Tricks for Trainers course on North Shore

The North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce and the Sierra Human Resources Association are offering Tricks for Trainers: How To Give It So They Get It presentation Nov. 5 from 8am to 12:30pm at the Resort at Squaw Creek, 400 Squaw Creek Road in Olympic Valley.

Attendees will learn how to design and deliver training sessions in a low-pressure and encouraging environment. They'll also take way accelerated learning techniques that are easy to incorporate, which will improve the structure of their next workshop. Give It So They Get It also offers dozens of tips used by professional trainers.

The speakers are Laura Moriarty and Melinda Stearns, founders of the Tahoe Training Partners, seasoned human resources executives, nationally known corporate trainers and frequent presenters of SHRA workshops.

Early bird registration (before Oct. 29) is $59 for North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce and SHRA members and $69 for non-members. Last-minute registration (after Oct. 29) is $69 for North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce and SHRA members and $79 for non-members. Seating is limited.

To register and for more information about the workshop, call Moriarty at (530) 573.0224 or North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce Manager Kym Fabel at (530) 581.8764. Attendees may also register online.

Players, coach sought for girls basketball leagues

There are 18 girls signed up from third to fifth grade 3-on-3 girls basketball league at Kahle Community Cente in Stateline. One more volunteer coach is needed to make this league work. If you can coach (or know someone who can), call Traci Dill at (775) 586.7271.

Sign-ups are under way for sixth- to eighth-grade girls.

Sign ups go through Kahle Community Center. Call (775) 586.7271 for more info.

Winter Recreation Luncheon

The North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Winter Recreation Luncheon on Nov. 10 at noon, with an 11:30am registration check-in, at the Olympic Village Lodge (formerly Olympic Village Inn), 1909 Chamonix Place in Olympic Valley.

This event is geared to provide insight about winter happenings, including events, festivals and activities, to frontline, front desk and concierge employees, along with business owners and managers. Attendees can give a brief presentation at the luncheon, as well as provide 80 brochures or other pieces of collateral to be distributed during the event.

This luncheon sells out, so early sign ups are recommended. Deadline to register is Nov. 5. Cost is $28/person for chamber members and $35/person for non-members and includes lunch.

For more information about the event, to register or provide collateral, call Kym Fabel, North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce manager at (530) 581.8764 or kym@puretahoenorth.com. Download a registration form, then go to Programs and Documents.

Dangberg Ranch historic clothing exhibit

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The exhibit will feature clothing worn by three generations of the Dangberg family. Included are the 1898 wedding gown worn by Gertrude Dangberg, casual and formal clothing worn by Gertrude and her four daughters in the 1920s through the 1960s, and children's clothing from the 1910s and 1930s worn by the daughters and Gertrude's grandson, C. Stephen Achard Jr.

A highlight of the exhibit is the christening dress first worn in 1866 by Fred Dangberg Jr., that was recently donated to the park by Achard. Visitors will also see a range of men's and women's hats, shoes, jewelry and accessories from throughout the 20th century.

What: Historic Clothing Exhibit

When: Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 6-7, noon–4pm.

Where: The park is located at 1450 Highway 88, one-half mile

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Harpist Anne Roos CD release party

Harpist Anne Roos is having CD release party on Nov. 20 from 6:30-8:30pm at Harrah’s Tahoe in Stateline.

Entertainment will be provided by Screenbooth Lake Tahoe and JJ Entertainment, who will be playing tracks from Roos’ new recordings.

Roos is teaming up with Bread & Broth, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to feed the hungry in South Lake Tahoe. Gift baskets will be raffled off, with the proceeds going to help Bread & Broth provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need.

The event is free, but RSVP necessary by emailing anne@celticharpmusic.com.

Vail Resorts buys second

Tahoe resort – Northstar

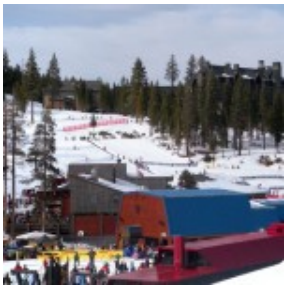
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By Kathryn Reed

Vail Resorts has expanded its footprint on the greater Lake Tahoe area with the announcement Oct. 25 of its acquisition of Northstar-at-Tahoe.

The Colorado-based company acquired the stock of the companies that operate Northstar-at-Tahoe from Booth Creek Resort Properties LLC and other sellers for $63 million. The Truckee ski area is on land owned by CNL Lifestyle Properties Inc. Vail now has a long-term lease, the details of which have not be disclosed, with CNL.

Sierra-at-Tahoe is not affected by the transaction. It is still owned by Booth Creek.



