

DAVID WELLS – PERFECT PITCHER and MOGUL MASHER GUY FIERI – BAY AREA GUY – TAHOE SKIER/SNOWBOARDER

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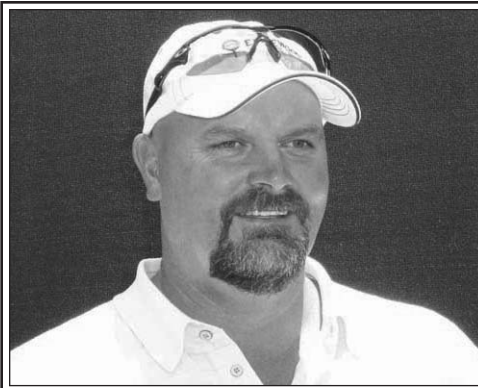
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA/NV – *SKIER NEWS* caught up to All-Star Major League pitcher David Wells in the summer of 2008 when Wells made his debut at the American Century Golf Championship in Lake Tahoe. Fires in central California cast a haze over the Lake, providing an eerie beauty to the majestic scene. Speaking with David, he noted that he had learned to ski in Tahoe, so this was not his first visit. Since Wells was one of the most accessible and nicest players to speak with during the event, this past summer, in July 2009, we interviewed him to get the details.

SN: Last year when we met you it was and smoky and hazy. I said it's a shame, it was your first time here and the Lake is hazed over. You told me you learned how to ski here. When was that?

DW: I think it was like '82 or '83 that I came up here with my girlfriend from high school. Her parents had a house right next to the lift right here in South Lake Tahoe at Heavenly, so it was great. It was awesome there. And then I came up again in 1989. I went up at Squaw, though. A buddy of mine, his mom, had a house up here so we came up skied Squaw and all the other places up here. It was quite the challenge back then because I wasn't supposed to. I was playing professional baseball. So they said no skiing or anything like that. So it was good. You know what, rules are made to be broken sometimes.

SN: As long as you don't get hurt...

DW: Exactly.



After finishing his final round, David Wells talks skiing with *SKIER NEWS*.
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SN: Have you skied here since then? Have you skied anywhere since then?

DW: No, 1989 was the last time I skied. Then I started making good money and I didn't want to get hurt.

SN: Now that you're retired though, have you ever thought of coming back here to ski?

DW: Yeah. I honestly have. Actually, my wife took the kids up to Mammoth. But I wouldn't mind coming back up here. I have a couple buddies who live in the area, so now I have places to stay. It'd be nice, house instead of a hotel. Yeah, I think, if not next year...

SN: What do you remember about skiing here at the Lake Tahoe resorts?

DW: It was gnarly. The moguls they were



Food Network Chef, Guy Fieri addresses the media in Lake Tahoe last July.
SKIER NEWS photo - Dave Leonardi

the best moguls. Those were good. I didn't know what the hell they were. I'm seeing all these bumps and everything and I said, "Wow." I was pretty flexible, so I was just zigzagging. I got lessons the first few days when I went out there and the third day I was on the other side, I was on black trails. I was just going along great, then I'd get a little break, and then do all it again.

But I had more fun on the moguls than I did anything else. It was outstanding. And then the scenery is just overwhelming. So there you go.

SN: Thank you very much.

DW: It was my pleasure. I'll see you here next year.

David Wells is one of only 17 pitchers in MLB history to have pitched a perfect game, May 17, 1998, a 4-0 New York Yankee win

over the Minnesota Twins. During his 21-year career he played for nine teams and was an All-Star three times.

He has won two World Series with Toronto in '92 and the Yankees in '98. His career pitching record is 239-157.

At the 2009 American Century Championship he finished tied for 56th place out of 90 golfers. Another former MLB pitcher, Rick Rhoden, won the event.

GUY FIERI

Outstanding chef Guy Fieri, with four national shows on the Food Network, made a surprise visit to the American Century Championship, fired-up the grill and cooked "Pork En Fuego" (spicy pulled pork) for the crowd on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

He later revealed to *SKIER NEWS* that he loves to ski Tahoe. Actually he snowboards, but would you expect anything different? His goal is to return to Squaw with his kids, snowboard and cook a huge dinner for all his friends after hitting the slopes.

Guy still lives in Northern California with his wife, Lori, and two boys – Hunter and Ryder.

This summer's "must attend" American Century Golf Championship will be held at the beautiful Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course in Lake Tahoe, July 14-18 and once again will be televised live on NBC.

For more info on the event, including celebrity and athlete photos and reports on and off the golf course, please log on to www.skiernews.com/TahoeGolf.htm

EMBASSY SUITES in SOUTH LAKE TAHOE PROVIDES the COMPLETE PACKAGE for a GREAT WINTER DEAL

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA – Embassy Suites Lake Tahoe - Hotel & Ski Resort is located just steps from the Heavenly Gondola. The gondola takes skiers and riders to the heart of skiing at Heavenly in a matter of minutes. The ride offers spectacular views of Lake Tahoe and serves as a prelude for the outstanding views from the slopes.

Last year, Embassy Suites added several on-site services for its ski and snowboarding guests, including lift ticket sales, an equipment rental outlet and complimentary ski check any time of the day.

For a great destination vacation, Embassy Suites has added seven-, 10- or 14-night packages. The complete package includes skiing at seven world-class resorts, spacious two room suites, complimentary cooked-to-order breakfasts and a nightly manager's reception. All of the resorts are within an hour or less. It is a three-minute walk to Heavenly's gondola.

For this winter season, half of the hotel suites will be completely renovated with new energy-efficient microwaves and refrigerators, flat screen TVs and gran-

ite tabletops. The Fitness Center upgrade includes PreCor equipment, free weights and exercise balls.

