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President's Message

By Mike Thurgood

I hope this issue of the EDGE finds everyone healthy and anticipating a great summer. It's that time of year when the bikes, boats, gloves, and all the other summer toys get dusted off and everyone gears up for some different kinds of activities. It's also that time of year when we do some of those stupid things that cause injuries that linger into the next winter season (be careful, or if not careful, don't get caught or I mean hurt).

Looking back, I had a fabulous winter season, and I hope that everyone else can say the same. I hope that those of you who tried to further your certification level can say that you learned a great deal whether you passed or failed a phase of the process. Those who attended other Divisional activities hopefully had a great experience with their clinicians. And I know first hand that all those who attended the Spring Clinic at Jackson Hole had a tremendous weekend of spring snow, an awesome mountain, and great camaraderie.

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Brian Oakden

Woody Anderson (left) and Pepi Steigler stand abreast of Keith Lange after being recognized for their induction into the PSIA-I/AASI-I Hall of Fame during the Division's Spring Clinic at Jackson Hole.

PSIA-ASIA Adopts **New Corporate Name**

The Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) and the American Association of Snowboard Instructors (AASI) will now operate as DBA (doing business as) organizations under the umbrella corporate title of the American Snowsports Education Association (ASEA).

According to PSIA/AASI, the new umbrella term conveys a more realistic picture of today's PSIA and AASI as well as the intent to embrace instructors of all snowsports, said John Armstrong, ASEA president and chairman of the board. "The name change will help dispel the perception that PSIA is the parent of AASI, or any other sport-specific

educational brand it may develop," Armstrong said.

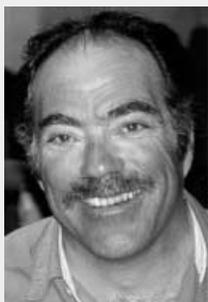
It is important to note that while ASEA is the new corporate name, the brand names PSIA and AASI will not change; the associations will continue to be referred to as such, and each member will still be identified by his or her individual affiliation with either PSIA or AASI.

"This change signifies the organization's willingness to adapt to the evolving snowsports industry," said Executive Director Stephen Over. "ASEA is positioned to develop instruct-

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Communication Corner

By Carl Boyer

Those of you who joined in the 'Action in Jackson' can affirm that it was a resounding success. I always enjoy the awesome terrain and warm hospitality that greets me each time I visit Jackson Hole. More than 250 members attended, and it was my perception that all had a great time. If you missed out, you will have to grill attendees for details about 'Gaper Day' and trying the 'worker's wiggle'. Our division owes thanks to the many whose efforts made the event run so smoothly. A partial list must include our intrepid Executive Secretary, Susan Oakden (and her supportive spouse, Brian); Jackson Hole Resort, and its snowsports school manager, Brian McGuire; Scott McGee, and Board member Mikey Franco; as well as numerous others from Jackson's and our division's staff.

Spring Clinic and other large events staged away from the central Wasatch, although important for bonding with our outlying members as well as sharing in the wonder of their home resorts, none the less impose greater expenses to our division for travel and accommodations for our staff and clinicians. We owe a *very* special thanks to Rendezvous Mountain Rentals for generously donating to the division the rental fees for our DECL accommodations, saving our membership a significant amount.

The Board of Directors will welcome back for new terms two regional directors: Danny Edwards representing Brian Head; and Dave Boucher representing Powder Mountain, Nordic Valley, and Snowbasin. We welcome three new at large directors: our current Certification Chairman, Kent Lundell from Deer Valley; Joe Waggoner from Park City Mountain Resort; and Chip Herron from Deer Valley. The Board of Directors extend thanks for the many years of dedicated service to the membership provided by outgoing directors Mike Thurgood, Allen Titensor, and Steve Bills. Each has served as President of our division, as well as in other capacities over the years, and they have contributed on the members' behalf during times of significant change.

Recognition must also go to the many candidates representing our division at National Team tryouts at Snowbird this spring. Every one of them has invested significant time and energy in preparation to participate in a physically and psychologically stressful process. Regardless of the outcome of this selection, we all benefit from their dedication to honing their riding, analysis, and presentation skills. Be sure to support and thank them for their effort and for representing our division.

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ional programs quickly and efficiently to help areas meet their needs. Functionally and symbolically this move better enables the organization to fully embrace *all* snowsports—snowboarding, alpine skiing, and Nordic ski-

ing—as well as the demographics within them—children's, adults, seniors, adaptive, etc." Another benefit of the name change is that it helps propel the association's governance, education, certification and membership growth initiatives, which determine the priority of resources, Over said. ■

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Drink Up

By Christopher Ulm



As I look at the process of education that PSIA-I and National has created, I see it work for some over and over. For others though it does not—why? For some ski schools it works and for others again it does not. I have

witnessed some schools train and prepare candidates for exams and others hope that the division would take care of that for them. Even though both will have successful candidates, the ones where the buck is not passed seem to be more prepared and successful when exam time comes.

The Division has set up the educational materials and clinics to present the information. The Division even has training for the trainers of the schools to up their game. There are also assessments in place to test the candidate's knowledge before they are sent out on the hill to work with the public, which in turn looks better to the public. The Division can only give you the tools though. It is up to the areas and the individuals to take command on their own path.

