



NEW MEXICO TROUT

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Greetings,

It is said that nothing stays the same. This is true of New Mexico Trout. There are two changes coming up. The first is the move of our yearly Fly Tying Symposium to the Bob Gerding Outdoor Show which is held in the Lujan Building at the Fairgrounds this coming weekend. Mr. Gerding graciously offered to include the talented group of tyers in his show which will obviously give them a chance to let the public see how fur and feathers are turned into the buggy looking creations that catch fish. Don't miss the chance to take in the Outdoor Show and all of the outstanding exhibits which will be on display. If you see Bob Gerding, take a minute and thank him for letting New Mexico Trout be a part of his great show.

The second change is the date of our annual Conclave. Normally held in January, it has been moved to March 3 this year. Jack Dennis will be our featured speaker and has headlined a couple of past Conclaves. You just can't get enough of a good speaker and Jack is one of the best. Our second speaker is Ken Hanley who has a wide and varied background in fly fishing. Take a few minutes to read Ken's background below, you'll be green with envy. I am.

It was decided to offer clinics this year to help those who are new to the sport of flyfishing and provide refreshers to those who have been at it for a while. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate and allow the scheduled casting clinics to happen. Along with the casting will be flytying and knot tying clinics during the Conclave, and a fly tying class with Jack Dennis on 4 March.

As is always the case there will be many, many items being raffled. As the Conclave is the main fundraiser for the club I would urge you to bring all of your lunch money. That's the only way you can take home some of the great items being offered.

CYa there,
Pat Mileschosky

NMT Conclave 2012

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. There will be several fishing related clinics throughout the day including casting (for kids and adults), knot tying and beginning fly tying. As always, there will be chances to win all sorts of great fly fishing gear and goodies with this year's raffle. A fabulous catered lunch is included in the ticket price. So come and join us in the fun!

New Mexico Trout will hold it's annual Conclave on March 3rd, 2012, from 8AM to 5PM. It will be held at Sandia Preparatory School on Osuna Road near Edith Blvd. Registration begins at 8AM, in the entrance to the Student Center.

This year we are honored to have two renowned guest speakers: Jack Dennis and Ken Hanley.



Jack Dennis' professional fishing career began at the age of 12 when he sold his first flies. At 19, Jack founded Jack Dennis Outdoor Shop in Jackson, WY, which has become a well known international fly fishing and sports emporium for the last 39 years. Jack's books, "Western Trout Fly Tying Manual, Vols 1 and 2, have sold over 300,000 copies, making it one of the best selling fly fishing books of all time. Jack has also produced 20 fly fishing video tapes which have received critical acclaim throughout the fly fishing world winning several video of the year awards. Jack's last Book, "Tying Flies with Jack Dennis

and Friends" has been a best seller and has producing a series of " How To Fly Fish DVD's" for Cabela's. He has written the forwards for a host of new fly fishing books.

Ken Hanley is a 2005 Hall of Fame Inductee, Federation of Fly Fishers (N. California Chapter). Over 15,000 students have taken advantage of Ken's varied programs both in the field and on the water. He's been in the adventure angling industry since 1970. He's the author of seven fly fishing books. He also writes and photographs for both national and regional publications in the outdoor industry. Ken has three video/DVD's celebrating saltwater and freshwater adventures. Ken's extensive field experience spans the globe; from the highest peaks in Tibet and the Himalaya, to the remote wilderness regions of Asia, New Zealand, Mexico, Europe, and North America. From panfish to roosterfish, he's caught over ninety different species of fresh and saltwater gamefish. He's on Pro Staff with the following sponsors; SAGE Instructor, SIMMS, RIO Products Intl, Daiichi, Renzetti, Umpqua, and Patagonia.



Tickets may be purchased online at <http://newmexicotrout.org/events/nmt-conclave-3-march-2012>. **Price for members is \$35 and non-members is \$45.** You do not

need to have a PayPal account; we accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express. There will be a schedule and maps provided with your tickets. Conclave tickets will be mailed to you if purchased online before February 27, 2012.

Children 15 years old and younger are admitted free. If you have youngsters that will be attending, please drop NM Trout an email at newmexicotrout@gmail.com indicating how many, so we can have enough lunches available. Thanks!

Valles Caldera Annual Report

The Valles Caldera Trust recently released their report to Congress, outlining its activities and progress in the management of the natural preserve. In spite of the devastating Las Conchas fire which limited access to the much of the areas in the preserve and forced cancellation of many events/activities, the Valles Caldera saw a 13% increase in visitation, and a 10.8% increase in overall revenue. Of particular interest to NMT is the report of a significant loss of the fish populations in some of the area creeks. The newly-begun



Southwest Jemez Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project, funded through USDA from a Congressional Act sponsored by Senators Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall, is now attempting to restore Valles Caldera and Jemez Ranger District forests in a strategic manner, working first on selected areas that could impede the spread of wildfires.

