

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Saturday, April 2, 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 Saturday, April 2nd. Breezy. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Snow level 8500 feet. Temps into the Low 50's on the Slopes. Light to Moderate Winds with Gusts up to 45 mph & Ridge gusts up to 90 mph. So, Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. Dress in Layers with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket; Wear 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 - 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". 27 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP with 13 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 & SKRPkd Spring Snow / 33F / Cldy-Flurries / Mod-Strong Winds). Adventure Peak Activities at the top of the Gondola are scheduled for Sledding, Snow Tubing & Snow Bikes for rent on (10-4)-WWP. 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 121-205". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP including Grandview Express to the top of the front side & The West Bowl open & the Backside. 46 Trails are open (32MG) + Jack's Bowl & Avalanche Bowl open. Check with Patrol at the Top on the Back Country Gates. 5 Terrain Parks, Boarder X & Super Pipe are Open. Hosting the Red Bull Butter Cup Today. Snow Shoe Trails, Snow Play Area & the Snow Tubing Hill are Open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring Snow / 45F / Cldy / Lt-Mod 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 – 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 230-273". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 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, Vista & Covered Wagon – scheduled. 72 Trails are to open (59MG) + 7 Bowls, 3 Terrain Parks, Boarder-X & Half Pipe are scheduled to Open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring Snow / 35F / PCldy / Lt-Mod 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

Spooner Lake Cross Country - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is open daily (9-5). They have a base of 48-90". 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)-WWP with the Crystal Express Quad to the top. 31 trails are open (18MG) + their Terrain Park is Open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring Snow / 44F / MCldy / Lt Winds). If you have a valid Season Pass from any other Resort, you can ski or ride Diamond Peak for only \$25. 11th annual Dummy Downhill is scheduled for today. **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 138-207". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with The NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose Side on HOLD & 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 Pkd Spring Snow / 40F / MClear / Mod-Strong 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 109-197". 17 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 (69MG) + 4 Terrain Parks open with 48 Features & Super Pipe open. 2 Kids Adventure Parks are open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow/ 42F / Clear / Lt Winds). Their Village Roller Rink is open (1-8pm) & Snow Tubing Center is open (10-4pm). **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**

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is reporting a base of 200-300". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP with 14 trails open + 2 Terrain Parks. (MG & SKRPkd Spring Snow / 38F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) Grooming out 29 Trails to offer 67 Km of Groomed XC Trails. Open thru April 17. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaheedonner.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)-WWP including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top of the front-side. Lost Dutchman closed on the back-side, So, the is front side open with 27 Trails. Plus the Mini-Shred Terrain Park, (Boarder-X & Super Pipe Closed). (MG & SKRPkd Spring Snow / 43F / MCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park is scheduled to open (10-8) 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 & SKRPkd Snow / 43F / MCdy / 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 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". At least 5 Lifts will operate (9-4)-WWP on the both the Front Side & the Back Sides with 52 Trails open. (MG Spring Snow). \$25 Lift Tickets Mon-Fri. **(530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com**

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is reporting a base of 175-300". 10 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Mt Lincoln Express open. Summit Chair opening at noon. 94 Trails are open (52MG) + 3 Terrain Parks with 10 features are open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring Snow / 43F / Cldy / Lt-Mod 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 138-257". 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 & SKRPkd Spring Snow / 43F / 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 75-110". 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. (46F / MCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org**

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort - Hwy 89 – is reporting a base of 157-286". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top of the Front-side. Plus, the Scott Chair, Lakeview & Sherwood Express scheduled to the Back-Side. 100 Trails open (25MG) + 2 Terrain Parks open on the mountain. (MG & SKRPkd Spring / 44F / Clear / Mod-Strong Winds). Hosting Annual Community Benefit Day on Sunday, April 3 with \$25 Lift Tickets. (Open thru May 15) **(530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com**

Squaw Valley USA - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base 80-230". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 8 Lifts from the bottom including Cable Car & Funitel + Red Dog & KT22 scheduled to open. 12 Lifts are scheduled for the upper Mountain-WWP, including Shirley Lake, Siberia, Headwall & Granite Chief. 170 Runs open (73+MG). The Belmont Terrain Park is open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring Snow /470F / MCldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Snow tubing is offered at Papoose (10-6). (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-WWP). The Entire Mountain to Open. Access from the Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails to open (93MG) + 7 Terrain Parks and Half Pipe, Super Pipe open & Super Duper Pipe open. (MG & SKRPkd Spring Snow / 40F / Clear / Mod 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 / 45F / 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 122-135". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with 62 Trails open (37MG). Plus 3 Terrain Parks & Skier-Boarder-X open. (MG & SKRPkd Snow / 40F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). **(209) 536-5300.**

www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 – is open reporting a base of 170". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 67 Trails to open + 2 Terrain Parks Open (MG & SKRPkd / 40F / Cldy / Lt Winds). **(209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com** – 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. Be prepared for changing conditions and Winds Could affect the operation of Upper Mountain Lifts. I've been reporting from Sun Valley Idaho where the International Ski Heritage Foundation & the US Ski Hall of Fame have combined their Nation Meetings and they will be inducting South Tahoe's Glen Plake & Truckee's Daron Rahlves in the US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame tonight. 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.

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See you on the Slopes...

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