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Membership Meeting

There will be no MVFF general membership meeting in January. Instead we will have the Annual Banquet. There are some changes this year so be sure to read about them elsewhere in this newsletter.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 14 January

Note: this is a different date than normal.

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 14 January following the General Membership meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 23 January

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 23 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Green Psycho Prince Nymph*. 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

Do We Really Want to Relive the Bad Old Days?



I grew up in the Chicago area, during the bad old days of limited environmental regulations and polluted waterways. For the first Earth Day in 1970, two friends and I cre-

ated a film on the industrial pollution of Lake Michigan, the Des Plaines River, Salt Creek, and the Cal-Sag Canal in northeastern Illinois. Back then it was rare to see fish in the local waterways, and even if you could find one, nobody that I knew would consider catching and eating a fish from such toxic waters. Fast forward 50 years, and today Lake Michigan and many of its tributaries are clean and healthy, support thriving cold water fisheries, and generate many jobs in sport and commercial fishing. What happened? Answer: The Clean Water Act of 1972. In 1969, the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland actually caught fire, and I remember seeing the shocking photographs. In fact, the river had been so polluted for so long that it burned 13 times, dating back to 1868. But the 1969 fire was a turning point that finally generated the public outrage and political will needed to make lasting changes to the ways we treat our watersheds. President Nixon made reducing air and water pollution a top priority of his administration, and within three years the Clean Water Act was passed.

Law Making and the Clean Water Act

The Clean Water Act is in the news again because on December 11th the federal government released proposed new revisions to the Clean Water Rule that will, if implemented, remove protections for more than 60% of all the streams in the United States, including nearly all the fisheries in the state of New Mexico. Many people who embrace the current administration's anti-regulatory rhetoric seem to believe that

environmental laws and regulations are a result of Obama-era overreach, the misuse of executive orders, etc. But the idea that clean water rules date back only to the Obama administration is false. Rather than assuming that perceived problems with laws and regulations are the fault of “the guy we didn’t vote for,” or the “politician we don’t like,” it is useful to do a bit of research into the actual history and legislative intent of the laws, and how they were interpreted and implemented in the first place.

The processes involved in passing and putting laws into effect are fairly complicated; passage of a law by Congress is only the first step in a series of activities that result in the policies we encounter in the field and on the water. After a law is passed, it is sent to a Congressional committee or agency which is tasked with writing the implementing regulations. The regulations tell federal agencies what the law requires, and how to meet those requirements. Preparing implementing regulations often requires the writing of more specific rules that clarify the technical details of the law. A good example is the definition of waters of the United States, those waters that receive protection from pollution under the Clean Water Act. The committees that do the rule writing often included technical experts and scientists with training in the disciplines relevant to the content of the law (though this is less often the case in the current administration). The rule writing committees do not operate in a vacuum; they work closely with Congressional committees to ensure that the rules comply with the legislative intent of the law. In addition, the committees typically review and evaluate the scientific literature so that the rules reflect our current understanding of the relevant science. Committees also hold public hearings and solicit comments from the public; the MVFF regularly receive invitations from the USFS to participate in such hearings. So, the claim that the Clean Water Rule of 2015 is an example of partisan political overreach is demonstrably false. Rather, the rule writing committees worked out technical details at the direction of Congress, and in response to our current understanding of watershed science.

The Clean Water Act was intended to protect our rivers, streams and water supplies by preventing the discharge of pollution into the “waters of the United States.” Waters of the U.S. were defined as navigable waterways **and their tributaries** (Laura Paskus for *The*

NM Political Report, Dec. 13, 2018). **For 30 years, the protected waters included wetlands and headwaters** that are so essential to the health of our fisheries, not to mention our domestic water supplies. It was not until 2002 that the original legislative intent of the law was circumvented in favor of mining interests. This was done by changing the definition of “waters of the U.S.” to mean only those rivers large and deep enough to accommodate commercial boat traffic. As a result, most of the nation’s streams and wetlands were no longer protected; many wetlands were drained or polluted. Many watersheds were polluted from mountain top mining activities, which involve the removal of entire mountain tops to get to the coal seams, and then disposing of the tailings and tainted runoff into adjacent streams.

