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## National Software System on the Way

*PSIA/AASI National and all nine divisions prepare to launch a web-based program to provide seamless member services.*

By J. Scott McGee

Soon, you may be able to renew your dues, shop the Accessories Catalog, seek pro-deals, check upcoming events and sign up, and pay for them all on one website. PSIA-I/AASI-I is working with the national office to customize and deploy an office management software system to provide one stop shopping for all PSIA services in a seamless member experience. The implementation of this system is designed to provide one-stop shopping to members, and to provide the office staff and division volunteers improved management and reporting, as well as a more cost effective and efficient way to process all member transactions. The web-based system will also provide its members information anytime. In conjunction with the PSIA National Association, PSIA-I/AASI-I have made a significant investment in time and

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PSIA Intermountain member and Nordic DECL and National Nordic Team coach Scott McGee is seamless on the hill.

capital. Both are committed to improving member experience with the eventually rollout of this system.

As with most software-based management tools, there are challenges. These challenges include:

- ◆ Although web-based membership renewal, event registration and clinic scheduling doesn't seem like it would be that hard in this day and age, modeling and marrying the nine divisions' business models into one platform is a challenge. The goal is to ensure that the system is user-friendly and fully functional for all 29,000 PSIA/AASI members nationally spread throughout all divisions.

- ◆ To prevent interruption of services this season, the division office will maintain the current system while deploying the new one. Although operating two systems will temporarily increase office workload, it ensures continuation of services.
- ◆ The PSIA-AASI Member Services Web Portal is currently available for members to renew annual dues online and edit one's profile. This portal is available at [www.the-snow-pros.org](http://www.the-snow-pros.org) and by accessing member services. This year annual dues reminders will be sent out via email.

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## President's Message

*By Chris Katzenberger, PSIA/AASI Intermountain President*

Summer has flown by this year. We've already had some fall type mornings in Park City and the weather seems to be flipping back and forth not knowing what it wants to do.

We've been busy in the office, with the DECLs and with the Board. Susan, Pam and Vicki have been working non-stop to learn and implement a new computer system. I want to thank them for their time and effort with all the new changes. This system will link all nine divisions together with National. The goal is to make the process easier for members to access their account information. Other services that are in development are;

- ◆ Search and register for division courses on-line
- ◆ Improved on-line reporting of member education history
- ◆ On-line reporting of member transactions
- ◆ Enhanced email communication to members about events and services
- ◆ Increased accuracy of member records

I'd suggest you look at thesnowpros.org site to access proforms, the Movement Matrix, the Member Forum and other available features. Check for emails from PSIA/AASI that will alert you of changes. Please email [mist@thesnowpros.org](mailto:mist@thesnowpros.org) if you have comments and suggestions. Check out other divisional sites for information on happenings around the country. It is always good to read other newsletters and documents from the other divisions.

The education and certification staffs have been successful in producing a calendar of events for the Intermountain Division members that has been posted. Thanks everyone for spending your summer getting plans confirmed and working with resorts to make this a successful season. Thank you too to the snowsport schools who graciously accommodate us at their resorts supplying rooms, lift tickets and equipment for many events. Members please note snowsport schools do a lot to support PSIA/AASI Intermountain Division and we truly appreciate their contributions to our organization. Thank a snowsports director or mountain manager if you get a chance to meet them.

The Board met September 12 to work on issues related to Intermountain members. We invite you to attend meetings and if not get involved with your member school to become familiar with this Division and its purpose. Scott McGee wrote an article in the last Edge about the BOD voting to bring the Snowsports Instructors Representatives Committee (SIRC) back in to action. We have asked directors to submit 2 instructor names that will be a pipeline to the Board for member information. Granted we are not as big as Rocky Mountain, Eastern or Central but we do have a membership who dedicates themselves to keeping snowsport instruction a professional entity

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## The Instructors EDGE

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## Ed College at Brighton

The weekend of December 5 and 6, Brighton Resort will be the host for the annual PSIA-I/AASI-I Education College. The Ed College is PSIA/AASI-Intermountain's multi-discipline fall educational event.

The Ed College has been hosted by Snowbasin continuously since 2003 and PSIA/AASI-I would like to applaud their hospitality. Brighton will also be an admirable host. Brighton is located up Big Cottonwood Canyon. The area traditionally opens early due to its ample snowmaking.

The General Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday at 4:30 on the third floor of the Alpine Rose Lodge. Hear what is new from your Board and Discipline Managers. Have a question, idea, suggestion, criticism, or complaint? Want to know about the new alpine exam processes? Why do we have new clinics? This is the forum for it. Or just come to learn more about your organization.

### Alpine

Friday

- ◆ Adv Educator (3-day event starts Friday)

Saturday

- ◆ Level II Skiing Fundamentals Clinic
- ◆ Level III Teaching Clinic
- ◆ Drills and Skills Camp
- ◆ Light the Fire
- ◆ 2 Days 1 Coach
- ◆ Instructing the Senior Skier
- ◆ National Concepts, Nat'l Team member

Sunday

- ◆ Level III Skiing Clinic
- ◆ Level II Teaching Clinic
- ◆ Ski Improvement Workshop
- ◆ Light the Fire
- ◆ 2 Days 1 Coach
- ◆ Instructing the Senior Skier
- ◆ National Concepts, Nat'l Team member

(Alpine clinic descriptions can be found at <http://psia-i.org/alpine.htm>.)

### Children

Saturday

- ◆ "Real vs. Ideal" Teen Edition: Add to your bag of tricks, and explore, learn, and share experiences about how to play in the teen's world of real vs. ideal movements. All disciplines, welcome.

Sunday

- ◆ Bag O' Tricks: 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, act, and move at different ages, and add to your bag of tricks. Clinic emphasis based on the group's desires. All disciplines, welcome.

### Adaptive

Saturday

- ◆ Preparing for Adaptive Certification

### Snowboard

Saturday

- ◆ Get out and Ride for Intermediates

Sunday

- ◆ Learn to Ride

### Nordic\*

Saturday

- ◆ How to Teach the Telemark Basics: sticks to the basics so that that we can get into the 'how tos' of teaching as well as skiing. Open to all levels of telemarkers, with a focus on effective teaching that ties into other disciplines while we cover the foundations of teaching basic telemark skiing.
- ◆ Teaching the Diagonal Stride: how can something be so simple, yet so elusive? Challenge yourself as a teacher and learn new teaching strategies by getting back to the basics. The original skiing skill is the showcase, as we learn to lead a complex yet gentle terrain tour that teaches basic cross-country skills.

Sunday

- ◆ Telemark Skills Lab: covers the common skills in tele and how to isolate and improve them. Open to beginning telemark skiers and up, with tasks as various as carving tele trenches to flatspins, a mellower 'laboratory environment' will help everyone focus on improving specific skills in a framework designed to quickly increase the teaching 'bag of tricks'.
- ◆ The Three Best Drills to Improve Track Skiing: learn to get the most from the drills that have the most to offer, both skate and classic. The small focus of three drills allows a broad look at track skiing skills, how to improve yours, and how to recognize and evaluate these skills in others.

\*Due to snow conditions, track skiing may not be available.

The total event offering along with a downloadable registration form can be found at [www.psia-i.org\\_under](http://www.psia-i.org_under) Event Sign up Form.

## PSIA Alpine Team

### Members at ED College

Each year instructors from all disciplines participate in the PSIA-I ED College and kick off the season with fun and informative clinics. Historically, the division invites one of the National Alpine Team Members to the Ed College.

This year the division is proud to host team members Dave Lundberg and Doug Pierini\*. This is a valuable outreach opportunity for Doug and Dave to get to know you, the membership. But most of all, it's an educational opportunity of the highest magnitude!

You will be skiing with the best of the best in our profession. Both Dave and Doug are consummate professionals who ski with precision yet can "light it up" demonstrating versatile, exciting skiing. Both of these pros possess an original perspective that is a product of a diverse and distinguished professional path (Refer to their profiles on [www.thesnowpros.org](http://www.thesnowpros.org)). Group size is limited so sign up early! Doug and/or Dave will give an indoor presentation on Saturday evening that will be open to all.

So, get yourself to ED College and take advantage of this unique educational opportunity!

\*Doug Pierini's participation at ED College is made possible in part by a grant from the PSIA/AASI Education Foundation.

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- ◆ Please be patient and considerate with the office as they are working throughout the winter. The additional work of maintaining two systems can be taxing.

In the future, look forward to comprehensive services all available through one web page, and savings to the national and division administration which will have future payoffs putting your dues to best use.



## SIRC News

### *Snowsports Instructors Representative Committee*

- ◆ Get Involved
- ◆ Represent your fellow instructors
- ◆ Have a voice
- ◆ Make PSIA/AASI Intermountain the best association it can be.

Your PSIA/AASI-I Board of Directors invites each snowsports school to identify and nominate two interested and motivated leaders to serve on the SIRC, representing the members of your school to the BOD. The SIRC is not new. It was most active between 1995 and 2005, but has been dormant recently. We want to revitalize it with clearer tasks to enhance information and communication with the members.

