

## RECREATION THIS WEEK: April 27, 2011

### RecStrats Workshops Resume May 11

The RecStrats interactive workshops will resume on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 with “Special Events” and on Thursday, May 12, 2011 with the “Arts & Culture” workshop. If you’re unable to attend please consider visiting [www.recstrats.com](http://www.recstrats.com) and complete a survey in either English or Spanish. You are also invited to complete a survey at key locations around town including the Mammoth Lakes Library, Mammoth Lakes Post Office, and Snowcreek Athletic Club.

The remaining RECSTRATS topic-specific workshops are as follows:

- Wednesday, June 8, 2011 - High Altitude Training & Trails
- Thursday, June 23, 2011 - Linkages & Priorities

For additional information, please visit [www.recstrats.com](http://www.recstrats.com) or call the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 Extension 222.

### GREAT SOCCER STARTS HERE!

Register for Mammoth AYSO fall soccer at the Mammoth Middle School on **Monday, May 2, 2011**. Millions of players got their start in AYSO including Landon Donovan. Fun, safe, affordable, trained coaches... and memories that will last a lifetime. Register your player or yourself as a volunteer parent, coach or referee. We need your Help! Join us at Does de Mayo hosted by MMSO at the Mammoth Middle School MPR on **Monday, May 2, 2011** for a fun and festive evening celebrating Cinco de Mayo. Enjoy games, music and Tamales, rice, beans and a drink for only \$7.00 per plate all while registering your players and yourself for fall soccer. Festivities get underway at 4:00 p.m. Cost is only \$60 per child or \$50 / \$40 for second or third child. Fees include new uniform, team photo, great coaching, tournaments and awards! Age Divisions: U5 / U6 Coed / U8 / U10 / U12 / U15 & U19. **Soccer Swap:** Exchange your old cleats for new – only \$5.00 & donate your old soccer jersey, shorts or socks to a worthy cause. For complete registration information, call (760) 709-2481, email: [Mammothayso@gmail.com](mailto:Mammothayso@gmail.com) or visit [www.Mammothayso.com](http://www.Mammothayso.com).

### Little Sluggers Instructional T-Ball

This is a great program designed to introduce your 2-5 year old child to the wonderful sport of baseball. T-ball provides a unique opportunity for parents to share quality time with their children while preparing them for future softball and baseball activities. This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of baseball in a clinic and mock-game setting. (All parents are encouraged to help with their children, don't be shy just hop right in there). Registration Deadline: **Friday, May 6, 2011**. Play is scheduled from May 18 - June 15, 2011 every Wednesday, between 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Elementary School. Cost is only \$30 (includes shirt).

### New Tennis Pro at Community Center Tennis Courts

The Recreation Department is excited to welcome Tom Sherry, our new tennis professional, to the Community Center Tennis Courts. Tom is a United States Professional Tennis Association (**USPTA**) Certified Tennis Instructor. He is also a USRSA Racquet Stringer in the summer and a PSIA Certified Ski Instructor at Mammoth Mountain in the winter. Tom has been teaching tennis since playing for his college Div. III team in 1993.

Founded in 1927, USPTA is the world's oldest and largest association of tennis-teaching professionals. With more than 15,000 members worldwide, USPTA offers more than 60 professional benefits to its members, including certification and extensive educational opportunities. Tom will run clinics, camps, and private lessons for all ability levels at the Community Center Tennis Courts on Forest Trail that emphasizes stroke production and strategy. Programs commence on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 with a "Meet the Pro" day scheduled for Sunday, June 12, 2011. Please contact the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 Extension 222 or contact Tom directly at (707) 365-9361 or [tennis@thomassherry.com](mailto:tennis@thomassherry.com) for more information or reservations.

### **Meet and Greet Receptions to Be Held for New Forest Supervisor Ed Armenta**

The public is invited to come meet new Inyo National Forest Supervisor Ed Armenta at one of a number of receptions being hosted for him by the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA.) Ed arrived in Bishop on April 11 from his most recent position as the District Ranger of the Payson District of the Tonto National Forest in Arizona. Born and raised in Southern California, Armenta graduated from Humboldt State University with a degree in Wildlife Management. He has worked on the Plumas and Sequoia National Forests in California, the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico, and the Prescott, Kaibab and Tonto National Forests in Arizona.

Please join Forest staff and ESIA at one of the following receptions and help welcome Ed to the Eastern Sierra.

- Thursday, April 28 @ 4:00-6:00pm - Whiskey Creek Restaurant, 524 N. Main Street, Bishop
- Monday, May 2 @ 4:00-6:00pm - Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center, Lee Vining
- **Thursday, May 5 @ 4:00-6:00pm - Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center**
- Wednesday, May 11 @ 5:00-7:00pm - Lone Pine Film History Museum

For more information please call Nancy Upham at (760) 873-2427 or Debbe Eilts at (760) 873-2411

### **Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center Now**

The Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center is now open for the season. The Center is open Thursday through Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Days of operation will increase to seven days a week beginning Thursday, May 19, 2011. Installation of new photovoltaic solar panels at the Visitor Center will help meet up to 60% of future energy demands of the facility. The solar panels are scheduled to be installed by early June.

Drop by to take advantage of new trails and interpretive panels around the Visitor Center and down to Old Marina. For the latest information on road, trail and campground openings, go to the Inyo National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/inyo](http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo). For more information, contact the Scenic Area Visitor Center at (760) 647-3044.

