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President's Letter

Recapping the Future

First and foremost, it is an honor to be elected as President of the Northern Intermountain Division of PSIA/AASI. In my current capacity as President of the Northern Intermountain Division, I have a great working relationship with other division presidents and the National staff which has helped me to address our current needs.

To date, we are ahead of other divisions in that we have opted early on to pursue Policy Governance within the division. Other divisions are just entering the process of Policy Governance and adapting to this National standard. We undertook this endeavor a year ago and it entailed a lot of hard work and checking in with other divisions and National to fulfill this goal. Many months were spent analyzing the current structure of the division to reach the end product of where we are today. We have adopted updated Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures. In addition, we have identified the need for an Interim Executive Director as a key element to help us achieve our end result and this decision has made us stronger. We have many challenges and as

a division the Northern Intermountain Board and Operations staff needs to be diligent in our reaching out to the snowsports schools and communities that we serve to understand their individual needs. These needs, although they may seem unique to the individual resorts, span to other resorts within the division and need to be addressed. We in turn as a board have goals that we need to achieve to ensure our community needs are addressed and resorts can be confident in knowing we are there for them.

This year one of our resorts, Sun Valley, has opted to pursue dual membership with the Northern Intermountain and Intermountain Division, which will strengthen the resort and facilitate additional training. The Sun Valley Snowsports School feels more aligned with larger destination resorts in our neighboring Divisions and is looking for additional education/certification opportunities for their instructors.

What does this mean (for any member)? You have choices:

- 1) maintain your current Division membership;
- 2) become a dual member with Northern Intermountain and the Division of your choice; or
- 3) transfer to another Division.

We encourage you to look at both Divisions and what each has to offer, such as Certification pathway requirements, education, and event fees.

Which brings me to the point of the instructor community and our need to keep our continuing education current. We have a well-rounded staff of Division Chairs that represents the specific disciplines and if you've ever taken a clinic or pursued certification, our team administering education clinics, prep clinics and exams are keeping pace with National standards. I know for a fact that the team of dedicated clinicians and examiners will make every effort to help

us succeed in meeting our clinic and exam requirements. They have a special knowledge achieved through advanced training and education and I offer my sincere gratitude to each and every Education Team member.

Lastly, I am confident the Board of Directors and Operations staff will serve as your leader in the division to accomplish the future goals and re-define our position within the scheme of the PSIA/AASI divisions to emerge as an instrumental leader. We will continue to increase our membership count to produce another fruitful year as a division. I look to each and every instructor and community member to reach out to us and have the confidence in the team to guide you through our future to emerge as a leader within the Divisions and industry profession and community. Thank you!

"Be thankful for each new challenge because it will build your strength and character."—Anonymous

Sincerely,
Fernando Veloz
President PSIA/AASI Northern Intermountain Division, Bogus Basin Resort

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Heinz Karl Sodamin
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NI News

President’s Letter on Dues and Fees Increase

This past November the Northern Intermountain Board of Directors reviewed the financial status and budget for the upcoming year. Unfortunately, expenses have risen to outpace current incoming dues, clinic and exam fees. For the last few years, the Northern Intermountain Division has been running in the red. We have tapped into our cash reserve and although there is enough money in our savings, our auxiliary funds continue to be depleted. For this reason, the Board voted to raise membership dues, clinic and exam fees to offset rising costs. This is the first increase in membership dues since 2010.

The dues and fees increase will correspond with the annual membership renewal on July 1, 2019 with the following increases:

- Dues-Northern Intermountain—\$10.00 (Effective Date 07/01/2019)
- Clinic Fees—\$10.00 (Effective Date 07/01/2019)
- Exam Fees—\$10.00 (Effective Date 07/01/2019)

Other reasons for the dues and fees increase stem from the following facts: the division will incur a fee for National to administer the new database which will host membership records. Historically, this fee has always been absorbed by National and they did not pass on the cost to the divisions. In addition, the division will consider services to help on the operations side such as a new Membership/Customer Service portal hosted by National. Also to consider, is the use of National’s Accounting Services. We were fortunate to have an Executive Administrator, Meghan Larson, perform many of the services to the division in prior years. Unfortunately, due to time constraints and other commitments, Meghan will no longer be able to offer her services. All these services hosted by National come at a cost to the division and will allow the division to concentrate on managing the core operations.

