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President's Letter

The Year in Retrospect

It is hard to believe how quick this past year has gone by, this being my first year as President of the Northern Intermountain Division of PSIA-AASI. I have been involved with PSIA-AASI for over 20 years as an active instructor, and now that I am active on the board, I see the member benefits first hand. During my first year as President, I have seen the leadership that the National office has to offer and credit much of our progress to the Executive Team at National. I also credit much of the effort and progress to the operations team and the education team of the division for the tremendous amount of work that is done behind the scenes both during the year and in the off-season. These efforts provide for certification, training and education events both on and off the hill and through web-based activities that members can benefit from. Even though the ski season ends, your Northern Intermountain Team continues to work hard to start planning for the new year.

One of the key directives that National has pursued and that we as a division have aligned with that benefits the members is

through policy governance. This initiative exists so that members can 1) achieve appropriate results for or on behalf of the membership, and 2) avoid unacceptable actions and situations. We ensure that members can enjoy circumstances that enhance their success as professional instructors. This is done through professional development, certifications, division benefits and participation in a professional community. This directive of policy governance has the support of the Northern Intermountain board as we continue to move toward stakeholder engagement and member satisfaction, as well as professional and personal development.

Earlier this year I challenged you as instructors to set a goal at the beginning of the season. Now that we have reached the end of the season it is time to reflect on that goal to see if we were able to accomplish it. Whether it was achieving certification, training, clinics, or just personal development, now we can all sit back and relish our accomplishments. If you did not have the chance to venture out and pursue a goal, then think about the lessons you taught and how much better and more proficient you became as an instructor. Your "bag of tricks" has gotten bigger and your skiing or boarding has become better, and now you can consider yourself a pro. This credibility that you possess is your personal accomplishment and reward for a season that you commit to every year. So regardless of your goal, you are reaping the benefits of becoming a certified instructor and the member benefits of PSIA/AASI.

As an exciting side note, NI membership is at 511 members as of the spring board meeting. Thank you for your continued commitment to this steadfast division. A friendly reminder, annual dues are coming up in June!

Lastly, I would like to take this time to recognize our newest Northern Inter-

mountain Ed Team members: Christian Luening became a Children's Divisional Clinic Leader and Examiner; Matt Percuoco earned his Alpine DCL status during spring training; and Christian Luening, Taylor Caballero, and Amy Post were successful in Alpine DCT tryouts. Their hard work and dedication to the Northern Intermountain Division has resulted in their accomplishing their goals and personal achievements as professionals and clinicians. As a division we are very proud of your accomplishments and welcome you to the Education Team.

Have a great summer everyone, and, take the time to thank all of your family and friends for their support to your success this winter. Also, take advantage of all the splendor Idaho has to offer this summer.

"Most successful men and women have not achieved their distinction by having some new talent or opportunity presented to them. They have developed the opportunity that was at hand."—Bruce Barton

By Fernando Veloz
President PSIA-AASI Northern Intermountain Division, Bogus Basin Resort



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Mt Bachelor w/ Mascot Marty 1994



Sun Valley 2017

NI News:

Congratulations NI Award Recipients 2017-18

Northern Intermountain Hall of Fame: Lex Kunau Legends Award – Jani Sutherland

Jani Sutherland is a standout of the Sun Valley Snowsports School, Chair of the Northern Intermountain Children’s Specialist Program, Children’s DCL and Examiner and an active member of the National Children’s Task Force and Children’s Specialist Community.

Jani joined PSIA-W in the winter of 1973-74, and has been a member of PSIA- W, NW, RM and NI. She has influenced children’s ski teaching as an instructor, supervisor or director of programming at Squaw Valley, Mt. Bachelor, Steamboat Springs, Brian Head (Utah) and Sun Valley.

In the mid 1970’s, Jani worked with SKI Magazine on the SKIwee program to bring standardized children’s teaching to ski resorts across the U.S. She was a trainer with Squaw Valley, one of two resorts in the U.S. to do the pilot program for SKIwee. When the program ended in the late 90’s, Jani was the Western Regional Manager.

After leaving Squaw, Jani was determined to continue to research and learn about ski areas with kids’ programs, which took her to Blackcomb-Whistler in 1981. There, she developed the first all day children’s ski program called Kids Kamp, which is still a big part of Blackcomb to this day. In just two years, she successfully created this new program and then headed back to the states to Mt. Bachelor, where she stayed and flourished in the children’s ski teaching world for over 12 years.

