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Membership Meeting

Monday, 10 February

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 10 February at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The special speaker will be club member Tom Lightfoot. Tom will report on a trip to Alaska that he and his son took in October 2013. Apparently they had great success fishing for silvers and are anxious to tell us about it.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 February

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 17 February at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 26 February

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 26 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Morris PMD Emerger*. 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



Another year is off to a great start. The club had a booth at the Outdoor Sportsmen's Expo at the Las Cruces Convention Center over the weekend of January 10th to 12th. We recruited some new members;

sold some raffle tickets and club merchandise; and helped the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish with its kids' fishing pool. Bob Silver's "fly fishing 101" presentation found its way onto YouTube and Ray Rodriguez got his picture in the newspaper. Special recognition goes to Nick Carter, a sophomore at Centennial High School, and to Jasmine Johnson and Seth Hall, Fisheries and Wildlife Majors at NMSU, who gave up their Saturday to help at the kid's fishing pool. In addition, Project Healing Waters was able to raise some funds and gain additional exposure in the community. All in all, a worthwhile project which we will endeavor to repeat and improve upon next year.

Our annual banquet was another huge success. We had 100 guests, including many members of the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Van Beacham's slide show and presentation on solitary angling was outstanding. It reminded me that, instead of going back to the same old places each year, there are plenty of great new places waiting to be discovered if I will only look for them. Thank you to everyone who helped to organize the banquet, cooked the food, solicited the raffle prizes and bought the tickets; and congratulations to all of the prize winners.

Speaking of prizes, Bob and Lee Widgren have donated a custom-built 7'9", 4 weight Sage Circa rod for the Spring Rod Raffle. It is a beautiful fly rod. We have begun selling raffle tickets for \$2 each; 3 for \$5.

If you can't make it to a meeting, you can order tickets by email from Tom Wobbe at Wobbe@mvff.org. The drawing will be at the club's May 12th meeting.

We have begun planning club fishing trips for 2014. So far, we have settled on the following:

- The San Juan on May 1-4. We have reserved the Octagon Inn for those dates and will make arrangements to have guides available for those who want them.
- The Big Horn on June 23-27. The price is \$1,275 per person, which includes five nights lodging, meals and four days of guided drift boat fishing.
- The Conejos River on July 10-13. Come and camp out and enjoy fishing the Conejos, its tributaries and the Los Pinos.

In addition, we are planning a trip to Kodiak in late September or early October depending on the tides and another trip to the San Juan in October or November. We will provide details in the near future. If there other places that you want to propose for club trips, send me an email at President@mvff.org.

I came across a great book, <u>About Trout</u>, <u>The Best from Robert J. Behnke from Trout Magazine</u>. It is a collection of articles written over a 25 year period by Dr. Behnke, a noted fisheries biologist who died in 2013. His articles include descriptions of various trout species, commentary on the need for conservation and biodiversity and the history of fisheries management. It is fascinating reading and beautifully illustrated by Joseph R. Tomelleri.

Finally, the next time you see Chuck Mueller, take time to thank him for his three years as club president. During his tenure, Chuck has worked hard to expand the club's activities and to increase the enthusiasm of its members. I hope only to follow in his footsteps.

Tight Lines,

Jim

Winners for the Annual Raffle

Here's the list of prize winners for this year's MVFF Banquet Jan 18th.

Annual Attendance Prize:

- Land Of Enchantment Guided Trip Alison Mann
- Octagon Inn Lodging for Two Jim Sorenson

PHW:

TFO Fly Rod/Reel Combo B

Fund Raiser Raffle

• Winston Boron III Fly Rod

Sage Cicra Fly Rod

• Bob Widgren Custom Fly Rod

Galvan T-4 Reel

TFO Reel

Hardy Reel

• Simms Waders Certificate

Fishpond Chest Pak

Fishpond Chest Pak

Van Beacham Guided Trip

Brad Schuster

David Schoep Jeff Wobbe

Duane Sorenson

Debbie Hamlyn

Tom Wobbe

Lou Benevento

David Lucoski

Ron Belanger

Henry Rodriguez

Brad Schuster



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator

Project Healing Waters is moving right along thanks to the MVFF volunteers. We had a great response to our banquet rod

raffle and a good attendance of PHW participants. Many of our PHW participants are also members of the MVFF.

Rod building class was great even though the rod blanks for the Vets did not arrive when they were supposed to. I expect the rods to be in the first week of February and we will try and do a catch up to be ready for our next rod building class. We had a good turn out for our fly tying, both at the club fly tying and at the Las Cruces VA clinic. Next fly tying at the VA center will be on February 26.

