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Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 November

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 11 November at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The program will feature a presentation by Jim Brooks, NM Dept. of Game & Fish, discussing the Citizen Science stream survey project at Willow Creek, and other Gila trout updates. 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, 18 November

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

Liars and Tyers

There will be no Liars & Tyers meeting in November as the normally scheduled date is the day before Thanksgiving. See you in December.

President's Corner

David Carmichael



I want to send out a big "Thank you" to Robert Ardovino who once again provided the venue and luncheon for our third annual Fly-Fishing Film Tour (F3T) event last month. Thanks also to all the club members who attended. I hope

you enjoyed this year's films, which included such diverse topics as the recovery of Yellowstone cut-throat trout spawning runs, how fly fishing is creating jobs in French Polynesia, and how to make a movie while being obnoxious to fly anglers in the Black Hills of South Dakota. If you missed the event and would like to see the films, they should be available online by now. Also, the club is authorized to show the films again whenever we want, so let me know if you'd like us to set up a viewing.

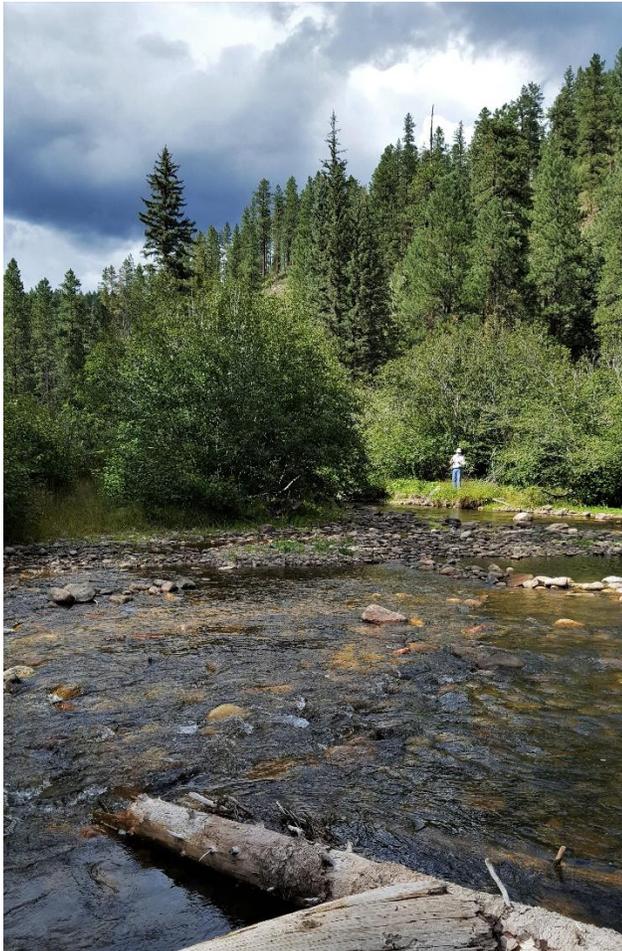
If you weren't at the F3T, you also missed a close up look at the historic Union Pacific Big Boy steam locomotive No. 4014. The engine has been undergoing renovation for the past two years, and was brought out of retirement this year and put back on the rails in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad system. Built in 1941, No. 4014 is the only Big Boy locomotive still operating. It holds 25,000 gallons of water, weighs 1.2 million lbs., and measures 132 feet long; it is so long that the frame is articulated so it can make the turns in the tracks.

Speaking of films, in case you missed our showing at the September meeting, the new film, ARTIFISHAL, by Patagonia, is now available in its entirety online (www.patagonia.com/artifishal.html?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=103019_artifishal_full_film&utm_ett=692365738). ARTIFISHAL is a

film about the decline of our wild salmon populations, including the threats posed by hatcheries and fish farms. I found it particularly interesting to learn that the supplementation of wild salmon runs with hatchery fish actually results in fewer salmon being available to anglers and wildlife, not more. Check it out when you have an hour to spend viewing and thinking about the film.

Mining in the Pecos Drainage? Again? Really?

I have written before about the beauty and productivity of the Pecos River and its tributaries in the Santa Fe National Forest and Pecos Wilderness area east of



Special trout waters on the upper Pecos River



Union Pacific Big Boy steam locomotive No. 4014 passing Ardivino's Desert Crossing, 10/20/2019

Santa Fe (July 2016, Aug. 2017, Jan. 2018). It is a wonderful and captivating place, as well as being the most visited and most fished river in New Mexico. One would think this gem of a watershed would be protected from mining pollution, but it is not. Not only has the fishery been decimated in the not

too distant past (1990), now that it has been restored, it is under threat once again, this time from a newly proposed Comexico mine in the upper watershed above the village of Terrero (Rio Grande Sierran, October 2019).

