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My Ride with Hermann

By Tom Kronthaler

In July I spent 10 days in Le 2Alps, France skiing with Snowbird ski instructor and summer race coach Gerard Huve before moving on to Zermatt, Switzerland and watching the World Cup teams train. Both areas provided great skiing—if you like glacier skiing—as well as unique images and information that is hard to obtain through our regular channels in the United States.

Riding up the T bar you see some of the best movement patterns from 10-year-olds to super stars like Hermann Meier. It's amazing how simple and uniform it looks—how basic movement patterns create consistency and uniformity. Maybe we should take a look at that simplicity and try to understand it instead of making skiing so complex. What about it PSIA?

In the next few paragraphs I will share with you feedback I received verbally and non-verbally from Austrians, Canadians, Italians and other teams that were training on the glaciers before taking off to South America.



Tom Kronthaler

Hermann Meier waits at the base of a Zermatt T bar during summer training in a recent photograph from one of Tom Kronthaler's summer ski trips.

The great part of this experience was watching the different teams arrive and see the tasks and drills they would do for their first time back on skis since the end of the World Cup season.

Riding up the tram for the first time in Zermatt, I talked to Michaela Dorfmeister, who had just switched to the new Atomic female-specific race skis. Michaela is a speed specialist but was carrying a pair of 155 cm slalom woman's skis and I asked her how she liked the skis. Her response was that it's fun to start out on slalom skis

I then watched her ski for the first time since the end of last winter. It was very interesting to see a speed specialist going very slowly doing edge-release, skid-specific movements focusing in on a high hip over the feet

and counter movements of the upper body—honing in on edge adjustments to create skidding and speed control.

As the days went on, I saw the speed gradually increase as the skidding was reduced. The focus on the movement patterns was similar, but adjusted for the speed that was needed or wanted. Over four days I watched her switch from slalom to GS to Super G, to downhill skis and the speed obviously increased to race-oriented turns.

The Austrian men's team arrived later in the week and again I saw a very slow and disciplined approach to starting their summer training. Again the speed was slow and there was a lot of edge reduction and skidding going on.

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President's Message

By Carl Boyer, PSIA/AASI Intermountain President

Change is in the air! The colors were already changing as we held the fall Board of Directors meeting at the Alf Engen Museum at the Utah Olympic Sports Park, and summer was not yet officially over. I hope this presages an early start to our season; we certainly had a great one last year in the central and southern region of our Division.

During our Spring BOD meeting the Board approved a proposal, supported by both Ed and Cert Chairmen, to combine these roles into one position: Programs Administrator. We are indebted for the dedicated behind-the-scenes contributions of Kent Lundell and Tony Fantis as departing Chairpersons, as well as to their predecessors who pioneered the way. The Division is currently accepting applications from qualified members (BOD member or current DECL in any discipline). Contact the Division office for particulars if you are interested.

A dues increase of \$10, to be implemented commencing the 2007-8 season, also passed at the May meeting. Notice of this change will accompany next year's dues billing this December, but we are still 16 months from that increase. The Board must anticipate well ahead protecting the financial solvency of the Division.

The Board decided to move the General Membership meeting to 4:30 Saturday, December 10 in Earl's Lodge at Snowbasin, in conjunction with the Education College. It was viewed this would relieve some of the conflict inherent in squeezing it into the Spring Clinic on the banquet night. You are invited and encouraged to attend even if you are not participating in the Ed College.

Stew Marsh, our Administrative VP, will detail in his column changes in personnel in the Division office. Vicki Mills, who so capably jumped in last fall to help with the members and especially our bookkeeping, is moving on. I know that many of you established a strong bond with Vicki in her time with us, and join me in thanking her for her capable service; we will miss her presence. Stew will probably fail to mention that he will be wearing a new hat this year – as Snowsport School manager at Snowbasin. Congratulations Stew! I look forward to joining with many of you at the Ed College and General Membership meeting December 10 and 11 at Snowbasin. ■

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The primary emphasis was on body discipline. These are some of the exercise drills that were used by all the teams as well as the young group training next to them:

- ◆ Hands on the hips—to discipline rotation or dropping of the hips.
- ◆ Inside hand pressing hip inward, outside hand pointing toward the direction of travel—creates angulation and looking and moving in the direction you want to go.
- ◆ Hand on inside hip—keeps hip high and forward moving into the turn instead of moving back and behind.
- ◆ Both hands on knees—keeps

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- stance open and legs and knees moving parallel.
- ◆ Outside hand pushing the inside knee into the turn—release and continuous movement of inside leg as well as creating counter movements in the upper body (or reducing any rotation or follow).
 - ◆ Poles balance on hands with arms level and forward—keeps the shoulders level, disciplines the hands, and is a great upper body stabilizer.
 - ◆ One pole behind your back through your elbows and the other pole held across the front of your body with both hands—discipline of the upper body from rotation as well as bending the upper body forward, keeping it ahead of or over the feet.
 - ◆ Holding both poles vertical from the middle or the handles upward and parallel—disciplines the upper body as well as hand movements.
 - ◆ Traverse and short turns with poles parallel to the snow and across the fall line—upper body counter movements to lower body, upper body working against the lower body—looking and moving down the fall line.
 - ◆ One-legged javelin turns—hip moving counter to turn.

As you read through these drills you should see very simple prescriptions to common problems we need to address with our students every day. The open stance; movement and release of the inside leg; parallel legs throughout the turn; discipline of the hips, upper body, and arms; counter movements of the upper body to help with discipline of the upper body as well as setting up for release and movement into the new turn all combine to create balance and alignment.

Please realize that the discipline the racers are working on is refined and subtle movement and not a position.

The highlight of my trip came when I got on the T bar by myself and all of a sudden one of the racers skated out and jumped on with me. It was Hermann Meier. Hermann was very talkative and outgoing, asking me a lot of questions as to where I was from and was I enjoying myself in Europe. This was a surprise to me as I had met him before his motorcycle accident and he was quite reserved, almost arrogant in comparison. We talked about Lance Armstrong, who he felt was the greatest athlete in the world. I asked him about his leg, which he said was giving him some trouble—it was tightening up and he was having a hard time keeping it loose and flexible. Each day Hermann would switch boots between the

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Atomic Tech boot and the Atomic Tri Tech boot, in which he went into detail about the differences and how he tried the Tri Tech the end of last season for downhill and Super G, finding it to be faster for him as he won those races.

As he described it, the Tech boot was great for slalom and GS because it came on strong and early, but for Super G and downhill those characteristics made him slower. The Tri Tech boot was smoother and subtler entering into the turn, which allowed him to create a straighter, faster line. He said the angles and subtleties of the boot—and the way they are set up—were so critical to racing that they can make all the difference between winning and losing. It was a great ride up the T bar with a man who fought back from a devastating injury just as Lance Armstrong fought back from a devastating sickness. The admiration the Austrians have towards Armstrong was wonderful.

I also had a chance to spend quite a lot of time with the Canadians and some of the coaches I had met years before in Zermatt. They were in a process of rebuilding their team in preparation for the upcoming 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, BC. We talked about their education and training program in comparison to the US. They felt the United States was about three years ahead of the Canadians relative to their athletes and performance; however, they felt they were three years ahead of the US in their education programs and development materials.

After studying the Canadian training tapes over the last ten years, I actually feel they have a good point. For anyone looking for additional training material as a ski instructor or racer, I highly recommend you go to www.snowpro.com.— **Tom Kronthaler is a former coach of the PSIA-I Alpine Team and a former BOD member who teaches part time at Snowbird.**

Administrative Report

By Stew Marsh, PSIA-I/AASI-I Administrative V.P.

