

Northern Rocky Mountain Division



Letter from PSIA-AASI Northern Rocky Mountain President

We hope you have had a great summer so far! As winter approaches, the NRM leadership is working hard to provide another great season of clinics, exams, and fond memories for its membership. We have closed the fiscal year 2015 financials and after a lot of research, discussion, and debate it was determined by the NRM board of directors that an increase in our event fees is essential in order to maintain and serve our growing division with quality continuing educational events. We are an expanding division (40% growth since 2011) and have had some of the lowest fees/dues in the country. The fees will now be comparable to the other divisions of PSIA-AASI and will help alleviate the financial burden on the NRM office, as well as support the increased needs of our members and member schools. You can find the new event rates on PSIA-NRM.ORG under the Event Calendar tab.

To help soften the blow of this coming season's event fee increase, the NRM Educational Foundation will be offering scholarships equal to 50% of a NRM event registration fee to anyone submitting a completed application by one of the two stated deadlines of December 1st and February 15th. The earlier you apply, the better chance you will have of receiving a scholarship as they will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. So, if you are planning on participating in a NRM event this upcoming winter season, get your application in prior to December 1st.

Our executive director has been working diligently to update our website. As we progress through the fall, features such as the ability to support the PSIA-AASI NRM Educational Foundation by shopping online will be available. We will have partnerships with over 250 online retailers like Amazon, Target and Nordstrom. Any time you shop with these online retailers, we receive a contribution on your behalf! Making a contribution to NRM will be easier and simpler than ever! Other ways we are increasing scholarship funds for you are through the business community and their sponsorships. If you know a business or individual who might be interested in becoming a sponsor, feel free to contact the NRM office for more information. NRM has also received approval for a MT state vanity license plate, designed by NRM member Paul Bussi. Starting in January 2016, folks can proudly show their love of skiing and riding while contributing to the education of our membership! Let it snow!

Former PSIA-AASI Chairman of the Board and NRM member, Eric Sheckleton, was elected to one of Interski's most prestigious posts as vice president of the Interski Presidium. He'll be able to ensure that Interski continues to be a world class venue focused on helping instructors share knowledge. Sheckleton is the first PSIA-AASI member elected to such a post since Max Lundberg served on the executive team 29 years ago. Congratulations, Eric!

We are currently the fastest growing division within PSIA-AASI and our promoter scores are the highest in the association. This is due to our committed discipline committees and education staff, as well as a board of directors functioning as a team to provide the best service we can for our members. We are truly blessed to have such a great group of leaders. If you have ideas on how we can keep improving our association, please let us know. We welcome your participation.

Thank you for being a part of this professional organization and we look forward to seeing you at Fall Festival!

- **Mike Ewing**, President - PSIA-AASI NRM

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Needed: Professional Development Coordinator

If you haven't heard, we have created a new staff position in the NRM Office and we hope you, or someone you know, can help us fill this very important role within our division. The Professional Development Coordinator will be responsible for directing education programs for all NRM snowsports disciplines including: Adaptive, Alpine, Children's, Freestyle, Nordic (Telemark and Cross Country) and Snowboard disciplines. This includes the needs of education staff, committees, board and Northern Rocky Mountain members. For more information, please visit PSIA-NRM.ORG.

Letter From the Treasurer



The leaves have changed colors and we have had the first snow of the season in the high country. We hope you have had a great summer and we look forward to seeing you on the slopes soon.

As an organization we are doing fairly well financially. Membership service remains our primary focus, while keeping the division strong and viable into the future has been our goal from a board perspective. We are seeing growth in membership which is great, but with this growth comes added stress on our administration. To assist with this increase we are considering adding another part-time staff person in the near future.

Another change you will be seeing is increased cost for events. This comes after a thorough review and revision of how event costs are calculated and the need to restructure those fees to keep our budget running in the black. We do not like to raise fees and dues, but at the same time we must maintain the financial integrity of the organization. Scholarships will be available to offset this increased cost to our membership and we highly recommend your participation in this program. Please refer to the NRM website for details on scholarship applications and deadlines. Be sure to get your application in early!

Operating funds for the division are currently \$72,500, of which \$30,000 is in a certificate of deposit with DA Davidson. The rainy day fund is currently \$10,020. These moneys are held in a short term (6 month) certificate of deposit allowing us to take advantage of increasing interest rates.

The Educational Foundation cash position is \$24,100 with a total of \$6,474 available in scholarships/grants for the coming season. Many thanks to the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation for their contribution of \$5,500! Our foundation financials have been stagnant as long as I have been associated with NRM. Mike Ewing has been working hard on implementing marketing strategies to build these funds. I strongly encourage you to license your vehicle with the new PSIA-AASI NRM (Let it Snow) license plate if you live in Montana. The specialty plate revenue goes into the Educational Foundation, allowing us to offer more scholarships and grants. Also be on the lookout for upcoming changes to our website, which will give you a variety of ways to support NRM's education foundation. Not only will you be able to donate directly to us online, but you will be able to sign up for volunteer positions and support us anytime you shop online.

In closing, thank you so much for your continuous support. We couldn't do it without you!

- Anthony Brown
Treasurer PSIA-AASI NRM

NRM Fall Fest

Fall has officially started, but thoughts of winter 15/16 have been on my mind since the end of last season. With opening day on our mountains fast approaching, it's time to start thinking about Fall Festival at Big Sky. Last year for NRM's golden anniversary we had an epic event! Three days full of educational clinics led by National Team members and NRM's excellent education staff, followed by evenings of socializing, national updates and games (giant Jenga or rocket box tug-o-war anyone?). Everyone involved had a great time and made it an event to remember. I hope you can join us again this coming December 11-13, or if you missed out last year, take the opportunity to join us on the snow at Big Sky Resort for some early season turns.