We are hoping this does not greatly affect our membership and that everyone will continue to realize the value of PSIA/AASI membership as a contributor to the Northern Intermountain community. If there are any questions, or concerns regarding this increase, please let one of the Board members know.

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients 2018-19

The PSIA-NI Scholarship Committee is proud to announce we have awarded over \$2000 in scholarships to help nine of our members achieve their snowsports goals.

Nathaniel DeMarcus—Bogus Basin	It’s never too early to start planning for next season! We will start accepting scholarships for the 2019-2020 season in November 2019. Please check the website for updated scholarship guidelines and the online application. We are excited to help with the financial expenses related to continuing your education. Please apply early, most awards go out in January and early February. www.psia-ni.org Angela Jarvis Division Board Member Scholarship Committee Chair
Maggie Zee—Brundage	
Daniel Ridgeway—Bogus Basin	
Akyrah Case—Bogus Basin	
Linus Goldsborough—Sun Valley	
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Appreciation Letters to the Education Foundation

Since becoming an instructor and joining the Northern Intermountain Division three years ago, I have had the opportunity to participate in four clinics, four certification exams, and one Spring Symposium. My involvement in these events have made me a better skier, snowboarder, and instructor to students of all ages. I feel very grateful to have worked with such great clinicians and examiners in our division who helped me improve my abilities and knowledge on the snow and in instructing. I am a big advocate for learning and training, and really appreciate that there are so many opportunities to advance your own skills. I would like to thank the PSIA/AASI NI Education Foundation for allowing me to participate in these events. Their scholarship is the sole reason why I was able to attend these events, without which I would not have been able to afford them.



By Margaret Zee, Brundage Mountain
Alpine Level 2

Thank you so much for the PSIA/AASI scholarship this year! Through the scholarship, I was able to attend the Level 2 snowboard prep clinic and exam. The money I received made it possible for me to achieve my Level 2 Snowboard Certification, and helped me by providing me the opportunity to develop both my riding and teaching skills.



By Daniel Ridgeway, Bogus Basin Resort
Snowboard Level 2



I'm very thankful that I was able to get this scholarship to further my education in the sport I love. I was able to get my level two clinic and exam paid for, which I was able to pass this year! I have a love for this sport and why I teach is so I can hope that my students grow to love it as much as I do. As I have taught over six years at Pomerelle, I have grown a lot in teaching through getting certified and taking clinics. It's nice to know new ways to teach or even how to teach the same thing better so your students can understand better. I can also help our instructors at our own mountain with the education that I've gotten to go out and clinic them, improve their teaching skills, and very own riding. Why wouldn't you want to gain knowledge in something you're passionate about? This is why I continue in getting certified, going to clinics, and symposiums. You are able to learn and also get to be with and meet people with the same interests that you are and just have a good time with it. Thank you.

By Maddie Alexander, Pomerelle Ski Resort
Snowboard Level 2

I would like to thank PSIA/AASI and the board for approving my scholarship for my Level 2 exam! This scholarship will allow me to not only make a large leap in my career as a Snowsports Instructor, but has given me an opportunity to become a better and more educated snowboarder. Earning my Level 2 certificate will aid me in my passion for snowboarding and snowboard instructing with education and a new level of understanding for the core concepts of snowboarding. I am beyond excited to continue my education and push myself to become one of the youngest and most certified dual instructors, not only at Bogus Basin, but within the Northern Intermountain Division. I am endlessly grateful to have received this scholarship, and to be able to test for my Level 2! Thank you again!

By Akyrah Case, Bogus Basin Resort
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2018 Scholarship Fundraiser Report

The annual PSIA-NI Silent Auction held at the joint division Symposium at Sun Valley in April was a great success!