As I write this article I am reminded by the changing of the colors that a new winter season is fast approaching. It is an exciting time, preparing mentally and physically for hopefully a healthy and productive year on the slopes. As we fade from a beautiful summer I hope that all who are reading this are current in their dues payments and are looking forward to participating in one or more of our great clinics offered by the DECL's.

The first event is the popular Education College again held at Snowbasin in December. This event is a great way to get back on your skis or board and to take advantage of the great snow and terrain found at Snowbasin. Other clinics will be offered throughout the season that are designed to help you prepare for certification or just to help fine tune your skiing or riding skills. Take advantage of these great offers and be sure to check out the calendar found on our web site.

I would like to thank Chris Ulm who is our web master for creating a new look for our web site. I think each of you will find it easier to navigate through and will answer many of the questions you may have regarding membership, dates and events. Be sure to check out the new site and see what else we offer.

The office will be again up and running full-time by the time you receive your Edge. The office will again be open for winter hours starting in December. We have some new faces and voices starting this season in the office. Vicki Mills, our financial secretary is leaving to pursue other interests and will be replaced by Natalie Hilbert. Also new to the office will be Vickee Boswell who will be in the office the majority of the time. Both ladies are anxious to learn the ins and outs of the ski/board profession and to meeting many of you throughout the year. I wish to thank Vicki Mills for all she did while on our staff especially for her help at this years Spring Clinic. Susan will remain as the main stay in the office but will be cutting back her hours to enjoy her grandchildren. We are looking forward to Vickee and Natalie joining our team and I know they will become a great asset to the division.

I would also at this time like to remind all members that the board in May passed a proposal that will increase late dues fees to \$15. This increase will be in effect after January 31, 2006. There will be an additional increase of \$5 added to all late dues payments made after June 30th. The board felt this had to be done because of the tremendous amount of dues not paid before February 1. It is hoped that this will decrease the number of letters sent to remind members to pay their dues. The board also increased the late fee cost for events to \$20 up from \$10. It was felt that many people were waiting until the last minute to sign up for an event which put added pressure on the office staff as well as Dave Lundberg the team manager. It is hoped that all members will review their calendars early in the season and set the dates aside or simply sign up early to avoid this increase in cost.

As you watch the skies and the leaves change colors signaling the approach of a new winter season I wish each of you the best and hope to see you on the slopes somewhere. ■

Communication Corner

By Chip Herron, PSIA-I/AASI-I Communications V.P.

I hope this finds everyone recovering from a fun filled summer and looking forward to another early ski season.

There has been a lot happening this summer amongst the board and discipline managers. Tony Fantis resigned his position as programs administrator in August. That position is now open to all current members of our DECL team, please contact Susan at the office for more information.

Ron Kipp has taken over as the alpine education manager.

Chris Ulm is still our webmaster and is working on a new and improved website. The site should be up and running within the next month or so.

The 2005-2006 calendar is done, thanks to the hard work by all discipline managers. It was a large undertaking...big thanks to all who helped.

I encourage all of you to submit photos and articles on your area, and any aspects of the snowsports you participate in to the Edge. Teaching and skiing/riding tips are always welcome. Pray for snow and see ya on the hill. ■

FreeRide Mag to Launch First Issue

FreeRide Magazine, a free Utah backcountry and big mountain snowsports journal, recently announced the scheduled October release of its premiere issue. FreeRide will provide detailed information on backcountry skiing and snowboarding in Utah.

While other magazines focus on one discipline, FreeRide covers them all: alpine – snowboard – telemark. It's more about where you ride, rather than what you ride.

FreeRide provides a conduit for local writers, photographers, and riders to get published for the first time in a quality snow sports magazine. FreeRide gives Utah locals a pathway to national exposure and publication.

FreeRide is glossy, oversize, and full of photography with a focus on quality content, easy-to-follow articles, and non-invasive advertising. A two-page spread graces the centerfold of each issue. Early estimates are for 68 full-

color, glossy pages, with 30 percent advertising.

The staff at FreeRide covers events, edits, and publishes the magazine. But their goal is 90 percent freelance writing and photography. They want to help locals get published. Content will not be copyrighted, allowing articles and photos to be published by national media.

A major theme of the magazine is safe backcountry travel. The Utah Avalanche Center and other highly certified local guides will share their expertise on safety in the BC. Gear reviews and repair tips will help you prepare for everything from a day on the slopes to a day in the wild.

Low overhead, journal contributions, creative advertising, and controlled circulation all contribute to keeping the magazine free. FreeRide will be distributed in ski and sport shops, resorts, tourism centers, hotels, restaurants, and coffee shops along the Wasatch Front and Wasatch Back. For more information visit www.freeride-magazine.com. ■

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By Mark Nakada

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For ACE I, the accreditation's indoor session *has been shortened* to 3 hours (1/2 day); the outdoor session remains 6 hours (1 day). The curriculum for ACE I focuses on the CAP and PDAS models, and will give you an opportunity to share and acquire information with your peers. Requirement: PSIA or AASI Level I certification. To meet the standard for this accreditation: 80 percent score on the ACE I Workbook, and active participation in the 3-hour indoor and 6-hour outdoor sessions.



ACE II accreditation remains 12 hours (2 days). The curriculum for ACE II expands upon the concepts introduced in ACE I, and gives you an opportunity to show, share and acquire information with your peers - with an emphasis on advanced CAP concepts, real vs. ideal movements, Gardner's multiple intelligences, and problem solving. Requirement: PSIA or AASI Level II certification and ACE I. To meet the standard for this accreditation: 80 percent score on the ACE II Workbook, and a "meets standards" evaluation in the indoor and on-snow presentations.

ACE III accreditation remains 12 hours (2 days). The curriculum for ACE III gives you an opportunity to show, share, and present ACE's core concepts in an environment that fosters participatory interaction with your peers. ACE III can serve as a benchmark for instructors who serve (or want to serve) as in-house trainers for their snowsports school. Requirement: PSIA or AASI Level III certification and ACE II. To meet the standard for this accreditation: Personal evaluation paper and article, and a "meets standards" evaluation in indoor and on-snow presentations.

For instructors interesting in being part of the ACE Divisional Clinic Staff, we will be having a one-day hiring

interview April 6, 2006. Requirement: PSIA or AASI Level III certification, and ACE III. The details for this interview will be posted on PSIA-I's website (www.psia-i.org) shortly.

In terms of materials, the ACE curriculum, as well as revised study guides and workbooks, will also be posted on PSIA-I's website shortly. Please note, for all ACE programs, *we will only accept 2005-2006 (current season) workbooks.*

Please review the ACE calendar for the dates and locations of our events. The event schedule was developed by the ACE team after evaluating both clinic metrics and participant feedback.

On a side note, I would like to thank my colleague and friend, Chip Herron, and the ACE team for their help in developing the 2005-06 ACE curriculum. I would also like to thank Patti Olsen and John Musser for leading the way.

On behalf of the ACE team, I would like to thank you for taking the time and effort to seek ACE accreditation. We look forward to seeing you at one of our clinics this season. ■

Membership Meeting

The General Membership meeting will be held 4:30 Saturday, December 10 in Earl's Lodge at Snowbasin, in conjunction with the Education College. The meeting has traditionally been held in conjunction with the Spring Clinic. You are invited and encouraged to attend even if you are not participating in the Ed College. ■

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Creating Confidence on Artificial Features

By Jeremy Jolley

There is a new element out there. Snowboarding has always been a sport based on what we are able to do with boards strapped to our feet on frozen crystals of water. So, naturally, the curiosity of man eventually lead us to—what else can we slide on? And after years of trees, picnic tables, and other objects being abused. . . we now have our resorts spending hundreds even thousands of dollars on custom built rails, fun-boxes, and other artificial features.