Jill Chumbley

NRM Children's Chair & Ed Team Member



General Overview

Three days of snowsports education and exams to get you geared up for the 2015 - 2016 season.

Registration

- Register online at www.psia-nrm.org
- Three day event: Early bird rate \$255
- Two-day event : Early bird rate \$185
- After November 27th, rates will increase by \$50 so register early!

Social Events

Invite your friends and family to join the fun. Friday night's events are open and free to the public. Saturday, there is \$15 cover charge for non-Fall Fest participants.

Extras

Private boot fitting with Brent Amsbury
Private boot fitting by appointment ONLY with Master Boot Technician Brent Amsbury of Park City Ski Boot.

Appointments are available:

Thursday: 1pm-8pm

Friday: 9am-8pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm and 4pm-8pm

Sunday: 9am-12pm

Appointments will be scheduled at half hour minimums. All attendees interested must contact Brent directly prior to Fall Fest: pccputah@gmail.com. Professional courtesy discount granted to all instructors. Prices based on type of work needed.

Lodging

As a major sponsor of the event Big Sky Resort is offering discounted lodging AND throwing in a FREE Sky Card to all attendees who book three or more nights lodging in the Huntley Lodge.

Friday

- Meet and greet @ Chet's Bar & Grill

Saturday

- Appetizers & Cash Bar
- Awards presentation
- NRM Education Foundation Silent auction & Raffle (5pm-6:15pm)

Lift Tickets

- Free with MSA Card and season pass from home resort.
- Lift tickets are \$43/day, plus tax, which can be purchased at the Ticket Sales window.
- Kids 10 and under ski for free

On Snow

We will continue the same schedule with core groups in the AM and electives in the PM. For those not familiar with this event's format, you ride with the same group in the morning all 3 days Friday - Sunday and then choose a different educational clinic in the afternoon for each day. This format allows you to tailor your experience to be as diverse or focused as you want. If you can't devote three days to fun under the Big Sky there is a 2-day option on Saturday and Sunday which follows the same programming.

The standard core groups focus on improving both riding and teaching skills in the format of a clinic group that meets each morning. Your morning session is discipline specific, so if you enroll in a snowboard core you will be focused on that specific discipline for both riding and teaching. Options for cores this year include: Alpine, Alpine Teaching, Snowboard, Freestyle, and Children. After your morning core you will break for lunch and then meet up for an afternoon clinic/elective. Our education team has come up with a wide variety of topics to choose from and although I can't list them all here, you can browse through the choices later in this newsletter or via PSIA-NRM.ORG.

The alternative to core groups is participating in a credentialing, certification or prep event:

CREDENTIALS: We are offering four credentials at Fall Fest 2015: a Freestyle Specialist 1, Children's Specialist 1, Children's Specialist 2, or Senior Specialist 1. This will be the first Senior Specialist event within our division, which will be led by Northwestern clinician, Michael Birch Jones. We hope this is the start of a great program that continues to operate within NRM. If you have interest in this topic and want to support its continuation, please sign up and encourage your friends to do as well.

CERTIFICATIONS: There are four exams available: an Alpine Level 1, a Snowboard Level 1, a Telemark Level 1, and an Alpine Level 1/USSA Level 100 combined event. For the second year in a row we have a combo USSA level 100/ PSIA Level 1 group led by our own Paul Mannelin. This was a big hit last Fall Fest as it demonstrates the benefits of the developing relationship between USSA and PSIA.

PREP CLINICS: There are 4 Prep Clinics available: an Alpine Level 2, Alpine Level 3, Snowboard Level 2 or Snowboard Level 3 Prep. The Alpine preps run all day Friday through Sunday and include video and extra sessions after the ski day. The Snowboard preps are Saturday and Sunday all day. This is a great opportunity to really start your season off right if your goal is to achieve higher certification this year!

Off Snow

Friday evening you can catch up with those you didn't get to see your first day on the snow at the NRM Meet & Greet. You will also have the opportunity to meet with your divisional discipline and board representatives. Let them know how they can better serve the division and membership face to face. We all know this is way more effective and memorable than an email, phone call, or mental telepathy.

Saturday evening, join us for the NRM Awards Banquet & Silent Auction to enjoy food, friends and family. Another opportunity to socialize and reconnect! Participants' families are welcome to join the fun. Our annual Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle will run from 5:00pm - 6:15pm to benefit the NRM Educational Foundation, which provides scholarships/grants to members and member schools who need a bit of extra help to get the education our gifted staff provides. Thank you again to all the contributors from last year's donations! The event's success was because of you! If you happen to have any items you would like to donate, please contact the NRM office at info@psia-nrm.org. If you would like to apply for a scholarship from the Education Foundation, please see the details and deadline for that application at scholarships/grants at PSIA-NRM.ORG or read further into the newsletter.

Saturday night is also when we recognize the outstanding service of some of our most talented and generous members of NRM. But before we can thank them, we need to know who you think these folks are. You can look up each award and its qualifications at psia-nrm.org/awards. Once you know who you'd like to nominate for each award, email your nominations to Meghan at info@psia-nrm.org. Nominations are due by November 15.

Our host, Big Sky Resort, is the most convenient choice for lodging with ski in ski out accommodations. This year Big Sky Resort has again included a Sky card with a 3 night stay with them during Fall Festival! You not only get discounted lift tickets during the season, but there is the added bonus of skiing for free at Big Sky for the two weeks at the beginning and end of the season. Check out Bigskyresort.com for details.

Please join us this season for our 51st year of serving PSIA-AASI members in the Northern Rocky Mountain Division. Let's start the next fifty years off on the right foot with another spectacular Fall Festival!

