



# NEWS RELEASE

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## NEWS TIDBITS FROM PSIA-AASI TEAM MEMBERS

**Lakewood Colorado – October 26, 2007**

### **PSIA ALPINE Team Members**

#### **Deb Armstrong**

Deb moved from Taos to Steamboat to take the Alpine Technical Director position in the Ski and Snowboard School.

#### **Megan Harvey**

Megan proudly admits that she turned 39 this summer. But in even bigger news says, “I am stepping off of the team at the end of this season. I cannot believe that this is my 12th and final Team Training! I am excited about moving off and making room for new talent and new energy on the Team.” Megan summers in Maine with her dogs and her bo, Rick. This summer in Nantucket, her sailing team raced in the World Championships for International One Design (IOD) IC Boats. 33-foot boats, 7 1/2 feet wide and 5 in crew. Her team got 2nd place over all in an 8 race series. The best finish that the Northeast Harbor Fleet has ever had.

#### **Nick Herrin**

Nick is enjoying living and working in Telluride. But he did head down for six weeks to New Zealand this summer. Visiting every major ski resort on the North and South Island. While there he observed all three stages of their certification courses as well as a free skiing clinic put on by one of their National Team Members. In total he observed 20 days of clinics and exams. Two of his major goals while down under were to get to know their certification course, curriculum and standards, as well as meet other Kiwi National Team members and build international ties at the National level.

#### **Chris Kastner**

A big change for Chris this year; he moved from Crystal Mountain where he spent the past 11 years as Director of Skiing and Snowboarding to Mt. Hood Meadows as Director of Skiing and Snowboarding and where he first started his instructing career in the late '80s.

#### **Bobby Murphy**

Bobby Murphy had a busy year. In March he was promoted to Vice President of Resort Services & Ski and Snowboard School for the Telluride Ski & Golf Resort. On April 10, 2007, his second daughter was born (Anja Coleman Graham Murphy). In September he attended his 20th high school reunion in Evanston, IL, a suburb north of Chicago. In September he and Nick Herrin rode (an epic ride!!) from Telluride to Moab in the “Mountains to Desert Ride” a one-day, 133-mile trek.

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### Doug Pierini

After one season in the East, Doug got hired as the Director of Resort Services and Ski School at Alpine Meadows Resort and moved back to Tahoe. His wife Leigh and he had their second baby on June 2. Dominic James Pierini.

### Michael Rogan

After several years of appearing in SKI Magazine as the talent in alpine instructional articles and columns throughout each ski season, Rogan has been named Instruction Director at SKI Magazine.

## AASI SNOWBOARD Team Members

### Scott Anfang

American Association of Snowboard Instructors' (AASI) Snowboard National Team member, Scott Anfang, has been named to the position of Snowboard Technical Director for the Steamboat Ski & Snowboard School. Anfang will be responsible for ensuring Steamboat remains on the leading technical edge of the industry through training and development of Steamboat's snowboard staff, products and curriculum; managing all guest service aspects for the resort's terrain parks & clinics; manage development of terrain features with park staff; as well as instruct on a daily basis. "Steamboat has an incredible reputation within the industry and some of the finest snowboard instructors around," said Anfang. "In my new role, I want to spend more time with Steamboat's snowboard instructors working on enhancing education, promoting strong riding skills and simply enjoying and creating the ultimate experience for our guests."

### Chad Frost

Chad stays busy when he's not on-snow as a full time Rep for Rossignol in the Northwest Territory. His on-snow adventures last season included racing in the Legendary Mt. Baker Banked Slalom. However, in the spring he severed his rotator cuff tendons and had major shoulder surgery during the summer to reconstruct his shoulder.

### “KC” Gandee

KC reports that he is at Okemo, VT full-time now and re-signed with Rossignol, RED and Anon. He spent most of the summer and several layers of skin playing on Tierney Rides T-board, Freeboards, Flowboards and Ripstick/The Wave board. These skateboard type decks simulate snowboarding.

“Nothing feels exactly like snowboarding, but each of these skates had some really great aspects of shredding snow that kept me going all summer,” said KC. This coming winter he'll clinic in Alaska, travel as much as possible, and run the Ross Powers Camp at Okemo and Sunapee, NH.

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### Butch Peterson

Butch has been named Editor in Chief of a new magazine – Superhuman Performance. Superhuman Performance magazine will help readers boost athletic performance in action sports, and other arenas. Featuring the training secrets of top action sports athletes who push the limits of human capabilities, plus the latest scientific information on training, energy drinks, supplements, and injury rehab, Superhuman Performance takes readers to the next level -- and beyond. Superhuman -- Be the Best You Can Be!

### PSIA NORDIC Team Members

#### Scotty McGee

Scott was guiding for Exum Mountain Guides again this past summer, batting 1000 on Grand Teton ascents, with 6, and summiting Mt. Moran with clients a couple of times as well. Scott returns to Jackson Hole Mountain Sports School as Training Manager, work he finds challenging and rewarding.

#### Tor Brown

After a disastrous winter (or total lack there of) in middle Europe last winter, Tor returned home for the summer to CA from working with Fischer Skis. Over the summer he worked part time at a bike shop and part time operating a Bobcat tractor for a landscaper (that let him afford working at a bike shop!). He accepted a new job with Black Diamond as a product line manager for several of their backcountry ski products and will be moving to Salt Lake shortly after Team Training to start his new position.

#### Craig Panarisi

Nordic team members will be back to Japan again this season...working with the Telemark Ski Association of Japan, where they will host telemark clinics on the North Island of Hokkaido and offering backcountry camps in the far north known for unusually large snowfall amounts.

### About PSIA and AASI

PSIA and AASI are educational organizations of the nonprofit American Snowsports Education Association (ASEA) with a combined membership of more than 29,000 men and women who are dedicated to promoting snowsports through instruction. The organizations establish certification standards for ski and snowboard instructors and develop education materials to be used as the core components of most ski and snowboard school training. PSIA and AASI support the membership through research and development of instructional programs in alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding, adaptive skiing, and children's skiing. Visit [www.psia.org](http://www.psia.org) or [www.aasi.org](http://www.aasi.org).

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