in wild places, where the only

thing better than bringing a particularly fine fish to net in the quiet solitude and beauty of a remote canyon or meadow stream is sharing the experience with a close friend or family member? Sustainable fisheries for wild trout are treasures to be enjoyed, without the need for stocking or interventions other than avoiding impairments to their water quality or the systemic damages to the watershed from fire or drought. So it's not surprising that even ardent an



glers may give pause when asked what makes *native* trout special, and they may wonder why so much emphasis is placed on protecting and restoring *natives*? New Mexico is home to two remarkable native trout species: the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout and the Gila

Trout. These fish are uniquely beautiful in their own ways, with distinguishing characteristics being the dappled spots and brilliant orange highlights on an olive palette or fine spots peppering a golden coppery bronze background, respectively. The behavior of these natives have also adapted to fit their home waters amazingly well, taking advantage of streamside



cover to survive in the low water and increasing temperatures, and challenging the fly angler's fishing skills and knowledge. When you catch and release a native trout in one of the uniquely beautiful, special places in NM, where they've lived for thousands of years, it is an experience to savor.

Fortunately we have some excellent opportunities to enjoy recreational fishing for these native trout, and with the continuing efforts and support from a broad base of public and private constituents and multiple federal and state agencies, there is hope that these opportunities will further improve and expand. In January, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be stocking ~10,000 Gila Trout in the Gila Forks area and the recently renovated Lake Roberts for recreational fishing. Restoration of Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout in the South Fork of Bonito Creek could be possible following the construction of a fish barrier to exclude non-native trout. The path for RGCT restoration in Animas Creek now depends largely on recovery of the stream from the damage caused by the Silver Fire in 2013. If you are interested in learning more about these and other native trout projects, or would like to get involved in these activities with the members of the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited please contact Jeff Arterburn: jeffgilatu@aol.com, and check out our facebook page

for the latest updates:
<https://www.facebook.com/wildnativetroutr/>

Annual Banquet & Raffle

Saturday, February 20, 2016

The annual MVFF banquet and raffle will be held Saturday, February 20, 2016. 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. Spouses and children are invited.

The guest speaker for the banquet will be *Tim Cammisa*. See the following article for information on Tim.

Several raffles will take place following the dinner and are among the richest (\$4,000) 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!

Tim Cammisa, Banquet Speaker

Saturday, February 20

Chuck Mueller

After viewing many of [Tim's videos on YouTube](#) and really enjoying both his tips and tricks on techniques for Fly Tying, I contacted Tim and he agreed to be our guest speaker for the banquet. As of this month he has had over 1 million views of his videos on YouTube.

A quick bio: Tim lives in western Pennsylvania and has been tying flies for over 25 years. His fly fishing has taken him all over the country, with his "home base" being in the State College just outside of Pittsburgh. Tim started making fly tying tutorials on YouTube and his audience has grown to over 6,500 subscribers. You can view those videos on his website, [Trout & Feather](#).

Tim's topic for the banquet will be "Strategies for Success in Differing Water Types" with his talk consisting of the similarities and differences between strategies used for small stream, spring creeks and freestones, and tailwaters. There will be an emphasis

on preparation, rod/line selection, gear, fly choices, reading of the water and reflection.

Tim will hold a fly tying clinic for us on Saturday morning from 9am to Noon. He will be tying several different patterns for us from nymphs, dries to some anchor flies on a jig hook and if time permits the Meat Whistle. You can come and watch or tie along with Tim. In any case, I think you will enjoy this clinic and Tim.

Items for MVFF Raffles

Here's the list of prizes for this year's MVFF Banquet on February 20.

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 prize for the 2015 MVFF Attendance drawing winner, taken from the ticket stubs for meetings and formal club events collected throughout the past year, will be a guided trip with Land of Enchantment Guides (Noah Parker).

PHW:

Ron Bellerose will be running a separate raffle during the banquet for a pack and a float tube. Proceeds will go into the PHW fund.