#### **Committee Goals**

*Communication with the Board:* SIRC members meet with their home school colleagues regarding member desires and concerns. SIRC representatives then meet with and convey these concerns and ideas to our Board members who represent each region. The Board members will then be carrying these compiled ideas to the board, and inviting the participation and involvement of interested SIRC representatives who want to attend PSIA/AASI-I Board meetings. The SIRC members will meet with their school's staff to close the communication loop.

*Survey Analysis and Recommendations:* The PSIA/AASI-I Board just completed a major survey of the members, which garnered many interesting results and in-depth responses. The Board feels that the best way to act on the results is to involve the membership in interpreting them and developing recommendations so that we may best meet the needs of the membership.



## Communication Corner

*By Nancy Kronthaler, PSIA-I/AASI-I Communication VP*

Summer has been a whirlwind of meetings, calls and e-mails with the Executive Committee and our discipline managers. Topics for discussion were levels of membership, calendars for all disciplines, clinic discount pass, Spring Clinic and Alpine L1 certification. I cannot thank

Alpine Educational Manager Ron Kipp, Alpine Certification Manager Franklin Williams and other dedicated members including Maggie Loring, Jo Garruccio, and Carolyn Fushimi enough for their time, expertise and dedication to our division.

- ◆ The office staff has been hard at work with National's new software program. This system will eventually allow members to pay dues on line, register for events, and keep an accessible history of membership. Long hours have been spent entering data into the system. To comply with National, the levels of membership will be: Registered Member (there will be no Entry Level), and L1, L2 and L3 certifications. A Registered member is one who may or may not be employed by a snow sport school, will pay both Intermountain and National dues, can purchase a clinic discount pass and take specified educational clinics.
- ◆ The educational calendars for all disciplines this year offer great opportunities for the varying needs of our membership. A variety of clinics and lecture series are available to suit everyone's needs. Check the calendar in this issue. Also, don't hesitate to branch out and investigate a new discipline and become a beginner again! We have added more evening lectures and have discounted them to \$20. These provide great opportunities for education in a variety of topics.
- ◆ We are offering a clinic discount pass again this season. A document with stipulations for the use of the pass appears in this Edge and also on our website for download. The deadline to purchase the pass is January 31, 2010. It offers the members a great savings on educational events.
- ◆ We begin the season with the Ed College, this year hosted at Brighton December 5 and 6. There will be a wide variety of clinic topics in all disciplines. Join us to re-unite with old friends and new in the sport we love.
- ◆ The L1 Alpine exam this year will mirror the L2 Alpine exam at a lower level. Two multi-day Level 1 Academies are scheduled to help Registered members succeed with the new exam process. These events will give our Registered members and people needing an opportunity to hone their basic skills, an opportunity for specific coaching. Check our website for a more detailed description on sign up and expectations at each level.
- ◆ Spring Clinic at Sun Valley April 9-11 will be an unforgettable weekend to put on your calendar. Information will appear on the website and in the next Edge.

As an exciting new season unfolds, take time to reconnect with your professional goals and look at the opportunities we provide you in our education and certification calendars. We are a membership-driven organization. Your input is greatly appreciated for the organization's success. Your comments are always welcome and can be directed to me through the office. ■



## Administrative Report

*By Joe Waggoner, PSIA-I/AASI-I Administrative VP*

This summer is over, fall is here and you know what that means? Yes, you are correct. Summers are getting a lot shorter! Whether or not they really are getting shorter, this summer flew by because it was such a busy, yet, productive time for EXCOM (the PSIA/AASI-I executive committee), the office, the Board, and all of the discipline managers. I want to thank all for your dedication and effort.

The office has been working diligently with National to integrate our divisional and member data into the new national CRM4M computer software system. This system, when all components are up and running, will give members online access to a wide variety of functionalities. You will be able to access and update your personal information. You will be able to access your education/certification records. You will be able to pay your dues and register for clinic and assessment offerings. This system will be a real benefit to the members when it is all up and running. Currently, members can access this site at [www.thesnowpros.org](http://www.thesnowpros.org) and by entering your PSIA/AASI member number.

A number of functionalities are not available yet because this continues to be a very big project of creating a system that will function for all nine divisions. It is very much like creating a system for nine businesses with different business plans. As this system is phased in and through the first season, our office will be running our old system in parallel to insure a smooth operation. Susan, Pam, and Vicki are doing an exceptional job with this and we are fortunate to have them. Please join me in showing our appreciation for what they do.

We have hired Lonnie Burnham, CPA of Burnham & Schumm to be our accountant and accounting firm and they are completing our 990 tax return. They are working with us to create and implement policies and guidelines to keep us in compliance with our 501-C6 tax classification. This is necessary due to the increased complexity and government oversight of Non Profits.

We have been working in conjunction with the Division Presidents Council to craft a Divisional Services Agreement with National regarding our use and involvement with the new CRM4M system. This has been a lengthy undertaking requiring the time, effort, and council of many good and smart people in PSIA-I/AASI as well as other divisions. This is ongoing, so I will keep you posted.

I wish you all a great upcoming winter season with hope that it doesn't go to quickly, because you know what that would mean? Yes, you are correct. Winters are getting a lot shorter! ■

Please recommend two willing candidates from among your staff for nomination to the SIRC by December 1. The SIRC will meet at the Fall Ed. College in Utah in early December. If you are an unaffiliated member and are interested in representing other unaffiliated members, please submit your name and contact info for consideration in non-regionally represented SIRC positions. Thank you for your involvement and help!

Please send nominees' names and contact information by Dec. 1 to [admin@psia-i.org](mailto:admin@psia-i.org) or [scottm@jacksonhole.com](mailto:scottm@jacksonhole.com) or contact the division office. Thanks! ■

## Development Squad Tryouts

An Alpine Development Squad tryout is scheduled for January 7 at Jackson Hole, and January 21, at Deer Valley. The Development Squad tryout is open to any PSIA-I Level III member in good standing. PSIA-I clinic credit will be awarded for participation. Cost is \$160.

The Alpine Development Squad is the route to becoming an Alpine clinic leader and examiner within PSIA Inter-mountain division. The tryout process involves demonstrating skiing and clinicing skills. A written test, personal interview, and a semi-impromptu indoor presentation may be expected.

Candidates are expected to ski above a Certified Level III standard and possess an in-depth and broad knowledge of skiing. Pedagogical didactic skills that are effective, honest, and fun will be assessed. There may be a cut after the first day.

For more on the Development Squad and the job of a DECL visit: [http://psia-i.org/pubs/alpine/archive/DECL\\_2007.pdf](http://psia-i.org/pubs/alpine/archive/DECL_2007.pdf). ■

*New Initiatives:* To identify and undertake future initiatives to increase value to our guests, schools, resorts and industry and to offer higher quality programming and materials to members.

*Develop Tomorrow's Leaders:* The SIRC already has proven itself as a mechanism to foster the growth of members as leaders in our organization. Let's continue to direct it toward this goal.

## Office Notes

Something different will be taking place this season – and we think you'll like it! You won't be seeing any billing statements in your mailboxes this December – yeah! What a Christmas present!

### Two Payment Options

Dues statements for the 10/11 season will be sent to you by the National office sometime in March or April of 2010 with a payable date of June 30, 2010. A lot of you have expressed your preference to have the billing done at this time of year, so we are hoping this big change will bring quite a few smiles. PSIA/AASI National runs on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 and so this will bring our Division into conformity with their billing cycle.

You will be able to pay your dues online via the National website, or you may still pay the way you have been – through the Division office.

### Office Hours

Our office will return to full-time status, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, on November 1. As a trial offering, will be open on Saturday's during the months of January and February from 9 a.m. to noon. We suggest you call the office prior to stopping by if you need to visit us before the first; just to make sure someone is there to help you.

The best way to reach us at the office anytime is by email at [admin@psia-i.org](mailto:admin@psia-i.org). Due to the heavy phone traffic during the winter months, it may take several tries to connect during regular business hours. Emailing us will always get you a timely response or follow up phone call without the hassle of listening to the recorder and leaving a message. We even answer emails after hours and weekends. We are monitoring and answering email prior to November 1 as well.



## Children's Corner

*By Mark Nakada, PSIA-I/AASI-I Children's Manager*

Aloha! On behalf of the ACE team, I'd like to thank those professionals who attended an ACE accreditation or one of our children's clinics. For the upcoming season, we have a number of events that will enhance your "Kids" knowledge base. Please refer to the

ACE/Kids calendar at [www.psia-i.org](http://www.psia-i.org) for more details. Program updates:

- ◆ **NEW THIS SEASON!** For those professionals interested in getting an introduction to the "CAP Model" - and how it can enhance your teaching efforts, we will be offering several informative lectures throughout the season. Please check the calendar for more details.
- ◆ **NEW THIS SEASON!** We will be offering more "Bag O'Tricks" clinics throughout the season – including the first in a series of "Special Needs" Kids clinics. Please check the calendar for more details.
- ◆ For ACE I, we will continue to offer ski- and ride-specific on-hill groups based on participant interest. Please sign-up early – as these discipline-specific ACE clinics will sell out.
- ◆ There continues to be some confusion over the qualifications for ACE I. Although ACE materials may be presented as part of your Snowsports School Training Program, you must be a PSIA/AASI Level I certified instructor - and meet the curriculum requirements - to receive your ACE I accreditation.
- ◆ The ACE curriculum, workbooks, and study guide are being updated for the upcoming season, and will be available in early November at [www.psia-i.org](http://www.psia-i.org). The ACE Curriculum outlines the objectives and requirements for each accreditation; the Study Guide, workbooks, presentations, and other materials are part of a work-in-progress library. Please note, for the ACE I, II and III accreditations, we will only accept current season materials.
- ◆ To clarify the time limitations for all ACE accreditations, you must complete all of the curriculum requirements within one calendar year - from the time you start - to receive credit.
- ◆ A limited number of ACE I, II and III pins are available for purchase from the Office. Please call for more details.
- ◆ A new PSIA/AASI Children's Manual is available for sale from the Office. The manual updates the content from the "green" children's manual (1997); get your copy today.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events this season. ■

### Staffing

We are looking to hire a part-time office worker for the season. The schedule will be three eight hr. days per week. We need a mature, dependable, computer literate, candidate with good

telephone etiquette and customer service skills. Please fax or email your resumé to 801-942-7837 or [admin@psia-i.org](mailto:admin@psia-i.org).

