



Short Swings

Amateur Ski Instructors Association Newsletter

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Spring 2007

What Those Members Are Saying...

It was a tough start to the ski season, with early season schedule changes, and only two trails covered at the Fall Rally, but the snow was good and we managed to have fun, share company and learn new skills in spite of it! And it all ended with an epic March weekend; almost 30 inches of new powder at the Killington Spring Rally. Here's what folks had to say about the programs:

"Thanks to all the ASIA folks who put this together for us. Ned was great! Lots of helpful stuff for this weekend and for when we are not skiing with him. It was great to see him receive special recognition from ASIA at the banquet."

"Everyone in the group had fun. Ernie had a focus and he stayed with it. I definitely improved my skiing!"

"Great weekend as usual."

"Mike has a gift for explaining things thoroughly....this makes me want to return year after year."

"Les was excellent. I'm going away from the program with more knowledge and a new comfort level for the season."

"Thanks for a fine weekend. The weather was with us and the slopes were great!"

"This was my first ASIA program. This was the best instruction I've ever had. Very informative and fun. I felt I learned a tremendous amount and am a better skier for it."

"Can't say enough about Bill. He was a creative, dynamic instructor, he enhanced my performance and we had fun."

"As usual, the Rally got me off on the right foot (although Alex had us skiing on the wrong foot.) ASIA has improved my skiing 1000%. Great snow, great people, great time!"

"Registration was well organized and the food was excellent, however the raffle was way too long and dinner could have been sooner. I was starving!"

"Ed, you ROCK! I had a great time skiing with you this weekend!"

"I really enjoyed skiing with Jack. He helped take my skiing to a new level."

"Great program, great instruction!"

So, if you missed taking a program this year just because of the weather, you missed out! We look forward to seeing you next season. Come ski with ASIA!

Help Us Out, Folks!

Here are four ways you can help ASIA today, without costing you a penny more than usual:

Clip and fill out the membership renewal form enclosed, write your check for your dues (still only \$25.00) and donation to ASIA and mail it today. You'll save us time, envelopes and postage and your 2008 dues will be paid to boot...

While you're at it, make a copy and sign up that skiing or riding friend who's been thinking of joining and let this be the year she learns to be an instructor, or just learns to ski or ride like one!

Become an ASIA representative for your school, church, ski club, or work place, and help us spread the word about the great, low cost, high quality programs you've been enjoying through ASIA for the last 27 years...

Check with your club or council to make sure they've sent their generous donation to ASIA. We need their support to keep these programs going. Thank you!



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The Amateur Ski Instructors Association, Inc

is a nonprofit educational organization incorporated in the state of New York in 1980. The ASIA mission has three main objectives:

- Train and certify candidates interested in teaching alpine, nordic and snowboard skiing at the amateur level through ski clubs, schools, youth groups and the like.
- Encourage and facilitate skills development through positive programs designed to contribute to and enhance the safety and enjoyment of skiing and riding.
- Provide a continuing education program for amateur instructors, and provide a first step toward PSIA membership for those wishing to become certified through PSIA.

- Bill Hornbeck - Executive Director
- Bill Neville - President
- Ray Owens - Vice President
- Ned Crossley - Treasurer
- Betsy Burns - Secretary
- Stacey Lazarus - Executive Committee
- Nancy Nolan - Executive Committee

Nordic Director - Vacant

Regional Directors

Region I	Scott Landis	2008
Region II	Tom Powers	2008
Region III	Stephen Lutz	2008
	Nancy Nolan	2007
Region IV	Joel Blank	2007
	Laurie Owens	2008
	Ray Owens	2008
Region V	Betsy Burns	2007
	Stacey Lazarus	2008
	Alex Sharpe	2008
Region VI	Bill Neville	2007
Region VII	Ned Crossley	2007
	Vacant	2007
(At-Large)	Les Bucher	2007
	Vacant	2008

Come Help Us Grow

We just wrapped up our 27th season with two great days of skiing at Belleayre Ski Center on April 21-22, 2007. Several ASIA members joined us for sun, bumps and camaraderie. If you missed it, I hope you were somewhere else soaking up the sun in the bumps! While I'm still feeling that warm glow, I'm already looking forward to serving you for the coming season, and I can use your help.

Board of Director positions are open in the West Point and New Jersey regions. If you are interested in donating some time, experience, or special expertise to this great group, please fill out the nomination form below and return it to the ASIA office with a brief letter of your interests and experience.