An original member of the National Children’s Committee in 1986, Jani is credited with naming the “JETS: Jr. Education Team,” a project of the National Children’s Committee for a national children’s education team. She has created programs, written teaching manuals and trained staff. Between 1989 and 2007, she was published four times in The Professional Skier and authored the manual "Teaching Children to Ski" for PSIA-NW (copyright PSIA-NW@1989), sold through their bookstore for many years. She was one of several reviewers of the PSIA Children’s Instruction Manual, 2nd edition, 2008 and the soon-to-be-released latest edition of the manual, expected in 2019.

In 2009, Jani became the first Children’s Chair of Northern Intermountain and started to develop the NI Children’s Specialist Program which the National Children’s Task Force had been working on for a number of years. After 20+ years she finally had national standards for children’s teaching brought to NI and began to do Children’s Specialist clinics and exams as well as children’s educational events. The first year there were four events; in 2017-18, there were 18 children’s events including clinics, assessment/exams, and a 4-day Children’s Symposium with Dusty Dyer, a PSIA National Team member. In 2016, she created an official pathway for qualified children’s instructors to become NI Children’s Specialist Trainers and Examiners, and mentored Christian Luening through the process as the first applicant.

Jani came to Sun Valley in 2006 with a resume that would have had snow sports schools across the country begging to have her on staff. She is a top-notch instructor and children’s ski program advocate and trainer who has left her mark on numerous ski schools across the West. Jani is a wise mentor, generous role model and genuine example of a bona fide snowsports educator who embodies perseverance, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the children’s ski industry. “And, she makes incredible espresso brownies, too!” –Christian Luening

She received her 40-year pin in 2014, and in 2018 will be the first inductee named into the Northern Intermountain Hall of Fame, receiving the Lex Kunau Legends Award.



Jani Sutherland

Squaw 1973



Blackcomb 1982

Instructors of the Season – Krista Clayton and Alan Hogg

Krista Clayton, Sun Valley Dollar Mountain’s Children’s Center Supervisor, brings tireless energy to the children’s center, inspiring instructors with her love for the youth and standards of children’s snowsports instruction. “She is amazing with the children whether on the snow during a lesson or at break ‘herding cats.’” Krista has built an incredible team of instructors in the children’s center who are committed and willing to put forth all efforts in support of their supervisor.

She and her fellow SnowSports Supervisor, Alan Hogg, have elevated the quality of both the daily children’s snowsports programs, as well as the local children’s programs, such as SPUDS and Little SPUDS. Alan is “kind, patient, and brings his smile every day.” His contributions as a supervisor ensure that the instructors are well-equipped with daily teaching tech-tips for their students and he displays a willingness to step in and assist as needed anytime.

In an effective collaboration, Krista and Alan created an energized and successful learning environment at the Dollar Mountain Children’s Center. Thank you for a job well done and congratulations on your recognition as PSIA-NI’s co-recipients of Instructor of the Year for the 2017-18 winter season!



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Congratulations Scholarship Recipients 2017-18

The following NI members applied and received financial assistance from the Education Scholarship Foundation.:

Josh Baker—Tamarack
Alan Sills—Brundage
Kevin Dugan—Sun Valley
Delanie Edmunds—Bogus Basin
Theresia Bohnert-Strickland—Brundage
Tucker Marcus—Bogus Basin
Maggie Zee—Brundage
Amanda Dilworth—Pomerelle
Mitchell Spencer—Sun Valley

Fall Festival: Saturday, November 10th, 2018

What: Kick off the 2018-19 winter season with fellow NI members and comrades!

Where: Boise St. Luke’s.

Details: To be announced online. *Save the date!*



2018 Scholarship Fundraiser Report

The annual PSIA-NI Raffle and Silent Auction was held in McCall at the Symposium banquet dinner April 7, 2018. There were many generous donations that raised over \$1,800.00 to be used for the Scholarship Fund next season and to support the Symposium event. PSIA-NI would like to extend thanks to all the banquet attendees who bought raffle tickets and won something at the Auction.