Ski you on the slopes! ■



## Lecture Series

### Expanded

In response to the success of the lecture series and requests for more educational opportunities, PSIA-I/AASI-I is offering a full lecture schedule this season. The cost of each lecture has been reduced to \$20 to make them accessible to more members and the list of topics has been expanded. Although most lectures are geared toward skiing, some should be of great interest to all snowsports instructors (note the bulleted lecture titles). Don't miss this excellent opportunity to increase your professional knowledge and earn 3 credit hours per lecture. Check the website for lecture updates and locations of all lectures when they become available.

### In the South

#### Musculoskeletal Implications for the Professional Skier

November 19 (Draper Library, 1136 East Pioneer, Draper, UT) and March 29 (location TBA), Dr. Collin Bywaters, PT, DECL. This is the first in a series of lectures involving pertinent anatomy and physiology that all professional skiers should become versed in whether new to teaching or a seasoned veteran. This presentation will explore the demands placed upon the muscles, ligaments, and bones of the body and how best to prepare yourself to abate injury associated with skiing. Topics covered will range from musculoskeletal anatomy, adaptation, and injury prevention strategies.

#### Form, Function of the Athletic Knee

December 3 (Holladay Library, 2150 E. Murray-Holladay Road, Holladay, UT), Dr. Collin Bywaters, PT, DECL. This lecture will present anatomy and kinesiology of the knee as well as common injuries, surgical procedures, and other ailments afflicting this critical joint.

#### Fundamentals of Movement Analysis

December 7, Jan 4, Mar 9, (Whitmore Library, 2197 E. Fort Union Blvd., Cottonwood Heights, UT), January 4 and March 9, Stephen Helfenbein. Accurate movement analysis is the foundation of effective ski teaching. It is a skill (just like skiing and teaching) that requires practice and coaching in order to become competent. This lecture will provide a framework for performing movement analysis of alpine skiing. Three fundamentals will be presented:

1. Cause and effect of the skier's movement on his/her skis and the turn shape that is produced.
2. Using skill based descriptions of a skier's movements.
3. Developing a lesson plan with an appropriate technical focus.

During this lecture we will also practice the fundamentals of movement analysis using video images of recreational skiers. Participants will have the opportunity to view several different skiers at various ability levels and receive feedback on the quality of their analysis. *This lecture is intended to help prepare candidates for the Level II teaching assessment.*

#### How Our Equipment Can Positively or Negatively Affect Our Balance

December 9 (Whitmore Library), Steve Bagley. Ability to balance fore-aft and laterally. Proper balance of boots and bindings affects our ability to progress. This will be a hands on class to feel the difference of proper balancing of equipment and how to recognize it in your clients. Bring your boots and feel the difference yourselves.

Foot-boot alignment

Fore and aft tilt boot

Fore and aft tilt of the bindings

Lateral balance of the foot and boot

#### Skills Concept Dissected Part I

December 10 (Holladay Library), Dr. Collin Bywaters, PT, DECL. This lecture is the first of two lectures cover-

ing the four skill domains of balance, edge, rotary, and pressure based on PSIA's Alpine Technical Manual. This lecture will cover the intrinsic and extrinsic factors effecting balance as well as how stance influences balance. This lecture is highly recommended for all certification candidates levels one through three.

#### X Making Practice More Effective

December 16 (Ruth Vine Tyler Library, 8041 So. Wood Street (100 West), Midvale, UT), Dr. Dan Freigang, Sport Psychology Consultant. Starting with the theory behind how people learn and concluding with the practical component of how successful teachers teach.

#### Skills Concepts Dissected Part II

Rotary, Edge and Pressure with Respect to Contemporary Alpine Skiing. December 17 (Holladay Library), Dr. Collin Bywaters, PT, DECL. This lecture is the second of two lectures covering the four skill domains of balance, edge, rotary, and pressure based on PSIA's Alpine Technical Manual. This lecture will explore the three skill domains of rotary movement including the joints involved, edging as a spectrum, and pressure control. This lecture is highly recommended for all certification candidates.

#### Certification Preparation - Hitting the Bull's-Eye

January 5 (Whitmore Library), Franklin Williams PSIA-I certification manager. Knowing where to target preparation is important. What is needed to pass the skiing and teaching portions of the assessment will be the focus for Level II and III candidates.

#### X Avalanche Avoidance and Rescue for Yourself and Your Partner

January 12 (Whitmore Library), Jimmy Collinson, assistant director of Snow Safety for Snowbird. The most applicable information for people out skiing in avalanche country. Covering how not to get



caught and what to do if you or your partner is caught in an avalanche.

## Oh-My Aching Back!

January 19, Dr. Collin Bywaters, PT, DECL. "In the USA, back pain is the most common cause of activity limitation in people younger than 45 years, the second most frequent reason for visits to the physician, the fifth-ranking cause of admission to hospital, and the third most common cause of surgical procedures. About two percent of the US workforce are compensated for back injuries each year." Low back pain is the leading cause of loss of work in the United States, don't become a statistic! This lecture will present the anatomy and kinesiology of the back, the demands placed upon it during skiing as well as common back injuries and how to best prevent them.

## Understanding Planes of Movement

January 26, Ron Kipp. An interactive presentation of movement in three-dimensional space. How flexing and extending do not really matter when they are not timed with other movements. Can you dissect directional movements into the three planes and describe the timing? These and other idiosyncrasies of skiing will be explored.

## Action and Reaction

February 2, Ron Kipp. Every body movement in skiing leads to a reaction. Some of these are desired, while others have deleterious ramifications. Learn what is good skiing and why certain basics will never change. Guest appearance from Sir Isaac Newton.

## Advanced Movement Analysis

February 9, Stephen Helfenbein. Accurate movement analysis is the foundation of effective ski teaching. This lecture will advance the skills presented and practices in the previous lectures. *This lecture is intended to help prepare candidates for the Level III teaching assessment.*



## Alpine Education

By Ron Kipp, PSIA-I Alpine Education Manager

### *The Renaissance Ski Instructor*

"The renaissance ski instructor." Sounds sexy, maybe even romantic. Who wouldn't want to have this moniker, or be like this? A "renaissance ski instructor" why not? The designation adapted from the "renaissance man," is based on the various scholars and artists from the European Renaissance. Although today not politically gender appropriate, a less quixotic term that actually predates the renaissance man is the "polymath." From the Greek *polymathes*. The term "polymath" comes from the roots *poly-*, for "many," and *manthanein*, "to learn." A polymath, in other words, is someone who has learned much. People have been using the term "polymath" since the 1600s, when the Renaissance in Europe triggered a redevelopment in interest for classical learning, and society began to prize people with a number of skills and a wide knowledge base. Maybe we need a Renaissance in ski instruction?

Today we look back on the renaissance man, or polymath, as a person skilled in multiple fields or multiple disciplines. Individuals that have acquired a broad base of knowledge. Thinking individuals like Plato, Aristotle, Archimedes, Hildegard, Galileo, Copernicus, Leonardo Da Vinci, and Thomas Jefferson. Maybe Jerry Warren and Joe Waggoner?

Knowledge of, or to be more exact, understanding of many subjects allowed the polymath to develop philosophies and create balance in their decisions. Enlightenment came from deep thought that could only be cultivated via their vast familiarity with many areas and branches of science. Decisions were not given as a conclusive "yes" or "no," black and white binary pronouncement, but with alternative declarations presented due to their depth and breadth of the subject matter.

Today a person with a Ph.D. is literally a doctorate of philosophy. A designation handed down from the days of Plato and Aristotle. A Ph.D. may have never studied philosophy per se, although through study, they have gained a depth and breadth of knowledge that allows them to "develop" a philosophy in their respective area. Universities still value the polymath ideal. If you have a liberal arts education, you have taken classes outside of your major. This well-rounded edification is still regarded as a necessary attribute by major universities.

A "depth of knowledge" is not just a cliché, but a model used in education. Norman Webb, a Wisconsin research scientist and mathematics educator has pointed out four levels of depth of knowledge or DOK. Level 1 (recall), level 2 (skill/concept), level 3 (strategic thinking), and level 4 (extended thinking). It is this level 4 or extended thinking that guides the polymath.

Breadth of knowledge implies that the polymath is not just an expert in their subject matter but also has command of the ancillary associated subjects. For example, ski instructors give advice on ski technique. This requires knowledge of how the body moves (anatomy) and the forces that it must deal





with (physics). Anatomy and physics are two essential components of biomechanics.