In response, the EPA reviewed more than 1,000 scientific studies, received more than a million public comments, and spent more than a decade developing the Clean Water Rule that would restore protections to many of the streams, wetlands and ponds that had been excluded during the Bush years. The Clean Water Rule was completed in 2015, and was based on a scientifically and legally justified definition of “waters of the United States.” Under the 2015 rule, such waters include not only navigable rivers, but also the drainages that are hydrologically connected to them. In February of 2017, the current administration issued an Executive Order directing federal agencies to rescind the 2015 rule, and the December 11th proposed rule is intended to replace it.

We All Live Downstream

The water in rivers comes from upstream, from a variety of sources and by several different mechanisms as indicated in Figure 1. Rainfall and snowfall occurring in the highest elevations of the watershed are carried downslope partly as overland flow, or runoff. However, some of the moisture penetrates the ground surface through the process of infiltration, and that moisture becomes part of the groundwater. Groundwater, in turn, is often hydrologically connected to the streams in the watershed. Tributary streams flow through a variety of landforms and terrain, some meandering through wetlands, and others tumbling down steep rocky slopes. Some tributaries are sea-

sonal, flowing at the surface only after rainstorms,

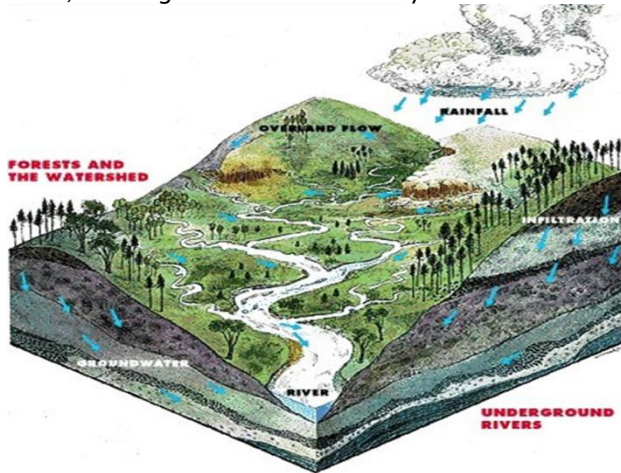


Fig. 1. Basic components of a generalized watershed

but the water in the tributary drainages, even that which is underground in seasonal streams, eventually ends up in the rivers. Any pollutants added to the water or soil in the headwater wetlands or streams will also eventually make their way into the larger watercourses.

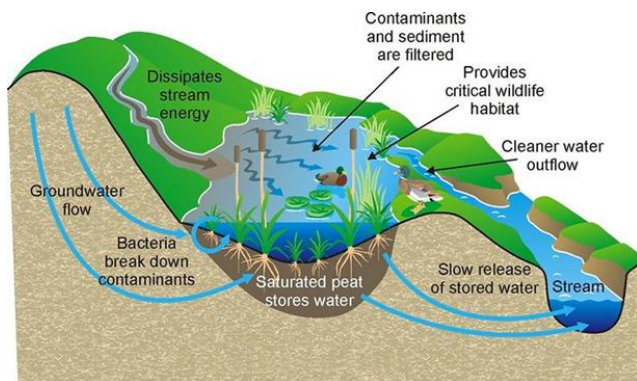


Figure 2. Hydrological connectivity of a generalized wetland to streams.

These scientific realities are not reflected in the revised rule proposed by the current administration. In fact, Dr. Ellen Wohl, professor and river science researcher at Colorado State University, notes that the newly proposed rule is “diametrically opposed to how the scientific community understands rivers as ecosystems and river function” (Emily Benson for *High Country News*, December 19, 2018). She also notes that small streams make up 70 to 80 percent of the total channel length in any river system. Fly anglers know this too, and we know that the smaller streams make up most of the habitat for native trout throughout the western U.S. In the words of Jon Devine of the National Resources Defense Council, the December 11 proposal is reckless, and the exact opposite of

what we should be doing given the current threats to our lakes, streams, wetlands and community water supplies (Nathan Rott for *NPR*, December 11, 2018).

The proposal would give mining and logging interests a free hand to develop and pollute headwaters and wetlands, and would serve the interests of some in the agricultural community who have chafed at restrictions on how they can modify small stream habitats. But at what costs? In exchange, about 50% of all the wetlands and 60% of all waterways in the U.S. would lose the protections they have had under the Clean Water Act. In the arid Southwest, 81% of the waterways would lose protections. In New Mexico, the majority of streams and wetlands would be unprotected; playas would be unprotected; closed basin drainages would be unprotected; waterways that don’t flow to the ocean would be unprotected. By that definition, even our largest rivers might not qualify as Waters of the U.S.

