

Tahoe City skier dies in French avalanche

By Powder

Tahoe City resident Dave Rosenbarger, 38, died in an avalanche Jan. 23 while skiing off the Helbronner on the Italian side of Mont Blanc.

An avalanche swept him down the mountain. Details are scarce, but sources say he was skiing with three partners. They were able to dig him out of the debris and he was alive, but after being airlifted to a local hospital, Rosenbarger succumbed to his injuries.

Having spent consecutive winters in Chamonix since 2003, Rosenbarger, an Oregon native who splits time living in Tahoe City and Chamonix, picked up the nickname "American Dave" for his dedicated pursuit of fresh powder on the Mont Blanc massif.

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