PSIA-NI would also like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations:

Alma Naturals
McCall Pancake House
Razzle Dazzle
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McCall Brewery
Gravity Sports
Broken Horn Brewery
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McCall Golf Course
Tamarack Resort
Patagonia

Home Town Sports
Greenwood Ski Haus
Sun Valley Resort
Alpine Ski Wholesale
Brundage Mountain Resort
McU Sports
Wahooz Family Fun Zone
Bogus Basin Resort
Pomerelle Resort

Thanks to these generous donors, we have a few items left that will raise additional funds. Be watching online for a chance to purchase some awesome Patagonia gear, goggles, mountain bike passes for Tamarack, photography session next ski season, and a Ski Fit Training session in Boise.

We look forward to seeing you all at next year's Symposium at Sun Valley!

Member Schools Spotlight:

Alpine Mountain Coaster—Bogus Basin

Bogus Basin is the first mountain recreation area in the state of Idaho to feature an Alpine Mountain Coaster. It is an exciting 4,330 feet of twisting and turning track that winds through the woods. Reaching speeds of 25+ miles per hour and heights of 40+ feet in the air, the Bogus Basin Glade Runner allows you to experience the mountain like never before. The Mountain Coaster sleds are pulled to the top of the track by a cable-tow system, and then released at the top for an exhilarating, gravity-fueled ride through the trees. But it doesn't have to be a white-knuckled outing as each driver is in control of a manual braking system. If you are seeking an adrenaline rush, then press the levers all the way down for maximum velocity. If a scenic ride through the Boise National Forest with views of Shafer Butte and the Snake River Plain below is more your speed, then pull back on the levers. Each sled can accommodate two riders, one driver and one passenger—subject to combined weight and age restrictions. The Glade Runner operates in both summer and winter, with a Summer Operations schedule planned to begin Memorial Day Weekend. Check out bogusbasin.org for current operations information. Hope to see you on the hill!
— Christian Luening, Bogus Basin Coaster Manager



Dollar:LIVE—Sun Valley

Sun Valley's Dollar Mountain and the Dollar Mountain Children's Center experienced a significant and important re-imagining through the integration of Sun Valley's "Smart Piste" sculpted terrain program and "Terrain that Teaches" curriculum. With the addition of the Dollar:LIVE and exciting new terrain offerings, the 2017-18 winter season was transformative and an important evolutionary step into Children's programming of the future. Under the label, "Dollar:LIVE," the learning experience was elevated into a powerful and effective snowsports learning center and playground built in sculpted snow. Termed "Places for Learners, Parks for Pros and Everything in-between," Dollar has become the definition of an inclusive, playful, social, and highly effective learning center.

Through the keen imagination and skills of the Dollar Mountain team, the presentation and animation of the venue is stellar and without peer in the snowsports industry, bring to life mascot, "Sunny the Bear" and other engaging features to augment and enhance the Sun Valley guest experience whether a traveling guest to our destination resort, or a local family who depend on

Sun Valley's programs for early learning snow sports connections. — Tony Parkhill, Sun Valley SnowSports Director

Boot Camp—Soldier Mountain

Kids have been learning how to ski at Soldier Mountain for 65 years. During a good snow year, we have over 1000 students who actively participate in our physical/life sports education classes, which we affectionately have dubbed "Boot Camp." This program not only teaches kids from rural Idaho schools how to ski and snowboard, it has also proven to be a valuable tool in teaching each student to understand and enjoy the skiing/boarding lifestyle.

While the basic program of ski and snowboard teaching progressions are the same for most schools, Soldier felt the need to "adapt" the PSIA progressions to meet the needs of these students, and the limited opportunities they had to fully appreciate the sport. Our goal is to introduce students to the wholesome life time sport, promote exercise, and provide an atmosphere of learning while having fun.

The Boot Camp consists of 3 weekly sessions including a lift ticket, a 90 min. lesson and a rental, all for \$30.00 a day. We offer "scholarships" for students who cannot meet the financial obligation. Like a good "Soldier," no man is left behind. After the 3rd session is complete and students "graduate" from Boot Camp and receive discounted lift tickets for the remainder of the season.

We begin by reaching out to the area schools via emails and phone calls. Once we have booked our schools and coordinated the dates, a rental spreadsheet, waiver and introduction letter is sent. Parents are responsible for providing necessary information for the rental equipment, and the school is responsible for collecting payment. Before getting their equipment, all students and teachers meet in the lodge for a safety class with the ski school director and a member of ski patrol. Students are then assigned a class with other students of similar ability. To keep class sizes under seven, students who are intermediates and advanced skiers and snowboarders free ski in the morning and take an afternoon class.

