

NEW LEVEL 4's!

Congratulations to the following members who successfully completed the CASI Level 4 Instructor certification in 2010:



Christian Bulota

I started teaching snowboarding back in 1998 (age 16) at Mont-Garceau, QC. Since then I've taught every single season, most of them part-time but also a few full-time seasons out west and in Australia. While perfecting my English, those full-time seasons allowed the greatest amount of progression in both my technique and teaching skills. I started leading sessions in 2001 when I got my level 2 certification. The following season I was teaching level 1 courses as I got my level 3 certification. My first degree in kinesiology helped me to understand how the body works and taught me a great deal about sport-specific training. My second degree in kinesiology taught me more about pedagogy, how we learn and how we transfer information to others. I'm now heading to teach for a second season in Australia, after spending the best season ever in Whistler/Blackcomb with an awesome crew! Thanks to everyone who have helped me achieve my goal!

J'ai commencé à enseigner le surf des neiges en 1998 (à l'âge de 16 ans), au Mont-Garceau, QC. Depuis, j'ai enseigné à toutes les saisons, surtout à temps partiel mais également quelques saisons à temps plein dans l'Ouest canadien ainsi qu'en Australie. Ces saisons à temps plein ont été les plus productives pour améliorer mon surf et mon enseignement, en plus de perfectionner mon anglais. J'ai commencé à diriger des séances de formation en 2001 lorsque j'ai obtenu ma certification de niveau 2. La saison suivante, je débutai ma formation d'évaluateur niveau 1 et j'ai également obtenu ma certification de niveau 3. Mon premier diplôme en kinésiologie m'a appris comment le corps fonctionne et comment s'entraîner de façon spécifique au sport. Mon second diplôme en kinésiologie m'a permis d'explorer l'aspect pédagogique de l'enseignement, comment nous apprenons et comment nous transmettons les apprentissages. Je quitte bientôt pour une seconde saison en Australie après avoir passé ma meilleure saison à vie à Whistler/Blackcomb avec une équipe extraordinaire! Merci à tous ceux et celles qui m'ont aidé à atteindre mon objectif!



Andrew Wells

While studying for my Adventure Recreation and Outdoor Education degree in New Zealand I chose to major in Snowboard Instruction as one of my specialist pursuits. With only a couple of seasons riding prior to this, this course was my initial step in the industry, passing my NZSIA level 1 and meeting some very talented riders. After Two seasons instructing at a little local mountain called Mt. Dobson where I spent learning the ropes, It was time to venture abroad... Canada!!!

Once here in Canada, I cross-credited my NZSIA qualifications for CASI during my second season here. From there on I was inspired to continue my personal development to ensure I would get higher end lessons and more of them! As one step passed, the other one came closer. With commitment and desire to 'be the best I can be'... blood, sweat and tears... 3 seasons and four attempts later, I attained my level 4 Instructor award.

Sunshine Village has been my place of work, training, personal development and FUN for the past 5 seasons. I have worked hard moving up the ranks to earn the title as the Snowboard Technical Director. I oversee all the snowboard staff training, certification development and personal goals. As well as teaching GAP programs and don't ever forget about the first-timers!! Thanks to Stewart Laver and the Snowboard School, without them It would have been a different journey for sure!

For anyone with the desire to work towards this award, full commitment and dedication will help. Remember... It's Just Snowboarding.



John Smits

I started teaching snowboarding at Rabbit Hill, Edmonton in the Winter of 2002-2003. I have been teaching for every winter since then with a dedication to improving both as a rider and an instructor.

Now I spend my winters in the Bow Valley working as a CASI evaluator and teaching Lake Louise. In the fall I will be completing a Bachelors of Sports Performance and Physical Activity at the University of Alberta.