While these features, at times, can show no mercy, they can also provide some of the cheapest thrills on the mountain. Working as a Freestyle Trainer and Coach I have opportunities to introduce these features to veteran skiers and riders. Carefully combining elements of instruction and the realness of a rail or fun-box can give students a sense of accomplishment, not to mention smiles, that last for days.

If possible start with a 50-50 slide on a fun-box.

“Don’t let yourself get intimidated!”

Imagine a block of ice from the gas station; now say it is the size of a refrigerator and laying on its side. Sliding a fun box is no different than hopping on this ice chunk and sliding across it.

The major new sensation for someone learning is: 1) a change in friction (Plastic or Metal vs. snow) and 2) the necessity of maintaining a flat board.

“Get familiar with the approach.”

I like to start before even entering the orange oval area (Terrain Park). We need to get familiar with the approach, intensity, and speed required. Stopped in a safe flat area, or on a cat-track on

the way, demonstrate what it will take to get on the box safely.

The key focuses for this movement are: starting from a flat board, moving the body into a more flexed position than usual, extending into an ollie or jump, then landing and holding a flat board. You can use a track in the snow or counting rhythm to help.

Dialing the speed is easy; it is all related to math and physics. Safely stop above the fun-box find the “Straight-line point”, This is where you can enter with no speed-checks and have just the right amount of speed to execute the jump (and not yourself). Use other people in the park as examples, or Guinea pigs, and mark the snow with pine needles, etc. to paint a clear picture for your student.

This is the point where the student will do or die. If extra work is necessary hike the small feature, stand on the side and give feedback, or I have even physically set the student on the box and pushed them, park conditions permitting. Hopefully your learning environment will have an easy ride-on box made with plastic. After a student dials in the speed, ollie onto the box, and develops the ability to keep a flat board, the rest comes pretty easily and safer.

“What is going on with the body?”

Assuming our student is mentally prepared at this point and they realize how close they are to their goal, this is the time for some critical M.A. Even here in the park things relate to Fundamental Movements and Board Performance Concepts.

We played with pressure change-flexing and extending, jumping onto the box with confidence. Edge angle must be at zero, a flat board, to avoid slipping-out. Torsional twist and pivoting are both minimal in a 50-50 slide.

Use your judgment as an instructor, to make sure they are ready physically and mentally. Provide the image of a solid rider and guide them into the right movements.

“Get to know the feature.”

Keep them looking forward and practice what they have learned. Repetition is the key. Once they slide the box, do it again to train those muscles and continue building confidence.

I usually have a person over-practice what they have just learned. For example, before moving onto another feature or adding a shifty to the end of it, slide the box just conquered 7-10 times to really get to know the feature.

Every feature in every park is different. Like people they all have different characteristics and you must spend time to get to know them.

“Have fun with it!”

Keep it safe and keep it real. Realize there is always an element of danger. But as long as you remember these few simple keys, you can help to minimize the risk of being hurt while improving your student’s riding versatility. ■

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Nordic Report

By Steve Neiner, PSIA-I Nordic Manager

Hello everyone! Please allow me to introduce myself; I'm Steve Neiner, the newly appointed Intermountain Nordic Manager. I hail from Pocatello, Idaho, by way of Central New York. I am currently Nordic Supervisor at Grand Targhee, a track examiner and clinician, and level 3 telemarker. I am honored and privileged to take on my new role as "nord" organizer, and look forward to serving the division.

The most noteworthy Nordic news is the development of a Multi-disciplinary Backcountry Accreditation Program. This exciting concept is pending, and we hope to have the "go ahead" for implementation this season soon. All methods of backcountry travel and sliding are welcome and encouraged: randonee (or AT), telemark, splitboards, etc. Imagine actually being in one clinic with all disciplines represented, all riding together!

Participants will have two years to complete the four-day cycle, which comprises the accreditation, and will be required to have acceptable avalanche training (level 1 American Avalanche Institute or equivalent) and Basic First Aid. I would especially like to thank Jenna Sall from Alta and Scott McGee from Jackson for all their hard work to bring us to this point. Jenna and Scotty are also our historic, first accreditation clinician staff, so look forward to hiking and ripping with the best!

Intermountain has offered a Backcountry Certification Program for many years, which will morph into our Backcountry Accreditation Clinician program. Simply put, this is the process by which members may become Intermountain backcountry event leaders. More details on this process will follow in subsequent issues of the Edge, and member e-mail updates.

Of course, the rest of our Nordic certification continues, offering members education and challenges to improve Nordic teaching and skiing. Telemark and track skiing are growing, and the Intermountain Division has a long and reputable legacy of Nordic skiing. If you're looking for something new to do with a chairlift, try a tele clinic. If you're looking for the truest and purest form of sliding, BIG FUN! and the best workout in the world, hit the tracks with us. Check out the most current and up to date version of the Nordic calendar enclosed and make

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plans now. In particular, note Telemark DECL hiring dates of February 1-2, 2006. We are looking to diversify our tele DECL staff, and would like to see as many qualified candidates turn out as possible.

Mountain States Rendezvous, December 6 and 7 at Grand Targhee has become a favorite, national event hosted by us in the Intermountain Division each season. Representatives from track and telemark programs around the country are invited to a FREE two day gathering of nordis, sharing the latest and greatest info on the tracks for one day, riding the chair and "pinning" the other. Check out the backcountry dates, and don't forget Spring Clinic in April.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with anyone and all about Nordic stuff, and questions regarding our amazing Nordic program and its offerings. Please contact me at telemark9er@hotmail.com, or call me at (208)232-7187 anytime. And thanks to all ahead of time for what promises to be another super season, and remember to Pray for Snow! ■

Nordic/Adaptive

Adaptive Changes

By Chuck Torrey

Adaptive is going to take on some changes this year with the certification process.

The certification process for adaptive skiing currently seems to separate the basis from which it originated being alpine skiing. Currently adaptive level one is a workbook that must be completed after they have passed level I Alpine. This would remain the same.

What will take place this year is that the level II and III candidates will go through the Alpine skiing certification process prior to taking the Adaptive teaching portion. We will also have the written test be a take home test that would allow for candidates to look up and research disabilities and medications that they may not be familiar with. There are so many different medications and side effects that it is unrealistic that ski instructors know them all, Doctors look things up all the time.

This will put the Adaptive Instructors on the same level and unify the entire division. It would eliminate an US vs. THEM situation and give the Adaptive instructors more credibility as a whole.—**Chuck Torrey is PSIA-I Adaptive Manager**



NAC Program Director

Hi everyone. As some of you know, Eve Bier has decided to leave the National Ability Center. I am the new Program Director, and wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. Please contact me for any your needs. Thanks! Enjoy your day! —**Lauren Artesani, M.Ed, CTRS**

Alpine Certification

By Guillermo Avila Paz

Dear Members, now that we are looking forward to the next winter season, there are some things that you should know to plan and prepare for Alpine assessments and events in which you may like to participate.



Alpine Certification is set to be in the first two weeks of each month, except in April where assessments are scheduled at the end of the month. The written tests are once every month starting December 5 in Salt Lake City and December 12 in Jackson Hole and ending March 27 in Salt Lake City and Jackson Hole. If you are planning an assessment in April remember that the last written test is in March.

We tried to schedule assessment days when most areas have periods of slow business and candidates can take time off from work. Resorts can accommodate us more easily during the slower weeks.

PSIA-I Alpine Entry Level

New this year, the Division will be offering two sessions of the PSIA-Intermountain Entry Level Clinic during Ed College and Spring Clinic for new ski instructors and for new PSIA-I members who are not affiliated with a snow sport/ski school.

This is also a great opportunity to help attract new members and individuals to our profession and our industry from our community, high schools, colleges, and resort employees interested in becoming members.

Level I

For Level I Prep Clinic and Assessment we have one to two assessments

each month (seven in total) throughout the division at different locations.