Could there be a renaissance or polymath ski instructor? Why not? A one trick pony will not excel in this profession. When the instructor only knows about one aspect of skiing, they will adapt this solitary solution to all their students. Last season I, as an examiner, saw five candidates correct each others skiing by emphasizing directional movements. Needless to say this was not always the best way to approach their situational candidates skiing tribulations.

Imagine a student leaning back during their turns while being observed by three ski instructors with differing backgrounds. The first instructor has been to a sport psychology lecture. With this knowledge he diagnoses the student's affliction as lack of confidence and therefore cannot move forward. The second ski instructor is an equipment aficionado. He thinks the student needs their bindings moved backward a centimeter to correct the aftward stance. The third instructor has just concluded a clinic on learning styles and concludes the student is a "watcher" and therefore he just needs to provide the student with a good visual image. In reality any of the three may be hold the key to the students success. But being a one trick pony the instructor will only be shooting in the dark with their advice... and with only one bullet. We learn to look for what we are trained to understand and that with which we are familiar and comfortable. The renaissance ski instructor will have the background of all three ski instructors (and more) and will balance the possible effects of the differing strategies.

So how does one become the renaissance instructor? Well you can't just sign up for a renaissance instructor 101 class. What you can do is figure out what you know and what you don't know. Aristotle, a renaissance man, once said: "The more I know, the more I find out I don't know", and Confucius: "When you know a thing, to hold that you know it; and when you do not know a thing, to allow that you do not know it - this is knowledge". It is human nature to do what is easy or comfortable. Like the guy on his knees looking for something under the street light. A man approaches and asks the kneeling man what he is looking for. "My keys" is the response. "Where did you loose them"? "Over there" he says pointing off into the darkness. "Then why are you looking under the street light"? The man on his knees says "the light is better here."

The aspiring renaissance ski instructor explores subject matter that is not his or her forte. They expose themselves to topics that are unfamiliar. Like Aristotle suggested, the more we know about a category the more aspects of it we find out we don't exactly understand. This is where depth and breadth come from.

Becoming a renaissance ski instructor will be offered this year, maybe not the title but the options and opportunity. PSIA-I/AASI-I is offering a plethora of learning experiences through the lecture series this year. What was once a two lecture maximum per year in PSIA-I/AASI-I has exploded into 15 or more lectures this year. With a reduced price (\$20.00) it is hoped that the aspiring polymath will plot their own renaissance by seeking out and aspiring to increase their individual depth and breadth of knowledge.

For more information on the PSIA-I/AASI-I lecture series go to [www.psia-i.org](http://www.psia-i.org) or to the "Lecture Series" article in this issue of the Edge. ■

## Lectures in the North

### Musculoskeletal Implications for the Professional Skier

January 8, Dr. Collin Bywaters, PT, DECL. Dr. Collin Bywaters, PT, DECL. This is the first in a series of lectures involving pertinent anatomy and physiology that all professional skiers should become versed in whether new to teaching or a seasoned veteran. This presentation will explore the demands placed upon the muscles, ligaments, and bones of the body and how best to prepare yourself to abate injury associated with skiing. Topics covered will range from musculoskeletal anatomy, adaptation, and injury prevention strategies.

### Skills Concepts Dissected – What is Balance and What is its Relationship to Stance?

January 9, Dr. Collin Bywaters, PT, DECL. This lecture will cover the four skill domains of balance, edge, rotary, and pressure based on PSIA's Alpine Technical Manual. Intrinsic and extrinsic factors effecting balance as well as how stance influences balance will be covered. This lecture is highly recommended for all certification candidates.

### Understanding Planes of Movement

February 8, Ron Kipp. An interactive presentation of movement in three-dimensional space. How flexing and extending do not really matter when they are not timed with other movements. Can you dissect directional movements into the three planes and describe the timing? These and other idiosyncrasies of skiing will be explored.

### Action and Reaction

February 9, Ron Kipp. Every body movement in skiing leads to a reaction. Some of these are desired, while others have deleterious ramifications. Learn what is good skiing and why certain basics will never change. Guest appearance from Sir Isaac Newton. ■



## Alpine Revamps Level 1 Assessment

*Whether you are a PSIA-I non-certified member or a certified member who wants to help others negotiate the Alpine certification process, this document is for you.*

*By Maggie Loring*

OK, so you've got the bug. You think you want to "grow up to be a ski instructor," and it's becoming clear that in order to get anywhere in this profession, you really should consider becoming a "certified professional." Or, maybe you are one who has been working in the ski school, teaching some and dabbling in training a bit, but now you want to see where it can lead. How do you start? What is the process? What's in it for you?

### Personal Goals

The first step is to determine your personal goals and ambitions with teaching skiing. Are you in it to learn for yourself? (My dad always said the only way to get better at skiing was to learn to teach it) Are you in it to earn some extra cash while you go to school? Are you in it so you can afford your 'habit?' Do you just love being in the mountains in the winter and helping others learn about how to have more fun? The answers to these questions will help you to determine how to approach the process of becoming certified. The hard part to remember is that the main focus is on someone else, not you. That's really hard to transfer, especially if you just want to pay for your habit. but, if you apply yourself, go along for a bit, find your inner motivations, you may just find that you're hooked.

So, how do you get into this thing? And how do you focus your energy to become a good skier and instructor? You know, the kind of "good" that draws eyes when you slide past a group? The kind of "good" that will get students to



## Alpine Certification

*By Franklin Williams Jr., PSIA-I Certification Manager*

Wow! Summer has flown by us and soon we will be playing in our favorite medium. Before I get into the news relative to certification, I'd like to acknowledge those who have come before me in this position. We are not a static organization in any area, and are continually striving to enhance our educational offerings and improve upon our assessment methods. Fortunately, those who were here before me did not sit idly by. Their efforts to make the best possible process from available resources and concepts have brought us to our current place in an infinite evolution. Thanks to the creative folks who drove this we find ourselves with a fantastic opportunity to connect some dots between certification levels and processes. Salute to all those who have been involved in development of our education and certification materials, and to you the members for continuing to push us forward. I'm excited to be a part of this team and I expect you to keep pressing for improvement. My ear is always open.

So, onto the new stuff! I'll list them here and then give some details.

- ◆ We have completely overhauled the Level 1 education materials and assessment. This includes the workbook, the assessment, and the educational clinics. The effort that has gone into this was driven by YOUR input and the goal of continually challenging our members with contemporary educational materials and events, supporting the mission of PSIA National, and supporting member's desires to become outstanding instructors.
- ◆ The Level 2 process is unchanged, except for some tweaks to materials for clarification
- ◆ Downloadable materials have been reviewed for correctness and clarity.
- ◆ The written exams have been edited for better clarity and moving forward we are exploring other methods of administering them.

Given the level 1 changes are the most significant, I'll focus on those details. The New Level 1:

1. Is no longer a "clinic day" and "assessment day." It's a 2-day *Assessment*.
  - ◆ Day 1 is ski focused, day 2 is teaching focused
  - ◆ Lots of coaching on both days, however this is an *Assessment* over two days. You must meet the standards in order to be successful. (This detail is actually not new. It has always been so, however there was a perception that it was not treated the same as other assessments.)
2. Closely follows L2 format
  - ◆ You will not need to learn a new process for L2 as L1 is now very similar even using the similar score sheets.
3. Video MA added. Replaces the video/MA "test" with an activity similar to L2.
  - ◆ Video of beginner skiers – may include walking, sidestepping, etc.
  - ◆ Same Video Worksheet as L2
4. The WorkBook and Study Guide have been combined into one document replacing the old Workbook and Portfolio.
  - ◆ These are still graded, however not for a "passing" score. The grading



will center around concepts being accurate and whether you have completed the workbook. More on this below.

- ◆ Fewer questions, though more essay type and activity type with several grid/matrix's to build.
5. Questions will be pulled from the Workbook and Study Guide near the end of each day as a short "quiz" and then discussed before the day ends.
    - ◆ Ties theory to reality.
    - ◆ These questions will require you to comprehend material in the Workbook and Study Guide, retain it, and recall it. The on-hill sessions you participate in while training and during the assessment will support the acquisition of knowledge and success at answering these questions.
  6. You can KEEP your workbooks following the assessment. Yahoo!!
    - ◆ The decision for this was to allow you to use these as an educational resource as you progress toward the next levels of certification.
    - ◆ You can continue to fill out the teaching logs, redo the exercises with different inputs, etc., building a personalized instruction manual.
  7. You are still required to have the workbook VALIDATED AND SIGNED by a director, DECL, or directors designate. You will send in the validation sheet as in the past, two weeks prior to the assessment date with the other required documentation (no changes to this sign up process). You will NOT send the workbook into the office as in the past. YOU MUST BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE ASSESSMENT. Failure to bring or complete workbook results in a delay in completing your Level 1. You cannot pass this assessment without completing the workbook to a satisfactory level determined by a DECL.

Our knowledge and understanding continues to grow, our membership evolves, and we (the division staff) are tasked with keeping pace. This is great, and member feedback is critical to this process. (Believe it or not, we read all of your comments and have many discussions about the things you write.) Given the positive feedback we've received from L2, I expect the same with the L1 process. You should leave Level 1 with feedback driven by the worksheets and on-hill activities and with MA concepts tied to what we expect to see you teaching on the job and what we see in your own skiing. The dots are connected!