Fall Fest Lodging Details

As one of NRM's major sponsors, Big Sky Resort will be providing one complimentary Sky Card for every individual who stays for three nights or more under the PSIA-AASI-NRM room block. Sky Card holders save \$25 on all-terrain Big Sky Resort lift tickets at regular season, full window rates, 14 select days of free skiing, and special deep discount dates. THANK YOU, BIG SKY RESORT!

Huntley Lodge

Guests per room: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
First Class (2Q) \$112, 112, 137, 162
Mtn View (2Q) \$122, 122, 147, 172
Loft (3Q) \$136, 161, 186, 211, 236, 261

Stillwater

Stillwater Studio \$130
Stillwater 1-BR \$156
Stillwater Loft \$205
Stillwater 2-BR \$219

Shoshone

Suite (4 guests) \$247
Loft (6 guests) \$388

Big Horn

2 Bedroom (4-6 guests) \$259
3 Bedroom (6-8 guests) \$345



Fall Fest A.M. Core Groups

Alpine Core - 9AM – noon Friday-Sunday The AM core clinics will be like a group lesson, with the same DCE for all two/three mornings, allowing for consistency and a few days to work on things.

Alpine Core with a Teaching Focus 9AM – noon Saturday and Sunday This core group will focus on your teaching skills including; communicating with different types of learners, learning theory, and those tricks of the trade that help you become a better and more effective instructor. This group will experiment on skis with the best ways to help students (and probably themselves) through those learning trials that leave the most seasoned instructor pulling out their hair. Come and enjoy two fun filled mornings discussing and then putting those discussions to the test on snow.

Snowboard Core 9AM – noon Friday-Sunday The AM core clinics will be like a group lesson, with the same DCE for all two/three mornings, allowing for consistency and a few days to work on things.

Children's Core 9AM – noon Friday & Saturday Expanding on last years good reviews we're taking "Train the Children's Trainers" elective up to the CORE groups! This clinic is design with ski school trainers in mind. As with all children's clinics any discipline is welcome to attend on any gear they choose with the understanding that this clinic is focused toward information and dispersion of this information at a staff train-ing level. PLEASE attend this clinic with the blessing of your ski school director as it is geared towards those who specifically will be training the children's staff at their schools. This clinic will build on the topics ATTAINED at the CS2 credential instructing participants in how to best convey and teach the concepts of child development and learning theory and how to instruct staff to enable them to apply theory and method into their lessons! If you don't have CS2 please contact Jill Chumbley before signing up nrm.childrens@gmail.com subject: TCTC-FF

Freestyle Core 9am-noon Saturday & Sunday For those of you who are trainers at your home mountain, we have all kinds of info for you to build a safety conscious staff and coach your peers. Learn about terrain based teaching, building safe freestyle features for never-ever guests, recommended standards for staff to bring guests to freestyle specific terrain, and using freestyle to improve your overall skiing and riding. Its all about the FUN!

Fall Fest P.M. Elective Choices

Alpine: How to Play with Your Ski Boot

Saturday with Master Boot Technician Brent Amsbury

Ski boot fit basics. Learn how to incorporate simple fit aids to improve the performance of your student and how skier balance can be improved with an assortment of tools that can fit in your pocket. Come in casual attire for this indoor session and bring your ski boots and socks.

Alpine: The Science of Alignment

Sunday with Master Boot Technician Brent Amsbury

An advanced biomechanic analysis of how skiers balance and the process of assessing fore-aft and frontal plane mechanics.

Important: On snow for the first hour of the clinic to perform alignment recognition. Casual attire for the afternoon session. Please bring your ski boots and socks.

Alpine: Off Piste or Piste Off?

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

Don't let the off piste get your piste off. Let's see what Big Sky has to offer and head to ungroomed terrain for some early season fun. A member of our NRM Education Staff will give you tactics for skiing off piste terrain, or try to turn your legs to rubber. The choice is yours.

Alpine: Groomers For Zoomers

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

This clinic will focus on getting the most energy and fun from the corduroy goodness of Big Sky. Find new ways to teach and entertain on the prepared Piste. Consider groomers one elective day and off piste the other if possible.

Alpine: Demonstrations and Tasks Skills Revealed

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

The most popular clinic from last year is back. The education staff is psyched to reveal and refine the skills needed to perform effortless demos and tasks. Similar to the perfect golf swing, the perfectly performed demo or task is a thing to behold. Everything feels better with refined skills to support your everyday skiing. The demos and tasks may be separate depending on the numbers of those attending allowing for even more focus. Consider demos one day and tasks on the other if possible.

Alpine: All Mountain, Fat, Rocker, Carver, Superstar?...Equipment Diversity Clinic

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

Reading the gear issues in ski magazines shows how much ski companies have embraced the concept of "rocker" in their skis. Most skis even have the amount of rocker printed on the ski along with sidecut and radius. The question isn't really, "should I try it?" The question should be, "how can I use this to help my students become more successful sooner and, basically, enjoy the sport even more?" This clinic will address the second question in all sorts of aspects from how to size the skis, to how our movement patterns differ, and how this applies to the skills concept. You do not have to have rocker skis to join this clinic, but skiing on some during the clinic will add to the learning experience

Alpine: Mastering The Art Of Movement

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

This challenging and fun clinic is geared towards keeping your group moving down the hill. Come find out how to balance all of the teaching and learning styles while we continue to ski with our groups. Discover the obstacles and work arounds to keep a group moving. Develop the skills to give your clients the most bang for their buck!

Alpine: Gamesmanship

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

This clinic will focus on fun adult games and learning. Adult students need games and play just as much as children. Expose your inner child while we explore all the games and activities possible in a few hours of skiing and coaching. Lets make the learning unconscious while we are distracted being playful.