Our country's ongoing acceptance of the General Mining Act of 1872, and the significant, long-lasting environmental destruction it causes, continues to anger me. I find it mystifying too, that we still tolerate such an inane law, passed 147 years ago, that is no longer appropriate for today's environment and technology. Consider for a moment some of the other poorly conceived laws enacted during that era, such as those pertaining to automobiles and driving:

- In Louisiana, a woman's husband is required by law to walk in front of her car waving a flag to warn other users of the road. Similar laws exist in Waynesboro, VA and Redlands, CA.
- In Pennsylvania, when driving on a country road at night, one must stop every mile, shoot off flares and wait ten minutes for any livestock to clear the road.
- In Connecticut it is illegal to shoot whales from your car. So, maybe if that's your goal, it would be good to visit Tennessee, where shooting animals from a car is illegal, unless it is a whale.
- Or, how about Minnesota, where it is illegal to drive across the state lines with a duck on your head?

The point is, there have been silly laws on the books in many parts of the country. Usually, they are recognized for what they are, and are repealed or ignored. Not so for the Mining Act.

The General Mining Act was passed in 1872 to encourage settlement of the West and establish the industrial base of the East, by extracting minerals from public lands. As they say, the devil is in the details. Prospectors, both individuals and companies, domestic or foreign, may enter public lands at will. When minerals are discovered on a mining claim, the claim is removed from the public domain; the claim owner is entitled to exclusive possession of the land, a feature of the law that has the effect of creating a U.S. land grant that may be sold, inherited, etc. (Loren Mall, 1980, U. of Colorado Law School). The claim owner may remove all the minerals even if they don't elect to purchase title to the land, and unlike all the other extractive industries, they don't have to pay any royalties to the United States (i.e., the taxpayers). If claim owners do decide to purchase title to the land, they may do so for less than \$5 per acre. The law has no requirements for miners to clean up after their operations (<https://bhcleanwateralliance.org/2018/05/12/1872-mining-act-reform>). So, we have a law that gives away public mineral resources to companies (often foreign-owned) that take the profits out of the West, and leave a scarred and polluted landscape behind. The burdens of such damage fall on local communities, and pollution cleanup, when it occurs at all, is paid for by the taxpayers. There are hundreds of thousands of abandoned mines that still need to be cleaned up, at an estimated cost to taxpayers of \$32–72 billion (https://earthworks.org/issues/general_mining_law_of_1872/). EPA figures from 2000 indicate that those abandoned mines have polluted 40% of the headwater streams of western watersheds.

Nevertheless, in recent decades, federal agencies have taken the position that the General Mining Law does not allow them to deny mining permits, even if the land is more suitable for recreation, conservation, or any other less damaging activities. Even if this is an accurate legal interpretation of the 1872 law, it just rubs me the wrong way.

A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise. — (Aldo Leopold)

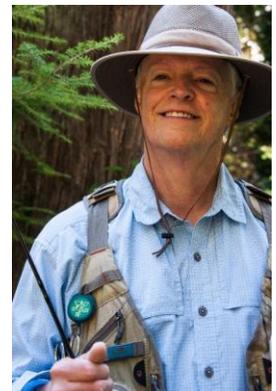
If it rubs you the wrong way too, there is an initiative underway that you might think about supporting. House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Raul Grijalva (AZ) and Representative Alan Lowenthal

(CA) have introduced the Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2019 to reform federal mining law. The new law would end the outdated claim system, establish royalties for minerals removed from public lands, and establish reclamation standards. If you are interested in learning more, here is the link to the legislative fact sheet (<https://naturalresources.house.gov/imo/media/doc/HR%202579%20Mining%20Reform%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>).

