

# Short Swings

## ASIA's 30th Has Been A Banner Year!

■ It's been a great 30th Anniversary season. After a tough start at our early programs, our venues have been blessed with lots of cold weather for snowmaking, and then finally the snows of the southern climes. Program attendance has been up all season, from our early Fall Rally program right through our season ending Okemo Spring Rally.

**Belleayre Earlybird** After two reschedules, the event got off the ground and we had 4 great days of training, skiing and fun and produced 5 new Alpine Level 1 Certified Instructors. Congrats to all!

**Okemo Earlybird** Marginal weather leading up to the program made it a hit and miss proposition, but Okemo came through for our early visit. With the skiing public all eager to get on one slope, safety was our first lesson, yet most went away happy to get their ski legs under them again and tune up their turns.

**Belleayre Fall Rally** It was another great time with good snow, great food, and happy faces. The surveys say it all:

*"As usual this was an excellent program."  
"Just keep on doing it right!"  
"Kudos to all who are sooo dedicated!"  
"Instructor was first rate!"*

*"The program and organization are an excellent value and overall enjoyment. Keep up the great work."*

**USMA West Point** We had over 100 turn out for our annual West Point Certification and refresher. The weather was beautiful and the snow was fantastic! Congratulations to all our new Alpine and Snowboard Certs who worked so hard.

**Snö Mountain** We ran a Snowboard Certification and our long time AASI coach David Pick got our 6 boarders coached and ready to get new riders going on the snow. Most of these folks will teach for the EPSC Monday night program next season. In addition, we had two refresher groups who worked on perfecting their skills.

**Mtn Meadows XC Center** Yep, we even managed to get a Nordic program off, certifying 4 new folks and refreshing 5.

**February Bumpfest** While storms raged all around the Northeast, ASIA folks braved the weather to get to Belleayre, where there were bumps and great snow everywhere, and even the Intro to Moguls folks were skiing ♦♦ bumps in style by Sunday afternoon. The bumping continued into the night with dinner and dancing to "Ray, the DJ," and all left tired and happy.

**Okemo Spring Rally** The weather just couldn't get us down! While another Nor'easter raged in NY and NJ, we enjoyed great snow conditions, good food and mostly dry weather.

Our Friday group of about 30 ASIA folks skied the mountain together, checking out what Okemo had to offer, and getting to know each other. The sun shone, softened the snow and made for nice spring bumps.

Saturday we had our full complement, the weather turned cold and the snow had a decidedly wintry feel. Appetizers at the bar started off an evening of great food and relaxation at our Bella Luna dinner buffet.

Sunday dawned grey, with some sleet and wind, but the rain held off until almost 2 o'clock, so everyone got in a good amount of skiing and fun before heading back to view nature's rath in NY and NJ destinations.

■ So, welcome once again to our many new members, and thanks to everyone who participated in our programs and supported ASIA in our 30th year. See you next season on the snow!

### There's More On The Web

Check out the ASIA website, [www.asiaski.com](http://www.asiaski.com), for more news and updates. Find pictures, letters and comments from our members about our programs under the *Our Members Write* tab. You can also download the *Short Swings* newsletter from the web.

We hope you have a great summer filled with good times and happy memories of skiing and riding with ASIA!



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- 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.

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**Regional Directors**

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Region VI	Les Bucher	2011
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- Ski Magazine Encyclopedia of Skiing  
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# Come Help Us Grow

■ Several Board of Director positions are expiring June 1, 2010. If you are interested in donating some time, experience, or special expertise to this great group to help promote the organization and bring in new members, please fill out the nomination form below and return it to the ASIA office with a brief letter of your interests and experience to be considered for a position on the ASIA Board.

Regional Directors must attend a June and September Board meeting, and provide help in their area of expertise on a promotion committee and 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, send your completed nomination form signed by three current ASIA members with your resume to the ASIA office by April 15, 2010. 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, 2010. 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 April 15, 2010.

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

**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 April 15, 2010. Thank you.

## President's Turn

■ The 2009/2010 ski season, our 30th year, has proved to be challenging economically for our members, our favorite ski areas, and ASIA. We had no dues increase, a small increase in program fees and a decrease in price at some of our programs.

