



# TALE WATERS

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, 12 November

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 12 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The program will feature a presentation by Club member Chuck Mueller. Chuck will report on the Club's annual fishing trip to the San Juan. Please join us for an interesting and informative presentation!

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

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 19 November

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

## Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 28 November

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 28 November at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *March Brown Spider*. 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

David Carmichael

### Denial is not just a river in Egypt

If it weren't such an important topic about which to be misinformed, the sequence of various forms of climate change denial coming out of the current administration in Washington might be comical.



We've heard "climate change is a hoax" (now apparently perpetrated by China), and then "something is changing and it will change back again." "Climate change is happening but it's not man-made." "Climate change is man-made, but doing anything about it will destroy jobs and hurt the economy."

It is not entirely clear whether the deniers believe their own denials, are engaged in wishful thinking, or are stalling for time so oil and gas companies can continue making massive profits for a few more years. What *is* clear is that global climate change can no longer be rationally dismissed as a hoax, or even as a problem our grandchildren will face. It is here, it is happening now, and it is clear that the majority of the warming is the result of human activities. New Mexico is experiencing first hand many of the predictions made by climate scientists decades ago, and outdoor enthusiasts of all stripes should be concerned. Some of the changes, such as higher record temperatures or more intense forest fires are fairly easy to see; other things, like changes in our monsoon rainfall patterns, are more difficult to identify without closely examining the data. This month I'd like to use this space to summarize some of the ways that environmental policy decisions made by deniers have fueled climate change, and how such change affects fly fishing in New Mexico and the rest of the Southwest.



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Increased air temperature is one of the most obvious signs of global climate change. Since the last Ice Age, the earth has warmed about 4 degrees Celsius (7.2 degrees Fahrenheit), with the rate of change accelerating over time. The climate has warmed about 0.7 C in the past century alone, a rate that is ten times faster than the overall rate of change since the Ice Age. Even a seemingly small change can have enormous consequences. Only 4 degrees Celsius separate us from an ice age, and an increase of even half a degree can result in greater extremes in our weather patterns (Tim Radford, for *EcoWatch*, 7/5/17).

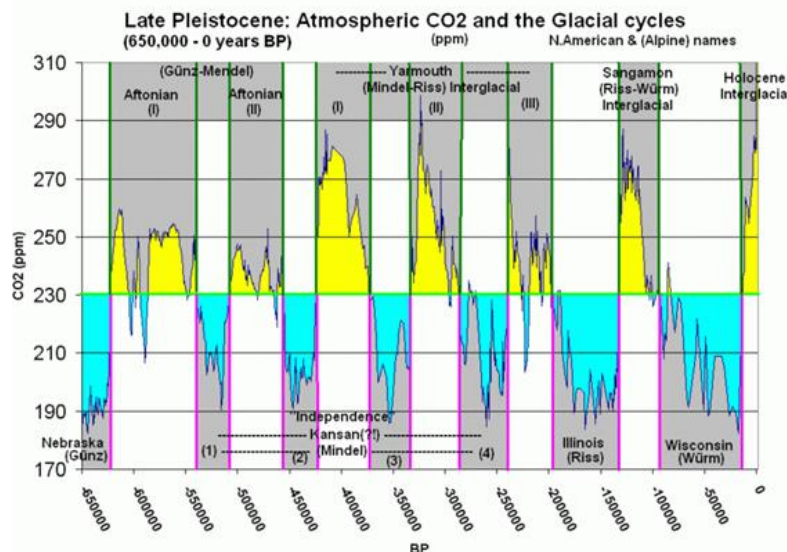
It is true that global climate change involves natural cycles, but it is clear that human activities have overridden the natural cycles. The accompanying diagram shows the pattern of climate change recorded in ice core data from Antarctica going back 650,000 years. The blue zones are periods of glacial growth and reduced levels of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. The yellow zones are warmer periods that are characterized by higher levels of CO<sub>2</sub>. In all the previous warming periods CO<sub>2</sub> levels never exceeded 300 parts per million (ppm); today we are at about 405 ppm, a level that is literally off this chart. Also, during all the previous warming cycles, a warm peak was reached early in the cycles, followed by a decline that transi-

tioned back to a cooling period. This pattern is evident in all the yellow sections of the diagram except today's Holocene interglacial. The current period of elevated CO<sub>2</sub> levels, shown at the far right of the diagram, should have already peaked, and we should be entering a cooling phase. Instead, the current warming trend is continuing and accelerating. The yellow curve goes off the chart at the upper right corner of the diagram, and we are heading into unknown territory.

