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Greetings,

Many of you are looking forward to spring fishing season, as are we. We are eager for the thrill of finding a gem of new fishing spot, or the joy of revisiting our favorite haunts in the upcoming months after long, cold days (you were still fishing, weren't you).

We are also excited about the chance to help improve the habitat and quality of our fisheries through our work on several volunteer projects organized by NMT (more about these in next months newsletter). We also hope to inspire others to learn about fly fishing, to fish responsibly and to join our conservation efforts in New Mexico.

We hope you will join us!

Editors

What do a twelve year old young lady, a parrot and...

by Pat Mileskosky



Kady Bosley helping a Visitor at the NMT Booth during the Bob Gerding Outdoor Show

...New Mexico Trout have in common? Why the 2011 Bob Gerding Outdoor Show! Young Kady Bosley and her parrot, Scooter, attracted both young and old to the NM Trout booth on Saturday as Kady wowed the onlookers with her tying skills, and of course, Scooter perched on her shoulder.

New Mexico Trout is a regular at the Gerding show. With the large number of folks taking in the show, it is the perfect local venue for our club to make itself known to the public. About a dozen club members manned the booth tying flies, talking fly fishing, handing out club brochures and signing up new members. Pete Gordinier spent some time talking with a gentleman from Ireland who is an avid flyfisherman. Don't be surprised if this fellow puts on a program at one of our monthly

meetings about flyfishing in Ireland and Scotland.

Thanks to the following folks for representing New Mexico Trout:

- Bob Widgren
- Mike Maurer
- Mark Kalin
- Ron Loehman
- Jim Hickman
- Kady Bosley
- Scooter Bosley
- Noah Parker
- Jim Buckmelter
- Joe Vargo
- David Sanchez
- Pete Gordinier
- Nick Gordy
- Milt McConnell



Kady and Scooter

Fly of the Month - Jumbo Juju Chironomid

Pattern and Notes by Charlie Craven
Used by permission

Hook: TMC 2302 #10-16

Bead: Spirit River Hot Bead, Pearl White sized to hook
Weight: Lead Wire, sized to hook
Thread: 70 Denier UTC White for abdomen, 8/0 black UNI for thorax
Tag: White Tying Thread
Abdomen: Super Hair, Two strands Orange, three strands Brown or colors to suit hatches
Flashback: Holographic Silver Tinsel
Wingcase: Black Thinskin
Gills: White McFlyFoam
Thorax: Olive Brown or Black Peacock Ice Dubbing
Coating: Five-Minute Epoxy or Loon UV Knot Sense



During the spring runoff, stillwater reservoirs and lakes will become welcome additions to your fishing arsenal. Chironomids make up over 70% of a Stillwater trout's diet. Looking out for your best interests, as I always am, led me to the Jumbo Juju. This pattern imitates the big midges (chironomids) found in large lakes and reservoirs. Chironomids are very similar to our familiar river midges, but are much larger. Sporting gill tufts and longer bodies, these midges pupate and make their trip to the surface each day throughout the spring, summer and fall. Trout key on this emergence and feed voraciously on the emerging midges. Chironomids are best fished under a yarn or Thill indicator with a pair of midges hanging at a depth just over the weedbeds. This can mean fishing from two to twenty feet deep, and makes for some very exciting fishing when the bite is on.

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>

Winter Fishing in the Jemez by Eric Collins

My friend Jon and I just couldn't take it anymore. The winter had been a cold one, one of the coldest on record. With the cold came the tendency to stay indoors. That, over the months, had led to cabin fever and thus the desire, "no," the need to get outdoors for a bit.

There was a window between the storm that was leaving the state and the one that was due to arrive and so we headed to the Jemez. We kicked around the idea of stopping at one of the forest services' designated fishing access areas below the village of Jemez Springs but neither of us had ever had much luck in this lower section of the valley any time of year. We wanted to catch fish and accordingly, we ended up on the Jemez River below Battleship Rock. There was snow and ice on the banks but enough open water to cast a fly into. We rigged with dry-dropper set-ups and hit the water.