Waiting for a break in the weather to get some Vets up to the Lease for fishing. We also have the permit to use the University pond on April 2. Tanner, NMSU Sportsman Club, has taken care of the permit and as soon as I get the info to him will also submit the request for the kids fishing clinic. Thanks to Tanner and also Hunter, American Fisheries Society, NMSU, for their support. I expect several Vets to attend our monthly meeting.

Planning on up to 4 trips to the San Juan this year with the Vets. With a couple more successful fund raisers we should be able to get it done.

Thanks to the MVFF club volunteers that make PHW a success.

For more information about PHWFF see www.projecthealingwaters.org. Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2014 and wo uld welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let us know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members.

The following trips are currently being planned:

May 2 - 4 - trip to the San Juan

- June 24-27 trip to the Big Horn River in Montana.
- July 11-13 trip to Conejos River in Colorado
- Kodiak Island late September or early October
- October the Club's annual trip to the San

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Welcome New Members

Russell Beacht	Alamogordo, NM
Michael & Stephanie Borunda	Las Cruces, NM
Elizabeth Jordan	La Mesa, NM
John & Stephanie Kennedy	Las Cruces, NM
Steve Lithgow & Lisa Brain	Las Cruces, NM
Charles Turner	Anthony, NM



Public Hearing NMDG&F Petition to restore Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout

A Public Hearing to consider the NMDG&F' Petition to restore Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout (RGCT) to Las Animas Creek will be held February 19th in Truth or Consequences starting 10am.

The Mesilla Valley FlyFishers strongly support the NMDGF plan for treating Las Animas Creek to ensure removal of non-native salmonids, and reintroduction of native RGCT.

The New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) will hold a public hearing on February 19, 2014 at the Ralph Edwards Auditorium in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico to consider a Petition filed by the Department of Game and Fish to use piscicides to restore native fishes to the Las Animas Creek Watershed, including within The Ladder Ranch and Gila National Forest, Sierra County, New Mexico. The New Mexico **Environment** Department recommends granting approval of the Petition with certain conditions. The public hearing will be conducted by a Hearing Officer, Felicia Orth, and will begin at 10:00am. The Ralph Edwards Auditorium is located at 400 W. 4th Avenue in Truth or Consequences, NM.

In order to present technical testimony at the hearing, a person must file a notice of intent to present technical testimony in WQCC No. 13-10 with the WQCC Administrator no later than February 7, 2014 at 5:00pm.

Any member of the general public may present non-technical testimony at the hearing. No prior notification is required. Persons desiring to present non-technical testimony will be heard beginning at noon, regardless of progress in the technical case, and at other times as the hearing officer allows. A member of the general public may submit a written non-technical statement to the WQCC Administrator or Hearing Officer at any time prior to the close of the hearing.

Here is a link to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Notice with complete information about the meeting procedure and associated documents:

http://www.publicnoticeads.com/NM/search/view.as p?T=PN&id=3099%5C1132014_20954148.HTM

The complete announcement can be viewed on the MVFF web page.



Morris PMD Emerger

This fly was developed by Skip Morris. Check his web page at http://www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com for a good fly tving resource.

Hook: #16 to #18 emerger style hook, TMC 2488 or

TMC 2487

Thread: Brown 8/0 UNI
Tail: Pheasant Tail, natural
Body: Pheasant Tail, natural
Rib: Ultra Wire, small

Thorax: PMD, superfine
Wing: Emerger Style, elk/deer

For BWO change color of PT To olive, superfine to BWO Color, and wing to dun dyed deer hair.



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2014
Submitted by Dave Medler, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Chuck Mueller. In attendance were Chuck Mueller, Jim Sorenson, Bob Silver, Gary Mann, Paul Turner, Ray Rodriguez, George Sanders, Dennis Lanpher, Dave Medler and non-board members Ron Bellerose, Tom Wobbe, Jim Hulsey and Kenneth Martin.

- 1. Minutes of the December 2013 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- 2. The treasurer reported that the Club has a balance of \$9,269. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
- Tom Wobbe reported the Club has 235 paid up members. Also, he reported 246 permit sales for 2013. The Club hopes to have more permit sales this year after stocking and the recent stream improvements.
- 4. Report on Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo Wobbe reported \$485 taken in by Club sales for raffle tickets, License plates & hat sales. NMDG&F much appreciated the Club's help with the catfish pond. The Club signed up 3 new members & reinstated 2 old members.