Warmer temperatures have a variety of environmental consequences. In New Mexico, one of the most important is reduced snowpack. Rising temperatures means shorter winters, less snow and wetter snow, which in turn produces earlier melting of the snowpack and more dramatic and erosive runoff events. The West as a whole has warmed by 1.5 degrees in the last century and has lost 2 weeks of cold nights in that time. The increase is even greater in New Mexico. **Average temperatures in New Mexico have risen 2 degrees Fahrenheit since the 1970s.** If current trends continue, snowpack will be almost non-existent in the western mountains by 2100 (*High Country News* 11/18/17). The evergreen trees in western forests are dependent on winter precipitation, and as that diminishes, so too will the forest cover. Increased tree mortality along with warmer winter temperatures will accelerate the spread of destructive insects such as pine bark beetles, and their spread will, in turn,

contribute to greater deforestation. If snowpack and precipitation amounts were to continue at historic levels, some deforestation could actually be beneficial to stream flows, due to reduced groundwater demand from trees. However, given the projected losses of snowpack and precipitation due to warming and drying,

it seems unlikely that deforestation will compensate for the overall loss of water resources. Instead, deforestation may well reduce slope stability and,





along with more rapid spring runoff, cause increased erosion which can add more sediment to streams, affecting water quality and spawning areas.

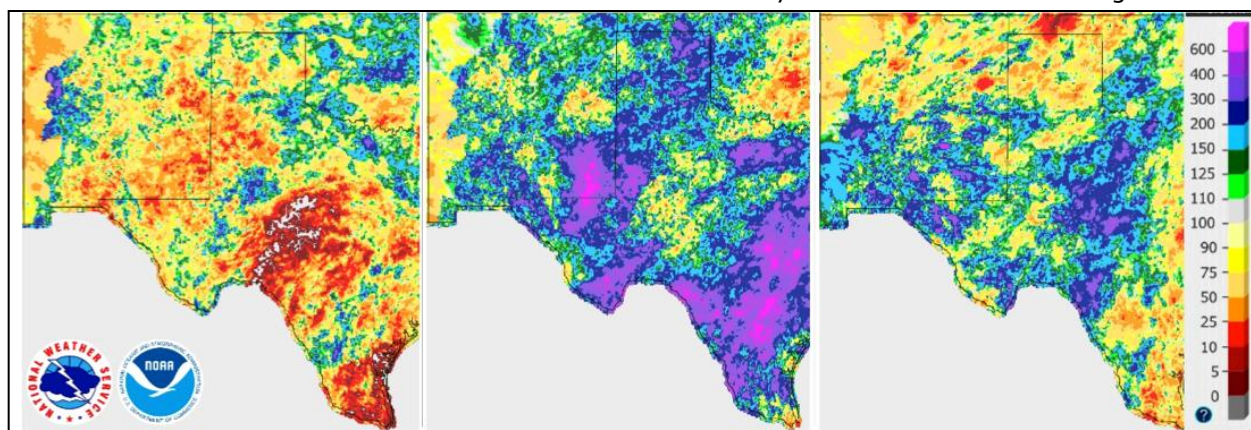
New Mexico is already seeing reduced stream flows, especially in the Rio Grande system. The Middle Rio Grande below Albuquerque was dry by April this year instead of summer as has often been the case in the past. Spring season drying of the river can be expected to continue into the future (*NM Universities Working Group on Water Supply Vulnerabilities*, Final Report 2015). Elephant Butte Reservoir has been below 4% of capacity since August of this year. El Vado and Heron Lakes are at 19% of capacity; Caballo and Abiquiu are at 42% and 54% respectively. Last year, Dr. David Gutzler (UNM, Dept. of Earth and Planetary Studies) said he doubts whether we will ever be able to fill Elephant Butte Reservoir again, given the projections for reduced flow in the Rio Grande system. By the end of the century it is predicted that Albuquerque temperatures will be like the conditions we see in El Paso today. Even perennial streams will experience lower flows and higher temperatures, directly affecting which streams can support sustainable fisheries, and which fish species can tolerate those waters.