Regional Directors are expected to attend a June and September Board meeting, and provide help in their area of expertise or on a committee or with area program coordination.

Benefits of directorship are the joy of giving back to the sport we all enjoy so

much, as well as free ASIA program fees and tickets at many of our season events.

Many of our Board members started out in ASIA by going through our certification program, becoming involved with teaching through their ski clubs or organizations, and continuing their ski education with ASIA Level 2 certification, and PSIA affiliation. As their skills and knowledge expanded, so did their desire to help others learn to enjoy the thrill of skiing and riding through their volunteer association with ASIA. If this sounds like something that would interest you, call us today for more information.

The Nordic Director position is also vacant, so if you would like to see that part of our organization continue, step up! You will be responsible for organizing the coordination of Nordic programs in the East.

Come help keep ASIA growing!
 Bill Hornbeck
 Executive Director

ASIA Board of Directors Nomination Form

A position is vacant in Region VII (West Point) and Region IV (NJ). If you are an ASIA member in good standing from New York or New Jersey and are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors, please complete the form below and mail it with a brief resume to the ASIA office.

REGION	REPRESENTING	POSITION
IV	NJ	1
VII	West Point	1

Candidate:

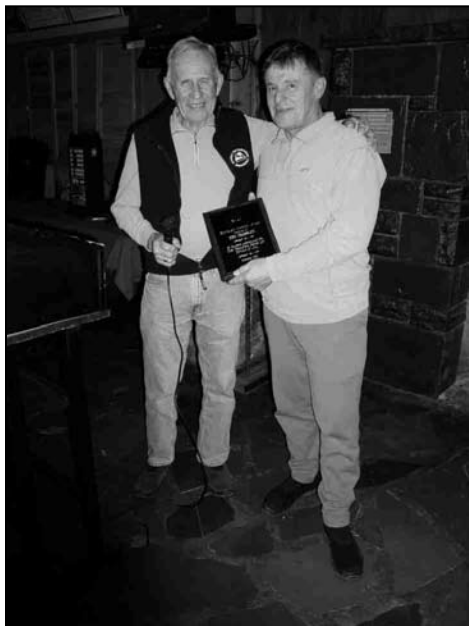
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 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: ____ ZIP: ____
 EMAIL: _____

Nominated By:

NAME: _____ DATE: _____
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This application must be received in the office by June 1, 2007. Thank you.

Crossley Receives Lifetime Award



Bill Hornbeck, ASIA Executive Director, presents Ned Crossley ASIA's *Honorary Lifetime Award* at the Fall Rally in December, 2006.

Ned has been a member of ASIA since 1984 and has served for many years on the Board of Directors as West Point Regional Director and ASIA Treasurer. Ned is PSIA Level 3 Certified and part of the PSIA-E Educational staff as Divisional Clinic Leader. Ned is an Alpine and Snowboard course conductor for ASIA.

When snowboarding was added to the ASIA program, Ned helped create the standards for certification as well as the Guidelines manual. Thanks for your support of ASIA over the years, Ned!

Kudos...

To Belleayre Ski Center's management and staff for their 27 year support of ASIA and its mission, and for their incredible ability to make something white to slide on out of nothing!

To Okemo, VT for their generous continued support of ASIA's program.

To Snö Mtn, PA for welcoming ASIA and hosting the Montage program, and for their fabulous snowmaking expertise. Best wishes in your new venture!

To Ron Stark for pulling together another great program at Misawa AB, Japan, and arranging great snow to boot!

To Bill Hornbeck for squeezing out the Earlybird program at Belleayre this November. And, for his model mentorship, leadership, and skimanship of ASIA.

To Bill Neville for coordinating another great Fall Rally, never-ending raffle aside.

To Pat Gottshalk for her tireless efforts selling raffle tickets to raise money at our premier Rally events.

To Nancy Nolan for pulling off the Okemo Refresher and Level 1 despite terrible conditions, and to the folks who attended and survived! You'll ski better for it. Thanks too, Nancy, for a powdery, fun filled Killington Spring Rally.

To Nils Anderson for his many years of coordinating the West Point Military Academy program, serving on the ASIA Board, and volunteering as Ski School Director for the West Point Ski School.

To Ernie Fagnelli for hosting and coaching ASIA's Seven Springs, PA Skiing Improvement weekend.