- Final preparations were discussed for the banquet. Slide show will be run by Bob Silver. Raffle ticket sales are running behind last year, hope to sell more at the banquet.
- 6. Board discussed upcoming trips, check newsletter for dates.
- Board discussed upcoming rod building classes, check newsletter for dates.
- 8. Ray Rodriguez, declined Vice President Board position, Chuck Mueller will take over.
- PHW report from Ron Bellerose Collected \$430
 during Expo from PHW sales & donations of hats,
 pins, etc. Discussed upcoming fly tying & Lease
 fishing trip with Soldiers. Fly tying session will be
 April 2 and fishing at the Lease will be April 9.
- 10. New Mexico Trout Conclave will be held on March 22, 2014 in Albuquerque.
- Upcoming kids fishing clinic was noted.
 Scheduled date is 12 April.
- 12. Motion from Jim Hulsey, for funds to print more Club brochures. After discussion it was decided that Mueller will print them at home.
- 13. The next Board meeting will be Monday, February 17, 2014 at 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Annual Banquet

December 18, 2014













Van Beacham Casting Clinic

January 18, 2014









Quick Look Contact Information

2014 Officers of the Club

Officers

President: Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
 V-Pres.: Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
 Secretary: Dave Medler, Jr. (575) 434-9313
 Treasurer: Gary Mann (575) 521-7793

Board Members

Position 1: Paul Turner (575) 523-6880 Position 2: Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050 Position 3: Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773 Position 4: Ray Rodriguez (575) 524-9420 Dave Medler, Jr. (575) 434-9313 Position 5: Position 6: Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045 Position 7: Bob Silver (575) 522-6325 Position 8: Gary Mann (575) 521-7793 Position 9: Dennis Lanpher (575) 642-2946

Newsletter & Web Page Editor

Membership Committee Chairman

Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437 <u>membership@mvff.org</u>

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

Market Value as of 30 June 2012 \$9,808

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund

The Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund is an endowed fund at New Mexico State University which is funded by MVFF member donations. Earnings from the fund are used to provide scholarships for students at NMSU majoring in fisheries or related fields.

The recipient of each scholarship is determined each April by the MVFF Board with the award being made for the fall semester.

Even though the fund is endowed additions can be made to it at any time. The larger the fund, the more earnings are available for award. If you are interested in contributing please make checks out to the NMSU Foundation and on the "for" line of the check, identify "Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship Fund for deposit only." All contributions are tax deductible. For any questions please contact one of the Officers or Board members. If you have not made a donation to the fund please give consideration and help honor Norm.

Current Email Addresses Needed

Many of the email addresses in our files are not current as members change to other internet providers. These addresses will not be distributed, but will only be used to relay club information or reminders for club meetings and other club events. Please send your address changes to membership@mvff.org.

Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Print

Help support the MVFF Habitat Restoration Projects and purchase a limited edition "Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout" print. This beautiful printing of an original watercolor of our native state fish is a limited series of 150 high quality 12 x 18 prints that are numbered and signed by New Mexico artist Michelle Arterburn. The cost of each individual print is \$25.00, with the proceeds dedicated towards habitat restoration projects. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. See the MVFF website for purchase.



****** 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, purchase fishing access permits to the MVFF leased waters on the Rio Peñasco, and participate in other Club activities such as a summer picnic, annual awards banquet, casting clinics, fly tying classes, and Club sponsored fishing trips.

There are several options for the payment of dues. A family is defined as a club member, their spouse and all children 17 years of age or under.

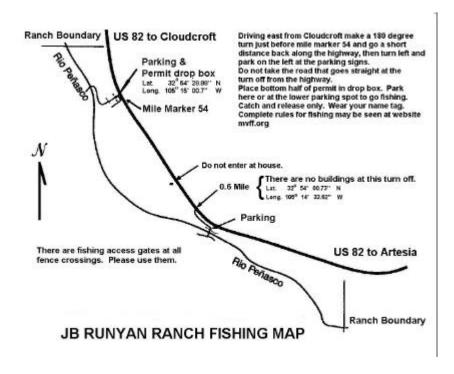
1 Year	\$20	Individual	
	\$25	Family	
3 Years	\$50	Individual	
	\$60	Family	
Life	\$400	Individual	
	\$500	Family	

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulsey (575-524-1880), Tom Wobbe (575-522-5437) and Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (575-687-3362) the night before to ensure someone will be there to sell them to you. Permits can be ordered through the club web page (mvff.org) by filling out the form and mailing as directed. Cost is \$25.00 per day. Kids under 18 fish free but must be accompanied by an adult club member with a permit. You must be a current member (current dues have been paid) of MVFF to fish the lease. Please wear your MVFF identification badge while on the property. New or replacement badges can be obtained by contacting Jim Hulsey. In addition, members can purchase a one-day, one-time permit for out of town 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 Ph	none:	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 1 January will expire on 31 Mar			ips received on or after
Membership fee if ap Adult Permits @ \$25	-		
Adult Fellills @ \$25	per permit =	Φ	
		Total =\$	

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