

Go to the wild

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences on April 19 and Resort at Squaw Creek on April 22.

Each screening offers a unique package of films and will begin at 7pm. The festival was started by the watershed advocacy group, the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) in 2003. For more information, call (530) 265.5961.

Ski with the pros

Northstar's Tahoe Cross Country Center, which will be open through May 1, invites the public to ski with Olympians on April 14.

A masters clinic is planned for 1:30pm-3:00 and the juniors version at 3:30pm. On hand will be three U.S. skiers who compete at the World and Olympic level: Kikkan Randall, Kris Freeman, and Andy Newell.

The cost is \$40 per person plus afternoon trail pass. Those interested may register at www.xcski.org.

Family day for good health

Barton is hosting a free family day at the South Tahoe Middle School multi-purpose room on April 30 from 11am to 3pm.

The event features 30 interactive health-related activities and screenings by Barton Health and other local health-related businesses and nonprofits.

A health fair is included and the CALSTAR helicopter air ambulance will be on hand. For more information, visit www.bartonhealth.org/events.

The Giant line is already forming

Updated as of 10:30am from March 7 Lake Tahoe News article

By Susan Wood

When the South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation Complex opened this morning at 9am, Paula Bruyn was standing there. Others soon followed to catch a glimpse or take their photograph with the World Series trophy won by the San Francisco Giants last baseball season.

While the Giants begin their quest to repeat as World Series Champions with a current road trip to Los Angeles, the World Series trophy is in town on its multi-city tour presented by Visa. It began Jan. 4 in San Francisco and has included stops throughout Northern California, New York, Arizona and Oregon.

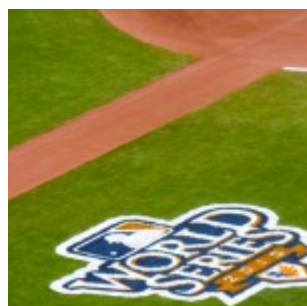
“We didn’t know what to expect— whether people would be spending the night,” Bruyn said, while standing in line. “We had to make it. It was our last chance.”

At age 53, the Giants fan of six years remembers the days of camping out to get good concert seats. She has a game in May this year secured at AT&T Park where they play. For now, it’s

all about last year.

The yesteryear dreams of Willie Mays and Willie McCovey and the modern-day reality that a red rally thong worn by outfielder Aubrey Huff and the lyrical, off-the-wall antics of a pitching closer named Brian Wilson led to the San Francisco Giants taking home the grand prize in last year's baseball season.

The trophy will be seen in the gymnasium at 1180 Rufus Allen Blvd. from 2-4pm.



Fans will have an opportunity to have an official photograph taken with the trophy and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Only one photo per group will be permitted to keep the lines moving.

Giants fans are advised to get there early as staff will have to cut off the line to close the viewing at 4pm.

There's no touching the trophy.

The event is free and open to public.

The city beefed up security in addition to the Giants own unit.

"It's quite an honor – the fact that they thought of little South Lake Tahoe (for the tour)," said city Councilman Tom Davis, who with four decades in town considers this event the largest in the city's sporting history.

Details can be found at www.sfgiants.com.

Snowslide blocks Highway 89 at Emerald Bay

Updated as of 9:10am

Highway 89 remained closed Saturday due to a snowslide 10 feet high and 60 feet wide that covered the major thoroughfare at Emerald Bay, California Highway Patrol reported.

The mound of snow was reported to have fallen onto the road between Vikingsholm and Inspiration Point just south of Eagle Falls Friday afternoon, leaving one area motorist's vehicle traveling southbound buried in the snow on the right side of her vehicle and a clear reminder of this winter's avalanche danger. The Markleeville resident escaped on the driver's side.

CHP Sgt. Dan Lopez said Caltrans has cleared the road but will be evaluating the stability of the area before the road is reopened.

"They just don't want another one to happen," Lopez said.

Motorists are advised to take the East Shore alternative on Highway 28 around Lake Tahoe.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Ski report: Wet and windy



Rain or snow? Probably both. It could get nasty up high, as a lake wind advisory is in effect until 8pm. Call ahead for lift information. Here is the ski report from Curtis Fong, the Guy from Tahoe.

'Tis the season for roadwork

The California Department of Transportation announced a slew of projects aimed at road repair for El Dorado County and the Lake Tahoe Basin – including the major Highway 50 improvement planned at Echo Summit.

Projects will be going on highways 50, 267 and 28 through next week.

Highlighted is the following roadwork:

- **Highway 50 (El Dorado County) Echo Summit:** Work is scheduled to begin between late April and May on a \$1.9 million project to reconstruct rock wall barriers and replace drainage on U.S Highway 50 near the Echo Summit. The project is funded in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Visit Caltrans website www.Way2Tahoe.com featuring alternate routes motorists can use during the temporary full closure. Project is currently in winter suspension.
- **Highway 28(Placer County) in Kings Beach:** Work continues on a \$46 million environmental improvement project to reconstruct drainage facilities and improve the road surface. Completion is expected in the fall of 2011. Project is currently in winter suspension.

LTCC hosts poetry slam

With April being National Poetry month, Lake Tahoe Community College plans to put on its first poetry slam.

Poetry slam is a modern form of self expression.

The slam, to be hosted by Grand Slam champions Matt Blesse and Denise Jolly, is slated for April 26 at 7pm. in the LTCC Teaching and Learning Center.

Up to 10 competitors may participate. The entry fee is \$5, but the winner will go away with a cash prize.

The event, which is free and open to the general public, is organized by the LTCC Writers' Series.

Other slams with Blesse and Jolly are scheduled at Sierra College in Truckee on April 28 and Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village on April 29.

Steinbeck's life in Tahoe subject of lecture

John Steinbeck dropped out of Stanford to write his first novel "Cup of Gold" – a swashbuckling Caribbean pirate romance which he completed at Tahoe's Cascade Lake just prior to taking a job at the state Fish Hatchery just east of Tahoe City.

There he met and wooed his first wife, terrorized visiting females, bragged of his sexual exploits, shot holes in the ceiling with a revolver, and got himself fired – never to return to Tahoe for the remainder of his long career.

Yet Tahoe is just as much “Steinbeck Country” as Salinas or Monterey because this was the place Steinbeck first struggled to learn and master the lonely craft of writing.

Author Scott Lankford will present a public lecture titled Steinbeck at Tahoe: Hatching his First Novel on May 31 from 7-8pm at the UC Davis Tahoe City Field Station (also known as the Historic Fish Hatchery) at 2400 Lake Forest Road, Tahoe City.

Bowl-a-thon to raise money for women's center

Lake Tahoe Bowl is having a fundraiser for the South Lake Tahoe Women's Center on April 20 from 6-8pm.

If you are interested in participating in the 3rd Annual Bowl-a-Thon or would like to make a donation to support local children affected by child abuse and sexual assault, contact Taylor for more information at (530) 544.2118 or tlafferty@sltwc.org.