To Ray and Laurie Owens for getting us bumping and jumping at the Belleayre Bumpfest this February. Ray showed us his lighter side with his DJ expertise and his own mix of great dance tunes.

To Stacey Lazarus for soliciting for lift tickets for our ASIA Rally raffles.

Thanks to *all* the ASIA Board, ASIA members, and volunteers who continue their support and are always there to lend a hand when we need it!

Member Donations

October 24, 2006 to present

Sponsors

Donations of \$500 or more
Les Bucher
Bill Neville
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Pinnacle Sports

President's Club

Donations of \$50 or more
Jeannette Schlegel

Directors

Donations of \$25 or more
Sterling Ski Club
Rebecca Shiffman
John K Kennedy Jr
Peter O Fiore
Timothy R Russell
Marsha M Baretta

Boosters

Leo C Stevens Jr
Nelson B Gray
Jonathan D Williams
Eric Goldman
Elizabeth & Lou Rinaldi

We held a lift ticket and Atomic ski raffle at the Fall Rally, and 50/50 raffles at the Bumpfest and Spring Rally banquets, which generated \$930.00. Denise Whethers won the raffle at the Bumpfest, and Tom Powers and Bryce Swanker took the prizes at the Spring Rally. Kirk Garber was the lucky ski winner.

Thanks again to Bill Neville and Les Bucher for donating the Atomic skis for the Fall Rally raffle.

Special thanks to Pinnacle Sports of Reading, PA, for making the Atomic skis available at below wholesale cost. Visit them at pinnaclesnowsports.com.

Why Teach?

Dear Betsy,
I have just finished another year teaching at Mt. Snow and am planning on returning next year, just to see what the new owners will do. I don't know if I have told you before but I have Idiopathic Peripheral Neuropathy, most notably in my feet. It has slowed down my skiing, but I still have enough gumption and skill to teach the low levels.

A friend of mine asked me why I still do it and I cited two experiences that I had this year. One was with a student in his late 30's. At the end of the lesson he said, "Thank you Bud, for sharing your wisdom with us." The other experience was a young guy in his late 20's. His comment was, "Bud, you are the Master."

That's what keeps me going back each year. And if it weren't for ASIA and QASI I never would have gotten into it. Thanks to you and Bill for all you do.
Bud Foucher

Fall Rally 2006

Hello ASIA,
Just a little something to express my appreciation and gratitude for the top notch instruction and great camaraderie I've experienced with ASIA.
Thanks,
Jeanette Schlegel

Hi Betsy,
Pat and I missed you over the weekend and wish you a quick recovery so you can ski as soon as possible.
I have to say, you guys put on a great Fall Rally. Bill and Bill did a super job at everything. The food was perfect and by the time we arrived at our motel on Saturday night, we were assured of a solid night sleep.
Hank and Pat Mazzucca

Hi Betsy,
Congrats on another great Fall Rally. Connie and I had a great time as usual, and are now ready to face the ski season.
Joe and Connie Green

Hi Betsy and Bill,
As always, ASIA and Belleayre gave everyone a super Fall Rally experience even on two trails! I worked really hard on my skiing. Rick Svencer worked all weekend on getting me to edge on both skis equally. I'm starting to get the feel of it especially in my right turn. Oh, that uphill ski!

Toni Mullins

Level 1 Okemo 2006

Hello Bill and Betsy,
We at Sterling Ski Club had a learning weekend. Our ASIA instructors taught our members. It was a very fun and successful day. Our newest certified instructor, Rick Reavely, had a chance to test his new skills, too. We are donating the ticket \$\$ to the ASIA group for making this event possible by very existence of the ASIA organization and the dedication of yourselves.

Thanks,
Peggy Reavely

Bill,
Thanks for sending the replacement ASIA pin. I'm enjoying skiing more than ever this year thanks to NED (Crossley)!
Louis Delicate
ASIA Level 1 Certified Instructor
Ski Club of NJ

Bill and Betsy,
I became Level 1 certified yesterday, December 17, at Okemo Mountain after 4 days of intensive training with coach Ned Crossley. Our group was certainly fortunate to have an instructor with Ned's credentials willing to devote 4 full days of his time to us, and we all benefited as a result.

