

Tale Waters

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Membership Meeting

There will be no general membership meeting in June as the club takes its customary summer break. Most members are busy doing other things and hopefully many of them have gone fishing. Our next general activity will be the annual picnic in September.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 11 June

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 11 June at 7:00 PM at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. This is a week earlier than it is normally scheduled. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 28 June

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 28 June at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Rio Grande King Trude*. Tying will be demonstrated by Joseph Lopez. A photograph and recipe is presented later in this newsletter. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies available for beginning tiers.

President's Corner

Paul Turner

I want to thank the following persons for helping the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish sponsor the Kids Fishing Clinic on June 2nd at Alumni Pond on the NMSU campus: Ron Bellerose, Bob Deitner, Bob DuBey, Richard Keding, Ray Rodriguez, Howard Steinhoff, Randall, Vickie, and Jacob Vallee, Jeff, Thomas and Tom Wobbe. MVFF members were responsible for stations on aquatic invertebrates, baits and tackle, casting, fly tying and knots that were visited by all children. A total of 66 children registered during the clinic and were accompanied by a similar number of parents and friends for a great day of fishing and fun. Game and Fish coordinated the clinic and manned various other stations plus arranged for many nice prizes and free food from Robertos. They stocked the pond with channel catfish that were caught in large numbers along with bluegill, white crappie and green sunfish. One young girl took home nine nice catfish on her first fishing experience. The whole family will remember this day for the rest of their lives! I feel the fishing clinics are a great way to encourage parents to introduce their children to the outdoors and fishing. Roger and Stephanie Pastoor brought Louisa to the clinic and Roger even used his fly rod to catch a crappie and a catfish. Roger and I hiked into the Gila Wilderness several weekends ago and fished the South Fork of Whitewater and Whitewater creeks. We caught too many rainbow and rainbow-Gila hybrids to count. Even though the biggest trout were only 9-10 inches we had the streams all to ourselves. I plan to fish the headwaters of Iron Creek for Gila trout (95%-99% pure) later this summer when the stream is officially open for fishing by obtaining a free authorization permit from the Game and Fish Department. I'll describe the process for getting the permit once it is available through the department website.

Chris and Julie Black and I were the only club members who were able to fish the San Juan River after the flow was dropped to 1400 cfs on May 24th. I fished Texas Hole most of the day on the 25th with only limited success before moving upstream and switching to a 5X leader and tippet. Chris and Julie did much better fishing the area just below the riffles at the top of Texas Hole and the shallow braided channels upstream. There was plenty of water in even the small side channels and they were full of trout so I was there by 7:30 the next morning and found a nice run just below a shallow riffle about 200 yards above Texas Hole. I netted my first trout within 15 minutes and managed to net 13 trout by 2:30 when I finally decided to take a break and eat lunch. Six of the rainbows I netted were in the 19 to 21-inch range. Considering a number of long releases that I didn't have to net and numerous strikes that didn't result in hookups it was a great day! Chris and Julie also caught a good number of trout, but didn't fish as hard or as long as I did. All of the trout I caught were taken on midge larvae or emergers (size 20 or 22). After our late "lunch" we took Julie back to camp and decided we would check out the Cable Hole area. After slipping and sliding around the island just across from where you emerge from the tunnel through the willows we decided that we were wasting our time as we saw very few trout and didn't get a single hit. Sunday I broke camp and loaded up for my return to Las Cruces so I arrived about 9:30 and had to pick a new spot as a number of anglers were already working this area. I caught a few trout, but decided I needed to get on the road home. Based on our success rate I would say the area above Texas Hole and the Flats should be great fishing for several weeks as long as the flow stays up.

My wife and I plan to meet George Sanders and Eric Pratt on the Green River below Flaming Gorge Reservoir around June 15th. I hope two old graduate student buddies from the early 1970s can join us then for some fishing in a new water for me. If anyone is interested in meeting us there let me know soon so I can tell you where we will be camping and how long we will be there. After spending a few days in Idaho visiting relatives I plan to return to the Rio Conejos in Colorado in time to make the MVFF trip currently scheduled on June 29th through July 1st.

Incidentally my wife is retiring on June 6th so she will be able to join me on my fishing trips.