Many generous donations were received to be auctioned. We would like to gratefully acknowledge:

Pete Lane's Mountain Sports	Greenwood Ski Haus	Theresia Bohnert Ski Fit
Hometown Sports	Broken Home Brewery	McCall Brewery
Patagonia	McU Sports	Boise Brewery
Deann Miller	Brundage Mountain	Salmon River Brewery
Tom Koto	Tamarack Mountain	Banyan on the Green Restaurant
Formula Sports	Mark Poore Photography	Shadow Valley Golf Course
Banbury Golf Course	The Edge Brewery	Sun Valley
Bogus Basin	Rupert's at the Hotel McCall	

The auction raised \$2,166.40 to be available for next season's scholarship recipients.

Deann Miller
Symposium Coordinator
NI Secretary

Congratulations NI Award Recipients 2018-19

Northern Intermountain Hall of Fame: Lex Kunau Legends Award – Heinz Karl Sodamin

Heinz Karl Sodamin is a longtime ski instructor at both Brundage Mountain and Tamarack Resort. He is thoroughly admired by his peers and guests due to his rich ski history and background, and incredibly generous heart in sharing his vast knowledge and love of skiing with any and all.

Heinz started skiing 70 years ago, in Steiermark, Austria. In 1968 he was a helicopter guide in the Bugaboos. He spent time in Canada in 1969 setting race courses for World Cup events at Whistler, then returned to Europe.

He came to the Seattle area in 1970 with a background of ski instruction and junior and master's ski racing in Austria, as well as in the US and Canada. Heinz was recruited to work at Crystal Mountain in Washington in 1970. From there he went to Mt. Hood Meadows to coach youth racing.

In 1971, Heinz was hired by Powder Pigs Ski School at Hyak Mountain, Snoqualmie Pass, Washington. They were familiar with his Austrian background and were excited to have him join the ski school to design their children's program. Powder Pigs quickly became a very well-known children's ski school program in the Seattle area, and still operates with great success today.

Heinz went through training to set World Cup race courses and did so all over the United States and Canada in the 70s, 80s, and 90s while living in the Seattle area. While at Hyak, Heinz was part owner of the Ski Club. He set races for the US Ski Association across the country. He also ran his own ski racing clubs over the years, such as Silver Peak Ski Club at Hyak, Chikamin Peak Ski Club at Hyak, and the Continental Club out of Berghaus at Snoqualmie Pass. Heinz coached race teams and taught private lessons as well, keeping to a very busy schedule. In the summer, Heinz ran kids' training for race teams where they hiked, climbed, biked, skated and skied. The program was popular, and he usually had 250 kids in the summer. He also did guiding on Mt. Rainier.

Heinz raced at the Master's level in the 70s and 80s, winning a Beginning Master's Cup at Whistler and races in Austria. And because this list of accomplishment was not enough, Heinz was a helicopter guide in New Zealand in 1978.

Heinz has written skiing technical papers before our PSIA fundamentals were really discussed, talking about the basics of skiing and fundamentals in 1971. Heinz received his full certification at Mt. Baker in 1970. He additionally holds full certification in cross country skiing and has been known to snowboard and telemark.

Those of us lucky enough to work with Heinz experience his generosity first hand over and over, giving to the ski community and guests alike. An outstanding teacher, he feels that it is important to give and look for ways to help people, and that a teacher is also a learner who can learn from every person he meets.

Heinz is a patient instructor who allows his students to work through their learning, quietly mentoring every step of the way. His kindness extends to all who surround him. If he sees a guest on the mountain struggling, he will stop and ask if he can help, and within a few minutes they are following him down the hill building confidence in their turns. Some of these skiers come back for a "real" lesson, requesting Heinz, despite the fact his intention was simply to help the skier or rider become more skilled and





confident, not acquire future business. He is an amazing and selfless goodwill ambassador that everyone should emulate.

As ski instructors, we want to help folks develop a life-long passion for the mountain experience and create amazing family adventures. Heinz often takes families that have had individual private lessons and teaches them how to interact as a family on the hill. The parents and kids learn how to share and take ownership of what they have been learning and work together as a family on the hill.

Heinz will be receiving his PSIA 50-year pin next year. He is an outstanding member of the Northern Intermountain Division, and the NI Division is lucky to have his experience, knowledge, and mentorship. His background and history in the industry in

both Austria and the United States is unprecedented and makes the ski areas he works at and the NI Division all the richer. Heinz still actively coaches race teams and their coaches in Canada. In fact, he left Spring Symposium to go to Lake Louise to work with racers and coaches.