I now know what my fellow ski club members were talking about when they described the value of ASIA courses. I hope to continue to improve my own skiing through lessons learned, and to



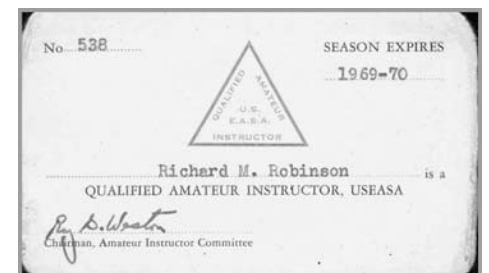
Ned Crossley enjoys a moment with new certs Louis Delicate, Russell Griemsmann, Tom Knudsen, Judy Quigley, and Richard Reavely at Okemo in December.

hopefully impart that new knowledge to my own future students. Thanks for a great program!
Tom Knudsen
ASIA Level 1 Certified Instructor
Mt. Laurel Skiers

Hi Bill:
I just finished the 2nd weekend of the Level 1 Alpine course this past weekend at Okemo. I almost bailed out after the first weekend because of poor snow conditions, but Nancy Nolan and Ned Crossley convinced me to hang in there and I'm glad I did.

I had a great time skiing with Ned, Louis, Russell, Tom and Rich and I learned a lot from Ned. He pointed out things I was doing that hadn't been mentioned before and he was patient and has a great sense of humor. I'll be sure to return for more next year!
Judy Quigley
ASIA Level 1 Certified Instructor
Ski Club of NJ

A bit of ASIA history...



ASIA Training

Greetings from Utah. I have finally made my first western ski trip. Holy Cow! The snow is deep. We will try not to use up all the powder before you get here. So far Brighton is my favorite. Although I need less powder to ski the big stuff. I have to figure out how to consistently control my speed.

I could not be skiing any of this without ASIA. Thanks to all who made it possible. Kate is doing crazy steep stuff at Snowbird. Her mama is NOT following her...Jo and I are skiing ads for ASIA. The deep stuff is showing the non-ASIA folks the benefit of the programs. We look pretty dog-gone good.

Take care,
Pat Gottshalk

Spring Rally

Good morning Betsy and Bill, You may have stayed in Vermont to take advantage of the fairy tale snow! I have never ever had the opportunity to ski *in* snow before let alone have powder up to my thighs.

Once again, ASIA proved itself to us diehard skiers, giving us the best of course conductors, grouping ourselves perfectly with our "leaders" and having a super fantastic time. And didn't we have a few belly laughs as we skied past fallen partners or bumped into them in the woods because of unexpected stops! Those trees don't get out of the way!

Thanks again, for taking so much time all season to worry and fret about us. You both are champions of the cause - SKIING!
Toni Mullins

Hi Betsy,
It was great to see you and Bill last weekend. Enjoyed the Spring Rally very much as always. Good program with great skiers. In fact, I stayed on in Vermont until yesterday. Skied some more at Killington, Okemo and Sugarbush. The conditions were as good as they get in New England.
Bruce Bassett

Dear Bill,
Thank you for your kind note and for helping me get back on skis after my surgeries. The Spring Rally clinic was a confidence booster for me. It was an honor to have you as my instructor. All the best,
Jackie Bode



Brian Nuss and Victoria Perity of Ptarmigan Ski Club enjoy the festivities at the February Bumpfest.

Seven Springs 2007

Hi Bill:
I wanted to let you know that I was out skiing with Ernie Fagnoli this weekend (at the ASIA program) at Seven Springs, it was a thrill to be able to ski with somebody who stressed the skills necessary to be able to ski smoother.

I liked how he started with easy runs and gradually built up to moguls and steeper terrain. On the easy stuff, he stressed the skills of rotary, pressure, edging and control....his usage of demos and mechanics had a positive effect on my skiing ability as well, I certainly was skiing better by the end of the day today.

I would certainly welcome another course with Ernie. His approach to skiing is like learning a trade. Being a tradesman myself, I certainly related to his techniques. Tell Betsy and Les thanks again for referring me to Ernie, and hope all is well with you,
Dave Mertz

The ASIA course accomplished its purpose of promoting solid skiing fundamentals and improving my skills on all kinds of terrain on the mountain. Mr. Fagnelli's ski skills and technique are so accomplished so as to inspire me on as to what is possible. I loved the session. Thank you for sponsoring it at Seven Springs.

