



Short Swings

Amateur Ski Instructors Association Newsletter

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Spring 2008

ASIA Program Highlights...

Once again we had a good season despite a slow start to the cold and snow. Rain seemed to precede every program, but you can't keep a determined snow maker down!

Belleayre did a great job getting some slippery surface ready for our Belleayre Earlybird and Fall Rally programs, and 100 Rally folks enjoyed Saturday, followed by a tremendous sleet storm on Sunday that dumped 6 inches of frozen pellets, tree branches and such on the trails, and blew enough to finally close the mountain.

Okemo really blasted it out to the delight of our attendees there. It was touch and go at West Point, but they rallied to open the day before our 4 day program, and we had 88 happy folks in attendance. Snö Mtn temps were warm, but there was ample coverage.

The Bumpfest provided a great learning experience, as the bumps were challenging - did I mention it rained for days before the temps dropped? Well, you can't always get what you want...

We wrapped it up at the Okemo Spring Rally, with 100% of their 117 trails open, great spring snow and bumps, and a great buffet dinner. About 40 folks skied on Friday also, and then met at the Posse house for chow and BYOB.

After a week of you-know-what followed by dropping temps, the trees became an ice capped, wonderland forest and we skied

the woods on millions of tiny ice cubes that covered the snow as the ice melted. The sound of cracking limbs and the smell of fresh pine added to the excitement, and we dared not stand too long under branches!

As the snow softened Sunday morning, and spring bumps formed on all the trails, every group's focus became a bump lesson, and folks went away skiing trails they would have avoided on Saturday morning! Word has it that they headed right for the moguls and tree runs on their next ski vacation.

Here are some comments from our annual events:

"Thanks for creating this program. It's helped me so much to get two full days of instruction. I couldn't afford that without ASIA."

"I had high expectations for a lot of learning and a lot of skiing, and all my expectations were exceeded. Awesome! An awesome investment in improving my skiing and it gives me plenty to work on this year."

"It was another weekend well spent! Thank you for a great time, the education, and the dancing. I will definitely be back next year, and I'm hoping to bring along a new member too. The level of camaraderie and teaching is excellent!"

Help Us Out, Folks!

Here are some ways you can help ASIA today, without costing you a penny:

Email us your email address. This darned newsletter is expensive to print and mail! If you don't have and don't want a computer, head for your local library and go online and get the latest newsletter and info from www.asiaski.com. Pick out a good book while you are at it.

Give an application to 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 28 years...

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

Volunteer for a position on the ASIA Board and bring your special expertise to the organization.

Thank you!

Come ski and ride with ASIA!



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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
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 Betsy Burns - Secretary
 Stacey Lazarus - Executive Committee
 Nancy Nolan - Executive Committee

Nordic Director - Vacant

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Region I	Scott Landis	2008
Region II	Tom Powers	2008
Region III	Stephen Lutz	2008
	Nancy Nolan	2009
Region IV	Joel Blank	2009
	Laurie Owens	2008
	Ray Owens	2008
Region V	Betsy Burns	2009
	Stacey Lazarus	2008
	Alex Sharpe	2008
Region VI	Bill Neville	2009
Region VII	Ned Crossley	2009
	Vacant	2009
(At-Large)	Les Bucher	2009
	Toni Mullins	2008

Come Help Us Grow

■ We just wrapped up our 28th season with two great days of skiing at Belleayre Ski Center on April 13, 2008. Several ASIA members joined us for rain, sleet, snow, sun, bumps and camaraderie. 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.

Several Board of Director positions are expiring June 1, 2008. 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 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 info. Come help keep ASIA growing!

Bill Hornbeck
 Executive Director

ASIA Board of Directors Nomination Form

The following Board of Director positions are expiring June 1, 2008. If you are an ASIA member in good standing and are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors, please complete the form below and mail it to the ASIA office with a brief resume of your skiing or riding background and special expertise by May 31, 2008.