The lessons learned at Soldier go beyond skiing and snowboarding. Students are taught numerous facets of the skiing lifestyle, including physical fitness, the environment, wildlife, and the correlation between a healthy mind and body. They are taught to enjoy the sport year-round through planning, training, and the anticipation of trying new equipment and locales. By design, the instruction is very inclusive in nature, with every student encouraged to participate verbally, as well as physically. We believe that kids are more likely to adapt to a skiing lifestyle if they enjoy the learning process and take an active role in all elements of that process. The resulting memories and bonds these kids develop lasts a lifetime. And, the success rate speaks for itself!

— Steve Mitchell, Soldier Mountain Snowsports Director



2018 Spring Symposium Highlight—Brundage Mountain

The X-Factor

Step out of your comfort, and into some fun. This spring the AASI Northern Intermountain snowboard staff explored Hovland Snow Skates during our two-day training opportunity at Brundage Mountain Resort. Following two days of training, we then offered snow skate clinics for the two days of this year's Spring Symposium. Both alpine and snowboard disciplines got involved and the outcomes were oddly similar; everyone had a BLAST! It was a unique opportunity to get feedback that wasn't discipline specific, however spoke to the root of what we do; the relationship of our bodies to a device, and that device to the snow. What a great way to break down barriers and speak objectively about how to adjust our bodies to achieve a specific outcome. The participants quickly learned how to speak about body parts, movement, and how it created positive outcomes to achieve a goal. *Absorb, power, feather, let it ride, tilt, and push* were some of the descriptive words used to help each other. The greatest part of the experience was the takeaway; most everyone approached me after the experience and communicated how it improved their own coaching by making them more understanding that movement patterns take practice to set into muscle memory; patience for the student/client/guest became greater; and most importantly how they could break down some of the more involved skill sets into bite sized, achievable drills that would continue one's path towards growth rather than completion.

All in all I think one of the participants summed it up best with, "If you can figure these things out, snowboarding or skiing is a breeze... This is ... hard!"

— Jake Bolin, NI Snowboard Certification & Freestyle Chair, Tamarack Resort



Articles from the Members:

Adaptive Equipment Upgrades

New improvements in equipment is making Adaptive Skiing and Riding safer and more effective, especially for individuals with more significant disabilities and the instructors who assist on the lessons. Some of the innovations are being led by athletes with disabilities, others are being developed by equipment manufactures. A few examples come from Enabling Technologies, Tessier, and Biodapt. Many of these improvements are due to vast improvements in the shock industry.

Individuals with more severe disabilities often require seated equipment to ski. Most seated equipment for decades required adaptive instructors to do the majority of the heavy lifting and have perfect timing to navigate the lift lines and load the chairlifts. Due to the weight of the skier and equipment inefficiencies, instructors put themselves at higher risk of injury. Luckily, changes are occurring in the industry that are reducing the requirements of lifting. The Dynamique from Enabling Technologies and many of the Tessier products are utilizing gas shocks to assist in the lift process and lock the ski in a load position. Not only is this more efficient and safer for the instructor, but we are



discovering these efficiencies are reducing the need to slow or stop the chair lift. (Pictured below is Dynamique in a locked load position.)

Another group of athletes with disabilities are using shocks in a whole new way as well. Mike Shultz has created a knee that also uses shocks to assist with rebound from a squatting motion utilized in snowboarding. During the 2018 games in Pyeongchang, Mike and other athletes that utilized the Moto knee that Mike's company Biodapt created for athletes with above the knee amputations cleaned up on the medal table with multiple gold, silver and bronze medals.

Shock design is changing the way we teach, ride, and ski. It is always amazing in the world of adaptive sports to be part of the evolution of change. Now as adaptive ski instructors we are now going to need a tech degree in shock care and maintenance. Most interesting is the fact that you may be teaching a snowboard lesson and never know your student has an above the knee amputation unless they want to disclose that fact.

By Jeff Burley
NI Adaptive Committee Co-Chair & DCT, Sun Valley Resort



'Challenge by Choice'

'Challenge by choice.' 'Stoke!' 'Nasty!' 'Rad!' 'Bam it!' 'Send it!' These were some of the phrases I was introduced to during my two-day Freestyle Specialist 1 Assessment in Sun Valley this past season. My ski technique is anything but freestyle in that I am a technical skier who approaches my ski lines in a linear fashion, turn to turn, top to bottom, with precision. Whether carving GS turns on hard-packed groomers, smearing down a bump run, or even in the 'pow,' my turns are consistently accurate. There is not much play in my skiing, I am in control, and I like ski-to-snow contact, at ALL times! So, the Freestyle clinic was NOT in my comfort zone, to say the least.

