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Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 March

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 11 March at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Instead of a single speaker, we will be joined by a group of volunteer staff members from the New Mexico chapter of Casting for Recovery who will give a PowerPoint presentation and lead a panel discussion entitled, “**Casting for Recovery: How Fly-Fishing Changes Lives.**” Lesley Mansfield, Medical Facilitator, Nancy “Fred” Mims, Survivor/Psychological Facilitator, and Patty Sciarrotta, Survivor/River Helper, will be joined by our own Amy Buesing for this interesting and important event

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

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 March

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 March following the General Membership meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 27 March

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 27 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is Chuck’s version of the *Butch Caddis*. The tying session will be led by Chuck Mueller. Don’t miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner

David Carmichael

Conservation News



There is both good news and bad news this month; first the good. Over the past several weeks something remarkable has transpired in Congress. Bipartisan legislation has been passed in the Senate and

the House of Representatives that would permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and Partners for Fish and Wildlife. Originally enacted in 1964 with a mandate to preserve, create and ensure access to outdoor recreation facilities, the LWCF is not paid for by taxpayers, but by a small portion of federal offshore energy revenues. Conservation and parks projects in every state, and in all 33 counties in New Mexico have benefitted from LWCF funding. The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and 42 other sporting and conservation organizations lobbied hard for passage of S. 47, and the resulting legislation is a win for the environment, for hunting and fishing interests, and for the outdoor recreation industry as a whole.

Today's vote sends a strong message that we can find consensus in our support for our public lands. The Land and Water Conservation Fund has united sportsmen and women, businesses, and conservationists because we all

know how important it is to the future of public lands access.—(Whit Fosburgh, President and CEO, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership)



Valles Caldera National Preserve

How strong a consensus was reached in Congress? Very strong. Amazingly strong! In the Senate, the bill passed by a vote of 92–8. Both New Mexico senators voted for the measure. In the House of Representatives, the vote was 363 for and 62 against, with all three New Mexico house members voting in favor. All the nay votes in both chambers came from GOP side of the aisle, including 5 from Oklahoma and 15 from Texas where the mineral extraction industries pushed back against a bill even as bipartisan and popular as this one. The next step is to send the final bill to the White House for the president's signature. Let's hope that the overwhelming support for the non-controversial bill will lead to its timely signing. There are many conservation projects that have been on hold since the funding expired last September.



Colorado River in the Grand Canyon near Lee's Ferry

For decades, LWCF has been the go-to tool to implement public lands conservation and facilitate access to outdoor recreation in this

country. Permanently reauthorizing this incredibly successful program is a critical step in the ongoing effort to protect our public lands.—(Jared Mott, Conservation Director, Izaak Walton League of America)

And now the bad news: warming oceans are hurting the world's supply of seafood. Recent studies indicate that the world's fish stocks are already feeling the effects of climate change. Rising sea temperatures have reduced the productivity of some fisheries by 15–35% over the past 80 years. There are several issues involved. As water temperatures increase, enzymes the fish use for digestion don't function as well, leading to lower growth and reproduction rates. Also, warmer water contains less oxygen which further stresses the fish. The result is that the amount of sustainable harvest that the oceans can support has diminished by about 4%, or 1.4 million tons, even as the world's population and its consumption of fish has increased. Productivity of some cold-water fisheries in the far north, such as Greenland halibut, are predicted to increase, but others, like the Atlantic cod fishery will shrink 54% for each additional degree of ocean warming. It also seems that fish stocks are more vulnerable to losses from warming if they have been historically heavily fished. Even though commercial fishing has resulted in smaller fish that mature at a younger age, these stocks appear to be less resilient in the face of temperature increases. The bottom line seems to be that reducing the harvest will be the best way to help maintain the productivity and sustainability of the fisheries. (*Sciencemag.org*, 2/27/2019)

Planning for Club San Juan Trip

As many of you know, Chuck Mueller has done a great job of planning and organizing our fall club trip to the San Juan River for many years. Now that he has taken on the role of club Treasurer, he is understandably stepping aside as the primary organizer of the San Juan trip. He will help a successor with some of the details, but we really need someone new to step up and take a turn at organizing what has become a very well attended and enjoyable club outing. If you are willing to take the lead and make the arrangements for next fall's trip, please contact me or Chuck and we'll help you get the ball rolling. Thanks!