I feel that all of the schools need to raise the bar and take responsibility for their own training. Schools without DECLS can arrange for trainers from all disciplines to attend fall DECL training. Nordic trainers can also arrange to attend the Mountain States Rendezvous. Let this information come back to the schools to be used with the educational materials that are easier than ever to attain with web access or a phone call. Let the schools offer more to their instructors by the way of training- stop trying to save the money here. Use what the Division gives you to aid in the creation of your training. What the Division gives you is the tools to create your own awesome topnotch training program. Better training gives back as better lessons on the hill. Higher student retention should occur and instructors may hang around more years as they will become addicted to the process as well.

It is up to the individual going for the goal to search this out most of the time. This is where it starts—create the want. We want better training! Approach your school and offer the bottom line. Show or tell them the whole process behind training. The final product shows up to the paying customer who will have a good or bad experience. Want the customer back tomorrow? Train your staff better.

So, next time any one including myself goes to pass the buck lets instead look to see what we can do ourselves. You can lead a horse to water... The water is there... Drink Up. ■

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If you have ever asked, “what does PSIA/AASI do for me” all you have to do is participate in these events to know. Where else can you get a day pass and spend all day with some of the best skiers and riders in the area, not to mention your other friends, all for a cost that’s less than a regular day pass. And who knows, approaching it with the right attitude, you might even learn something.

We have just passed the one-year mark for the new office location. Thanks to all who stopped in to say hi and see the place. We are still trying to iron out a few wrinkles, but overall things are going very well. Susan is still finding things that were hidden during the move, and Stacey is starting to find her way around all of our different personalities.

I would like to thank a host of people that have made this past year memorable, interesting, and entertaining (in one way or another) for me personally, and also for all of the members of the Intermountain Division. They have given their time, energy, and themselves to try and keep this an organization that we are proud to be a part of.

First and foremost, thanks to Susan and Stacey for their hard efforts in dealing with not only all of you, but for putting up with and keeping track of me and what I need to be doing. To Allen, Carl, Jerry, and Stewart for making up the Executive Committee. Thanks to all of the other Board members for all the time, frustrations, and accomplishments that go along with this position. A special thanks to Ole and Kent, we appreciate your leadership and commitment to this division and all its members. To all the Discipline Managers, Team leaders, and Committee Chairs, thanks for your support. To Rodger, for your tireless efforts to produce this conduit of information we call the EDGE. And last, but not least, thanks to ALL of you, the members, for your Love and Passion of this little arena of life we call Snow Sports.—Mike

Education, Certification Chairs Appointed

Great thanks are due “Ole” Olsen, who, after five seasons of hard work and leadership, is stepping down as the Division’s education chairperson. In January, a committee comprised of DECLS and others forwarded its recommendations regarding the selection of a replacement education chairperson to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. The BOD ratified the Exec-Com’s appointment of Tony Fantis as education chair effective June 25. Kent Lundell continues as certification chair.

The chairs assign and oversee managers with specific responsibility for educational content and certification administration within each specific discipline. Those current assignments are:

Alpine Education manager: Leigh Thompson
Alpine Cert. manager: Guillermo AvilaPaz
Alpine DECL team manager: Randy Hartwig
Snowboard Education manager: Lane Clegg
Snowboard Cert. manager: John Pohl
Nordic Ed and Cert. manager: Chris Ulm
Adaptive Ed and Cert manager: Chuck Torrey
Ace manager: John Musser

**Education Corner**

By Ole Olsen

The Alpine DECL hiring process is over. We have some great new clinicians in place and we are very confident of their success. We first selected people that skied to DECL standards. They were solid technical skiers with a clean image. Then we checked out their teaching, relationship and decision making skills to make sure we hired some great clinicians. We saw some of the “new school” thinking and skiing that we had hoped for. If you are wondering what “new school” means, get a copy of FREEZE magazine, the new USSA coaches CD, some fat twin tips and a pair of seriously short slaloms and figure it out for yourself.

The Accredited Children’s Educator (ACE) program was designed as a multi-discipline event to include all snowsports instructors. We have plenty of people on skis participating in the program, but very few snowboarders. We all teach kids and families don’t we? If ACE is to continue operating under the guidelines of a multi-discipline event, we need better multi-discipline participation. Let’s make it work...TOGETHER!

Last Spring I announced my departure as the Ed Chair. This spring it’s really going to happen. The Board has chosen Tony Fantis to succeed me. Good luck to Tony and thank you all for the opportunity to serve the membership. Just to let you all know how crucial the Ed and Cert positions are, approximately two thirds of the revenue for the Division is generated by clinics and assessments. It should be obvious that any lack of fiscal responsibility by these positions would bankrupt the Division. Being the Ed Chair over all the disciplines has been challenging and fun. I got to work with the discipline managers, the Board; snowsports school directors, the DECL body and the PSIA/AASI local and national offices. It’s a great experience and I would encourage qualified candidates to apply for the position the next time it opens up. Have a great summer.

Thank you all again and A-L-O-H-A!!!!

The Simple within the Complex

By Jerry Warren

As life speeds up for us and most of our guests, we might look at our winter sports experiences and wonder — are we making the experience more simple, or more complex? Are we creating an experience that is too similar to the confusion and fast pace life that our guests and ourselves are striving to get

away from? Many of our very best teachers stimulate the magic of simplicity as they guide people through performance improvement.

Try something this summer. Either participate in a new sport or physical activity, or take a fresh new look at the sport you already enjoy. Study it for the key things that really stimulate your enjoyment and continued interest in it. Once we discover or rediscover what I

think will be the simple magic of your summer sports, we should take note of these simple, yet so important, key things. We should then strive to make these things principle based components. That is, the principles that are transferable from your summer sports to your winter profession. Simple principle based components could be that you learn more when you are engaged and have some fun, or you improve performance more when the movements are clear, simple and easy to see and feel. Some of the key things you will experience this summer will also be specific to your summer sport alone and are probably more skill based, like winter skills such as: how to tip your skis onto an edge, or turn your feet, or plant your pole.

