

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Sunday, April 24, 2011 - As of 7:00 am

Good Morning & Happy Easter, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Easter Sunday, April 24th. The Final Day of the season for my Radio Ski Reports and Final Day for many Resorts. So, Get Out and Get your Last Turns In. Weather Still Unsettled, So, Expect Cloudy Skies, Rain & Snow Likely with Snow Level at 6500 Feet. Temperatures in to the Low 40's on the Slopes with Light to Moderate Winds and Stronger Ridge Gusts up to 65 Mph in the afternoon that may affect Upper Mountain Lifts. 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 Variable with Fresh Snow and 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 trace of new on a base of 90-120". 18 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 9 Lifts scheduled in California (Sky on HOLD) 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 / 23F / MCldy / Lt-mod 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). Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru-out the So. Shore to all Base Facilities. Today is their Final Day. Final Snow Fall 529". **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 – Is reporting 2" of new on a base of 72-180". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) including Grandview Express to the top of the front side, The West Bowl Express & Short Stuff on the Backside. 41 Trails are open (33MG) + 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 / 33F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Hosting Easter Egg Hunt & Games for the Kids at 11am and Open one more day tomorrow, April 25 (9-2) as Customer Appreciation Day with \$25 Lift Tickets to Benefit Youth Recreation. Complimentary Shuttle buses are running from So Shore. Final Snow Fall 749". **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

***Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89, is Closed for the Season. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 - at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open for their Final Day (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. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 – Is reporting 1" 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. 54 Trails are open (34MG) + 5 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are Open. (Powder over MG & SKR FP - Softening / 25F / Cldy-Snow Showers / Lt Winds). Hosting Easter Service & Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny. **Kirkwood XC Center** - Open (9-5) with 60km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails with 2 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (730-744" total Snow / 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 58-122". 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 Snow – Softening / 32F / Snow Showers / Lt Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. Today will be their Last Day of the Season. **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 (R1) – is reporting 1" of new on a base of 101-178". 6 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 / 29F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Hosting Easter Egg Hunt at 12:15, And a Geocaching Hunt all Day. (472-543" / Open Thru May 8) **(800) SKI ROSE. www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a Trace of new on a base of 87-170". 14 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4). They are Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain. 90 Trails are open (68MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 61 Features & Super Pipe Open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening

/ 35F / MCldy / Lt Winds). The Village Roller Rink is now open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing Center is open (10-4pm). Hosting Easter Egg Hunt with Easter Bunny today, their Last Day. **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is Closed for the Season. (666" total)(530) 562-1330. www.northstaratahohoe.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.skitahtoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is reporting 1-2" of new on 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 and The Super Pipe open. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 32F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to open (10-4). Night Skiing Closed. Hosting Kids Easter Egg Hunt today 11:15am. (Closing Midweek and open Fri-Sun in May) (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 – Is open for their Final Day with 1-2" of new 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 - Softening / 29F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Easter Egg Hunt today 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 open today for their Final Day of the Season. They have 3 Trails Systems open with 95km of Groomed XC & Snow Shoe Trails available.(530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – is open with 1-2" of new 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. Easter Egg Hunt at 11am. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 30F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (\$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri). (Open thru May 1?) (530) 426-3635. www.donnerrskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting 1-2" of new on a base of 160-282". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & the Mt Lincoln Express. 93 Trails are open (50MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 36 features. (MG & SKR FP – Softening / 33F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Free Rentals & Lessons with Purchase of a General Admission Lift Ticket. Hosting their Annual Golden Egg Hunt today to win a Summit Sunday Pass. (509-723" / Closing Midweek to Open Friday thru Sunday, 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, is open reporting 1" of new on a base of 78-202", for their Final Day of the Season. 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 / Cldy / Lt Winds). Kid Easter Egg Hunt & Adults Golden Egg Hunt for a Season Pass. (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". 21 Trails are open offering 65Km of groomed XC & Snow Shoe trails with 2 Huts open + 3 Dog Friendly Trails open as well. (36F / Cldy / Lt 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 131-257". 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 (24MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open on the mountain & Tubing Open. (MG & SKR FP Snow Softening / 34F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Hosting a Beacon & Eggs Beacon Search Contest at 12pm. (Open thru May 15) (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting 1-2" of new on a base 64-188". 17 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 7 Lifts from the bottom including The Cable Car & Funitel; Plus, KT22 scheduled to open. 10 Lifts are scheduled for the upper Mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (67MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open with 20 features. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 30F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Snow tubing open (12-4). High Camp Pool & Spa scheduled open (11-4) Hosting Easter Service and Egg Hunt today. (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 2-4" of new on a base of 150-252". 19 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4). The Lower Mountain scheduled to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails are open (89MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 28F / Lt Snow / Lt-Strong Winds). Easter Egg Hunt & Pond Skimming Contest today. (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 1-2" of new on a base of 90-99". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (40MG). Plus 4 Terrain Parks open. (MG & SKR FP Snow – Softening / 26F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). Closing after today. (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – is open reporting a base of 146". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks Open (MG & SKR FP Snow - Softening / 31F / Cldy / Lt Winds). Hosting 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 my final report for the season, want to thank all you listeners for tuning in all season long. I'll continue to keep you updated weekly on my Website. My efforts now turn to my bicycling events and if you're interested in riding around Lake Tahoe with the Amgen 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 thru out the remainder of the season, 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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