The new rule would strip protections from wetlands that don’t have a surface connection to a protected river or lake. This aspect of the rule seems to be designed to assist the development of the Pebble Mine in the Bristol Bay watershed. Research has shown that the hydrological connection between wetlands and flowing streams are essential to the maintenance of the Bristol Bay fishery. Removing the protections for those waters, a political decision rather than a



Fig. 3. Spawning area in nursery stream, upper Bristol Bay drainage, Alaska that would no longer be protected from pollution under the proposed water rule (*High Country News* photo)

science-based one, would make them available for mining, and would destroy the most productive salm-

on fishery in the world which supplies 75% of the world's sockeye.

Closer to home, many of the places we fly anglers visit will again be subject to channelization (as on agricultural lands), logging (which causes siltation of spawning areas) and mining discharge (remember when the Animas turned yellow?). Decades of reclamation efforts would be wasted if the headwaters of watersheds are once again opened to mining. Pollution and siltation of the marshes, meadows, beaver ponds and small streams at the top of the Roaring Fork watershed (Fig. 4) would have negative effects on more than 70 miles of blue ribbon trout fisheries downstream to Glenwood Springs and into the Colorado River.



Fig. 4. Wetlands and beaver ponds; headwaters of the Roaring Fork River near Independence Pass

Still closer to home, the headwaters of the Jemez River, San Antonio River and Jaramillo Creek in the Valles Caldera are examples of the kinds of fisheries that would no longer be protected. The same can be said for the headwaters of the Rio Peñasco which consist of marshes and meadows on USFS lands in the southern Sacramento Mountains.

It seems that politics are so polarized these days that many people believe holding a particular stance on environmental regulations is an intrinsic part of identity politics. Such has generally not been the case in the past, and it need not be that way in the future. Water management in the West has always involved politics, and that probably won't change anytime soon. Nevertheless, there really are such things as facts and demonstrable scientific realities, including the understanding that all parts of watersheds are interconnected. These sorts of things should be known to everyone, regardless of political affiliation.

Our commitment to the management, conservation and use of the environment for the greater common good should provide a place of common ground.



Fig. 5. Miriam releasing a trout in the headwaters of Jaramillo Creek, Valles Caldera, NM

Protecting natural resources should be widely recognized as of mutual benefit to us all. I hope that in the New Year we will all renew our commitment to conserving and maintaining access to cold water fisheries, and stop gambling away our environmental legacy for the purposes of political or short term economic gains. We will need to keep a close watch on our elected officials and push back against those policies, such as the water rule proposal, that undermine our shared best interests.

Protecting wetlands is only important if you drink water. Happy New Year.

Annual Banquet

On a more pleasant note, our annual banquet is scheduled for the evening of January 26, at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Las Cruces. There will be no meeting of the general membership in January, so I hope all club members will be able to attend the banquet. The dinner will once again be catered by Sparky's restaurant in Hatch. Our guest speaker will be Molly Semenik, professional fly fishing outfitter, former national casting champion and certified casting instructor, who will speak about her recent book, *25 Off-the-Beaten-Path Montana Fly Fishing Streams.* Molly will also present two fly fishing classes on the morning of the 26th (both are fully subscribed), and a casting challenge exercise on the morning of Sunday the 27th. The casting challenge will be based on the Fly Fishers International casting challenge program and is open to anyone wanting to

try their hand at casting for accuracy. Some club members will also take Molly fishing on the club lease on Friday the 25th, so let me know if you'd like to be part of that group. I hope many of you will be able to participate in what promises to be a very interesting set of activities.



Molly Semenik with an awesome steelhead

Finally, I'd like to encourage everyone to purchase tickets for the raffle prizes that will be drawn at the banquet. In a first for the club, there are four guided fishing trips up for grabs, including trips with Noah Parker of Land of Enchantment Guides, a float trip with our own Dillen Martinez from Wolf Creek Anglers, a trip on the Trincheras Ranch with Bob Widgren, and a guided wading trip with the Taos Fly Shop. Hope to see you all there for an exciting evening! 📌

Fly Fishing Outreach

Ron Bellerose
Coordinator



We have slowed down to a crawl. Ft Bliss will be slow until next month. We are still doing the fly tying once a month on the second Tuesday of the month from 9 AM till 11. I am looking at getting some fishing in soon.