Alpine: Demistifying Movement Analysis

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

This is an introduction to movement analysis geared towards certification levels 0-2. In this indoor and on-snow session, we will build a foundation of movement analysis looking at the 5 Alpine Fundamentals and how to give feedback.

Alpine: Skills Based Skiing Versus Stamina Based Skiing

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

Explore the spectrum of movement patterns to determine best practice skiing. Learn ways to assist the student who fatigues early in the lesson.

Alpine: Intro to Video

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

This Clinic will focus on YOUR skiing image through the use of video. Expand on your ability to use video with your students as you become the student and see yourself in video. Best practices for video usage will be discussed. Class size limited to maintain a quality clinic.

P.M. Elective Choices Continued...

Alpine: Master Instructor Experience

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

A clinic geared for seasoned instructors with 5+ years of teaching and level II certification or greater wanting to be challenged by their peers. Exchange ideas, survival skills and career notes for a long career in ski instruction.

Snowboard: Fun Snowboard Games for Kids

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

A snowboard specific look at enjoyable ways to keep young shredders (adults too) interested, motivated and improving their skills.

Snowboard: Snowboarding for Alpiners and Telemarkers

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

Intro to the basics and commonalities between skiing and riding” (Must have gear and ability to ride Big Sky’s green terrain).

Snowboard: The VAK Way to Amplify Your Snowboard Senses

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

Focus on visual cues to practice teaching without talking; on the best words to describe movements and sound cues to achieve change; and on how to identify, and create, the feelings related to fun riding movement patterns.

Snowboard: Back-Country Snowboard Skills Taught In-Bounds

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

Focus on teaching helpful moves for back-country travel. (back-country gear not necessary)

Snowboard: Elevate Your Steeps Skills Snowboard Camp

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

Focus on riding steeps, off-piste and how to more effectively teach in this terrain.

Snowboard: Video and Movement Analysis for Personal and Professional Development

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday

Tools to improve your personal riding and to use video and analysis tools to enhance your clients’ experiences, help you get new request privates and make more money!

Kids: Rosetta Stone

Saturday

Do you like to slide down the hill on more than one tool? Do you sometimes wish you understood more about the other snowsports so you could help those multi-discipline families? If so, this is the clinic for you. We will unlock the similarities between the snowsports to help you ski or ride better and be able to teach those every increasing multi-tool lessons. Show up on Alpine Skis, Telemark Skis, or a Snowboard. We’ll be discussing all three.

Kids: Chicken or the Egg

Saturday

Do you have fun while learning or learn while you have fun? This clinic focuses on using learning styles to your advantage to engage students in their lesson. How a person whose preference is visual learning can have just as much fun with a drill as a person who prefers auditory learning.

Kids: I can be hip too

Friday and/or Sunday

Ever feel like you have a hard time getting through to your teenage clients? This clinic will focus on connecting with your teenage clients. How to break the ice at the beginning of the lesson and keep those teens engaged.

Kids: Putting the Fun in Skiing Fundamentals

Saturday and/or Sunday

How to incorporate last season’s introduction of the Fundamentals of Alpine Skiing in your lessons at every age and stage. This clinic will both explore the real ideal patterns as the body grows through the lens of the 5 Skiing Fundamentals and give you the skills to apply that understanding to students across the ages.

Kids: Teaching High Level Kids

Friday

This clinic will ride in off piste, bumps and black terrain. It’s tempting to just go ride with them but this clinic will give you more tools and techniques to working with Kids who ride at high levels.

Freestyle: Fear to Fun

Saturday and/or Sunday

Intimidating, sure. Scary, you bet. We have all thought to ourselves, “yep, that’s not for me.” Yet, you’re probably already doing it! Learn how basic freestyle movements improve our all-mountain skiing and riding. Here is your opportunity to learn a little about freestyle while keeping safety in your back pocket.

Freestyle Specialist Prep

All day Friday

Want to know that the Freestyle Specialist Program is all about? This is your opportunity to learn the ins/outs of FS1/FS2/FS3 and have the chance to ask questions, get some feedback, and practice for your Freestyle Specialist Certificate!



PSIA-AASI NRM Event Calander



Alpine

Dec 7-9	Examiner Training	Big Sky
Dec 8-10	Clinician Training	Big Sky
Dec 9-11	IT Training	Big Sky
Dec 10-11	Area Clinician Training	Big Sky
Dec 11	Fall Fest Train/Trainers	Big Sky
Dec 11-13	Level 2/3 Prep Clinics	Big Sky
Dec 11-13	Level 1 Exam/USSA 100	Big Sky
Dec 12-13	Level 1 Exam	Big Sky
Jan 6-8	Level 2 Prep Clinic	Lost Trail
Jan 23-24	Level 1 Exam	Bridger
Jan 29	Examiner/Clinician Training	Jackson
Jan 30-Feb 1	Level 2/3 Prep Clinics	Jackson
Feb 2-4	Level 2/3 Prep Clinics	Big Sky
Feb 5-7	Level 2 Prep Clinic	Terry Peak
Feb 6-7	Level 2 Exam	Red Lodge
Feb 23-24	Hiking and Skiing Lone Peak	Moonlight
Mar TBD	Ski Like a Girl	TBD
Mar 5-6	Refresher Ed Clinic	Terry Peak
Mar 5-6	Level 2 Exam	Terry Peak
Mar 7-9	Level 2/3 Prep Clinics	Bridger
Mar 10-11	Level 2/3 Exams	Bridger
Apr 9-10	Level 2/3 Exams	Big Sky
Apr 11-12	Hiring Event-Examiner/Clinician	Big Sky