Perhaps we can prevent another environmental tragedy in the Pecos drainage. Mine waste from the upper Pecos River mines near Terrero accumulated from 1939 until 1991. In 1991, the tailing ponds along Alamitos Creek flooded during spring runoff, causing a massive kill of 90,000 trout at the Lisboa Springs hatchery just upstream from the town of Pecos. In the 28 years since then, reclamation efforts have restored much of the damage, but the old mine site is still too toxic to allow wells to be drilled there, or even to be used for grazing livestock. Local communities have organized to push back against the proposed mine, as has the Governor's office (<https://pecoswatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Chief-Christiansen-Letter-09262019-Fina.pdf>), but if the General Mining Law is not modified, it may not be possible to prevent a new round of mining and pollution. There are some places where mining just doesn't belong. The upper Pecos River is one of them. Perhaps now is the time to contact our elected officials and get them to reform the nation's mining laws.

Annual Banquet

Although it is still a few months away, the Board has been busy making plans for the Annual Banquet, so you might as well put it on your calendar now. We have confirmed the date of January 25th, at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Las Cruces. Our guest speaker will be Skip Morris, famous fly fishing and fly-tying author; you may remember him from a couple of years ago when we brought his wife Carol Ann to speak about fly fishing photography and illustration. Skip will be giving two



*2020 Annual Banquet
guest speaker Skip
Morris*

presentations: in the afternoon he will give a somewhat technical talk on "Making dry fly and emerger fishing work," and his banquet presentation will be all about "Creeks," for anglers and non-anglers. I'll provide another reminder and more details about his presentations next month.

Leaders & Tippetts (fly anglers' version of Nuts & Bolts)

At the November Board meeting, current Board members will make nominations for next year's Board, and those nominations will be voted on at the December meeting of the general membership. Therefore, if you are interested in serving on the board, now is the time to step up, put your name forward, speak to one or more of the Board members and let us know of your interest in serving the club. It is important for us to receive the insights of new Board members, while spreading the responsibilities around so that club members remain engaged and excited about the club's future. Thanks for all you do.



Rio Peñasco brown trout caught on a bead head pheasant tail



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. 

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

Jeff Arterburn, President

GRG-TU for MVFF November 2019

Recent Native Trout Restoration and Conservation News



The next **Willow Creek Volunteer Stream Survey** has been scheduled for **November 8-10 (Friday-Sunday)**. This project is partially funded by a Western Native Trout Initiative small grant that supports the continuing stream survey project to benefit Gila trout at Willow Creek, and the assessment and monitoring methods being developed as a citizen science approach that can be used for other watersheds. The club meeting on **November 11th will feature a presentation by Jim Brooks** that will provide information about this project and other current developments in Gila trout restoration, including the current status of the piscicide treatment and habitat conditions in Whitewater Creek.

Looking ahead, 2020 promises to be an exciting time to get involved in TU in southern NM. We are looking at many new projects and exciting opportunities for native trout restoration projects, and new streams open to fishing for Gila trout. **We need your help as volunteers and leaders** as we plan to develop a new strategic plan and pursue grants and fundraising to support conservation projects and educational activities. The **Western Regional Rendezvous Trout Unlimited Meeting will be held in Taos NM this spring 2020**. This event will be held in the Taos Ski Valley at "The Blake" resort hotel with great accommodations, interesting presentations and fun activities and fishing options planned. **Volunteers for all of these projects and activities are always needed**, and 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.

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: jeffgilatu@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.

There are no trips currently being planned.

After many years of organizing trips, Chuck Mueller is stepping aside, and we really need other volunteers to step up and take on these projects. David Lukowski has volunteered to organize the Club trip to the San Juan in the fall of 2020. Maybe you have a trip you would like to head up. Please think about it and let David or Chuck know if you can help out.



MVFF Library

MVFF has a considerable library which is now in the custody of Club member Mark Dankel. Mark would like to make these books available to members. If you wish to borrow any of these books let Mark know and he will bring them to the next membership meeting. Mark can be contacted at mpdankel@msn.com.

A list of the books begins on [page 7](#).



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2019

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order by David Carmichael at 9:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference room. Board members present were Jeff Arterburn (Secretary), Ron Bellerose, David Carmichael (President), Jim Hulse, Dillen Martinez, Chuck Mueller (Treasurer), Bob Silver (Membership) and Jim Sorenson (acting VP). Board members absent were: Robert Ardivino and Tom Johnson (Vice President, is on a temporary leave of absence). Non-Board members in attendance were American Fisheries representative: Evan Torres.

