



NSAA Convention Golf Tournament Moves to Day One, May 22.

Tee time for the annual NSAA Golf Tournament, sponsored by Pisten Bully, is set for 8 a.m., May 22, the first day of the 2006 NSAA National Convention and Tradeshow to be held at Marco Island, Fla. The site of this year's tournament is the Rookery at Marco, a newly renovated Robert Cupp Jr. masterpiece, located just minutes from Marco Island. The playing experience features oversized greens, generous fairways, and immaculate turf conditions. For more information on the 2006 NSAA National Convention and Tradeshow, log on to nsaa.org or call (303) 987-1111.

Iowa Ski Patrol Update

As reported in *Capital Watch*, resorts and patrollers in Iowa received good news on state EMS registration requirements. Previously, the state attorney general's office had taken the position that ski patrollers in the state needed to register with the State EMS Board and have EMT-B certification. Through an effective grassroots lobbying campaign involving state legislators, resorts and patrollers in the state, lobbyists were successful in convincing the attorney general's office that the National Ski Patrol's OEC certification is equivalent to, if not better than, EMT-B certification. Providing examples of other states that have similarly exempted patrols from state requirements was also helpful. The news could not come at a better time, as Iowa resorts and patrollers would have had to come in compliance or face sanctions just as the season was starting. Apparently legislation exempting patrollers from the state regulations will be introduced as a result of this controversy.

Carving Courses

NSAA and Reliable Racing Supply, Inc., Queensbury, N.Y., invite show attendees to test their carving skills during the Winter Conferences and Tradeshow at Killington, Vt., and Squaw Valley USA, Calif. Reliable Racing President John Jacobs explains that a carving course is essentially a slalom course set with 20 to 30 brush gates and a portable, automatic timer. "I think everyone should have the opportunity to run some brushes, without the hassles. No team affiliation, entry fee or hanging around, just ski or ride up and go, just like they do in the terrain parks, except instead of jumps and rails it's carving courses," says ski industry personality and freeride renaissance man Glen Plake. The course requires only a small section of hill space (prefer-



Glen Plake

ably near a terrain park) and can be set up and taken down on a daily basis. According to Jacobs, the portable automatic timing system (consisting of a LED timer linked to start and finish infrared sensors by wire or radio) is a crucial element, because it delivers excitement and objectivity. Operators may opt to film course users in order to provide a video analysis of their skills as an added educational component. See the show program inside for more details on where to find the carving courses during the Winter Shows.

Ament Joins NSAA

Jennifer Ament joins NSAA as the new director of small meetings. In her responsibilities, Jennifer will serve as the meeting planner for the Ski Area Vehicle Maintenance Institute (SAVMI), National Avalanche School (NAS), and Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association (PNSAA). Additionally, she



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is the NSAA liaison for SAVMI and the National Avalanche Foundation and subscription coordinator for the International Skiing History Association's (ISHA) publication, *Skiing Heritage*. Jennifer graduated from Bay Path College in Longmeadow, Mass., with a degree in hotel sales and convention planning. She moved to Colorado 10 years ago and spent four years with Keystone Resort. Jennifer is a native of Dutchess County, N.Y. She and her husband John have two children, Sydney, 5, and Byron, 2. She replaces Patty Bailey who resigned in October to pursue other employment opportunities.