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

Lady Anglers Update

Mary Hoffman



The Lady Anglers is a group of women MVFF members who love to fly fish and have fun doing it. No womens' fishing trips are planned at this time but stay tuned. In the meantime, take note that two excellent women fly fishing guides will be speaking at club events in early 2019. Guide and author Molly Semenik will be the guest speaker at the club's annual banquet in Las Cruces on January 26th and will teach two casting clinics to club members earlier that day (spaces in the clinics are limited and reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis). Additionally, Taos Fly Shop guide Emily Roley will be the guest speaker at the club's monthly meeting in Las Cruces on February 11th. Try to make these events if you can.



Information on Lady Angler events and fishing trips is made available to all women on our e-mail list and through announcements in the MVFF newsletter and at monthly club meetings. Beginners are welcome and the only requirement for joining us is MVFF membership. To add your name to the e-mail list, or for more information, contact Mary Hoffman at 505-710-5229. 📌

Board Members Elected

As defined in the Club By-Laws, an election was held in the December 2018 General meeting to select members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year (2019). The following nine people were elected: Robert Ardovino, Jeff Arterburn, David Carmichael, Jim Hulsey, Tom Johnson, Dillon Martinez,

Chuck Mueller, Bob Silver and Jim Sorenson. The elected members will select officers at their Board meeting in January.



Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

Jeff Arterburn, President



Volunteers needed: Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo—Jan12–13, 2019

The Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo will be held January 12–13, 2019, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The Gila Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers have a booth reserved and volunteers are asked to help provide information about fly fishing and ongoing conservation projects in Southern New Mexico, hand out free Gila trout posters, and sell fundraising items.

GRG–TU Logo T-shirts to support local trout restoration and conservation efforts.

We have some beautiful new fund-raising for trout restoration and conservation T-shirts with the GRG–TU logo in colors: green–on–ivory, and peanut–butter–on–black (see photos). These are beautiful, well-made shirts for a great cause at only \$20 each. These are great stocking stuffers and presents for the holidays! Contact Jeff Arterburn for more details and to sign up as a volunteer: jeffgilatu@aol.com.



Green logo on ivory



Peanut butter logo on black

Youth Fly Fishing Mentoring on Whitewater Creek

We've been asked to help host a youth fly fishing event at the Catwalk with the local group "Nuestro Gila" based in Silver City on Saturday, January 20th. The event is planning for about 15 minority youths, and our goal is to provide at least one mentor for each 3 students. This will be a lot of fun and there will be delicious fajitas prepared hot from a disco for lunch! Jason Amaro is coordinating the event so please RSVP

to him by email if you'd like to volunteer: amaro_jason@hotmail.com.



MVFF Annual Banquet

Save the Date

The MVFF Annual Banquet will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on Saturday **January 26, 2019**. Doors will open at 5pm and food will be served about 6pm.

This year the meal will be **fully catered** by Sparky's from Hatch, NM. So instead of wondering what to bring just come, relax, and enjoy the evening with friends. Banquet tickets will be \$10 per person, but that includes two free raffle tickets (**a \$10 value**.) Children under 18 are free. Dinner tickets will be sold at the door.

The Prize Committee really outdid themselves with prizes including:

- Winston BIIIIX 9ft–4–weight rod—\$750 value
- Brodin Pisces carbon fiber landing net—\$160 value
- Two 5–weight WF floating lines and Two 3–weight WF floating lines
- 3–PAK of 4X TAPERED LEADERS (10 total)
- Fluorocarbon TIPPETT Spools – 30 yds. (10 total)
- Two double rod–reel cases each holds two 9ft 4–piece rods and reels
- Folding Wading Staff
- Wader Bag
- Sun Gloves
- Numerous flyfishing accessories such as floatant, nippers and zingers

There will also be four guided fishing trips:


- trip for 2 with Noah Parker of Land of Enchantment Guides
- float trip for 2 with our own Dillen Martinez from Wolf Creek Anglers
- trip for 2 on the Trincheras Ranch with Bob Widgren
- guided wading trip for 2 with the Taos Fly Shop.

