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Friends,

Elections for 2013 came and passed with no nominations for the open offices of Secretary and President. I have volunteered to continue on as President for one more year, which will put me at the term limit per the NMT bylaws. I encourage anyone interested in serving the club to consider volunteering or nominating someone for the position during next year's elections.

Also, there is currently an opening for the office of Secretary, and anyone interested in volunteering should contact me or any of the Board Members.

I will be enjoying the holidays bonefishing with my family (Patty, Brian, Katelyn, Audrey and Landon) in the Bahamas. I hope your holiday season is also filled with family and fish.

C'Ya,
Pat Mileschosky

A Trip to End the Year On

by Bob Day

Pete, Tom and I decided to get in one more fishing day before the storm broke and turned the streams to ice. Sooo we headed for the Jemez with hopes that the cold morning temps were not low enough to make the trout go dormant.

Arrival by 11am and in the stream by 11:30 was the next goal, which we made. Then came the big decision of what to use under the circumstances of fast water and probably warmer water in the deep pools. I remembered a statement by Mike M. that the prince nymph worked wonders in the Jemez, so I decided to go with a size 14 alone rather than the attractor/stimulator and an elk hair caddis dropper that I had been using with success this fall. Pete and Tom went with the two fly rig.

Tom opted for the fast water as did Pete, and I headed for the small pool that

always has a nice trout in it. And it did; on my 2nd cast and then on the following casts I managed two underwater snags and three in the tree. I tried to analyze what I was doing wrong and while doing this and un snagging my latest tree, my right foot slipped and backward I went with a hasty prayer that my landing would be soft. It was gentle but somewhat wet. I decided I had better go downstream and hunt for more open space being that my casting was so bad.

I took the second trail leading towards the river and came out on a large pool with a large rock shelf on the far side and good water coming into it from above so there was a current through the pool. Before throwing the prince at the water I watched to see if I could see any action in it and also to let my backside recover from its immersion. Seeing none I threw the prince up and let it dip down into the pool while watching the tip of the line for any funny motions. Nothing so I tried it again and again nothing except the jiggle of the prince bouncing on the bottom. The third time I saw the jiggle I set the hook and darned if it didn't take off and I was on to a really upset rainbow that came in around 12 inches and a round fat belly. It wasn't ho ho hoing, but it had red coloring.



After releasing it with a pat on the tail I got back to the same procedure and after a couple more casts I got into another rainbow with the same results. Well, try it one more time and wow!! Another rainbow only closer to 14 inches. Try it again, you are on a roll. Another 14 incher and as I was fussing with it, Pete came up to me announcing that it was lunch time. Even Pete was impressed by the fish. I decided that I had better let the hole cool off after 4 fish but threw in one more time just in case and lo and behold another rainbow like the others.

I left for lunch then and after an hour headed back down, but had Tom come with me as he hadn't been having much luck. Nothing like big hearted me sharing with a friend. Arriving at the hole I showed Tom the cast I had been making and really thought I would hook another of the rainbows and really impress Tom. Well, I didn't but Tom took over and as Pete verified that I had been hooking fish there, he expected to do the same.

An hour later with no fish and spirits low and a front moving in and the wind strong enough to discourage ardent fishermen, and also trout, we decided to hang it up and go home. Pete had also had a six fish day on top of the water. But don't feel sorry for Tom and his fishless day, as on the trip the week before he had had a six fish day. It was for me the perfect trip to end the fishing year of 2012.

Fly Fishing Film Tour

New Mexico Trout and Soaring Eagle Lodge are co-sponsoring another Fly Fishing Film Tour on 22 Feb at the Hotel Albuquerque. This is an exciting event of entertaining short films of fly fishing adventure, where fishermen and women tackle a wide range of species and featuring waters from around the world. You will enjoy time with fellow fishers and refreshments, while marvelling at the creative and artistic films. NMT will also offer a raffle drawing for a flyrod and line. Join us at this event. More information is at <http://flyfilmtour.com/f3t>



Trout and Drought

by Jerry Burton

As we turn off of the main highway and onto a gravel road, we stop at a bridge to look at the stream. Upstream of the bridge is a long pool of brown stagnant water, downstream there is no water. I tell my client, "well, this is the stream we are going to fish." The client gives me that look of disbelief.

We proceed down the gravel road for a few miles and turn off on a single track road. After about five minutes of bumping and grinding. Reaching the end of the road, we park the Jeep, and get our fishing gear on. We walk a few yards to the edge of a low cliff and take a look at the stream that now contains flowing water. After hiking downstream into a canyon for over a mile, we return back to the Jeep. It's a good day, The client



on reaches of streams play a vital role in that all native fish can find refuge. It is in the cool flowing water that the fish need to

and Wildlife Service I took part in the listing process for the Rio Grande silvery minnow. At every public meeting or hearing during the listing process the public would comment on how the Rio Grande during the drought of the fifties was dry from Socorro to Albuquerque and beyond. What these folks did not understand was that prior to the construction of Cochiti dam, during times of drought, the native fish of the Rio Grande would move upstream into Cochiti canyon. Then, the population would expand back downstream when the wet years returned.