The full report of the Trust is at

<http://www.vallescaldera.gov/about/trust/docs/AnnualReportCongress2011.pdf>

Membership Renewal

by Bob Widgren, Membership Chair

NMT's memberships are based on the calendar year; January to December. Don't forget to renew your membership to take advantage of **member's perks**, including a members only website, saving \$10 on Conclave admission price, monthly meetings and newsletters, and participation in conservation and educational activities. In addition, this year NMT members will receive 5 free Conclave raffle tickets at the Gerding Outdoor Show February 10-12, 2012 when they visit the NMT booth. Follow this link for information and renewal: [Membership Renewal](#)

Save Bristol Bay Documentary

A screening of "Red Gold", an Award Winning documentary on the threat to Alaska's last wild salmon fishery, will be held in Albuquerque on **9 Feb**. The film will be followed by a tasting at Scalo's restaurant, featuring Bristol Bay wild salmon expertly prepared by one of Albuquerque's best chefs. The cost is \$10 and includes the movie and salmon tasting. The film will be shown at the Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Avenue at **6:30PM**. The tasting will follow at Scalo Restaurant, 3500 Central Avenue. More about this film at: <http://www.savebristolbay.org/red-gold-documentary>

Fly of the Month - Love's Lure

Pattern, Notes and Photograph by John Nicholls
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I have been fly fishing for nearly 40 years, and have had articles and flies published both in local, European and American magazines, books and websites. I am extremely interested in fly history and old flies, so I collect old flies and am in the process of planning and researching a book on early New Zealand wet flies and Soft Hackles.

This fly has been a staple fly for the Canterbury (mid South Island) High Country of New Zealand since at least the 1930's. I have included instructions for tying a Dry and Wet version of these flies. I think your local fish will just love them.....

Hook: 10 - 16 of choice

Thread: Black

Tail: (Optional) few strands of peacock sword - or for the dry a few strands of black cock

Body: Herl from Peacock Eye

Hackle: Black

Wing: Peacock Sword

The Dry Version:

In my view its one of the classic New Zealand dry flies and should feature in any High Country angler's fly box both for still and moving water. Probably started life as a green beetle imitation. Or a blowfly. (In New Zealand we have a big fat fly that has a metallic blue - but often green as well - sheen to the under body.) The Love's Lure certainly catches it's fair share of fish when both the beetles and the blowfly are on the wing or in the water.



It is one of the few dries that I know of with wings made of Peacock Sword tied upright. There is the odd reference to it tied as a dry fly with the wings tied down. Its still a good fish taker with the wings tied in that fashion. There is a similar local pattern - Hutton's Beetle - that has a blue body and down tied Peacock Sword wings. Another old but good pattern, by the way.



A more recent version tied with a parachute hackle is also a great pattern.. One of the reasons why this fly fishes so well as a terrestrial is that it sits low in the water - just like a natural beetle or fly. Some will use a tail of Moose Hair to help float it, but I see little need. When it starts to sink, I just keep fishing it!

A local noted tier and author, R K Bragg also lists a Dark Winged Love's Lure which has dark Plover wings instead of the Peacock sword but it's not as well known as the

original.

The Wet Version:

As a wet, it is a fantastic fly fished very, very slowly across weed beds. Probably imitates a snail or perhaps, if in larger sizes, as a dragonfly larvae. A wee black bead slipped on the tippet to sit on the fly's nose can help it sink if you wish.

I have tied and sent many of these flies to the US where the wet version had a bit of a following in the US Midwest amongst some where it's swung across and down during a caddis hatch.

I would also suggest that other hackles be utilised - for the wet version, try Starling, or other darker soft hackles, even go as far as trying darker olive or brown. I have used a brown hackle for the dry as well as Grizzly and both have had their moments.

To make the body more durable, wrap the herl around the thread to make a rope. Depending on the size of the fly, use 3 - 5 herls for the rope.



More flies by John are at <http://www.danica.com/flytier/jnicholls/jnicholls.htm>
More NM Trout patterns at <http://newmexicotrout.org/archives/category/fly-patterns>

Calendar

Red Gold - Save Bristol Bay Film

9 Feb 2012, 6:30pm

Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Avenue NE

<http://www.savebristolbay.org/blog/save-bristol-bay-back-in-new-mexico-this-february>

NMT Fly Tying Symposium / Bob Gerding Fishing and Hunting Show

10-12 Feb 2012

Manual Lujan Building, NM Expo

<http://bobsoutadv.com/>

New Mexico Trout Conclave

3 March 2012

Sandia Prep School

<http://newmexicotrout.org/events/nmt-conclave-3-march-2012>

Fly Tying with Jack Dennis

4 March 2012

Sandia Prep School

Attendance is limited to 10 participants, cost is \$40 per person. If you are interested, contact Bob Widgren at bobwidgren@msn.com

NMT General Meeting

10 April 2012, 7:30pm

Sandia Prep Commons Room

Steve Sweitzer will be talking about his new book on Fly Fishing the Rocky Mountain National Parks.

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

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.



"Fishing takes anglers to the best places, at the best times of year."

~Anonymous~

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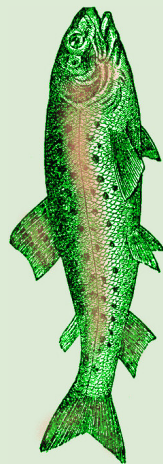
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education of the public about trout fishing and the value of trout habitats. New Mexico Trout is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, and we welcome your tax deductible contributions.



Comments/Suggestions

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