The simple transferable principle based components of our summer experiences may in fact take our winter teaching effectiveness to a higher level, if we remember them and make them part of our profession as well. This summer exercise may help us remove the lenses through which we view the teaching of our winter sports and give us new lenses to view how we teach anything. We may discover, during our summer experiences, ways to make our beloved winter sports experiences more simple and less complex. This new view of our sport may in fact make these experiences more fun for us and our guests.

We all have many things that we would like to see happen in our profession. We wish many things could be different at our individual resorts. Hopefully, they will continue to get better. That being said, one of the most effective contributors to the success of our business is still Word of Mouth. The quality of the product that we have control over is still the quality of our teaching. We still have as teachers the most profound effect on the experience guests have at the resort. It is crucial

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Certification Corner

By Kent Lundell, PSIA-I/AASI-I Certification Chairperson

What a Year 2003/2004

If you did not participate in a PSIA-I event this year you missed out! It started with the Education College at Snowbasin in December. In this event there were various topics to get the year started, everything from a video clinic, certification prep clinics to ski with a Demonstration Team Member clinics.

In the month of January there were certification night clinics, Ace clinics indoors and on-snow, plus the usual offerings of certification clinics and assessments.

In the month of February we offered certification prep clinics and assessments. For the folks who needed some more fun we offered cat skiing at Powder Mountain. If you missed this one you missed a great day! The sun was shining, the view, snow and the camaraderie of the skiers made this day memorable. Another great event was the Park and Pipe Accreditation. Ask anyone who attended this event and they will tell you how incredible it was. This is a must attend event if you missed it this year.

In the month of March we offered certification prep clinics and various topics. Some of these clinics were held at Sundance and we had a great turnout for them. We tried to have something for everyone in March.

In the month of April we had the Spring Clinic at Jackson Hole. This was one of the best Spring Clinics ever put on. Everyone who attended this event raved about how much fun it was and how the mountain had changed since they had last been there.

We had the banquet at the Mangy Moose. This was the setting for awards and recognition of our past legends, Pepi Steigler and Woody Anderson. In mid April we had the last of the alpine skiing assessments to cap of the year. I would like to thank everyone who made an effort to get to these events; they are fun and offer camaraderie and an opportunity for information exchange. I hope to see you at one of these events next year.

Spring Clinic 2004

Photos by Brian Oakden



Park and Pipe

By Carl Boyer

On February 27-29, eleven Intermountain members broke new ground, participating in one of the nation's first Park and Pipe (PAP) accreditation events at Park City Mountain Resort.

Well more than a year ago, Tony Fantis began consulting with interested parties, the Ed & Cert. Chairs, your Board of Directors, and the Snowsports School Directors within your Division to lay the groundwork for an accreditation in this burgeoning arena. We traveled to Vail to consult with Rocky Mountain Division educational leaders to compare notes and philosophical approaches. Tony garnered the advise and contribution of both Snowboard and Alpine DEC's, along with many others to make this become a reality. A tremendous collation of valuable information is available for your review, and to outline the process of PAP accreditation on our website: www.psia-i.org.

Three days of coaching and evaluation under the skilled tutelage of Matt Belford and Tony were shared by a most diverse group of individuals. We ranged from young and new to teaching, to some with more than thirty years experience in the profession. Some had long experience in the park and pipe, while others of us were new to some of the features. We all had a *blast* and learned a lot about ourselves, each other, aspects of safety and etiquette in the park, and about challenging ourselves sensibly.

This event definitely goes down as one of the most rewarding and entertaining educational events I have attended in the over thirty years I have been participating in the profession. I know I am not alone in that opinion. What are you waiting for? Come join in the fun next season! ■



Randy Larsen, launching off a small table top, demonstrates the higher end of the skill spectrum of those attending the first PSIA-I Park and Pipe accreditation at Park City.

Tough Decisions

By Tony Fantis and Carl Boyer

The PSIA-I/AASI-I Board of Directors meets two to three times each year to conduct official business. These decisions range from Division Policies and Procedures to creating a viable budget. While setting policies can present quite a challenge from time to time, it is in the financial department the Board of Directors may have its toughest decisions.

Several unanticipated expenditures in recent years have resulted in budget deficits. Your Directors continue to show concern for the financial outlook of the Division in the immediate coming years. Though there is no impending doom as a result of a likely shortfall again for the '03-'04 fiscal year, no organization can run at a deficit year after year, perhaps excepting our government, of course!.

Intermountain's 2000 members generate \$54,500 in dues for our division; this represents under half the operational costs of our office. Last spring the Board of Directors had to trim many important requests to balance an offset of \$35,000 between projected expenditures and revenues. Though this year's financial numbers have not been finalized, there is a good chance the Division may be in a deficit

situation yet again, in spite of that drastic budget cut.

At press time, the Board of Directors are reviewing a number of proposals which will be presented at the next board meeting that may affect our costs as members. These financial proposals are some of the most difficult decisions any person can make. Rest assured, your Board of Directors are all members of the Division and are intimately aware of the effects of reaching into their pocketbooks.

