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"A Tradition of Fishing Excellence"

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TROUTLINE APRIL 2017

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 29th, 2017, Rampart Supply, 1801 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, at 9:30 a.m. The BOD will be finalizing the 2017 - 2018 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 Kevin Lentz at 303-425-7373 or klentz4@comcast.net. The BOD elections will be held at the annual meeting in May.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting will be held on May 20, 2017. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the club shop. The Board of Directors along with Club Staff will be reviewing 2016 and discussing the outlook for the 2017 season.

FISHING 2017: 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. Please stay off any remaining ice.

HEALING WATERS: Is set for Saturday June 3, 2017. If you wish to participate, please contact Jim Tims, 901-828-5295 or 8842 Mary Hill Cove, Germantown, Tennessee, 38139.

ROADS: If you have been at the club recently, you have seen the damage that has been created to the roads this winter. With temperatures beginning to warm and melting snow, many roads are severely rutted and muddy. 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 will grade and repair these areas with road base or slag when the time is appropriate in early May.

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 on 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.

BOAT CLEANUP: In an effort to clean up lake shorelines and fishing access areas, MML staff will be conducting a boat clean up. We previously asked that members ID their boats before October 31st, 2016. We realized that we began this project too late in the summer, as some members would not be back to MML until 2017. We will extend this project until May 31st, 2017 so all members have an opportunity to ID their boat(s). ID stickers are located in the guest badge box at the office. Please write your cabin number and place the sticker(s) on your boat(s). After May 31st, MML staff will move unidentified boats to the boneyard.

2017 FISH STOCKING: We will be stocking our 2017 kamloops rainbows on May 1, June 5, 26, July 5, 24, and August 14, along with our cutbow super catchables on May 1 and June 5. We expect to stock over 16,500 fish this year. 2017 will be the first year of stocking super catchables since 2013. If you would like to help stock on any of these dates, please contact Brent at 719-293-5441.

2017 KAMLOOPS RAINBOWS: We currently have 19,008 kamloops rainbows and they are 16" long. We will use hold back 2,500 of these kamloops rainbows for our 2018 super catchable program. These fish were 23.5 ounces when we sampled them last October and they are now 20 ounces. Throughout the winter, as ponds begin to ice over, we suspend feeding as the fish become lethargic and the water temperature is too cold to produce any growth. It is common for these fish to lose weight until regular feeding begins in the spring as water temperatures increase. These fish should be back to where they were last fall within one month. Pasture pond has the biggest fish, which were 28 ounces in October and are currently 22 ounces. When these fish retain their weight, we will use them for our first stocking of the year. The 2017 kamloops rainbows are currently in New Pond, Pasture Pond, and Rainbow Pond.

2017 CUTBOW SUPER CATCHABLES: We currently have 2,105 cutbows and they look fantastic. They average 19.0" and weigh almost three pounds. As the water temperature increases, they will be back on their normal feeding schedule. These super catchables will be stocked in May and June throughout the entire club. Please remember that the 19" rule is still in effect.

2018 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS: We currently have 23,573 and they are 10". These fish will be grown all summer to become our catchables in 2018. We will hold back 2,500 of this year class for our super catchable program in 2019. These fish are currently in Jones Pond, Hatchery Pond, and Pond 1. We will begin to move these fish as Pasture Pond and Rainbow Pond become available after we stock the 2017 catchables from those ponds. This will put the fish into warmer water and provide less crowded conditions, which will provide better growth and less disease.

2019 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS: Our triploids are healthy and growing fast. They are five months old and already 3.2". We currently have 28,886. We graded these fish in March and kept 29,000. Grading allows us to keep the bigger fish, keep uniform size, and gives

us an accurate number of remaining fish. Instead of only keeping 28,000, we decided to keep 29,000 to help mitigate disease and predation throughout the summer until we grade them again this fall. We will keep 24,000 this fall when they get graded for the final time, which is consistent with last year, to help replenish our numbers after winter predation from bald eagles and coyotes. We will put these fish into Jones Pond, Pond 1, and Hatchery Pond for the winter. The water temperatures have been rising slightly and this spring has provided us with great temperatures to grow fish fast and stay healthy. As these fish keep growing, we will continue to move them into additional raceways, ponds, and tanks to keep them thinned out and healthy.

2017 BROWN TROUT: We currently have 5,690 and they are 2.0". Our 2017 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 June. We will stock 1,520 into Lakes 6,8,9, and 18.