This is the survival strategy that native fish, including trout, in the southwest have developed to combat drought. The take home lesson is simple, during times of drought we need to make sure fish have unrestricted access to the canyon reaches of streams.

Membership Renewal

Bob Widgren, Membership Chair

It's that time again...time to renew your New Mexico Trout membership. NMT's memberships are based on the calendar year; January to December. There are a variety of levels of membership:

- Regular - \$30
- Family - \$35
- Junior - \$15
- Lifetime - \$500
- Individual sponsor - \$60
- Business - \$150
- Corporate sponsor - \$250



Note: If you have already received your 2013 membership card or are a NMT Life member, you do not need to renew. If you're not sure, email us at newmexicotrout@gmail.com.

Follow this link for information & renewal: [Membership Renewal](#)

We would appreciate your effort to pay online as it will be 'The Green Thing To Do' and will save money in our mailings, postage and printing costs. Thank you.

Red River Water Quality

The Red River has been on the List of Impaired Waters for aquatic life since 2000 due to high levels of dissolved aluminum. In 2010 the New Mexico Environment Department's Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB), with the approval of the EPA, changed the dissolved aluminum water quality criterion with a hardness-based total recoverable aluminum criterion. Based on a recent assessment using the new 2011 Assessment Protocols, the Red River (Rio Grande to Placer Creek) was delisted for aluminum on the 2012-2014 Integrated List. Aluminum has been the primary impairment to the Red River, which was based on the old dissolved aluminum

criteria. The new standard is labeled as hardness-based water quality criterion and is based on total recoverable aluminum. Recently, the SWQB requested exemptions from the requirements to monitor aluminum levels as required by listing on the Impaired Waters. The Water Quality Control Commission approved the measure on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 during their regular public meeting. The US EPA will now review the matter for final approval.

<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/RedRiver/index.html>

Fly of the Month - Twilight Twinkler Soft Hackle Midge

Fly and photo by Tim Barker
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HOOK: TMC 100 SP BL - #18 - #20

THREAD: Tiemco 16/0 White - Under Abdomen and Thorax...then, Tiemco 16/0, Black - Head

SHUCK/TAIL: Three short strands, Midge Flash, Pearl

RIB: UTC Wire, Red, extra-small

ABDOMEN: Micro Floss, Purple

THORAX: Ice Dub UV Lavender

BEAD: Behind hackle, Hi-Lite Glass Bead, Quick Silver, extra-small

HACKLE: Starling Dyed Purple



More flies by Tim are at <http://planettrout.wordpress.com/>

More NMT patterns at <http://newmexicotrout.org/archives/category/fly-patterns>

NMT Fashions

New Mexico Trout fashionistas know that comfortable, practical and stylish clothing is always in fashion, and clothing that shows you are a member of an exclusive and prestigious organization is even more trendy. So get on board with your sartorial club members, and update your wardrobe with these offerings from New Mexico Trout. These items also make great gifts for all your family and friends - just in time for Christmas. Order soon, as prices may increase in coming months!

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

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





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

Short sleeve V-neck shirts with a pocket, White - \$10

NMT embroidered badges - \$2

All items are available at regular NMT meetings and at the Conclave. You can also place an order by calling Bob Day at 881-2738, or sending an email to abqbob410@msn.com You can pick up your order at Los Pinos Fly Shop.

Meet the Board

Bob Widgren, Membership Chair

A long time NMT member, Bob has held many positions in the New Mexico Trout organization and is currently the Membership chairman. Bob owned the Los Pinos Fly Shop with his wife Lee (most recently Treasurer of NMT) for many years. Bob & Lee now own and operate Custom Fly Rod Crafters; a mostly internet based rod building supplies and components company; catering to custom fly rod builders worldwide. Bob's favorite fishing is Atlantic Salmon fishing in New Brunswick, Canada for the past 4 years - It's the toughest and hardest fishing he's ever done, including steelhead and saltwater fishing.



Calendar

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.

NMT General Meeting

8 Jan, 7:30pm

Commons building of Sandia Preparatory School

<http://newmexicotrout.org/get-involved/meetings>

Bob Gerding Outdoor Adventures Hunting & Fishing Show

8-10 Feb 2013

Manuel Lujan Center - Expo NM

<http://bobsoutadv.com/>

Fly Fishing Film Tour

22 Feb 2013

Hotel Albuquerque, Albuquerque NM

<http://flyfilmtour.com/f3t>

NM Trout Conclave

2 Mar 2013

Sandia Preparatory School

Featuring Landon Mayer and Pat Dorsey

Calendar also on NMT website at <http://newmexicotrout.org/calendar>

"The true fisherman approaches the first day of fishing season with all the sense of wonder and awe of a child approaching Christmas"

~Robert Traver~



NMTrout Business Sponsors

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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 4 Jan.