

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Wednesday, March 17, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 7:00am**

Top O' the Mornin' to Yah, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your St. Paddy's Day, Wednesday, March 17th. Most all resort were reporting Mostly Clear Skies this morning but the forecast is calling for Mostly Cloudy Skies with Scattered Showers and Isolated Thunderstorms in the afternoon with the snow level between 8000 – 8500 feet. Temps warming into the 50's on the Slopes with Light Winds. So, Dress in light layers but take a Jacket or Shell. Take a hat with a brim or wear a helmet for safety. Also, wear good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget to use the sunscreen when the sun is out and stay well hydrated. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed and Skier / Rider Packed Snow. Softening with day temperatures and turning to Spring Snow on Southern exposures. Ski and Ride with Care and always with a buddy if go off-piste. Keep an eye out for marked and unmarked obstacles and "Stay In Bounds and on opened runs only".

## South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

**Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe – Reports a base of 69-101". 28 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Access to the mountain will be from The Gondola, The CA Base Lodge and both Stagecoach and Boulder Lodges on the NV side. 14 Lifts are scheduled on the CA Side & 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. 94 trails are open (70+MG), Plus 3 Terrain Parks on the CA side. Adventure Peak activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled to open (11-4:30) with the Snow Tubing, Sledding, Snowshoeing & Snow Bikes for Rent. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / MClear / Lt Winds). Heavenly has Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running thru-out the South Shore to all base facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY**.  
[www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)

**Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Reports a base of 56-126". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & Short Stuff on the backside open. 48 Trails are open (38MG) + Jacks Bowl and Avalanche Bowl Open. Gate 1 accessing Huckleberry Canyon Open – Check with Patrol at the top. 3 T-Parks, Boarder X & Super Pipe are open. (MG & SKRPP / 35F / Clear & Lt Winds). They also have SnowShoe Trails & The Tubing Hill open. Hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Buckle Up Big Air Saturday, March 20. Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running from the South Shore. **(530) 659-7475**. [www.sierraattahoe.com](http://www.sierraattahoe.com)

**Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 - Is open from 9-4. They have a base of 12-18". 10-12km of XC trails are open & 2-3km of Snow Shoe trails. Plus Skier packed Trails along the beach. **(530) 542-6584**. [www.camprichardson.com](http://www.camprichardson.com)

**Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction is open (10-5) They have a base of 30-68". They and have 60 miles of Marked and Skier Packed Trails and 25 miles of groomed trails open. No Fees to XC or Snowshoe up in Hope Valley and No Snow Park fees. They do except donations and they have Rentals & Lessons available. **(530) 694-2266**. [www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)

**Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Reports a base from 130-190". All 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Chairs #6 & #10 to the top of the Front Side + 5 Lifts to the Back Side including the Vista & Covered Wagon tows; and all Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 72 Trails are accessible (40MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (MG, PP & Spring Snow / 31F / Clear & Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center**: is open with 70km of groomed trails with Skating lanes. **(877) KIRKWOOD**. [www.kirkwood.com](http://www.kirkwood.com)

## North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

**Spooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open (9-5) with a base of 36-84". They have 65Km of Groomed Trails up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and around to the Dam. High Notch, Flying Goose, Saints Rest all open. They also have Separate Snowshoe Trails open around Spooner Lake and above Spooner Meadow. (775) 749-5349. [www.spoonerlake.com](http://www.spoonerlake.com)

**Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is reporting a base of 59-100". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Lakeview Chair & the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (19MG) + T-Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / PCldy / Calm Winds). Hosting their Go Lil' or Go Home Festival on Saturday for Kids 10 & Under. Complimentary Shuttle buses running thru-out Incline Village **(775) 831-3211**. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 - Reports a base of 60-95". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the NW Magnum 6 to the top of the Rose Side and the Blazing Zephyr (opening at 8:30) on the Slide Side. 60 Trails + 3 T-Parks open. All the Chutes Gates are on Delayed opening. (MG & SKRPPkd Snow / 40F / MClear & Lt Winds). It's Student & Over the Hill Wednesday. \$35 Lift Tickets with Valid Student ID or if you are over 50 years of age. Hosting their Annual Dummy Downhill Saturday, March 20. **(775) 849-0704 #1**. [www.skirose.com](http://www.skirose.com)

## Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – Reports a base of 37-104". 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 91 trails are open (58 MG) + 7 T-Parks open & Super Pipe Open. (MG & SKRPP / 32F / MClear / Lt Winds). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** – is open (9-3) with 40km of groomed XC & Snowshoe trails. Snow Tubing Center is open (12-4). The Village Ice Rink is Closed and will

reopen for Roller Skating on Saturday. (530) 562-1330. [www.northstaratahое.com](http://www.northstaratahое.com)

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – is open reporting a base of 65-85". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 12 Trails open + T-Park open. (MGPP / 30F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – Also open (8:30-5) with 50 Trails = 102 Km of Groomed XC & Snowshoe Trails. (530) 587-9484. [www.skitahtoedonner.com](http://www.skitahtoedonner.com)

#### Donner Summit Resorts

**Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Reports a base 100-160". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the Front Side & The Lost Dutchman Triple on the Back Side. 41 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks, Super Pipe & the Boarder X are Open. Their Playland Tubing Park open (11-4). 2 Lifts will continue to operate till 9pm for night skiing & riding. (MG & SKRPP / 30F / MClear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3666 #1. [www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Reports a base up to 100". The 2 Lifts for Skiing & Riding are Closed on Tuesday & Wednesday. They do have 3 Moving Carpets open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MGPP / 30F / MClear & Lt Winds). Mini Snowmobiles are open. (530) 426-3901. [www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – Is CLOSED on Wednesday. Tomorrow they reopen (9-4:30) with a base of 95-100". They have 54 Trails = 165 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails open. Closed on Wednesday. (36F / Clear & Lt Winds). (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com).

