

Pain McShlonkey Classic returns to Squaw

March 26 will mark the much-anticipated comeback of The Pain McShlonkey Classic at Squaw Valley. This action packed on and off-mountain event will serve as a hilarious tribute to legendary skier Shane McConkey as pros and amateurs battle for the highly coveted Golden Saucer trophy and bragging rights.

Celebrated for his playful spirit, McConkey was the mastermind behind the original Pain McShlonkey Open that debuted in 2003. What began as a behind-the-scenes late-night race between competitors at the 1998 Winter X Games has evolved into a beloved event, attracting athletes from around the world.

Although the event was dubbed after one of McConkey's funny alter egos, Pain McShlonkey, there's no questioning McConkey's true character.

Festivities begin at 8am with the Extreme Small Mountain Snowlerblade Invitational where a select group of 30 pros will negotiate Squaw Valley's K2 on snow blades. Cheer on pros like Daron Rahlves, JT Holmes, Scott and Robb Gaffney and Jeremy Jones as they jockey for the podium.

At 1:30pm the pros will take on 30 amateurs during an anything-go Snowlerblade Chinese Downhill. The 30 amateurs will be selected via an online contest and lottery process. If selected, the registration fee is \$1.

The day will end with a rockin' after party at Squaw Valley's newly remodeled Bar One starting at 5pm. Tickets are \$25 and guests must be 21 or older to attend. Valid ID is required. Proceeds will benefit Protect Our Winters and the Shane McConkey Foundation.

Spectators are encouraged to dress up and celebrate the spirit

of McConkey.

The Shane McConkey website has event details.