Snowboard

Dec 9-10	Pro Ed Staff/IT Training	Big Sky
Dec 11	Fall Fest Train/Trainers	Big Sky
Dec 12-13	Level 1 Exam	Big Sky
Dec 12-13	Level 2/3 Prep Clinics	Big Sky
Jan 9-10	Level 1 Exam	TBD
Jan 28-30	Snowboard Hat Trick	Showdown
Feb 8-9	Level 2/3 Prep Clinics	Big Sky
Feb 8-9	Level 2/3 Exams	Big Sky
Feb 29-Mar 1	Examiner & IT Training	Jackson
Apr 5-6	Level 2/3 Exams	Red Lodge
Apr 11-12	AASI Staff Selections	Big Sky

Nordic

Dec 12-13	Telemark Level 1 Exam	Big Sky
Jan 2-3	Cross Country Level 1 Exam	Whitefish
Jan 22	NES Training	Discovery
Jan 23	Telemark Ed Clinic	Discover
Feb 9-11	Cross Country 2/3 Exam	Targhee
Feb 26-28	Cross Country 2/3 Prep/Exams	Izzak Walton
Feb 26-28	Telemark 2/3 Prep/Exams	Targhee
Mar 26-27	Telemark Level 1 Exam	Big Sky

Childrens

Dec 11-13	Childrens Specialist 1	Big Sky
Dec 11-13	Childrens Specialist 2	Big Sky
Dec 12-13	Childrens Specialist 1	Big Sky

Freestyle

Dec 7-8	Iron Team Training	Big Sky
Dec 12-13	Fall Fest Freestyle Specialist 1	Big Sky
Feb 23	MSAA's Annual Pro Park	Great Divide
Feb 24-25	Freestyle Specialist 1	Great Divide

Adaptive

Dec 11-13	Adaptive Level 1 Prep/Exam	Big Sky
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Additional clinics may be held at area snowsport schools. These private clinics are held at member schools specifically for that school's staff. Check with your school's director for schedule and availability. Additional exams and clinics will be considered upon request.

*Train the Trainers is free to one alpine and/or snowboard trainer per NRM member school (lift ticket not included).

**MSAA's annual "ProPark": MSAA will once again be sponsoring the annual ProPark at Great Divide. This winter PSIA-AASI NRM's freestyle coaches - the Iron Team - will be teaming up with Great Divide Ski Area to put on the annual ProPark event. This one-day event is offered to ski area employees and/or snowsports shop employees in the state of Montana. The event combines NRM's professionally trained coaches and the Smart Style education program to promote freestyle/terrain park safety and personal rider improvement. The Smart Style www.terrainparksafety.org is a national freestyle safety program developed by Burton Snowboard and the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) to foster safe use of freestyle terrain by staff and the public alike. NOTE: This event is by invite only. Advanced registration is required.

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USSA Benefits

Paul Mannelin

Big Sky Resort, Staff Trainer, Head Coach,
Buddy Werner Big Sky Ski Education Foundation

With winter quickly approaching, it's time to knock the rust off your skis, find all of your long underwear and socks that you've squirreled away in storage, and make sure your PSIA dues are paid if you haven't already taken care of it. Membership in PSIA has a ton of benefits, most of which you all are well aware of and hopefully take advantage of. But did you know there are also a ton of benefits to a USSA membership as well? USSA members enjoy some of the same benefits as PSIA members do, however there are additional perks!

As a USSA member you'll get...

Participation in USSA events. Did you know continuing ed credits for USSA events count toward your PSIA ed credit requirement? Come out to a USSA ed event for a different take on ski teaching! Or... Get involved with ski racing! Local ski races always need volunteers for ski races. Whether it's helping with course repair or as a qualified course official, USSA membership opens the door for you to get involved with ski racing as on-hill volunteers. No matter your background, we have a spot for you!

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PSIA-AASI NRM Education Foundation Scholarships

The PSIA-AASI NRM Education Foundation (NRM EF) was established in 1991 to serve the membership of NRM by providing financial assistance to those who are looking to further their careers/schools and enhance their growth in the snowsports instruction industry. The Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization in good standing. NRM EF is governed by the Education Foundation Committee under the supervision of the PSIA-AASI NRM Board of Directors. Every year, NRM EF awards scholarships/grants to individuals and schools wishing to further their education in alpine, adaptive, children's, snowboard, freestyle and nordic education. The training that members receive as a result of the scholarship program increases their productivity and value as a member and as an instructor in their particular snowsports school. Scholarships/grants are awarded based upon financial need, personal/professional goals, snowsports school experience, and ability and means to share the benefits of the scholarship/grant with other staff members and snowsports area guests. Scholarships/grants are funded through donations from our members as well as outside grants and donations. Our primary fund raising event is the Fall Fest Silent Auction. To make a donation to the EF scholarship/grant fund or to donate goods or services to the silent auction please contact the NRM office. This season we are happy to announce the receipt of a \$5,500 grant from the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation (YCCF). The YCCF funds will be added to the scholarship pool for the 2015-2016 season.

Deadlines:

- Individual application materials must be received by December 1 to qualify for first consideration.
- School application materials must be received by January 7.
- Applications submitted by the second deadline of February 15 will be considered pending available funding.

Please send applications to:

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PO Box 11392, Bozeman, MT 59719
(406) 581-6139, info@psia-nrm.org



NRM Committee Chair

Reports of 2015



Snowboard:

Ben Daniel

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Autumn is here, we survived the super blood moon eclipse and snow is returning to the mountains! This time of year is full of giddy-christ-mas-eve-like-excitement for those of us who believe winter is more than just a season, it's a lifestyle. It's also time for the fall update on what's new and exciting in the world of snowboard education for the 2015-16 season.

Our Fall NRM Snowboard Pro Educator Staff meeting went down recently, thanks to Michelle and Bridger Biggins for being the hosts with the mosts and to all who volunteered their valuable time to discuss how to best serve our members needs while maintaining a balanced budget. Below are some highlights from our BBQ meeting.