I have an immense amount of fun skiing, but no one calls me a playful skier. The play associated with the Freestyle training sounded very intimidating. However, after some thought, I changed my mind...why not? It sounded fun, 'challenging,' and it was an opportunity to learn how to become more dynamic on my skis, broaden my skiing and teaching skills, and access new terrain that I could then explore with my students. And the Freestyle fundamentals are common elements in everyday snow sliding: flexion/extension, rotation, foot-to-foot, and toe-to-heel. So here I went, accepting the phrase 'Challenge by choice.'

The March accreditation marked the first multi-discipline, interdivisional event in Northern Intermountain. Jake Bolin, NI Snowboard and Freestyle Examiner, and Matt Larson, NRM Snowboard and Freestyle Examiner, were the team leaders for the session, along with Paul Canfield, NI Snowboard and Freestyle DCT. This dynamic trio made the assessment educational, fun, very playful, and safe for the eight of us challengees, all of whom came with varying comfort levels in terrain parks and halfpipes (which for me was almost none!).

There were many challenges during the two days: 15 inches of snowfall which led to terrain park closures and unfavorable conditions for freestyle maneuvers, flat light, terrain park apparatus foreign to skiers like me, the lack of a true halfpipe, flat terrain, and teach segments that were limited to the magic carpet due to the challenging conditions. And yet our coaches fully embraced the notion of freestyle and encouraged us to meet the challenges of the day and challenges in our own abilities, guiding us through the required elements creatively and safely.

I have participated in many clinics and certification assessments/exams in my ski teaching career, and this will remain one of my favorites. I walked into the first day with apprehension; by the end of day two, I found myself seeking (cont'd next page)

speed in my approach, exaggerating my wind-up for takeoff, and accomplishing maneuvers on snow and in the air—albeit only a few inches. I even slid a few boxes successfully! And yes, I crashed some too! Thanks to the awesome team leaders, and the supportive camaraderie of the participants, I found myself playing, yes, PLAYING, on snow in new terrain that was challenging and super fun at the same time.

‘Challenge by choice.’ It makes us better skiers, and better teachers. If you are seeking an educational opportunity that is fun, instructions, and you’re not afraid to be a park rat for a couple of days (and you qualify with a Level 1 Certification pre-requisite), I challenge you to participate in the NI Freestyle Specialist 1 Assessment. I am certainly glad I chose this challenge.

By Martina Vala
NI Newsletter Chair & Alpine DCL, Sun Valley Resort



Telemark Academy, Spring 2018



This April 20-22 at Big Sky Montana marked the first Telemark Academy held in conjunction with PSIA-AASI National Academy. It proved to be an incredible event. Rich Caballero (former Nordic National Team member), Eric Anderson, Lew Peterson (past PSIA-NI Nordic Chair) and I, all from Bogus

Basin, participated—the most participants from any one school at the event! In the past, Telemark was offered as an optional event at Academy. This was the first year for a complete focus on Telemark skiing and teaching. It started with an informal meet and greet Thursday evening, where staff and past team members were introduced to participants.

Approximately 24 Telemark instructors participated from most all Divisions and across the United States. Grant Bishop, Greg Dixon (current Nordic Team members), and Tom Marshall (former Nordic Team Member and Native Boisean) led clinics over the next three days. Dave Lawrence, Nordic Team Coach and Scotty McGee, past Nordic Team Coach were also present. Just as with National Academy, each participant stayed with the same clinician in the mornings and switched to another based on the afternoon clinic topics. Lew chose to ski with Tom Marshall and found the best spring skiing conditions as the day progressed.

For me, the journey started a few months back, when I realized I would be tele-skiing three full days on a big mountain! I trained with Rich, Lew, and Eric during the months leading up to the Academy. “Training” included laps, steeper terrain, and longer runs, and the mantra “Big Sky.” We repeated the mantra “Big Sky” as our legs burned, and we would ski another five turns or to the end of the run without stopping. I personally was in a bit of a self-doubt panic to be able to keep up with the rest of the Nords and not be shamed by fatigue.