The Board will meet for two days in late June to carry on the official business of PSIA-I/AASI-I. Members are always welcome to observe the proceedings. Information regarding the time and location of the BOD meetings can be obtained through the Division office. ■

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that we continue to stimulate the vitality of our teaching. The resort can assist, the association can assist, but the biggest obligation falls to each of us to continue searching, training, studying, exploring. I heard a wonderful statement the other day: "I saw an angel in the stone, and carved to set it free" (Michelangelo).

Keep carving and you just might set free a new simplicity in your teaching that allows a new level of magic to be enjoyed both by you and your students. Have a great summer! ■

Encourage the 'Ideal,' let Kids be 'Real'

By John Musser

One of the primary objectives of the ACE program is to help instructors understand the developmental process of kids. Hopefully, after participating in ACE training, instructors better understand how kids think, feel, and move at various stages in the course of their development and why they show certain behaviors at certain ages. Understanding these concepts greatly helps instructors understand the process of learning in general, which often leads to a more patient, supportive, process-oriented, holistic, and creative teaching approach. In other words, it makes the teaching part of the job less frustrating for an instructor who understands "what is ideal, and what is real." So, what *is* ideal, and what *is* real?

The ideal is pretty straightforward. The ideal is what good skiing or riding is. The ideal is the content of our lesson. There are a lot of ways to describe the

ideal, some more accurate than others, but essentially it is "the optimal blending of the fundamental skills to provide balance and control while skiing or riding." The ideal also involves the "Common Threads," the movements that we know are important to develop at each stage in the learning process. It's what we're always working towards in our own practice of the sport, as well as the myriad things we're telling our students to do to perform better.

The real is what we "really" see when working with students (or ourselves). It's what "really" happens. It's what we learn to "really" expect. It's part of how we create "realistic" goals and objectives given a student's background and capabilities. And the real involves common mistakes or ineffective movements that we often encounter when working with a student. But are these things really common "mistakes"? Or are they simply a stage in the process of learning the sport. This is an especially important question for teaching kids. I am beginning to look at these common mistakes as a natural part of the process for everyone.

For example, anyone who has participated in ACE training can tell you

that children develop in a cephalocaudal and proximo-distal way. This means they develop from the head first and down to the feet, and from the center of the body first out towards the extremities (hands, feet, fingers, toes). There are many things that relate to this when trying to teach new movements, but I want to focus on the location of the center of mass of the child and how it changes with growth.

Anyone who has seen a baby knows that their head is much larger in proportion to their body than older kids or adults. As children grow, this becomes less noticeable, but it is still a factor in how kids learn to move. A kid's CM is located higher in the body than an adult's CM. What we often "really" see with kids below the age of 6-7 is that they are still dealing with a higher CM combined with less fine motor muscle strength. Kids have stronger midsections and thighs, but generally don't have much strength in their ankles. So we often see kids at this age or stage of physical development bending at the waist and knees and not bending the ankles. Sometimes this is made worse by boots that are too stiff. In any case, the younger child is in a position that would not be "ideal" balance for an adult or older child. However, because the CM is closer to the head in younger kids, they are actually finding a balance point by keeping their CM (head or chest) centered over the base of support (feet). Also, they are trying to lower their CM over their base of support. These younger kids are actually in a more or less balanced stance in a position that would have an adult or older kid in an out of balance position.

So, this is what I always say, "Keep encouraging the 'ideal' and let kids be 'real'." Because I know that all of these kids are eventually going to grow and develop the fine motor skills of the ankles, and their CM is going to settle lower in the body, I'm always encouraging them to do the things they will eventually need to do, while being

Skiing with the **Master of the Mountain**

By Georgia Clark

In April I had the great adventure of spending a day on the mountain with Junior Bounous. It was an exhilarating experience to be reminded of what great teaching consists of. That day the snow was icy and there were large frozen snow rocks everywhere. Junior noticed right away that some of us in the group were a little apprehensive of the snow conditions. He, on the other hand, was optimistic and assured us that there were really no bad snow conditions, just conditions we weren't as comfortable with.

In the West we are used to quiet soft

snow, but the same tactics that work with soft snow also work for hard noisy snow. What's the term? Good skiing is good skiing! What is it that most skiers do when they are fearful or apprehensive and have a problem maintaining speed control? Instead of maintaining balance and movement into the next turn we all, to some degree, stiffen our ankles and legs, get back on our skis and tip into the hill. There are many ways to address these issues, but Junior did it in a fun yet very effective way.

First he asked us to take a positive attitude, just because the snow is hard and noisy it's not bad snow. He asked

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patient and understanding that this won't happen over night; it will happen at the child's own rate and when they're ready. I'm always encouraging these younger kids to "stand up tall," "stay tall," "feel your shins on the front of your boots." I'm always using teaching cues and exercises that will help develop the fine motor muscles and range of motion (ankles in particular) that will eventually help them grow into an adult alignment or stance, while recognizing that their stance is functional to them and that it is not necessarily a bad thing. It is just part of the process. This way the kids I work with have always heard a consistent message throughout their lessons and they can strive to reach the ideal.

Remember there are no hard and fast rules to the time it takes to develop or learn. Everyone accomplishes these things at their own rate and each person is unique in this way. Try not to place unconscious limits on students, because sometimes very young students will show they can accomplish things that some other older students are still unable to accomplish. Each student will do it when they're ready, often times regardless of age.

"Ideal and real" is a fun topic to explore as an instructor. It can be a helpful approach to movement analysis for adults as well as for kids. I encourage you to become familiar with what we generally consider to be the "ideal" movements in our given sports. The "real" movements are the things that we really see our students doing, and I encourage you to take note of these things and discuss with others why we see what we see and how we can help students accomplish more ideal movements or stance.