Fund Raiser Raffle:

Rods:

- David Carmichael custom built Sage One rod (see description below) (\$900 value)
- WINSTON Boron IISX 4 Wt. 9' 4-Pc. (\$795 value)
- TFO TiCrX 9' 5 Wt. 4 Pc. (\$250 value)

Reels:

- HARDY 5-6 Wt. Ultralite model 5000DDD (\$225 value)
- GALVAN 0-1 Wt. (\$210 value)
- GREY 3-4 Wt. model GX900 (\$160 value)
- TFO 0-2 Wt. model BVK (\$150 value)
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Gear:

- FISHPOND Gore Range Tech Pack (\$150 value)
- FISHPOND Big Horn Kit Bag (\$68 value)
- BRODIN Cutthroat Net (\$60 value)

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- FOLSTAF Wading Staff (\$130 value)
- Double Rod Case for 9' Rods (\$65 value)

Custom Rod for Raffle

David Carmichael has built a custom rod for this year's raffle. A description is given below along with David's business card.

Sage ONE 9 ft., 4wt.—Rod is built with a Struble flor grade (highest quality) reverse half wells cork grip, REC up-locking reel seat and a California buckeye burl insert. The stripping guide is a Struble black agate guide. The winding check, tip top and other guides are Snake Brand. The rod blank is black, and the wraps are burgundy with embedded spiral trim bands in light gold. Rod retails for \$795, but the up-grades are worth \$120, so it's a \$900 value.



Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible future outings 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:

- May 3 - 7 —trip to Lee's Ferry. See following article.

Lees Ferry Club Trip, May 3rd to May 7th

Four night stay at the Cliff Dwellers Lodge and 3 days on a guided float on the River with shore lunch. Members are responsible for breakfast and dinners. This trip is limited to 12 members, however, if we have more members interested, other dates could be arranged.



additional. Payment for this trip is due March 14th. If you are interested in this trip please contact Chuck Mueller at 575-647-4045 or email chuck_wagon46@hotmail.com.

Welcome New Members

- Cynthia Clark Las Cruces, NM
Jim Harbison Las Cruces, NM
Kallie Renard Las Cruces, NM
Carolyn Williams Las Cruces, NM

Cost for the trip is \$800.00 including tax, tips are



Flies for January

Simple Baetis



Hook: Dachii small nymph hook or similar, size 16 or smaller
Thread: brown 8/0
Body: brown turkey biot or long goose biot
Thorax: hare mask dubbing, olive
Over wing: brown biotechnology with pearl flash tinsel coated with UV knot sense.

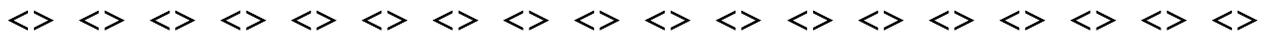
Semi-Realistic Caddis



Hook: Daiichi 1120 or 1130 size 18-14
Body: Foam 1/4 or 2mm brown
Thread: Brown 8/0 or 14/0
Wing: Light Brown Medallion Sheeting
Legs: All Purpose Natural Deer Hair
Hackle: Brown or Brown/Olive size 16
Antenna: Optional Brown Micro Fibetts

Extra tools needed: Long sewing needle

Deward Yocum will be leading the fly tying this month. Deward is a fly tyer and former guide from Los Lunas, NM. He is known for his realistic patterns and is a well published tyer who has tied all over the US including the International Fly Tying Symposium in Somerset, NJ. He has guided on the San Juan for many years. He is very knowledgeable and brings a different style to fly tying.





MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 15, 2015

Submitted, John Kennedy, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at *The Game Restaurant* by President Jim Sorenson. Board members present were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, Paul Turner, Jeff Arterburn and John Kennedy. Non-Board members in attendance were Tom Wobbe, Ron Bellerose and Jim Hulsey.

