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Membership Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes for April 6

Monday, 13 May

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 13 May at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The guest speaker will be Bob Silver and he will be covering the Super Fly and fishing the Arkansas. Chuck Mueller will have a report and pictures from the Club trip to the San Juan, May 2nd through the 5th.

Refreshments will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 20 May

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 20 May at 7:00pm at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 22 May

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 22 May at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Yellow Sally*. This fly is effective in many rivers of the West but is especially good for the Big Horn. If you are planning to go on the Club trip to the Big Horn in

June this is a good way to start preparing. 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



On April 13th MVFF hosted the Kids' Fishing Clinic. Close to 100 kids showed up for the clinic and I was told that many of the kids had a great time catching "A LOT OF Fish." Sounds like they cleaned out the pond. I want to

thank Tom Wobbe and all MVFF members that turned out to make this day special for the kids. Good Job!

While many of our members were working at the Kids' clinic, I along with Bob Silver, Jeff Arterburn, Bob Widgren, Jim Sorensen and Brad Shuster were competing in the Super Fly on the Rio Conejos. Bob and Bob did very well with a 7th place finish, good job to the Bobs. On our day off, the 6 of us did a day trip fishing the Arkansas River. It was my first time on the Arkansas and I had a good day catching some nice trout. I was glad I had the chance to fish that great river. On Sunday, since Jim and I did not make it in the finals, we decided to try our luck on the Rio Grande, just above the South Fork. Fishing was a little slower but we did have a nice day and we landed some nice trout before heading back for the Super Fly awards banquet.

Our speaker for the May meeting will be Bob Silver and he will be covering the Super Fly and our trip up to the Arkansas. I will have a report and pictures from our San Juan trip May 2nd through the 5th.

Club Raffle - this your last chance to get in on the raffle for a Sage One fly rod. The drawing will be held at the May general meeting.

Club trips - we still have room for the Quinlan Ranch Trip July 17^{th} through the 21^{st} . The cost for this trip

is \$995 and payment in full is due May 20th. If anyone is still interested in the Bighorn Trip I should still be able to get you in.

I am off to enjoy a few days of fishing on the San Juan. In the mean time keep a tight line.

Gone Fishing

Chuck



Ron Bellerose

PHW Coordinator

Project Healing Waters is alive and well. We will have two of our participants enjoying the San Juan River in May. We also are looking

at getting more fly tying classes set up with the Las Cruces VA clinic. This could be the start of a stronger local group of Vets to participate in fly fishing. I am looking at another San Juan trip in the fall. I have budgeted for four Vets to take on a guided fishing trip and after checking with the PHW Headquarters I will have the funding to make this happen. Also utilizing the statistics and expenses from the 2013 budget I will be able to have a better funded 2014 budget. Hopefully all will have a good fishing experience on the San Juan in May.

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 2013 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:

- May 2 5 trip to the San Juan
- June 18-23 trip to the Big Horn River in Montana.
- July 17-20 trip to Quinlan Ranch
- October 10-13 the Club's annual trip to the San Juan.

Welcome New Members

Thomas & Cynthia Armendariz El Paso, TX
Matt Fisher Roswell, NM
Jacob & Cassandra Furda El Paso, TX
Philip Huston Carlsbad, NM
Joe & Pamela Retoff Austin, TX
Jerry Simmons El Paso, TX
Duane Sorenson Albuquerque, NM



Yellow Sally

This Yellow Sally pattern originally created by Dean Reiner of Livingston, Montana is one of the best Bighorn River dry fly patterns.



Bighorn River Yellow Sally Fly Recipe Hook: Standard Dry Fly Hook Size 14 & 16

Thread: Red Uni 8/0

Body: Emerger Sparkle Yarn Ginger

Rib: Fine Gold Wire Wing: Deer Hair

The Lady Angler's 4th Annual Rio Peñasco Fishing Trip

Miriam Carmichael

The Lady Anglers once again had a fun weekend of

fly-fishing and friendship on the Rio Peñasco on weekend of April 19-21. Amy Buesing, Annie Campagna, Debbie Hamlin, Donna Curlin, Helen Zagona, Josie Nunn, Judy Broussard, Mary Haynes, Mary Hoffman and Miriam Carmichael met in Cloud Country West near Cloudcroft on Friday night where we shared an evening of fine cooking, wine and laughter.



Amy Buesing

We were very happy with the spacious and comfortable cabins that we rented this year. Culinary highlights for the weekend included bison short ribs

braised in red wine, a variety of tasty appetizers and sides, homemade crusty bread. gruyere potatoes, perfectly prepared salmon and key lime pie. Saturday had night we our traditional Lady



Annie and Amy

Angler scotch toast with a shot of Glenmorangie and Sheep Dip scotch.