Congratulations Heinz. It is a true honor to award you as the second inductee named into the Northern Intermountain Hall of Fame, receiving the Lex Kunau Legends Award!



Rookies Cortney and Reed with Legend Heinz at Symposium Banquet

By Deann Miller
NI Secretary
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Rookie of the Season – Reed Mason



Reed Mason's passion for people and sports translated into his becoming an outstanding candidate for Rookie of the Season. New to the Sun Valley Snowsports School this season, it was clear that Reed would be a great asset to the program in more ways than expected.

Early in the season, Reed pursued his Level 1 to hone his skiing and ski teaching skills, tackling his new profession with dedication and perseverance. He took every lesson and every task presented in stride, with a smile on his face, and with quiet leadership. Primarily teaching children for the season, Reed decided to pursue the Children's Specialist 1 pathway mid-season. Reed clearly was committed to improving his knowledge of teaching skiing and providing the best experience for his guests, and his peers, throughout the season.

Along with performing daily set up and take down of equipment in the children's center, Reed volunteered the majority of his days off helping with Higher Ground, the local adaptive ski program at Sun Valley. On the job, Reed performed any given task with a smile and an attitude that made the Children's Center a better place. Additionally, Reed exhibited leadership in em-

ployee housing, taking on the role of dormitory resident assistant.

A model individual and instructor, Reed's contributions to Sun Valley were vast and impressive throughout the season. He was an awesome team player with a can-do attitude that made those around him better. We congratulate him on his success and award as Rookie of the Season!

Rookie of the Season – Cortney Bayuk

Cortney Bayuk exceeded every expectation of a new instructor. She was great with her clients, was dedicated to train for her skiing, riding and teaching abilities, and an invaluable member of the Brundage Ski & Ride School team.

As a new instructor she was given mostly very young beginners. She never complained and was happy to teach any lesson she was given. She was never afraid to ask for help or take suggestions to make her lessons better. Cortney was the most requested rookie instructor this year.

It is always so exciting to have instructors be excited to learn. Cortney would seek both formal and informal training whenever she could. Whenever she wasn't teaching, she would be hounding any instructor willing to go out and ski or ride with her to improve her skills. She saw the value in learning from the veteran instructors and was willing to learn from everyone. She succeeded in attaining her Alpine Level 1 this year, and is excited to pursue her Snowboard Level 1, Children's Specialist, and Alpine Level 2 next year.



Cortney is a Swiss Army knife of the Brundage Ski & Ride school. On any given weekend, she would supervise our children's program in the morning, go out and shuffle any groups that need adjustment, then come teach a private alpine lesson, switch boots in about two minutes and teach a snowboard lesson, and then sit at the reservation desk and book lessons. Cortney's commitment to the school was hard to miss, and she is a true role model for veteran and new instructors alike. Congratulations on your award, Cortney!

NI Awards Continued

Instructor of the Season -- Chuck Chui

It is with great pleasure to award Chuck Chui for NI's 2018-19 Instructor of the Season! Chuck committed to teaching full time at Brundage this year and was especially committed to Brundage Ski and Ride School's instructor training program of the snowboard staff, spending many hours training and mentoring instructors both on and off snow. Due to his dedication, there was huge success in snowboard instructors receiving certification this season, and overwhelming enthusiasm to continue their pursuit of further certification and education. Chuck's leadership and commitment to his own teaching and riding improvement inspired a new generation of instructors to follow in his tracks.

Chuck is always willing to lend a hand, whether helping to put rental equipment away at the end of the day, or calming a crying child, and his dedication to his guest is as impressive as it is to our staff. He consistently goes the extra mile to make their day the best day they have ever had. He is our most requested snowboard instructor at Brundage. It is not hard to see why; his calm demeanor and positive attitude are infectious.

Selected by his peers, support for this award was overwhelming:

"Chuck's background in adaptive sports gives him the ability to teach and inspire anyone." Kaleb See 17-year-old SB Level 1 Instructor.

"Chuck is really patient with everyone, and he's super cool too!" Jeremy Davies 16-year-old SB Level 1 Instructor.

