

# MOUNT MASSIVE LAKES, INC.

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"A Tradition of Fishing Excellence"

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## TROUTLINE AUGUST 2016

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** September 3rd, 2016 @ 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Please stop in and share your ideas.

**CONDOLENCES:** It is with great sadness we report the passing of long time member, Harry Hoth, Cabin # 72. Many of you will remember Harry and his lovely wife, Joanie, passing out frozen "smoothie bar" treats at the annual fireworks display held on Home Lake in the early days of the Club. Harry and Joanie also provided the Club with KRDO TV service via a broadcast tower located on Mount Massive Lakes property for the benefit of the members. Avid fishermen, Harry and Joanie enjoyed many days of Mount Massive Lakes fishing with beloved children, grandchildren and great- grandchildren. Our condolences go out to his family, especially his daughters Joie Stevens, Susie and Tom Briggs (also MML members ) and Patti Hoth. He will be missed.

Condolences to Bruce and the Waring Family on the passing of Bruce's mother, Lois Ellen Waring, on June 18th. In addition, MML Member Joyce Trent passed away on June 25<sup>th</sup> after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

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

PO Box 1981  
Leadville, CO 80461

**SAFETY:** Please remember to keep an eye on children. The club has many dangerous areas which children are not aware of. Our outlets are deep and move a lot of water with strong pressure. Our raceways and tanks are fairly deep and are hard to get out of if fallen into. Our children are important as they will keep the fishing tradition strong going forward.

**USE OF VEHICLES:** Below is a reminder regarding the use of vehicles on MML property. Copies of the Rules & Regulations can be found in the clubhouse and on the club website.

- A. All vehicles operated on club property shall be adequately muffled.
- B. 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.
- C. Vehicles shall not be driven in repetitious paths on club property at any time.
  - D. There shall be no racing on club property.
  - E. Vehicles shall be driven only on existing club roads. Existing club roads are defined as those maintained by the club. It shall be the member's responsibility to check to determine if any road is considered an existing club road.
  - F. Penalties for failure to observe these rules are as follows:
    - 1. First offense – letter of warning from the Board of Directors.
    - 2. Second offense – appearance before the Board of Directors with a fine up to \$25.00.
    - 3. Third offense – appearance before the Board of Directors with a fine of \$50.00 and possible suspension of fishing privileges.

**FIRES:** With the recent and ongoing fires throughout the state, Lake County has been placed into the Stage 1 Fire Restriction. For more information about the Stage 1 Fire Restriction please visit [www.lakecountycolorado.com](http://www.lakecountycolorado.com) and click on the Emergency Management home page.

Open fires including camp fires are not permitted at MML unless in an approved container. An approved container shall be made of non-combustible material such as steel, concrete, or stone (or other material as approved by the Lake County Fire Authority) and shall be completely shielded on the bottom with brick and/or rock encircling the entire fire pit with no gaps on all sides. All containers must have a spark arrestor (screen) covering the top constructed of woven or welded 12 gage (or heavier) wire with openings not to exceed ¼". This information is also located in the clubhouse and on the MML website.

**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 and her daughter Vicki Schehrer recently stopped by to visit John and Pat Jones, including other members and staff. She is doing great and still has her wittiness! She spent a week at the ranch before returning to Oregon with her daughter Kate. 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.

**2016 CATCHABLE STOCKING:** Our last stocking will be on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. We have 1,901 catchable cutbows to stock, which will put us at 11,926 catchable fish stocked this

summer, 3,037 more than last year. These cutbows are 16.5" and weigh 1.8 pounds. If you would like to help stock, please contact Brent at 719-293-5441.

**2017 KAMLOOPS RAINBOWS:** We currently have 19,545 and they are 12.5", which is slightly larger than what the 2016 rainbows were at this time last year. These fish will be grown for the remainder of the summer to become our catchables in 2017, then we will hold back 2,500 for our super catchable program in 2018. Although there has been minimal signs of gill lice, these fish will 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 Pasture Pond, Rainbow Pond, and New Pond.

**2018 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS:** Our triploids are healthy and growing fast. They are already 8" long. We currently have 28,459. We will grade these fish during the first week of August. Grading allows us to keep the bigger fish, keep uniform size, and gives us an accurate number of remaining fish. We will keep 24,000 after we grade, which are additional fish compared to previous years. This will help mitigate with winter predation from bald eagles and coyotes, and cold water disease when the ice comes off next spring. We will put these fish into Jones Pond, Pond 1, and Hatchery Pond for the winter. The water temperatures have been steady and this summer has provided us with great temperatures to grow these fish fast and also keep them healthy. As these fish keep growing, we will continue to move them into more ponds to keep them thinned out and healthy.

**2016 BROWN TROUT:** We stocked our brown trout fingerlings on July 12<sup>th</sup>. They were 3" long and 2,545 went into Lakes 6,8,9,10,12,15,18, and 20. You can expect to start catching these fish in 2017.

**2016 TIGER TROUT:** We stocked our tiger trout fingerlings on July 14<sup>th</sup>. They were 3" long and we put 800 into Lakes 2,15,21, and 26. We had an additional 1,000 tiger trout left over so we decided to stock them out into Lakes with high numbers of stunted brook trout to help reduce the population and also grow big tiger trout to provide more opportunities for unique fishing in the next few years.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Please welcome new members to MML. Andrew and Jennifer Welch recently purchased Cabin 70 from Jack Landis. Michael Perry purchased Cabin 108 from Donald Enright in May. Also, Don and Jennifer Holmgren purchased Cabin 145 from Bob and Pam Tatro in May.

**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.

**NO BAG LIMIT:** In an effort to utilize trout that will not survive throughout the winter, bag limits on rainbow trout, less than 19" in length, will be suspended beginning September 6, 2016. Please harvest rainbow trout until the fishing season closes at "ice on".

Rainbow trout that remain in our lakes after "ice on" experience an 85% mortality rate over the winter. High numbers of fish, low winter water flows, and extreme ice cover produce poor habitat conditions. Harvesting most of the rainbow trout will improve habitat quality and increase survivability of the remaining fish.

**SCRAP WOOD PILE:** Jim Tims and Greg Brunjak are beginning a new program for recycling scrap wood (building material). If you have scrap wood and are looking to get rid of it after completing a project or just cleaning around your cabin, please put it in the designated pile which is located in the south west corner of the boneyard. Instead of throwing these items in the burn pile, which is prohibited, putting them in the boneyard pile allows members who may have a use for the scrap wood to take it at their own convenience. If you have any questions about what can and cannot be put in the pile, please contact Jim Tims or Greg Brunjak.

**WATER FLOWS:** We are currently still taking our full 8 CFS water right. All the lakes are full and we are still running the entire water system. With warm temperatures, the water is rapidly declining. We stopped bypassing water into Union Creek on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We expect to be running under 8 CFS within the next week. Once the water drops below 6 CFS, we will shut off HRD. We hope for a cool, rainy fall to keep our fish healthy going into the winter.

**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.

**LOST AND FOUND:** The table located next to the guest badge box is for lost and found. Please place found items on the table for members to claim.

**MML WEBSITE:** If you have not had a chance to check out the new website, please do so at [mountmassivelakes.org](http://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.

**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.

**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. We will burn after the first snowfall in November.

**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.