Temperatures in the upper Colorado River basin are expected to warm by 5 degrees by the year 2050, and river flows will decline about 4% for every 1 degree of temperature increase. So, over the next 30 years or so, the Colorado River flow is expected to be reduced

Rising temperatures, shorter winters, longer summers and reduced water resources are contributing to the pattern of increased wildfires that we are already experiencing. Wildfire frequency in the West has risen by 400% since 1970. The intensity of the fires is also greater than what has historically been the case. The greater intensity of fires is already resulting in greater damage to woodlands, such as scorching topsoil and destroying the natural seed bank. The 2011 Las Conchas fire that burned the eastern third of the Jemez Mountains was hot enough to cause melting and bubbling of prehistoric obsidian artifacts. Some biologists are concerned that such intense burning will make it difficult for woodlands to recover from burns; in some regions there won't be enough soil moisture or water for seedlings to survive, and the woodlands will be lost altogether.

In addition to all these effects, rainfall patterns are already shifting and becoming less predictable. Intense downpours are becoming more common, but there are often longer periods between them when there is no rain at all. Perhaps most interesting is the shift in our summer monsoon rainy season.

Historically, the Southwestern monsoon has formed in early July and run through September. But recent research predicts a monsoon that starts later, ends later, and produces more intense rainfall in September and October (Cook & Seager, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University 2013). Cook & Seager have determined that "increase in moist static stability is a fundamental effect of greenhouse driven



*Percent of normal precipitation for July (left), August (center) and September (right), 2016. CLIMAS (Climate Assessment*

by 20%. Over that same period, Gila River flows are predicted to decrease by 5–10% due to continued warming and decreased snowmelt (Udall & Overpeck, for *High Country News*, 2017).

global warming." Moist static stability is a measure of whether rising air is buoyant relative to the air above it. Buoyant air that cools as it rises produces convective rain of the sort we get during the monsoon. Increased air temperatures at high altitudes leads to air

that is moister aloft and more stable, which suppresses convection.

The practical effect of this process is to delay the onset of the monsoon; in 2016 the monsoon began 3 weeks later than usual. This pattern is illustrated in the three-part precipitation map shown below. In 2016 July was much drier than usual, with many areas of southern New Mexico receiving only 25–50% of historically typical rainfall amounts. El Paso received 75% of the monsoon season rain after August 12, and the storms were so intense that many areas received up to 600% of normal rainfall amounts for the month of August (center panel). Similar patterns were observed in 2017, and they may represent the new normal. If so, the shift in timing of the monsoon will have implications for agriculture, recharge of reservoirs, stream flows, water temperatures, and the timing of fish spawning.

#### Club News

On November 1<sup>st</sup> I received an email from Jeff Arterburn and the Gila/Rio Grande chapter of Trout Unlimited inviting the MVFF to sign a letter urging our leaders in Congress to renew the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). In case you would like a refresher on the issue, I discussed the expiration of the fund in the October club newsletter. After circulating the letter to all the board members, the board voted by email to add the MVFF to the list of sporting groups supporting the letter as it is forwarded to Congress. The text of the [letter](#) is included on page 9 of this newsletter.

November is turning out to be a very busy month for the club. The club trip to the San Juan River is scheduled for November 4–6, and Chuck Mueller will provide a summary of the trip activities as the presentation at our meeting of the general membership on November 12. I hope you will be able to attend.

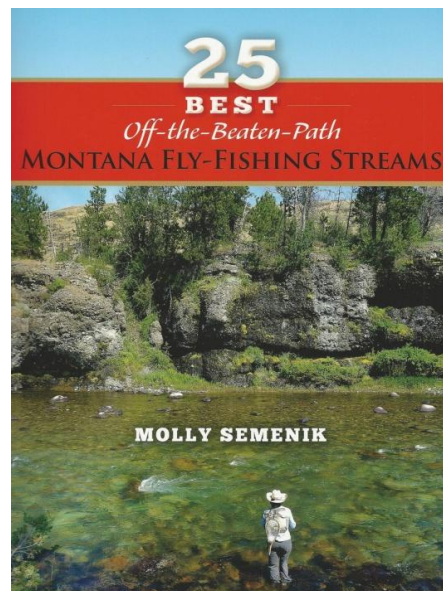
And, don't forget that the day before our next general meeting is the date of our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fly Fishing Film Tour event at Ardivino's Desert Crossing. Doors open at 11 AM and lunch will be served about noon. The event will include about 2 hours of fly fishing films as well as raffles for three fly reels and a fly rod and reel combination donated by Donna and Norm Mabie's family. Proceeds of the raffles will go towards the Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund. Cost is

\$35 and tickets may be purchased online through the club's PayPal page. Hope to see you there!

