



# TALE WATERS

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## Membership Meeting

There will be no monthly membership meeting in January. Instead there will be the annual banquet on 14 Jan. See the article on page 2 for details.

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 10 January

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 9 January at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Note that this is different from the regular date. All members are welcome to attend.

## Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 25 January

Liars and Tyers will meet Wednesday 25 January at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Extended Foam Body PMD*. The recipe can be found later in this issue. The tying session will be led by Tim Mack. Tim manages the Sportsman's Elite flyshop in El Paso and is a professional tyer. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tiers.

## President's Corner

*Happy New Year!*



### Looking back at 2011:

We had a very busy year for the club. With ongoing efforts to help our member improve their fishing skills, we had three casting/fishing clinics starting with John Bailey in January, Bob Widgren in May and John Tavenner in September.

The Club invited the following guest speakers:

- John Bailey with Dan Baileys Fly Shop in January with his talk about the history of Dan Bailey who was influential in modern day fly fishing.
- Matthew Zeigler, a graduate student at NMSU, talked about his study on the Rio Grande Cutthroats.
- Bob Widgren gave a presentation on fishing the Los Pinos from New Mexico to Colorado.
- John Tavenner provided us some insight on fishing the San Juan River, just in time for our October trip.
- Dutch Salmon talked about the fishing in the Gila.
- Noah Parker gave a presentation on fishing in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

The past year, we had two groups of Soldiers go through our PHW program and thanks to all of the volunteers who helped in the healing process of our soldiers. In April we had the Kids Fishing Clinic with over 120 kids in attendance and in early November we helped with the special need children. A big thanks to all of the members who helped put a smile on each of the kid's faces. The club made some stream habitat improvements on the Rio Peñasco in April with willow planting and the stocking of 550 rainbows along with the placement some very large rocks in the stream to improve and protect the stream habitat and keep the lease a quality fishing water.

**Looking forward in 2012:**

We will start the year off with our annual banquet on January 14<sup>th</sup>. This is my favorite event of the year where we can break bread, meet and exchange stories with our fellow members. The club will furnish the BBQ from Sparky's and enchiladas from Andele's, and as always, please bring your favorite dish to share. Our guest speaker will be Bob Widgren who put on a casting clinic and was our guest speaker last May. Bob has put together a travel log that will be of interest to all. He is also a member of MVFF and has donated a custom rod for the Banquet Raffle. We have \$3,000 worth of prizes for our banquet raffle, a nice TFO rod for the PHW Raffle, a guided trip for our general meeting drawing and, of course, we have a lot of door prizes to give away. The festivities start at 6:00PM.

**MVFF Celebrates 25 Years in April of this year.** The board is looking for old photos, stories and suggestions on what the club should do this mark this occasion.

There are two trips planned for this year so far. First is a trip to the Quinlin Ranch in late July and early August. The second trip is to Kodiak Island in September.

Fishing on the lease has been very good and plans are to make more habitat improvements this spring with the planting willow whips and placing more boulders in the stream. Our Mentoring Program will continue again this year with classes and streamside clinics to help us all improve our techniques. We will also be involved with PHW and the Kids' clinics. At our February general meeting we have Doc Thompson of Doc Thompson High Country Anglers will present a program titled *Fly Selection: Understanding Aquatic Insects and Fly Selection*.

See you at the Banquet, in the mean time keep a tight line,

Chuck

## Election Results

During the board meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2011, board members canvassed the election results and declared the following members elected as board members for 2012: Paul Turner, Jeff Arterburn, Chuck Mueller, Gary Mann, George Sanders, Jim Sorenson, Bob Silver, Ron Warnke and Ron Bellerose.

Then in accordance with club by-laws, board members selected as officers: President - Chuck Mueller, Vice-President - Bob Silver, Secretary - Jim Sorenson and Treasurer - Gary Mann.

All Board members and officers will take office at the banquet on 14 January 2012 and will serve until January 2013.