Chuck's dedication to the snowsports industry and the division goes beyond just his work at Brundage. He is on the Rocky Mountain Adaptive Ed Staff, is a Northern Intermountain Snowboard DCT, and the chairperson for the adaptive program in Northern Intermountain. We congratulate Chuck on his well-earned award!

By Colleen Morishita
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Brundage Ski & Ride School



Spring Symposium Highlights



Mason and Christian with Legend Jani

Another Spring Symposium for the books! Thank you to all those who coordinated the multi-division event. The three days were highly successful with some 400 instructors sliding on snow under Sun Valley's sunshine and epic spring conditions. Symposium is a great time and place for like-minded skiing/riding and teaching enthusiasts to come together to learn from each other and share their experiences one last time in the season. Thank you to all who participated and made this season's wrap up one of the best!



Tip it to Rip it!



Could someone please do something about that view!



Taking a break on top of the world.

NI Articles

What's on Your Bucket List?

Bucket lists, winter sports, fundamentals, perfect turns and following the rules are individual despite our social maxims. I grew up skiing and now teach both alpine and snowboard. I love ski/ride gliding. However, when I returned from Pomporovo, Bulgaria, my perspectives as a snowsports instructor shifted. Bulgaria hosted the 2019 Interski, and I checked "attend Interski" off my bucket list.



Interski? Bucket list! Yes! Interski has been on my bucket list for years because I enjoy teaching, coaching, talking and sharing with other professionals. These conversations force me to push my boundaries and my skills to give me new perspectives, create better lessons and improve personally. So, I say "yes" to a bucket list check with Interski 2019. I share some of my discoveries...

Pomporovo is located 150 miles from Sofia, a 2,000 year old city of the ancient world, in a country with a passion for snowsports. I was part of the USA Delegation which included the PSIA/AASI Demonstration Team, support staff, members, and families. For the 30-member PSIA/AASI Adaptive, Alpine, Nordic, Snowboard, Telemark, and Coaching Team, Interski is an intense working event, and brings the whole US Team together to work, play, and represent the US. Held every four years, Interski hosts 40 nations, represented by the best of the best, to present, emphasize and share ideas on technique, teaching, public relations, equipment, and change. Sessions are on snow and indoor. On-snow demos begin at 9:00 am, followed by morning and afternoon sessions, then evening indoor sessions and nighttime on snow demonstrations. Six days with snowsport enthusiasts sharing old, standard, new and sometimes quite different ideas on how to present, engage, coach, and teach snowsports.

For the PSIA/AASI members and families, the reasons for attending Interski 2019 were numerous. Some delegates choose to attend Interski activities, while others toured neighboring resorts, tourist attractions and adventured to the Black Sea. I attended snowboard and alpine presentations, checked out the mountain huts, rode the single chair and strolled around the forest village. I went into the event knowing Sun Valley sliders tend to go fast, skid to slow down and steer away from freestyle features. What I learned at Interski is the why this perspective is limiting how I teach, coach, train and promote snowboarding and skiing.

I love snow gliding for the exhilaration, the movements, and the fun. So, I am inspired to ask myself (and others) difficult questions. Here are a few of the questions: How do I view the snowsports industry? Am I a purist or open to something new? Am I into easy fun or hard fun or somewhere in the middle? In other words, do I go out and beat myself up learning something new or do I choose to be coached? Statistically, most of us on this instructing side of this industry tend towards hard

learning. As leaders in the industry, we tend towards struggling through a new skill, like learning to telemark, versus getting a lesson. Not a great way to promote the industry as a whole.

Then the biggest question: what can I do to change? I did not take a lesson the first time I strapped on a snowboard. What kept me in the sport was the new sliding sensations followed by the quest for certification and training. I tend towards hard fun with easy fun success mixed in, this I can change.

The types of fun one strives towards is one way of relating to brain function and how information and success are processed. I am fascinated by neuroscience and was amazed to hear how Germany, Denmark, and Chile Snowsports programs look at neuroscience studies for ideas on how to teach learning versatility, explore brain plasticity, and engage emotions as ways to increase cognitive function and motor skills. Other old topics with a new twist included the need to adapt to new markets, making the first lesson fun and worthwhile, creating magical moments through emotion and reflecting on experience (good and bad), coaching through the levels of certification, teaching snowboarding to children younger than seven and freeriding to include freestyle features (mountain and manmade).