## Summary Comments

So we have a revamped the Level 1 Workbook and Study Guide with activities and exercises to stimulate you and help connect concepts. The ski day will focus on the same skiing movements and ski tasks as in the past, and making sure your understanding of MA concepts meets the standards. This day will be similar to the L2 ski assessment, only with more DECL guidance. The new video is *exactly* like L2, only with less-skilled skiers, and we'll guide you as you build your video worksheets. You will then use those worksheets on hill during the teaching day. We've added a quiz to the end of each day to help anchor concepts you were exposed to during the process.

I'm excited to get this thing rolled out and I'm confident you will be also. So for you new members, welcome to our little club. For the returning members who have not yet made the leap, it's time to join the ranks of certified ski instructors! This will be a great experience! I look forward to seeing you on the hill and don't forget that I love to chat about all things skiing so don't hesitate to let me know what you are thinking. So go do a snow dance! The time draws near. ■

come back over and over again? Don't kid yourself, it will take a long time to make this gig pay real bills... like mortgages and stuff. You'll need a second job and a commitment to this kind of lifestyle. However, most of the skills you will learn are transferrable to other jobs, and other aspects of your life.

## A Profession

This really is a profession, and the best way to explore those motivations and possibilities is to talk to some folks who have been doing it a while. Who are your role models? Who would you secretly like to become? (At least sort of?) One of the best in the business is Junior Bounous. He was the first ski school director at Snowbird resort, a position he held from 1971-1991 when he became director of skiing, a position he holds to this day. According to the Alta Historical Society, "Junior is the ultimate example of ski instruction perfection. His reputation throughout his career has been one of skiing excellence and giving joy and pleasure to others who want to learn how to ski." (Alta Historical Society; <http://www.altahistory.org/databaseshowitem.aspx?id=798>).

Junior has what it takes; passion for what he does. The best way to be good at this sport is to love the sport and to love sharing it. That's the secret to getting the most out of teaching, whether for the short term or the long haul. Do you know anyone like Junior? According to *Core Concepts for Snowsports Instructors*, "Proficiency in snowsports instruction takes more than just a good training program and years of experience. It takes a love of meeting new people, confidence in one's abilities, awareness of being part of a team, and a passion to share the love of recreating in the mountains." (p. 2)

## Become a Member

So, here we go! On to the process of obtaining your Level 1.

First, join a member school. Really, apply and get hired. While you might





just want to stay uncommitted for a while, the reality is that you won't gain much unless you do commit. It's like any relationship; if you're wishy-washy it tends to deteriorate. So, get hired.

Second, go online and become a registered member. The web address is <http://www.psia-i.org/membership.htm>. This takes you right to membership. Pay the money there, and gain access to clinics, manuals, other resources, and just have fun getting to know the website. I know paying dues so soon seems strange, but other professions cost folks literally thousands of dollars each year (really, consultants often spent over \$3000 each year to professional organizations to keep them up to speed). We still cost less than \$100 per year, slightly more to get started, but comparatively speaking it's a bargain.

## Participate in Training

Third, participate in training at your resort. Each member school hosts training sessions early season, and this is a great opportunity for you to form relationships with trainers who can help to guide you through the process of getting to know your two new organizations; the school and PSIA. Spend time getting to know people, processes, and expectations. Ask questions, and generally be curious and open. That kind of attitude is rare these days, and so welcome that people will trip on themselves trying to help you.

Once you feel comfortable with the information and skills introduced here, it's time to begin in earnest. Now, download the Level 1 Workbook and Study Guide from the website (<http://www.psia-i.org/alpine.htm>). You will work through this study guide while training at your home resort. There are activities and questions for you to research from resource materials, experience, and resort training. The process outlined will help you to prepare for the Level 1 exam by actively engaging in the profession.

While you are involved in training,

plan ahead to find an exam date that works for you and your schedule at work. You can access the exam schedule on the web site, and your trainer can help you pick the exam date and location that will work the best for you. Once you are clear on the date, send your application for the event and the signature sheet of your workbook to the office two weeks prior to the exam. This is crucial, as you will not be allowed to take the exam if you do not get the paperwork in to the office on time. Determine logistics for exam day; directions to the resort, where to report, what time to be there, and who to call if you are delayed or must cancel. This is also critical, as late-comers will not be allowed to take the exam (another professionalism issue).

## Exam Day

What can you expect on exam day? First, get up early so you can be confident that you'll arrive on time. Bring your workbook! Without it you will take a "fail" on your workbook, will have to submit it later, and not attain your Level 1 following the event. Remember, you're a professional. Arrive early, rested and relaxed.

The assessment process will cover the following (the complete outline can be found at [www.psia-i.org](http://www.psia-i.org)):

### Day 1

Registration

Indoor discussion, professionalism

On-hill personal skiing coaching and assessment

Indoor review and sign off of workbook/study guide

### Day 2

Indoor movement analysis exercise and discussion

On-hill small group presentations

Indoor review and sign off of workbook/study guide

Assessment debrief

## A Learning Experience

It is our hope that this process will help you understand how key movements are integrated to create effective skiing and guide you in becoming proficient at teaching lower level skiers. This journey will introduce you to skiers of all ages and stages and help you learn about yourself as you identify methods of reaching your students. It will also involve learning about technology, equipment, and how to negotiate the resort environment. There is so much to learn that you may feel overwhelmed. While you will be expected to be familiar with a seemingly large array of information, remember that your ultimate goal is simple; *build a relationship with your guest so that you can help them have the experience of a lifetime on the mountain.* That's it. Really. Be open and be committed. Learn. Share and enjoy. You'll have a blast and we're pulling for you. —**Alpine**

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to the public we serve. Our main purpose is to advance snowsports through the education and certification of instructors in the disciplines of Alpine, Nordic, Children, Adaptive and Snowboarding.

I hope this column finds you cruising into Fall with a fluttering in your heart for an awesome winter. These are crazy times with the economy and state of the country but we still have snowsports. I hope you look forward to a season of teaching your passion to new and returning students. Our guests are looking for the most value for their money. Be sure to refresh your idea's and make sure your skills are solid so they keep coming back for more. ■

## Adaptive Adapts

Kristen Caldwell

Last June I had the pleasure of attending the Adaptive Rendezvous at Mt. Hood, Oregon. Seven out of the nine PSIA divisions sent adaptive representatives to the gathering to accomplish two things: 1) to continue to edit the Adaptive National Standards document (first drafted October 2008), a set of criteria for each of the certification levels to standardize certification requirements across all divisions and 2) to share information about each divisions' current certification process so that we can all improve and be accountable to each other for using a process that effectively tests the National Standards. It was a great meeting of the minds, and everyone proved to be dedicated to raising the bar on adaptive training and instruction.

What does all this have to do with us? We are trying to improve Intermountain's certification process, not only to more closely match other adaptive divi-

sions (namely West, East, and Rocky Mountain), but to improve our adaptive education and training in general. Intermountain is behind the curve and we have a lot of catching up to do! Fortunately, all three adaptive leaders were very open to sharing their exam formats, written exams, on-hill exam content, and study materials. Instead of reinventing the wheel, we will mostly be incorporating these materials and processes into Intermountain.

Perhaps the biggest change you will see this year is the "Module" system of assessment. All six adaptive disciplines are split into three modules: 1) Visually Impaired/Cognitive, 2) Mono/Bi Ski, and 3) Three Track/Four Track. Level one candidates will be tested in *one* of the modules, level two candidates will be tested in the *remaining two* modules, and level three candidates will be tested in *all* modules. Please refer to the adaptive section of the PSIA Intermountain website for a detailed description of this year's new and improved certification process.

The important outcome is that a certified adaptive instructor from one

division is held to the same standards as another division, so that the bronze, silver, and gold pins mean the same thing across the nation. We ultimately want an Intermountain adaptive instructor to be qualified and respected in all divisions. So please continue to represent Intermountain and attend in-house and PSIA trainings, to further your skills as an adaptive instructor and prepare yourself for your next certification.

Lastly, you will see we have already scheduled several training and assessment clinics on the calendar printed in this newsletter. Each year we will rotate the location of the level 1 and 2 module assessments so that all three modules will eventually come to a resort near you. If you are unable to travel to exams, you should be able to get your level 2 cert within three years. Also, due to limited demand, we will be offering the level 3 exam every other year. The next level 3 assessment will be in 2011.

Thank you for your patience through these changes and, as always, please feel free to email questions to me at [kristenc@discovernac.org](mailto:kristenc@discovernac.org). ■

## Adaptive Certification

The following information outlines PSIA Intermountain's Adaptive certification requirements.

### Level 1

1. Become a member of PSIA/AASI.
2. Acquire at least 50 hours of teaching adaptive lessons and/or attending adaptive training. All hours must be documented on the 50 Hour Verification Form, signed by your Snowsport School Director, and turned in with your Event Sign Up form.
3. Complete the Level 1 Take Home Exam covering all three modules. **Bring completed exam with you to the on-snow assessment.**

4. Take a 2-day, on-hill assessment.

*Day 1:* Functional Skiing Skills (not required if candidate has Alpine Level 1 or better).