REGION	REPRESENTING	POSITION
I	DC/VA/MD/WVJ	1
II	VT/NH/ME/MA	1
III	CT/RI	1
IV	NJ	2
V	NY	2
VII	West Point	1
At-Large		1

Candidate:

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

Nominated By:

NAME: _____ DATE: _____
 NAME: _____ DATE: _____
 NAME: _____ DATE: _____

This application must be received in the office by May 31, 2008. Thank you.

Nancy Nolan Honored At Okemo

■ The ASIA Board of Directors was proud to vote Nancy Nolan the ASIA *Outstanding Service Award* this Fall. Board member Ned Crossley presented the plaque to Nancy at the Okemo Earlybird Program in December.

Nancy is a long time member of ASIA. She achieved her ASIA Level 1 alpine certification in 1989 and her ASIA Level 2 in the spring of 2004.

In 1996 Nancy took over the coordination of the Pico, VT program and then in 1998, Nancy volunteered to take over the ASIA Spring Rally duties from Bill Hornbeck. In 1999, Nancy was elected to the ASIA Board of Directors as a Connecticut Regional Director, and has served on the Board since then as a Director and Executive committee member.

Since joining ASIA, Nancy has been a staunch supporter, volunteer, and respected voice on the ASIA Board. In addition, Nancy has volunteered both on the Board of the Connecticut Ski Council, and as newsletter producer and bulk ticket coordinator. Mt. Laurel Ski Club and NSP have also reaped the benefits of Nancy's good will. If you need something done, just ask Nancy - she'll figure out how to do it and do it well!

■ Thanks so much, Nancy, for your continuing support of the ASIA mission!

West Point Recognizes ASIA Service

■ Bill Hornbeck was honored to receive the following plaque from USMA at West Point during this January's ASIA West Point certification and refresher program.

Under Bill's direction, ASIA and its predecessor, the QASI (Qualified Amateur Ski Instruction) committee of USEASA, has been providing training and certification to the West Point Ski School, Department of Physical Education, and Cadet ranks since the program's inception in 1975, when West Point approached the committee and requested the program be put in place.

This season ASIA certified or refreshed 88 skiers and boarders at the West Point event!

In grateful appreciation to the
**Amateur Ski Instructors
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 for outstanding support to the
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Member Donations

■ We are a member supported organization, and once again you have shown your support and appreciation through your generous donations. These are the donations we've received from October 11, 2007 through March 31, 2008. In addition, we received \$1560 through your participation in our raffles at the Fall Rally, Bumpfest, and Spring Rally festivities.

Thanks again!

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New Skills, New Friends

Gentlemen,

■ I was a student in the ASIA Level I Certification course held at Snö Mountain, PA on January 5-6 and 12-13, 2008. It was a wonderful experience in every respect.

Our instructor was Les Bucher who is personable, highly competent, kind and attentive. He smiled a lot, he made it relaxing and fun. He was assisted by Scott Landis. Scott too is a fine instructor and he and Les worked smoothly together, one complementing the other. Our coordinator, Pete Ryan, also spent time with us on the mountain. Pete was a pleasure too. All three men really cared about us.

It was way too warm but Snö Mountain did a great job of maintaining good coverage and good grooming on the trails we needed. I stayed at Hampton Inn as recommended in Pete's letter and the accommodations and buffet breakfast were fine.

The entire experience including the après ski was fun. We all had dinner together and by the last day, we were all friends.

Donald Kaplan
ASIA Certified Instructor
Gentlemen's Ski Club

Okemo Level 1 Certification

Nancy and Ned,

■ I wanted again to thank you both for a great ASIA event. I learned more about my own skiing in the Level 1 Certification than I ever expected. Ned did a great job helping us understand our own skiing and then how to transfer that knowledge to others. I look forward to sharing this with club members at Sterling Ski Club and with my family members.