I now know there is not just one perfect turn. I know when mine feel great and when they don't. The reasons why a turn does not feel good can have many variables, from lack of skill development to a disconnect due to brain processing skills to one's emotional state of being to just having a bad day. What I appreciate more today is realizing that when I get coached and slow down, a new perspective emerges.

Why was Interski on my bucket list? Because Interski is a place for likeminded people; that is people who love teaching and want success from a day on the slopes, no matter the age, discipline, or ability. I was inspired watching local riders (younger than seven) in the Riglet Park and skiers master wedge turns during the on snow sessions. Interskiers (riders and gliders) all love snowsports, and Pomporovo proved an entertaining venue for this international event. Spring ski/ride gliding. The Balkan Peninsula views from the communication tower span towards the Mediterranean, the Black Sea, the Near East, and Eastern Europe. The Bulgarian food is a blend of Mediterranean fresh and European hardy. I am thrilled with my first Interski experience. I have my new perspectives on slowing down turns, how to use easy to hard fun as a learning tool, and simple ways to make training programs more engaging. I encourage anyone to test his/her "norm," hit the slopes, and find new perspectives. Then for your bucket list check, aim for the next Interski in Levi, Finland.

Yes! Interski Finland. Where else can you hang out with 1000 snowsport instructor enthusiasts, in a country you may never otherwise go to, and not worry if they understand you? It's a blast!

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NI Articles Continued

Some Deep Thoughts about February

Snowfall this season for southern Idaho was rather interesting. The start of winter brought very little snow, and by mid-winter, we were all wondering if there would be any snow at all. And then came February! We had an epic month in Sun Valley with record snow accumulation not just for February, but for all time. 136" of the pure white stuff fell during the month, breaking the record of 129" from January of 1969.

We instructors, however, do not always get to play in the deep snow like our non-instructor friends and family. We all know deep snow isn't very easy to ski for kids, beginners, or even intermediate skiers. So if you're like me, you might look at the massive snowfalls like we had in February with somewhat mixed feelings. "Wow, that would be awesome to be with my son/friends/fellow instructors just taking run after run in the fresh powder" the rabid skier in you thinks. "Doing laps on the only groomed run on the lower part of the mountain today is going to be difficult for my guest, and there's nothing I can do about it because I'm a professional" the instructor in you thinks. Clearly, an instructor's dilemma.

I finally had my day of fun in the deeps in mid-February, after another 15" fell in 24 hours. My 16-year old son, plagued with the "powder day fever" was on the mountain as early as possible to be first in line with friends. As requested, he was updating me both as a safety precaution as well as to boast about the conditions, using terms like "OMG!" and "best run ever!" and the like. He was kind enough to agree to meet me at the top of the mountain at noon, eschewing the teenage dictum that "there are no parents on powder days, Mom!" (A motto he learned at the early age of 4 during his first real ski vacation in Snowbasin where it snowed 12 to 20 inches everyday for a week and we, being the awful parents we are, kept signing him up for ski school, because



First Year Perspective

Reflecting on my first season as a ski instructor and as a member of PSIA, I can't imagine having a better season or a more welcoming group of instructors that I got to work with.

The first lesson I taught back in December was a nightmare. And if it weren't for the options to train for certification and other education through my ski school that were offered, I would have had a lot slower learning curve. For my first lesson I had two challenging sisters (a 3- and 5-year old) and I had no idea how to format a lesson. Not even halfway through, I lost control of the lesson; one student was crying and I couldn't get her to stop and I was upset that the lesson wasn't going smoothly. I debated calling for help for a long time before finally throwing in the towel. It was such a train wreck on that first day that I didn't know if I was going to quit, or if I was going to be fired.

From that lesson until now, I made a complete 180. I can control a group of kids and am flexible in my lesson plans depending on how quickly or slowly students are progressing. That first lesson made me a dedicated student to learning how to become a better instructor and skier.

I'm grateful to have had great instructors who I got to work with and bounce ideas off of, along with training for my Level I

"there are no 4-year olds on powder days, Kid!")