1. **Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the September 9, 2019 Board Meeting, as published in the October 2019 issue of the newsletter, were approved.
 2. **Treasurer's Report.** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report and reviewed the banquet expenditures. The available current account balance is \$11,838.58. A motion to appoint Jim Sorensen as the associate treasurer, with signature authorization at the bank, was approved. The treasurer's report was accepted by the Board.
 3. **Membership Report.** Bob Silver reported that several new members have joined recently; there are currently 260 on the mailing list, although quite a few have dues in arrears. Bob plans to initiate contact and notify these members again, and then modify the records accordingly.
 4. **Fly Fishing Outreach.** Ron reported that the next fly tying session will be held October 15th. He will directly contact participating members to schedule the next sessions and fly fishing outings. For more information, members should contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516, flyfishnh@hotmail.com).
 5. **Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited:**
 - Jeff Arterburn reported that the planned treatment of Whitewater Creek with piscicide was completed the week of September 23rd. An unofficial report stated that it looks like the treatment was successful, one fish was collected in the upper end, and the stream had low and stable flows during the treatment. The club meeting on November 11th will feature a presentation by Jim Brooks that will provide information about the Citizen Science stream survey project at Willow Creek and other current developments in Gila trout restoration, including the current status of the piscicide treatment and habitat conditions in Whitewater Creek. The Board approved a request to compensate Jim Brooks' travel and hotel costs in the amount of \$300. The treasurer will write a check at the meeting.
 - Jeff and Brad Shuster will attend the TUNM Council meeting in Taos October 25-27. The agenda includes reports from all four chapters, discussion of chapter and council organization, and planning for the Western Regional TU conference to be held there in 2020.
 - The next Willow Creek Volunteer Stream Survey has been scheduled for November 8-10 (Friday-Sunday). This project is partially funded by a Western Native Trout Initiative small grant that supports the continuing stream survey project to benefit Gila trout at Willow Creek, and the assessment and monitoring methods that are being developed as a citizen science approach that can be used for other watersheds.
- Volunteers for all of these projects and activities are always needed, and 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.** The AFS will be hosting a booth at the upcoming Science Fair on October 19th, which will be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church. The annual meeting of the American Fisheries Societies was held jointly with the Wildlife Society from Sept 29-Oct-3, 2019 in Reno NV.

7. **Presentations and Events.**

- Jim Brooks is scheduled for the November 11th presentation and will be discussing the Citizen Science stream survey project at Willow Creek, and other Gila trout updates.
- The Fly Fishing Film Festival (F3T) will be held on Sunday October 20th, at Ardivino's Desert Crossing Restaurant. The cost is \$35 and covers the admission and meal. Members are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance using MVFF website Paypal checkout, or by signing up in advance for tickets to be purchased at the door.
- George Sanders is scheduled for a presentation on Fly Fishing and Travel through Patagonia at the meeting on December 9th.
- The Annual Banquet will be held at St. Paul's on January 25th, 2020, featuring Skip Morris with an evening dinner presentation titled "Creeks", and an afternoon (~2pm) presentation titled "Make dry fly and emerger fishing work" at a location on the NMSU campus (site to be determined). David reported that he has received the speaker's contract and will be scheduling the airline flights and lodging arrangements. Has bio and will be advertising. The board authorized the prize committee to purchase up to \$2,000 in prizes for the banquet raffle.

8. **Rio Peñasco Lease:**

- David reported that there was a recent incident of poaching on the Mulcock lease.
- The board discussed the possibility of stocking the MVFF lease. Bob Silver will call Bill Parker asking for a quote for 500 fish. The board authorized up to \$1,500 for stocking. Bob also told the board that he plans to talk with Jim Ellett about the possibly of placing

some large rocks in the stream for improving fish holding structure.

9. **Other discussion items:**

- David has continued working on the design of a new MVFF logo that features a Gila trout with a mountain and sky background. He has asked the membership and board for input, and has received some comments on the text style, font, size and shape boundary considerations. He will continue and will also look at a design suitable for letterhead.
- Dave Lukowski has volunteered to help organize the club's San Juan trips starting in the fall of 2020.
- Mark Dankel has compiled a list of fly fishing books that are now available within the MVFF library, and he will send this to Jim Hulsey for posting. The board discussed the web site and some associated issues.
- Chuck raised the issue of low participation at Liars and Tiers sessions. The potential interest from members in viewing posted fly tying videos was discussed. In an attempt to increase participation, Bob will send out additional email notifications in advance of the next session in December, and the board will evaluate the response.
- A LCPS special education event will be held November 14-15-16 at the NMSU pond, and they are requesting volunteers. Ron Bellerose said that he will help out on all of these days, Jim Hulsey will plan to participate on some, and Jim Sorensen will plan to attend the 14-15th.