We are in the final stages of planning for activities associated with our annual banquet on January 26, 2019. Our guest speaker will be Molly Semeniuk,



champion fly caster, certified casting instructor, fishing guide and author. Molly will be teaching two fly casting classes on the morning of January 26. One will be at the introductory level and the other will be more advanced. Both will be 1½ hours long and each will be limited to 8–10 participants. We currently have one member signed up for the introductory class and four in the advanced class. Please contact me if



you are interested in signing up for either class. In addition to teaching the casting classes, Molly will give a presentation at the banquet about her book *25 Best Off-the-Beaten Path Montana Fly Fishing Streams*. On Sunday morning she will present a fly



casting challenge course near the pond at NMSU. More details will be provided in upcoming newsletters, but if you want to attend the casting classes, please let me know sooner than later. [↑](#)

## Fly Fishing Outreach

Ron Bellerose  
Coordinator



Local Vets are still doing fly tying on the second Tuesday of the month. In November we will watch a fly casting video and go to the pond for some practice casting. I hope they will have stocked the pond by then. We had two Vets participate in the MVFF fly tying in October.

I have not heard anything from the Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion, Ft Bliss so am not sure if we will be doing anything with them this year. They have a tight schedule and I'm not sure they are ready for colder weather fishing.

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For more information about the MVFF Fly Fishing Outreach Program contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), [flyfishnh@hotmail.com](mailto:flyfishnh@hotmail.com), also if you wish to volunteer to help out. [↑](#)

## Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

Jeff Arterburn, President



### Willow Creek Stream and Fish Survey Volunteer Weekend

The weather was perfect for our volunteer weekend at Willow Creek October 26-28. The stream was flowing strongly after recent rains, and we helped measure stream habitat and collect data on fish populations by electroshock sampling. NMSU graduate student Tyler Wallin had previously pit-tagged several hundred Gila trout with tiny transponders the same way that pets are micro-chipped, so each trout collected was scanned to determine if it had been collected previously and to provide information on fish movement in the stream. We collected Gila trout of all age classes, a relief considering the

serious summer drought, and also sampled the other important native fish populations that are present in the watershed including Desert Sucker (*Catostomus clarkii*), Sonora Sucker (*Catostomus insignia*) and Speckled Dace (*Rhinichthys osculus*). Tyler will be completing his graduate thesis and we are looking forward to hearing more about this study.



NMSU Graduate student Tyler Wallin runs a drone to survey habitat.



Sampling fish collected by electroshocking.



A positive scan identifying a pit-tagged Gila trout.

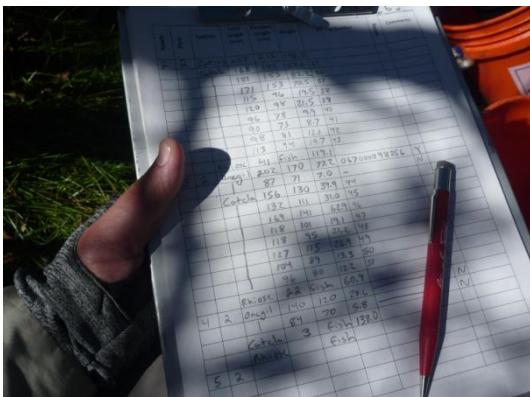




A colorful Gila trout.

A "Sonora Sucker" (*Catostomus insignia*) and yes they will take flies.