At the top of the mountain, Elias was waiting, and I could tell by the way that he was standing he was half annoyed at being disrupted by "the parents" on his epic morning, and yet half relieved due to fatigue from his morning with his buddies. Lucky us, actually—his dad and I would have a better chance keeping up with him.

We headed to one of my favorite gladed areas on the top of the mountain, and Elias whooped his way down through the trees in the waist deep snow. I will admit on that particular day, and in that particular moment, I found more pleasure watching him rip down the hill with so much joy and finesse, than what I was feeling underneath the snow on my own two skis. It was magical.

We then skirted over to a place on the mountain that you can never ski except when there is so much snow, and spent the next five minutes listening to Elias say, "Now watch this!" as he'd grab a short little line of pure delight that had not been touched. I literally lost sight of my 5'11" son several times as he plowed his way through the heft. Perhaps fittingly, at the end of this unnamed run, my son went head over heels, lost a ski, and we spent another five minutes digging and searching, all the while listening to endless stream of exclamations pouring out of his mouth about "the most epic day" and "did you see that, Mom!"

I believe it was one of the deepest days I can remember on snow, and how lucky to share a few runs with my son on one of the deepest of powder days!



By Martina Vala
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exam provided by the Brundage Ski & Ride School. Most of my change in mindset between my first day of instructing to the last day of the season had to do with the welcoming attitude of Brundage. From day one, other instructors made me feel like part of the family and everyone was willing to share thoughts and tips and tricks of the trade.

I had the opportunity to take my Level 1 Alpine exam this season and that experience opened my eyes to the education opportunities that are available through PSIA. I was honored at the end of the season to receive Rookie of the Season within my ski school, and even more so to receive Rookie of the Season within the Northern Intermountain Division. With that award, I was able to attend the Spring Symposium at Sun Valley.

The Symposium was so fun with all the wonderful people I got to meet, talk, and ski with. I attended a movement analysis clinic with Katie Feuhrt. The group of individuals that also took the course varied widely in skiing skill and teaching level, but Katie did a wonderful job of catering the clinic to all of us.

When I look back to December when I first started ski instructing to now, it's amazing the progress I made because of the training and education I had access to through Brundage Ski & Ride and PSIA.

By Cortney Bayuk
Alpine Level 1, Brundage Mountain

CONGRATULATIONS!

Alpine Certification

Steve Brown	A3
Jimmy Grossman	A3
Logan Frederickson	A3
Char Bagley	A2
Clay Bowling	A2
William Hawkes	A2
Liz Percuoco	A2
Fernando Veloz	A2
William Weygint	A2
Cristine Anderton	A1
J-Nett Angell	A1
Daniela Anguita	A1
Katie Asselin	A1
Wyatt Barth	A1
Cortney Bayuk	A1
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Frederick Benford	A1
Jake Blackburn	A1
McKenzie Blash	A1
Mike Bonney	A1
Tammy Bonney	A1
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Patricia Bruder	A1
Sophia Burgess	A1
Stephan Burkert	A1
Alicia Cady	A1
Sawyer Casey	A1
Sebastian Chao	A1
Aaron Clark	A1
Jonathan Clark	A1
Skylar Cooley	A1
Cameron Crites	A1
Don Cunningham	A1
Brent Diehl	A1

Bob Dix	A1
Robert Doyle	A1
Connor Dunthorn	A1
Luke Edwards	A1
Carolee Eslinger	A1
Nathan Ferrell	A1
Jon Fishback	A1
Natalie Flake	A1
Wesley Flake	A1
Jackson Flynn	A1
Jack Foxcroft	A1
Mason Frederickson	A1
Hayden Gilmour	A1
Linus Goldsborough	A1
Peter Halvorson	A1
Joshua Hancock	A1
Ian Hanna	A1
Blake Harmon	A1
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Reed Mason	A1

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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Travis Arnoult	S2
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Nicole Armstrong	S1
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Congratulations to all who achieved and exceeded their season goals. It was another year of outstanding results. Northern Intermountain would like to thank you for your commitment to your membership and for taking advantage of personal and professional education opportunities offered. We are proud to serve you and all your ski/ride and teaching endeavors. Have a great summer and we look forward to having another epic 2019-20 season!

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