March Meeting and Guest Panelists

Our next meeting of the general membership will be on March 11, and we have a special program planned. Instead of a single speaker, we will be joined by a group of volunteer staff members from the New Mexico chapter of Casting for Recovery who will give a PowerPoint presentation and lead a panel discussion entitled, **"Casting for Recovery: How Fly-Fishing Changes Lives."** Lesley Mansfield, Medical Facilitator, Nancy "Fred" Mims, Survivor/Psychological Facilitator, and Patty Sciarrotta, Survivor/River Helper, will be joined by our own Amy Buesing for this interesting and important event. Casting for Recovery (CfR) is a national organization providing healing outdoor retreats for women with breast cancer, at no cost to the participants. Founded in 1996 in Manchester, VT by a breast reconstruction surgeon and a professional fly fisher, the organization currently offers 60 retreats around the country, serving more than 800 women per year.

The New Mexico chapter hosts 14 women each year on a three-day retreat that provides a unique opportunity to relax, laugh, share and to learn how to catch a fish on a fly. Join women from CfR as they share their stories about fishing and the organization that uses fly fishing as both a metaphor and a sport to help women survivors of breast cancer. In the words of one participant, "This has been one of the most extraordinary days of my life." I hope you will be able to attend the meeting and hear from these women in person, but if not, you can find more information and an application for this year's event at <https://castingforrecovery.org>.



Fly Fishing Outreach

Ron Bellerose
Coordinator



Focus is doing well. We have a small group of Vets, and their family at times, doing the fly tying. We tie flies on the second Tuesday of the month. This month we will be tying on the 12th of March. The fly will be the simple zebra midge. The fly tying is being conducted at my house from 9am until we have had enough for the day. Also have an open invitation for any new fly tyers to join us for practice. Just let me know if you are interested so I can have the area set up to do the event. We have only been fishing at the University pond and not much of that.

That is it from here. Hope to see participation from new fly tyers.

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. Information on our fishing trips is made available to women on our Lady Anglers e-mail list and through announcements in the MVFF newsletter and at club meetings. Beginners are welcome and the only requirement for joining us is MVFF membership. To join our e-mail list, or for more information, contact Mary Hoffman at 505-710-5229 or westerngirlnm@gmail.com.

Thanks to all the Lady Anglers who participated in our February breakfast meeting with Taos Fly Shop guide Emily Roley. Emily's presentation whetted our appetite for fishing northern New Mexico, southern Colorado and maybe even Patagonia this year.

Miriam Carmichael is organizing the Lady Anglers' annual spring fishing trip to the Rio Peñasco this year. Fishing will be on the MVFF lease and on the Mulcock Ranch. Participants will meet for dinner on May 2nd,

fish on May 3rd and 4th, and return home May 5th. Lodging will be in Cloudcroft and participants will bring food to share for two dinners with dinner out the last night. Participants will need a current NM fishing license, current MVFF membership, a purchased fishing permit for the MVFF lease (\$25 on the MVFF website) and will need to pay a rod fee by cash or check to the Mulcock Ranch. **Miriam needs a head-count from women interested in the trip by March 8th so she can find a rental cabin (or cabins) to accommodate the group.** She will know the accommodation costs after getting a head count. For those interested, Miriam can be reached by e-mail at karmoo@att.net. 

Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 30 March

Mark your Calendar

The annual Kids' Fishing Clinic will be held on Saturday, 30 March at Alumni Pond, NMSU from 9am until 2pm. We will need lots of volunteers for this project and most of all we need someone to take the lead to see that everything gets done and to take some of the load off the Board members. Most of the Board members are about maxed out and the Club really needs for someone to step forward. 

Introduction to Fly Fishing Class

Saturday, 23 March

On March 23rd we will have a beginner's fly fishing class in nymphing at 9am and fishing dry flies at 1pm. Each class will last about 2 hours and is limited to 5 people. It will be held at Gerald Thomas Hall on the NMSU campus. The instructors are Jeff Arterburn (dry flies) and Bob Silver (nymphing).

