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Barton Family Health Day

Barton Family Health Day is April 30 from 11am-3pm at South Tahoe Middle School.

For more information, go online or call (530) 543.5615.

Spring String Fling Concert

Lake Tahoe Unified School District’s Performing Arts Program will present Spring String Fling Concert on March 23 at 7pm in the South Tahoe Middle School multipurpose room.

The concert will feature more than 100 students in grades 4-12.

The concert is free, although donations will be gladly accepted at the door to help the LTUSD string program.

Meet the author library event

Local author and youth advocate Kim Gayner will be discussing her new young adult book “Reality 101: A Must Have Guide to Life & Life Skills Survival Manual” a the South Lake Tahoe library.

The free event is April 13 at 6:30pm.

The library is at 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

For more information, call (530) 573.3185.

Lake of the Sky garden tour

On July 30 from 10am-4pm, Lake of the Sky Garden Club will host its 23rd annual garden tour, the 2011 Truckee Garden Tour. Proceeds from this tour will fund scholarships to encourage study in landscaping, horticulture, forestry or environmental science and up to $6,000 in grants to local community projects.

Last year’s Lake Tahoe West Shore Garden Tour sold out at 500 tickets.

Truckee Garden Tour tickets are $20. Mail check to Lake of the Sky Garden Club, P.O. Box 1827, Tahoe City, CA 96145.

Teller ends season 4th in skicross

By Freddy Perryman, U.S. Ski Team

MYRKDALEN-VOSS, Norway -– Winter X Games champion John Teller of Mammoth Lakes was fourth Saturday in the final World Cup skicross race of the season in Myrkdalen-Voss. Chris Del Bosco of Canada topped the men’s podium with Anna Holmlund of Sweden

the women’s winner.

Teller qualified for Saturday’s finals in fourth giving him a good bracket position for better start lanes through the heats. He blitzed through the first round and quarterfinals winning both. In the semifinal he was second to move on to the finals.

“I was trying to setup a pass on Del Bosco to go into first. I leaned in and caught a rut and my ski just came off,” explained Teller.

Patrick Duran of Fayston, Vt., made his third finals appearance in Saturday’s season finale finishing 30th.

With Saturday’s results, Teller ended fourth in the FIS World Cup skicross standings. Andreas Matt of Austria topped the rankings with Del Bosco second, and Finland’s Jouni Pellinen third.

“My goal was to stay fourth in the overall,” said Teller. “I did that and I’m really happy – with no support and no coach, I was doing my own skis the whole year. To pull off a fourth place meant a lot.”

The women’s skicross the World Cup went to Holmlund with Heidi Zacher of Germany second and Kelsey Serwa of Canada third.

Official results, FIS World Cup, Myrkdalen-Voss, Norway, Skicross

Men

1. Chris Del Bosco, Canada

2. Conradign Netzer, Switzerland

3. Tomas Kraus, Czech Republic

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4. John Teller, Mammoth Lakes, CA

30. Patrick Duran, Fayston, VT

Women

1. Anna Holmlund, Sweden

2. Kelsey Serwa, Canada

3. Katrin Mueller, Switzerland

Memorial event for Emily Clothier at Heavenly

A memorial is planned for March 20 at 1:30pm in honor of Emily Clothier, who died three years ago at Heavenly Mountain Resort.



The gathering will be at the tree on the run that this season was named after the South Lake Tahoe youth.

The Far West Slalom Championships (named after Emily) will be at Heavenly on World Cup Run, April 3-4.

Ski report: Super light powder



The storm is not over. It could be affecting lift operations.

Here is the ski report from Curtis Fong, the Guy from Tahoe.

Riesch takes title by 3 over Vonn

By U.S. Ski Team

LENZERHEIDE, Switzerland -– After five months of ski racing across a dozen countries, the Audi FIS Alpine World Cup title came down to a mere three points and a hundredth of a second. Germany's Maria Riesch took the title over the U.S. Ski Team's Lindsey Vonn of Vail Saturday when the much anticipated finale was canceled due to fog and soft snow, breaking the American's three-year title string.

Despite missing the overall crown, Vonn took home three discipline titles (downhill, super G, super combined) bringing her American record to 12. Vonn won eight World Cup races to extend her U.S. career mark to 41, further solidifying her place as America's winningest ski racer of all time.

"Win or lose I just wanted the chance," said Vonn. "I feel

devastated. But I’m extremely proud to have been in the fight in what was one of the most exciting seasons in ski racing history.”

Despite winning more races than Riesch, Vonn was behind nearly the entire season and had last led in late December. Just a few weeks ago she was over 200 points behind and heading into a string of technical events where the German star was heavily favored.

But Vonn came back, with a career first giant slalom podium last weekend in the Czech Republic, coming into the World Cup Finals just 23 points behind. In the Finals opener Wednesday, Vonn took advantage of Riesch’s mistakes in the downhill to move back into the lead by 27 points. Riesch flip-flopped it in Friday’s slalom – a mere hundredth of a second giving her just enough points to get past Vonn – setting the stage for what many had hoped would be a head-to-head battle in the giant slalom final.

Much like what happened a day earlier with cancellation of the men’s giant slalom, officials inspected the course early Saturday and made an immediate decision to cancel without trying to delay through the day in hope of improving conditions. Rain and warm temperatures have plagued the races all week. The super G, Vonn’s strongest event, was also canceled Thursday.

“I feel so sorry for Lindsey,” said U.S. Ski Team Head Coach Alex Hoedelmoser. “Just to call it in the morning wasn’t the right way to go. We should have tried everything possible to get this race off. This is a tough day for Lindsey and the sport of ski racing.”

“The cancellation of this race doesn’t just hurt me, it hurts the fans and the sport of ski racing as a whole,” said Vonn

It was bittersweet for Vonn, who has long been close friends with Riesch. “Maria had an outstanding season and again proved

to be my biggest competitor," said Vonn. "She's worked really hard for this. I'm happy for her and every athlete who stood on the top step this season."

Vonn had accolades, too, for her own U.S. Ski Team teammates who had a strong season. Ted Ligety of Park City won the World Cup GS title an American record third time, as well as World Championship gold. Julia Mancuso of Squaw Valley had a resurgence, including a win in the World Cup Finals downhill.

"Ted continues to take GS to a new level, Julia was right back on the podium and the U.S. women won the downhill and super G standings," said Vonn. "I cannot thank my husband, coaches and our entire team enough for their support. This was a great season."