I hope you all had a great winter and had a lot of fun teaching and playing. I also hope you have a great summer and are looking forward to next year. Congratulations to everyone who participated in any ACE events this year and thanks for continuing to make it fun and keep it real. ■

Nordic Invasion

By Steve Neiner

Yet another "nordiculous" Spring Clinic celebration went down this season, hosted with inimitable style by the folks at Teton Village in mighty Jackson Hole. What a wonderful site for all to enjoy a season ending festival, particularly the nordis who, as per usual, showed up in force to share the gospel of freeing the heels.

With snow literally running off the mountains right under our happy, sliding feet, freeheelers basked in warm, sunny skies to hoot and holler before the tides of winter rolled back out to sea for summer. Three days of events brought Telemark, backcountry, and track skiers out to meet new people and exchange ideas on instruction, management, and personal ski improvement.

Friday brought the annual backcountry ski day, hosted by Scott McGee from Jackson and Jenna Sall from Alta. The group met bright and early, discussing the day's plans, and in the spirit of a "common adventure outing" set sail aboard the first tram to the top of the world. We ventured out of the resort gates, heading towards Cody Bowl and the new Rock Springs backcountry hut. Avalanche beacon checks were the first order of business, insuring all participants' beepers were in proper functioning condition. We traversed across the base of beautiful, high alpine couloirs and bowls, dreaming of soon to be turns atop sweet Teton corn snow. Steep boot-packing up the flank of Cody brought the crew to the top of No Name Bowl, where we shared some breakfast chocolate, and made our first turns of the day, just as the corn started popping.

Zippering across a second quick traverse put the group in the Rock Springs drainage, followed by almost 3000 vert worth of turns down to lunch at the hut. A short hike back into the village following lunch returned us tired,

but invigorated from an awesome trip through the Jackson backcountry.

Focus topics throughout the trip included route selection, group dynamics/handling, and avalanche awareness. All sliding apparatus is welcomed on the traditional spring clinic backcountry trip, including Telemark, randonee, and snowboard. I would highly encourage you to consider joining us next year for a special event!

Saturday and Sunday featured Telemark clinics on the hill, with an emphasis on "new school carving" techniques plus video analysis and all mountain skiing. Chris Ulm and Catherine Crim from Alta led the Tele posses each day, cruising the groomers by morning, then serving up some Tele bumps and chutes in the afternoon. Many a chair rider overhead was whooping it up to the sight of a herd of pinheads zipper lining the bumps, or dropping through the craggy chutes of Teton Village. Saturday night's freezing temperatures provided perfect crust for a morning of open skating across the fields of Teton Village's Nordic center.

As the colder overnight temps gave way to the gently rising warmth of the sun's rays, an amazing layer of soft corn snow provided myself and our skater gang with the necessary goods for miles of Nordic smiles. Our skate skiing clinic included discussion of teaching tips/philosophy, and lots of practice honing all the gears used in modern skating. We even got a run on the lift, everyone linking exceptionally pretty Tele turns on lightweight skating skis with no metal edges; way to go y'all!

Many thanks to all who participated in backcountry and Nordic clinics over the weekend, to Teton Village for providing the majestic backdrop of the Tetons, and to all the folks in PSIA-I administration for their hard work pulling it together. Cheers to a great summer, and see you next year on your Nordic gear!—**Steve Neiner is a track DECL, level 3 tele instructor, and Grand Targhee children's alpine instructor.**

PSIA-I, AASI-I Certification, Accreditation 2003-2004

Congratulations to all members who made the effort this season to work toward certification or accreditation. The following people earned new status this winter.

