



TALE WATERS

A Monthly Publication of

Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, Inc.

P.O. Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

www.MVFF.org

September

2015



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Membership Meeting	1
Executive Board Meeting	1
Liars and Tyers	1
President's Corner	1
Project Healing Waters	2
MVFF Lady Anglers Set Fall Trip	2
Stream Improvement Project	2
Club Outings	3
New Members	3
Recipe for Tying the <i>Ruidoso Sparkle Nymph</i>	3
Board Meeting Minutes for April	4

Membership Meeting

Monday, 14 September

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 14 September at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. Guest speakers Chuck Mueller and George Sanders will talk on the Club's trip to the North Platte.

Cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 21 September

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 21 September at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 23 September

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 23 September at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Ruidoso Sparkle Nymph*. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Ex-

tra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner

Jim Sorenson



Summer is coming to a close and we are looking forward to another MVFF year. We have lined up speakers for the next several meetings:

- September—Chuck Mueller and George Sanders on the Club's trip to the North Platte;
- October—David Carmichael on his and Miriam's trip to the Pacific Northwest;
- November—Tom Lightfoot on this year's Club trip to Kodiak.

We have also lined up some volunteer opportunities:

- September 26th—A workday at the Lease to try to rechannel the flow below the lower bridge to get some deeper runs and structure for the fish and to clear some brush and limbs above the upper waterfall;
- October ?—Restock the Lease;
- October 28th—Project Healing Waters fly tying and casting clinics for Ft. Bliss soldiers at the NM DG&F classroom at 8:30am;
- November 4th—Project Healing Waters trip to the Lease with Ft. Bliss soldiers; and
- February 6th—the annual banquet.

Please put these dates on your calendar and come help us if you can. We have never had too many volunteers and there is always a payback which might be in the form of a great lunch, an improved fishing experience at the Lease or the gratitude of some soldiers or fellow Club members.

At the November General meeting, we will elect directors for 2016. If you are willing to serve or know

someone who is, let us know. We can always use some fresh ideas and perspective. If you have an idea for a Club trip or any other suggestion, let us know. You can always reach me at president@mvff.org.

At the August meeting, the Board decided to forego the fall rod raffle. Our sense is that Club members are feeling a little raffle fatigue. We will still have the annual raffle in conjunction with the banquet. We are in the process of putting together a prize list which will be ready by the November general meeting.

Although summer is coming to an end, autumn is still a great time to fish. We are fortunate to be in a place where we can fish nearly year round. Take a look at the Club trip to the San Juan which Chuck Mueller has organized for November 11th to the 15th. Chuck does a great job of organizing these trips which are always a lot of fun and an opportunity for some camaraderie with other club members.

Tight Lines,
Jim



Ron Bellerose
PHW Coordinator



Project Healing Waters is going strong. We have had several fly tying events and casting events in the last couple of weeks. We have casting at the University pond on September 1st. I have a total of 6 going to the San Juan over the Labor Day week-end. We will be fly tying at Ft Bliss on September 11th with fishing on the Lease on the 12th. We will be working with the wounded warrior resilience program on September 30th and October 7th. That is the large group and we appreciate all the support from the MVFF that we have had in the past.

Project Healing headquarters would like all the program leads to have an alternate. This makes sense to keep the program going. Jim Sorenson has worked the Ft Bliss group but I would like a volunteer to work with the PHW as the alternate PHW lead.

I have an expandable net that one of the volunteers left at the Cloud Country pond last May. I am not sure whose net it is but if you volunteered to help at

the Cloudcroft VFW fishing event last May let me know. I have your net.

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

MVFF Lady Anglers Set Fall Trip

Helen Zagona



Seven of the most indefatigable anglers in the MVFF will meet once again this fall for a "women only" fishing trip. A trek to the Conejos in Southern Colorado will take place September 27 to October 1. As always, we have

booked lovely cabins and are planning scrumptious meals. We will be using guides on the first day from Conejos River Anglers. Our group will then fish on our own for the second day, exploring the entire area, including the Los Pinos River. We are scheduled for guides again on the last day. The Conejos has many miles of wonderful trout water and varying conditions as the elevation changes. We are really looking forward to it!

