

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Sunday, April 3, 2011 - As of 7:00 am

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Sunday, April 3rd. Shaping up to be a Beautiful Spring Day to Enjoy Spring Skiing & Riding. Mostly Sunny Skies with Temperatures into the mid 40's on the Slopes. Dress in Layers with your Jacket or Shell; Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Sunglasses or Goggles and don't forget the Sunscreen and re-apply it thru-out the day and stay hydrated. Surface conditions are Spring Conditions - Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Firm Packed Snow - Softening. 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 a base of 110-156". 26 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) 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 (70+MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 29F / Clear / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are on open for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent on (10-4). Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru-out the So. Shore to all Base Facilities. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is reporting base of 114-198". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side & The West Bowl open & the Backside. 46 Trails are open (35MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the Top on the Back Country Gates. 5 Terrain Parks, Border X & Super Pipe are Open, plus their Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 31F / Clear / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttle buses are running from So Shore. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

***Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 (Closed at Em Bay- due to a snow slide) Camp Rich is open daily (9-4) with a base of 36-48". They have 8 Trails open grooming out 15km of XC & adjacent Snow Shoe Trails. Plus, additional Trails are open on along the beach as conditions permit. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 - at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (10-5) They have a base of 48-72". 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. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is open reporting a base of 220-263". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village with Chairs #6 & #10 -scheduled to the top of the Front Side; The Timber Creek and The Back Side Lifts including Chair #4 & Covered Wagon is scheduled. 72 Trails are to open (59MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 21F / Clear / Lt Winds). Slide Mtn Tubing Hill scheduled to open 12-5pm. **Kirkwood XC Center** - Open (9-5) with 60km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails with 2 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (Open Thru May 1) **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 42-80". 19 Trails are open with 70km of Groomed XC trails & 5 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 15km. (open thru April 17) **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open on a base of 101-165". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (20MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow- Softening / 27F / Clear / Lt Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 134-205". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose Side & The Blazing Zephyr on the Slide Side scheduled to open at 8:30. The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates are Closed. 50 Trails are open + 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow -Softening / 18F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). (Open Thru May 8) **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 99-185". 17 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 92 Trails are open (63MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 48 Features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow – Softening / 28F / Clear / Lt Winds). The Village Roller Rink is now open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing Center is open (10-4pm) And the new Village Cinemas are now open. **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 17 Trails offering 38km of Groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is reporting a base of 200-300". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks with 15 features. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 23F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). **Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 28 Trails to offer 70 Km of Groomed XC Trails + 3 Snow Shoe Trails. Open thru April 17. (530) 587-9484. www.skitahoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 200-300". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the front side including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top. 27 Trails. Plus, the Mini-Shred Terrain Park. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 23F / MClear / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to open (10-4) And, 2 Lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding, till 9pm. (530) 426-3666 #1.

www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is open on a base of 200-300". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate with 2 Lifts open (9-4) for Skiing & Riding and 16 Trails open; 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 & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 23F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd in Soda Springs – Is open (9-4) with 3 Trail Systems open offering 95km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open on a base of 150-300". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the both the Front & the Back Sides with 52 Trails open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening). \$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri. (530) 426-3635. www.donnnerskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting a base of 172-297". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express open. 94 Trails are open (51MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 22 features are open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow -Softening / 22F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111.

www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89, 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is reporting a base of 136-255". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair, the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (38MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 21F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

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

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – Is open daily (8:30-5) with a base of 65-100". 21 Trails are open with 65 Km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 3 Warming Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (24F / Clear / Calm Winds). (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 153-284". 9 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 to the Back-Side. 100 Trails open (25MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow Softening / 23F / Clear / Lt Winds). Hosting Annual Community Benefit Day today with \$25 Lift Tickets. (Open thru May 15) (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base 75-225". 21 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 8 Lifts from the bottom including Cable Car & Funitel, Plus, Red Dog & KT22 scheduled to open. 13 Lifts are scheduled for the upper Mountain, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (72+MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 25F / Clear / Lt Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (12-4). (Open thru May 30) (530) 583-6955 #1. 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 a base of 180-300". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). The Entire Mountain scheduled to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (89MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 28F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com. **June Mountain** – open with on a base of 108-168". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 27 Trails open + 3 Terrain Park open & Super Pipe open (MG, PP & FP Snow). (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** – is reopening today. They report a base of 180". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 8 Trails open. (MG Snow / 30F / MClear / Lt Winds). Hosting Springfest. 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 a base of 120-130". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (34MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (MG & SKRFPkd Snow / 30F / MClear / Lt

Winds). Hosting Pond Skimming, Chili Cook Off & Brewfest today. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – is open reporting a base of 165". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks Open (MG & SKR FP Spring Snow - Softening / 28F / Clear / Lt 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. Don't for to use Sunscreen and re-apply it thru out the day. I've been reporting from Sun Valley Idaho where the International Skiing Heritage Association & the US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame have combined their National Meetings and inducted South Tahoe's Glen Plake, Sugarbowl's Daron Rahlves & Squaw's Shane McConkey in to the US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame last night. Read more about this in my coming week's edition of "As the Bull Wheel Turns". 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.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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