Alpine

Alpine Level 1

Barbara Alexander	Park City	Patricia Hill-Mey	Snowbird	Michael Sedlacek	Park City	Bernard Hart	Snowbird
Christian Babilis	The Canyons	Gregory Holloway	Jackson	Scott Sherrard	Deer Valley	Warren Hawkins	Snowbird
Shane Baldwin	Alta	Ethan Hunt	Deer Valley	Stephen Shibuya	Jackson	Mark Holloway	Jackson
Zachary Bale	Solitude	Rachel Hutchins	Deer Valley	Rimma Shiptsova	Beaver Mtn.	Stein Ingebrigtsen	Park City
Christopher Barous	Park City	Elisabeth Jacques	Snowbird	David Shumway	Brianhead	Kelly Johnson	Deer Valley
Gill Bearson	Deer Valley	Larry Johnson	Powder Mtn.	Jeannie Simmonds	Beaver Mtn.	Susan N. Jones	Deer Valley
Deborah Bee	Powder Mtn.	Craig Jorgensen	Pebble Creek	Natalie Simpson	Jackson	Natasha Kefeli	Pebble Creek
Eve Bier	NAC	William Joswiak	Jackson	Karen Skinner	Deer Valley	Martyn Kingston	Deer Valley
Erika Birch	Snowbird	Jiri Kabrt	Park City	Christopher Snow	The Canyons	Brad Koeckeritz	Jackson
Brianne Bogumill	Park City	Peter Karkoska	Park City	Helen A. Stanley	Park City	Kaitilin Lowdon	Deer Valley
William Brindza	Powder Mtn.	Deborah Kay	Jackson	Elisa Stephens	Jackson	Benjamin Lawry	Alta
David Price Buck	Deer Valley	Ryan Kelly	Sundance	Karen Suchyta	Park City	Anna Mandye Mastaglio	Targhee
Angela Burwell	Park City	Rick Kienast	Brianhead	Cory Thomas	Alta	Phillippa McGuffog	Park City
Nathan Butler	Brianhead	Kira Kitchens	Snowbird	Wallace Verniew	Powder Mtn.	Andrew McKendry	Deer Valley
Thomas Butler	Park City	Jana Klimesova	Park City	Catherine Vesper	Snowbird	Isla McNicoll	The Canyons
Colleen Carroll	Deer Valley	McCall Knowlton	Park City	James Vesper	Snowbird	Raymond Miamidian	Park City
J. Cooper Cazedessus	Alta	George Koblasa	Park City	George Vigeon	Park City	Michael Michaud	The Canyons
Karina Chase	Jackson	Irene Kooyman	NAC	Brian Waller	Snowbird	David Murray	Deer Valley
E. Ty Chea	Snowbird	David Kopsa	Park City	Dustin Waller	The Canyons	Inneke Nathan	Jackson
Amanda Cimini	Brighton	Maggie Lamb	Brianhead	Laura Wally	The Canyons	A. Russell Nelson	Max Lundberg
Page Connolly	Jackson	Matt Lancaster	Jackson	Alisa Weddle	Jackson	Thomas Pigey	Park City
Rachel Costello	Snowbird	Rachelle Landgrebe	Park City	Calvin Wendelboe	Park City	Sergey Preobrazhensky	Snowbird
Connie De Jong	Jackson	Birk Larsen	Deer Valley	Laurie Westberg	Park City	Todd Schwartz	Park City
Nancy Dean	Brianhead	George W.		Kimberly Whitman	Jackson	Roger Seaborn	The Canyons
Karina Decker	Alta	Latendresse	The Canyons	Steve Wickersham	Jackson	Nancy Seamons	The Canyons
Andrea Dion	Park City	Walter Henry Lopez	Park City	Sara Wikstrom	Deer Valley	Abby Shaw	Park City
Mark Eakin	Jackson	Jacob Lybbert	Alta	Steve Wix	Snowbasin	Edvin Slipac	Park City
Charlie Earl	Snowbird	Thomas Mack Jr.	Park City	Janet woodruff	Jackson	Kip Smith	Sundance
Sarah Evans	Snowbird	Susan McMahan	Alta	Paul Wyble	Park City	Lachelle Smith	Sundance
Seth Fetters	Jackson	S. Craig Merhoff Sr.	Powder Mtn.	Lousia Wyld	Jackson	Brooke Sparks	Sundance
Kelly Gabbart	Alta	Daniel Milford	Deer Valley	Katherine Young	Park City	Katherine Stoddart	The Canyons
Dustin Gatten	Sundance	Kimberly Millikan	NAC	Bard Zajac	The Canyons	Barbara Tew	Park City
Rebecca Gerber	The Canyons	Gary Mitchell	Park City	Sharif Zawaidel	Jackson	David E. Thompson	Powder Mtn.
David H. Gibson	Targhee	Mark Munson Jr.	Brianhead			Catherine Vesper	Snowbird
Michael Gilles	Deer Valley	Bridget Murray	Jackson			James Vesper	Snowbird
Elsa Glanville	Deer Valley	Gina Myrberg	NAC	Alpine Level 2		Christopher Volzer	Park City
Dana Goff	Solitude	Bill Nay	Jackson	Donald Ames	The Canyons	Jacque West	Solitude
Eileen Grace	NAC	Simon Negri	Park City	James Bellin	Deer Valley	Mary Widener	Jackson
Michael Grazier	Snowbird	Casy Nelsen	Deer Valley	Keri Brewer	Snowbasin		
Pam Greene	Alta	Megan Nickel	Snowbasin	Jodi Bushey	Alta		
David Greenwood	Park City	Justin Novak	Jackson	Steven Butterworth	Alta		
Virginia Grosse	Targhee	Nicki Ogden	Targhee/NAC	Peta Charlesworth	Park City	Alpine Level 3	
Waldo Grossman	Park City	Rebecca Parkinson	Targhee	Cody Clark	Snowbasin	Joseph Ambrose	NAC
Ryan Haight	Jackson	Callie Patrick	Deer Valley	Eliot Cohen	Snowbird	Ivana Cupkova	Deer Valley
Kristin Hall	Sundance	Brian Paull	Park City	Michael Conrad	Jackson	Jamie DeVries	Deer Valley
Thomas Halstead	Brianhead	Chris Paup	Jackson	Sacha Corlett	The Canyons	Heather Fielding	The Canyons
Jamie Hammond	Sundance	Danielle Petriccione	Jackson	Jacob Dunton	Jackson	Walter Kirby	Jackson
Marissa Harding	Brianhead	Christianna Pilch	Park City	James Durn	Jackson	John Lohn	Jackson
David Hardison	Jackson	Ammon Posey	Sundance	David Dutson	Brianhead	William McMahon	Deer Valley
Samuel Harmsen	Deer Valley	Sergey Preobrazhensky	Snowbird	Derrick Dutson	Brianhead	Mary Lou Mylet	Deer Valley
Arsen Harutyunyan	Solitude	George Prior	Sundance	Rory Ewing	Jackson	Ronald Reilly	Deer Valley
Leigh Hemphill	Jackson	Garth Ripley	Beaver Mtn.	William J. Fielding	The Canyons	Robynne Ross	Park City
Ben Hennick	Deer Valley	Eli Robertson	Sundance	Megan Field	Jackson	Kurt Snowden	Park City
		Brandon Roper	Sundance	Alexis Fischman	Deer Valley	Thomas Spannrng	Deer Valley
		Ryan Roundy	Snowbasin	Tod Frohnen	Park City	Claudine Taylor	Snowbird
		Aleksandra		Marsha Garber	Brianhead	Isaac Tyson	Deer Valley
		Sekularac-Dranow	Park City	Christopher Goff	Solitude	Renee	
				Kim Growcock	Deer Valley	Vinocur-Targosz	Deer Valley
						Richard Weeks	The Canyons