Both Saturday and Sunday were sunny and mild, and Mulcock Ranch was beautiful in its spring colors. We

saw lots of deer and new calves in the meadows. Off-color river water and afternoon wind made for some fishing challenges but the Lady Anglers managed to figure out what worked, and to land a bunch of beautiful trout as well as a whole slew of spirited chubs.

Annie Campagna spent Saturday fishing with Amy



Annie Compagna

Buesing in the meadow. They had good luck using a

adventures.

white or yellow nymph "tied big and scruffy" with

sparkle flash followed by a small copper john or flashback pheasant tail. Annie was top angler of the day landing 7 rainbows and even more chubs.

Mary Hoffman came in a close second. She enjoyed fishing with flies that her husband Jim Sorenson had tied. She reported that she caught some rainbows in the meadow on a small, red annelid worm

dropped from a black pine squirrel leach. In the canyon she caught trout on a single red copper john, flashback pheasant tail and a light colored hare's ear.



Debbie and Helen

Look at the pictures of the beautiful rainbow that Helen Zagona caught below the big water fall using a red zebra midge larvae.

I had fun fishing

in the canyon both days with flies tied by my husband David. On Saturday I caught some rainbows on red copper johns and little red midge larvae. On Sunday I

> had quite a few whoppers hit a yellow and brown streamer in the deeper canyon pools.

> Our little group of dedicated women anglers keeps growing, with Amy and Judy our newest members. We have grown together in our fishing skills and our friendships. We enjoy each other's wit, wisdom and companionship and look forward to our future

New Additions to the Rio Peñasco Bob Silver

A couple of weeks ago a work party added some

rocks and boulders to the lease. The first picture shows two J-hook pattern rock structures made from about 6 or 7 boulders each. They extend about 30% across the stream. With the help of Jim Ellett and his son, Andy, and their Bobcat and large front end loader, we placed boulders with the purpose of making holding water and hopefully, causing the stream to meander in

that stretch. The dirt in the picture hides three boulders and many smaller rocks. Eventually, the dirt

and rocks will settle and with a little luck, will sprout new grass enlarging the streambank.

The second picture below is of one of two improvements, upstream of where the Jhooks were put in, called "deflectors." By angling the deflectors into the current, we are expecting two things to happen. One is to deflect the current to the other side of the stream and narrow the channel. Second is to trap water between the rocks



and the bank during high flows to create more stream

bank. The water will cover the rocks, and will slow the flow down so that sediment will deposit between the rocks and in the grass between the rocks and the bank. Lastly, we added three larger boulders to the stream structure fallen cottonwood had already created. In the next 2 or 3 weeks, we plan to

add some more boulders upstream of these structures closer to the spot where the irrigation take



out is located. This entire stretch has some deep spots with good it fish. but would benefit even more from better holding cover. We are limited to where can improvements by where we can drive heavy equipment along the stream. So for now, the stretch below the irrigation take out and the water fall will get

the most attention. Thanks to everyone that came out to help.....now go enjoy your free permit.



No angler merely watches nature in a passive way. He enters into its very existence.

John Baily



Comments Requested

Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Restoration plan for Las Animas Creek

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF), in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service -Gila National Forest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Turner Ranch Properties, LP (Ladder Ranch) propose to remove nonnative fish from streams in the Las Animas watershed, and then restore native Rio Grande cutthroat trout (RGCT) and other native species to the renovated streams. The original plan to implement the Las Animas Creek RGCT restoration project using the piscicide antimycin (Fintrolâ) was signed 08/25/2003 by the Regional Forester of the U.S. Forest Service Southwest Region. This project was delayed by the continuing lack of availability of antimycin, and the current proposal to use rotenone (CFT Legumineâ, 5% rotenone) is the subject of analysis. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will determine whether to allow the use of rotenone on National Forest Lands to implement the project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) provisions for analysis of potential environmental effects from the proposed action. The NMDGF has contracted with Blue Earth Ecological Consultants, Inc. of Santa Fe to prepare the environmental assessment.

Rio Grande cutthroat trout, New Mexico's State Fish, currently occupy less than 10-11% of their historic range, and are designated as Species of Greatest Conservation Need by the NMDGF, and a species of special concern in Colorado. The species was designated as a candidate for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act in 2008. A settlement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2011 to move forward on protection decisions for RGCT established a due date for a listing proposal in 2014.

The proposed project will restore approximately 30 miles of interconnected stream habitat for RGCT within the Las Animas watershed, comprising 16

miles of stream in the Gila National Forest (53%), and 14 miles of stream on the privately owned Ladder Ranch (47%). Repeated applications of rotenone over a two- to three-year period, following the standard operating procedures for fisheries management would be applied. Rio Grande cutthroat trout would be stocked into stream segments once removal of nonnative fish has been confirmed, and other native fish salvaged from the project area prior to renovation would be returned to the streams.

