

# Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, March 17, 2011 - As of 7:00am

Happy Birthday K-Tahoe Radio & Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your St. Patty's Day, Thursday, March 17th. A Break in the Weather + Fresh Snow + St. Patty's Day the right ingredients to take off work and have a Powder Party on the Slopes. Expect Partly Cloudy Skies turning Mostly Cloudy by afternoon. Temperatures getting into the Mid 30's on the Slopes with Light Winds. A Winter Storm Watch is posted for Tomorrow Afternoon, so get out today and Dress warm, in Layers with your Green Windproof-Waterproof Jacket. Wear a Green Hat, Beanie or Wear a Green Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Green Goggles. Surface conditions are Powder, Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Packed Powder. Ski & Ride with Care! Keep an Eye for Marked and Unmarked Obstacles. Always Ski or Ride with a Buddy if you go Off-Piste and Stay In Bounds and on Opened Runs Only.

## South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

**Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe – Reports 1-2" of new on a base of 104-145". 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 12 Lifts scheduled in California and 14 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge and both Stagecoach & Boulder Lodges on the NV side. 94 Trails are open (60+MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MGPP / 25F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent on (10-4)-WWP. Hosting the Stateline Show Down Slopestyle Event on Saturday. Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru-out the So. Shore to all Base Facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY. [www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com)**

**Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is reporting 5-8" of new on a base of 83-188". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl open & the Backside Open. 45 Trails are open (34MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol on the Back Country Gates today. 5 Terrain Parks, Boarder X (& Super Pipe Closed). Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill Open. (Powder, MGPP / 17F / MCldy / Lt Winds). College Week thru Friday with \$56 Lift Tickets with Valid Student ID. Hosting the Buckle Up Slopestyle Jam this Saturday. Complimentary Shuttle buses are running from So Shore. **(530) 659-7475. [www.sierraattahoe.com](http://www.sierraattahoe.com)**

**Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 (Closed at Em Bay) – is open daily (9-4) with a base of 24-36". They have 8 Trails open offering 15km of Groomed XC & adjacent Snow Shoe Trails. Plus, additional Trails are open on along the beach as conditions permit. Hosting Snow Shoe Cocktail Races at the Beacon on Friday at 7:00pm. **(530) 542-6584. [www.camprichardson.com](http://www.camprichardson.com)**

**Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 (R2)- at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (10-5) They have 6" of new on a base of 36-60". 60 Miles of Trails are open, with 20 miles of Groomed trails and 40 miles of Marked & Skier Packed trails. They have Rentals & Lessons available. There are No Fees to XC or Snow Shoe in Hope Valley, but they gladly accept donations. Hosting their Winter Photography Slide Show on Friday and Tour on Saturday. **(530) 694-2266. [www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com](http://www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com)**

**Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting 3-5" of new on a base of 194-230". 9 Lifts will operate (9-4) out of the Village with Chairs Chair #10 to the Top & Chair #6 on the Schedule; the Timber Creek Lifts & The Back Side Lifts including Chair 3 & 4 + Cover Wagon & Vista Tows Scheduled to operate. 72 Trails are open (40+MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 26F / MClear / Lt Winds). Hosting Rip Curl Grom Search on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Banked Slalom on Sunday March 20. **Kirkwood XC Center** - Open (9-5) with 60km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails with 2 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. **(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 daily (9-5). They have a base of 36-90". 19 Trails are open with 70km of Groomed XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. Buy one Lesson get a second for your friend for only \$1. **(775) 749-5349. [www.spoonerlake.com](http://www.spoonerlake.com)**

**Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open with 2" of new on a base of 111-166". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (19MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 28F / PCldy / Lt Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. Hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Moonlight Snow Shoe hike to the Snow Flake Lodge on Friday at 5:00pm. **(775) 831-3211. [www.diamondpeak.com](http://www.diamondpeak.com)**

**Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 120-187". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with The NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr scheduled to open at 8:30 on the Slide Side. 60 Trails are open including The Chutes Gates + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain (Powder, MG \* SKRPP / 13F / MClear / Lt Winds) Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets for all the Ladies. **(800) SKI ROSE. [www.mtrose.com](http://www.mtrose.com)**

### Truckee Area Resorts

**Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting 6-11” of new on a base of 90-171”. 15 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP. They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 92 Trails are open (61MG) + 4 Terrain Parks with 65 features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks open as well. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 21F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Their Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing is offered (12-4pm). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 17 Trails offering 38km of Groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. (530) 562-1330. [www.northstaratahove.com](http://www.northstaratahove.com)

**Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is reporting 10-12” of new on a base of 75-100”. 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks 18 features. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 20 trails to offer 50 Km of Groomed XC Trails + 4 Separate Snow Shoe Trails offer 6km. (530) 587-9484. [www.skitaheodonner.com](http://www.skitaheodonner.com)