The value that ASIA provides through these programs is incredible. I'm looking forward to taking other ASIA programs this year and in future years. I will also encourage other skiers to do the same.

Enjoy the ski season and Nancy, thanks again for all your volunteer efforts.

Lance Conklin
ASIA Level 1 Certified Instructor
Sterling Ski Club

ASIA Membership Application

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NAME _____ DONATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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EMAIL _____

I have enclosed my check made payable to ASIA for membership dues and mailed to:

**ASIA 28 Park Drive Woodstock NY 12498 USA
(845) 679-4609 www.asiaski.com**

Snö Mtn Level 1 Fun

■ I've just completed Level I Cert program at Snö Mountain. I thought the program was well designed and well presented. The Certification Guidelines book was well written and utilized to good affect by our course conductor, Les Bucher.

Les was excellent. He was dedicated to giving us maximum benefit in both the teaching and the ski proficiency aspects of the course. He was assisted on the hill by two other ASIA members, Scotty and Pete, who both were of great help to myself and the other participants.

While the class size was 9 participants, it in no way hindered our experience. This was especially due to our coach, Les, being not only organized, but also very "up beat" at all times.

The mountain facilities were more than adequate to the course and the host staff was helpful when needed. The suggested housing at Hampton Inn was very pleasant. They were very cooperative in numerous ways. Everything I experienced from start to finish reflected ASIA's professionalism. Thanks for a great experience.

Al Leaf
ASIA Level 1 Certified Instructor
Franklin Greens Ski Club

West Point Level 1 Snowboard

Hi Betsy,

■ It was a pleasure meeting you. What a wonderful weekend! It was such a fun program and I met so many nice people.

The 4 day program was superb in the sense that the instruction staff were great and the friendships one made also help promote this sport. In fact, I was at Belleayre on Saturday and met up with some ASIA instructors and even saw Bill Hornbeck!

The progression also gave me a lot of teaching tools that I can bring back to my home mountain and work with others. I really learned a lot! Just imagine what additional drills we could have done if we were able to go to a bigger mountain! Also is there a plan to expand this into a level 2 certification in the future? Overall I was very impressed with the ASIA organization and the quality of the program and instructional staff. I would definitely recommend it to anyone.

Chuck Chiu
ASIA Level 1 Snowboard Instructor

Great Preparation

Hi Betsy and Bill,

■ Just a note to say hello and to let you know that I took and passed the PSIA Level I exam this weekend. The ASIA refresher I attended at West Point in January, as well as others in years past, greatly contributed to my success. Thank you for all your help.

Madelene Knaggs
ASIA, PSIA Level 1 Certified Instructor
West Point Ski School

ASIA Level 2 Rewards

Bill and Betsy,

■ Thank you very much for the CD, and for the article you recently sent me.

I just wanted to thank you both again for the training at West Point, and for the Level 2 training at Belleayre. I learned so much, and had a great time.

Hope to see you both soon!

Chris Jones

ASIA Level 2 Certified Instructor
USMA, West Point

Bill,

I again wanted to thank you for the time you spent pushing me to improve my skiing during the Level 2 Certification. We talk about moving things to the next level and I can tell you that I have truly progressed from the first day of training to the final day of testing. Skiing really just keeps getting better and better with ASIA!

Doc Garner

ASIA Level 2 Certified instructor
High Life Ski Club

Hi Betsy,

■ What a wonderful surprise! Thank you so much for sending the souvenir of our Level 2 course. It was really fun to watch. The background music was great.

Thanks for all your help and guidance. You and Bill are my inspiration.

Take care and be well,

Ingrid Dodard

ASIA Level 2 Certified Instructor
Hudson Valley Ski Club

Three Days Is A Charm

Betsy,

■ Just wanted to thank you and Bill for another great Spring Rally! Personally, I really enjoyed the fact that it was at Okemo this year as I never have been a Killington fan, but always tolerate it because I love the ASIA clinics! Want you to know how much we enjoyed having the Friday before being included in the lift ticket package was a great idea, and it was a blast skiing the extra day with so many other folks.

