

Buddy Werner Tahoe

The Weekly Update
For Sunday, February 10, 2019

Weather Forecast: 24° to 8° F
Expected Conditions: Snowing
Wax: White (all purpose)

Hello Buddy Werner Parents and Skiers,

Uncertain Conditions Ahead Again this Weekend!

So, let's start with this – this weather is a good problem for us to have! The storm last weekend and the storm predicted for this weekend may cause headaches with regard to travel and planning. But, they also bring A LOT of snow to our mountain, which means we get amazing powder days and hopefully a longer a ski season this year.

Nevertheless, per Open Snow's forecast this morning, this weekend's storm is supposed to be strongest Saturday night into Sunday, with 1-2 feet of snow predicted overnight Saturday and an additional 3-6 inches of snow through the morning on Sunday. This amount of snow will affect travel conditions and may affect our ability to put on a race. They are also forecasting strong winds during this storm, which may affect lift operations as well.

If we are able to put on a race, we will be racing on Marmot again this Sunday. If we are unable to race, we will have a free ski practice day for the teams. If, however, the conditions deteriorate to the point where we have to cancel all together, I will send out a cancellation email by 8 p.m. Saturday night. If you don't get an email from me by that time, assume we will still have an on mountain event. However, if highway 50 is closed Sunday morning, our event will be cancelled.

Assuming we are able to have an on mountain event this weekend, please have your skiers in the Aspen Lodge and ready for check-in no later than 8:00 am. Even if Highway 50 is open, anticipate major delays, so please make sure you leave early enough to try to avoid the traffic. We hope to start morning announcements by 8:30 a.m., including the awarding of #1 bibs (if we race), and then coaches meeting and sending the skiers out to the Buddy Tree to meet their coaches by 8:45 a.m.

Thank you ShaKay!

Good news – ShaKay Mack has volunteered to coordinate our only fundraiser of the year – the Raffle Basket fundraiser currently scheduled for March 10 in the Aspen Lodge!

Please be on the lookout for communications from ShaKay about this important event. Funds raised from this event help us maintain our timing equipment, update race gear and keep our registration affordable from year to year. Generally speaking, each team will be expected to put together a themed basket full of goodies and then donate that basket to the event. We will

then sell raffle tickets on the day of the event to raffle off each basket as a fundraiser. Last year we made a significant amount of money with our raffle and we hope to do the same again this year.

Volunteer Hours and Attendance Requirements

We are currently at about the halfway point of our season. As a reminder, in order to get your volunteer deposit back at the end of the season, each family must have volunteered at least 15 hours of your time with the organization. As you know, we keep a log of volunteer hours and we will be reaching out as a reminder to those of you haven't logged at least 8 hours of volunteer time thus far.

Also, as a reminder, in order to be eligible for the All-Stars race, your skier must have participated in at least 80% of ALL (practices and races) of our on mountain events this year. Please keep this in mind if your skier is in danger of not meeting this attendance requirement and is hoping to be one of our top skiers eligible to compete in the All-Stars race.

Safety Reminders

1. We all love to goof off and have fun on the snow. Coming in hot and spraying our friends with snow from a good hockey stop seems like just part of the fun. However, many injuries can occur this way. When conditions are icy or the powder is thick, you may not be able to stop as fast as you were planning and may end up knocking over the friend you wanted to spray. If you come it too fast or you accidentally catch an edge, you may lose control and hurt those who are already stopped below you. Not good. **When practicing with our team, or skiing with a group, always be in control and proper etiquette dictates skiers should come to a controlled stop downhill of the group you are skiing with.**
2. Remember that skiers in front of you or below you on the trail have the right of way. You can see them, but they probably can't see you, so it's up to you to avoid them. **Never stop in the middle of a trail or anywhere where you can't be seen from above.**
3. Look uphill to make sure no one is coming toward you before you start down a trail or merge onto a new trail.
4. **Pay attention to warning signs. If a sign says, "Slow" or "Slow skiing area," you must go slow and avoid other skiers.**
5. When racing we tell our racers to go fast and take chances. But that is the motto for racing on a race course CLOSED to the public. When warming up, practicing, and taking fun runs on slopes open to the public, STAY IN CONTROL. We must always be ready to slow down or avoid objects or other people at any time. **Ski and ride in such a way that you are always able to control yourself regardless of conditions and avoid others and objects you may encounter on the run, groomed or otherwise.**
6. The powder is deep – which is awesome. But it also increases the risks associated with deep tree wells and avalanches. **Please be safe, stay with your team AT ALL TIMES, stay away from tree wells, stay in bounds, and KEEP YOUR WHISTLE on you and reachable.**

Live Race Timing

If we race this weekend, you should be able to view live results at <https://www.live-timing.com>.

Please remember that the Live Timing finish times are UNOFFICIAL until we post the final race results. If there are corrections, reruns, etc., they may not be input yet and the final race results may change. We want to keep this fun and may not have it running for every race.

A Few More Things ...

- Please make sure you log your volunteer hours weekly at the end of each day at the lodge desk.
- Make sure your skiers know where their lunch is located in the lodge.
- Before you leave the lodge in the morning please tuck your gear against the walls, under the counters and away from the tables.

That's it for this week. Hopefully we will see you all bright and early on Sunday!

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