

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, April 8, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 7:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Thursday, April 8th. Shaping up to be another Beautiful day to enjoy the slopes. Expect Partly Cloudy but Mostly Sunny Skies and temps warming into the upper 40's to mid 50's on the slopes and Light to Moderate Winds. Stronger Gusts up to 50 mph could affect the operation of some upper mountain lifts. Dress in light layers with your Jacket or Shell. Take a Hat, Beanie or wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles. Don't forget the Sunscreen when the Sun is out. Surface conditions are Machine Groomed & Skier-Rider Packed Spring Snow – Firm in the morning and softening with rising day-time temperatures. 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 81-117. 25 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. 92 trails open + 3 Terrain Parks are open 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, PP & Spring / 26F / MClear / Lt Winds). Don't miss the Heavenly Ski Patrols annual Fund Raising Apres Ski Party, Saturday starting at 4:30pm on the top level of the Heavenly Village Parking Garage. Heavenly has Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running thru-out the South Shore to all base facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

Sierra-At-Tahoe - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Reports a base of 66-131". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top, West Bowl & the backside open. 47 Trails are open (36 MG) + Jacks Bowl and Avalanche Bowl scheduled to Open. Gates 1 & 2 accessing Huckleberry Canyon are scheduled to open, so check with Patrol at the top. 3 T-Parks, Boarder X & Super Pipe are open as well as The Snow Tubing Hill & Snow Shoe Trails. (MG, PP & Spring / 28F / MClear / Lt Winds). Hosting the Red Bull Butter Cup Finals on Saturday, April 10. Complimentary Shuttle Buses are running from the South Shore. Open Thru April 18. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 - Is open from 9-4 on a base of 16-18". They have 10-12km of XC trails & 2-3km of Snow Shoe trails open. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction, The Yurt is open (10-5) They report a base of 45-60". 30 miles of Marked & Skier Packed Trails are open. 20 miles groomed out. 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**

Kirkwood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 88 – Reports a base from 160-230". 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 the Timber Creek Lifts to turn. 65 Trails are to open (30MG) + 11 Bowls, 3 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X and the Half Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 29F / Clear / Lt Winds). **Kirkwood XC Center:** is open with 70km of groomed trails. **(877) KIRKWOOD. 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 24-84". They have 65Km of groomed Trails up North Canyon to Marlette Lake and around to the Dam. They also have Separate Snowshoe Trails open around Spooner Lake and above Spooner Meadow. Open thru April 18. (775) 749-5349. **www.spoonerlake.com**

Diamond Peak - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – is reporting a base of 69-120". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Lakeview Chair & the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (17 MG) + T-Park open. (MG & SKRPPkd Snow / 23F / Clear / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses running thru-out Incline Village **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – Reports a base of 74-113". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 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 are open. The Chuter Lift and All the Chutes Gates are open. (MG & SKRPPkd Snow / 37F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets for all the Ladies. Hosting their Pink Bash Spring Carnival with Pond Skimming this Saturday. **(775) 849-0704 #1. www.skirose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

Northstar-at-Tahoe - On Hwy 267 – Reports a base of 41-121". 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are open top to bottom - Front to Back including Lookout Mountain. 90 trails are open (62 MG) + 7 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (MG & SKRPP / 25F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting Pond Skimming on Saturday. **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 Roller Rink is open (12-8pm). **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.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 are open + T-Park open. (MG & Spring / 32F / Clear / Lt Winds). Plan to remain open until April 11 with Dummy Downhill & Rail Jam. **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill)**. **Tahoe Donner XC** – is also open (8:30-5) They have 37 Trails open offering 70km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitaohedonner.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 Backside. 41 Trails are open + 3 Terrain Parks, the Boarder X & Super Pipe open. Their Playland Tubing Park is open (11-3). (MG, PP & Spring / 29F / MClear / Lt Winds). Open thru this Sunday, April 11. (530) 426-3666 #1.

