



TALE WATERS

A Monthly Publication of

Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, Inc.

P.O. Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

www.MVFF.org

July

2015



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Membership Meeting	1
Executive Board Meeting	1
Liars and Tyers	1
President's Corner	1
Project Healing Waters	2
Club Outings	2
Conejos Camping Trip	2
Fishing Reports	3
New Members	4
Board Meeting Minutes	4
Classified Ads	4

Membership Meeting

There will be no MVFF general membership meeting in July. Many members will be fishing and the rest of them should be. The next meeting will be in September. See you then.

Executive Board Meeting

There will be no MVFF Board meeting in July. The next meeting will be in August. See you then.

Liars and Tyers

Liars and Tyers will not meet in July. The next meeting will be in September. See you then.

President's Corner



Land of Enchantment (LOE) Guides has some hot new properties in the Chama, New Mexico area. Helen Zagona, Mary and I fished with Jesse Lee, one of LOE's guides, for two days in June. The first

day, we fished the Chama River below the town of

Chama on one of the Oso Piccolo Ranches and caught some huge Browns. In the afternoon, we fished Wolf Creek, also on an Oso Piccolo Ranch, but north of Chama. The stream has lots of smaller, wary Brown Trout who are willing to take a dry fly if they aren't spooked first.

We fished the real gem, however, on the second day. The upper Brazos River runs through the High Timber Ranch (HTR) at an altitude of between 9,000 and 10,000 feet. Getting there requires driving two hours over ten miles of unimproved dirt road, but the scenery and wildlife are spectacular. There has been so much moisture this year (Noah and Shane tried to drive there on June 2nd but were blocked by snow drifts) that the forests and meadows are healthy and lush. HTR has about five miles of the Brazos River within its boundaries, but we didn't fish much more than a mile of it. All of the upper Brazos River is on private property and hasn't been stocked in generations, so all of the trout are wild. We started in a deep pool at the mouth of a slot canyon (the canyon is too narrow and pool too deep to wade further into it). After pulling four or five nice Brook and Rainbow Trout out of that pool (and missing a few more), we fished upstream through an open meadow. Every pool or deep trough in the stream held Brooks up to 16 inches and Rainbows up to 20 plus inches. Most of the day, we fished a dry-dropper rig and the fish seemed to take the dry and the dropper about equally. The dry was a size 12, purple Hippie Stomper. It is an attractor fly that looks fairly simple to tie but is quite effective. Check it out on You-Tube.

All reports are that the Club trip to the North Platte River in June was another roaring success. Kudos goes to Chuck Mueller for organizing another great trip. It sounds like everyone had a good time and caught some of the enormous trout that the North Platte is famous for. Check out the pictures on the Club's Facebook page if you haven't already.

The spring runoff has pretty well subsided in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, but steady rains through May and June have kept the vegetation green and the fire danger under control. Keep in mind the Club trip to the Conejos River on July 9th to 12th. This is a more informal, self-organized trip. We will be staying at the Mogote Campground in the Rio Grande National Forest. Besides the Conejos, there are several smaller tributaries and the Los Pinos River in the immediate area. Guides are available through Conejos River Anglers in Mogote, CO, but you have to make your own arrangements.

Finally, we have been getting good reports from folks fishing the Lease. So, there are plenty of opportunities to fish. Just get out there and do it.

Tight Lines,

Jim



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator



Editor's Note: Ron is fishing in Wyoming for the next week or so. He said there is nothing new for PHW. The next activities for the soldiers from Ft. Bliss will be in the fall. Keep your eye on this

space for future activities.

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 2015 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 now in the planning stages are:

- July 9-12 — Conejos (See article below.)
- Oct. - Nov. — trip to Kodiak Island, Alaska
- Nov. 11-15 — annual fall trip to the San Juan

- Fall — Lady Anglers will be going to the Conejos.

Conejos Camping Trip

July 9-12, 2015

Bob Silver



Almost every year the Club has a trip to the Conejos River to fish. This is a great time of the year because the runoff is over with, the weather is nice and the insect hatches are in full swing. So for anyone that is interested, I am planning a trip to the Conejos and nearby waters from July 9 to July 12. I will be camping in the Rio Grande National Forest Mogote Campground.

A link to the campground information is <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/riogrande/recarea/?r=ecid=29568>. This is about 1-mile north of the Fox Creek store on Highway 17. I will take the MVFF banner with me and hang it at the campsite so that anyone dropping in can find my camp. I plan to camp in the Upper Loop. There is also a Lower Loop at the campground. It is near the river but I have found the mosquitoes are fierce in the evenings. If mosquitoes "love you", I recommend that you stay in the Upper Loop.

An option to camping is to stay at the cabins of the Conejos River Anglers flyshop in Mogote. The link is <http://www.conejosriveranglers.com/>. We have stayed there many times and they are comfortable. They will sleep 3 to 4 per cabin and have small kitchens. They also have "guide and sleep" deals that are very good and the guides will put you on fish.

Each day last year we had a Green Drake hatch around 11am that lasted a couple of hours. Green Drakes must taste good to the trout because the surface action was intense.