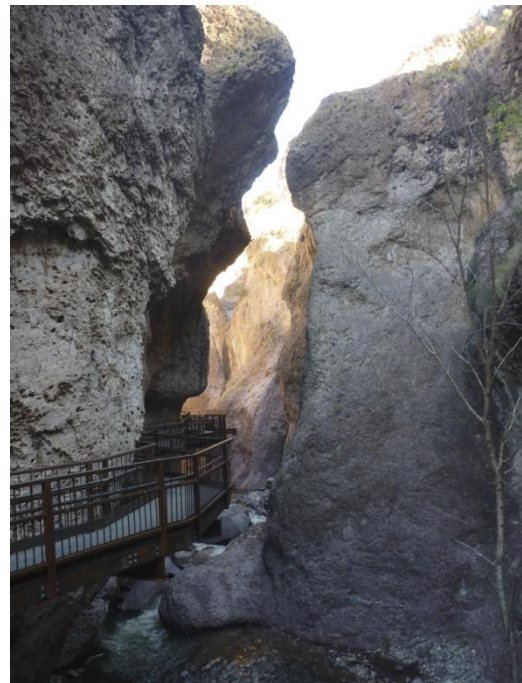
Both native sucker species.



Data collection sheet.



Hold tight for exciting news for anglers who remember the spectacular canyon and great fly fishing in Whitewater Creek, and for those who never had the chance to experience this special place before the 2012 Whitewater Baldy fire. The NMDGF along with Trout Unlimited, USFS, USFWS, and other agencies and local community groups are planning a Gila trout celebration on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Gila National Forest Catwalk Recreation Area near Glenwood, NM. We are planning to host fun and educational activities including fly casting and fly fishing demonstrations, fly tying, and we will also host a booth with home-cooked NM comfort food to share: green chile stew, posole, menudo, etc. Stay tuned for more information and please let us know if you'd like to help out with the activities or just join in for a fun day celebrating Gila trout and Whitewater Creek!



Reconstructed "Catwalk" in Whitewater Creek canyon.



## Reel and Rod/Reel Combo Raffle

### Norm and Donna Mabie Memorial Scholarship

The Mesilla Valley Flyfishers was founded in April of 1987 and incorporated in 1991. One of the primary founders was Norm Mabie, who with a group of others, put all the pieces together and served as the club's first president. Unfortunately, Norm passed away in 2004. The Club established an endowed scholarship at New Mexico State University in Norm's name. Norm's wife, Donna passed away in 2017 and the Club recently added her name to the scholarship. Please click on this link about Norm and the scholarship

[www.zianet.com/mvff/scholarship/scholarship.html](http://www.zianet.com/mvff/scholarship/scholarship.html).

The Mabie family recently put the family home up for sale. David Mabie, one of the Mabie sons, gave the Club four reels and several rods that belonged to the family. The Board decided to raffle three reels and a rod/reel combo in a raffle like the one that was held for the Mabie Legacy Rod. All of the proceeds will be added to the Scholarship Fund. The reels have been used by Norm, but they are in like new condition. The rod is like new also and one of the most beautiful rods that I have seen made by Norm. The reels are: a Ross San Miguel #1 reel, a Ross San Miguel #2 reel and a Ross Gunnison #1 reel. The rod/reel combo is a custom 9-ft 5-weight Fisher rod and a Ross Gunnison #2 reel. We will have pictures of these items on the MVFF website.

Like the last raffle, I am reaching out to our out-of-

SAN MIGUEL #1 REEL \$10/SQUARE										
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town members to have an equal opportunity to participate in these raffles. There is a separate raffle board for each reel and for the rod/reel combo like

the one shown. Each board has 100 squares and each square is \$10. You can buy as many squares as you want. You can pick your own squares, or we can pick squares for you. Your name will go in each square that you buy.

The winner of each item will be picked when all of the squares of that board are sold. We hope that we can pick all of the winners at the Fly Fishing Film Tour at Ardivino's Desert Crossing in Sunland Park, NM on November 11<sup>th</sup>. You can donate online via the MVFF PayPal website or mail a check of \$10 for each square to Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, Inc., P.O. Box 2222, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2222. Tell us which squares you want and give us a telephone number to contact you. **YOU DON'T NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.** [↑](#)

## 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.

Current trips planned are:

- Nov. 4 - 7 — Annual fall Club trip to the San Juan. This trip is fully subscribed.