### Donner Summit Resorts

**Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting 7-16” of new on a base of 100-200”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the front-side & Lost Dutchman on the back-side. 35 Trails are open. Plus 2 Terrain Parks, (Boarder-X & Super Pipe Closed). (Powder & MG & SKRPP / 15F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is open (10-3). And, 2 Lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding, till 9pm. Don't Miss \$15 Friday. (530) 426-3666 #1. [www.rideboreal.com](http://www.rideboreal.com)

**Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is open reporting 7-16” of new on a base of 90-175”. 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate with 2 Lifts open (9-4) for Skiing & Riding and 16 Trails open including Crystal Bowl; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing open (10-4), with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. Plus, The Mini Snowmobiles are open for rent, today. (MG & SKRPP / 15F / MCldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. [www.skisodasprings.com](http://www.skisodasprings.com)

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd in Soda Springs – is open (9-4) They have 4 Trail systems offering 95km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (15F / MCldy / Lt Winds).. (530) 426-3871. [www.royalgorge.com](http://www.royalgorge.com).

**Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is open with on a base of 100-160”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with both the Front Side & Back Side open. 52 trails to open. Tubing Hill is Closed today. (10-4). (MG & SKRPP) Monday thru Friday they have \$25 Lift Tickets. (530) 426-3635. [www.donnerranch.com](http://www.donnerranch.com)

**Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting 1” of new on a base of 124-219”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express. 91 Trails are open (52MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 27 features are open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 16F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting their St. Patty's Day Pot O' Gold Hunt today. (530) 426-1111. [www.sugarbowl.com](http://www.sugarbowl.com)

### West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

**Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is reporting 4-6” of new on a base of 82-133”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (32MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 16F / Snowing / Lt Winds). College Week, thru March 20, with \$29 Lift Tickets with Valid Student Photo ID. (530) 525-2900. [Skihomewood.com](http://Skihomewood.com)

**Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is open Friday thru Sunday, so the Ski Hill is Closed today /// (9-4) with a base of 60-72”. 1 Tow & 1 Run are open (MGPP). /// Their XC & Snowshoe trails and the Snow Play Area are open daily, as conditions permit. (530) 581-7533 [www.granlibakken.com](http://www.granlibakken.com).

**Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – Is open daily (8:30-5) on a base of 54-75”. 21 Trails are open offering 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (14F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Free beginner XC Ski Lesson with purchase of Trail Pass. (530) 583-5475. [www.tahoexc.org](http://www.tahoexc.org)

**Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting 7-11” of new on a base of 143-247”. 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Front-side. Plus, the Scott Chair & Sherwood Express scheduled on the Back-side. 70 Trails open (70MG) + 3 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 16F / PCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). College Week thru March 20, with \$39 Lift Ticket with valid student photo ID. Hosting the Take The Lake Triple Jumpline Competition March 18-20. (530) 581-8374. [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com)

**Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 60-165”. 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)with 9 Lifts from the bottom with the Cable Car & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22 are scheduled to run. 11 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Headwall & Siberia. 170 Trails are open (21+MG) + The Belmont & Riviera Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are open. (Powder, MGPP / 17F / MClear / Lt Winds). Snow tubing is Closed, today. The Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is Closed for the Season. But, you can Ski or Ride & Dine till 7pm from High Camp. (530) 583-6955 #1. [www.squaw.com](http://www.squaw.com). And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has 18km of XC & Snow Shoe Trails open (9-5).

### Central Sierra Resorts

**Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting 8-12” of new on a base of 144-216”. 24 Lifts are scheduled

to operate (8:30-4). The Entire Mountain to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (88MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe now open. (Power, MG & SKRPP / 17F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting Fuel TV College Games March 18-20. **(888) 766-9778**.

**www.mammothmountain.com**. **June Mountain** – open on a base of 84-132” with 4” of new. 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 27 Trails open + 3 Terrain Parks & Super Pipe open. **(760) 934-2224**. **www.junemountain.com**

**Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is open reporting a base of 107-112”. 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 9 Trails open. (MGPP / 20F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Snow Tubing Offered Daily. Cross Country Center is open (8:30-4) with 90 miles of Trails, of which 14 miles are groomed to Glacier Point & Bridalveil Campground. **(209) 372-8430**.  
**www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx**

**Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – is open reporting 7” of new on a base of 82-102”. 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (39MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (MG & SKRPP / 15F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(209) 536-5300**. **www.dodgeridge.com**

**Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – is open reporting 4” of new on a base of 139”. 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Park open. (Powder & MGPP / 16F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). **(209) 753-2301 #2**.

**Bear Valley XC** – open (9-4) with 37 Trails offering 65Km of Groomed XC trails & Sledding hill open (9-4). **(209) 753-2834**. **www.bearvalley.com**

So, there you have it. Stay Tuned for the latest in Weather and Road Conditions. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. Have a Safe Day on the Mountain, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

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**Special Olympics Polar Plunge  
Saturday, March 19, Zephyr Cove Resort  
10am-12noon**

**Post Plunge Party at Montbleu starting at 12:30pm**

**Rotary St Patty's Celebration & Fundraiser  
Saturday, March 19, Montbleu Casino Resort, 6 – 10pm**

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See you on the Slopes...  
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