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Happy New Year,

Hope your holidays were filled with family, friends and fishing. If you haven't had enough of the latter, then you will want to join your fellow fisherman and conservationists at the 2011 New Mexico Trout Conclave. This annual event is eagerly anticipated by all who have attended in the past, and I urge anyone who has not attended to come and see what all the buzz is about.

Members will have received a renewal and Conclave ticket purchase form by mail. If you haven't sent this in by 18 January, you can also get your tickets online at the NMT website. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door, so hurry and sign up soon!

Hope to see you there!

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NMT Conclave 2011

Join us as New Mexico Trout welcomes some very special Guests!

by Pat Mileschosky

New Mexico Trout's Annual Conclave always provides some exceptional talent and a memorable experience for its members... and this year will be no exception. Through exhibits, displays and excellent lectures, attendees will learn new techniques and tips. As always, there will be chances to win all sorts of great fly fishing gear and goodies with this year's raffle. So come and join us in the fun and in welcoming this year's featured speakers!

New Mexico Trout is pleased to host three exceptional guests at this year's conclave: Baker Salisbury, Van Beacham, and Jay Murakoshi.

Mr Baker Salisbury purchased Westbank Anglers in 2002, a fly fishing shop in Jackson Hole that was founded in 1985. Baker began working in the shop as an shop employee in 1995, and served as manager for 2 years, then started part time guiding in summers while continuing to work in the shop year-round. After



4 years with the shop, Baker worked in local area banks as a licensed Stock Broker. Eight years ago, when an opportunity came up to buy the shop, Mr Salsbury jumped on it and has been enjoying the retail and guide business side of the industry. In addition to retail sales in the store and on the web, Westside

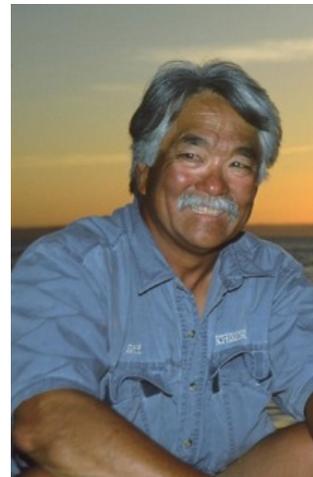
Anglers provides guide services in the Jackson Hole area and worldwide destination fishing travel. Originally from Morganton, N.C. Baker graduated from Appalachian State University with a B.A in Banking and Finance. He moved to Jackson Hole in 1995 and married Katie, a local Jackson Hole girl in 2000 and now has 3 kids - daughters - Lucie (6), Mason (4) and a son Colter (7 months). His wife Katie is an environmental consultant with a firm she started in 2000, Intermountain Aquatics, which specializes in Trout stream restoration, Waterfowl management and native grass reclamation. Baker has presented at industry trade shows and local Trout Unlimited events.



Mr Van Beacham is a well known friend of New Mexico Trout. He is a fourth generation New Mexican born in Santa Fe in 1958. His great-grandfather William Beacham started the "fly fishing in New Mexico" family tradition when he opened the first hardware and fishing tackle shop in Santa Fe in the 1908. Van was the founder and owner/operator of Los Rios Anglers Fly Shop and Guide Service in Taos from 1983 to 1996 and now owns The Solitary Angler. He's

been guiding since 1980 and currently has operations in New Mexico, southern Colorado and southwest Wyoming. Van has written extensively about flyfishing and was a co-author of the book "Fly Fishing In Northern NM", edited by Craig Martin. He regularly gives lectures, clinics, and slide presentations for flyfishing clubs throughout the country. He also operates an annual flyfishing guide school in Taos, where he resides.

Mr Jay Murakoshi has been in the fly fishing industry for 35 years. He has been a commercial fly tyer for 34 years, having tied for such notables as Lefty Kreh and Trey Combs. At one time or another, he tied for most of the northern California shops, and his patterns have been featured in Fly Fishing in Saltwaters, California Fly Fisher, Western Outdoors and Southwest Fly Fishing. Jay is the west coast contributing writer for Fly Fishing in Saltwater magazine. He has been holding seminars and clinics since the early '80's, and has spoken to thousands of people at events like the International Sportsman Exposition, the Fly Fishing Show, Renzetti Fly Fishing Fair, sports pro shops, fly fishing clubs and conclaves. Jay is on pro staff for G.Loomis, Bauer fly reels, RIO, Costa del Mar, Anglers Sport Group (Daiichi Hooks). Jay also runs his own travel business which takes people to Baja, Honduras & Australia.



This year's Conclave will be held 22 January 2011 at Sandia Prep School, located on Osuna Blvd west of I-25. The event starts at 8:00 AM. There will be signs posted at the school directing you to parking, sign-in, and event locations.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://newmexicotrout.org/conclave.html>.