1. Minutes of the November 16, 2015 Board meeting were approved as published in the December issue of the newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$11,502. The Treasurer's report was accepted and approved.
3. Tom Wobbe reported the Club's membership at 318 with 8 new members joining since the November general meeting. Chuck Mueller suggested a notice in the January 2016 newsletter that the Club would again begin mentoring classes for newer members. Tom Wobbe reported that 262 permits for the lease were sold in 2015. There was also discussion that the Club will be setting up a Pay Pal account in the near future to handle Club monetary transactions - more information later.
4. Ron Bellerose reported on Project Healing Waters. PHW will slow down slightly in the winter months, but 7 vets will be building rods. PHW has received several donations recently from Club members. The Club encourages donations for this very worthwhile cause, and the fantastic work the Ron Bellerose and his volunteers do. Checks may be made payable to "Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing" with "Las Cruces NM area" written on the memo line. Checks can be given to Ron.
5. Jeff Arterburn provided the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter - Trout Unlimited Report. There is a Gila Trout Recovery Program meeting in mid-January. Jeff will report further on this in the near future.
6. The Annual Banquet & Raffle is scheduled for Saturday February 20th, 2016 at St. Paul's Methodist Church. Raffle prizes have been purchased. Raffle tickets were recently emailed to members, and are available at meetings.
7. Jim Sorenson reported on the Game & Fish Commission Reform meeting that he recently attended. The Commission rejected the State Wildlife Action Plan, but it will continue to be discussed. The State Fisheries Action Plan is not being discussed yet. For further information, see the Dept. of Game & Fish website.
8. There will be a NM Wildlife Federation Public Lands Rally at the State Capitol on Jan. 21st. The issue for discussion concerns Western States seeking federal lands being deeded over to the States. The Club supports keeping these public lands as they are now. If there is enough interest, the Club may rent a bus for members to attend. There will be a sign up sheet at the January general meeting.
9. Recent lease improvements and fish stocking were discussed, both successful so far. More discussion will follow at the January 2016 meeting.
10. We need speakers for the March and May general Meetings. Our January meeting speaker will be Kevin Campbell from Lee's Ferry.

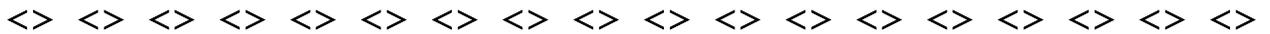
The next Board meeting will be January 18, 2016. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.





Stocking the Lease

December 5, 2015



Quick Look Contact Information

2015 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• V-Pres.:	Vacant
• Secretary:	John Kennedy (612) 720-3456
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• Position 2:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• Position 3:	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
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• Position 5:	John Kennedy (612) 720-3456
• Position 6:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Position 7:	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• Position 8:	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• Position 9:	Dennis Lanpher (575) 642-2946
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Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund Market Value as of 30 June 2014	\$11,487
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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.

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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MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING LI-
CENSES 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.

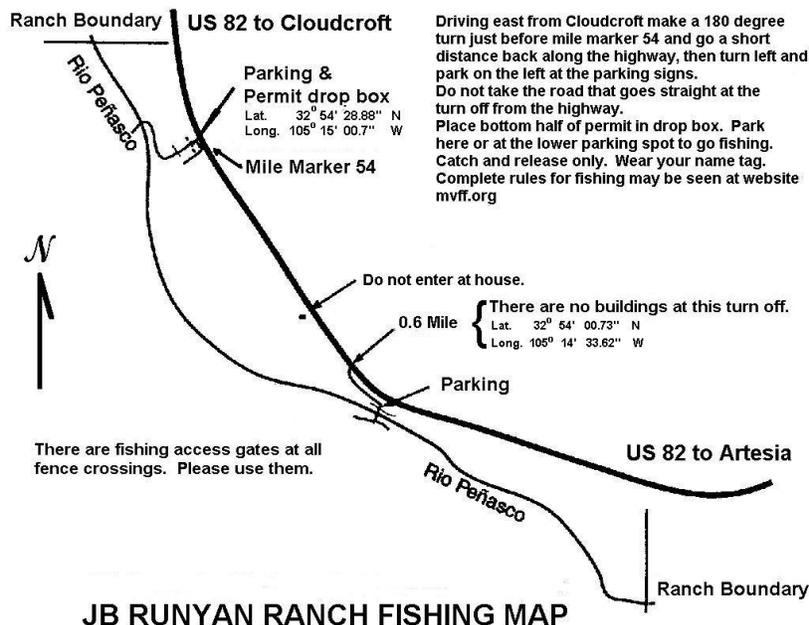
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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) 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.