This is beautiful time of the year to camp, but plan on an afternoon thundershower.

Getting There: GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude): 37.06472, -106.23444, or 37°3'53"N, 106°14'4"W

From Antonito, Colorado, go west on Highway 17 about 15 miles to the campground access road on your left, it is well marked. Travel 1/4 mile and turn right into the Upper Loop Road.

You can reach me at 575-642-5865 if you have any questions.

Tightlines

Bob

Fishing Reports

6/27/15, Frances Curtis and Debbie Hamlyn — Hours: 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m. We started the morning crossing the upper bridge and headed downstream, and we caught several fish from the large pool after you go through the gate. I landed two nice 12" or so rainbows in that pool and lost a couple more that were equally large. The rest were anywhere from 6-9 inches or so. Even though the fish were small, they were plentiful. We caught more than our share of chubs as well. We didn't catch anything down at the pool that the ladies group calls the caves. The fish I caught at the large pool were caught on a nice size bright purple/blue prince nymph, which was a very successful fly for me that morning, until it got caught on the other side of the river, and was gone.

Around 2:00 we drove down to the lower section, crossed the bridge and went upstream, crossing through the gate. I caught about 6 fish in the shallow riffles using a brown prince nymph, which the fish loved that day. We never used anything other than prince nymphs, without any type of dropper or weight, and were very successful that day. We read about the green rock worms and couldn't wait to use them, but for that day, we were not successful with that fly. All in all, I would say we caught 15 rainbows of different sizes, but mostly small.

I went up to the lease in May, and I just had to add this, I caught a beautiful, large rainbow in the caves pool at the upper river. That day was a prince nymph/copper john dropper combo. In that same pool, I caught 5 beautiful rainbows within a short period of about 30 minutes, from around 12:30 – 1:00. When a hooked fish was being brought in, 4-6 large fish would come flying out of the hole to chase either my other fly or the fish.

It just proved to me there are many large, beautiful rainbows in that hole and on that river. What a fun sport.

6/24/15, George Thomas & Ed Wooff — On our way home from the lease. Fishing remains GOOD!

30 plus fish. Water is clear but low. We fished the lower bridge, the midsection and the canyon. The fish are larger, 8-9 inch, three 12's. Of course I farmed 3 large fish. Ed landed a nice 14-inch fat rainbow. Hot fly's were size 16/18 Prince Nymphs, no weight, dead drifted in the riffles. For deep water (Tim Mack's) Peñasco Chub or a Sculpzilla size 6/8.

6/23/15, Blaine Goss — Drove up to the lease today. Water was clear and plentiful. Caught 10 small rainbows on small flies (brown nymph size 16) and 3 bigger rainbows (16,14,14) on big flies (bunny leaches, etc.). Chubs were often on the line as well. The bigger fish were in the upper section in deep holes. Saw big fish in the lower section, but didn't catch any there. No more algae!

6/21/15, Carl E. Lieberwirth — Fathers Day Sunday June 21, 2015. My Wife and Daughter took me to the lease for Fathers Day. Arrived about 1:30pm. Water was crystal clear and levels were good. Fished the upper end down to the Middle Falls. Caught 6, 4" to 8" fish, missed a few others and saw a few big fish in areas where I could not get a fly to them. Used a Copper John and Green Rock Worm, all fish took the Rock Worm. Went to the lower end around 4:30. Caught a couple of smaller fish working down towards the Falls. In the Lower falls I caught a 16" again on the Green Rock Worm. Spooked a big brute below the falls, thought it was a carp at first. Changed to a Triple Wing Elk Hair Caddis and fished top water back up to the Bridge. Couple of small fish then caught an 18" in the Cottonwood stretch. Overall, an Awesome Fathers Day.

6/20/15, Lynn Shuttlesworth — I wanted to get a report to you from this past Saturday, June 20th. My son, (Ryan), and I hiked down to the (big) waterfall, and, after politely asking 3 non-members to not fish our lease, Ryan fished back toward the big barn, and I went the other way. In a little over 2 hours, he caught 6 small Rainbows, and 2 12-inchers. I caught 13 small ones, a 12" Bow, and a 14" Bow. We were single nymphing, (16 Prince Nymph, 16 Hare's Ear), and I caught the big guy on a size 14 Soft Hackle, (1st cast in some riffles). I think I would have caught more, bigger fish if those 3 kids hadn't spooked them before we got there. Anyway, after catching 28 fish in a little over 2 hours, it was 94 degrees, and we decided to head home. However, all in all, a really good day!

6/14/15, Patrick Lamb —

location = Lease, water_vol = Normal
water_clarity = Murky
weather = Some showers, had rained overnight up-
stream, making water slightly murky
hatches = Some caddis mid-day
details = One 12" fat rainbow and six smaller ones.
Prince nymph worked well in deeper water. Smaller
fish took No. 16 orange stimulator off top of water
near banks.