Conclave Tickets for Members: \$35.00, Non-Member: \$45.00. Includes Lunch!

Fly of the Month - Jujubee Midge

Pattern and Notes by Charlie Craven

Used by permission

Hook: TMC 2488 #18-24

Thread: 10/0 white, colored with black marker for thorax and head or switch to black 10/0 thread for the thorax as shown. Must use white thread under abdomen to allow true color of Super Hair to show through.

Abdomen: Super Hair, color combination of your choice. Two strands of primary color and one strand of contrasting rib color. My favorite color combinations are two olive and one black, two chartreuse and one black, two black and one white and two red with one white.

Wingcase: White Umpqua Flouro-Fiber

Thorax: Black tying thread or white colored with black marker.

Wingbuds: Remaining stubs of Flouro-Fiber from wingcase, pulled back along sides of thorax like legs.



I developed my Jujubee Midge several years back when I was guiding on the South Platte River. Thread midges and the like are productive patterns in Cheesman Canyon, but I needed an edge for these ultra-selective fish. The Jujubee came about quite by accident one day. I was tying braided barracuda flies for an upcoming saltwater trip using SuperHair for the bodies, when I looked at the SuperHair in a different way. What if I wrapped it around a hook to form a midge body, rather than tying it on in hanks as for the cuda fly? I dug out a few smaller hooks and went to town mixing and matching the SuperHair colors to create different color patterns with contrasting ribs. The result is what you see here today. The SuperHair material is very easy to work with, inexpensive, and quite durable. I have a couple different methods for tying the Jujubee. The method I show here is to tie the abdominal section using white thread, then whip finish and clip the white and start black thread at the front of the abdomen for the completion of the thorax. Another method that you can use is to stick with the white thread all the way through, but color a few inches of it with a black Sharpie marker before building the thorax and head. either way works well, but I find that when tying a larger batch, it is easier to go through and tie all the abdomens with white thread first, then come back and complete the fly with black thread. Tie up a few jujubees and stash them in your box. Midge larva and pupae are so prevalent that it is never a bad bet to start off with one on your day astream. I find Jujubees particularly effective in the winter and spring, but have had several mid-summer trips saved by my old reliable Juju. And because I'm sure you're wondering, the Jujubee got its name from my daughter, Julie, who we've called Jujubee since birth. It all starts to make sense now...

Tying instructions and more patterns from Charlie are available at:
<http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com/flybox/index.cfm>

More NM Trout patterns at <http://newmexicotrout.org/patterns.html>

Healthy Streams Produce More Trout

by Ron Loehman - NMT Conservation Chair

Most New Mexico Trout members intuitively recognize the difference between high quality streams and those that are impaired. To us, high quality streams are those where trout thrive, which means they provide good water quality, favorable water temperature, ample food, shelter from predators, and sites for spawning.

It is more difficult to go beyond those generalities to distinguish between streams that have different levels of impairment or to assess the causes for a given stream's departure from ideal conditions. Understanding the attributes of stream quality and their relationships is important, since such analyses are used for restoration plans by professionals and it gives anglers deeper insights into which streams or parts of streams are likely to be better trout habitat.

Over the next few Newsletter issues I will discuss some of the characteristics of healthy, high quality streams and how those qualities affect trout. This month I will start with the physical shapes of streams, which in case you want to do a Google search on the topic, is termed **geomorphology**. The underlying principle is that in the absence of disturbance, a stream will assume a characteristic form determined by water volume, gradient (steep and fast vs. shallow and slow), substrate (e.g., rock vs. soil), riparian vegetation, and the presence or absence of beaver.

A central concept is that natural streams flow through floodplains, which are the riparian areas that are influenced by seasonal flooding or runoff. Healthy streams are connected to their floodplains, which means that with flood events over time the main channel can meander over the entire floodplain. The ability to spread out lowers water velocity during floods, thus reducing erosion and allowing floodwaters to soak in instead of running off. This raises the water table in the floodplain and supports healthy riparian vegetation, such as willows, alders, and grasses. The overall result is clearer, colder water, more in-stream flow since streamside springs have greater flow over a longer season, and larger populations of aquatic and terrestrial insects. The bottom line is that streams with connected floodplains harbor happier, healthier trout populations. The parts of the Rio Cebolla above Seven Springs and downstream from the FR 376 culvert are good examples where a stream is connected to its floodplain.



