Giants World Series trophy headed for Reno

The San Francisco Giants World Series trophy is making it rounds, with a date set for Reno.

It will be on the UNR campus at Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom, 1664 N. Virginia St. on March 8 from 5-7pm.

A Lake Tahoe date is yet to be announced, but is still listed as a destination on the baseball team's website.

Nevada start for Tour de California

The 2011 Amgen Tour of California might need to change its name because it is starting in Nevada this year.



South Lake Tahoe had been touted as the start city, but it was announced today the multi-day event is starting in Stateline.

Cyclists will start the race May 15 at MontBleu casino. The Stateline property along with Harveys is providing 1,848 rooms for free to staff and teams.

This is the first time Lake Tahoe has been part of the largest cycling event in North America.

On Day 1 riders will leave the casino, go past Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course around Heavenly Village, past the starting line again and onto Highway 50 for the 72 miles around the lake.

After passing Tahoe City for a second time, there's a short ascent to Dollar Point before turning left up Highway 267 to finish at Northstar-at-Tahoe after riding 119 miles with an elevation game of 5,500 feet.

Here is a video about Day 1.

Day 2 is one of the longest stages – 133 miles. It goes from Squaw Valley at the Olympic rings on Highway 89 and ends in Sacramento. In between, riders will go through Truckee, along Donner Lake and down to Nevada City and Grass Valley.

Tour of California covers 800 miles.

Stages include:

• Stage 1: May 15 – South Lake Tahoe to Northstar-at-Tahoe

• Stage 2: May 16 – Squaw Valley to Sacramento

• Stage 3: May 17 – Auburn to Modesto

• Stage 4: May 18 – Livermore to San Jose

• Stage 5: May 19 – Seaside to Paso Robles

• Stage 6: May 20 – Solvang Individual Time Trial

• Stage 7: May 21 – Claremont to Mt. Baldy

• Stage 8: May 22 – Santa Clarita to Thousand Oaks.

Ganong 18th in super G, Miller finishes with one pole

By U.S. Ski Team

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany -– Four-time World Champion Bode Miller of Franconia, N.H., produced a run in Wednesday's FIS Alpine World Ski Championship super G like only he can. Miller was leading by 0.29 before his right pole was ripped out of his hand on a gate. He then continued to build his lead to 0.93 before losing balance near the bottom and standing up into the finish.

"I wasn't out of the race when I hooked my arm. It was a matter of making it to the finish without a big mistake and I probably couldn't have avoided that mistake with a pole. I just need to hang on to all my equipment until I get to the finish," Miller said.

Miller ended the day 12th as 30 racers, including Ted Ligety of Park City failed to finish.

Tommy Ford of Bend, Ore., was 14th and Travis Ganong of Squaw Valley was 18th, with Italian Christof Innerhofer taming the unforgiving Kandahar track for victory.

"Anyone who's willing to throw down and risk it all is going to be successful on this course. We're all talented enough to be fast, it's just a matter of who's willing to risk it for the podium," Ganong said. "I wish I'd have gone after it a little more, but this is my first World Championships start. It feels good to know I still have the downhill to look forward to."

Official Result, FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Super G

Gold: Christof Innerhofer, Italy, 1:38.31

Silver: Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 1:38.91

Bronze: Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:39.03

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12. Bode Miller, Franconia, NH, 1:41.06

14. Tommy Ford, Bend, OR, 1:41.06

18. Travis Ganong, Squaw Valley, CA, 1:41.49

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Did not finish

Ted Ligety, Park City, UT.

Pika may be listed as at-risk species

By Matt Weiser, Sacramento Bee

The American pika, a tiny rabbit-like resident of the Sierra Nevada, will get another shot at the state Endangered Species Act.

On Thursday, the state Fish and Game Commission ordered a review of the pika's status in response to a San Francisco Superior Court ruling that found the Department of Fish and Game failed to consider new information in a review completed last fall.

This came in response to a lawsuit filed by the Center for

Biological Diversity, which first petitioned the state to protect the pika in 2007.

Read the whole story

Big mountain snowboarding at Kirkwood

The fourth annual North Face Masters is the largest big mountain snowboarding competition in the country, and it provides a venue for the best snowboarders in the world to compete for a total $45,000 cash prize purse.

The third stop on the tour is at Kirkwood Mountain Resort March 3-5.

TNF Masters is an open, three-stop, competitive snowboarding tour providing the best big mountain snowboarders in the world with an all-natural stage to express skill, creativity and athleticism. In an arena designed and built by Mother Nature, it’s a unique opportunity for elite riders to mix style with cliffs, chutes, and powder. Athletes are judged based on their lines, control, fluidity, creativity and style.

In addition to the $15,000 cash prize purse at each stop of the tour, TNF Masters also recognizes riders under the age of 25 who demonstrate raw talent and innovation in their riding style for the Young Gun Award.

Grizzlies fired up for last games on home ice

By Ted Parkhill

This past weekend the Tahoe Grizzlies Pee Wees (ages 11-12) were on the road to Vacaville and San Jose. On Saturday the Grizzlies faced the Vacaville Jets. It was end-to-end action for both teams and in the middle of the third period it was tied 3–3.