Since National Academy and Telemark Academy ran simultaneously, we were able to participate in all Academy events, including, evening educational presentations, socials, and meals. Hanging out with friends, colleagues, and national team members across divisions and all disciplines was an incredible opportunity. It was amazing to see over 400 ski and snowboard instructors from around the country all converge at Big Sky, and even more amazing to see so many telemark instructors as a single group and in clusters around the mountain.

Friday after the evening presentation, Tom and Mary Marshall hosted a BBQ at their house, another opportunity to socialize with the other Nords. A very special event was being at Academy with Taylor, Martha and Rich Caballero. Taylor and Martha at Academy and Rich and truly embodied this as a “family” event. Our snowsports “family” is strong and events like National Academy, Telemark Academy, Rider Rally, etc., provide great opportunities for our families to grow.

Next year, Academy and Telemark Academy will be held at Big Sky. I hope to see more participants from Northern Inter-mountain Division!

By Tom Koto
PSIA/AASI President’s Council Chair, Bogus Basin Resort



Who Ever Said Snow Skating was Easy?

As professionals, sometimes we get so focused on being teachers, we forget to be the student. Luckily, we have friends who convince us to do crazy things.

At Spring Symposium, I was talked into a snow skate clinic. I have some snowboarding experience and would like to think that I am a semi-decent groomed blue and black terrain rider. Yet, I was NOT prepared for my ride on a snow skate. Easy Street at Brundage was a breeze. Working on the basic skills of snowboarding, I was able to apply my knowledge of both skiing and riding to get my linked turns down. The fun part came when we moved to steeper terrain.

With our students, we always prepare for the big move to a new hill. We prepare them for the steepness (we hope), provide them the skills necessary to be successful in that new terrain, and guide them through it. I thought I had my own learning experience under control. After many attempts at Chute Three off of Easy Street, I thought I was prepared for anything Bear Chair could throw at me. I was wrong.

I was mad. I was frustrated. And I was very, very wet. “Starfishing” in the rain-soaked snow is a very glove-soaking, body-slammng experience. Despite the frustration and eventually intolerable level of wetness, I learned a few things:

- Snow skating is technically hard and *did not* follow my understood rules of snowboarding
- Skiing *does not* make me an expert on all snow-related devices
- Full, spread eagle back slams *hurt*
- Learning new things is difficult, and exciting, and the very reason I love snow sports
- Any teacher can become an unexperienced student if they try hard enough

Most importantly, I had the opportunity to step into my student’s shoes. Being a student is hard. There are experts throwing information at you in the best possible way they know how, trying to provide it in the best possible format. As a student, you have to trust the process, trust that your instructor knows what they’re doing and is attempting to keep you safe. You have to put your ego to the side and recognize that you may not master a new sport in a single day.

Although these are things I learned as student, they are all things I can apply as a teacher. Being a teacher is hard sometimes. We are throwing information at our students in the best way we know how, hoping that it’s what they need and that it works. We have to trust the process. We do our absolute best to guide our students through the learning cycle to get them to their most achievable goal. We must do our best to keep them safe. We all know that there are days, and students, that make this difficult. We have to put our egos aside and recognize that we may not be able to achieve mastery with our students in a single day.

The point here is this: learn a new sport! Step outside your comfort zone and into the student zone. When we as teachers become the student once again, we allow ourselves to experience the vulnerability our students feel on a daily basis. By becoming better students, we in turn become better teachers. The nature of this job is such that we are always learning. No two students are the same and by allowing ourselves to learn from them and our own learning experiences, we can expand our webs of knowledge to become better educators.

By Taylor Caballero
NI Alpine DCT, Bogus Basin Resort



CONGRATULATIONS!

Alpine Certification

Connor Bogert	A3
Lance Cole	A3
Colette Evans	A3
Peter Gavinski	A3
Tucker Marcus	A3
Stephen Thompson	A3
Joshua Baker	A2
Gail Bray	A2
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Akyrah Case	A1
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Mia Cherp	A1
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Karina Stelik	A1
Jim Stevens	A1
Sue Talbot	A1
Wesley Waddoups	A1
Steven Watanabe	A1
Robin Weerts	A1
Hailey Young	A1
Matt Percuoco	DCL
Taylor Caballero	DCT
Christian Luening	DCT
Amy Post	DCT

