

## RECREATION THIS WEEK: April 13, 2011

### Second Wave of RecStrats Workshops Resume Today!

The next round of RecStrats core strategy topic-specific workshops are scheduled for today, **Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday April 14, 2011**. Both workshops will be held at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail and will run from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. each day. Participants are encouraged to drop in anytime, before or after work. Light refreshments and fresh cookies will be served.

The core strategy topic of the April 13th workshop will be **Winter Recreation and Trails**. Areas to be reviewed and discussed will include, but are not limited to, the alpine and backcountry experience, the further development of a Nordic trail system and biathlon center, consideration of winter snowplay areas, improvement of winter motorized access and experience and indoor recreation facility needs.

The April 14th workshop will focus on the **Non-Winter Recreation and Trails** core strategy. Activities and areas to be reviewed and discussed at this workshop will include, but are not limited to, road cycling and mountain biking needs, improved summer motorized access and experience, enhanced fish stocking, equestrian activities, access to public lands and indoor recreation facility needs. Recreation enthusiasts interested in these topics should plan to attend both workshops.

Participants at each workshop will be asked to review ideas currently in the RecStrats document and brainstorm on what may be missing from the tasks identified in each core strategy. They will also be asked to identify what elements enhance the three RecStrats guiding principles of stewardship/management, economic development and community quality of life.

In anticipation of attending the workshops, interested participants are encouraged to review the RecStrats: "Vision for recreation in Mammoth Lakes and a Strategic Plan for its implementation" document at [www.recstrats.com](http://www.recstrats.com) and be prepared to discuss what facilities, programs and activities and financial resources are needed to help achieve the vision of becoming "The best alpine recreation community in the country."

If you are not able to attend the workshops, you are encouraged to provide your input for the core strategies by participating in the RecStrats survey. The English or Spanish survey is found online at [www.recstrats.com](http://www.recstrats.com) and also at key locations around town including the Mammoth Lakes Library, Mammoth Lakes Post Office and Snowcreek Athletic Club. The information collected from the survey will be integrated into the information gathered at the public workshops.

RecStrats is the process recommended by the Town's Recreation Commission and approved by the Town Council to define "a vision for recreation in Mammoth Lakes and a strategic plan for its implementation." The RecStrats implementation plan process is using the community's input to identify projects, programs and services needed to achieve the seven core strategies identified in RecStrats. It will begin to categorize and link the identified needs and opportunities and will provide a framework for defining funding options for prioritized implementation. Strategic Marketing Group (SMG) is facilitating the workshops and developing the strategy for the RecStrats implementation plan.

For more information, please visit [www.recstrats.com](http://www.recstrats.com) or call the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Participants are also invited to subscribe to receive regular RecStrats updates at: [www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/list.aspx](http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/list.aspx).

## **Mammoth Elementary Family Fun & Fitness Event**

Join the MES PTO for an evening of fun and exercise, **Wednesday April 13, 2011** at the Mammoth Elementary School from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Registration 5:00-5:20 p.m., activity rotation and dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Dinner entrees by Linda Dore Catering available for \$5.00/plate. Try karate, pilates, yoga, exercises you can do with your children and learn how to make healthy nutrition choices. Learn about local recreation programs. Free wristband for kids!

## **2011 Measure R Spring Award Application Period Closes April 15**

The 2011 Measure R Spring Award Process opened on Monday, March 14, 2011 and will close at 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 15, 2011**. The Spring funding award is intended to address: (1) an immediate or "emergency" project/service opportunity, or (2) provide gap funding for project or services that were awarded in the fall cycle but are experiencing a financial shortfall. Preference has been given by the Recreation Commission to previously awarded projects and once in a lifetime or time-limited opportunities. Funding recommendations to Town Council will be made on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the regularly scheduled Recreation Commission meeting with potential adoption by Town Council on June 15, 2011. If your organization is a recipient of Measure R funds, a Measure R Award Recipient **Performance Report** has to be completed prior to the submittal of an additional Measure R Funding Application. All the applicable Measure R information including the Timeline, Application Packet/Form and reference documents can be found online at: <http://ca-mammothlakes.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=394>. Please contact Recreation Manager Stuart Brown at (760) 934-8989 ext. 210 for additional information or to request an application form.