10. The next MVFF Board Meeting is scheduled for November 18th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:52pm. [↑](#)



MVFF Library

Author/Editor	Title	Year
----- Books -----		
Ames, Dave	True Love and the Woolly Bugger	1996
Ames, Dave	A Good Life Wasted or Twenty Years as a Fishing Guide	2003
Baab,, James	River Music: A Fly Fisher's Four Seasons	2001

Brykczynski, Terry & Reuther, David, eds.	The Armchair Angler	1986
Camp, Raymond, ed.	The Fireside Book of Fishing (42 essays and short stories)	1959
Dennis, k Jerry	The River Home	1998
Engle, Ed	Trout Lessons: Freewheeling Tactics and Alternative Techniques for the Difficult Days	2010
Gaines, Charles	The Next Valley Over: An Angler's Progress	2000
Gammon, Clive	I Know a Good Place	1989
Gierach, John	Even Brook Trout Get the Blues	1992
Gierach, John	Flyfishing the High Country	1984
Gierach, John	Fool's Paradise	2008
Gierach, John	Sex, Death and Fly-Fishing	1990
Gingrich, Arnold	Theodore Gordon and a Company of Anglers: American Trout Fishing	1966
Haig-Brown, Roderick	A River Never Sleeps	1946
Keeler, Greg	Trash Fish: A Life	2008
Lessen, Ted, ed.	The Gift of Trout (19 essays)	1996
Luce, A.A.	Fishing and Thinking	1959
Lyons, Nick	Confessions of a Fly Fishing Addict	1999
Lyons, Nick	Fishing Widows (15 essays)	1974
Lyons, Nick	Full Creel: A Nick Lyons Reader	2000
Lyons, Nick	Spring Creek	1992
Maxwell, Jessica	I Don't Know Why I Swallowed the Fly: My Fly Fishing Rookie Season	1997
McClane, A.J.	The Practical Fly Fisherman	1975
McGuane, Thomas	An Outside Chance: Classic and News Essays on Sport	1990
McGuane, Thomas	Keep the Change (Group of three in one volume)	1989
McGuane, Thomas	Nobodys Angel (Group of three in one volume)	1979
McGuane, Thomas	The Bushwhacked Piano (Group of three in one volume)	1971
McGuane, Thomas	The Longest Silence: A Life in Fishing	1999
McGuane, Thomas	The Sporting Club	1968
Middleton, Harry	The Bright Country: A Fisherman's Return to Trout, Wild Water, and Himself	1993
Middleton, Harry	The Earth is Enough: Growing Up in a World of Flyfishing, Trout, and Old Men	1996
Montaigne, Fen	Reeling in Russia	1998
Montgomery, M.R.	Many Rivers to Cross: Of Good Running Water, Native Trout, and the Remains of Wilderness	1995
Prosek, James	The Complete Angler: A Connecticut Yankee Follows in the Footsteps of Walton	1999
Quinnett, Paul	Fishing Lessons: Insights, Fun and Philosophy from a Passionate Angler	1998
Quinnett, Paul	Pavlov's Trout: The Incomplete Psychology of Everyday Fishing	1994
Schullery, Paul	Royal Coachman: The Lore and Legends of Fly-Fishing	1999
Spiller, Burton	Fishin' Around	1974
Tapply, William	Home Water Near and Far: A Fly Fisherman's Explorations	1992
Thomas, E. Donnell, Jr.	Whitefish Can't Jump and Other Tales of Gamefish on the Fly	1994
Tosches, Rick	Zippering My Fly: Moments in the Life of an American Sportsman	2002
Travel, Robert	Trout Madness	1979
Wright, Leonard, Jr, ed.	The Fly Fishers Reader (27 essays)	1990
Wulff, Lee - John Merwin, ed.	Salmon on a Fly: The Essential Wisdom and Lore from a Lifetime of Salmon Fishing	1992