*Day 2:* Teaching Assessment in *one* of three modules:

VI/Cognitive

Mono/Bi

3 Track/4 Track

### Level 2

1. Obtain Adaptive Level 1
2. Attend a 3-day, on-hill assessment.  
*Day 1:* Functional Skiing Skills (not required if candidate has Alpine Level 2 or better).

*Days 2 & 3:* Teaching Assessment in remaining two modules\* and a written exam covering all three modules.

\*If you received your Level 1 certification before the module system was in

place, simply pick two modules to test in for your Level 2 assessment.

### Level 3

Adaptive Level III is offered every other year. The next Level III exam is scheduled for 2011.

1. Obtain Adaptive Level 2
2. Attend a 4-day, on-hill assessment.  
*Day 1:* Functional Skiing Skills (not required if candidate has Alpine Level 3).  
*Days 2, 3, 4:* Teaching Assessment in all three modules and a written exam covering all three modules.

### Prep Clinics

Exam prep clinics are optional. One Functional Skiing Skills Prep Clinic and one Teaching Prep Clinic will be

offered per season at Park City. If your snowsport school would like to request a prep clinic at your resort, please contact the Intermountain Adaptive Representative to schedule.

### Study Materials

Suggested Reading (available through PSIA/AASI-I bookstore):

- ❖ *Adaptive Snowsports Instruction Manual*
- ❖ *Core Concepts*
- ❖ *Alpine Technical*
- ❖ *Alpine (Adult) Handbook-Vail Publication*
- ❖ *Movement Analysis Pocket Guide*
- ❖ *Tactics for All Mountain Skiing*
- ❖ *Alpine Stepping Stones Pocket Guide*
- ❖ *Visual Cues to Effective/Ineffective Teaching*

For more adaptive study materials, visit the Adaptive Ed Materials section of PSIA Rocky Mountain's website at:

[http://www.psia-rm.org/ed\\_materials.php?discipline=Adaptive](http://www.psia-rm.org/ed_materials.php?discipline=Adaptive), click on:

- ❖ *Adaptive Exam Guide Functional Skiing 08-09*
- ❖ *Adaptive Exam Guide 3T-4T 08-09*
- ❖ *Adaptive Exam Guide Bi Ski 08-09*
- ❖ *Adaptive Exam Guide Mono Ski 08-09*
- ❖ *Adaptive Exam Guide Cognitive Disabilities 08-09*
- ❖ *Adaptive Exam Guide Visually Impaired 08-09*

Also visit the PSIA Western Division's website at:

<http://www.psia-w.org/adaptive-educationalmaterials.php>, click on:

- ❖ *Adaptive Level 1 & Level 2 Study Guide*
- ❖ *Adaptive Disabilities Required Knowledge for Exams*

Also visit PSIA East's website at:

<http://www.psia-e.org/> and click on:

- ❖ *Education - Adaptive Education - Adaptive Exam Guide* ■

## New Alpine DECLs

Becoming a DECL is no small feat. After two grueling exam days, separated by two weeks of homework just to be nominated to the Development Squad, the candidates must shadow clinics and assessments and report back on what they have learned. Monthly "questions of the month" haunt their email and must be answered correctly or they are returned with further questions. In addition to completing this arduous process they have demonstrated the most important quality of all, a desire for personal



Tuffy Kaiser

growth and a willingness to contribute to the education and professionalism of their profession.

Last season Tuffy Kaiser from Grand Targhee advanced from the Development Squad to DECL. Tuffy was the first "graduate" of the program initiated three years ago. At the end of last season Thad McGowan from Park City Mountain Resort was invited to coach at the season end race camps. Thad now joins the ranks of the DECLs. Congratulations to these two DECL additions. ■



Thad McGowan

## Garuccio Featured in Ski Magazine

By Christine Katzenberger

If you haven't seen it, check out the October 2009 issue of SKI Magazine. They've posted a few pages of Real-Life Heroes and our own Intermountain Alpine DECL Jo Garruccio is listed as one of its picks. The Real-Life Heroes profiles people who are giving back to the industry in a variety of ways. Jo is highlighted under the title of Higher Education.

Many of you may or may not know that Jo organized an outreach program with SKI UTAH sixteen years ago to get local kids involved in snowsports. The program focuses on fourth graders in schools throughout Utah. Students pay around \$25 for lessons, rental and a lift ticket to resorts in our area. Jo has included all schools and made a point for kids in need to ride free. Fifth graders participate in a related program and get



Jo Garuccio

three passes to every Utah resort for \$10; sixth graders get one pass.

She has made sure the program isn't all about the industry but gives kids an education in physical fitness, the history and geography of Utah, the mathematics and science of getting thousands of people to the top of the ski hill and even some practical lessons in meteorology. It's an eight-week curriculum based on the sport and concluding with a great snowsport day. "If kids can apply what they're learning to what's important to them, they'll understand the lesson really, really quickly," she says.

This article hit right at home with me the other day when I interviewed an applicant who is still in college and told him about the opportunity to work

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## CLINIC DISCOUNT PASS 2009/2010 SEASON

*This opportunity is made available for continuing professional development*

Pricing: Special Discount Pass form **MUST** be signed and submitted to office with payment. Passes are \$195 and good for up to 6 education clinics or lectures, \$35 per clinic after that. Pass excludes Spring Clinic, accreditations, assessments and any 3-day package event, no second clinic discount pass available and this privilege is **NOT** transferrable. Purchase by 1/31/10.

- Excludes Assessments, Accreditations and specially priced multi-day events (e.g. Spring Clinic)
- Holder is responsible for any added fees (e.g. late fees, Cat Ski surcharge)
- Sign up: Two week deadline applies or a \$20 late fee will be charged.
- Cancellation of any clinic has to be made through the office two weeks prior to event.
- No shows on the clinic day are costly. No shows cost the pass holder one clinic day and may cost another member, if they are on a wait list, the opportunity of attending that clinic. Protect your clinic pass investment, help your fellow member, and use your clinic pass responsibly. Repetitive no shows **may** be grounds for cancellation of pass privileges.
- Active participation in the selected clinics is required. Disruptive behavior or actions may be grounds for dismissal from the clinic group and may lead to cancellation of the discount privilege.

PSIA/AASI-I will stand by these policies to protect our privileges with our host areas.

I have read the conditions above, and agree to abide by these policies:

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

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# Event Registration

**Professional Ski Instructors of America Intermountain Division  
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## EVENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION


EDUCATION	*** LIST CLINIC TOPIC FROM SCHEDULE ***	LOCATION	DISCOUNT PASS ELIGIBLE	DATE	COST
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Clinic Discount Pass requires separate form (purchase by 1/31/10, \$195.00)		Passes are good for up to 6 educational clinics and lecture series events during the period covered excluding Spring Clinic, accreditations, assessments and any 3-day package event. Pass holders are subject to all published deadlines for registration including late fees and additional surcharges.			
ASSESSMENT	LIST ASSESSMENT TITLE FROM SCHEDULE	LOCATION	DATE	COST	
<p>I attest that I have familiarized myself with the requirements, standards and expectations for the level of certification that I am seeking and also with the various preparation tools and clinics available to me through PSIA-I/AASI-I, PSIA/AASI, and my home area. As such, I consider myself thoroughly prepared to safely, confidently, and skillfully participate in the assessment for which I am registering.</p>					
					 <b>Candidate Signature (for assessments)</b>

## FEES

Level 1 Package \$125.00 Clinic Discount Pass Separate Form One-day Clinic \$55.00 Add extra for Cat Skiing \$20.00 L2, L3 Assessments/per day \$80.00 Level 2, 3 Written Test \$12.00 Lecture \$20.00 per session	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"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>   Please bill my credit card. <b>Signature:</b> _____ <b>Exp. Date:</b> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<b>TOTAL FEES:</b>
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## PSIA/AASI Intermountain Events

