

MOUNT MASSIVE LAKES, INC.

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"A Tradition of Fishing Excellence"

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TROUTLINE APRIL 2016

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 30th, 2016. Rampart Supply, 1801 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, at 9:30 a.m. The BOD will be finalizing the 2016/2017 budget at this meeting. Please feel free to attend and share your ideas.

ELECTIONS BOD: Any member wishing to run for a term as Director please contact Colin Perry at 719-482-7308 or colinp@rampartsupply.com. The BOD elections will be held at the annual meeting in May.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting will be held on May 21, 2016. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the club shop.

FISHING 2016: Inlets and the edges of lakes are beginning to open up. Temperatures are still relatively cool and snow is still falling. Please check the MML website for the current fishing status.

NEW MML MAILBOX: The Club has recently acquired a new mailbox at the local post office. The new Mount Massive Lakes address is:

PO Box 1981
Leadville, CO 80461

FORMER CLUB EMPLOYEE, CAROL SMITH: Many of our members will remember the smiling face of Carol Smith, who manned the office at the Club for many years, selling guest permits and regaling members with stories of life in Leadville as the wife of local rancher and veterinarian, Bernard Smith. Carol has recently talked about going to see the ocean. At this time, Carol is staying with her daughter, Kate, in Gold Beach, OR. She loves hearing from members and former members, so if you would like to drop her a line you can do so in care of:

Bortons
PO Box 1082
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Please visit the club website periodically for the latest information and current address for Carol.

ROADS: Club roads are managed in three tiers:

1. All weather roads for the year around management of the club.
2. Primary fishermen roads that allow our fishermen access to the lakes (ex: around Snowden or #6).
3. All other roads.

If you have a cabin or travel the tier 3 roads be advised that, except for general maintenance once a year, these roads will not be weatherized until all the other roads are weatherized.

If members, their guests or their contractors abuse or misuse any roads the responsible member can expect to receive a bill to repair that road.

When roads become full of water, please refrain from going around the hole/puddle. We don't want to ruin the vegetation or create a bigger hole. We repair these areas with road base or slag when the time is appropriate.

2016 RAINBOW STOCKING: We will be stocking our 2016 Triploid rainbows on May 2, June 6, 27, July 5, 25, and August 15. We expect to stock 16,325 catchables this year. We will restart the super catchable program in 2017. If you would like to help stock on any of these dates, please contact Brent at 719-293-5441.

2016 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS: We currently have 14,807 triploids and they are 16" long. We also have 2,568 Cutbows that we will also add to this stocking class, these fish are 13.5" long. The Cutbows will be stocked last so we can utilize warm water during the summer months to help them attain a normal stocking size. These fish are currently in New Pond, Pasture Pond, Pond 2, and Hatchery Pond.

2017 KAMLOOPS RAINBOWS: We currently have 21,102 and they are 10". These fish will be grown all next summer to become our catchables in 2017 and we will hold back 2,500 for our super catchable program in 2018. These fish will also be part of our 2016 INAD-SLICE program. This program controls gill lice, a problematic parasite that attacks our rainbow trout. For more information about this program, please see the attachment under the Managers Corner section of the club website. These fish are currently in Jones Pond and Pond 1. We will begin to move these fish as Pasture Pond and Rainbow Pond become available after we stock the 2016 catchables from those ponds. This will put the fish into warmer water and less crowded conditions, which will provide better growth and less disease. We have experienced bacterial cold water disease with these fish as well. We are currently feeding them medicated feed and they are responding well.

2018 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS: Our triploids are growing fast and they are already at 3". We currently have 38,204. We will grade these fish the first week of April and save the biggest 28,000-29,000. Grading will allow us to keep the bigger fish, keep uniform size, and gives us an accurate number of remaining fish. These fish are on spring and lake

water which is mixed to 43 degrees. This lower temperature allows us to slow fish growth so we can keep them on clean hatchery water as long as possible before they get moved outside into the raceways, which are lake water only. As these fish keep growing, we will continue to move them into more raceways, ponds and tanks to keep them thinned out and healthy. In August, we expect these fish to be 9"-10". We will grade them again and keep 21,000. These fish will then be placed into Jones Pond and Pond 1 for the winter.

2016 BROWN TROUT: We currently have 7,425 and they are 1.6". Our 2016 brown trout are from MML brown trout eggs and are growing well. Although these brown trout grow slightly slower than the ones we received from CPW in 2013 and 2014, we expect these fish to reach 3" by July. We will stock 2,545 into Lakes 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, and 20.

2016 CUTTHROAT TROUT: Our cutthroat trout are growing very well. We have 3,726 and they are 3.5". Over the past three years we have been able to start a brood stock for these fish in Lakes 5 and 12. We expect those fish to spawn and take eggs from these fish this spring. We will stock 1,200 3" fingerlings into Lakes 2,3,8, and 12 at ice off. We will stock 150 cutthroats from our 2015 class into Lake 7 at the same time. These fish are 7" long. These two year classes of cutthroat stocked into Lake 7 will provide more cutthroat trout fishing opportunities and also create another broodstock.

2016 TIGER TROUT: We recently inventoried our tiger trout and we have 1,944 and are 1.7". We plan to stock 800 into Lakes 2,15,21, and 26 when they reach 3" around August 1st. We had an excellent egg take this year, supplying us with extra fish to possibly use in other lakes.