We appreciated having the Saturday dinner earlier in the evening than in previous years. It was much more enjoyable to get together right after skiing and then be able to crash & hang out at the house in our jammies that

evening instead of hurrying to get cleaned up after skiing & rush back to a restaurant for a late dinner. Hopefully enough other folks liked the idea too so that we can continue that yearly tradition at future Spring Rally's?

Also wanted to let you guys know what a wonderful clinic I had with Tom Powers that weekend - tons of skiing, lots of personal feedback, lots of encouragement. Tom is just a fantastic course conductor!

Joanne Landis

North Penn Ski Club

Western Lift Ticket Auction

Last Fall, Jackson Hole and Deer Valley Ski Areas donated multi day lift ticket vouchers fro our lift ticket raffle fund raiser. The Silent Auction bidding for these tickets was won by Mary Ellen Curry and Jacky Bode. Here's what they had to say about their good luck...

Hi Bill and Betsy,

■ We've had a great time here at Deer Valley, Utah - best snow ever! Thanks again for the Silent Auction tickets. All the best,

Jacky Bode

ASIA, PSIA Level 1 Certified Instructor
Okemo Ski School

Dear Betsy and Bill,

■ I am extremely excited to have won the Jackson Hole, WY ticket Silent Auction! I seem to have good luck with ASIA.

When I went to my first ASIA Fall Rally in the early 1990's, I won a pair of Kastle skis then shortly thereafter got a job working for the company that owned them. We are planning on skiing at Jackson Hole in late February and are taking two days to snowmobile in Yellowstone. This is a vacation I have wanted to do for a number of years. Winning this ski ticket package will help with the cost. I am also hoping it is a good omen!

Thanks,

Mary Ellen Curry

ASIA Level 1 Certified Instructor
Merck Ski Association

Nordic - Best Training Ever

This was the best training I have had. The instructor was great!!! Thanks,

Pat Revoir

ASIA Nordic Certified Instructor
Mt Laurel Ski Club

Nordic Certification - Best Instruction In 40 Years Skiing

■ I had the pleasure of taking the ASIA Nordic Certification course in Vermont last weekend. The instruction was absolutely the best that I've had in 40 years of skiing, can't believe how much I learned.

Dale Rodgers is an exceptional person and teacher, always full of positive reinforcement and direction. The class members advanced dramatically over the two days.

Ron LeVine

ASIA Nordic Certified Instructor
Garden State Ski Club

PSIA Level 1 Jitters

Hi Betsy,

■ I am positive that if I had not skied with ASIA I never would have passed, and I doubt I would be skiing with this passion. My ski demos were strong because of you!

...I was worried about the teaching part. Although I feel comfortable with the EPSC Monday night program that I teach in I do not do it all the time. Plus, I know I always have backup near by. But, all of my ASIA clinics paid off. I felt very comfortable making individual and group suggestions. When we had to come up with our own ideas for specific drills I was more than ready. Once again, I held my own because of ASIA.

I got all perfect scores, "exceeds standards"! I was very happy, and I owe it all to ASIA and the Posse. Please tell Bill how much I appreciate all you and he do. I am lucky to ski with the folks of ASIA.

Pat Gottshalk

ASIA, PSIA Level 1 Certified Instructor
North Penn Ski Club



PSIA Master Teacher Certification

■ There's more than one way to skin a cat...or to enhance teaching skills or achieve PSIA Level 3 Certification.

The first is for a PSIA Level 2 Certified instructor to attain the 300 hours of teaching and training through their ski school necessary to apply for the Level 3 exam, then take and pass the Level 3 skiing evaluation and then take and pass the Level 3 teaching evaluation.