One last item of interest to club members concerns the signing of a formal agreement to protect public lands and open space in Dona Ana county that I attended on May 23rd at the NM Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. This ceremony was attended by over 30 representatives of local sportsmen's groups, community leaders, conservationists, and others including the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, League of Women Voters, Citizens Task Force on Open Space, Southern NM Hi-Tech Consortium, Southwest Environmental Center, Hispano Chamber of Commerce, The Wilderness Society, NM Wilderness Alliance and the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society. We signed an agreement on new proposed wilderness boundaries and national conservation areas that have been discussed for many months that was to be sent to Senators Domenici and Bingaman to encourage them to introduce new wilderness legislation. I spoke briefly about my over 30 years of visiting various wilderness areas with my wife, children, students, and friends on class, research, and pleasure trips. As some of you may already know Elliot Barker, former director of the NM Game and Fish, and Senator Clinton P. Anderson were important leaders in the passage of The Wilderness Act of 1964. The Gila Wilderness was the first wilderness area in the United States to be protected by the U. S. Forest Service in 1924 after being proposed by Aldo Leopold.

Although the MVFF won't hold regular club meetings during the summer months I invite anyone that wants to attend our board meetings (next one set for June 11th) in the conference room of the NM Dept. of Game and Fish. Incidentally, I rescheduled my pacemaker operation for July 9th so I could make the Green River and Rio Conejos fishing trips. Remember if you're too busy to go fishing, you're too busy.

Paul

Club Outings Planned

The board has discussed several possible fishing outings for the coming year and have more or less settled on the ones shown below. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to George Sanders who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

1. Green River in Utah - 14 - 20 June - Club members George Sanders, Jeff Arterburn and others plan to be at the Green River during these dates. This is a good opportunity for Club members who have never fished the Green to make use of their experience since they have expressed a willingness to provide whatever assistance possible.
2. Conejos in Colorado. - This trip is scheduled for the 29th of June through the 1st of July. Spring runoff should be about complete and fishing should be good. For those who have never fished the Conejos, the scenery alone is worth the trip.

3. San Juan - 12 - 14 October - annual fall trip to San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Michael Goldman	El Paso, TX
Chuck Rementer	Las Cruces, NM
Ron Sanders	Carlsbad, NM
Ross Whiteaker	Carlsbad, NM
Ed Wooff, Jr.	Las Cruces, NM
Hiro & Yuki Yamamoto	Midland, TX



MVFF BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 21, 2007

In attendance: Paul Turner, Jeff Arterburn, Tom Wobbe, Bob Silver, Richard Keding, Ron Bellerose, Jim Hulsey, Gary Mann, Donna Mabie, Randall and Vickie Vallee, and Richard Newton. Absent: George Sanders

1. Gary Mann presented the Treasurer's Report after the minutes of the April board meeting were approved.
2. The MVFF San Juan fishing trip was scheduled for May 24-27 when the high spring flow was supposed to drop to 750 cfs. Chris Black and Paul Turner will be available to help club members at the Texas Hole parking lot get oriented to fishing the San Juan.
3. The Vallees said they would check into accommodations and other issues regarding fishing the Rio Chama so the club could decide if this would be a good club trip in the future.
4. George Sanders is scheduled to leave for Colorado and the Green River on June 6th. More details on the campgrounds and local arrangements will be available on the website. The Rio Conejos trip will probably be set for June 28-30 when the river flow will be lower and safer.
5. Clarification was given on the qualifications required for a student to receive the Norm Mabie Memorial Scholarship; the award is paid directly to the University for the student's tuition. A

decision on the recipient of this award will be made sometime in June after a list of qualified applicants is made available to MVFF.

6. Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulsey volunteered to meet in person with Jim Ellett to further discuss the proposed price change on the daily permit and to prepare a mutually-agreed-upon lease agreement on the Rio Penasco.
7. Details on the club responsibilities for manning stations at the kid's fishing clinic on June 2nd were discussed. Tom Wobbe will send out an e-mail request for more help from club members.
8. Potential interest in a fishing trip to Kodiak Island, Alaska in late September was discussed.
9. The board will meet on June 11th rather than the third Monday of the month because we will not have regular meetings during the summer. The club will probably schedule a picnic for September and have a speaker discuss fishing on the San Juan prior to the club trip there during October.