## Alpine Clinics

Date	Day	Event	Location
Nov 28	Sat	Ski Improvement Wksp	Alta
Nov 29	Sun	Ski Improvement Wksp	Alta
Nov 30	Mon	DECL Training	Brighton
Dec 1	Tue	DECL Training	Brighton
Dec 3	Thu	L2 Teaching	Targhee
Dec 4,5,6	F/S/S	Advanced Educator 3-day	Brighton
Dec 5-6	Sat/Sun	Ed College (Choose topic from list)	Brighton
Dec 4	Fri	Ski Improvement Wksp	Targhee
Dec 7	Mon	Advanced Educator Update	Brighton
Dec 16	Wed	Drills & Skills	Park City
Jan 5	Tue	Steeps Camp	Jackson Hole
Jan 6	Wed	L2 Skiing Fundamentals	Deer Valley
Jan 6	Wed	Ski Improvement Wksp	Deer Valley
Jan 6	Wed	Steeps Camp	Jackson Hole
Jan 8	Fri	2 Days 1 Coach Day 1	Deer Valley
Jan 13	Wed	Drills & Skills	Canyons
Jan 13	Wed	L3 Skiing	Park City
Jan 13	Wed	L3 Teaching	Targhee
Jan 14	Thu	L3 Teaching	Deer Valley
Jan 14	Thu	Ski Improvement Wksp	Targhee
Jan 15	Fri	Ski Improvement Wksp	Kelly Canyon
Jan 20	Wed	Drills & Skills	Jackson Hole
Jan 21	Thu	L2 Teaching	Jackson Hole
Jan 22	Fri	2 Days 1 Coach Day 2	Snowbird
Jan 23	Sat	Gate & Race 1 day 1	Wolf Mtn
Jan 24	Sun	Gate & Race 1 day 2	Wolf Mtn
Jan 25	Mon	Big Mountain Skiing (See web for info)	Alta
Jan 26	Tue	Big Mountain Skiing (See web for info)	Snowbird
Jan 27	Wed	Intro to P & P	Park City
Jan 27,28,29	W/T/F	Advanced Educator 3-day	Solitude
Feb 5	Fri	L2 Skiing Fundamentals	Sundance
Feb 5	Fri	L3 Teaching	Sundance
Feb 5	Fri	Ski Improvement Wksp	Sundance
Feb 6	Sat	Drills & Skills	Sundance
Feb 6	Sat	L2 Teaching	Sundance
Feb 6	Sat	L3 Skiing	Sundance
Feb 12	Fri	Cat Ski/ Board/ Tele	Powder Mtn
Feb 22	Mon	Drills & Skills	Jackson Hole
Feb 22	Mon	Steeps Camp	Jackson Hole
Feb 23	Tue	L2 Teaching	Alta
Feb 23	Tue	L3 Teaching	Alta
Feb 23	Tue	Ski Improvement Wksp	Jackson Hole
Feb 23	Tue	Steeps Camp	Jackson Hole
Feb 24	Wed	L2 Teaching	Jackson Hole
Feb 24	Wed	L3 Teaching	Jackson Hole
Feb 27	Sat	Gate & Race 1 day 1	Wolf Mtn
Feb 28	Sun	Gate & Race 1 day 2	Wolf Mtn
Mar 8	Mon	Ski Improvement Wksp	Jackson Hole
Mar 10	Wed	Drills & Skills	Brighton
Mar 10	Wed	L2 Teaching	Brighton
Mar 11	Thu	L3 Teaching	Brighton
Mar 11	Thu	Ski Improvement Wksp	Brighton
Mar 12	Fri	Intro to P & P	Park City
Mar 13	Sat	Ski Improvement Wksp	Powder Mtn
Mar 14	Sun	Ski Improvement Wksp	Powder Mtn
Mar 29	Mon	L2 Teaching	Park City
Mar 29	Mon	Ski Improvement Wksp	Park City
Mar 30	Tue	Drills & Skills	Alta
Mar 30	Tue	L3 Teaching	Alta
Mar 31, Apr 1,2	W/T/F	P&P Accred 3-day	Park City
Apr 6	Tue	Ski Improvement Wksp	Deer Valley
Apr 9,10,11	F/S/S	Spring Clinic	Sun Valley

Apr 24	Sat	Race Camp Intro day 1	Snowbird
Apr 25	Sun	Race Camp Intro day 2	Snowbird
Apr 27	Tue	DECL Training	Snowbird
Apr 28	Wed	DECL Training	Snowbird
May 1	Sat	GS Gate Training day 1	Snowbird
May 2	Sun	GS Gate Training day 2	Snowbird
May 8	Sat	SL Gate Training day 1	Snowbird
May 9	Sun	SL Gate Training day 2	Snowbird

## Alpine Assessments

Date	Day	Event	Location
Dec 8	Tue	Written	Jackson Hole
Dec 8	Tue	Written	Whitmore Library, SLC, UT
Dec 9 10	Wed/Thu	L 1 Assessment	Alta
Dec 9 10	Wed/Thu	L 1 Assessment	Targhee
Dec 11 12	Fri/Sat	L 1 Assessment	Deer Valley
Dec 15	Tue	L 2 Teaching	Deer Valley
Dec 15	Tue	L 3 Teaching	Deer Valley
Jan 4,5,6	Mon-Wed	L 1 Academy 3-day	Canyons
Jan 7	Thu	Devo Team Qualifier Day 1	Jackson Hole
Jan 9	Sat	L 2 Teaching	Park City
Jan 9	Sat	L 3 Teaching	Park City
Jan 8,9,10	Fri/Sat/Sun	L 1 Academy 3-day	Targhee
Jan 11-12	Mon/Tue	L 1 Assessment	Deer Valley
Jan 11	Mon	L 2 Skiing	Targhee
Jan 12	Tue	L 3 Skiing	Targhee
Jan 14	Thu	Written	Jackson Hole
Jan 14	Thu	Written	Holladay Library, SLC, UT
Feb 25-26	Wed/Thu	L 1 Assessment	Brian Head
Jan 21	Thu	Devo Team Qualifier Day 2	Sbird or Deer Valley
Jan 23-24	Sat/Sun	L 1 Assessment	Wolf Mtn
Jan 30	Sat	L 2 Skiing	Canyons
Jan 31	Sun	L 3 Skiing	Deer Valley
Feb 8-9	Mon/Tue	L 1 Assessment	Jackson Hole
Feb 10-11	Wed/Thu	L 1 Assessment	Canyons
Feb 10-11	Wed/Thu	L 1 Assessment	Snowbird
Feb 10	Wed	L 3 Teaching	Jackson Hole
Feb 11	Thu	L 2 Teaching	Jackson Hole
Feb 17	Wed	Written	Deer Valley
Feb 17	Wed	Written	Jackson Hole
Feb 17	Wed	Written	SLC
Feb 25-26	Thu/Fri	L 1 Assessment	Brian Head
Feb 27	Sat	L 2 Teaching	Sundance
Feb 28	Sun	L 3 Teaching	Sundance
Mar 2-3	Tue/Wed	L 1 Assessment	Snowbasin
Mar 4	Thu	L 2 Skiing	Jackson Hole
Mar 5	Fri	L 3 Skiing	Jackson Hole
Mar 4	Thu	L 3 Skiing	Alta
Mar 5	Fri	L 2 Skiing	Alta
Mar 13-14	Sat/Sun	L 1 Assessment	Pebble Creek
Mar 18	Thu	Written	Canyons
Mar 18	Thu	Written	Jackson Hole
Mar 18	Thu	Written	SLC
Mar 29-30	Mon/Tue	L 1 Assessment	Brighton
Apr 12,13,14,15,16	L 1 Academy 5-day		Snowbird
Apr 13	Tue	L 2 Teaching	Snowbird
Apr 14	Wed	L 3 Teaching	Snowbird
Apr 15	Thu	L 2 Skiing	Snowbird
Apr 16	Fri	L 3 Skiing	Snowbird

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# PSIA/AASI Intermountain Events

## Snowboard Clinics

Date	Day	Event	Location
Dec 2	Wed	Train the Trainer	Brighton
Dec 5-6	Sat/Sun	Ed College (Choose topic from list)	Brighton
Jan 6	Wed	Level 1 Foundation	Canyons
Jan 7	Thu	Level 1 Foundation	Targhee
Jan 10	Sun	Level 1 Foundation	Powder Mtn
Jan 23	Sat	Steeps Camp	Jackson Hole
Jan 24	Sun	Steeps Camp	Jackson Hole
Jan 25	Mon	Applied Research Clinic	Beaver Mtn
Jan 25	Mon	Decl Training	Beaver Mtn
Jan 27	Wed	Applied Research Clinic	Snowbird
Feb 1	Mon	Level 2 Boot Camp	Powder Mtn
Feb 2	Tue	Coach's Clinic	Park City
Feb 3	Wed	Coach's Clinic	Park City
Feb 4	Thu	Level 2 MIA	Canyons
Feb 5	Fri	Level 3 Foundation	Snowbird
Feb 6	Sat	Level 1 Foundation	Brian Head
Feb 8	Mon	Level 2 Foundation	Brian Head
Feb 8	Mon	Level 2 Boot Camp	Targhee
Feb 9	Tue	Level 2 MIA	Jackson Hole
Feb 10	Wed	Level 1 Foundation	Kelly Canyon
Feb 10	Wed	Level 3 MIA	Snowbasin
Feb 10	Wed	Level 1 Foundation	Solitude
Feb 11	Thu	Level 2 Foundation	Jackson Hole
Feb 11	Thu	Level 2 Foundation	Park City
Feb 11	Thu	Level 1 Foundation	Snowbird
Feb 12	Fri	Cat Ski/ Board/ Tele	Powder Mtn
Mar 1	Mon	Level 3 Foundation	Jackson Hole
Mar 2	Tue	Level 3 Boot Camp	Park City
Mar 4	Thu	Level 2 Ammo	Brighton
Mar 5	Fri	Level 3 Ammo	Powder Mtn
Mar 7	Sun	Level 2 Foundation	Snowbasin
Mar 8	Mon	Level 1 Foundation	Beaver Mtn
Mar 8	Mon	Freestyle Clinic	Park City
Mar 8	Mon	Level 1 Foundation	Sundance
Mar 9	Tue	Freestyle Clinic	Park City
Mar 10	Wed	Freestyle Accreditation	Park City
Mar 24	Wed	DECL Training	Powder Mtn
Apr 9,10,11	F/S/S	Spring Clinic	Sun Valley
Apr 27	Tue	DECL Training	Snowbird
Apr 28	Wed	DECL Training	Snowbird

