Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• El Dorado Winery Association's Passport weekends are April 13-14 and April 20-21. For tickets, go online. They are \$70 per weekend or \$40 Sunday only.

• Backcountry gates between Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows are open on a pilot program basis in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service.

• January is California Restaurant Month. Well, Tahoe-Truckee eateries, where are the deals like other cities are offering?

• The Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan project applicant has submitted a revised specific plan and phase 1 project description, which are available for review online.

• Smokehouse 360 at Sierra-at-Tahoe is mentioned in the February issue of *Ski* magazine as "arguably the best barbecue in Tahoe." The same issue says the KT Base Bar at Squaw Valley is one of the best "beach" aka sunny deck spots at a resort.