The nymphing class will cover selecting flies and rigging to fish nymphs. The dry fly class will cover selecting flies and rigging to fish dry/dropper combinations. These classes will be part demonstration and part hands-on. It will cover the basics to get you started fishing. Then at a later date the instructors will take both classes fishing, either at the Lease or to another location.

You do not need to buy any equipment for these classes. But the class will teach you what to buy when

you are ready. Also the instructors can look over your equipment if you have any.

The class is a new format and it is intended for someone who has never fly fished before. We will offer more classes if this is successful. There is a \$10 fee per person to cover materials and transportation. To reserve a spot for the dry fly class contact Jeff by email at jarterbu@nmsu.edu. To reserve a spot for the nymphing class contact Bob by email at rsilver@nmsu.edu. 

Stocking the Lease

We stock the lease a couple of times during the year depending on the water conditions. We buy fish from Bill Parker in Sacramento, NM and his facility is inspected yearly for whirling disease by the New Mexico Game and Fish. This year water samples that were taken for testing were caught in a snow storm. The samples were no longer viable by the time they reached the laboratory so another batch of samples was collected recently. It takes about 4 weeks before the results are available. We are planning to stock the lease some time about March 30th with about 500 fish. An email will be sent out asking for volunteers to help. 

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

Jeff Arterburn, President



Comments requested for project to restore native Rio Grande cutthroat trout to Pecos River Basin (submit by March 20, 2019)

The U.S. Forest Service – Santa Fe National Forest and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, propose to restore native Rio Grande cutthroat trout (RGCT) to Willow Creek and Cow Creek located in the Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest in San Miguel County, New Mexico. This project will significantly advance the important conservation goals of restoring RGCT populations in the Pecos River Basin. Twelve RGCT conservation populations currently exist in Pecos River Basin, nearly all of which are in small head-

water streams. This project will remove non-native fish species and will establish self-sustaining RGCT populations in 9 miles of stream that the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will manage for recreational angling. This link will take you to the project on the Forest Service website where you can view the scoping letter with more details, a map and comment form:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54727>

Formal comments should be received by March 20th and the preferred method to submit comments is by Email: jrawlings@ecosphere-services.com. Enter "Pecos Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Restoration" in the subject line. Attn: Jerusha Rawlings, Ecosphere Environmental Services, Inc. 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H Santa Fe, NM 87505

If you have specific questions, or would like to discuss the proposal further contact: Bryan Bakevich, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (505) 476-8058, brian.bakevich@state.nm.us

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. Please include \$5 for shipping if you want the shirt(s) mailed. These are great stocking stuffers and presents for the holidays! Contact Jeff Arterburn for more details and to sign up as a volunteer: jeffqilatu@aol.com.



Green logo on ivory



Peanut butter logo on black



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 being currently planned are:

- May 2 - 5 — Lady Anglers trip to the Lease and Mulcock's ranch



**Fly of the Month
Butch Caddis**

Chuck's version of a Butch Caddis tied by Kelly Galloup, owner of Slide Inn on the Madison river.



- Hook:** Standard dry or 1X fine in size 14 to 18
- Thread:** Olive Brown, 70 Denier or 8/0 Uni
- Shuck/Egg sack:** Olive Brown Sparkle Yarn or Antron Yarn
- Body:** Super Fine, Olive and Brown
- Rib:** Kristal Flash, Root Beer or Olive
- Wing:** Deer Hair, Natural