19" RULE: Please remember, beginning in 2013 the MML rule to allow harvest of one (1) fish over 19" has been amended. Drought conditions in 2012 and 2013 resulted in the loss of the super catchable program which produced most of these of fish. The super catchable program will be resurrected. However, fish 19" or larger cannot be produced until 2017. **Therefore all fish 19" or larger must be returned to the water immediately.** If you see anyone violating this rule, please get the badge number and notify staff at 719-293-5441 or 719-293-5423.

CONGRATULATIONS: Greg was unanimously selected by the Awards Committee of the CO-WY Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to receive its highest honor, the Award of Excellence! The Award this year takes on a bit more significance because the Chapter is celebrating its 50th anniversary and Greg is the award's first recipient from the private sector.

WATER FLOWS: Our water flows have been stable and we are still running water throughout the entire system. Our most recent snowstorm was mid March, which brought about 6"-8" of snow to the club. Although the front range received a

considerable amount of snow in late March, the club did not get anything. According to Colorado SNOTEL, the Arkansas River Basin is at 85% snowpack. Although this number is hard to relate to the club, Weston Pass has a near normal amount of snow. In order to have a good water year, we rely on late winter/spring snow storms to add to the current snowpack, along with a cool spring to allow spring runoff at a steady rate.

FOR SALE LIST: Is no longer part of the “Troutline” but located on the MML website. Please contact Shaun Mulligan (303-513-0624) if you wish to list a membership or other items for sale.

HEALING WATERS: Is set for Friday June 3, 2016. If you wish to participate, please contact Jim Tims, 8842 Mary Hill Cove, Germantown, Tennessee, 38139.

MML WEBSITE: If you have not had a chance to check out the new website, please do so at mountmassivelakes.org, password Fishing1. The “for sale section is now up and running and also check for updates in the “Managers Corner” section for the latest news and recent activity from MML staff. The website will also provide information such as fishing status, club updates, BOD meeting dates/times/locations, annual meeting date/time, and previous club material such as Troutline. We would like to thank BOD member Gregg Anderson for all the great work he has done to make this new website successful and current.

MML VEHICLE WINDOW STICKERS: We have new MML stickers (old ones don’t need to be replaced) for members to place on the window of their vehicles. Please stop by the office next time you’re at the Club if you would like one.

NATIONWIDE TROUT LOSSES: The USDA reports total losses of all trout intended for sale were 28.3 million fish during 2015 nationwide. This is approximately 48% of the total trout reared. MML experiences about a 20% loss annually. The USDA reports that the major contributing factor for the 2015 nationwide losses is from disease.

DUMPSTERS: Please remember that our dumpsters are for household trash only. Construction materials, furniture, appliances, oil, paint, tires, auto parts, etc, are prohibited and must be hauled to the dump. The Lake County Landfill is located at 1500 CR 6, Leadville, CO 80461. The hours are 8am to 5pm, Friday – Tuesday. We will have two roll offs this spring which will again be placed by the dumpsters.

BURNPILE: The burn pile is to be no larger than 15’ x 15’ in size. It is for slash only. Please do not put construction materials or metal/steel objects in the pile. Last fall, we found steel pipes, barbed wire, and various sorts of hardware throughout the pile.

NEED COPIES OF MT. MASSIVE LAKES BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, LAND USE APPLICATIONS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS OR MAPS OF THE CLUB? They are available to the membership and can either be downloaded from the website or are

available in plastic file holders mounted on the wall inside the Clubhouse, just to the right as you enter the Clubhouse door. If you elect to acquire them at the Clubhouse, limit one per member, please!

LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS: Remember, if you are planning a construction project at your cabin you will need to follow Mt. Massive Rules and Regulations governing Land Use. These rules, published on the website or available at the Clubhouse, include submitting a Land Use Application to the Land Use Committee for their approval, **prior** to starting construction. The rules state "**A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION OF NEW CABINS, OUT BUILDINGS, ADDITIONS TO PRESENT CABINS, OR CONSTRUCTION OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS, FENCES, ANTENNAS, FLAGPOLES, SIGNS, PARKING AREAS, ROADS, CONCRETE, OR ANY DISTURBANCE OF THE LAND**". If there is a question about whether or not you need to submit an application, or to submit an application, please call Land Use Committee members, Pat Jones at (719) 293-1898, Janice Good at (719) 207-1596, Brent Groenke at (719) 293-5441.

IS YOUR CABIN TITLED PROPERLY?: The Lake County Assessor wants to remind Club Members that when they transfer their cabin and membership to a new owner, to an heir or to a trust, they will also want to change the title to their cabin by deeding it to the appropriate entity. If you have recently acquired a membership and cabin or put your membership and cabin into a trust, be sure to record the appropriate document (ie. a "Quit Claim Deed" or "Bill of Sale") with the Lake County Clerk and Recorder so that the title to your cabin matches how you want your membership titled. This will prevent Lake County Tax notices being mailed to the wrong address and eliminate a lot of headaches for you down the road. Simply filling out a Mount Massive Lakes "Transfer Form" will not officially transfer the cabin into your name.