Jan Carey
Pittsburgh, PA

Hello ASIA,
The course was very helpful and enjoyable. Ernie is very qualified. His teaching has strengthened my skills and abilities to help others. We covered all of the terrain at Seven Springs and we had fun doing it.
Lynn Taylor

Goodbye, Skiing Friend

Some sad news, just in case you hadn't heard...A long time member of the Merck Ski Association, ASIA and our Spring Mountain Lesson Program died suddenly recently.

Lynn Chichester was 46 and died of an undiagnosed heart problem. She had been involved with the Merck BOD since '94 and was an active trip leader, and also a BOD member of the Eastern PA Ski Council.

Our condolences to Lynn's family, friends and fellow volunteer spirits. Marc Lombardi and the ASIA Board and membership.

Terrific West Point Program

Hi Folks,
I wanted to drop you a note and tell you what you already knew. You have a terrific certification program.

I was told by my fellow ski club members that I would enjoy the double benefit of learning to teach and improving my own riding skills. I'm happy to report that I wasn't disappointed on either count. David Pick is a natural instructor. His presentations are clear, cogent and cohesive and the learning is fun. I've encouraged other members of Mt. Laurel Skiers to pursue ASIA certification.

Regards,
Pat Moore
ASIA Certified Instructor
Mt. Laurel Skiers

Nils Anderson, West Point Ski School Director, Retires

I'm announcing my retirement as Director of the West Point Ski School. It's been a great opportunity to work with each of you. I really couldn't of worked with a more dedicated group of VOLUNTEER skiing and snowboarding professionals.

Genny, Cindy (my loving and supportive wife), Dave B, Kayla, Mike Bradley my snowboard coordinator, Seth B, Phillip, my mentor Dave Brzywczy, Benedicte, Sal, Kyle, Matt J, Trevor, Jack Kennedy (another mentor of mine), Madeline, Jeff, my assistant, Bill M, Allison, Andy, the Rodis, Alex R, Nate, Geri, JW, John Z, Maj Dan Bennett (OIC Cadet Instructor Group), Jeff Wisman and others no longer here, and finally, my replacement Bob Ryan. Bob will do great and I have confidence that Bob will do wonderful things for the ski school-please give him the assistance you ALWAYS gave me.

I would also like to thank management - Pete (my best buddy), Thane, Mike, Robbie, Jess, Rae, Donna, Tucker, Paul, John, Bryan and the rest of the team. This team of professionals made my job easy - quite simply stated, they gave me anonymity and anything I needed.

I can't forget my friends at ASIA - Bill and Betsy have ALWAYS provided West Point with a great, professionally run event that we have enjoyed. I've learned much from their mentorship. West Point looks forward to continuing the relationship with you!

I can honestly say that I have enjoyed the last 24 years of teaching. What I regret is that I always didn't have the opportunity to ski with my wife on weekends....Cindy, my apologies - maybe now I'll have time. Again, thank you for supporting me. I'm not saying goodbye, but see ya on the snow!!!
Nils C. Anderson
Secretary of the General Staff
Office of the Commandant of Cadets

Warm Weather Cancellation

For over 30 years ASIA and it's predecessor, QASI, have been running yearly Certification programs at West Point Military Academy. For the first time the program had to be cancelled this January, due to lack of cold and snow and rescheduling problems. After the program window had closed, the weather finally turned cold and Victor Constant Ski Slope managed to open and have a good, short season.

We hope to pick up where we left off in January 2008, if we can get Mother Nature to start thinking early season cold and snow in the East again!

ASIA Members Achieve PSIA Level 2 Certification

Les Bucher achieved PSIA Level 2 Certification this January at Elk Mtn, PA. Les is a long time ASIA member currently serving on the Board as At-Large Director and coordinator of the Montage (now Snö Mtn,) PA program.

Dave Meachen writes:
Dear Bill,
Just wanted to let you know I did it! PSIA Level 2. It was a long run from where we first met at Mohawk, CT back in January 2001 (for the ASIA Level 1 Certification,) but it was worth it.
Have a great summer,
Dave Meachen

Bud Foucher Receives 20 Year PSIA Pin

Congratulations, Bud on achieving your 20 year status with PSIA. Bud served for many years on the ASIA Board, as Director representing New York, and as Treasurer. Bud is a PSIA Level 2 Certified Alpine pro, and still teaching skiing at Mt. Snow, VT.