2017 TIGER TROUT: We currently have 1,295 and they are 1.7". We plan to stock Lakes 2,10,11,15,19, 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. Although fish 19" and larger have been produced for this summer, **all fish 19" or larger must be returned to the water immediately.** If you see anyone violating this rule, please get their badge number and notify staff at 719-293-5441 or 719-293-5423.

CONDOLENCES: Long-time Mount Massive Lakes member, Rex Bennett, passed away February 9th at his winter home in Sun Lakes, Arizona. Rex and his first wife, Louise, received their Mount Massive membership as a wedding gift from his father and mother, Ralph and Opal Bennett (also MML members), in 1953. Known for his great smile and warm personality, Rex was well known by trout club members. Rex is survived by his wife, Sherry K., and daughters Janice (Bob) Good and Sharon Bennett, as well as grandchildren, Anna Jones, Christina Jones, Jeff and Vanessa Cullers and Jason and Jennifer Cullers, and great grandchildren, Arielle and Juliette Cullers. While in the military and stationed at the 10th Mountain Division's Camp Hale, Rex often treated members of his unit with fresh trout dinners courtesy of Mount Massive. In 1986, Rex and his second wife, Sherry, built Cabin #69 on the site previously occupied by his uncle, Hugh Bennett. A member of the Pikes Peak Range Riders, Rex led the member trail ride over Weston Pass in 1969.

It is with great sadness to share the news that past MML office manager, Carol Smith passed away on February 23, 2017. She had a wonderful sense of humor and will be missed by all who knew her. She was resting peacefully within view of the Pacific Ocean in Gold Beach, OR. There is a wonderful obituary of Carol on the Bailey-Kent Funeral Homes website, www.kentfuneralhomes.com. There will be a Rosary Service for Carol

on June 23, 2017 at Annunciation Catholic Church in Leadville, CO. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, June 24, 2017, at Annunciation Catholic Church, times to be announced later. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the "Building Fund", c/o Holy Family Parish, 609 Poplar, Leadville, CO 80461.

NATIONWIDE TROUT LOSSES: The USDA reports total losses of all trout intended for sale were 32.1 million fish during 2016 nationwide, an increase from 28.3 million fish in 2015. This is approximately 22% of the total trout reared in 2016. MML experiences about a 20% loss annually. The USDA reports that the major contributing factor for the 2016 nationwide losses was from disease, which accounted for 89%.

WATER FLOWS: Our water flows have been stable and we are still running water throughout the entire system. We had a snowy January which brought about 2-3 feet of snow to the club. Throughout February and March, we did not have much precipitation. According to USDA Colorado SNOTEL, the Arkansas River Basin is at 125% snowpack, with statewide being 113%. We have the second highest snowpack in the state, trailing the southwest corner which has 128%. During March, we had fairly warm temperatures that melted snow on Weston Pass, putting the Arkansas River Basin as low as 96%, which was the lowest in the state at that time. Although this number is hard to relate to the club, Weston Pass now has a considerable amount of snow. In order to have a good water year, we rely on snow storms this time of year, which provide a lot of moisture to add on top of the current snowpack. We also rely on cool spring time temperatures to allow spring runoff at a steady rate.

SPEED LIMITS: All vehicles shall be operated in such a manner as not to disturb other members and shall not be hazardous to the operator, passengers, or pedestrians. The maximum speed limit of 20 MPH (10 MPH on dikes or dams) shall not be exceeded and good safe driving practices shall be observed at all times.

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

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, including pictures. 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 the 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 updated with the most current information.

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.

DUMPSTERS: As spring nears, please remember that our dumpsters are for household trash only. The Landfill operations include recycling, non-hazardous waste disposal, slash (yard waste) along with recyclables including scrap metal, oil recycling, tires, batteries, glass, plastic, paper, construction materials, furniture, appliances, paint, auto parts, etc. On May 1st, we will add three additional dumpsters through Labor Day weekend. Around May 1st, we will also have a roll off container available, located just south of the dumpsters or in the boneyard. After the first roll off container is full, it will be dumped and one more will be brought in. The Lake County Landfill is located at 1500 CR 6, Leadville, CO 80461. The hours are 8am to 5pm, Friday – Tuesday. For more information, please visit <http://www.lakecountyco.com/landfill>.

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.