## Snowboard Assessments

Date	Day	Event	Location
Jan 21	Thu	Level 1 Assessment	Brighton
Jan 22	Fri	Level 1 Assessment	Jackson Hole
Jan 24	Sun	Level 1 Assessment	Snowbasin
Feb 7	Sun	Level 1 Assessment	Brian Head
Feb 12	Fri	Level 1 Assessment	Snowbird
Mar 2	Tue	Level 1 Assessment	Pebble Creek
Mar 3	Wed	Level 1 Assessment	Sundance
Mar 11	Thu	Level 1 Assessment	Kelly Canyon
Mar 11	Thu	Level 1 Assessment	Park City
Mar 26	Fri	Level 2 Assessment	Jackson
Mar 27	Sat	Level 2 Assessment	Jackson
Mar 29	Mon	Level 3 Assessment	Jackson
Mar 30	Tue	Level 3 Assessment	Jackson
Apr 12	Mon	Level 2 Assessment	Park City
Apr 13	Tue	Level 2 Assessment	Park City
Apr 15	Thu	Level 3 Assessment	Snowbird
Apr 16	Fri	Level 3 Assessment	Snowbird

## Nordic Clinics

Date	Day	Event	Location
Dec 4	Fri	Nordic DECL training	Brighton
Dec 5-6	Sat/Sun	Ed College (Choose topic from list)	Brighton
Dec 12	Sat	MSR	Targhee
Dec 13	Sun	MSR	Targhee
Dec 15	Tue	Telemark II & III Prep	Jackson Hole
Jan 10	Sun	Track II & III Prep	Sundance
Jan 11	Mon	Learn to Skate	Sundance
Jan 12	Tue	Learn to Telemark	Solitude
Jan 14	Thu	Telemark II & III Prep	Alta
Jan 15	Fri	Beyond Level III	Alta
Jan 21	Thu	Tele Powder Fest day 1	Powder Mtn
Jan 22	Fri	Tele Powder Fest day 2	Powder Mtn
Jan 23	Sat	Teaching Telemark	Alta
Jan 24	Sun	Tele Steeps	Snowbird
Jan 26	Tue	Track II & III Prep	Targhee
Jan 27	Wed	Skate Ski Skills	Targhee
Jan 31	Sun	Tele Bumps	Jackson Hole
Feb 6	Sat	Learn to Telemark	Pebble Creek
Feb 8	Mon	Telemark II & III Prep	Pebble Creek
Feb 9	Tue	Nordic DECL Training	Pebble Creek
Feb 12	Fri	Cat Ski/ Board/ Tele	Powder Mtn
Feb 18	Thu	Telemark Bump Camp	Alta
Feb 19	Fri	Telemark Bump Camp	Alta
Feb 20	Sat	Telemark II & III Prep	Sundance
Mar 3	Wed	Teaching Telemark	Jackson Hole
Mar 4	Thu	Telemark Steeps Camp	Jackson Hole
Mar 5	Fri	Telemark Steeps Camp	Jackson Hole
Mar 31	Wed	Nordic DECL training	Jackson Hole
Apr 9,10,11	F/S/S	Spring Clinic	Sun Valley

## Nordic Assessments

Date	Day	Event	Location
Dec 14	Mon	Telemark I Assess	Jackson Hole
Jan 9	Sat	Track I Assess	Sundance
Jan 13	Wed	Telemark I Assess	Solitude
Jan 25	Mon	Track I Assess	Targhee
Jan 28	Thu	Track II & III Assess	Sundance
Jan 29	Fri	Track II & III Assess	Sundance
Feb 7	Sun	Telemark I Assess	Pebble Creek
Feb 10	Wed	Telemark II & III Assess	Alta
Feb 11	Thu	Telemark II & III Assess	Alta
Feb 23	Tue	Track II & III Assess	Targhee
Feb 24	Wed	Track II & III Assess	Targhee
Feb 25	Thu	Nordic DECL hiring day 1	Pebble Creek
Feb 26	Fri	Nordic DECL hiring day 2	Pebble Creek
Mar 8	Mon	Telemark II & III Assess	Jackson Hole
Mar 9	Tue	Telemark II & III Assess	Jackson Hole
Apr 1	Thu	Telemark II & III Assess	Alta
Apr 2	Fri	Telemark II & III Assess	Alta

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## PSIA/AASI Intermountain Events

### Children's Clinics & Accreditations

Date	Day	Event	Location
Nov 18	Wed	ACE I Indoor	Deer Valley
Dec 2	Wed	ACE DECL Training	TBA
Dec 5-6	Sat/Sun	Ed College (Choose topic from list)	Brighton
Dec 12	Sat	Kids Clinic Bag O'Tricks	Kelly Canyon
Dec 15	Tue	ACE I On-Snow	Canyons
Dec 15	Tue	ACE II On-Snow	Snowbasin
Dec 16	Wed	ACE II On-Snow	Snowbasin
Jan 8	Fri	ACE I Indoor	Targhee
Jan 9	Sat	ACE I On-Snow	Targhee
Jan 14	Thu	ACE I Indoor	Ogden City Library (or TBA)
Jan 23	Sat	ACE I Indoor	Deer Valley
Jan 27	Wed	Kids Clinic	
Jan 28	Thu	Bag O'Tricks, Special Needs Kids	SLC/PC area
Jan 29	Fri	ACE I Indoor	Jackson
Feb 5	Fri	ACE I On-Snow	Jackson
Feb 6	Fri	ACE I Indoor	Kelly Canyon
Feb 6	Sat	ACE I On-Snow	Brighton or Solitude
Feb 6	Sat	ACE II	Brighton or Solitude
Feb 6	Sat	ACE I On-Snow	Kelly Canyon
Feb 7	Sun	ACE II	Brighton or Solitude
Feb 18	Thu	Kids Clinic Bag O'Tricks	Beaver Mtn.
Feb 24	Wed	ACE I On-Snow	Snowbasin
Feb 25	Thu	ACE I Indoor	Jackson
Feb 26	Fri	ACE I On-Snow	Jackson
Mar 4	Thu	ACE II	Jackson
Mar 5	Fri	ACE II	Jackson
Apr 17	Sat	ACE III	Snowbird
Apr 18	Sun	ACE III	Snowbird
Apr 9,10,11	F/S/S	Spring Clinic	Sun Valley

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### Adaptive Clinics & Assessments

Date	Day	Event	Location
Dec 5	Sat	Ed College (Choose topic from list)	Brighton
Jan 9	Sat	Functional Skiing Level I & II	Park City
Jan 23	Sat	Teaching Prep levels I & II	Park City
Jan 30	Sat	Functional Skiing levels I & II	Snowbasin
Feb 27	Sat	Functional Skiing levels I & II	Jackson Hole
Feb 28	Sun	Teaching I & II VI/COG	Jackson Hole
Mar 13	Sat	Teaching I & II 3/4 Track	Snowbird
Mar 27	Sat	Level I & II Mono/Bi	Park City

### All-Discipline Events and Lectures

Date	Day	Event	Location
Nov 19	Thu	Lecture Series	Draper Library, Draper, UT
Dec 3	Thu	Lecture Series	Holladay Library, Holladay, UT
Dec 7	Mon	Lecture Series	Whitmore Library, SLC, UT
Dec 2-3	Wed/Thu	SS Dir Mtg	Brighton
Dec 5/6	Sat/Sun	Ed College	Brighton
Dec 9	Wed	Lecture Series	Whitmore Library
Dec 10	Thu	Lecture Series	Holladay Library
Dec 16	Wed	Lecture Series	Ruth Vine Tyler Library, Sandy UT
Dec 17	Thu	Lecture Series	Holladay Library
Jan 4	Mon	Lecture Series	Whitmore Library
Jan 5	Tue	Lecture Series	Whitmore Library
Jan 8	Fri	Lecture Series	North, TBA
Jan 9	Sat	Lecture Series	North, TBA
Jan 12	Tue	Lecture Series	Whitmore Library
Jan 19	Tue	Lecture Series	Central, TBA
Jan 26	Tue	Lecture Series	Central, TBA
Feb 2	Tue	Lecture Series	Central, TBA
Feb 8	Mon	Lecture Series	North, TBA
Feb 9	Tue	Lecture Series	North, TBA
Feb 9	Tue	Lecture Series	Central, TBA
Feb 12	Fri	Cat Ski/ Board/ Tele	Powder Mtn
Mar 17	Wed	Lecture Series	Central, TBA
Mar 29	Mon	Lecture Series	Central, TBA
Apr 7	Wed	Lecture Series	Central, TBA
Apr 9,10,11	F/S/S	Spring Clinic	Sun Valley

### **GARUCCIO continued from 14**

with the Ski Utah program as an apprentice instructor. He immediately brightened up in personality and told me about how it got him started skiing and was now the reason he wanted to work as a ski instructor. Jo's comment, "If you can get them hooked by junior high (then) that kid's going to ski the rest of his life." Here's the perfect example where she's exactly right.

I should mention that Jo is the training coordinator at The Canyons. She was also my Full Certification examiner back in the day. Thanks Jo

for all you do.—Chris is PSIA/AASI Intermountain president and a division DECL.

### Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2010. Location TBA. ■

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## **PSIA/AASI Intermountain Ed College**

Brighton, December 5 and 6