Hits of the Season: The season started off with a big bang on the snowboard side with our Fall Staff & IT Training being well attended, including some Rocky Mountain Staff. Several snow pros from NRM achieved their Level 1, 2 or 3 snowboard certifications (super impressive group of 3s who are interested in the IT program). By far, most of the participants at NRM snow-board events reported having a positive learning experience (even those who did not attain the cert this season). A few snowboard pros entered the IT program and we had new DCE-1s and a DCE-3 added to staff this year. Our new score cards were a hit for the examiners and candidates for their ease of use and clear communication of important information. The new technical manual was also a big hit due to its comprehensiveness. Our updated workbooks were mostly a hit in helping candidates retain and own the information necessary to achieve their next cert and to improve their clients experiences.

Misses of the Season: The new on-line quizzes were both a hit and a miss; candidates were more prepared for the preps but confused by some of the questions, so a few will be clarified or thrown out. We would like to offer more snowboard continuing education clinics (shrededucation sessions), we need YOU to help, please create the what, where & when! (Jackson Hole, Lost Trail...) If at least six participants sign up two weeks prior to the event we will do our best to staff it and help bring it to fruition.

Budget Review: A big thank you to Meghan and all those who volunteered their time, or worked for next to nothing, to help us achieve our budgetary goals. Other contributing factors were several events that had a high number of participation, canceling events when participation was low and making unscheduled events happen when contacted by member snowsports programs about hosting a prep, cert or educational session.

Staffing Issues: As we grow in number our main staffing issue is that we need more events to happen, and those events to have more participants, in order to provide more opportunities for our talented, passionate, professional snowboard pros to help meet our members needs. To help keep our staff's skills sharp and knowledge current, we will be holding a discipline specific hiring event at the end of each season. It'll cost \$165 and for those who are hired, they will have a three year term before being required to go through the selections process again.

Rocky Mountain Fall Forum. We will discuss how to implement the new national standards and how the new technical manuals are working in our division. This will then continue at the divisional level at our Fall Staff and IT Training in Big Sky on Dec 9-10. This information on how to be the best at serving our members needs will be disseminated to those who attend the Snowboard Train the Trainers at Fall Fest on December 11 and to all other participants at shrededucation sessions, preps and/or ex-ams throughout the season at a resort near you! Check out the NRM Calendar in this newsletter or at PSIA-NRM.ORG.

I encourage YOU to get involved; we are only as good as our contributors. Be active, write articles, go to meetings, participate in events... create events, email me any Shrededucation event topics you'd like to see offered at a venue of your choosing, like Fall Fest Dec 11-13 in Big Sky, or at your home mountain and you name the date. We will do our best to offer and hold any event that has, at a minimum, six participants signed up for the event two weeks prior to the event start date, ride on.



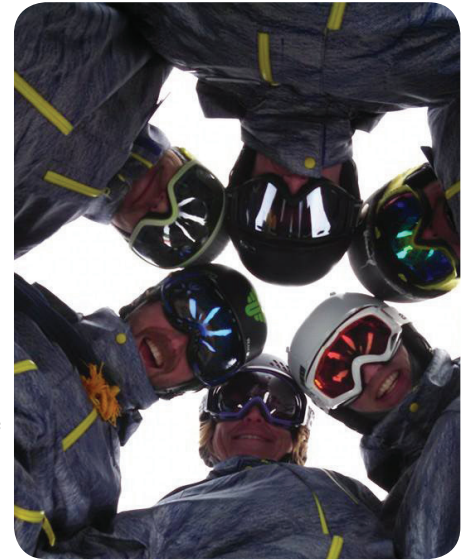
Freestyle:

Matt Larson, NRM Freestyle Chair

Going into the 2015-2016 season, the Iron Team will be introducing new material to give instructors a fresh perspective on freestyle. We have been in the lab cooking up tools to help breakdown tricks for easy progression building. First introductions to the membership will be at Fall Fest this December. Be sure to attend!

ProPark 9 this year!! Once again MSAA is sponsoring/ supporting PSIA – AASI to host ProPark with the help of Great Divide this February. As always this event is FREE. Last season we offered on-snow education and prep for the FS1 during the morning hours. If you choose to participate in this, you also receive education credits! There is a small fee for this training. We are also excited to have another FS2 – FS3 scheduled at Jackson Hole. We hope to see Jackson Hole instructors able to participate with us.

For those members who have thought about working with the Iron Team we have put together an IT program to train qualified members for the spring hiring event. The IT program outline includes event structure, setting the stage for success, safety/risk management, upholding the standards and how to objectively communicate scores (especially for the failing candidate), multi-discipline considerations, standards demonstrations, and rider improvement with video. The IT event is 2 days and held every year. This season we will have an IT event in December and January. You need attend only one prior to the hiring event. The Selections event will include; mock scoring, task demonstration, on-snow lead of the group by each participant, administrative skills test, and explanation of requirements for employment. We are excited to see everyone on snow this winter!



Childrens:

By Jill Chumbley

Hi all, I'm sure your thoughts have turned toward winter, as mine have, with the changing of the foliage and colder mornings. While I enjoy the fall season I can't wait until the snow starts to fly. Speaking of fall, at Fall Festival this season we have our regular offering of Children's Specialist events, as well as new offerings or PM education clinics. Take a look at the Fall Fest descriptions to check out what incoming Children's Chair Zoe Mavis has come up with this year!

For the second year in a row we are excited to have a Children's Core group at Fall Fest. This clinic is specific to those folks who've already taken their Children's Specialist and want to work on training their snowsports school's children instructors.

We gained four new Children's Clinicians last season! Please welcome: Zoe Mavis, Joe Poole, Tim Dietz, and Pete Jacobson when you see them leading groups at Fall Fest. We're excited to have them join the team. If you are a DCE/L looking to join the Children's team please contact me to find out what you need to do.

