

Tale Waters

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Department several summers before starting his graduate program at NMSU.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 17 March

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

Liars and Tyers

Thursday, 27 March

Liars and Tyers will meet Thursday 27 March at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00 PM. The group will be tying the *Stone Fly*. 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.

******* REMEMBER *******
MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING
LICENSES EXPIRE ON 31 MARCH

President's Corner

Paul Turner

I'm looking forward to the spring and a chance to try out some new gear. I hope to do some flyfishing at the Rio Peñasco when we stock trout and plant some willow and cottonwood cuttings on March 29th. The stocking will depend on whether the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has completed their tests to assure that Parker's trout are disease free. We plan to do a partial fin clip of the adipose fin of the stocked trout so we can recognize them in the future and tell them apart from trout already in the stream. We will have a short article about the stocking and how to identify the stocked trout in April's newsletter so that anglers can keep records of the relative number of stocked trout versus wild-spawned trout that they catch in the future. We will let the membership know the plans for the March 29th

Membership Meeting

Mike Anderson: Speaker

Monday, 10 March

The monthly membership meeting will be held on 10 March. Mike Anderson (NMSU) will be the speaker and will talk on *"Trout fishing opportunities, trout populations and movements in the Valles Caldera"* which is the national preserve in the Jemez Mountains.

Mike is the graduate student that helped the Club with the October electrofishing survey on the Rio Peñasco. He will be finishing his thesis research for his Master's degree this fall. His undergraduate degree is from Northern Arizona University and he has worked for the Montana Fish and Game

stocking via an internet notice once plans are finalized. You should also consider attending the regular meeting on March 10th when Mike Anderson will talk about his graduate research on the brown trout populations of the Valles Caldera National Preserve in the Jemez Mountains.

We also plan to start a rod-building workshop soon for members that would like to build a new flyrod this spring. Again details of when this will start and how to get ready for it will be in an e-mail notice to the general membership. I need a new 4-piece flyrod so my wife can have a rod when we backpack into the wilderness and take canoe and kayak trips in the future. I haven't decided what weight to build yet, but I'm leaning for one in the 4 to 6 weight range. I just bought a new reel when Sportsman's Warehouse had their 10% off sale and I could use my gift certificate that I won at the awards banquet. I also plan to start attending the Liars and Tyers sessions this summer so I can get some flies ready for my July trip to Alaska and the club's Kodiak Island trip in September, assuming I can accumulate enough frequent flyer miles with Alaska Airlines this summer for a free ticket.

I'm getting ready for the summer hiking season by biking and playing volleyball several times per week. This seems to improve my agility and leg strength which gets to be more of important as the years accumulate. If anyone would like to consider a backpacking trip into the Gila Wilderness this year, I can give you some tips and might even be able to go with you if it fits my summer schedule. I may do the 42-mile Gila River float through the Gila Wilderness if the water flows cooperate and I can find someone that wants to give it a try. I can guarantee you plenty of solitude and a beautiful setting for the 4 days the trip will require, but you would have to be willing and able to handle the canoe/ kayak and able to wade around the hairpin turns that are common. I plan to check out the USGS website for the current streamflow and check with the Forest Service about the snowpack to get a better idea of when it would be feasible to float this section. I suspect the proper flow will only be available in late March or early April this year so it helps to be flexible about when to go. We should have more details about other club-facilitated fishing trips out soon and will notify the members in the newsletter and via e-mail notices.

Remember if you're too busy to go fishing, you are too busy.

Paul

Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, 15 March

Sportsman's Warehouse will host their 2nd Annual Kids' Fishing Derby at Young Park Lake on 15 March. Sign up time for the event is 7:30am through 9:00am and the fishing hours will be 9:00am through 1:00pm with weigh-in at 1:15pm. It will be open to kids 11 years old and under. Contact customer service or Joseph Borrego at 575-556-8400 for additional information.

Kids' Fishing Clinic

Saturday, 5 April

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MVFF will hold their annual Kids' Fishing Clinic this year on 5 April at Alumni Pond at NMSU. Helping as sponsors will be the NM Dept. of Game & Fish and Sportsman's Warehouse. It will be conducted very similar to what has been done in past years. Kids will go through several learning stations and when they have "graduated" will be loaned fishing tackle and allowed to fish the pond. NMDG&F will stock the pond with trout prior to the event. Some of the stations will be Bugs, Knots, Fly Tying, Fish Guts, Regulations, Fish Identification, Casting and probably several others. The kids will be awarded prizes and will be fed pizzas and soft drinks at noon. Each participant must pre-register with the NMDG&F by calling 532-2100. An adult must accompany children attending the event. Volunteers will be needed just as in the past, so mark your calendars now.

Lease Work Party Planned

Fish Stocking & Tree Planting

Saturday, 29 March

The club is tentatively planning a stocking and planting party on Saturday, March 29th. The hatchery has fish available but they may only be stocked if the hatchery is certified by the State to be whirling disease free. Hopefully the certification will be received in time to allow the activities as planned.