----- "How To" Books and Guides -----

Arbona, Fred	Mayfies The Angler and the Trout	1980
Bashline, Jim	The Trout and Salmon Fisherman's Bible	1991
Black, William	The Art of Flyfishing Smaller Streams	1998
Borger, Gary	Nymphing – A Basic Book	1979
Dennis, Jack	Western Trout Fly Tying Manual	1974
Dennis, Jack	Western Trout Fly Tying Manual	1980
Dennis, Jack	Tying Flies	1993
Du Bois, Donald	The Fisherman's Handbook of Trout Flies	1960
Engle, Ed	Fishing Small Flies	2005
Gathercole, Peter	The Handbook of Fly Tying	1989
Grant, George	The Art of Weaving Hair Hackles	1971
Hafele, Rick & Hughes, Dave	The Complete Book of Western Hatches (2 copies)	1981
Harder, John – ed.	Orvis Index of Fly Patterns – Vol I	1987
Harder, John – ed.	Orvis Index of Fly Patterns – Vol II	1987
Hays, Steve et. al.	The Flies of Southern Wyoming	1986
Herter, George Leonard	Professional Tying, Spinning Tackle Making	1964
Jardine, Charles	The Classic Guide to Fly–Fishing for Trout	1991
Kaufman, Randall	The Fly Tyers Nymph Manual	1986
Leisenring, James & Hidy, Vernon	The Art of Tying the Wet Fly & Fishing the Nymph	1971
Leiser, Eric	The Complete Book of Fly Tying	1977
Meyer, Deke	Tying Trout Flies – 12 of the Best	1993
Meyer, Deke	Tying Trout Nymphs – 12 of the Best	1994
Martin, Craig & Talent, Bert, eds.	Fly Patterns for Northern New Mexico	1992
Nelson, Lincoln, ed.	Patterns of the Masters	1990
Rosenbauer, Tom	Prospecting for Trout: Fly Fishing Secrets from a Streamside Observer	1993
Rosenbauer, Tom	Reading the Streams (An Orvis Guide)	1988
Rosenbauer, Tom	The Orvis Fly–Fishing Guide	1984
Rutter, Michael & Card, Dave	Fly Fishing Made Easy	1994
Simpson, Stephen & McGavin, George	Angler's Flies	1997
Fothergill, Chuck & Sterling, Bob	The Wyoming Angling Guide	1986
Stewart, Dick & Allen, Farrow	Flies for Atlantic Salmon	1991
Stewart, Dick & Allen, Farrow	Flies for Salt Water	1992
Stewart, Dick	Universal Fly Fishing Guide	1979
Sweigart, Alex	The Art of Fly Tying	1936
Veniard, John	Fly–Tying Problems and Their Answers	1970

----- Magazines and Such -----

Fly Fisherman	March 1999 – Redfish
Fly Fisherman's	Fly Fishing Tactics
Fly Fish America	February 1999 – Pike
Fly Fish America	November/December 1997 – Large Mouth Bass
Fly Fish	January/February 1998 – Chasing Rainbows
Fly Fishing Made Easy	Vol 2 No 2 – Guide to Tackle Techniques

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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.

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.



******* 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.

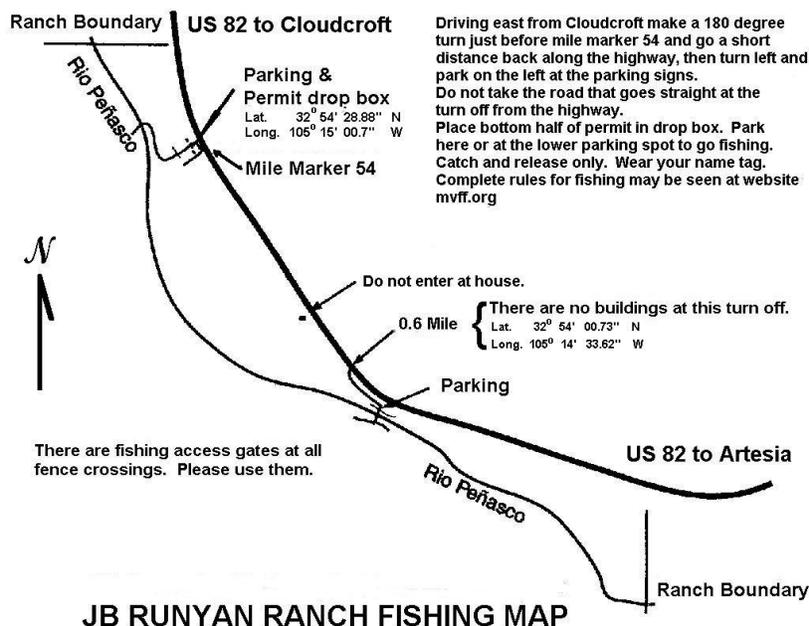
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

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



MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS, INC.

PO Box 2222

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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.