Level II and Level III

We have grouped assessments towards the beginning of the months—one for each level in January, February, March and ending at the end of April. Four skiing assessments a month, one for each level. The same for the teaching assessments. We set the Skiing Assessments for Level II and Level III scheduled **after** the Teaching Assessments for Level II and Level III. That way a candidate has about one month to prepare and do the require clinics and training if needed before the next Teaching or Skiing Assessment. Previously, it was a logistical nightmare for the PSIA-I office when members had to cancel teaching assessments.

Trainer Accreditation

We will have three Trainer Accreditation sessions throughout the season. The first is during Ed College on December 11-13. The third Trainer Accreditation is February 1-3 at Deer Valley. A bimonthly Trainer Accredita-

tion is being offered at Park City Resort January 7, February 4, and March 4. Please plan ahead due to limited group sizes.

Trainer Accreditation update

On December 14, we will have a Trainer Accreditation update—a one day session for existing Accredited Trainers to help them stay current with information and training.

Alpine DECL Hiring Interview

For anyone interested in being a part of the Alpine DECL Staff: We will be having a three day hiring interview on January 10, 25, and 26, 2006. Please see requirements and details for timeline and job description on how and when to apply on the PSIA-I's web site at www.psia-i.org.

Please review the Alpine calendar for more information on times and location of events to set your plan of action and preparation for your assessments and accreditation's. Thank you and have a great season.—**Guillermo Avila Paz, PSIA-AASI Intermountain, Alpine Certification Manager**

Education: Professional Growth

By Ron Kipp

As ski instructors we have two components in the professional maturation process: *Education* and *Certification*. Society, and our own social order, has lead us to believe that Certification is the goal to strive for. The end all. The big kahuna. It is thought that your knowledge and skill is reflected in the badge that certification brings. Certification has status, moves you up the ski school pecking order and may lasso that elusive pay raise. So isn't it natural that everyone is seeking out this certification pin? Of course it is. But how do we get there?... Education! Clinics offered by PSIA-I are geared to making us

all better skiers, teachers, and increasing our technical knowledge of skiing.

What should the goal be when taking a clinic? To pass an exam? If this is your goal then your US dollar has just been devalued. Clinics are not cheap and neither is your time. To get maximum bang for the buck, you need to look at what a PSIA-I clinic will do for you personally. Forget the pin, disregard the status, and overlook the pay raise (easy to say). When your attendance at a clinic is focused on only making you a better connoisseur of skiing you will gain the most. And that is what it's all about.

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Are You Ready for the Early Season Kick Off Event?

More and more people are taking advantage of this early-season event featuring workshops and clinics that are not offered at any other time of the season. Of course, we'll also have some of the most popular clinics that you have raved about year after year.

We're putting our best foot forward with some hot new clinic topics, a National Demonstration Team member, and a variety of new tips and tricks to help you get your legs back or just pick up some new and fresh ideas.

It's always nice to run into some old friends and make some new, as well. You'll find something here for you. We look forward to seeing you there!

This year PSIA/AASI Intermountain is offering an Entry Level clinic. This clinic is designed for the aspiring instructor that has had limited or no snowsports school contact. It is a great way to introduce potential members that seek to eventually join a member snowsports school. This two-day clinic will be offered for the first time at the Ed. College. It is anticipated that it will attract new members to our profession from our communities, schools along with resort employees who are interested in becoming professional ski teachers. If you know someone who might be interested, tell them!

Educational clinics offered on Saturday Dec. 10th are:

- ◆ Ski with a D Team member or Intermountain DECL. (Alpine or Telemark)
Learn how to Ski with Modern movements to go with modern ski designs.
- ◆ Demo camp with video- Watch your own skiing and demos to enhance your performance.
- ◆ Exploring the CAP Model - Why some things work and some things don't (depending on the age)
Have you ever wondered why some games, exercises, and drills work for some age groups, but not others? Explore, learn, and share experiences about how kids learn,

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act, and move at different ages, and add to your bag of tricks. All disciplines, welcome.

- ◆ PSIA-I Alpine trainers Accreditation (day 1)
- ◆ PSIA-I Alpine Entry Level Clinic (day 1)

Educational clinics offered on Sunday Dec. 11th are:

- ◆ Ski with a D Team member or Intermountain DECL.
Learn how to ski with Modern movements - to go with modern ski designs.
- ◆ Learn to Telemark with PSIA-I DECL.
- ◆ Video - how to use it, how to analyze it, watching your own skiing to enhance your own performance.
- ◆ Real vs. Ideal - Drills, games, exercises, and activities to get kids moving from the real to the ideal
Have you ever wondered how to get a younger skier out of the "back seat"? Add to your bag of tricks, and explore, learn, and share experiences about how to play in the kid's world of real vs. ideal movements. All disciplines, welcome.
- ◆ PSIA-I Alpine Trainers Accreditation (day 2)

- ◆ PSIA-I Alpine Entry Level Clinic (day 2)

The following clinics offered on Saturday, Dec. 10th also count as certification prep:

- ◆ Intermediate Zone Movements
So you've never been called "eagle eyes?" Fret no more! This comprehensive six-hour course will help you develop your skills at identifying effective and ineffective movements, sharpen your observational skills, and improve your diagnostic skills. The skill level is focused on the intermediate zone in preparation for an exam. There will be



indoor use of video, on-snow development of visual cues, and enhanced recognition of personal skiing movements. Come out and lay the foundation for enhanced analysis and teaching. Your eyes and legs will thank you!

◆ **Ski Camp (for certified instructors)**

Skilled skiers exhibit both precise and energetic skiing that flows on all terrain and in all conditions. This six-hour ski improvement course is designed to provide direction in your personal skiing, with an emphasis on refining maneuvers and skill application necessary for certification and beyond. You will increase your understanding of personal skiing strengths, identify areas upon which to improve, and develop strategies necessary to take your skiing to the next level. Whether preparing for an exam or striving to reach new levels of personal skiing, this course will leave you with innovative tools from which to expand your skiing abilities and enjoyment!

The following clinics offered on Sunday, Dec. 11th also count as certification prep:

◆ **Intermediate Zone Teaching**

Pave the road to a new level of teaching mastery! From teaching cues and on-snow drills to developing trust and discovering your students, you'll discover several innovative methods to improve your own effectiveness on the slopes. This six-hour clinic will focus on effective instruction through the intermediate zone. You'll get on-snow practice time giving feedback, generating creative practice, and developing a strong coaching cycle. Whether preparing for an exam or seeking out more effective teaching ideas, this is the clinic for you. Head down the road to teaching success!

◆ **Advanced Zone Teaching**

Developed to reflect the latest innovations in the Core Concepts manual released by the Professional Ski Instructors of America, this six-hour event will provide you with tools to enhance your advanced zone coaching skills. Consisting of both indoor and on-snow time, you will explore high-level teaching skills including how to assess movements, working the learning environment, developing trust, and even building your own teaching model. Terrain selection may include all but the most extreme of area options. Take what you learn here and begin to transform your high-level instruction!

The following clinic is offered on Monday, Dec. 12th:

◆ **PSIA-I/AASI-I Alpine Trainer's Accreditation – (day 3)**

Sign up for both days or just come have fun for one...and if you purchase a PSIA/AASI-Intermountain Season Pass, nearly all of the clinics offered at the Education College are included.

The world-class facilities of Snowbasin are amazing, and so is the mountain. The state-of-the-art snowmaking will offer us a great base to supplement what mother nature sends. If you haven't been before, you'll find Snowbasin centrally located in Intermountain Division with a lot to offer...and a great time for all.

Sign up early and don't miss this event.!

Plan to attend the General Membership meeting at 4:30, December 10 in Earl's Lodge at the base of Snowbasin. You do not need to be an Ed College participant to attend this meeting.