After the stocking a few tree cuttings will be planted along the lower portion of the lease.

Rod Building Class

MVFF will sponsor a rod building class in May, exact dates to be determined. The class will be taught by Joseph Lopez and will take place when blanks and equipment are in hand. Classes will consist of 3 two-hour sessions, a week apart, to be held at Sportsman's Warehouse during late afternoon (5pm-7pm.) Costs for the class will be \$15 registration plus cost of blank and equipment. Blank and equipment orders will be placed through Sportsman's Warehouse. (need to make activity win/win). Blanks will be Temple Fork, individual choice of weight, costing about \$100, and equipment will be an all-inclusive kit costing about \$200. Sharing of blanks and equipment is not practical, nor possible in 3 sessions, so each participant agrees to buy both. Everyone interested should send \$15 registration, prior to April 1, to MVFF, P O Box 2222, LC,88004-2222. Following registration, participants agree to make individual arrangements with Sportsman's Warehouse (Ray Rodriguez, MVFF member) to order blank and kit, in time to begin first session. This is an unique and inexpensive opportunity to learn rod building, taught by an experienced teacher in a "demo/do it yourself with help available" setting. In

addition, participants will have the equipment and knowledge for additional rods. Don't miss out. If you have questions call Gary Mann (575-521-7793.)

Club Outings Planned

A club trip(s) to Kodiak, Alaska is in the planning stages. If you have an interest note the meeting on 24 March detailed later in this newsletter.

The board is now discussing possible outings for 2008 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 George Sanders, (575) 527-5536, who has volunteered to chair the "Outings" committee.

Welcome New Members

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| David Carmichael | El Paso, TX |
| William Goss | El Paso, TX |
| Christopher Mowan | El Paso, TX |
| Miriam Payne | El Paso, TX |
| Martin Redmond | Las Cruces, NM |
| Randy Soto | Hurley, NM |

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The Kodiak Quarterly

Planning Meeting

March 24, 2008

Tom Wobbe and I (Bob Silver) will host a meeting on Monday, March 24, 2008 to answer questions about the trip to Kodiak Island in September 2008. The meeting will be held at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room, which is the room where we have our regular MVFF monthly meetings.

If you have an interest in the trip please come on the 24th. We plan to discuss travel, costs, dates, clothing, equipment, tackle and fishing conditions as well as anything someone wants to ask about. Tentative dates for the trip have been set for September 20 - 27, 2008 and September 27 - Oct 4, 2008. This trip is ideally suited for the angler who knows how to flyfish and doesn't mind a do-it-yourself experience. For more information, the Alaska Game and Fish website for the Kodiak Road System is <http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/region2/areas/index.c>

[fm/FA/kodiakRoads.overview](http://www.faa.gov/kodiakRoads/overview). Kodiak is a beautiful place. To see some live pictures of Kodiak go to <http://akweathercams.faa.gov/viewsite.php>. Pictures of the Pasagshak can be seen at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/units/kodiak/pasagshak.htm>,



Kodiak lunch - just caught salmon on the grill.

MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 18, 2008

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F conference room.

In Attendance: Paul Turner, Bob Silver, Jim Hulsey, Randy and Vicky Vallee, Chris Evey, Jeremiah Richardson, Gary Mann, Richard Keding, Jeff Arterburn, Donna Mabie, George Sanders and Jerry Schickedanz. Absent: Tom Wobbe.

- 1. Minutes of the January Board Meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter as well as the Treasurer's Report presented by Gary Mann.
- 2. Future possible club outings were discussed for spring. The San Juan is flowing very high and will continue to do so until mid-June. Many creeks around the State will be blown out but the lakes should be fine. Jeremiah will check into guide services at Elephant Butte. More discussion will be held on club outings such as going to the club lease on the Rio Peñasco, Gila wilderness, White Mountain area, etc.
- 3. March 29 is proposed as a possible date to plant tree cuttings and stock fish on the Rio Peñasco.
- 4. Sportsman's Warehouse will probably donate prizes for the upcoming April 5th fishing

clinic. The club will buy rigging material and finalize who is to do what, etc. at the March Board meeting.

- 5. The Healing Waters project at William Beaumont Hospital in El Paso was discussed. Chris Evey and Randy Vallee will coordinate details for the pursuit of this project.
- 6. Gary Mann, coordinating with Sam Moore of El Paso, will head the planning of an all day Saturday flyfishing activity to be held, probably, in 2009. If possible a well known flyfishing personality will be engaged as speaker.
- 7. Future plans for rod building lessons by Joseph Lopez and others were discussed. A place and time need to be finalized.
- 8. Jerry Schickedanz called the Board's attention to the fact that MVFF is listed on a web site as being in favor of creation of various wilderness areas proposed in Dona Ana County. In fact, the Board has taken no position on the proposal. The matter will be further addressed in future Board meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Pasagshak River, Kodiak AK

Quick Look Contact Information

| 2008 Officers of the Club | |
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| Officers | |
| • President | Paul Turner (575) 523-6880 |
| • V-Pres. | Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773 |
| • Secretary | Donna Mabie (575) 522-3810 |
| • Treasurer | Gary Mann (575) 521-7793 |
| Board Members | |
| • Position 1 | Jeremiah Richardson (575) 639-3261 |
| • Position 2 | Randall Vallee (575) 373-9470 |
| • Position 3 | Tom Wobbe (575) 522-5437 |
| • Position 4 | Bob Silver (575) 522-6325 |
| • Position 5 | George Sanders (575) 527-5536 |
| Newsletter & Web Page Editor | |
| • Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880 | newsletter@mvff.org |

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| Norm Mabie Scholarship Fund | \$10,777 |
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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.