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 18, 2019

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn, 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: Jeff Arterburn (Secretary), David Carmichael (President), Chuck Mueller (Treasurer), Bob Silver (Membership), Jim Sorenson, Jim Hulse and Ron Bellerose (acting VP). Board Members absent: Dillen Martinez, Robert Ardovino and Tom Johnson (Vice President, is on a temporary leave of absence). Non-Board members in attendance were: Howard Steinhoff.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the January 14, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as published in the February 2019 issue of the newsletter.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report and reviewed the banquet expenditures. The available current account balance is \$10,189.31. The report was accepted by the Board.
3. **Membership Report:** Bob Silver reported 241 currently active members. He will send an email reminder that memberships expire March 31st and can now be paid using PayPal through the MVFF website.
4. **Fly Fishing Outreach:** Ron Bellerosereported that he is having fly tying sessions on the second Tuesday of each month at his home, and 5 participated at last week's session. New fly tyers are welcome and these sessions are open for both veterans and others. He is planning for a May 15-16-17 event with the Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion, which will involve a fly tying session after dinner on Friday at the Sacramento Retreat, then volunteers will assist with fishing at Cloud Country on Saturday. Ron was not sure if he and other volunteers will be available for a summer outing (June-July 2019) and is planning with Mark Gaddy for a possible fly tying session on Friday and a fishing trip to the Rio Peñasco on Saturday. For more information and volunteers interested in helping out 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 on the Gila Trout Recovery Team Meeting at the new Albuquerque NMDGF office Thursday Feb 14, 2019. Discussions covered information about the Whitewater Creek Gila trout restoration projects, and plans for new construction at the Glenwood hatchery that will enable the site to produce Gila trout for the NMDGF recreational stocking program. Plans are underway for a volunteer project at Willow Creek and more details will be available next month. Members wanting to get involved in Trout Unlimited and interested in helping out on projects are asked to contact Jeff Arterburn by email to: jeffgilatu@aol.com.
6. **NMSU American Fisheries Students:** No Report.
7. **Presentations and Events:**
 - The general meeting March 11, 2019 will feature a panel on Casting for Recovery.
 - Presentations need to be scheduled for the April 8, and May 13 meetings.
 - The May MVFF Board meeting will be held directly after the general meeting on May 13th in order for all board members to attend.
 - The summer schedule for Liars & Tyers will likely be halted in May due to travel plans.
 - The board was encouraged to begin planning for the 2020 banquet, identifying possible speakers.
 - Chuck has been organizing the club fishing trips for several years now but will not be able to do that this year, so the club needs to identify someone willing to organize the San Juan and other trips.
8. Jim Sorenson talked with Jim Ellet about replacing the outhouses, and has contacted a contractor in Artesia about cleaning the two that Jim has moved into service, and for which we are expect-

Quick Look Contact Information**2019 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

Newsletter & Web Page Editor

- Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880 newsletter@mvff.org

Membership Committee Chairman

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

NMSU AF Student Representative

- Dillen Martinez (505) 401-3640

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.

Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund

The Mabie Legacy 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 scholarship recipient is selected each April by the faculty members of the NMSU Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology.

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 "Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund, for deposit only." All contributions are tax deductible. For any questions please contact one of the MVFF Officers or Board members. If you have not made a donation to the fund please give it consideration and help honor Norm and Donna Mabie.



******* 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.

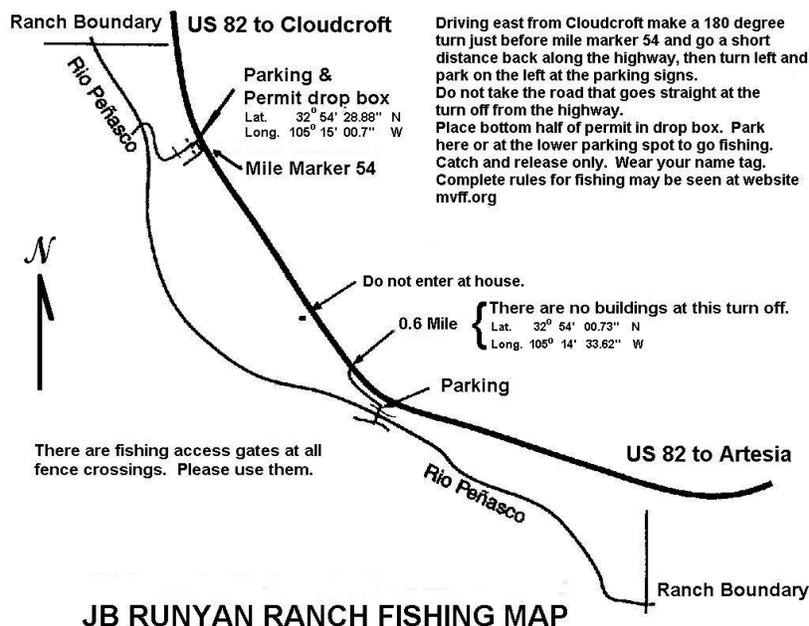
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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 Bob Silver. In addition, members may purchase 1-day, 1-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.

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.