## Annual Club Banquet

Saturday, 14 January 2012

Our annual banquet will be Saturday, January 14, 2012. The banquet will start at 6:00pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, which is where we had it last year (see map on page 5). Spouses and children are invited.

The guest speaker will be MVFF club member, Bob Widgren. Many of you know Bob from the casting clinics and talks he has presented to the club in the past.

The club will provide BBQ brisket, pulled pork, sausage, red and green enchiladas and drinks, with members asked to bring salads and desserts. A raffle will take place during the dinner. This raffle is one of the richest we have ever had with about \$3,000 in prizes. There are many top-of-the-line items. See the list of prizes in the following article. Raffle tickets and information will follow in a separate communication and will also be available at the banquet.

## Raffle Items

Here's the list of prizes for this year's MVFF Banquet Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Door Prizes (must be present to win):

There will be a variety of door prizes awarded. Each person present will receive a ticket.

### Annual Attendance Prize:

The 2011 MVFF Attendance drawing winner, taken from the ticket stubs for meetings and formal club events collected throughout the past year, is a guided float trip for two with Conejos River Anglers.

### PHW:

Ron Bellerose will be running a separate raffle during the banquet for a PHW TFO 5-weight, 4-piece rod

with reel and case. Proceeds will go into the PHW fund.

#### Fund Raiser Raffle:

##### Rods:

- Winston LT589 rod 8'9" 5-weight 5-piece (\$750 value)
- Sage ZXL rod 9' -weight 4-piece (\$690 value)
- Widgren custom built rod (Sage ZXL 8' 4-weight blank) (\$690 value)

##### Reels:

- Galvan Torque reel 4/5 wt (\$340 value)
- Lamson Lite Speed reel 4/6 wt (\$309 value)

##### Gear:

- Simms G3 stocking foot waders (\$430 value)
- Fishpond Yellowstone wader bag \$150 value)
- Fishpond Ice Storm soft cooler (\$90 value)
- Brodin Ghost rubber bag net (\$100 value)
- Dan Bailey 4 fly boxes each with 12 assorted flies (\$96 value)



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is in a slow period at the present. Expect to hear from Ft. Bliss shortly about the change in schedules for the

disabled Vets. Also should be able to get more active with the local Vets from the Las Cruces VA Clinic. I expect this will be our more active group of PHW Vets in the near future.

I have received several copies of *Fly-Fishing Tactics* from PHW along with new brochures and CD's. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter activity report has been sent to the PHW area rep. We have a PHW fly rod to be raffled at the banquet. Money made from this raffle will go directly to supporting our PHW activities along with \$2,000 from PHW. We should have a great 2012.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers and support groups that supported PHW throughout 2011.

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For more information about PHWFF see [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org).

Contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), [flyfishnh@hotmail.com](mailto:flyfishnh@hotmail.com) if you wish to volunteer to help out.

### Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2011 and would 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:

- Late July - trip to Quinlin Ranch
- Early August - trip to Quinlin Ranch (Chuck Mueller is contact for the Quinlin Ranch trips.)
- Early October - trip to Kodiak Alaska (Bob Silver is contact for this trip.)

### Welcome New Members

Chester Conner

Tularosa, NM

Noah & Shane Parker

Velarde, NM

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**MVFF Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 21, 2011

Submitted by Jim Sorenson, 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, Jeff Arteburn, Ron Warnke, Gary Mann, Bob Silver, Jim Sorenson and George Sanders and non-Board member, Tom Wobbe.

- 1. Minutes of the November 2011 Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- 2. The Treasurer reported that the Club has a balance of \$8,894. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.
- 3. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 199 paid members.
- 4. There was no Project Healing Waters report.
- 5. Ron Warnke reported that 9 hats remain. He will order another dozen before the annual meeting and banquet. It was also suggested that he look into purchasing decals and license plate holders with the club logo for resale at Abel's Sign Company from former club member Jeff Benegas.
- 6. A motion was approved to purchase a guided trip for two from Conejos River Anglers as the participation prize to be awarded at the annual banquet.