Further down the road this season we are going to be holding more Children's Specialist 1s and 2s. We have events planned for the Gallatin Valley area, Terry Peak and Lost Trail. The dates are to be determined at this time. If there are any other areas that would like to hold a CS1 or 2 or another Children's educational event at their school or do a private event, please contact the divisional office so we can set that up before the season begins.

Lastly, you may noticed that I've been mentioning Zoe Mavis in a lot of my communications over the past year. Well, Zoe will be taking over most of the Children's Chair duties this season as I will be stepping down from this position in the spring. Although I won't necessarily be leading the children's crusade anymore, I will still be involved as a NRM examiner. Please be sure to reach out and introduce yourself to Zoe and feel free to contact her with all matters concerning Children's education once the 2015-16 season comes to an end. It's been a great 9 seasons and the Children's program has come a long way in that time, transitioning from the ACE to the National CS program. Thanks to all who supported Children's Education before and during my time as chair. I know I will be leaving the program in good hands with Zoe.



Chair Reports Continued

Adaptive:

By Diana Proemm

It comes with much sadness that I have to step down as the adaptive chair this fall, but a bright shining “Starr” will take my place. I would like to introduce Rebecca Starr as the new Adaptive Chair, stepping into my role with NRM. In lieu of pursuing a long time dream, I have sold my condo, and the majority of my things and have departed the country to destinations yet to be determined for an indefinite time period.

I first want to thank all of the board members, Meghan and members of PSIA-AASI NRM for allowing me this opportunity to grow this wonderful adaptive program. It has been a fun adventure figuring out what works for this division and I look forward to having Rebecca step in for me and bring some fresh energy along with it.

PSIA-AASI NRM is small, but mighty in pursuance of excellence with our process of trainings and exams for our members. It has been my desire to see the adaptive program grow and stay in conjunction with other divisions even with our limited numbers.



Rebecca comes to NRM with a degree in neuroscience and many years experience in adaptive skiing. She interned for me a couple of years ago, and could make everyone around her laugh hysterically within minutes, putting people immediately at ease. She has since moved onto leading the Eagle Mount adaptive program in Red Lodge and will be a quality asset to the NRM division.



Alpine

Jim Anderson

PSIA- NRM Alpine Chair

The 2015-2016 season is already showing great promise dumping 16” of snow at Big Sky on September 18, 2015. If this is any sign of what is yet to come we are looking at an epic winter. The Alpine schedule for this season is full of opportunities to get education and/or certification this season with 23 scheduled events on our calendar. If you are interested in getting a jump on certification this season we are once again offering a level 1 exam, a level 2 prep clinic, and a level 3 prep clinic during the Fall Fest weekend. These events fill up fast so sign up early if you are interested. As usual the Alpine staff is committed to improving service to our members and will be working on communication and consistency at this years fall training. We are always interested in feedback from the membership so if you have things to share please contact one of the Alpine staff or myself. I look forward to seeing you on the snow this winter!



Chair Reports Continued

Nordic:

By Stew Chumbley

Hits of the Season:

The hit of the season was XC academy. 15 participants and rave reviews. Thank you to Brenda Winkler for all the hard work to get this event off the ground. We will plan on running it again next season! XC numbers were high as NRM did its first joint exam with Intermountain. Thanks again to Herb Davis and Scott McGee for making the event happen. Telemark events hit an all time low for my tenure as chair. NES had a great time in Showdown and were able to ski with a few Telemark skiers there. Jim Gold was very gracious to host us. I hope this traveling training will help provide Telemark education across the division.



Misses of the Season:

For thesecond season in a row the Telemark II/III exam was canceled do to low enrollment. Collaboration with Intermountain will hopefully allow the event to happen this season.

Schedule:

Cross Country Academy has been move to Colorado by the National Team. Our other events are listed on the NRM Calendar.

Staffing Issues:

Our NES group continues to meet the needs of the divisional events offered. We have a small core of Telemark and XC examiners. The Telemark group includes six examiners and two active ITs. XC group includes 3 examiners and no ITs. Keep this in mind if you are looking to schedule events outside the regular calendar as we have limited availability to accommodate late schedule changes and short notice clinic requests.

Training Plan:

NES will train at Discovery in January with a joint education event for Telemark. We have plans for two new NES IT to shadow Level 1 events so they are ready to work these events in the future. As the chair I would like to encourage Level III Nords interested in the NES IT program to apply through the process on the NRM website and participate in NES training.

Register for Fall Fest 2015!
psia-nrm.org

Interski 2015 Ushuaia

By Grant Nakamura

I was fortunate to go to Ushuaia, Argentina September 4-12 to attend Interski 2015. It was a dream of mine for years to be able to experience this event. I've also dreamed of visiting and skiing in South America. When I sorted out my finances and vacation time, I jumped on the opportunity! If you haven't heard about Interski, it is formally called "Interski Congress".

And from the Interski website (translated from German): "From this humble beginning of 1951 in Central Europe is INTERSKI global organization become one and the Congress attracts not only the best skiers from every nation, but also the ski media, professionals, and equipment manufacturers."

Being an avid landscape and snowsports photographer I hauled a backpack full of camera gear with me to, hopefully, capture the experience and share it with others who weren't able to attend.

The Setting

Ushuaia is the southernmost city in the world at over 54 degrees South latitude. The residents proudly call it "Fin del Mundo," the end of the world. It took me over 39 hours to reach my hotel in Ushuaia from Bozeman!!!