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Imagine you are in a math class and your goal is to pass the math test. To pass the math test you have to add numbers. So you go about memorizing $2 + 3 = 5$ and $4 + 2 = 6$ and so on. You are good at memorizing, but don't take the time to understand that two things and three things equal five things. That is really the bottom line. Adding *things!* So on the test, one of the questions reads "what is $3 + 2$?" You know what $2 + 3$ is, but forgot to memorize $3 + 2$. You studied for the test. Not the understanding of the math.

Well luck may have been on your side, and you got enough questions right and passed the addition test. They awarded you the math diploma.

So now what? You are in the real world... and what if you actually have to perform some math in your job? Some unique math that you failed to memorize. You can see where this is going. You need to understand and be

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able to perform in the real world. The badge will not carry you.

Pins, badges and diplomas are nice. But they are only an assumption of validations of what you know and can do. If you can ski, teach, and have a technical understanding of skiing you will be able to perform brilliantly in the real

world... and ultimately end up with a pin on your chest.

Watching instructors from a chair-lift I don't need my 20/20 vision to see the pin on their jacket to tell me if they are skiing well. I can see their proficiency level from the interaction of their skis with the snow. This is what really matters. If they are skiing well I will assume they have that sacred pin.

Make your goal to become as proficient as possible in all aspects of skiing. Take clinics, lots of clinics, and not just the clinics required, any clinic you can avail yourself to. Don't count the number of clinics taken, count the amount learned. The rest will take care of itself. —**Ron Kipp, PSIA-I Alpine Education Manager**

PSIA-I/AASI-I Event Calendar 2005-2006

Snowboard

multi	Backcountry Accred Day1S	Tue 29-Nov-05	Indoor Alta or SLC
multi	DECL Training	Tue 29-Nov-05	Park City
multi	Ed College	Sat 10-Dec-05	Snowbasin
multi	Ed College	Sun 11-Dec-05	Snowbasin
multi	Lecture Series	Tue 13-Dec-05	Churchill Jr High
multi	Backcountry Accred Day1N	Fri 16-Dec-05	Indoor Jackson Hole
board	L1 Foundation Clinic	Sat 17-Dec-05	Solitude
board	L2 Foundation Clinic	Tue 10-Jan-06	Jackson Hole
board	L3 Foundation	Tue 10-Jan-06	Sundance
board	Freestyle Camp Day 1	Wed 11-Jan-06	Park City
board	L1 Foundation Clinic	Wed 11-Jan-06	Canyons
board	L2 Boot Camp	Wed 11-Jan-06	Targhee
board	Freestyle Camp Day 2	Thu 12-Jan-06	Park City
board	Freestyle Accred Day 3	Fri 13-Jan-06	Park City
board	L1 Foundation Clinic	Fri 13-Jan-06	Snowbird
board	L2 Foundation Clinic	Fri 13-Jan-06	Snowbasin
multi	Lecture Series	Thu 19-Jan-06	Churchill Jr High
board	L1 Foundation Clinic	Wed 25-Jan-06	Brian Head
board	L2 Stance and Deliver	Thu 26-Jan-06	Brian Head
board	Steeps Camp	Sat 28-Jan-06	Jackson Hole
board	Steeps Camp	Sun 29-Jan-06	Jackson Hole
multi	Backcountry Accred Day2S	Tue 31-Jan-06	Powder Mtn
board	Freestyle Fundamentals	Thu 09-Feb-06	Park City
multi	Cat Ski/ Board/ Tele	Fri 10-Feb-06	Powder Mtn
board	L2 Stance and Deliver	Sat 11-Feb-06	Park City
board	L2 Foundation Clinic	Sun 12-Feb-06	Brighton
board	L3 Foundation	Mon 13-Feb-06	Jackson Hole
board	L1 Foundation Clinic	Wed 15-Feb-06	Beaver Mtn
multi	Backcountry Hiring Prep	Thu 16-Feb-06	TBD
board	L1 Foundation Clinic	Thu 16-Feb-06	Jackson Hole
board	L1 Assessment	Sun 26-Feb-06	Powder Mtn
multi	Backcountry Accred Day2N	Mon 27-Feb-06	TBD
board	L1 Assessment	Tue 28-Feb-06	Targhee
board	L3 Foundation	Tue 28-Feb-06	Park City
board	L1 Assessment	Wed 01-Mar-06	Sundance
board	L1 Foundation Clinic	Wed 01-Mar-06	Park City
board	L2 Foundation Clinic	Wed 01-Mar-06	Targhee
board	L2 Ammo Clinic	Thu 02-Mar-06	Targhee
board	L2 MIA	Thu 02-Mar-06	Jackson Hole
board	L3 Boot Camp	Fri 03-Mar-06	Jackson Hole
board	L3 Boot Camp	Fri 03-Mar-06	Solitude
board	L3 MIA Clinic	Sat 04-Mar-06	Jackson Hole
multi	Backcountry Accred Day3S	Tue 07-Mar-06	TBD
board	L1 Assessment	Sat 11-Mar-06	Brain Head
board	L2 MIA	Sun 12-Mar-06	Brian Head
multi	Backcountry Accred Day3N	Mon 27-Mar-06	TBD
board	L2 Assessment	Tue 28-Mar-06	Jackson Hole
board	L2 Assessment	Wed 29-Mar-06	Jackson Hole
board	L1 Assessment	Thu 30-Mar-06	Canyons
multi	Backcountry Accred Day4S	Mon 03-Apr-06	TBD
board	Freestyle Camp Day 1	Mon 03-Apr-06	Park City
board	Freestyle Camp Day 2	Tue 04-Apr-06	Park City
board	Freestyle Accred Day 3	Wed 05-Apr-06	Park City
board	L2 Assessment	Thu 06-Apr-06	Park City
board	L3 Assessment	Thu 13-Apr-06	Snowbird
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Fri 07-Apr-06	TBD
board	L2 Assessment	Fri 07-Apr-06	Park City
board	L3 Assessment	Fri 14-Apr-06	Snowbird
multi	Backcountry Accred Day4N	Sat 08-Apr-06	TBD
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sat 08-Apr-06	TBD
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sun 09-Apr-06	TBD
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day2	Sat 15-Apr-06	Powder
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day3	Sun 16-Apr-06	Powder
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day4	Mon 17-Apr-06	Powder