### **Mammoth Lakes Basin Road Opening Delayed**

Due to heavy winter snowfall, roads accessing the Mammoth Lakes Basin are projected to open later than normal this year. The US Forest Service and Town of Mammoth Lakes will be working cooperatively to provide vehicle access to the Lakes Basin and open recreation facilities as quickly as possible, with a targeted opening date of May 25, 2011 prior to the Memorial Day weekend. Further assessments on snow conditions and facility repair needs will be made beginning May 10, 2011 and a more detailed opening schedule will be developed.

Until road plowing begins, the Mammoth Lakes Basin is open to winter recreational use. When enjoying the Lakes Basin using a snowmobile, please remember to travel at a safe and controllable speed and be respectful

of non-motorized users. Many hazards exist and riding near buildings or structures is not recommended. The area of the Lakes Basin open to snowmobile use is limited and users should be aware of posted closures. For more information, please call the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at (760) 924-5500 or visit the Welcome Center at 2510 Hwy 203 next to the Mammoth Ranger Station.

### **Reds Meadow Road to Open Later than Normal**

Due to record snowfall reported by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Reds Meadow road is projected to open later than normal this year. The US Forest Service, Caltrans, National Park Service, and Town of Mammoth Lakes will be working cooperatively to open the road and valley facilities as quickly as possible. The Reds Meadow Road to Devils Postpile National Monument and the Reds Meadow Valley is tentatively scheduled to open June 24, 2011. Shuttle Bus service into the Reds Meadow Valley is scheduled to begin on Saturday June 25, 2011. From June 25th through Labor Day use of the Shuttle Bus is required for day-use into the Reds Meadow Valley from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at a cost of \$7 per adult and \$4 per child. Interagency Passes are now accepted for exception vehicles. The cost is \$10 per vehicle for those camping in the valley, or for those that are exempted from riding the shuttle. For more information, please call the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at (760) 924-5500 or visit the Welcome Center at 2510 Hwy 203 next to the Mammoth Ranger Station.

### **Inyo National Forest Campgrounds Opening**

Due to heavy winter snowfall, many campgrounds in the Eastern Sierra may open later than usual this season. However, the Inyo National Forest has over a dozen campgrounds that will be open before fishing season opener, scheduled for this Saturday, April 30. The following campgrounds are set to open up by April 27: Lower Lee Vining, Oh! Ridge, June Lake, Gull Lake, Silver Lake, Convict Lake, French Camp, Tuff, Forks, Four Jeffrey, Big Trees, Intake Two, Upper and Lower Sage Flat. Campgrounds that are currently open include Grandview Campground in the White Mountains, Lower Grays Meadow and Lone Pine Campground.

Additional camping opportunities exist in Bureau of Land Management campgrounds and various Inyo County and private campgrounds in the Owens Valley. All campgrounds on the Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts will remain the same price as last year with the exception of Oh! Ridge Campground near June Lake. Oh! Ridge is now 100 percent reservable, with the \$25 per night fee covering the cost of a reservation. Campers will now be able to obtain a reservation at the campground if a site is available. For more information please go to the Inyo National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/inyo](http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo), or call the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center at (760) 647-3044, the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at (760) 924-5500, the White Mountain Ranger Station at (760) 873-2514 or the Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine at (760) 876-6222.

### **CMU Presents the "Soloists"**

Chamber Music Unbound presents "**The Soloists**" with The Felici Piano Trio and Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra, Daniel Allcott, guest conductor on **Saturday, May 14, 2011** at St. Joseph's Church, Mammoth Lakes, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The members of the Felici Trio are "The Soloists" of this delightful program in collaboration with ESCO, under the direction of guest conductor Daniel Allcott. Tickets are available online ([www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org](http://www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org)), at Access Art and Business Center, the Inyo Council for the Arts, or at the door on concert nights.

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

Open basketball at the Mammoth High School Gym has wrapped up for the winter season. Many thanks to the MUSD for allowing the Recreation department to utilize the facility throughout the winter season.

## **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
- April 1: Mammoth Value Pass (MVP) on sale
- April 5-May 14: June Lake Tri Camp – Session 1
- April 24 – May 31: SpringFest
- April 26-29: DSES Springtacular!
- April 30: Opening Day of Mono County Fishing Season
- May 1 – June 30: Convict Lake Spring Fishing Derby
- May 1-8: Rossignol Race Camp
- May 2: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ MMS
- May 3: Recreation Commission Meeting
- May 5: Meet the New Inyo Forest Supervisor at Welcome Center
- May 6: Little Sluggers Registration Closes
- May 6-8: West Coast Invitational
- May 11: RECSTRATS "Special Events" Workshop
- May 12: RECSTRATS "Arts & Culture" Workshop
- May 14: CMU Presents "The Soloist"
- May 18: Little Sluggers Begins at MES
- May 19: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ Lee Vining
- May 25: Projected opening day of Lakes Basin Road
- May 26: Mammoth AYSO Registration @ MES
- June 8: RECSTRATS "High Altitude Training" Workshop

- June 11: Town Clean Up Day
- June 12: Meet the New Tennis Pro @ Community Center Tennis Courts
- June 14: Tennis Lessons begin
- June 23: RECSTRATS “ Linkages & Priorities” Workshop
- June 24: Projected opening of Reds Meadow Road

## **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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