Erin Williams Deer Valley
Jessica Workman Snowbird

Snowboard

Snowboard Level 1

Robert Anderson Sundance
Keely Babb Jackson
Watts Barden Targhee
Xela Baxter Park City
Lee Blank Pebble Creek
Tyler Bushman Sundance
E. Ty Chea Snowbird
Todd Dame Kelly Canyon
Monique Dawes Park City
D.J. Donahue Jackson
Krista Dooley Jackson
Matthew Dulin Jackson
Tyler Fenton Kelly Canyon
Vanessa Garrett Brianhead
Tyson Hale Park City
Adam Hatch Park City
Aaron Henscheid Targhee
Jo Herold The Canyons
Erik Herrera Brianhead
Royce Higbee Sundance
Eric Hoffman Brianhead
Matthew Jamieson Park City
Melissa Johns Targhee
Elliott Johnston Park City
Norio Kambayashi Snowbird
Lisa Keay Kelly Canyon
Christy Kelly Park City
Hayley Kocur-Ford Targhee
Kory Kowallis Park City
Kasey Kump Snowbird
Saghi Leoni Jackson
Doug Lunt Brianhead
Daniel Marshall Sundance
Bronson McAllister Beaver Mtn.
Mark Munson Jr. Brianhead
Aylsa Murdock Jackson
Wayne Olsen Brianhead
Christopher Parks Snowbird
James Peterson Snowbird
Jordan Pitts Park City
Daniel Powell The Canyons
Melanie Preston Sundance
Cory Ricks Kelly Canyon
Monique Rush The Canyons
Paul Saunders Park City
J.T. Schoonover Jackson
Tina Schulz Snowbird
Robb Shirley Sundance
Adria Smith Park City
Christopher J. Smith Kelly Canyon
Mark Spellman Jackson
Connita Stanton Brianhead
Matt Steimle Snowbird
Jacob Tuttle Park City
Edward Van Doren Jr. Targhee
Brandon Watson Snowbird
Broni Whitaker The Canyons
Timothy Woodard Targhee

Snowboard Level 2

Timothy Jevons The Canyons
Danielle Rush The Canyons
Christopher Warr The Canyons

Snowboard Level 3

Brendan Burns Jackson
Adrian Comiskey Snowbird
Barry Kleckler Park City
Travers Smith Jackson

Nordic

Nordic Track 2

Debra Payne Jackson
Ray Polito Jackson

Nordic Track 3

David Ryan Jackson

Nordic Downhill Level 1

Jody Anderson Alta
Amy Anderson Snowbird
Shane Baldwin Sundance
Martina Bello Alta
Rebecca Chapple Jackson
Ed Chauner Snowbird
Jennifer Chung Snowbird
Larry Croft Snowbird
Marlene Darling Pebble Creek
Erica Debois Targhee
Adam Dimond Snowbird
Heather Fielding The Canyons
Judy Fuller Snowbird
Donald Goldberg Snowbird
Susan Hall Pebble Creek
Warren Hawkins Snowbird
Natalia Kefeli Pebble Creek
Tyler Knibbe Snowbird
Joseph Kunz Pebble Creek
Katherine Longfield Jackson
John Mayer Pebble Creek
Catherine McEnroe Alta
John McGee Alta
Ray Polito Jackson
Bette Steffen Alta
Maria Young Jackson

Nordic Downhill Level 2

Martina Bello Alta
Read Carlan White Pine
John S. Daniels Snowbasin
Thomas Holmes NAC
Travis Moise Brighton

Nordic Downhill Level 3

Catherine Blais Park City
Nathan Carey Jackson
Frank Clapper Park City
Jack Delay Jackson

Adaptive

Adaptive Level I

Lauren Artesani NAC
Gary Blake Targhee
David Butler Brianhead
Amy Davis NAC
Colin Dye Targhee
Reed Fuller NAC
Eileen Grace NAC
Jack Hamilton NAC
Bart Hogan Targhee
Irene Kooyman NAC
Cybille Macdonald Thru PSIA-W
Marilyn McGill Deer Valley
Melissa Pangraze Targhee
Rebecca Parkinson Targhee
Burt Stevens Targhee

Adaptive Level II

Nathan Carey Jackson
Que-Ena Graether Park City/NAC
Jack Hamilton NAC
Timothy McAneney Brianhead

Children's

Accreditation

ACE Level 1

Guillermo Avila.Paz Deer Valley
Ronald Blase Park City
John Burbidge Deer Valley
Eric Christiansen Deer Valley
Dustin Cooper Deer Valley
Ivana Cupkova Deer Valley
Christine Delbridge Deer Valley
Judith Donnell Park City
Donald Droubay The Canyons
Corinne Early Deer Valley
Hollie Epp Deer Valley
Sarah Evans Snowbird
Mya Frantti Deer Valley
Judy Fuller Snowbird
Paul Glennan Deer Valley
Lisa Gordon Deer Valley
Virginia Grosse Targhee
John Harder Beaver Mtn.
Gregory Hatch Brighton
Gary Hebert Snowbasin
Eric "Tuffy" Kaiser Targhee
Armando Kennon Non-Affiliated
Irene Kooyman NAC
Ann Lawton The Canyons
Walter Henry Lopez Park City
Randy Macdonald Snowbird
Anna Mandye Mastaglio Targhee
Mary Ann Mathis Deer Valley
Kathy McCarthy Deer Valley
William McGinnis Deer Valley
Brendon Nesbit Deer Valley