During their summer months Ushuaia is the embarkation port for most Antarctic tours and expeditions. It is also a port of call for many cruise ships. The ski area Cerro Castor, located about 40 km outside Ushuaia, hosted the skiing and riding events while the city with its Congress center and multiple hotels was the venue for the indoor presentations and meetings. The landscape of Ushuaia's province, Tierra del Fuego (literally "Land of Fire") is breathtaking. Cerro Castor is surrounded by young beautiful peaks and valleys in every direction. Much of the ski area is above tree line despite a base elevation about 150 meters above sea level. I think the "Fire" refers to the wind, because several days it was so windy that the upper chairs had to be closed.



Education

Sharing information between instructors is the main reason this congress was created. Seeing how skiing and riding is taught by other associations was fascinating. As primarily a children's instructor, I was eager to see what and how the rest of the ski world was teaching and retaining children in their programs. The follow is a synopsis and links to resources. Germany's method was, "Inspiring Children Through Images, Stories, and Language" The Germans presented their national children's education focus. It parallels our understanding of child development. Their presentation discussed using stories and images as strong foci of lessons for younger children and as the students grow older the focus shifts more to images and tasks. They showed their new technical manuals which, as would be expected, are quite detailed and in German. I was not able to get any to take home, but I've bought a set on-line (http://www.dsvaktivshop.de/epages/es664660.sf/de_DE/?ObjectPath=/Shops/es664660/Products/3030B0).

No idea how long to ship to me, but I'm excited to get it and see if I can interpret it!!!

Comradery

Over thirty countries sent teams to represent their snowsports instruction associations. Many, but not all spoke English, and the teams' accommodations were scattered all over Ushuaia. This made it easier to roam the streets and the event with my countrymen/women. I, however, sought out other team members and locals and many were eager to make new friends. The PSIA-AASI Interski pin was a helpful door opener as it was highly coveted in the "pin trading" market! Having a large number of photographs of other teams' demonstrations, onsnow workshops, and practicing was a helpful bartering tool, too. I ran out of pins to trade by the last day and this terribly disappointed one young skier that I met while eating lunch on the mountain. She was, however, eager to have my name tag, so now I have an alter ego in Tierradel Fuego!!!

I hope she impersonates me well!!!



Non - Children Focused

Great Britain -

The BASI delegation presented their "TIED" model which is their implementation of Kolb's theory of experiential learning. This is a much more accurate take on the theory than PSIA-AASI's interpretation (WTFD – learning preferences).

Video of presentation: <https://vimeo.com/139437635>

Demonstrations

And, of course, the skiing/riding. Most of the teams did several demonstrations on the "demo hill" during the opening and closing ceremonies and on their specific day prior to their on snow workshops.

Several of the European teams and the Argentine team were amazing in their speed and accuracy and creativity. Synchronized skiing/riding doesn't seem that popular in the US, but this was very fun to watch.



Parting Thoughts

Although I had to take a few days off from my job in Bozeman and it was quite expensive for me, these 8 days in Tierra del Fuego were a dream come true and the event did not disappoint! The hosts of Ushuaia, Cerro Castor, and the Argentine team/delegation were fabulous. I strongly recommend that you consider attending Interski 2019 in Bulgaria.

My photographs of Interski and Cerro Castor can be seen on my Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/GN.Photo.LLC/photos_stream?tab=photos_albums



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Award Nominations

The success of the NRM division relies on the hard work and commitment of a large team of volunteers passion-ate about snowsports. The office and board know who many of these dedicated individuals are, but we also know there many out there who give of themselves everyday and are not recognized.

Help us recognize those NRM members who have had a positive impact on you, the organization and snowsports as a whole. Know someone with contagious enthusiasm for instructing snowsports, a benevolent individual who has committed hours to an extensive NRM project, a role model with a long-time history with the organization? Nominate him/her to receive an award this fall (awards will be bestowed at Fall Fest).

The Awards and eligibility criteria:

Double Black Diamond Award

Eligibility: Any member of PSIA-AASI NRM - active, inactive or alumni. The award may be given posthumously.

Criteria: Any member who has made an exceptional contribution to PSIA-AASI NRM as a teacher, coach or leader; has been a positive role model as a professional ski instructor, coach or leader and has demonstrated a long-term history of service to PSIA-AASI NRM.

Award : PSIA-AASI NRM Double Black Diamond Award plaque.

Extra Mile Award

Eligibility: Actively involved in teaching or coaching skiing; member of PSIA-AASI NRM in good standing.

Criteria: Sustained history of distinguished service of lasting benefit to PSIA-AASI NRM as a teacher, coach or leader; exceptional act worthy of special recognition.

Award: PSIA-AASI NRM Extra Mile Award plaque.

Service Award

Eligibility: Member who has given outstanding service to PSIA-AASI NRM; member who has completed an extensive special project for PSIA-AASI NRM.

Criteria: Service should be above and beyond the nor-mal duties of the office; service should be exceptional over a period of several years; service has not been (and is not likely to be) recognized by the Extra Mile Award.

Award : PSIA-AASI NRM Service Award plaque.



Lloyd Sorlie Award

Eligibility: Any member of PSIA-AASI NRM, active, inactive, or alumni, who holds certification in at least two different snowsports disciplines. The award can be given posthumously.

Criteria: The person should be a positive role model. They have actively participated in educational clinics for a sustained period of time. Their genuine love of the sport is contagious to others.

Awards: PSIA-AASI NRM Lloyd Sorlie Team Player Award plaque & One years dues paid.

Nomination and selection process:

Nominations must be submitted in writing (email or print) to the Executive Director with backup documentation (letters, etc.). Nominations may be made by any member of PSIA-AASI NRM in good standing and are due by November 15.

The Executive Director reviews the nominations, conducts necessary research, and submits the nominations to the Board for approval. Only one PSIA-AASI NRM member is selected to receive each award each year except for the Service Award. There is no minimum or maximum number of Service Awards given per year.



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