Sal Delgado, executive chef for Embassy Suites Lake Tahoe Hotel & Ski Resort, has redesigned the entire menu for ECHO Restaurant to meet the desires of its customers. A combination of classic lunch and dinner favorites, the new menu provides innovative entrees and lighter foods. Among the more popular dishes are the Tiger Prawn Spring Rolls – shrimp, pepper jack, cilantro and green chilies wrapped in an egg roll skin with a light cream sauce made of mayonnaise, black beans, basil, cilantro and lemon juice. The grilled Mahi Mahi Reuben is an exclusive at South Shore.

The new menu consists of traditional favorites with a twist and creative new dishes. Chef Delgado's personal favorites are the Flat Iron Steak, seasoned white and black bean sauté with tomato zucchini, yellow squash, garlic, white wine sauces, and chimichurri (olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic and parsley) and the Cumin Seared Sole topped with citrus squash, Parmesan and citrus dressing.

All guests receive a complimentary daily cooked-to-order breakfast, two-room suite, an evening après-ski beverage and snack reception, heated indoor chlorine-free pool, sauna and fitness center.

Embassy Suites Hotels has received the "Highest Guest Satisfaction among Upscale Hotel Chains" award in the J.D. Power and Associates 2009 North America Hotel Guest Satisfaction Index StudySM. This represents the eighth time the brand has received the highest ranking award overall.

Embassy Suites Lake Tahoe – Hotel & Ski Resort offers a unique Kids Camp and proximity to outdoor activities. Kids ages 6 to 13 can join the Embassy's children's program filled with educational activities, indoor and outdoor games, hiking, ice skating, sledding, movies, bowling, video games and snacks.

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NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE – a NEW LIFT and MORE at LAKE TAHOE'S BOUTIQUE MOUNTAIN

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE, CA – The only boutique mountain resort in Lake Tahoe, Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort is host to a recently completed \$55 million base area village featuring 35 unique shops, galleries, California-based specialty stores and restaurants. The resort's popular outdoor skating rink is surrounded by inviting fire pits and lounge areas that are perfect for roasting s'mores or hanging out with a warm beverage and catching up with friends and family.

On-site lodging is available, ranging from affordable family-friendly hotel-style rooms to luxury condominiums and mountain homes. This winter, Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort welcomed the Lake Tahoe region's first true luxury hotel when The Ritz-Carlton Highlands, Lake Tahoe opened at mid-mountain at the resort on Dec. 9, 2009. The hotel features ski-in, ski-out access, mountain valet services, and a 17,000-square-foot spa and fitness center. Renowned San Francisco celebrity chef Traci Des Jardins created Manzanita, the resort's signature restaurant. The year-round destination includes 170 guest rooms, 23 private Ritz-Carlton Residences and 25 Ritz-Carlton Club fractional ownership units.

A winter sport enthusiast's paradise, Northstar Resort is known for its wind-protected slopes, incredible tree skiing and family-friendly atmosphere. Featuring terrain for all abilities, the resort offers 90 ski trails spread across 3,000 acres, award-winning terrain parks, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and tubing.

NEW LIFT PROVIDES SKI-IN, SKI-OUT HOTEL ACCESS

The Highlands Gondola, a new fixed grip pulse gondola featuring 8-passenger cabins, was erected over the summer and provides a direct connection between the

Village at Northstar and The Ritz-Carlton. The addition of this new lift brings the resort's lift count to 19.

In addition, the double lift accessing the resort's beginner, teaching area was replaced and realigned. The new fixed grip quad chairlift, The Big Easy, greatly improves access to Northstar Resort's beginner teaching terrain, and provides ski-in, ski-out access to and from The Ritz-Carlton from the mid-mountain area of Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort.

NEW TEACHING PROGRAMS AND TERRAIN OFFER AN IMPROVED EXPERIENCE

Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort's beginner teaching area has been expanded to twice the size of the previous teaching area. It was redesigned to include more of the sculpted Smart Terrain that the resort has successfully demonstrated helps improve the learning curve for beginning skiers and snowboarders.

New this year, the Burton Snowboard Academy features instruction for children, ages 4 to 12. In addition, the Academy has introduced the Northstar Training Lab, a season-long development program that follows a structured process that supports the foundations, skills and tactics that all riders need to become creative and push the limits of their riding and the sport.

Northstar Resort also introduced a new Development Race Team Program that features almost 300 hours of ski training. The development race team program is suited for ages 5 to 18. It trains weekends and school holidays, all day, all season for just \$1,199 (\$4 per hour).

Todd Kelly and Chris Hargrave lead the Northstar Training Lab and Development Race Team programs.

Kelly is Northstar Resort's Ski & Snowboard Team manager and former U.S. Olympic Ski Team member. Hargrave is the Burton Snowboard Academy manager, author of the ASI Freestyle Park and Pipe Guide, and trainer and coach of the High Cascade summer camps at Mt. Hood, Ore.

RESORT CONTINUES TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF SNOW SURFACE

New snowmaking was added to the beginner teaching area of the mountain, allowing for ski-in, ski-out access from The Ritz-Carlton Highlands, Lake Tahoe. In addition, snowmaking will improve early season conditions for those learning to ski and snowboard. This adds to Northstar Resort's extensive snowmaking system.

The resort's scheduled winter season is Nov. 21, 2009, through April 18, 2010, weather and conditions permitting. Guests are invited to book their ski/ride getaway to Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort for just \$108 per person, per night (based on double occupancy). This offer includes two lift tickets per room per night; some restrictions apply.

Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort is conveniently located six miles north of Lake Tahoe and six miles south of historic downtown Truckee.

Please visit their website via a link on the newly redesigned homepage of www.skiernews.com or link from the web version of this page: www.skiernews.net/Dec-Jan2010-Northstar

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