The Lady Anglers are always looking for new members. We have a wide range of skill and experience levels and we offer support and assistance to each other. We are open to all female members of MVFF. We currently have one open spot for our Fall Trip! If you know of anyone interested in having a great time fishing and enjoying camaraderie, call Helen at 575 649-6150. We will give a post trip report to the Club guaranteed to instill envy in all members.

Stream Improvement Project

Saturday, 26 September

Bob Silver



We need able bodied people to help on a stream improvement project planned for all day on September 26th. This will involve installing several hundred stakes into the bottom of the stream at the lower bridge and below the irrigation takeout. The process is called Induced Stream Meandering (Goggle the term) and

uses wooden stakes installed in a specific pattern in the stream bottom to change the flow that will gradually build up the stream bank in certain places along the stream. This will eventually build meanders into the stream and improve fish holding habitat. If you have fished below the lower bridge you may have noticed some cut stakes poking up from the stream bank. These are stakes that were installed about 10 years ago in a similar project. They significantly improved the stream bank within a short period of time. As you may have noticed the lower river below the lower bridge suffers from lack of holding water and it is time to extend these structures to make improvements.

This will be hard work. If we can get 20-30 people we can get quite a bit done. Please check the MVFF.org website for what to bring and updates. We will need sledge hammers, 5 to 6 foot long pry bars and a couple of chain saws. You can call me with questions at 575-642-5865. We will give out permits and add your ticket to the annual banquet attendance prize in exchange for your help. Many thanks in advance for your help.

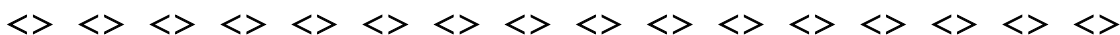
Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible future outings 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:

- Fall —annual fall trip to the San Juan
- Sep 27 - Oct 1—Lady Anglers will be going to the Conejos.

Welcome New Members

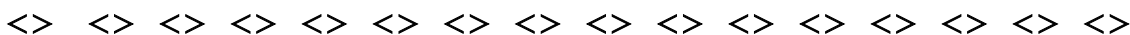
Ron & Yvonne Allred	Lubbock, TX
Chris Beltran	El Paso, TX
John Downey	Corona, NM
Matt & Sabrina Gill	Lubbock, TX
Brandon Huehlefeld	Carlsbad, NM
Kevin Huehlefeld	Carlsbad, NM
Jim & Misty Kelley	Ft. Worth, TX
Estaban Quirarte	El Paso, TX
Nathan Reeves	Lamesa, TX
Sean & Nhung Pham Rothacker	Katy, TX
Michael & Hilda Velarde	El Paso, TX



Ruidoso Sparkle Nymph



- Hook:** short shank nymph hook, #14 to #18
- Thread:** brown uni 8/0
- Tail:** pheasant tail
- Body:** pheasant tail topped with pearl mylar
- Thorax:** ice dub, chartreuse
- Bead:** copper





MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

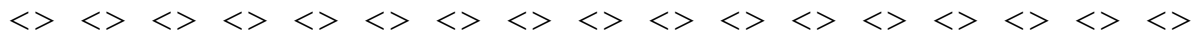
Monday, August 17, 2015

Submitted Jim Sorenson, Acting Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference Room by President Jim Sorenson. In attendance were Jim Sorenson, Chuck Mueller, Jeff Arterburn, Gary Mann, Dennis Lanpher, Ray Rodriguez and non-Board members Tom Wobbe, Ron Bellerose and Jim Hulsey.