- 7. Final preparations for the annual meeting and banquet were discussed. The next Board meeting will be moved to January 9 in order to have a Board meeting before the annual banquet on January 14.
- 8. Doc Thompson from High Country Anglers, Ute Park, NM will give a talk on basic entomology and fly selection at the February general meeting. He will provide a short description of the program to be included in the newsletter and on the website.
- 9. There was a discussion about having a mentoring class in March. The class would consist of a classroom presentation on Saturday and a day on the Lease on Sunday.
- 10. There was a discussion about adding a question to the application to ask what new members would like to get out of belonging to the Club. There was also a discussion about surveying the members to see what they would like to receive from their membership.
- 11. The next Board meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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**Fishing Report**



Bob Silver shows the 18-inch rainbow caught recently at the Lease.



**Quick Look Contact Information**

2011 Officers of the Club	
<b>Officers</b>	
• <b>President:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>V-Pres.:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Secretary:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Treasurer:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
<b>Board Members</b>	
• <b>Position 1:</b>	Paul Turner (575) 523-6880
• <b>Position 2:</b>	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• <b>Position 3:</b>	Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
• <b>Position 4:</b>	Ron Warnke (575) 532-5600
• <b>Position 5:</b>	George Sanders (575) 527-5536
• <b>Position 6:</b>	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• <b>Position 7:</b>	Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
• <b>Position 8:</b>	Gary Mann (575) 521-7793
• <b>Position 9:</b>	Ron Bellerose (575) 680-5516
<b>Newsletter &amp; Web Page Editor</b>	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	<a href="mailto:newsletter@mvff.org">newsletter@mvff.org</a>
<b>Membership Committee Chairman</b>	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	<a href="mailto:membership@mvff.org">membership@mvff.org</a>

**Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,003</b>
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**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.

**Bamboo Rod Repair**

Club member Karen Erickson is interested in working on old bamboo rods. If you have one that needs repairs give Karen a call at (575) 524-7729.

**Current Email Addresses Needed**

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

**Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Print**

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

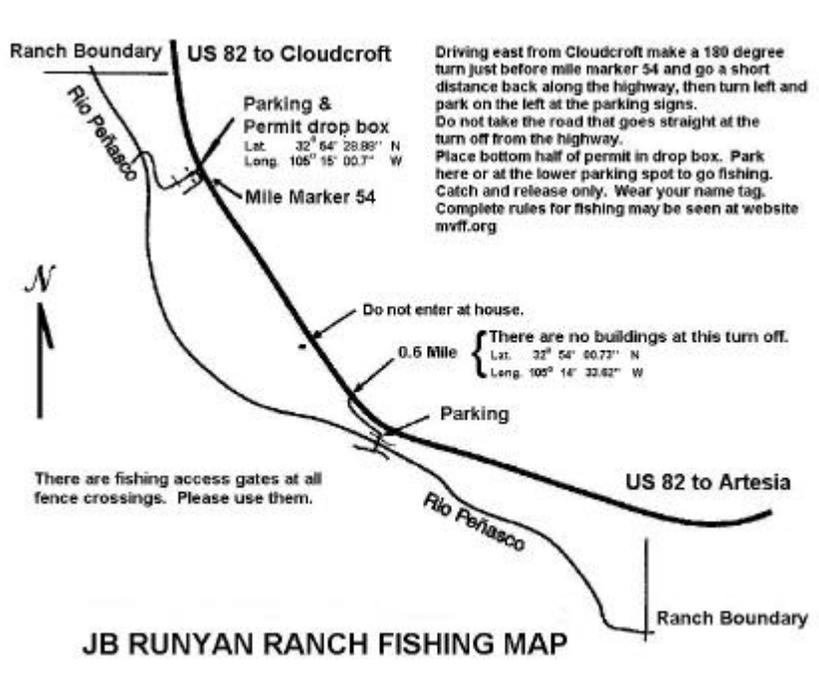
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

### 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), Donna Mabie (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the Sportsman's Elite fly shop (915-587-4867) in El Paso. 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 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.



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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.