Specific questions or interest in discussing the proposal further please contact Kirk Patten, NM Dept. of Game and Fish, (505) 476-8054.

The members of the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers have reviewed and discussed this project in open public forums, and support the implementation of this proposal. GRG-TU and MVFF members and all other interested parties are encouraged to express your individual opinions on this proposal by submitting comments to the designated recipient. Please describe your reasons for support, or any issues or concerns that you would like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to consider in the proposal to restore Rio Grande cutthroat trout to the Las Animas watershed. Include your name, and mailing address in this correspondence.

Comments must be received before close of business on May 24th, 2013.

Send your comments by mail to: Blue Earth Ecological Consultants 1345 Pacheco Street Santa Fe, NM 87505

Send your comments by Fax to: (505) 983-2687

<u>Send your comments by E-mail to:</u> <u>blueearth@blueearthecological.com</u>



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 15, 2013 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, Gary Mann, Bob Silver, George Sanders, Jeff Arterburn, Jim Sorenson, Paul Turner and Ron Bellerose and non-Board members Tom Wobbe and Jim Hulsey.

- 1. Minutes of the March 2013 Board meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter.
- 2. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 259 members.
- Treasurer, Gary Mann, reported that the Club has a balance of \$12,762. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. Chuck and Gary will meet to reconcile amounts paid for the Big Horn trip.
- Ron Bellerose shared the thank you card and notes he received from the Ft. Bliss soldiers who participated in the Project Healing Waters events held this Spring.
- Because of the number of Board members who will be "gone fishing", the June and July Board meetings are cancelled.
- 6. Tom Wobbe gave a written report on the Kids' Fishing Clinic which was held Saturday, April 13th. Eighty five children attended and 24 Club volunteers assisted in the Clinic. The names of two of the volunteers, George Sanders and Gary Mann, were drawn and each was awarded a permit for the Lease. The excellent article which appeared in Sunday's Las Cruces Sun News was circulated.
- The Board congratulated Tom on the success of his efforts to organize the Kids' Fishing Clinic, particularly in light of other issues he has dealt

- with in the past several weeks.
- A motion to authorize Tom Wobbe to purchase five new portable tables before the next Kids' Fishing Clinic at the best available price was approved.
- 9. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has requested 6 to 8 volunteers to assist with the Free Fishing Day at Alumni Pond on June 1st. The Gila Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited will assist with the Free Fishing Day in the Silver City area. A motion to give 10 of the Zebco rod and reel sets to NMDG&F and the GRG Chapter was approved.
- Ron Bellerose has invited members of the NMSU Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to the next Liars and Tyers meeting on April 24th.
- A motion to give a permit to the Club members who participate in the stream improvement project at the Lease on Saturday, April 20th was approved.
- 12. Discussion of the request to provide a letter in support of the U.S. Forest Service's proposed road closures in the Gila National Forest was tabled. Jeff will circulate the email request so Board members can have a better understanding.
- 13. The GRG Chapter of TU will have a general meeting on April 29 at 7:00pm at the NMDG&F classroom. The NMDG&F Rio Grande Cutthroat biologist, Bryan Bakevich, will be the speaker. Jeff extended an invitation to all interested MVFF members.
- 14. The next Board meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2013 at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Quick Look Contact Information

2013 Officers of the Club Officers President: Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045 V-Pres.: Bob Silver (575) 522-6325 Secretary: Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050 Treasurer: Gary Mann (575) 521-7793 Board Members Position 1: Paul Turner (575) 523-6880

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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.

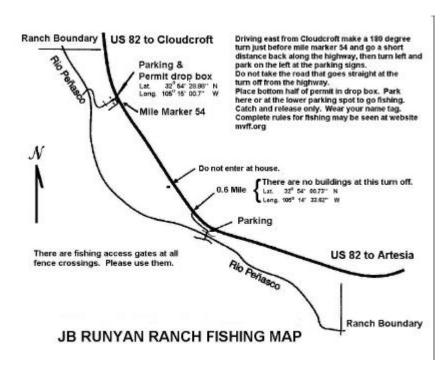
1 Year	\$20	Individual	
	\$25	Family	
3 Years	\$50	Individual	
	\$60	Family	
Life	\$400	Individual	
	\$500	Family	

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), 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.



MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS, INC.

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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?				
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	e of spouse		No. of children	
Note: All memberships expire on 1 Mai			ips received on or after	
Membership fee if a Adult Permits @ \$25				
		Total = \$		

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