6/11/15, George Thomas & Ed Wooff — Started fish-
ing about 8:30am. Water--clear, plenty & running
good. Fish were visible in numerous locations.
Fished both directions from lower bridge in morning
and from upper bridge, both directions, in the after-
noon! Fish Caught-- Approx 30+ Rainbows 4"-10", 1
Brown -12". It seems we are getting some reproduc-
tion as we have not stocked anything below 6" in over
one year!! Other fish were hooked and not netted!

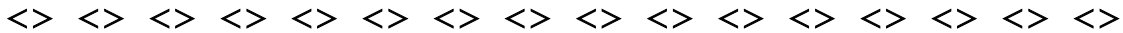
Best Flies--#18 prince nymph, #18 Pheasant Mayfly
nymph featured in May Liars & Tyers (see website,
May coming events), Pine Squirrel Leech, streamers.
The algae has decreased and fishing the pine squirrel
leach with the streamer produced many strikes.

Welcome New Members

Table with 2 columns: Name and Location. Includes Carson Dunn (Lubbock, TX), Alan Flitcraft (Flagstaff, AZ), Justin Lowrey (Lubbock, TX), Duncan & Nicole McPhee (Alamogordo, NM), Larry & Jackie Pryor (Burleson, TX), Gary Schultz (Hobbs, NM), Rod & Barbara Slaton (Midland, TX).

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

The MVFF Board of Directors did not meet in June,
ergo, no minutes.

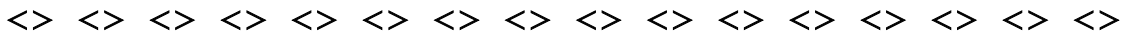


Classified Ads

Editor's Note: From time to time someone asks me about listing something for sale in the newsletter, so I have in-
stituted a new topic for inclusion in the newsletter. Whenever you have something to sell, buy or trade, let me
know. You may also place an ad for a service as long as it is flyfishing related. I plan to place the ad in the newslet-
ter but I am also planning on placing them on the web page where they will stay for a somewhat longer time.

For Sale: David Carmichael—Fly Logic rod: Fly Logic rods are mid-range, very good quality rods made in Melba, ID. I
was introduced to them by a guide in Kodiak, Alaska who uses them for salmon, Dolly Varden and trout. This rod is
very slightly used and in great condition. The FLP+ designates their mid-level rod (retail \$295) It was purchased
for a trip to Alaska that has not happened yet, so someone else might as well get some use from it. (I have caught
Northern Pike on it in the Rio Grande near Taos). FLP+ 908/2 (9 ft., 8wt, 2-piece) \$75
If interested, contact me by email at btrout22@hotmail.com.

For Sale: Blaine Goss—2014 Echo Fiberglass rod. 7'4" 4wt, 3pc. Comes with Echo rod sock and case. Virtually
brand new. Attractive rod. I took it to the lease once, and to the Alumni pond 3-4 times. If you ever wanted to try
a fiberglass rod, this is for you. It is a fun rod that is more flexible than graphite rods. I paid \$180 for it last year
and it is for sale for \$80. (575-639-1575)



Quick Look Contact Information

2015 Officers of the Club	
Officers	
• President:	Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
• V-Pres.:	Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
• Secretary:	John Kennedy (612) 720-3456
• 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 Rodriquez (575) 524-9420
• Position 5:	John Kennedy (612) 720-3456
• 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	
• Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880	newsletter@mvff.org
Membership Committee Chairman	
• Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437	membership@mvff.org

Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	
Market Value as of 30 June 2014	\$11,487

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 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, 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.

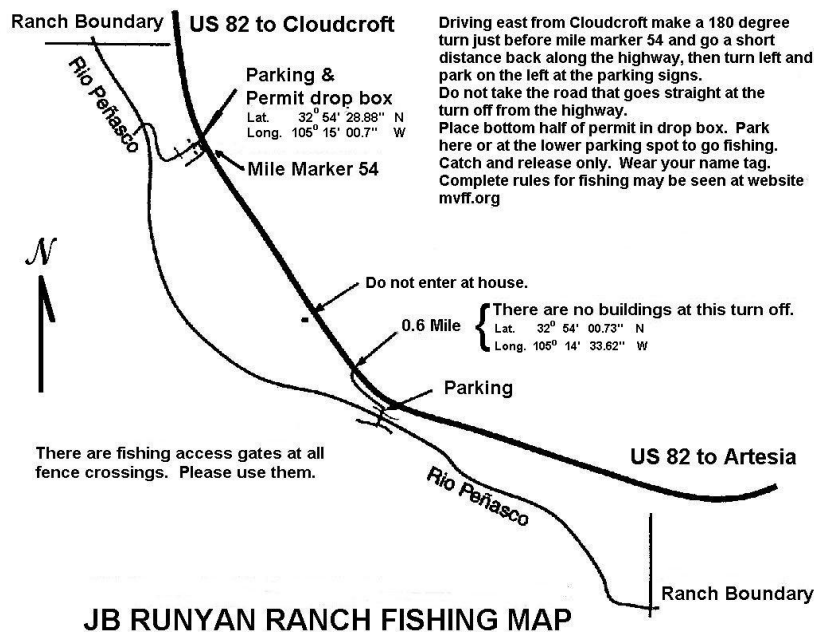
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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 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 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.