Congratulations, Les, Dave and Bud, on your accomplishments!

ASIA Membership Application

NEW RENEW ALPINE NORDIC SNOWBOARD

NAME _____ DONATION _____

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I have enclosed my check made payable to ASIA in the amount of \$25.00 for membership dues and mailed to:

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Welcome Our New Certified Instructors

Some had to cancel, some had terrible conditions, some had dream skiing, and some got a taste of both over the span of their Certification training this season. Everyone went away from the program with solid training for teaching beginning skiing and snowboarding, and everyone brought their own sliding skills to a new level.

Congratulations to everyone. We hope you have enjoyed your first students, and were able to share a bit of the thrill of skiing and riding you look forward to with them. That's the true spirit and mission of ASIA and its programs.

If you enjoyed the program, be sure to tell a skiing or riding friend about ASIA so they can have the same opportunity to improve their skills, build their confidence, become a ski instructor, or just learn to ski or ride like one.



Bill Hornbeck and his posse - the newest Misawa Alpine Certs - enjoy a great day of skiing at Okunakayama kogen Ski Resort, Japan!



It wasn't easy to get Rick Svencer and his rippin' Snowboard Certs to stop for this photo at Okunakayama kogen Ski Resort, Japan!

Alpine Level 1

Belleayre Ski Center, NY

*James Cole
Robert Lincoln
Andrea Lincoln
Steve Shyne*

Okemo, VT

*Louis Delicate
Russell Griemsmann
Tom Knudsen
Judy Quigley
Richard Reavely*

Snö Mountain, PA

*David J Ashworth
Robert Currie
Edward J Dalton
Bruce German*

Misawa AB, Japan

*Jeremiah Barse
George DeJesus
James E Dillinger III
Jessica Folk
Elaine Furqueron
Trevor J McIntyre
David Murphy
Christina Penningroth
Benjamin Seabolt
Martin Wirtz*

Snowboard Level 1

Misawa AB, Japan

*Estilto R Belir
James H Brown
John C Duffy II
Kenneth Hensley
Steven B Jarrells
Wilson F Mai
Jeremy McMullen
Daniel R Rheäume
Thomas Riley
Mark Tross
Caleb M White*



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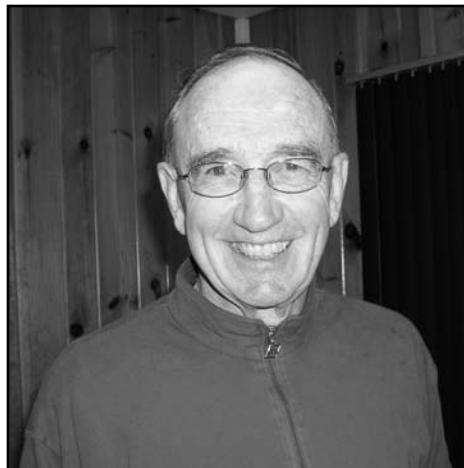
Member Profile

Hey folks, I'm sure many of you know long time member J Kirk Garber. He's been supporting QASI and ASIA since 1975! Kirk just won himself a pair of Atomic shorty skis at the Belleayre Fall Rally, and he's looking forward to trying them out! We thought you'd like to know a bit of his skiing story...

"I live in Middlesex County, NJ with my wife, Connie. I was first certified through QASI in 1975. I joined QASI to improve my skiing and teaching, as well as enjoy time with my son, who became certified with me. Now I continue my membership, as always to learn, and for the social side, which is great. I've met many wonderful people through ASIA.

When I was in my 30's my family moved to Toronto, Canada. The first Christmas

we were there, all 5 of us joined the Toronto Ski Club, got skis, and learned to ski on a local golf course. We took lessons every Saturday and Sunday. A



man who was 65 years old was in my class, learning with the rest of us. He was, and continues to be my inspiration.

My favorite ski area is Killington, VT, where I spent many ski vacations when my kids were young, tore the edges out of a pair of skis, and had many other great adventures.

While I'm not a member of a ski club now, I have belonged to Toronto Ski Club, Upper Bucks, Sterling, and Princeton Ski Club in the past.

I taught skiing in several places earlier in my ski career, however now I just enjoy working with my grandchildren and skiing with my wife, Connie, and the ASIA folks. Keep up the good work you're doing, ASIA!"

We're looking forward to a great ski season. Come ski and ride with ASIA!