1. Minutes of the May 2015 Board meeting were approved as published in the June issue of the newsletter.
2. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$16,108. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
3. Tom Wobbe reported that the Club has 290 paid-up members—101 in Las Cruces and 53 in El Paso. Since May 2015, 35 new members have joined.
4. Jim Hulsey passed around a form letter and documents that will be emailed to new members which will simplify the administrative tasks.
5. Tom Wobbe, Bob Silver and Gary Mann will talk with the Club's bank about the possibility of setting up a mechanism for the Club to accept on-line payments for membership dues and permits for out of town members and prospective members.
6. Ron Bellerose reported on PHW activities for the next several months. PHW will host the Ft. Bliss soldiers for fly tying and casting clinics on October 28th and for fishing at the Lease on November 4th.
7. On behalf of the Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of TU, Jeff Arteburn reported on a Gila National Forest (GNF) meeting that he and Bob Silver attended. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the strategic plan that GNF is developing. GNF also announced that it has hired Dustin Meyers, a fisheries biologist formerly employed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

8. Lincoln National Forest rescheduled its annual Youth Fishing Day at Alto Lake to August 22nd. Chuck Mueller will call some of the Alamogordo members to see if they would be able to volunteer for the event.
 9. Tom Wobbe reported on a trip that he and Bob Silver made to the lease to determine what stream improvements might be made. After discussion, a motion setting September 26th as the date for making the stream improvements and a budget of \$1,000 was approved.
 10. Tom Wobbe will call Bill Parker about prospective dates for stocking the lease. A motion approving a budget of \$1,000 was approved.
 11. The schedule for Fall General meeting speakers was discussed as follows:
 - September—Chuck Mueller and George Sanders will do a presentation on the Club's trip to the North Platte;
 - October—Jim Sorenson will ask David Carmichael to do a presentation of his summer trip;
 - November—Jim Sorenson will ask Tom Lightfoot to do a presentation on the Club trip to the Kodiak;
 - December and January—Possibilities are a representative from Lee's Ferry to discuss a possible Club trip and Bill Edrington of Royal Gorge Anglers.
 12. After discussion, motions setting February 6, 2016 as the date for the Club's annual banquet, inviting Tim Cammisa as the speaker and setting a budget of \$2,500 for raffle prizes, \$1,200 for food and \$1,200 for speaker fees and expenses were approved
- The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00pm.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.



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 Rodriguez (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.

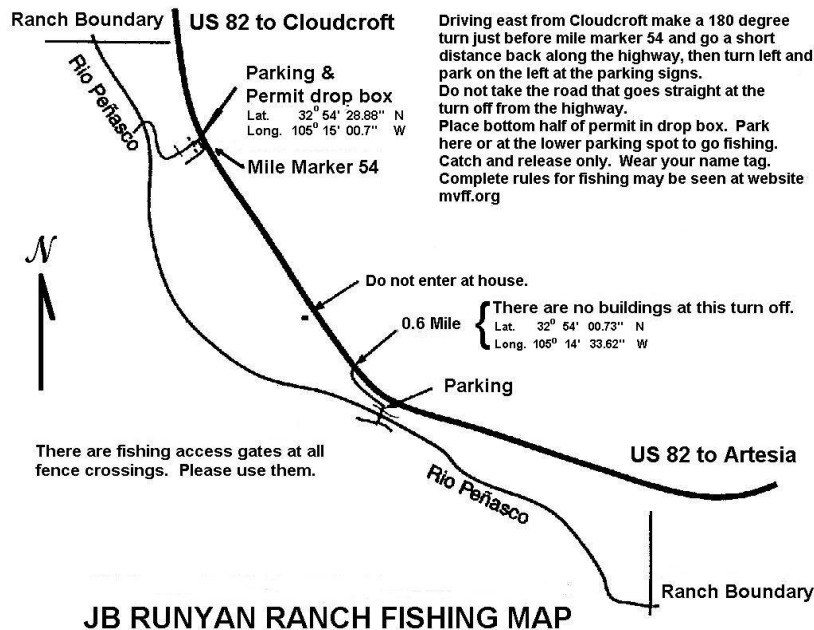
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

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.