

# MOUNT MASSIVE LAKES, INC.

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"A Tradition of Fishing Excellence"

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## TROUTLINE AUGUST 2017

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** September 2nd, 2017 @ 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Please stop in and share your ideas.

**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. We have experienced issues with rakes being thrown into ponds along with boards/screens being pulled from outlets throughout the summer. 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:** 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.

**DOGS:** Per MML rules and regulations, dogs must be under the control of their owners at all times. Members are responsible for the actions of the dogs of their guests.

**BEAR:** There were multiple sightings of a black bear roaming club property from late June to mid-July. As a pre caution, please don't leave out any garbage or bird feeders if you expect to be away for a period of time. For more information about being bear aware, please visit Colorado Parks and Wildlife website.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** Please welcome Bruce and Maura Johnson, along with their daughters Audrey and Ava, who bought cabin 90 from Sue King in July.

**2017 CATCHABLE RAINBOW STOCKING:** Our last stocking of the season concluded on July 17<sup>th</sup>. We stocked a total of 12,034 catchable rainbows with an average size of 34.7 ounces (2.2 pounds). This season, we improved on total number stocked, average size, and total pounds stocked. Thank-you to all the volunteers who helped throughout the summer. Again, we experienced high numbers of unaccounted mortality. We averaged a 26% loss from four ponds, with New Pond being the highest at 39%, which accounts for 3,292 lost fish to predators. In order to have higher numbers of catchable rainbows to stock out next year, the staff saved remaining fish after grading last fall. We have 3,189 of these fish which are currently in Hatchery Pond and will be added to ponds this fall to make up for predator and disease loss throughout the summer.

**2018 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS:** We currently have 19,970 and they are 13", which is slightly larger than what the 2017 rainbows were at this time last year. These fish will be grown for the remainder of the summer to become our catchables in 2018. We held back 2,300 fish from this year class for our super catchable program in 2018. Our super catchables are Kamloops rainbows and they are already 17.5", weighing 2.3 pounds. With current water flows being exceptionally well, we expect our 2018 rainbows to grow well until October when the water begins to cool off. These fish are currently in Pasture Pond, Rainbow Pond, Pond 2, and New Pond.

**2019 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS:** Our triploids are healthy and growing fast. They are already 8". We currently have 28,099. 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. The remainder of the fish, as we like to call "runts", will be put into Hatchery Pond this fall so we can have these extra fish on hand to help mitigate with winter predation from bald eagles and coyotes, and disease outbreaks throughout next summer. By having these extra fish on hand, we should be able to increase our stocking numbers by topping the ponds off in the fall of 2018. We will put the graded fish into Jones Pond, Pond 1, and the runts into

Hatchery Pond for this upcoming winter. The water temperatures have been steady and this summer has provided us with great water temperatures to grow these fish fast and also keep them healthy by thinning them into additional raceways and the Haydon-Rogers Tanks when needed.

**2017 BROWN TROUT:** We stocked our brown trout fingerlings on June 20<sup>th</sup>. They were 3" long and 1,370 went into Lakes 6,8,9, and 18. You can expect to start catching these fish in 2018.

**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 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.

**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 5, 2017. 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 these rainbow trout will improve habitat quality and increase survivability of the remaining fish.

**SCRAP WOOD PILE:** Jim Tims and Greg Brunjak began a new program last fall 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 center of the boneyard. Instead of throwing these items in the burn pile or dumpsters, 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, including Home Row Ditch. With daily afternoon rain showers, our water has remained steady, still bypassing excess water down Union Creek. Last year we stopped bypassing water into Union Creek on August 1<sup>st</sup> with our flows dropping below 8 CFS by August 12<sup>th</sup>. When the water drops below 6 CFS, we will shut off Home Row Ditch. We hope for a cool, rainy fall to keep our fish healthy going into the winter.

**BOAT CLEANUP:** In an effort to clean up lake shorelines and fishing access areas, MML staff conducted a club wide boat clean up. MML staff moved unidentified boats to the boneyard. If you are missing a boat, please check for it in the boneyard and claim it by October 1.

**FOR SALE LIST:** Is no longer part of the Troutline but is located on the MML website. If you would like to post your cabin for sale, please visit the website and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please call Gregg Anderson at 303-324-9893.

**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:** As summer 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. 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>.

**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.

**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 MML 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**". Please remember that the land use committee only operates from May – October. Applications received outside of these months will be reviewed as time permits. For prompt approval, please properly submit an application, including drawings, elevations, and neighbor approvals. 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, Bill Bennett at (720) 300-9949, 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.