

Mammoth Motocross an unqualified success so far

Laurey Carlson says it gets better every year

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For 28 years, Mammoth Mountain's Laurey Carlson has been the straw that stirs the drink at the Mammoth Motocross.

Every year, the drink gets better.

"This year has been just fantastic," she said Thursday as the motocross entered its final weekend.

"Everything's up from last year, and everybody's having a great time.

"We've had terrific kids with super enthusiasm. We've had no big injuries.

"The whole thing has been world class."

On Thursday, the motocross unveiled a new twist. DC Moto sponsored a golf tournament at Sierra Star, blending two sports that don't necessarily blend that easily.

But it worked, somehow.

Asked how she'd compare this year's event with her other 27, Carlson broke into that big familiar grin of hers and said,

"Every year it gets better."



Mammoth's Fianna Condon-Ose raced into 12th place last summer. Photos/cjzphotography.com

Women take the gate in Motocross races Friday

The Women's Amateur class will race today at the Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross.

Races No. 8 and 20 will feature 38 tough women of all ages taking on five fast laps in a race for the podium.

Last year's top three amateur women finishers did not register for 2011, opening a window of opportunity for the 2010 fourth and fifth place racers Shelby Ward (294) and Brandy Richards (198).

In last Thursday's Women's practice, 16-year-old Jennifer Burton (519) showed some major potential to possibly take a victory for 2011.

As for the local ladies, 2010 12th place rider, Fianna Condon-Ose (907) will race again in hopes of breaking into the top 10 for 2011.

Naomi Garcia (14) is back after a six-year break from racing. The Chalfant mom received a marriage proposal from her husband at Mammoth Motocross.

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Chalfant mother of two, Naomi Garcia.



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