## Fly of the Month

March Brown Spider



- **Hook:** Dai Riki 075 or Tiemco 3769, Size 12-14
- **Thread:** Rusty Brown 8/0 Uni-thread
- **Dubbing:** Light Hare's Mask
- **Hackle:** Natural Partridge
- **Ribbing:** Extra Small Gold Mylar Tinsel





## MVFF 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fly Fishing Film Tour



Next month the club will host our second Fly Fishing Film Tour event at Ardivino's Desert Crossing in Sunland Park, NM. The event will be on Sunday, November 11. This year ticket sales will be handled in person at our club meetings and at the door, or online using the MVFF PayPal account. Purchasing tickets directly through the PayPal account is recommended, as it will give us the most accurate estimate of the number of members who plan to attend as we get closer to the event. Price will be \$35 for lunch, a couple of hours of fly fishing films, and several raffles, the details of which are discussed [elsewhere](#) in the newsletter. [↑](#)



*Editor's note: the following is a copy of the letter sent to several congressional leaders and was signed by numerous outdoor organizations, including MVFF.*

November 8, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan, Leader Schumer, and Leader Pelosi:

September 30, 2018, marked the expiration of one of the most powerful public access and habitat conservation programs in existence – the Land and Water Conservation Fund. As hunting, fishing, and wildlife conservation-based organizations and businesses that represent the interests of America's 40 million hunters and anglers, we are concerned that this expiration could seriously hamper future efforts to conserve valuable habitats and expand public access to America's public lands. To safeguard our sporting traditions, we ask that you move swiftly to permanently reinstate the program with full, dedicated annual funding.

Our members depend on publicly accessible lands and waters where they can participate in the long-standing traditions of hunting and fishing. For more than fifty years, the Fund has conserved over 5 million acres of public lands, invested over \$16 billion in conservation and outdoor recreation, established new public fishing areas, opened previously inaccessible public lands, and enabled strategic acquisitions of new lands for the benefit of hunters, anglers, and all Americans. The program also has potential to help conserve wildlife migration corridors and other important seasonal habitats. Such outcomes do more than simply carry forward culturally important pastimes – hunting and fishing are big business in America and constitute a vital pillar of the \$887 billion annual outdoor recreation economy.

Equally important, the program is budget-neutral, relying on revenue generated by the success of America's energy sector, not taxpayer dollars.

Despite the program's decades-long and proven record of success, its expired authorization puts the future of public access and habitat conservation at risk. We are looking to you to reinstate this program as soon as possible. Doing so is critical to the continued growth of America's outdoor economy and the sustainability of our nation's hunting and fishing heritage.

Sincerely,

- American Fly Fishing Trade Association
- American Woodcock Society
- Archery Trade Association
- Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
- Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.)
- Fly Fishers International
- Hispanic Access Foundation
- Izaak Walton League of America
- National Deer Alliance
- National Wildlife Federation

- North American Falconers Association
- Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association
- Outdoor Industry Association
- Pheasants Forever
- Pope and Young Club
- Public Lands Foundation
- Quail Forever
- Quality Deer Management Association
- Ruffed Grouse Society
- Snook and Gamefish Foundation
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Lands
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Trout Unlimited
- Western Rivers Conservancy
- Wild Sheep Foundation
- Wildlife Management Institute



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## MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2018

Submitted by Jim Hulsey, Acting Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order by David Carmichael at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference room. Board members present were: David Carmichael (President), Tom Johnson (Vice President), Chuck Mueller (Treasurer), Bob Silver (Membership), Dillen Martinez, Jim Hulsey and Jim Sorenson. Board members absent were: Robert Ardivino and Jeff Arterburn (Secretary. Non-Board members in attendance were: Ron Bellerose.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the September 17, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as published in the October 2018 issue of the newsletter.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report with available current account balance statement of \$9111.81. The report was accepted by the Board.
3. **Membership Report.** Bob Silver reported 230 currently active members.
4. **Fly Fishing Outreach.** Ron Bellerose reported that fly tying sessions held at Counseling Las Cruces on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 9–11am will continue. Ron has not heard from Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion, Ft Bliss and so does not know whether there will be any activities this year. It was determined that the Club will need to purchase a few rods and reels to support the Outreach program. Ron was tasked to survey the market to determine the least expensive way to do this.
5. **Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited.** The GRG-TU is planning a volunteer stream assessment project at Willow Creek on October 27–28. Folks will be arriving on that Friday with the work taking place on Saturday (all day) and Sunday (1/2 day). Participants will need waders. Jeff Arterburn should be contacted for more info.
6. **NMSU American Fisheries Students.** Dillen reported that a date has been set for students in-



class instruction on electro-shocking. No date has been set for a fly tying class.