A page of 4 tickets will be emailed to every current MVFF member. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 per page. Follow the directions on the tickets and mail your checks to MVFF, PO Box 2222, Las Cruces, NM

88004-2222. You can print extra pages of tickets and they will also be sold at the Banquet.

The Banquet is always a fun event, the food is great and we have a tremendous speaker with Molly Semenik, professional fly fishing outfitter, former national casting champion and certified casting instructor, who will speak about her recent book, *25 Off-the-Beaten-Path Montana Fly Fishing Streams.*"

Molly will also present two fly fishing classes on the morning of the 26th (both are fully subscribed), and a casting challenge exercise on the morning of Sunday the 27th. The casting challenge will be based on the Fly Fishers International casting challenge program and is open to anyone wanting to try their hand at casting for accuracy.

See you there! 

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.

There are no specific trips being currently planned.



Rules for Guests Fishing the Lease

Recently, questions arose on what the rules were for taking guests fishing at the Lease. It turns out that different members had different ideas as to what was allowed. The Board discussed the issues during the Board meeting in November and decided to present the problem to members at the December general meeting in order to get their thoughts. During the Board meeting following the December general meeting the issue was again addressed, which resulted in the following clarification:

Members may purchase one-day, one-time permits for up to 2 guests per trip. Each guest must have a permit.

One-time means a person can go as a guest one time only and must be a member to ever go again



Green Psycho Prince Nymph



- Hook:** TMC 3761 nymph or equivalent, #12 to #18
- Bead:** gold or brass bead 3/32"(2.3 mm) for #16 to #18 hooks ; 7/64" (2.5 mm) for #12 to #14 hooks
- Thread:** Uni 8/0, Chartreuse
- Tail:** brown goose or turkey biots
- Body:** chartreuse Ice Dub
- Overbody:** Peacock herl
- Rib:** copper Uni wire, BR size
- Wing:** white antron or poly pro yarn
- Collar:** grey or black Ice Dub
- Legs:** white goose or turkey biots



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 10, 2018

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order by David Carmichael at 8:35pm in the NMDG&F Conference room. Board members present were: David Carmichael (President), Jeff Arterburn (Secretary), Chuck Mueller (Treasurer), Bob Silver (Membership), Jim Hulsey, Dillen Martinez and Jim Sorenson. Board members absent were: Tom Johnson (Vice President) and Robert Ardovino. Non-Board members in attendance were: Ron Bellerose.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the November 19, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as published in the December 2018 issue of the newsletter.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report with available current account balance statement of \$10,264.44. The report was accepted by the Board.
3. **Membership Report.** Bob Silver reported 227 currently active members, with 2 new members joining in December 2018. The MVFF policy for the numbers of guests allowed to accompany a member fishing the Lease was discussed and it was decided that additional specific language is necessary for clarification of intent. The revised policy statement will read: "In addition, members can purchase a 1-day, 1-time permit for up to 2 guests per trip."
4. **Fly Fishing Outreach.** Ron reported that they are still having fly tying sessions on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information and volunteers interested in helping with the MVFF Fly Fishing Outreach Program contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com.
5. **Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited.**
 - Jeff Arterburn reported that the Gila trout stocking and celebration event at the Catwalk Recreation Area near Glenwood, NM held on Saturday, December 1st was a great success, with at least 110 attendees counted. The Mora National Fish hatchery sent ~1,700 Gila trout that were stocked in the lower section of Whitewater Creek through the Catwalk area. Fishing reports have been excellent.
- The Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo will be held January 12-13, 2019, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The Gila Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers have a booth reserved and volunteers are asked to help provide information about fly fishing and ongoing conservation projects in Southern New Mexico, hand out free Gila trout posters and MVFF information, fly tying demonstrations, and sell fundraising items. Bob, Dave, Ron, and Dillen offered to help. Members wanting to help are asked to contact Jeff Arterburn for more details and to sign up as a volunteer: jeffgilatu@aol.com
- The GRG-TU is selling new logo T-shirts (\$20 each) as part of fund-raising for trout restoration and conservation efforts. The colors are : green-on-ivory, and peanut butter-on-black. The shirts will be available for sale at the Outdoor Expo and MVFF annual banquet.
6. **NMSU American Fisheries Students.** No Report.
7. **Presentations and Events.**
 - The MVFF Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday January 26th, with great food catered by Sparky's. The dinner tickets will cost \$10 and will include a raffle ticket. Jim Hulsey will contact the church banquet facilities to confirm arrangements. The presentation features Molly Semanik talking about her most recent book titled "25 Best Off-the Beaten-Path Montana Fly Fishing Streams". She will also be offering fly fishing instruction (beginner and advanced sections) and a FFI-based "Skills Challenge" program. Interested club members should contact David Carmichael to reserve one of the few remaining openings. The prizes for the Annual Banquet raffle will