## **2011 Volcom Peanut Butter + Rail Jam Championships**

After kicking off the 2011 Peanut Butter and Rail Jam at Mammoth, with 16 stops in between, Volcom is back in the Eastern Sierra for the PB&RJ Championships this **Saturday, April 16, 2011**. Come to Main Lodge, catch some rays on the sundeck and watch the finalists battle it out for the 2011 Volcom Peanut Butter & Rail Jam title! Riders are invite only but spectators are more than welcome to watch the action!

Peanut Butter + Rail Jam is Volcom's amateur snowboard contest series! Deviating from the way most snowboard contests are run, the crew at Volcom put their heads together and came up with a fresh jam format contest. Instead of having three rails in a row, we put them side by side to create a rail zone. This boosts the energy level and fun nature of the contest because everyone is together, riding, hiking, and watching in a big group.

## **The "Felici & Friends Fundraiser"**

Join supporters of the Felici Trio on **Saturday, April 16, 2011** from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of Betsy and Henry Thumann, 205 Juniper Road, Mammoth Lakes. The "Felici & Friends Fundraiser" features Brian and Rebecca of the Felici Trio plus special guests performing entertaining string quartets while you enjoy drinks and appetizers donated by our local restaurants. Reservations (\$30 per person) and the silent auction support Chamber Music Unbound's education and performance programs. For reservations, visit: [www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org](http://www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org) or call CMU at (760) 934-7015.

## **Active Brodown Showdown**

Burton Snowboards is invading South Park on Mammoth Mountain with the Active Brodown Showdown, an amateur slopestyle contest on **Sunday, April 17, 2011**. Top amateur riders are invited to showcase their talents on a custom built course full of jumps, bumps, jibs and rails for a chance to win over \$5000 in cash and

prizes! The competition will consist of a two-hour jam format qualifier and a 45 minute jam format final with 12 on-course judges comprised of pros, team managers and media moguls.

This event is limited to 100 riders so get there early! Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at Chair 4. There is a \$35 entry fee and discounted lift tickets will be available to ALL competitors. Helmets are not required but are recommended. Qualifiers kick off at 10:00 a.m., Finals at noon.

### **Dial M for Murder Continues at Edison Theatre!**

A must see for the whodunit fans. Written by Frederick Knott and directed by Shira Dubrovner, Dial M enjoyed a long run on Broadway before it was transformed into the infamous Hitchcock thriller released by Warner Brothers in 1954. Mammoth's Clay Tyson stars as Tony Wendice, a retired professional tennis player with a jealous penchant for killing his wealthy wife, Margot Wendice (Jessica Blum). Tony hires con-artist Captain Lesgate (Scottie Marzonie) to off his wife, but there's no such thing as a perfect murder. Margot's lover Max Halliday (Ted Carleton) and Inspector Hubbard (Grant Bentley) bring nail biting resolve. Dial M is Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre Artistic Director Shira Dubrovner's most recent suspense thriller since she directed the highly reviewed Los Angeles run of Ira Levin's Veronica's Room in 2006. **Showtimes: March 31 - April 17, 2011, Thurs. - Saturday 7:00 p.m. & Sunday matinee at 4:00 p.m.** Tickets: General admission: \$20.00, Seniors and students: \$18.00 Group rates available. Call (760) 934-6592 for details and reservations.