Nordic

multi	Backcountry Accred Day1S	Tue 29-Nov-05	Alta or SLC
multi	DECL Training	Tue 29-Nov-05	Park City
nord	Nordic DECL training	Mon 05-Dec-05	Targhee
nord	MSR	Tue 06-Dec-05	Targhee
nord	MSR	Wed 07-Dec-05	Targhee
multi	Ed College	Sat 10-Dec-05	Snowbasin
multi	Ed College	Sun 11-Dec-05	Snowbasin
nord	Track I Assess	Mon 12-Dec-05	Solitude
multi	Lecture Series	Tue 13-Dec-05	Churchill Jr High
nord	Track II & III Prep	Tue 13-Dec-05	Solitude
multi	Backcountry Accred Day1N	Fri 16-Dec-05	Indoor Jackson
nord	Telemark I Assess	Mon 19-Dec-05	Solitude
nord	Telemark II & III Prep	Tue 20-Dec-05	Brighton
nord	Track I Assess	Tue 03-Jan-06	E. Mink Creek
nord	""New School"" Tele"	Mon 09-Jan-06	Brighton
nord	Track II & III Prep	Tue 10-Jan-06	Alta
nord	Alpine to Tele Clinic	Wed 11-Jan-06	Canyons
nord	Telemark I Assess	Thu 12-Jan-06	Teton Village
nord	Level II & III Prep	Fri 13-Jan-06	Teton Village
multi	Lecture Series	Thu 19-Jan-06	Churchill Jr High
nord	Track I clinic	Mon 23-Jan-06	Teton Village
nord	Track II & III Prep	Tue 24-Jan-06	Targhee
nord	Track Clinic	Mon 30-Jan-06	Sundance
multi	Backcountry Accred Day2S	Tue 31-Jan-06	Powder Mtn
nord	Nordic DECL Hiring	Wed 01-Feb-06	Alta
nord	Nordic DECL Hiring	Thu 02-Feb-06	Snowbird
nord	Telemark II & III Assess	Thu 02-Feb-06	Snowbird
nord	Telemark II & III Assess	Fri 03-Feb-06	Snowbird
nord	Track II & III Assess	Mon 06-Feb-06	Alta
nord	Track II & III Assess	Tue 07-Feb-06	Alta
nord	Telemark Racing Clinic	Thu 09-Feb-06	Park City
multi	Cat Ski/ Board/ Tele	Fri 10-Feb-06	Powder Mtn
nord	Telemark I Assess	Sat 11-Feb-06	Pebble Creek
nord	Telemark II & III Assess	Mon 13-Feb-06	Targhee
nord	Telemark II & III Assess	Tue 14-Feb-06	Targhee
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day1	Thu 16-Feb-06	TBD
multi	Backcountry Accred Day2N	Mon 27-Feb-06	TBD
nord	P&P Accred Day 1	Tue 28-Feb-06	Park City
nord	Track II & III Assess	Wed 01-Mar-06	Teton Village
nord	P&P Accred Day 2	Wed 01-Mar-06	Park City
nord	Track II & III Assess	Thu 02-Mar-06	Teton Village
nord	P&P Accred Day 3	Thu 02-Mar-06	Park City
nord	Intro to Park	Fri 03-Mar-06	Park City
nord	Intro to Pipe	Fri 03-Mar-06	Park City
nord	Telemark II & III Prep	Mon 06-Mar-06	Alta
nord	Telemark II & III Prep	Tue 07-Mar-06	Targhee
multi	Backcountry Accred Day3S	Tue 07-Mar-06	TBD
multi	Backcountry Accred Day3N	Mon 27-Mar-06	TBD
multi	Backcountry Accred Day4S	Mon 03-Apr-06	TBD
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Fri 07-Apr-06	TBD
nord	Telemark II & III Assess	Fri 07-Apr-06	TBD
multi	Backcountry Accred Day4N	Sat 08-Apr-06	TBD
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sat 08-Apr-06	TBD
nord	Level II & III Assess	Sat 08-Apr-06	TBD
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sun 09-Apr-06	TBD
nord	Level I Assess	Sun 09-Apr-06	TBD
multi	DECL Training	Tue 25-Apr-06	Snowbird
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day2	Sat 15-Apr-06	Powder
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day3	Sun 16-Apr-06	Powder
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day4	Mon 17-Apr-06	Powder