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Snowboard Certification

Cheyenne Jones	S2
Mitchell Spencer	S2
Steven J. Aragon	S1
Frederick Benford	S1
Christopher Dooley	S1
Nicole M Norden	S1
Benjamin Palladino	S1
Anna N. Rempe	S1
Johanna Schanbacher	S1
Timothy Smith	S1
Hallie Toews	S1
Melanie Yakemovic	S1
Alexis Ziebelman	S1

Adaptive Certification

John Cotner	H1
Beth Guest	H1
Ralph E. Hawes	H1
Wayne Huang	H1
Gregory Logan	H1
Anthony R. Mendoza	H1
Dave W. Robey	H1
Justin L. Safley	H1
Klay K. Schmidt	H1
Leonard Sell	H1
Robin Weerts	H1
Jeff Burley	DCT

Children's Specialist 1 Accreditation

Char Bagley	CS1
John B. Bolin III	CS1
Paul Canfield	CS1
William Caton	CS1
Helen A. Cutler	CS1
James E. Culter	CS1
Nathaniel DeMarcus	CS1
Colette Evans	CS1
Doug Foster	CS1
Autumn Haskell	CS1
Dawn Jeffus	CS1
Gary Jeffus	CS1
Tucker Marcus	CS1
Zachary Miller	CS1
Sheila Moriarty	CS1
Sabrina Roblin	CS1
Doriane Wilcox	CS1
James A. Wood	CS1
Lori Wright	CS1
Margaret Zee	CS1
Alexis Ziebelman	CS1

Children's Specialist 2 Accreditation

Taylor Caballero	CS2
Beth McLam	CS2
Matt Percuoco	CS2
Eric Zimmerman	CS2
Christian Luening	CDCL

Freestyle Specialist 1 Accreditation

Adrian Ballard	FS1
Jeffrey Barber	FS1
Frederick Benford	FS1
Alex Ferneyhough	FS1
Alissa Giannini	FS1
Garrett V. Giles	FS1
Ewald Grabher	FS1
Janalee Grover	FS1
Isabel Markoff	FS1
Elizabeth Miller	FS1
Benjamin Palladino	FS1
Jessica Rempe	FS1
Mitchell Spencer	FS1
Martina Vala	FS1
Asher W. Winner	FS1
Ben Woods	FS1
Alexis Ziebelman	FS1

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Senior Specialist 1&2 Accreditation

Kevin Dugan	SS2
Richard Koppenhafer	SS2
Mark K. Poore	SS2
Jeffery T. Miller	SS1

Congratulations to all who set certification and accreditation goals for the 2017-18 season! And another shout-out for everyone who ACHIEVED OR EXCEEDED their goals! The outstanding results is a clear indication of a lot of hard work and dedication by all the participants. Northern Intermountain is proud to serve all its membership and particularly proud of those who met their goals this past season! We hope everyone has a fantastic summer and we look forward to another great year of snowsports service, education, and benefits to our members and member schools in the upcoming winter of 2018-19.



In Memoriam:



A Nordic Legend

In memory of Jon Engen who died on Thursday April 26, 2018 of pancreatic cancer. Jon was a three time Olympian, and fought his illness as one.

Born in 1957, Jon was raised in Raelingen, Norway and grew up on Nordic skis. He was also a beautiful Alpine skier. Jon came to the U.S. in 1980 to attend Montana State University to ski and study. He graduated in 1983 with a B.S. in civil engineering

He continued racing after college, became a U.S. citizen and raced as a Nordic skier at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary, Canada. He represented the U.S. as a biathlete at the 1992 Olympics

in Albertville, France and the 1994 Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. He continued to race after his World Cup career, winning 20 Masters World Cup medals, 12 of them gold.

I knew Jon as a coach and instructor for over 15 years at the Sun Valley Nordic Center. He was deeply involved at the highest levels of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association. He served on the Board of Directors and worked to raise the profile of Nordic skiing. We worked together to bring USSA and PSIA closer together sharing tips and tricks for our skiers.

Jon was a great coach to many high level skiers in his Sun Valley Masters Program, and had a great touch with the never-ever skiers at the Nordic Center. He was a mentor to anyone he skied with, and I will miss him immensely.

A memorial service will be held this summer. At Jon's request, donations can be made to the USSA (donations.us skiandsnowboard.org) or in support of Pancreatic research where Jon's wife Darlene Young will ride to raise funds and awareness. (http://support.pancreatic.org/site/TR/Events/2018tdp?px=1137098&pg=personal&fr_id=1170)

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