## 7. Presentations and Events.

- The next general meeting November 12<sup>th</sup> will feature Chuck Mueller with a presentation on the Club fishing trip to the San Juan. The presentation for the December 10<sup>th</sup> general meeting has not been finalized.
- The club will host the Fly Fishing Film Tour 2018 on Sunday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. The ticket prices will be \$35, and we are planning to sell tickets through PayPal. Bob Silver will talk with Sportsman's Warehouse about sponsoring the event, and David will talk with Cabela's. The content and poster design will be finalized for advertising.
- The MVFF Annual Banquet is scheduled for January 26–27. Molly Semanik is planning to teach two classes on Saturday, with 8–10 students/session, using a first come–signup list. The classes will target beginners, and more advanced respectively. A demonstration is planned for Sunday and will involve a "casting obstacle course" on the grounds of the NMSU Alumni pond. Molly's presentation at the banquet will focus on her most recent book about fishing in Montana.

- The presentation for the January 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting has not been finalized.
- The general meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> will feature Emily Roley from the Taos Fly Shop.

8. **Rio Peñasco Lease.** David reported on his follow-up on a recent blog posting that seemed to indicate evidence of unauthorized fishing on the Lease. Discussions with Jim Ellett indicated that the person posting the blog was in fact a member. The portable toilets need to be replaced; Tom Johnson will explore options and discuss with Jim Ellett.

9. Other discussion items:

- Bob Silver reported slow sales on the four raffles being conducted for the Norm and Donna Scholarship Fund and recommended that the price be reduced for each square from \$10 to \$5. This was approved by the Board. Bob will go through and double the quantity of squares for those people who have already purchased squares.
- A possible student fish shocking/survey project to be held at the Lease has not been settled.

10. The next MVFF Board Meeting is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>. Chuck will pick up the key.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. ↑

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**NMSU AF Student Representative**

- Dillen Martinez ()

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

\*\*\*\*\* 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, to purchase fishing access permits to the MVFF leased waters on the Rio Peñasco and to participate in other Club activities such as an 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.

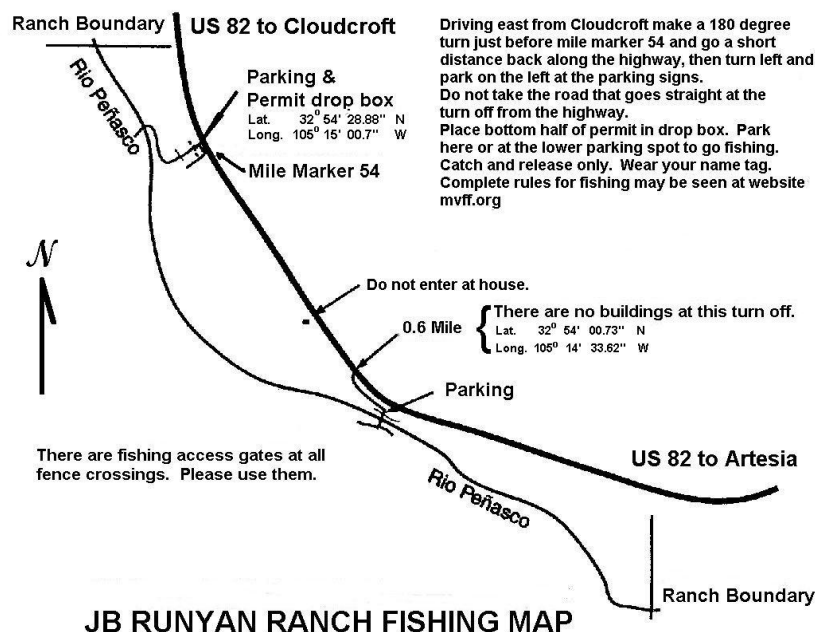
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

## Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulse (575-524-1880) or Bob Silver (575-522-6325) 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](http://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 Hulse. 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.



**MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS, INC.**

PO Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

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.