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Alpine

multi	DECL Training	Tue 29-Nov-05	Park City	alp	Steeps Camp	Wed 08-Feb-06	Jackson Hole
multi	Backcountry Accred Day1S	Tue 29-Nov-05	Indoor Alta or SLC	alp	Cert III Teaching	Wed 08-Feb-06	Jackson Hole
alp	DECL Training	Wed 30-Nov-05	Park City	alp	Cert I Clinic	Thu 09-Feb-06	Jackson Hole
alp	DECL Training	Thu 01-Dec-05	Park City	alp	Cert III Skiing	Thu 09-Feb-06	Jackson Hole
alp	Written	Mon 05-Dec-05	Churchill Jr High	alp	Cert I Assessment	Fri 10-Feb-06	Jackson Hole
alp	Trainer Accred day 1	Sat 10-Dec-05	Snowbasin	multi	Cat Ski/ Board/ Tele	Fri 10-Feb-06	Powder Mtn
multi	Ed College	Sat 10-Dec-05	Snowbasin	alp	Adv Zone Movements	Sat 11-Feb-06	Powder Mtn
alp	Trainer Accred day 2	Sun 11-Dec-05	Snowbasin	alp	Int Zone Movements	Sat 11-Feb-06	Powder Mtn
multi	Ed College	Sun 11-Dec-05	Snowbasin	alp	Tour d'Basin	Sun 12-Feb-06	Snowbasin
alp	Written	Mon 12-Dec-05	Jackson Hole	alp	Demo Camp	Sun 12-Feb-06	Targhee
alp	Trainer Accred day 3	Mon 12-Dec-05	Snowbasin	alp	Ski Camp	Sun 12-Feb-06	Targhee
alp	Accred. Trainer Update	Tue 13-Dec-05	Snowbasin	alp	Versatility Camp	Mon 13-Feb-06	Snowbasin
multi	Lecture Series	Tue 13-Dec-05	Churchill Jr High	alp	Written	Thu 16-Feb-06	Churchill Jr High
alp	Cert I Clinic	Wed 14-Dec-05	Deer Valley	alp	Written	Thu 16-Feb-06	Jackson Hole
alp	Cert I Clinic	Wed 14-Dec-05	Targhee	multi	Backcountry Hiring Prep	Thu 16-Feb-06	TBD
alp	Cert I Assessment	Thu 15-Dec-05	Deer Valley	alp	Demo Camp	Sat 25-Feb-06	Pebble Creek
alp	Ski Camp	Thu 15-Dec-05	Deer Valley	alp	Ski Camp	Sat 25-Feb-06	Pebble Creek
alp	Cert I Assessment	Thu 15-Dec-05	Targhee	alp	Int Zone Teaching	Sat 25-Feb-06	Pebble Creek
alp	Int Zone Movements	Thu 15-Dec-05	Targhee	alp	Adv Zone Teaching	Sun 26-Feb-06	Pebble Creek
alp	Ski Camp	Thu 15-Dec-05	Targhee	alp	Demo Camp	Sun 26-Feb-06	Pebble Creek
alp	Demo Camp	Fri 16-Dec-05	Deer Valley	alp	Ski Camp	Sun 26-Feb-06	Pebble Creek
multi	Backcountry Accred Day1N	Fri 16-Dec-05	Indoor Jackson	multi	Backcountry Accred Day2N	Mon 27-Feb-06	TBD
alp	Demo Camp	Fri 16-Dec-05	Jackson Hole	alp	P&P Accred Day 1	Tue 28-Feb-06	Park City
alp	Performance Skiing	Sat 17-Dec-05	Alta	alp	Cert II Teaching	Tue 28-Feb-06	Solitude
alp	Trainer Accred day 1	Sat 07-Jan-06	Canyons	alp	P&P Accred Day 2	Wed 01-Mar-06	Park City
alp	Written	Mon 09-Jan-06	Churchill Jr High	alp	Cert II Skiing	Wed 01-Mar-06	Solitude
alp	Int Zone Movements	Mon 09-Jan-06	Deer Valley	alp	Cert III Teaching	Thu 02-Mar-06	Canyons
alp	Ski Camp	Mon 09-Jan-06	Deer Valley	alp	P&P Accred Day 3	Thu 02-Mar-06	Park City
alp	Written	Mon 09-Jan-06	Jackson Hole	alp	Cert III Skiing	Fri 03-Mar-06	Canyons
alp	DECL Hiring Day 1	Tue 10-Jan-06	The Canyons	alp	Intro to Park	Fri 03-Mar-06	Park City
alp	Versatility Camp	Tue 10-Jan-06	Deer Valley	alp	Intro to Pipe	Fri 03-Mar-06	Park City
alp	Demo Camp	Tue 10-Jan-06	Powder Mtn	alp	Tour d' Canyons	Sat 04-Mar-06	Canyons
alp	Tour d' Powder Mtn.	Tue 10-Jan-06	Powder Mtn	alp	Trainer Accred day 3	Sat 04-Mar-06	Canyons
alp	Cert II Teaching	Wed 11-Jan-06	Alta	alp	Adv Zone Teaching	Mon 06-Mar-06	Deer Valley
alp	Cert III Teaching	Wed 11-Jan-06	Alta	alp	Cert I Clinic	Mon 06-Mar-06	Snowbasin
alp	Alpine to Tele Clinic	Wed 11-Jan-06	Canyons	alp	Cert I Assessment	Tue 07-Mar-06	Snowbasin
alp	Adv Zone Teaching	Wed 11-Jan-06	Targhee	multi	Backcountry Accred Day3S	Tue 07-Mar-06	TBD
alp	Int Zone Teaching	Wed 11-Jan-06	Targhee	alp	Adv Zone Movements	Wed 08-Mar-06	Sundance
alp	Cert II Skiing	Thu 12-Jan-06	Park City	alp	Int Zone Movements	Wed 08-Mar-06	Sundance
alp	Cert III Skiing	Thu 12-Jan-06	Park City	alp	Ski Camp	Wed 08-Mar-06	Sundance
alp	Int Zone Teaching	Tue 17-Jan-06	Deer Valley	alp	Demo Camp	Thu 09-Mar-06	Sundance
alp	Off Piste Ski Improvement	Tue 17-Jan-06	Deer Valley	alp	Int Zone Teaching	Thu 09-Mar-06	Sundance
alp	Versatility Camp	Tue 17-Jan-06	Jackson Hole	alp	Off Piste Ski Improvement	Thu 09-Mar-06	Sundance
alp	Adv Zone Movements	Wed 18-Jan-06	Jackson Hole	alp	Ski Camp	Sat 11-Mar-06	Brian Head
alp	Adv Zone Teaching	Wed 18-Jan-06	Jackson Hole	alp	Demo Camp	Sun 12-Mar-06	Brian Head
multi	Lecture Series	Thu 19-Jan-06	Churchill Jr High	alp	Written	Mon 27-Mar-06	Churchill Jr High
alp	Cert I Clinic	Mon 23-Jan-06	Canyons	alp	Written	Mon 27-Mar-06	Jackson Hole
alp	Cert I Assessment	Tue 24-Jan-06	Canyons	multi	Backcountry Accred Day3N	Mon 27-Mar-06	TBD
alp	Cert I Clinic	Wed 25-Jan-06	Brian Head	alp	Demo Camp	Tue 28-Mar-06	Snowbird
alp	Cert I Assessment	Thu 26-Jan-06	Brian Head	alp	Off Piste Ski Improvement	Tue 28-Mar-06	Snowbird
alp	DECL Tryouts Day 2	Thu 26-Jan-06	Snowbasin	alp	Int Zone Teaching	Tue 28-Mar-06	Snowbird
alp	DECL Tryouts Day 3	Fri 27-Jan-06	Snowbasin	multi	Backcountry Accred Day4S	Mon 03-Apr-06	TBD
alp	Entry Level Clinic	Fri 27-Jan-06	Solitude	alp	Cert I Clinic	Tue 04-Apr-06	Park City
alp	DECL P&P Training	Sat 28-Jan-06	Park City	alp	Cert I Assessment	Wed 05-Apr-06	Park City
multi	Backcountry Accred Day2S	Tue 31-Jan-06	Powder Mtn	multi	SPRING CLINIC	Fri 07-Apr-06	TBD
alp	Int Zone Teaching	Wed 01-Feb-06	Brighton	multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sat 08-Apr-06	TBD
alp	Ski Camp (night 1)	Wed 01-Feb-06	Brighton	multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sat 08-Apr-06	TBD
alp	Demo Camp	Thu 02-Feb-06	Brighton	multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sun 09-Apr-06	TBD
alp	Trainer Accred day 2	Sat 04-Feb-06	Canyons	alp	Off Piste Ski Improvement	Tue 11-Apr-06	Alta
alp	Int Zone Movements	Mon 06-Feb-06	Alta	multi	Backcountry Hiring Day2	Sat 15-Apr-06	Powder Mtn
alp	Off Piste Ski Improvement	Mon 06-Feb-06	Alta	multi	Backcountry Hiring Day3	Sun 16-Apr-06	Powder Mtn
alp	Versatility Camp	Mon 06-Feb-06	Alta	multi	Backcountry Hiring Day4	Mon 17-Apr-06	Powder Mtn
alp	Trainer Accred day 1	Mon 06-Feb-06	Deer Valley	alp	Cert II Teaching	Tue 18-Apr-06	Snowbird
alp	Cert II Teaching	Mon 06-Feb-06	Targhee	alp	Cert II Skiing	Wed 19-Apr-06	Snowbird
alp	Adv Zone Teaching	Tue 07-Feb-06	Alta	alp	Cert III Teaching	Thu 20-Apr-06	Snowbird
alp	Ski Camp	Tue 07-Feb-06	Alta	alp	Cert III Skiing	Fri 21-Apr-06	Snowbird
alp	Trainer Accred day 2	Tue 07-Feb-06	Deer Valley	alp	DECL Training	Sat 22-Apr-06	Snowbird
alp	Steeps Camp	Tue 07-Feb-06	Deer Valley	alp	DECL Training	Sun 23-Apr-06	Snowbird
alp	Cert II Skiing	Tue 07-Feb-06	Jackson Hole				
alp	Ski Camp (night 2)	Wed 08-Feb-06	Targhee				
alp	Trainer Accred day 3	Wed 08-Feb-06	Brighton				
			Deer Valley				

ACE

multi	Trainers' Clinic	Wed 30-Nov-05	Park City
multi	Ed College	Sat 10-Dec-05	Snowbasin
multi	Ed College	Sun 11-Dec-05	Snowbasin
multi	Lecture Series	Tue 13-Dec-05	Churchill Jr High
ace	Accred I On Snow	Wed 14-Dec-05	Canyons
ace	Accred I Indoor (4-7 PM)	Thu 15-Dec-05	Jackson Hole
ace	Accred I On Snow	Fri 16-Dec-05	Jackson Hole
ace	Accred I Indoor (3-6 PM)	Tue 10-Jan-06	Targhee
ace	Accred I Indoor	Fri 06-Jan-06	Brian Head
ace	Accred I On Snow	Sat 07-Jan-06	Brian Head
ace	Accred I Indoor (3-6 PM)	Thu 19-Jan-06	Targhee
ace	Accred I On Snow	Fri 20-Jan-06	Targhee
multi	Lecture Series	Thu 19-Jan-06	Churchill Jr High
ace	Accred I On Snow	Tue 24-Jan-06	Brighton or Solitude
ace	Accred II	Thu 26-Jan-06	Jackson Hole
ace	Accred II	Fri 27-Jan-06	Jackson Hole
multi	Backcountry Accred day2	Tue 31-Jan-06	Powder Mtn
ace	Accred I On Snow	Mon 06-Feb-06	Park City
ace	Accred II	Mon 06-Feb-06	Park City
ace	Accred II	Tue 07-Feb-06	Park City
multi	Cat Ski/ Board/ Tele	Fri 10-Feb-06	Powder Mtn
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day1	Thu 16-Feb-06	TBD
ace	Accred I Indoor (6-9 PM)	Thu 23-Feb-06	Kelly Canyon
ace	Accred I On Snow	Sat 25-Feb-06	Kelly Canyon
ace	Accred I On Snow	Sat 04-Mar-06	Pebble Creek
ace	Accred I On Snow	Tue 07-Mar-06	Powder Mtn
ace	Accred III	Tue 04-Apr-06	Snowbird
ace	Accred III	Wed 05-Apr-06	Snowbird
ace	ACE DECL Hiring	Thu 06-Apr-06	Snowbird
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Fri 07-Apr-06	TBD
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sat 08-Apr-06	TBD
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sun 09-Apr-06	TBD
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day2	Sat 15-Apr-06	Powder Mtn
multi	Backcountry Hiring Day3	Sun 16-Apr-06	Powder Mtn

