

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, April 22, 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 Friday, April 22nd. Expect Mostly Cloudy Skies with a chance of Rain or Snow in the Afternoon. Temperatures in to the mid 40's on the Slopes & Light. Dress in layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket; Take a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety. Also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Spring Conditions - Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Firm Packed Snow – all Softening with day-time temperatures. 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 90-120". 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 8 Lifts scheduled in California and 9 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge and Stagecoach Lodge on the NV side. 85 Trails are open (50+MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 29F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled to open for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for Rent (10:30-3). Pond Skimming Contest on Saturday. Open thru Easter Sunday, April 24. 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 a base of 74-176". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side & The West Bowl Express & Short Stuff on the Backside. 42 Trails are open (30MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the Top on the opening of Back Country Gates. 5 Terrain Parks & Super Pipe are open, plus their Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Open. (MG & SKR FP - Softening / 29F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Hosting Easter Activities on Sunday and Open thru Monday April 25 (9-2) as Customer Appreciation Day with \$25 Lift Tickets to Benefit Youth Recreation. 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, is Closed. Call Ahead. **(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 24-48". 60 Miles of Trails are open with 15 miles of Groomed trails and 45 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. Open thru Easter Sunday. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is reporting 1-3" of new on a base of 224-265". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village with Chairs 5 & 11, 6 & 10 to the top, & Chairs 7 & 9 at Timber Creek. The Entire Front Side open. 36 Trails are open (25MG) + 5 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are Open. (Fresh over MG & SKR FP - Softening / 21F / MCclear / Calm Winds). **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 Closed for the Season. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is open reporting 1" of new on a base of 57-121". 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. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 29F / Snow / Calm Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. (Open Thru April 24) **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 101-178". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with The NW Magnum Six & The Blazing Zephyr to the top. The Chuter Lift & Chutes Gates are scheduled to open. 60 Trails are open + 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain.. (MG & SKR FP Snow - Softening / 22F / MCclear / Calm Winds). The Bunker Returns Party on Saturday and Easter Egg Hunts on Sunday. (Open Thru May 8) **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a base of 87-171". 14 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 91 Trails are open (60MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 61 Features & Super Pipe Open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 30F / MCldy / Lt Winds). The Village Roller Rink is now open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing Center is open (12-4pm). Hosting Easter Egg Hunt with Easter Bunny on Sunday their Last Day. **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is Closed for the Season. **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is Closed for the Season. **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – is Closed for the Season **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaheodonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is 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. 30 Trails. Plus, the Core & Mini-Shred Terrain Parks are open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 29F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to open (10-8). And, 2 Lifts will operate for Night Skiing & Riding, till 9pm. Hosting Kids Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday. (Open Daily thru April 24 then Weekends in May) **(530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com**

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is open for their Final Weekend with 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 - Softening / 32F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday at 2pm. (Open thru April 24). **(530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com**

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd in Soda Springs – Is reopening today thru Easter Sunday. They have 2 Trails Systems open with 65km of XC & Snow Shoe Trails. **(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.**

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open on a base of 150-250". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with both the Front & the Back Sides Open with 52 Trails open. Tubing Hill Scheduled to open today. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 31F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (\$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri). (Open thru May 1?) **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com**

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting a base of 158-279". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & the Mt Lincoln Express. 93 Trails are open (46MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 36 features. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 28F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Free Rentals & Lessons with Purchase of a General Admission Lift Ticket. Hosting their Annual Golden Egg Hunt on Sunday. (Open thru May 1) **(530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com**

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 - 6 miles South of Tahoe City, , reopening today for their Final Weekend. They report a base of 83-207". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the North Lodge, Including the Ellis Chair, The Madden Chair & the Old Homewood Express. 62 trails are open (43MG) & 2 Terrain Parks are open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 34F / Clear / Calm Winds). Kid Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday. **(530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com**

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – The Ski Hill is Closed but 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 (8:30-5) with a base of 40-80". 20 Trails are open offering 65Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 2 Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (26F / PCldy / Calm Winds). (Open thru May 1) **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 130-256". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Front-side plus Scott Chair & Sherwood on the Back Side. 100 Runs open (17MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKR FP Snow Softening / 34F / Clear / Lt Winds). (Open thru May 15) **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting 1" of new on a base 64-188". 14 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 5 Lifts from the bottom including The Cable Car & Funitel; Plus, KT22 scheduled to open. 9 Lifts are scheduled for the upper Mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (57MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open with 20 features. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 25F / MCclear / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing open (12-6). High Camp Pool & Spa scheduled open (11-4) Hosting Earth Day Celebration on Saturday and Easter Service and Egg Hunt on Sunday. (Open thru May 30) **(530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com.** And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** XC & Snow Shoe Trails are Closed, Call Ahead. **(530) 583-6300.**

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting 1-3" of new on a base of 150-252". 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 are open (110MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 28F / Clear / Lt-Strong Winds). (Open thru July 4). **(888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com.**

June Mountain – open with on a base of 96-144". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) 27 Trails open + 3 Terrain Park open & Super Pipe open (MG & SKRFP Snow). (Open thru April 24) **(760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com**

***Yosemite/Badger Pass** – Closed for the Season. **(209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx**

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – is open reporting a base of 90-99". 7 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (34MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 29F / PCldy / Lt Winds). (Open thru April 24). **(209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com**

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – is open reporting 1" of new on a base of 144". 9 Lifts are scheduled to

operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks Open (MG & SKR FP Snow - Softening / 28F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Hosting Skier/Boarder X on Saturday & Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday. (Open Thru May 1). **(209) 753-2301 #2. Bear Valley XC** – open (9-4) with 37 Trails offering 65Km of Groomed XC trails & Sledding hill open (9-4)-Closing Easter Sunday. **(209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com**

So, there you have it. This will be final weekday report for the season, want to thank all you weekday wake up crew listeners for tuning in all season long. I'll continue to keep you updated with the report this weekend and after that My efforts now turn to my bicycling events and if you're interested in riding around Lake Tahoe with the Start at the Top – Lake Tahoe Legends Ride on May 14, go to bikethewest.com for info and to register. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at **BikeandSkiTahoe.Com**. Have a Safe Day on the Mountain and a Great Spring & Summer, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

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See you on the Slopes...

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