Quick Look Contact Information

2007 Officers of the Club	
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• President	Paul Turner (505) 523-6880
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• Position 2	Ron Bellerose (505) 541-0807
• Position 3	Tom Wobbe (505) 522-5437
• Position 4	Bob Silver (505) 522-6325
• Position 5	George Sanders (505) 527-5536
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Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund	\$10,100
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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 (505) 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.

Angler's Nook

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

Club members receive a 33% discount on most items at the Angler's Nook.
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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.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31

And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license
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Rio Grande King Trude

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Rio Grande King Trude*.

The original Trude pattern was originated in the summer of 1906 by Carter H. Harrison of Chicago, Illinois, while he was a guest at the A.S. Trude Ranch near Big Springs, Idaho. The fly was created one evening using red yarn from a cabin rug for the body and hair from a red spaniel for the wing. It proved itself well on the Snake River and the word then spread to other parts of the Rocky Mountain West. Everyone had their own version of it and it went through many changes.

There are many variations of the Trude, among them are: Grizzly King Trude, Orange Trude, Yellow Trude, Red Trude, Black Gnat Trude, and Fire Coachman Trude. This particular variation is called the *Rio Grande King Trude*.

Detailed tying instructions may be found at <http://www.flyangleronline.com/flytying/fotw/050100fotw.html> from which this information was taken. For those of you not familiar with this website, it is an excellent fly tying resource.



- Hook:** TMC9300 or DA11550, sizes 10-16.
- Thread:** Black.
- Tip:** Flat gold tinsel.
- Tail:** Golden pheasant tippet barbs.
- Body:** Dubbed with #1 black poly.
- Wing:** White calf tail tied over the body.
- Hackle:** Brown tied on as a collar in front of the wing.



MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

Month	Events	Trips	General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker	Clinics or Lease Projects
June	Liars & Tyers 28 June <i>Rio Grande King</i>	14 - 20 June - Fishing trip to Green River	No General Membership Meeting	2 June - NMDG&F Kid's Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond
July	Liars & Tyers 26 July <i>PMD Para.</i>	Club trip to Conejos - 29 June - 1 July	No General Membership Meeting	
August	Liars & Tyers 30 August		No General Membership Meeting	

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.

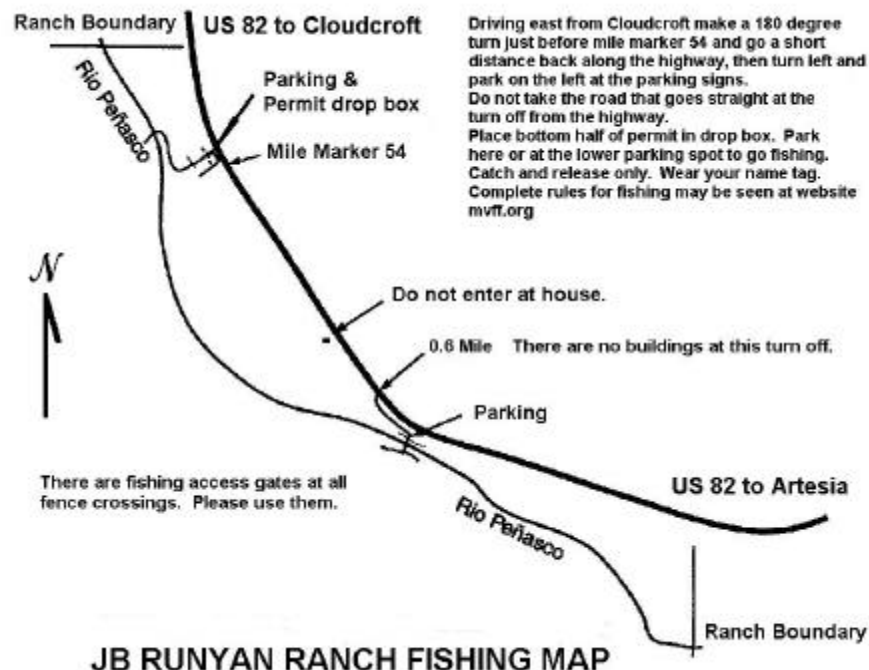
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from any of the Club Officers or Board Members and are also available at the *Angler's Nook*. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (505-687-3362) 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 \$20.00 per day with student permits (ages 12 through 17) costing only \$12.00 per day. Kids under 12 fish free. 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 Hulseley. 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 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 @ \$20 per permit = \$ _____

_____ Student Permits @ \$12 per Permit = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.