Adaptive

multi	DECL Training	Tue 29-Nov-05	Park City
multi	Ed College	Sat 10-Dec-05	Snowbasin
multi	Ed College	Sun 11-Dec-05	Snowbasin
multi	Lecture Series	Tue 13-Dec-05	Churchill Jr High
multi	Lecture Series	Thu 19-Jan-06	Churchill Jr High
adapt	Workshop (night 1)	Wed 25-Jan-06	Park City
adapt	Workshop (night 2)	Thu 26-Jan-06	Park City
multi	Backcountry Clinic	Tue 31-Jan-06	TBD
multi	Cat Ski/ Board/ Tele	Fri 10-Feb-06	Powder Mtn
multi	Backcountry Prep	Thu 16-Feb-06	TBD
adapt	Workshop	Fri 10-Mar-06	Park City
adapt	Cert II & III	Wed 29-Mar-06	Park City
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Fri 07-Apr-06	TBD
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sat 08-Apr-06	TBD
multi	SPRING CLINIC	Sun 09-Apr-06	TBD
multi	DECL Training	Fri 14-Apr-06	Snowbird
multi	BCKY L II & III Assess	Sat 15-Apr-06	Powder
multi	BCKY L II & III Assess	Sun 16-Apr-06	Powder
multi	BCKY L II & III Assess	Mon 17-Apr-06	Powder

Certification Omissions

The following names were left off the cert lists from last issue. We apologize for the error. Make sure to give these folks a special congratulations when you see them this winter.

Level 2 Alpine

J.Cooper Cazedessus	Alta
Judith Donnell	Deer Valley
David Eichel	Solitude
Alicia French	Park City
Nathan Sears	Deer Valley

Level 3 Alpine

Cynthia Jane Van Sycle	Jackson
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Nordic Downhill Level 2

Peter Larsen	Deer Valley
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Non Affiliated Changes

Rule changes were approved at the Spring Board of Directors meeting that allow Level 1 and Level 2 certified instructors in good standing, who are not affiliated with a snowsports school, to participate in the assessment process.

This change was the result of requests from numerous non-affiliated members who were not allowed to take assessments under the old rules. Under the old rules, affiliation with a snowsports school was required to take an assessment.

Under the new rules it will still be necessary to fill out and have the portfolio signed off prior to taking an assessment. The non-affiliated members, preparing for assessments, will have their portfolio sign-off done by DECLs at PSIA-I/AASI-I educational clinics. This rule change is a positive step forward, creating more equity for our members, regardless of affiliation. ■



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Event Registration

Professional Ski Instructors of America Intermountain Division American Association of Snowboard Instructors, Intermountain

REGISTRANT INFORMATION				
NAME		PHONE	FAX	
STREET		CITY	STATE	ZIPCODE
E-MAIL		SKI SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF NEW ADDRESS	
YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Entry Level <input type="checkbox"/> Level I <input type="checkbox"/> Level II <input type="checkbox"/> Level III		MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	INDICATE DISCIPLINE FOR THIS EVENT <input type="checkbox"/> Alpine <input type="checkbox"/> Snowboard <input type="checkbox"/> Nordic <input type="checkbox"/> Adapted	

EVENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION					
EDUCATION	*** LIST CLINIC TOPIC FROM SCHEDULE ***	LOCATION	CLINIC PASS ELIGIBLE	DATE	COST
			<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic pass, no charge		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic pass, no charge		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic pass, no charge		
	Clinic Season Pass (purchase by 1/31/06) \$175.00	Passes are good for all educational clinics and lecture series events during the period covered excluding Spring Clinic, accreditations and assessments. Pass holders will be subject to all published deadlines for registration including late fees and any additional surcharges.			
ASSESSMENT	LIST ASSESSMENT TITLE FROM SCHEDULE	LOCATION		DATE	COST
✗ DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED for assessment registration: ▶ _____					

FEES		TOTAL FEES:
Level 1 Package \$110.00	PAYMENT METHOD: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash/Check/MO <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> Am. Express Account Number: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> ✗ Please bill my credit card. Signature: ▶ _____	
Clinic Season Pass \$175.00		
One-day Clinic \$50.00		
Add extra for Cat Skiing \$20.00		
L2, L3 Assessments/per day \$70.00		
Level 2, 3 Written Test \$12.00		
Lecture \$25.00 per session		
		Exp. Date: ▶ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

RELEASE	
<p>I, (print name) _____, have requested to attend the Professional Ski Instructor of America Intermountain Division (hereafter "PSIA-I") or American Association of Snowboard Instructors (hereafter "AASI") education or certification function led by a PSIA-I or AASI designated clinic leader or examiner (hereafter "Event Facilitators"). As a professional ski or snowboard instructor or experienced skier or snowboarder requesting participation in this event I fully understand and accept sole responsibility for my personal safety, behavior, and performance. I am fully aware of the risks of skiing and snowboarding associated with this event, including the possibility of serious injury and death, and release and forever discharge PSIA-I and AASI, their officers, directors, employees, facilitators, agents, member ski areas, sponsors, and all persons from any and all claims, injuries, damages, expenses, or actions arising from or related to my participation in the PSIA-I or AASI sponsored event and under no circumstances or eventuality will suit be filed against PSIA-I or AASI, their officers, directors, employees, facilitators, agents, member ski areas, or sponsors for any injuries resulting from participation in this program. I also agree to incorporate by reference all the provisions of the Utah Risk of Skiing Act (when applicable), and Your Responsibility Code as endorsed by the Professional Ski Instructors of America. I have fully read and voluntarily agree to the above terms and conditions.</p>	
Registrant signature (your signature also verifies that you are over 18 years old) ✗ _____	Date _____

Mail or Fax your completed registration form to: **PSIA/AASI Intermountain Division** f: 801 942-7837
 7105 South Highland Dr, Suite 201 v: 801 942-2066
✗ TELEPHONE REGISTRATIONS NOT ACCEPTED Salt Lake City, UT 84121 e: admin@psia-i.org

Completed registration form and payment must be in the Division office at least 2-weeks prior to the event date. Postmarks not accepted. REFUNDS: Notice given office before deadline, 100%; notice after deadline but before event, 50%; no notice given before event NO REFUND.



Board Elections

Board of Directors elections will be here sooner than you think. Seats up for election include those representing: Region I – Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee, Great American, White Pine; Region VI – Solitude, Brighton, Sundance; Region VII – Alta, Snowbird; and three “At Large.”

Our Bylaws state that one third of the Board shall stand for election each year. The six seats in consideration in 2006 are one more than the required one-third; 2007 will have five; 2008 would have only four, one less than required. To correct this imbalance in the election cycle, the Board approved a one time alteration of the length of term for one of the “At Large” seats—from three years down to two—during this next election.

The candidate with the third largest vote tally for the “At Large” seats will be assigned the shorter, two-year term. This will reestablish a balance of five seats standing per election. ■

Entry Level for All

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming an instructor? Perhaps you know an interested employee in another department at your resort, or a student graduating or attending college? To assist that process, the Board has adopted a policy allowing individuals to join our Division and begin the education process, attending a two-day Entry Level clinic administered by the Division.

This will not displace the member schools’ in-house administration of this training, but instead supplements it by allowing individuals not currently employed by a member snowsports school access to training.

This year this Entry Level clinic will be offered at both the Ed College and at Spring Clinic. The fee (\$123) is for two clinic days, plus one season’s membership in PSIA/AASI-Intermountain. Membership in our National association can be secured for additional \$40 dues for one season. ■

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