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SETTING THE PACE Surefoot now offers running shoes

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n the heels of last week's inaugural Mammoth Half Marathon, and just weeks before the June Lake Triathlon (another event with a large running component), I was tipped off to a new addition to town running shoe availability at Surefoot in the Village at Mammoth.

Long known for its custom ski boots and orthotics, Surefoot will now keep its doors open during the summer months with offerings of name-brand running shoes such as Brooks, New Balance, Saucony, Salomon and Hoka (those crazy running shoes that look like fat pillows for your feet), as well as ski boots (if you'd like to check those off your list in the off-season).

'The guys [Bob and Russ Shay] who own Surefoot bought several running shoe stores," said local Mammoth Store Manager Todd Koenig of the new addition this year. Those stores include Super Runners, FrontRunners, as well as three New Balance stores located in Pasadena, Torrance and Santa

"It's a great way to bridge the gap between seasons," Koenig said. Usually Surefoot closes its doors for summer.

And it's also a great way to bring the orthotic technology Surefoot is known for in ski boots to the realm of running shoes.

While not everyone wants or needs orthotics for their running shoes, Surefoot provides the option using the same Amfit technology used to create Surefoot Custom Orthotics for ski

In order to understand the technology and the benefits of orthotics, Koenig walked me through the entire process, from foot scan to final product.

The process begins when customers step onto the Digitizer, an Amfit foot-scanner. Your fitting specialist, in my case Koenig who has been with Surefoot for 10 years and as Manager

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From foot scan (top) to a final polish (bottom), Surefoot Store Manager Todd Koenig demonstrates the orthotic process.