The line of Spencer Lloyd, No. 24 left wing of Reno. and Katie Sonntag, No. 16 right wing of South Lake Tahoe, that was on fire. Lloyd had two goals and Sonntag had two assists.

However, the Jets are a strong team which they proved by scoring two late goals in the third period to win 5-3. That was the final meeting of regular season play against the Jets; which the Grizzlies ended up 2-1-1.

The tough outcome on Saturday did not stop the Pee Wees. The Grizzlies came out with a roar on Sunday in San Jose.

The Junior Sharks scored first, but it was then quickly tied by the Grizzlies. The Sharks went ahead again but it was again tied by the Grizzlies. After that the Grizzlies stayed on the attack and ended up winning 7–2.

Incredibly, all seven goals were scored by seven players. Edward Parkhill, No. 7 right wing of Incline Village, was the point leader in Sunday’s game with a goal and two assists.

With this win the Grizzlies are guaranteed fourth place overall. They still have four more regular season games.

The Tahoe Grizzlies Squirts (ages 9-10) were also on the road in San Jose on Saturday. They lost their first regular season game to the Junior Sharks. The Sharks scored early and often

to win 7–2.

The Squirts, like the Pee Wees, did not let the loss affect them. On Sunday they faced the Capital Thunder in Roseville and it was Roseville that heard the thunder. The Grizzlies triumphed over Roseville 4–2.

Zach Dill, No. 19 center of South Lake Tahoe, led the weekend with three points. Max Mueller, No. 10 defenseman from South Lake Tahoe, scored his first goal as a travel hockey player.

This weekend the Tahoe Grizzlies Pee Wees and the Squirts have their last regular season games at home. They host the Cupertino Cougars for a doubleheader Saturday and Sunday.

The games are at the South Lake Tahoe Ice Arena (1176 Rufus Allen Blvd.). Admission is always free.

Ted Parkhill is with the South Tahoe Amateur Hockey Association.

Ski report: Isolated showers



Temps are dropping, so add a layer of clothing.

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

Mancuso snags silver in super G on tough course

By Ski Racing News Service

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany – Elisabeth Goergl makes sweet high speed turns as well as anyone, which she displayed in taking the World super G Championship at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany this morning in opening the title meet before an enthusiastic crowd of spectators and a bright sunny day.

It is her first championship after gaining bronze medals at the 2009 title meet in combined and at last season's Olympics in downhill and GS. It is also her first win of the season, and it was a good time to pull that one out of the bag.

Picking up the silver with a run that seemed to get better as it progressed was the amazing Julia Mancuso, tacking one more batch of sand into cementing her reputation as a big event skier. The American title ace (three Olympic medals and now four World Championship medallions) displayed magnificent control over a difficult, dappled and icy Kandahar course to come with five hundredths of her first championship.

Even though it is bronze and not gold, expect a huge celebration throughout Garmisch with the epicenter on Wildenauer Strabe, the home base of Germany's great Maria Riesch. She skied immediately after Goergl and, like Mancuso, just missed the top prize finishing 0.21 of a second off the Austrian's time.

Young skiers made strong bids but could not manage the prize winning slots. Swiss Lara Gut finished fourth, Austrian Anna

Fenninger fifth and Italian World Jr. Champ Elena Curtoni sixth.

In seventh was defending all-world queen Lindsey Vonn, looking, perhaps, just a touch tentative after having railed on organizers the day before the event for offering a course too dangerous for female skiers. Though the course seemed ideally suited for her strength and tactical skill, Vonn did not attack as we have grown accustomed to seeing.

There were DNF's and it was a tough course, but the lion's share of those DNF's came from skiers starting outside the first seed.

Mancuso said her run definitely improved as she moved down course. "I didn't start off the greatest, but as I started to pick up momentum down the course I started to get a good feeling and started to ski better and better."

She said she thought she'd be lucky to get the bronze, so was more than pleased with silver. "Of course I wanted to do my best and get a meal, so I'm stoked."

"I'm still chasing the win," she said. "I'll just remember that I need those five hundredths. You have to have everything here."

Landscaping rebates offered by watershed council

The River Friendly Landscaping program operated by the Truckee River Watershed Council is offering free site evaluations and a $400 rebate for improvements.

Andy Otto, program manager for the River Friendly Landscaping Program, said the three main problem areas on most properties are roof runoff, the type of plants being selected for landscaping, and driveways.

It takes only 1 inch of rain falling on a typical 1,500 square foot roof to generate approximately 1,000 gallons of runoff.

Native plants are critical.

Water that drains from driveways carries contaminates to the nearest river or stream.

The average yard costs $400 to $2,200 to retrofit depending on the size, according to Otto.

For more information about River Friendly Landscaping or to sign up for a site evaluation, contact Andy Otto at aotto@truckeeriverwc.org or (530) 550. 8760, ext. 3.

Ski report: Get out there now



Winds are expected to pick up this afternoon.

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