When I fish a dry-dropper rig in the wintertime, I am thinking of the drift of the small bead head fly attached to the bend of the hook of my large dry fly/strike indicator and not necessarily the dry fly itself. Meaning that I cast the two-fly rig upstream a few feet above the point that I believe a fish might be holding. That gives the rig a chance to straighten out and drift naturally through the suspect lie. This is all in the belief that the small bead head is really what I expect the fish to hit and the dry fly is simply along for the ride and to provide me a visual clue that a fish has indeed taken the dropper.

Well, by the end of this day, that belief had changed. Via luck and/or skill both Jon and I caught fish but the large dry fly floating on the surface was the meal of choice, not the dropper. I was using a black Madam X size 14 and Jon a green bodied Stimulator type in size 14 as well.

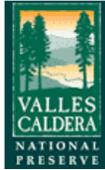


Jon was the first to land a nicely colored 9 inch-ish brown. That motivated me to keep fishing through the sleet that had moved into the valley in advance of the approaching storm. I ended up with a couple of decent sized rainbows before the sun dropped below the canyon rim and the light faded to unfishable.

We left the river with fishy smelling cold hands and smiles on our faces. We were rejuvenated. Cabin fever be damned! Long live big fly top water action!

Valles Caldera Seeks Your Opinions

Interactive web pages has been established by the Valles Caldera Trust to solicit your opinions and suggestions about alternatives being considered for the management of natural resources and visitation on the Valles Caldera National Preserve. There are two areas of change being considered: Public Access to the Valles Caldera and Landscape Restoration/Management.



The Valles Caldera Trust is proposing to expand public access and use on the Valles Caldera National Preserve while protecting the unique natural and cultural values of the landscape. At the core of the proposed Public Access and Use Plan is the development of a Visitor Center off of NM 4 and infrastructure to provide motorized and non-motorized access onto the preserve. To review and comment on this proposed plan visit this website: <http://www.vallescaldera.gov/>

The Valles Caldera Trust is also considering three alternatives for the restoration and management of the natural resources across the Valles Caldera National Preserve. The range of alternatives includes taking no action and two action alternatives aimed at restoring and managing forest, grasslands, shrubland and riparian resources. Activities being considered in both action alternatives include forest thinning, prescribed fire, road closure and maintenance, wetland and riparian restoration, noxious weed prevention and eradication, and research, inventory, monitoring and evaluation. To review and comment on this proposed plan visit this website: <http://www.vallescaldera.gov/>

Fly Fishing Film Tour

Members of the angling community have come together to sponsor a fly-fishing film festival in March with shows in Albuquerque and Santa Fe and proceeds to fund future projects on the San Juan River.

The first show will be on **11 March** at Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town at 800 Rio Grande Blvd., the first showing sponsored by Charlie's Sporting Goods and Los Pinos Fly Shop. T.J. Trout of 94 Rock and or Bob Gerding will be the emcee for the event, which will feature a no-host bar, food carts, vendors' booths and a raffle at intermission for prizes such as rods and reels or guided trips and lodging on the San Juan River. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with over two hours of filming slated to begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$10 when purchased at the sponsors' stores, up until noon of the show date.



In Santa Fe the film festival will show at the Lodge at Santa Fe, 750 North St. Francis Drive, on **25 March** with High Desert Angler and The Reel Life fly shops sponsoring. The event will feature similar attractions to those found in Albuquerque with the doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and the show to begin at 7 p.m.

Proceeds will go to projects on the San Juan River endorsed by New Mexico Trout, the Truchas Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the San Juan River Guide Association.

Heritage Hotels, which operates both the Hotel Albuquerque and the Lodge at Santa Fe, donated both the venues, at no cost, with cinemagraphic accommodations for the film festival.