Angler's Nook

Donna's Shop is open as usual. Please contact her at (575) 522-3810 for your fishing and tying supplies. She also has membership information and fishing permits.

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| 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.



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| RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - DUE MARCH 31 |
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| And don't forget to renew your NM fishing license |
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Stonefly Nymph

The center of attention for the Liars and Tyers this month will be the *Stonefly Nymph*.

This version of the stonefly nymph was developed by Randall Kaufmann and is known as the *Kaufmann Golden Stone, Rubber Legs*. It can also be tied in a black version and may have a cone head. Detailed

instructions may be found in Randall Kaufmann's book *Tying Nymphs*, Western Fisherman's Press, 1994. This configuration can be particularly effective on western rivers such as the Rio Conejos in Colorado.



Hook: 300 or 5263, sizes 8-12, weighted

Thread: Brown

Antennae: Brown turkey biot, V style

Tail: Same as antennae, V style

Rib: Amber Swannundaze

Abdomen: Blend of 60% angora goat (gold, amber, rust, blue, orange) and 40% golden brown rabbit or haretron

Wingcase: Three separate sections of turkey treated with Flexament, trimmed to shape before tying in place

Legs: Tan, white, black or brown rubber

Thorax: Same as abdomen

Head: Same as abdomen

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MVFF Monthly Events Calendar

| Month | Events | Trips | General Club Meeting Topic/Speaker | Clinics or Lease Projects |
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| March | Liars & Tyers 27 Mar. <i>Stonefly Nymph</i> | | 10 Mar. - Mike Anderson will speak on "Trout Streams of the Valle Caldera." | 15 Mar. - Kids' Fishing Derby at Young Park Lake. Sponsored by Sportsman's Warehouse 24 Mar. - Kodiak trip planning meeting 29 Mar. - Lease stocking & Tree planting |
| April | Liars & Tyers 24 Apr. <i>CDC Emerger</i> | | 14 Apr. | 5 April - Kids' Fishing Clinic - Alumni Pond, NMSU |
| May | Liars & Tyers 29 May <i>Muddler Minnow</i> | | 12 May | |

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.

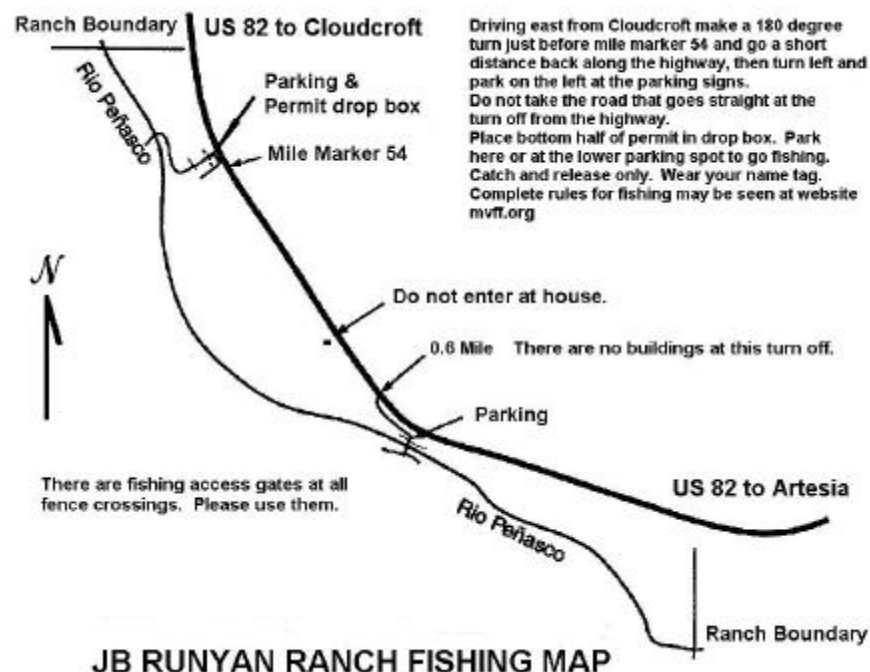
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| 1 Year | \$20 | Individual |
| | \$25 | Family |
| 3 Years | \$50 | Individual |
| | \$60 | Family |
| Life | \$400 | Individual |
| | \$500 | Family |

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* (575-522-3810) in Las Cruces and the ATF fly shop in El Paso (915-225-0570.) 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 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.



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 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.