

# MOUNT MASSIVE LAKES, INC.

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"A Tradition of Fishing Excellence"

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## TROUTLINE                      OCTOBER 2017

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** January 20, 2018 @ 9:30 a.m., Shaun Mulligan residence, 5925 Zinna Court, Arvada. We will be having a discussion about penalties for future violations of the 19" rule and will present the preliminary budget for 2018 – 2019. Please stop by and share your ideas.

**CONDOLENCES:** It is with great sadness to report the passing of member James Schwartz, Cabin 52, who passed away this summer. Please pass along your condolences to the Schwartz family.

**WINTER SAFETY:** As winter approaches our lakes and ditches will begin to slowly freeze up. If you are at the club recreating during the winter months, please keep in mind that the thickness of ice varies from inlets to outlets and also from lake to lake. The most unstable ice will be by the inlets, outlets, and any place where springs seep into lakes. Be careful anytime that you are on the ice.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** MML member, Phyllis Carnahan, recently received the 2017 Municipal Hero Award for her work as a volunteer with the Leadville/Lake County Fire and Rescue. Congratulations, Phyllis!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** Please welcome new members Kerry and Barb Miller who purchased Cabin #10, which is located on Home Row, from Kevin and Kim White.

**WATER FLOWS:** 2017 has provided us with an abundance of water. As of October 1, we are taking 6.8 CFS out of our 8 CFS water right. We stopped bypassing excess water down Union Creek in mid-September. The longest we have ever run our whole 8 CFS water right was 9/29/1995. We turned off the Home Row Ditch (HRD) in mid-September to prevent any flooding due to the leaves beginning to fall and creating plugs. We have experienced three minor snow storms this fall already, which turned the whole club white. With temperatures beginning to warm back up into the 50's, we expect to have plenty of water heading into the winter. To have good water years, we rely on spring time snow storms which brings the heavy, wet snow, loaded with lots of moisture.

**CABIN IDENTIFICATION:** Per request from the Lake County Sheriff's Department, please display your cabin number with light colored or reflective painted numbers to make it easier for all responding emergency personnel to locate your cabin.

**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. Beginning October 2, the remaining boats will be auctioned off. The boats are numbered from 1-36. Please contact Brent at 719-293-5441 with the number(s) of the boat(s) you would like to bid on. The auction will end on November 1<sup>st</sup> with the boats going to the highest bidders.

**FALL FISHING:** Fall at MML offers pleasant weather. Fishing has remained steady and there are still plenty of opportunities, whether you and your guests want to catch large fish or harvest small brook trout for dinner. Fishing will close at “ice on”, usually mid-November.

**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. We have a rather large pile this year and would appreciate any volunteers to help us burn. If you would like to help burn, please contact Brent at 719-293-5441.

**2018 CATCHABLE AND SUPER CATCHABLE RAINBOWS:** We currently have 17,607 and they are 15”, which is larger than what the 2017 rainbows were at this time last year. After our fall grading in 2016, we decided to keep all of the “runts” and put them in Hatchery Pond over the winter and during the summer of 2017, to help mitigate with predator and disease loss. These “runts” grew well and caught up to the size of the graded fish. This fall, we moved these surplus fish, 2,023, into ponds with the 2018 rainbows, to have everything topped off going into the winter. We will hold back 2,500 fish from this year class for our super catchable program in 2019. Our super catchables are Kamloops rainbows and they are already 18”, weighing 2.4 pounds. Last spring, the catchable Kamloops rainbows showed aggressive spawning behavior which accounted for significant mortality in the rearing ponds. We expect the super catchables to begin this behavior as the ice comes off next spring, so we will be stocking these fish first to prevent significant mortality loss. Beginning with the 2018 catchable rainbows, all rainbows stocked in the future will be triploids. With current water flows and temperatures being exceptionally well, we expect our 2018 catchable and super catchable rainbows to grow until November when the water begins to cool off. On the books, we have a total of 19,809 fish to stock in 2018. Unfortunately, predators such as coyotes and eagles will lower this number throughout the winter. This fall we have increased the length of pond inlet pipelines to dump water into the deeper sections of the ponds, which prevents fish from schooling up near the pond edges where they become more susceptible to predation. We hope this experiment will dramatically decrease fish predation. These fish are currently in Pasture Pond, Rainbow Pond, Pond 2, and New Pond.

**2019 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS:** Our triploids are healthy and growing well. They are already 9-10", slightly larger than the size they need to be at going into the winter. We currently have 21,117 in Pond 1 and Jones Pond. The "runts" we kept after our fall grading are now in Hatchery Pond until next fall.

**2020 TRIPLOID RAINBOWS:** We will receive our order of 38,000 triploid rainbow trout eggs on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We ordered these eyed eggs from Troutlodge, which is located in Washington State. These fish are sterile, which will provide them with better growth to larger sizes as all their energy is transferred to growth rather than reproduction.

**2017 BROWN AND TIGER TROUT SPAWNING:** Our annual fall spawning took place during the last week of September. Fish began to run in mid-September but we decided to take all our eggs at once by using our new electro fisher. Using an electro fisher allows us to pick and choose the best available fish to spawn, which creates better egg survival. We spawned four male and four female brown trout for a total of 6,237 brown trout eggs. Brown trout have shown an 80-85% survival from egg to stocking size (3") in recent years here at MML. We collected these brown trout, ranging from 18"-24", from the ditch between Upper (#11) and Lower (#10) Granite, which gave us the best opportunity to get the best quality eggs. We spawned 10 male brook trout with 11 female brown trout to create 13,611 tiger trout eggs. In recent years, our tiger trout have shown survival between 15-25% from egg to stocking size (3"). We will stock both the brown trout and tiger trout as fingerlings next summer when they reach 3" in length.

Now that our fall spawning is complete, we will begin our brook trout removal program. The program is designed to cull spawning brook trout that are less than 12" to prevent them from over populating and becoming stunted, which then they will out compete other fish at MML. We will electro fish Deep (#14), Spring (#15), and High (#20) ditches along with gillnetting Foster (#1), Deep (#14) and High (#20) Lakes to remove brook trout under 12" in length. So far, we have removed 423 brook trout, coming from Spring (#15) and Deep (#14) Lakes ditches.

**KILL STUNTED FISH:** While fishing Muskrat (#7) this fall, please kill all rainbow trout you catch. This will help us comply with our whirling disease management plan. In addition, please kill all brook trout less than 12", club wide. Harvesting these fish will help our efforts to increase brook trout size by reducing stunted brook trout numbers.

**2018 CUTTHROAT TROUT:** Our cutthroat trout are in the hatchery and are growing fast. We have 4,490 and they are almost 2". Once these fish reach 3", we will stock them out into the 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.

**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.

**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:** 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. To save money, we remove three dumpsters after Labor Day weekend and have the current dumpsters dumped every other week during the winter instead of every week. 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 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.