Another way for folks to work toward Level 3 Certification is to be PSIA Level 2 Certified and take 20 credits of the *Master Teacher Certification* track, and pass the midterm and final written evaluations. If they then pass or have passed the Level 3 skiing evaluation, they achieve PSIA Level 3 Certification.

■ Congratulations to Bill Neville, who recently finished the required credits and passed the written exams to achieve *Master Teacher* accreditation - Sports Science. He is now working toward passing the Level 3 skiing evaluation.

■ Several current members have achieved the Level 2 *Master Teacher* accreditation, including:

Stacey Lazarus - Sports Science
 Pete Lucatourto - Sports Science
 Richard Mailman - Special Populations
 Bob Redding - Special Populations
 Angelo Toutsi - Sports Science

XC Program A Resounding Success



The ASIA Nordic Certification candidates and refresher folks at Mtn Meadows XC Ski Center in January 2008 pause for a group photo op.

■ Nordic skiing with ASIA was alive and well in the hills of the Northeast on January 26-27, 2008. Our two day certification and refresher clinic was held at Mountain Meadows X-C Ski Center in Killington, VT.

Mountain Meadows was an incredibly beautiful area with really nice staff, GREAT trail coverage and perfect snow...we thought the best in the East! The people were super and very gracious. They comped both Dale and I a TRAIL PASS (not a lift ticket as I kept referring to it in times of trying to do 3 things at once!) I also found out that my skis were too long and they graciously let me demo, gratis, a pair of skis that were the right length.

Nine people attended this super two day program instructed by Dale Rodgers, former US National Olympic Pentathlon team member and PSIA Nordic Examiner. Dale covered everything from the basics to waxing, teaching techniques, skills perfection, skate skiing and even yodeling! Dale was a SUPER instructor: very personable, well versed, keen eye, responsive to the needs and wants of the class...in short, just perfect to kick start the Nordic side of ASIA. I know Dale would be happy to do it again for us anytime. He said he really enjoyed our group and he brings such a love of the sport to the sessions, it's infectious.

Our participants came from NJ, VT and CT for this event. Congratulations go to our 5 newly certified and recertified X-C instructors: Betty Aubin, Jean Fletcher, Ron LeVine, Sue Poirier and Steve Shyne. Our newly refreshed and VERY enthusiastic current ASIA Nordic instructors should be given kudos as well for helping us to re-establish the Nordic program and significantly contributing to the success of the program. Thanks go to Don Kress, Pat Mazzucca, Pat Revoir, and Penny Trick.

Betsy, thanks for taking the steps to re-initiate the program. We were a small group of 9 but everyone was really happy that you re-instituted it. With the snow conditions this year, hopefully we'll see more people coming out again for Nordic.

■ Folks, now that we've re-established the program, help us keep it going. Talk to those who attended, find out what it's all about and come slide and glide with us in the years to come!

Sue Poirier
 ASIA Certified Alpine and Nordic Instructor
 X-C Program Coordinator

Congratulations To Our New Certified Instructors

■ We certified 46 alpine, 36 snowboard, 5 nordic and 5 alpine Level 2 folks this season! Everyone went away from the program with solid training for teaching beginning skiing, snowboarding or cross country, and everyone brought their own sliding skills to a new level.

Congratulations to everyone. We hope you have already enjoyed your first students, and were able to share a bit of the thrill of skiing and riding you love 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 an instructor, or just learn to ski or ride like one!

ASIA Logo Clothing

Our Vermont Regional Director, Tom Powers, has made agreements with some clothing companies so members can order clothing items with the ASIA logo imprinted on them.

The clothing is high quality at a good price and some profit will go to the ASIA coffers as a donation.

For web addresses and ordering info, please contact Tom at thomaspowers@snet.net.