Films to be shown include a documentary of the exploits of four die-hard fishermen doing whatever it takes to survive on the open road for nearly four months on an epic, overland, fly-fishing adventure. Another film features two childhood friends whose lifelong dream of exploring the wilderness of the South Island of New Zealand becomes reality and the experience of a lifetime. Other segments include films dedicated to Muskie fishing in Wisconsin, fishing the marshes of Louisiana in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, and fly fishing for shark, permit and smallmouth bass in unique locations.

For more info about the film festival contact Larry Johnson by email at Soaring Eagle Lodge at info@soaringeaglelodge.net or by telephone at (505) 632-3721 or contact the following shops directly.

Meet the Board

Ann Staab - Vice President

Ann has been a member of NM Trout for five years. One of Ann's ambitions as the Vice President of NM Trout is to secure a variety of presenters to cover a wide range of fishing topics from techniques to gear to adventures here and abroad for the fishing enthusiast! Ann has fished many parts of NM and particularly enjoys the Pecos river. She is also an avid saltwater fly fisher spending time each of the past several summers fly fishing off the coast of the Baja Peninsula near La Paz, Mexico. She enjoys building custom fly rods and now is learning to tie her own flies - fresh and saltwater. When Ann is not working on fishing activities she enjoys bead working projects and adores her family which includes her husband Eric, and four large furry kitty cats who run the Staab household.



Ann works full time for the Albuquerque Public School System as an Educational Diagnostician. She has worked for APS for the past 16 years now.



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

Community Outreach

Veterans Offered Fly-Fishing Lessons
By Charles Brunt, ABQJournal.com
Friday, 04 February 2011

Veterans registered with the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center in Albuquerque are invited to participate in free fly-tying and fly-casting lessons offered by the New Mexico Trout Association.

The association, in cooperation with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc., will also provide free fly-fishing trips to qualified veterans later this year. The project advances the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled veterans through fly fishing, organizers said.

Fly-tying classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Feb. 9, 16 and 23, March 9, 16, 23 and 30, and April 13 and 20 in the Recreation Hall (Building 2) of the medical center grounds, 1501 San Pedro SE.

Fly-casting classes will begin in April and one-day outings will start in June and run through mid-September. If needed, supplies and equipment will be provided by the New Mexico Trout Association.

Although there is no cost to participate, veterans must pre-register. To sign up or for more information, call Michelle McKenzie at 265-1711, Ext. 4160 or e-mail her at michelle.mckenzie@va.gov. Veterans also may call Dave Patton of New Mexico Trout at (505) 681-0835 or e-mail him at pattondi@comcast.net for more information.

Calendar

NMT General Meeting
8 March 2011, 7:30pm
Mark Cowan of Pescador Solitario will speak on 'Exotic Toothy Critters'
Sandia Prep School - Commons Room
<http://newmexicotrout.org/meetings.html>

Fly Fishing Film Tour - Albuquerque
11 March 2011, 7:00pm
Hotel Albuquerque, 800 Rio Grande Blvd, Albuquerque
<http://newmexicotrout.org/>

Fly Fishing Film Tour - Santa Fe
25 March 2011, 7:00pm
Lodge at Santa Fe, 750 North St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe
<http://newmexicotrout.org/>

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.

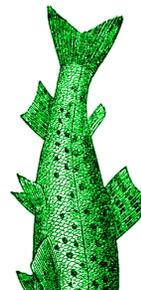
Fly-tying classes for Veterans
6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
March 9, 16, 23 and 30, and April 13 and 20
Recreation Hall (Building 2), VA Medical Center, 1501 San Pedro SE

NMT Volunteer Project - Rio Guadalupe
30 April 2011
Cleanup of roadside and dispersed camping areas
Phyllis Martinez/Amanda Webb 575-829-3535

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COMING SOON

Gierach, John: "No Shortage of Good Days", 2011 Simon & Schuster, Hardcover, 224 pages. Signed 1st Printings should be available in early June. More info about the book to follow as we get it from the publisher. Email us to get on an Advance Order List!! \$24



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 2 April.

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