www.rideboreal.com

Soda Springs Winter Resort - Off I-80 – Has a base up to 100". They have 2 Lifts operating (9-4) for Skiing & Riding with 16 trails open, plus 3 Moving Carpets open (10-4) for Tube Town, Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MG & SKRPP / 36F / MClear & Lt Winds). Mini Snowmobiles open. Open thru This Sunday, April 11. (530) 426-3901.

www.skisodasprings.com

Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – Is Open (9-4:30) with a base of 95-100". They have 27 Trails open with 70 km of groomed XC trails & Snowshoe trails open. (36F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(530) 426-3871**.

www.royalgorge.com

Donner Ski Ranch - On Donner Pass Road – Is open with a base of 84-148". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side with 45 Trails open. (MG & Spring / 36F / MClear / Lt Winds). \$22 Lift Tickets. Hosting their Gold Cup CHP Day Fundraiser this Saturday with a \$20 Lift Ticket includes BBQ lunch & Live Music. **(530) 426-3635**.

www.donnerranch.com

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd - Reports a base of 103-160". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Lincoln, Jerome Hill & Judah Express. 94 runs are open (51 MG) + 4 T-Parks including Switching Yard open. (MG & SKRPP / 36F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting their High 5's Trains Slopestyle Competition on Saturday. Plans to stay open thru April 25. **(530) 426-1111**. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

Homewood Mountain Resort - On Hwy 89 - Reports a base of 90-170". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Madden Chair, The Ellis Chair & The Old Homewood Express. 59 Trails are open (27 MG) + 2 Terrain Parks and Quail Face Bowl to open (MG & SKRPP / 30F / Clear / Lt Winds). Open Thru April 11. **(530) 525-2900**.

Skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski Hill – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – is closed for the season but, they have XC & Snow Shoe Trails and the Snow Play Area open. **(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 18-34". They have 19 Trails open with 60km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails accessible. Plus 2 Dog Friendly trails are open. (Open thru April 18) **(530) 583-5475**. www.tahoexc.org

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Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – Is reporting a base of 119-191". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the front side + Scott Chair & Sherwood Express on the Back Side. 100 Trails are open + 3 T-Parks. (MG & SKRPPkd Spring / 30F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(530) 581-8374**. www.skialpine.com

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Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Reports a base of 157-181". 22 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 11 Lifts from the Bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel as well as Red Dog & KT22 scheduled. Plus, 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the Upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Head Wall & Granite Chief. 170 trails to open + The Belmont & Monster T-Parks, as well as the Riviera Super Pipe are scheduled to open. Snow Tubing open at Papoose (10-3). (MG & SKRPPkd Spring / 34F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting the Billy Dutton Uphill Race on Sunday. **(530) 583-6955 #1**.

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 from 10 till 10pm.

Central Sierra Resorts

Mammoth Mountain - off Hwy 395 - is reporting a base of 126-180". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) out of all 3 Lodge Bases including the Village Gondola. 150 Trails (104 MG) & 6 T-Parks and Wonderland Pipe, Super Pipe & The Super Duper Pipe open (MG & SKRPPkd Spring / 34F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Nordic Center has 19 miles of Groomed trails open. **(888) 766-9778**. www.mammothmountain.com

June Mountain – is open with 16" of new on a base of 84-132". 6 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 37 Trails & 3 T-Parks & Super Pipe open. (PWDR & MGPP / 22F / Clear / Lt Winds). **(760) 934-2224**. www.junemountain.com

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Yosemite/Badger Pass - is CLOSED for the season. **(209) 372-8430**. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – Reports a base of 94". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 61 Trails Open (35 MG) + 4 T-Parks, Skier/Boarder X & Granite Bowl Open. (MG & SKRPPkd Spring / 34F / Clear / Lt Winds). Open Thru April 18. **(209) 536-5300**. www.dodgeridge.com

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Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – Reports a base of 116". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Front &

Back-Sides Open. 67 Trails open + 2 T-Parks. (MG, SKRPkd Spring / 33F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting Raggae, Pond Skimming, Jib Jam & Brewfest on Saturday. (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

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.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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The boom-box if you want to listen to the report. The Report is also featured on LakeTahoeNews.info every morning.

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:

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See you on the Slopes...

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