Northstar-at-Tahoe is now owned by Vail Resorts. Photo/Kathryn Reed

“We truly see this as a positive thing,” Sierra spokeswoman Kirstin Cattell told *Lake Tahoe News*. No changes are being made to Sierra’s management team.

George Gillett, chief executive officer, Chris Ryman,

president and chief operating officer, and Betsy Cole, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Booth Creek, will no longer have management positions at Northstar. Julie Maurer, vice president of marketing and sales at Booth Creek, is now vice president of marketing with Vail Resorts, overseeing the marketing and sales of Heavenly and Northstar.

John Wagnon will remain as vice president of marketing at Heavenly.

A general manager, who still needs to be hired, will oversee Northstar much like Pete Sonntag was brought in this summer to run Heavenly.

Kelly Ladyga, spokeswoman for Vail Resorts, told *Lake Tahoe News*, "We have been watching Northstar. It has been one of the fastest growing resorts in North America for the past few years. It has substantial and diverse terrain, and a new and modern base village."

Northstar, under the ownership of Booth Creek, had a renaissance in the last several years with terrain being added, along with lifts. The mid-mountain lodge was rebuilt after arsonists caused significant damage several years ago.

East West Partners, a company that is now in bankruptcy, developed the LEED-certified village.

A Ritz-Carlton opened mid-mountain last December with mixed results during the recession.

"There are no immediate plans for capital improvements (at the resort)," Ladyga said.

She would not comment if other acquisitions are in the works or being talked about. This is normal for the publicly traded company. However, it's possible news could be forthcoming after the Dec. 3 annual stockholders meeting in Colorado.

Vail earlier this month bought Accommodation Station to be

able to offer Heavenly skiers a lodging package.

Vail is used to having its properties being associated with high-end lodging. Beaver Creek has a Ritz and its other Colorado resorts have lodging that caters to a crowd with money.

Heavenly is Vail Resorts' only ski area to not be associated with a lodging component. Vail bought Heavenly Mountain Resort in 2000 from American Ski Company. It has pumped millions of dollars into the California-Nevada resort, with the latest infusion of cash going to a mid-mountain lodge that will open in February.

Vail was going to be the hotel owner at the now bankrupt convention center, but both sides ended that partnership before Randy Lane filed for bankruptcy a year ago. Rumors are still rampant Vail Resorts would like to run a hotel operation across from the Heavenly gondola in South Lake Tahoe.

Season passholders at Northstar, Heavenly and Sierra have a chance to ski all three areas this year. People who bought the Double Whammy pass will still be able to ski Northstar.

Ladyga said people with the $799 unlimited Double Whammy may exchange it for the $629 Epic pass, get a refund, and ski at all the Colorado resorts Vail owns in addition to retaining the right to ski at Sierra.

People who buy Heavenly's $349 season pass will be able to ski there, Northstar and Sierra this winter, Ladyga said.

The EpicMix, which Vail is introducing this season, will be available at Northstar in 2011-12.

Shops at Heavenly Village giving away money

The Shops at Heavenly Village are working hard to encourage local residents to enjoy all the village has to offer. Many merchants are offering discounts and special coupons along with the free parking to entice residents to visit the shops.

Sign up for coupons that will be emailed to you every other month.



Silke Rover spends some of her winnings at Driftwood Cafe. Photo/Heidi Hill Drum

Then every six months, the shops draw a name for a $1,000 shopping spree from those who have signed up to receive the emailed coupons. Silke Rover, a South Shore mom of three kids, was the latest winner.

There will be another chance to win in November for anyone who is signed up before Nov. 15.

‘The Story’ in Crystal Bay

The exclusive Lake Tahoe premiere of “The Story” comes to the Crystal Bay Club Casino in Crystal Bay on Oct. 29.

It highlights the ski talent of mountain sports biggest stars. The evening will begin with a special tribute to international adventure sports legend and North Lake Tahoe resident Shane McConkey with the screening of the new short film “Shane & the McConkeys.”

The show starts at 8pm. Tickets are $15 per person.

Burning in Meyers begins today

U.S. Forest Service fuels management crews will begin prescribed fire operations in Meyers, near Apache and Mandan, beginning today and continuing operations on South Upper Truckee through the week if favorable weather conditions persist.

Prescribed fire operations in the Kingsbury Grade area and McKinney Creek/Rubicon, Blackwood and Ward Canyons, on the West Shore have concluded for now. Operations near McKinney/Rubicon may resume again on Thursday depending on weather conditions.

These and other prescribed fire projects are designed to reduce wildfire risks to communities and critical resources. Smoke management is part of every prescribed fire burn plan,

and efforts will be taken to reduce actual or potential impacts on community areas.

State and local fire management agencies may also be conducting prescribed fire work during this period.