include a Winston rod, Brodin ghost net, a Simms soft cooler (donated by Ron Bellerose), a variety of other fly fishing items (\$864 designated), and several premier guided trips. Bob reported that guide Bob Widgren is providing a special early season trip to Trinchera for 2 (must be taken before June 1st); Dillen described full day float trip for 2 from Wolf Creek Anglers; Jim Sorenson has a commitment from Noah Parker Land of Enchantment Guides for a full day for 2; and Chuck talked with guide Emily Roley, from the Taos Fly Shop who will provide a full day for 2.

- The general meeting February 11, 2019 will feature guide Emily Roley, from the Taos Fly Shop, title to be announced.

- The board will organize a committee to begin planning earlier in 2019 for the F3T film festival, and hope to secure corporate approvals for SWAG from local sporting goods and fly fishing dealers.
8. **Rio Peñasco Lease.** A question was raised about how many "guests" can accompany a member on a 1-day 1-time visit. The current description does not provide sufficient detail. Reference item 3 of these minutes for resolution.
 9. **Other discussion items:** The club voting for 2019 Board Members was conducted at the December meeting. The officers will be elected at the next board meeting.
 10. The January MVFF Board Meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm. ⬆



Quick Look Contact Information**2018 Officers of the Club****Officers**

- **President:** David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
- **V-Pres.:** Tom Johnson (417) 684-7075
- **Secretary:** Jeff Arterburn (612) 720-3456
- **Treasurer:** Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045

Board Members

- **Position 1:** David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
- **Position 2:** Tom Johnson (417) 684-7075
- **Position 3:** Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
- **Position 4:** Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880
- **Position 5:** Robert Ardovino (575) 589-0653
- **Position 6:** Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
- **Position 7:** Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
- **Position 8:** Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
- **Position 9:** Dillen Martinez (505) 401-3640

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Membership Committee Chairman

- Bob Silver (575) 522-6325 membership@mvff.org

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.

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 & Donna 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 and Donna.



******* REMEMBER *******
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, 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.

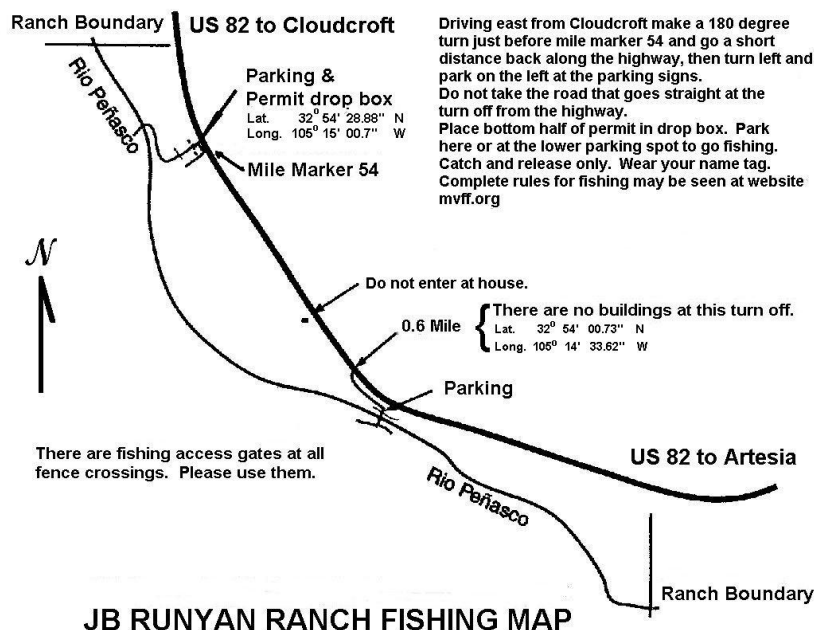
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulsey (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) by filling out the form and mailing as directed or, if you had rather, you may pay through PayPal. 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 may purchase 1-day, 1-time permits for up to 2 guests per trip. Each guest must have a permit.

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.