Rio Costilla, illustrating a stream with a connected floodplain



Rio Penas Negras showing the start of downcutting caused by cattle trailing along bank

The opposite situation is where a stream has become downcut and is no longer connected to any floodplain. This situation can be caused by overgrazing or by the construction of manmade structures such as levees and roads. The Rio Puerco south of Cuba is a prime example of a downcut stream. What is left of that stream is now in a narrow channel 30 to 50 feet below the original surface. The lowered channel has drained the ground water from a large surrounding area, dried up springs, and lowered the water table below where it is accessible to plants, creating permanent drought-like conditions. Seeing the Rio Puerco now, it is hard to imagine that the valley once supported wheat farms and a thriving agriculture.

Many of our New Mexico trout conservation projects are directed at halting or reversing conditions that could lead to a Rio Puerco-like future on some of our favorite streams. For example, we have built structures along the Rio de las Vacas, Rio Cebolla, and Rio Guadalupe to prevent vehicles from driving down to the water and breaking down the banks, which would cause them to erode and start to downcut. We have helped build cattle fences on the Rio Penas Negras, Rio Cebolla, and the Rio de las Vacas to prevent overgrazing and trailing, which reduce protective riparian vegetation and break down stream banks, situations that can lead to silting and downcutting.

I hope that this and future articles will give members more insight into the importance of our conservation program, and possibly to tempt some of you who have not yet volunteered to do so in 2011.

More about NMT Conservation at: <http://newmexicotrout.org/conservation.html>

NMT Fashions

Start the new year with an update to your wardrobe with the all new offerings from New Mexico Trout. These are sure to bring you luck and prosperity in the coming season.

Hats, one size fits all - \$15
Colors Dark Olive, Black, Tan

Fleece jackets with windproof lining, sizes Small thru XXL - \$40
Colors Olive, Black



Shirts, cotton with mesh vents, sizes Small through XXL - \$30
Colors Dark Olive, Light Olive, Tan

NMT embroidered badges - \$2

All items are available at regular NMT meetings and at the Conclave. You can also place an order by email to



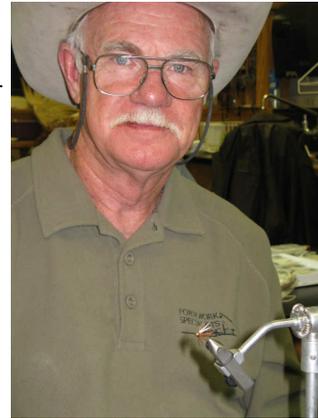


abqbob410@msn.com, and pick up your order at Los Pinos Fly Shop.

Meet the Board

Mike Maurer - Board Member Ex-Officio

Mike joined New Mexico Trout in the mid 1980's and served as VP in 1987-88. During that time, he started the Fly Tying and Fishing Roundtable, which has been meeting every Monday evening since 1987. Mike was elected President in 1989 and during that term NMT started it's conservation relationship with the Jemez district of the Santa Fe National Forest, which still continues. Also during that term NMT worked with Gerry Maricinni, then Northwest Fisheries Manager with the N.M. Game & Fish Dept, and secured special regulations for the Guadalupe River in the Jemez. As a result of this action, NMT named the Guadalupe as it's home stream. Also during that time, NMT worked with the Forest Service and the Game & Fish Dept. to re-introduce Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout to the upper 8 miles of the Rio Cebolla. Mike again served as President from 2004-2009, and during this term NMT continued to work with the Forest Service in the Jemez and adopted Peralta Creek as a special interest and project area. Mike's favorite area to fish in New Mexico is the Jemez mountains and specifically the Rio de Guadalupe. He tries to fish one day per week throughout the year, and the Jemez is convenient because it is a mere hour away and can be reached after work in the afternoon and/or evening.



More about Board Members at <http://www.newmexicotrout.org/directors.html>

Calendar

NMT Conclave

22 January 2011, starting at 8:00am

Sandia Prep School - Theater and Student Center

Fly Tyer's Roundtable

Every Monday, 7:00pm excluding holidays

Sandia Prep Lab classroom

The Flytyer's Roundtable brings new and experienced tyers together to exchange ideas, techniques and materials.

Bob Gerding Outdoor Show

11-13 February 2011

Manuel Lujan Center, Expo New Mexico

<http://www.bobsoutadv.com/>

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- Valles Caldera/NM
- Solitary Angler

About Us

New Mexico Trout is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of trout fishing in New Mexico's waters through restoration of riparian habitats and through education of the public about trout fishing and the value of trout habitats. New Mexico Trout is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, and we welcome your tax deductible contributions.



Comments/Suggestions

If you have comments or suggestions about the Newsletter, or an article you would like to submit, please email to newmexicotrout@gmail.com. Articles will be considered based on suitability, general interest and succinctness (please limit content to approximately 500 words). Deadline for the next issue is 5 February.

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