Alpine Level 1

Belleayre Ski Center, NY
Meagher Chisholm
Michelle D'Souza
Katharine K Kulchock

Okemo, VT
Nicholas Caratzas
Lance Conklin
Joanna Douglass
Teresa Lautenschlager
Bradley W Platt

Snö Mountain, PA
Tony Barbaro
Abby Cohen
David Dipasquale
Lydia M Hill
Donald E Kaplan
Wilbur "Al" Leaf
Vicki Meitus
Gerrie Molnar
Rafal Uzieblo

USMA - West Point
Sandra Auld
Nancy Bashista
Austin Buettgenbach
David Chang
Salvatore Corrado
Jason Grant
Aaron Craig Haskins
Patrick Higginbottom
Donna Jaye
Michael Jaye
Thomas Judd
Richard Kent
Peggy Leonowich-Graham

Alpine Level 1

USMA - West Point
Scott A Macchesney
Edward Magryta
Mike Mason
Matthew Aaron Maxcy
Jonathan D McCann
Matthew L Munsey
Stephaney A Parks
Kris Pushlar
Joel Rickenbach
Cameron Rohrer
Andy Ryan
Porter Smith
Andrea J Spotts
Susan Stark
Edward Teague
Ioana Weber

Alpine Level 2

Belleayre Ski Center, NY
A Bruce Bassett
James Cole
Ingrid Dodard
Robert Garner
Christopher Jones

Nordic Level 1

Mtn Meadows XC Ctr, VT
Betty Aubin
Jean Fletcher
Ronald I Levine, Esq
Sue Poirier
Steve Shyne

Snowboard Level 1

USMA - West Point
Mark Ackman
Austin Babb
Michael Baum
Jordan E Benson
Seth Bradley
Joseph Daniel Cheng
Chuck Chiu
Jason D'elosua
Lucas Dahl
Gregory Kehoe Dempsey
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James Mccoll
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Michael D Mellman
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Kudos...

What's true is that every member of our organization adds to our success! There are some who deserve our special thanks once again, for their volunteer spirit and tireless efforts on ASIA's behalf.

To Belleayre, Okemo, Snö Mountain, Victor Constant Ski Slope, Seven Springs, and Mtn Meadows XC Center for graciously hosting our events and providing lift tickets and meals at a great price for our members.

To Thane Kelley, Chief, Recreation Division, DMWR at West Point, for the continuing support he has given the ASIA program at West Point, and to *Mike McCormick and Pete Spinning*, DMWR, for their great job getting the Victor Constant Ski Slope ready for the season each year.

To Bob Ryan, our new USMA West Point coordinator, for pulling together a great ASIA Certification and refresher program at Victor Constant Ski Slope.

To Bill Hornbeck, Bill Neville, Nancy Nolan, Pete Ryan, and Ray Owens, for pulling off another great season of ASIA events, despite global warming of epic proportion in the Northeast.

To Sue Poirer for resurrecting the Nordic program and putting together a great weekend at Mtn Meadows XC Center, VT.

To Stacey Lazarus, Pat Gottshalk, Jane Chambers, Pete Ryan, and Victoria Perity for their tireless antics selling raffle tickets to raise money at our premier Rally events.

To Mary Ellen Curry and Jackie Bode for their generous bids on the Western Silent Auction tickets.

To Les Bucher, Bill Neville and Pinnacle Sports for their donation of Atomic skis for the Fall Rally raffle.

To Northern Ski Works, The Pro Ski & Ride, and Pinnacle Sports for providing discounts on goods and services to ASIA members.

To Ned and Jennie Crossley for hosting the ASIA Summer and Fall BOD meetings at their home, putting the coaches up for the West Point venue, and providing good eats.

To Tom Powers for putting together an ASIA logo clothing program so ASIA folks can get great items at a reasonable price, with some profit going to ASIA! For more info contact Tom at thomaspowers@snet.net.

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!

2008-2009 ASIA Schedule

Look for the latest info, letters and program news, along with the 2008-2009 ASIA alpine, snowboard and nordic schedule on our website www.asiaski.com in June.

Come ski and ride with ASIA!

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