Megan Nickel Snowbasin
Samuel Palmatier Sundance
Ryan Roundy Snowbasin
Craig Spooner Snowbird
Val Stephens Deer Valley
Joey Stoeger Snowbird
Carrie Sullivan Deer Valley
Claudine Taylor Snowbird
Renee
Vinocur-Targosz Deer Valley
Nona Weatherbee Snowbird
Steve Wix Snowbasin

ACE Level 2

Cindy Beger Deer Valley
Mark Cohen Deer Valley
Christine Delbridge Deer Valley
Heather Fielding The Canyons
Mya Frantti Deer Valley
Arthur Haskell Alta
E. Ann Johnson Deer Valley
Marianne McGrath Non-Affiliated
Gordon McGrath Non-Affiliated
Barbara Moffat Alta
David Moffat Alta
Janell Owens Snowbird
Roger Seaborn The Canyons
Val Stephens Deer Valley
David E. Thompson Powder Mtn.
Jerry Thoreson Snowbird
Nancy Thoreson Snowbird
Christopher Ulm Alta

ACE Level 3

Theresa Carr-Spanning Deer Valley
Carolyn Fushimi Brighton
Linda Heymering Deer Valley
Greg Johnson Non-Affiliated
Joseph Kernan Deer Valley
Wayne Lawrence Deer Valley
Jennifer McCarthy Deer Valley
Marcel Radu Deer Valley
Michael Sharp Park City

Park & Pipe

Accreditation

Jill Adler Deer Valley
Steve Bennally The Canyons
Sean Bold Deer Valley
Carl Boyer Snowbird
Adam Dimond Snowbird
Jeffrey Haymond Snowbird
Matt Lancaster Jackson
Randall Larsen Deer Valley
Brent McCormick Alta
Kim Nakamura Park City

Lifetime Achievements

20 Year Pins

Spencer Austin	AL3	Georgia Dumais	NL3/AL3
Peter Badewitz	AL3	Sally Elliott	AL3
Shelley Beckham	AL2	Donald Goldberg	AL3/NL1
Jennifer Brassey	AL3	Phillip Gratz	AL2
Jerry Burn	AL2	Michael Hunter	AL3
Katherine Calhoun-Damon	AL3	Michael Keator	NL3
Eric Christiansen	AL3/ACE	Steven Martin	AL3
Craig Delbridge	AL3	Jay Miazga	AL3
Theodore Dircz	AL3	Tom Moore, Jr.	AL2
		Carolyn Morf	AL3
		Andrzej Nieminski	AL3

Eva Nieminski	AL3	Paul Calavan	AL3
Laurie Norman	AL3	Chuck Giubbini	AL3
John Rogers	AL3/ACE/DECL	Lela Newey	AL2
Curt Roskelley	AL2	Robert Newey	AL3
Rob Sogard	AL3/DECL	Dick Stoner	AL3
Vern Swain	AL2	Todd Valline	AL3
Lance Swedish	NL3/AL3	Tom Wood	AL3/ACE/DECL
Elizabeth Wauters	AL3/DECL		
Meeche White	AL2/HL3		

40 Year Pins

30 Year Pins

Jeffrey Bayless	AL3	C. Craig Bennion	AL3
Kitty Bennion	AL3	Robin Locke	Lifetime Member
		Max Lundberg	Lifetime Member
		William Polleys	AL3

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us to take the challenge of the difficult conditions and maintain a positive attitude. We all know that what we are thinking and feeling about something makes a huge difference in how we react to it. Most everyone who knows Junior knows that he embodies positivism. Just being in his presence is enough for most people to make a change from being hesitant and having a stiff body, which leads to being unbalanced, to being confident, relaxed and more balanced over their skis. He doesn't just tell you or expect you to relax but shows you how to relax, by blending the skills of balance, steering, pressure and edge for your particular needs and the condi-

tions. He also uses the very effective and fun technique of singing or humming to yourself as you ski.

What a wonderful experience it is to ski behind Junior as he hums his catchy rhythmic tune, before long you are not noticing the hard noisy snow at all! Then, as you settle down to watch the master ski down the mountain, you realize how little effort he uses to make his turns. You notice that he never fights the mountain or snow conditions, he just seems to glide down the mountain. He is truly poetry in motion.

I have skied with many great teachers and skiers, but I have never seen anyone be able to work with the mountain and flow with the snow conditions and terrain as effortlessly as Junior. He

is truly the master of the mountain, yet he never seems to need to conquer the mountain. Skiing with Junior was a great reminder of how enjoyable and fun skiing can be. He makes skiing the most excellent, fun and exciting adventure that has ever been. He is a marvelous example of how to enjoy each and every moment of skiing no matter what the conditions or what the terrain.

I for one will be storing away the memories of that day with Junior and aspiring to be able to bring that level of fun, adventure and enjoyment of the mountain to my skiing as well as to my students' skiing. Junior Bounous is a treasure and our division is fortunate to have him as a shining example of what skiing and teaching is all about. ■



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