As your current President and a member since 1990, I have seen our Board of Directors do just about everything that they can to contain costs and still provide the high quality coaching and enjoyable programs that we as members have not only become accustomed to but deserve. Happily, despite the recession, this year I have seen many new members and a 20% increase in attendance at our events.



Our active, supportive core membership remains constant, although down from the days in the 90's when our ranks were over 1200 members. They realize the value of ASIA, and the importance of keeping us strong both in spirit and financially through dues, donations and volunteering of services, and I am enthusiastic that we can continue to provide reasonably priced dues and great programs for 30 years more to come.

■ I hope you are wondering what you can do to help ASIA. Well one big thing you could do is talk to people from your ski club or your ski buddies and explain to them how membership in ASIA would benefit their skiing or riding, that they would meet some great people at an ASIA event, and have access to some of the best instruction available on the East Coast. I don't see how they could pass on something like that. Remember, whatever you can do to help ASIA grow helps assure ASIA's future. With us all pulling together for the same purpose - growing ASIA - how can we go wrong! And remember, YOU are ASIA, it exists not just for you, but because of you. Thank you!

Ray Owens, President

**Bassett Earns PSIA Level II Certification** Congratulations to Bruce Bassett, long time Certified ASIA and Hudson Valley Ski Club member, who earned his PSIA Level II Alpine Certification this season.

Bruce writes, "...I have to give a great deal of the credit to the ASIA program for bringing me to this point in my skiing career. The quality of ASIA's events and course conductors rivals any of those in the PSIA world. Thank you!

As you have always said, "ASIA lights the light." I found early on that the road to Level II was not about getting the pin, but about the journey of self improvement to get there."

### ASIA Membership Application

NEW  RENEW  ALPINE  NORDIC  SNOWBOARD

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ SKI CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ASIA 28 Park Drive Woodstock NY 12498 USA**

## Member Donations

■ We are a member supported organization, and once again you have shown your support and appreciation through your generous donations. These are donations we've received from Sept 19, 2009 through Mar 21, 2010.

In addition, we received \$1072 through your participation in our raffles at the Fall Rally and February Bumpfest.

Thanks to all who helped put the Fall Rally and Bumpfest raffles together and sell raffle tickets, and especially to all who purchased them!

### Sponsors

*Donations of \$500 or more*

*Les Bucher  
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*Donations of \$25 or more*

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## Kudos!

Please give a nice round of applause to our 2009-2010 class of Level 1 Alpine, Snowboard and Nordic Certified Instructors!

### **Alpine Level 1**

#### **USMA - West Point**

Mark Allen  
Douglas Ausenbaugh  
Maj Chris H Bachmann  
Ryan Brady  
Julio Carrillo  
Jessica Cattley  
Harrison Green  
Tyler Guest  
Eric Harleman  
Andrew Joliat  
Lauren M Kennedy  
Erin Leahy  
Matthew Learey  
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Stephen Semmelroth

Brian Severson  
Maighdlin Shea  
Robert D Smith Jr  
Ignacio Suarez  
Eric Uribe  
Xavier Wheatley  
Conor Wilson  
Adam Wright  
Gregory K Wuestner  
Richard Wycklendt  
Dennis C Young  
Austen Zivec

#### **Belleayre, NY**

Ariana Barth  
Christopher Craney  
Joe Mellusi  
John Moller  
Anita Sementilli

### **Snowboard Level 1**

#### **USMA - West Point**

Zach Bloom  
Brett Brown  
Killian Burns

David Carrillo  
Jesse Castillo  
Matthew Clidas  
Nathaniel Conkey  
Brian Connell  
Paul Duda  
Thomas Eucker  
Christopher Gardner  
Alex Imbriale  
Drew Jemison  
Troy Jemison  
Travis Judd  
Benjamin Ketchum  
Dak Kibler  
Kyle Kilroy  
Derek Lee  
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Kahlan J Maki  
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Erin Mcshane  
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Bryan Tauzer  
Brewster Tisson  
Zachary T Uebele  
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Richard L Willey Jr  
Andrew A Williams  
Jack Wilson  
Charles Ybarra

#### **Sno Mtn, PA**

Larry A Brown  
Ken Ford  
Marc Melchiorre  
Edward Murphy  
Eric Samuelson  
Bryan Weisel

### **Nordic XC Level 1 Mtn Meadows, VT**

Susan Bickford-Martin  
Brian Klimm  
Brittany Levine  
Lauren Roman