### **Casa Diablo 4 (geo plant) Public Comment Period is OPEN**

The Notice of Intent has been filed for the Casa Diablo 4 project (geothermal plant) and the public comment period has officially opened. Two public scoping meetings hosted by the CD4 agency partners (Bureau of Land Management, Inyo National Forest, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, and consultant ESA) are scheduled next week:

- **Monday, April 18, 2011**, at 6 p.m., Crowley Lake Community Center
- **Tuesday, April 19, 2011**, at 6 p.m., Mammoth Lakes Community Center

Please note that these are scoping meetings ONLY (same information at both) and are designed to be strictly informational in nature. While you may ask questions, comments made during this meeting will NOT be included in the record of official public comment. Nonetheless, it is strongly suggested that you or a representative of your organization attend so that you are familiar with all of the project's pieces and updates. The Public Comment period closes on may 9, 2011.

### **Sierra Club, Range of Light Group Potluck & Social**

Listen to the "The Sierra Nevada Red Fox" with Sherri Lisius, Wildlife Biologist, Bridgeport Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest on **Tuesday, April 19, 2011** beginning at 6:30 pm, Crowley Lake Community Center. The Red Fox was long thought to be extinct in the Sierra Nevada, but it is now clear that a remnant population exists. Sherri will discuss the status of this rare creature and the ongoing multi-agency monitoring and research efforts. She will also update us on FS projects in the Bridgeport district. Please bring your own non-disposable table setting and a special dish to share for 6-8 people.

### **Easter Egg Hunt and Play Day**

Join the Mammoth Lakes Easter Bunny and Recreation Department staff for a fun, festive and free community Easter Egg Hunt on **Friday, April 22, 2011**, at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center. Activities begin

promptly at 3:00 p.m., so don't be late! Bring your own basket to fill with eggs and goodies, as prize eggs will be hidden for each age group.

### **Annual Pond Skim & Spring Fest Kick Off Party**

**Sunday, April 24** is the day you've all been waiting for: The Annual Spring Fest Kick Off Party & Pond Skim at Mammoth! Come and join the crowds as they fill up Canyon Lodge to watch the craziest of our Mammoth guest's straight line it on their skis/snowboards across the 110ft pond! It's one of the most entertaining events you'll see all Spring! Come and spectate, or why not give it a shot?! The Pond Skim is open to the public. Registration begins at Canyon Lodge at 11:00 a.m. The Skim starts at 2:00 p.m. There is no pre-registration, the first 50 (fifty) guests IN COSTUME will be entered to Skim.

### **June Lake Triathlon Training Camps**

2-time Ironwoman Alana Levin and 9-time Hawaii Ironman Chris Morgeson are hosting Triathlon Training Camps in preparation for the July 9, 2011 "Toughest Race in the Most Beautiful Place," June Lake Triathlon. Session 1 (base, technique skill & strength building) is scheduled from **April 5 - May 14**; Session 2 (skill & technique development, power and speed) from **May 17 - June 25, 2011**. The Camp meets Tuesday nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m. & Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m. (will move earlier as temperatures warm up). The fee is \$200 for HSTC members or \$250 for non-members. Contact Alana at (760) 717-0176 for more information or to register.

### **April Activities for the Sierra Club, Range of Light Group**

The Sierra Club - Range of Light Group hosts Winter Outings every Thursday and Sunday. Thursday is a cross country ski outing for 3-5 miles, about 2 1/2 hours. Sunday is 6-8 miles, back about 3:00 p.m. Intermediate or advanced-beginner skill levels and endurance required. Snow shoe-ers must be able to keep up. Often off groomed trails. If you are unsure of your abilities try a Thursday morning trip first. Participants are asked to meet at M.L. Union Bank parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Abominable weather cancels. Contact: John Walter (760) 934-1767 or Jean Dillingham (760) 648-7109.