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is open on a base of 90-148". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side & Back Side with 42 Trails open. Snow Tubing scheduled to open in the afternoon. (MG & SKRPP / 34F / Clear / Lt Winds). \$22 Lift Tickets. (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports a base of 114-178". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln Express, Disney, Jerome Hill & Judah all turning. 96 Trails are open (51MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & SKRPP / 36F / Clear & Lt Winds). Hosting their Pot O' Gold Hunt for a 2010/11 Season Pass & Working Man Wednesday Terrain Park Competition Today. (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)

#### West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

**Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 82-165". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Madden Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 60 Trails are open (31MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl open (MG & SKRPP / 37F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)

**Granlibakken Ski Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is open (9-4) Friday thru Sundays, so the Ski Hill Closed today, They do have XC & Snow Shoe Trails and the Snow Play Area open daily. (530) 581-7533.

**Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – is open (8:30-5) with a base of 34-60". They have 19 Trails open offering 65km of groomed set track for XC with adjacent Snow Shoe trails. Plus 2 Dog Friendly trails are open. Hosting Randolph Green BBQ Fundraiser & Silent Auction on Saturday. (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – Is reporting a base of 101-161". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse and Summit Six to the top of the front side + Scott Chair & Sherwood Express scheduled to the Back Side. 100 Trails open + 3 T-Parks are open. (MG & SKRPP- Spring Snow/ 37F / Clear / Calm Winds). (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 125-145". 22 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel and Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 13 Lifts scheduled to operate on the Upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall, Granite Chief & Silverado on the schedule. 177 trails to open + The Belmont & Monster T-Parks open and the Riviera Super Pipe. The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled open for Ice Skating (11-7). You can Ski / Ride, Ice Skate & Dine till 7pm from High Camp. (MG & SKRPP/ 31F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Opening the High Camp Swimming Lagoon & Spa this Saturday. (530) 583-6955 #1. [www.squaw.com](http://www.squaw.com).

**The Resort at Squaw Creek** has 18Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails open daily (9-5), as well as their Ice Rink open.

#### Central Sierra Resorts

**Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 - is reporting a base of 126-180". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (118MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPP Spring Snow / 32F / Clear / Lt Winds). Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. (888) 766-9778. [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com). **June Mountain** – is open with a base of 80-126". 7 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP/ 30F / Clear & Lt Winds). (760) 934-2224. [www.junemountain.com](http://www.junemountain.com)

**Yosemite/Badger Pass** - is open with a base of 96-108". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 9 runs open. (MGPP-Spring / 35F / MClear & Lt Winds). Snow Tubing offered. For XC Skiing, there's 145 KM of Skier Packed trails and 32 KM of Groomed track. (209) 372-8430. [www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx](http://www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx)

**Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – Reports a base of 87". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X & Granite Bowl Open. (MG & SKRPP / 38F / Clear / Calm Winds). (209) 536-5300. [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com)

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – Reports a base of 108". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front & Back-Sides & Grizz Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPP / 40F / MClear & Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2.

**Bear Valley XC** – Open with a base of 66-72". 37 Trails = 65Km of groomed track open + 4km of separate Snow Shoe trails. Sledding open daily & Tubing Hill open weekends. (209) 753-2834. [www.bearvalley.com](http://www.bearvalley.com)

So there you have it. For updates on all Resorts visit **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. Stay tuned to KTHO for the latest in Weather and Road Conditions or Dial 511. Be Safe and have a great day on the mountain. It's Curtis Fong, TGFT and that's today's Mtn Resort Report on KTHO AM590 & 96.1FM.

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**Zephyr Cove Snowmobile Center open.** Guided tours to the top of Tahoe. For more info on tour times and services, visit [zephyrcove.com](http://zephyrcove.com).

**Borges Sleigh Rides** are open 11-4pm, on the Corner of Lake Parkway and Hwy 50 – Across from Montbleu Parking lot.

**Heavenly Village Ice Rink** is open 10-8pm in the Heavenly Village.

**Explore Tahoe Visitor Center** open 9-5pm in the Heavenly Village.

Date: March 18, 2010

Time: 6:00pm

### ***"Bring Back the Sugar Pines"***

John Pickett and Maria Mircheva of the Sugar Pine Foundation will present the agency's collaborative strategy to preserve the White Pines currently plagued by a non-native fungus. Stewardship opportunities will be announced. Cones and seedlings available to purchase.

**This event is FREE! Refreshments provided by Cinnamon House cafe and Seattle's Best Coffee!**

More Info: 530.542.4637 / [www.recreationintahoe.com](http://www.recreationintahoe.com) / Email: [lthomaselli@cityofslt.us](mailto:lthomaselli@cityofslt.us)

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On another note, this year I am working the **RSN** and producing a weekly feature titled, **"What's Up Tahoe"**. I have Resort News & Interviews, action Video and a weekly calendar of fun events on and off the slopes. It airs 6 times daily in various programs. Tune in to RSN in South Lake Tahoe, North Lake Tahoe, Reno, Carson City & Carson Valley.

You can also watch **Nevada Trails** where I am a monthly guest supplying information about skiing and bicycling in Nevada. This is a :30 minute program, produced by Michael Smith and Access Carson City Television and is Broadcast weekly in the Reno, Carson City, Carson Valley and at Lake Tahoe on Public Access Cable Stations. Please visit:

**[www.nvtrails.acctv.org](http://www.nvtrails.acctv.org)**

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**Episode 331 – Skiing at Tahoe / Episode 335 – Heavenly Skiing / Episode 336 – Skiing Nevada**  
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See you on the Slopes...  
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