### **Employment Opportunity – Whitmore Pool Summer Staff**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer staff at Whitmore Pool. These are seasonal positions, expected to last for the months of June through August with work weeks ranging from 15 to 40 hours a week. Available positions include: Aquatics Site Coordinator: \$18.26 - \$22.20, Assistant Aquatics Site Coordinator: \$14.34 - \$16.60, Senior Lifeguard: \$13.65 - \$16.60, Swim Instructors: \$12.38 - \$15.05 and Lifeguards: \$11.23 - \$13.65. A Town application is required. Applications may be obtained from and must be submitted to the Recreation Department, Town Administrative Offices, Minaret Village Mall; or by mail to P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. For an application and a copy of the job description (outlining the duties and required qualifications) by mail, call (760) 934-8989, ext. 237. Applications will be taken until the positions are filled.

### **Open Gym at the Mammoth High School**

The Recreation Department in collaboration with the Mammoth Unified School District (Thanks Rich!) is hosting open basketball at the Mammoth High School Gym every Sunday (excluding April 24) from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Additional programming is being developed and we welcome any programming suggestions. Cost is \$2.00 per participant. Please contact John at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234 for additional information. Hoop it up!

## Get Gymnastics Fever!

This year-round program is designed to introduce children from 3-18 years old the wonderful and exciting sport of gymnastics. Offered by Michelle DeJong, a level 8 competitive gymnast and Level 1-5 gymnastics coach, participants will learn to tumble and more in a safe and structured environment. This program is also a recipient of Measure R funding with \$7,000 of gymnastic equipment. Three age sessions are available at the Community Center on Forest Trail and are all on schedule for February, 2011.

- 3-5 yr olds – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 5-8 yr olds – Saturday: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- 8-12+ yr olds – Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Saturday: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fees are only \$50/month (8 sessions) for residents and \$60/month for non-residents. Five session Punch Cards are available for \$50 and Private lessons are available upon request at \$20 for 30-45 minutes. Drop-in's are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

## Gymnastic Schedule Changes

The following changes have been made to the Wednesday gymnastics session at the Community Center. Sorry for any inconvenience.

- May 11 to May 10, 2011
- June 8 to June 7, 2011

## Upcoming Events

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going: Open Basketball at the MHS Gym, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- March 31-April 17: Dial M for Murder
- April 1: Mammoth Value Pass (MVP) on sale
- April 5-May 14: June Lake Tri Camp – Session 1
- April 13: RECSTRATS workshop #3: "Winter Recreation & Trails" – ML Community Center
- April 14: RECSTRATS workshop #4: "Non-winter Recreation & Trails" – ML Community Center
- April 13-17: Far West Masters Finals
- April 15: Measure R Spring Award Application Period Ends
- April 16: Volcom's Peanut Butter & Rail Jam Championships
- April 16: Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center Closing Day
- April 16: Mighty Mite World Championships
- April 16: MMST Footloose Mogul Bash
- April 16: The "Felici & Friends Fundraiser"
- April 17: MMST Jr. Village Championships
- April 17: Active Brodown Showdown
- April 17: Proof of Life / Round Valley Ride
- April 19: Sierra Club, Range of Light Group Potluck & Social
- April 19: Casa Diablo 4 (geo plant) Public Scoping Meeting
- April 19-24: USSA Far West Speed Finals
- April 22: Recreation Dept. Easter Egg Hunt & Play Day @ Community Center
- April 24: Bunny Hop: Mammoth's Largest Easter Egg Hunt
- April 24: Annual Pond Skim & Spring Fest Kick Off Party
- April 24: Canyon Lodge, Eagle Lodge and Village Gondola Closing Day
- April 24: Mammoth Snowmobile Adventures Closing Day
- April 24: June Mountain Ski Area Closing Day

- April 26-29: DSES Springtacular!
- April 30: Opening Day of Mono County Fishing Season
- May 3: Recreation Commission Meeting

## **Contact Us**

All the winter/spring events, programs and activities are listed on [www.townofmammothlakes.com](http://www.townofmammothlakes.com) and in the 2010-11 Winter/Spring Mammoth Recreation Guide. Please call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 or visit us in the Town Offices – Minaret Village Mall (above Giovanni’s) to register for a program, for additional information or to forward your comments and suggestions.

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