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## Welcome

One more for the road.

Let's start with a couple wishes for those who remember last year:

- Fewer major snow storms in Atlantic;
- A little warmer in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba;
- Way more snow in Mountain and B.C.;
- And the best ski season for all of you.



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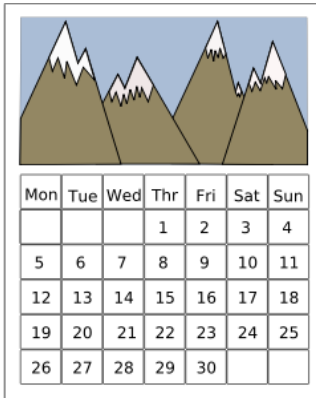


## CANSI is One Year Younger

We have often received requests to allow 15 year old skiers to become CANSI members. Our insurance policy did not allow this; however, last January we started discussions with our company, and a couple weeks later we received the approval for a change in the policy to allow coverage for members from 15 to the golden age.

Fortuitously, two days later a ski resort requested a course conductor to provide a CANSI telemark instructor certification course for three of their alpine instructors, one of whom was 15.

We believe many clubs will appreciate this change in the CANSI insurance policy.



## Mark Your Calendar

Year after year, we invite you to our annual National Seminar. This year, the Quebec region members welcome you to one of the best ski areas on the East coast. We are already talking about this event because we want to make sure you mark your calendar for a wonderful week in the Charlevoix region.

You are invited to Le Massif in February 2016. The region is 45 minutes away from the Canadian National XC Ski Center at Mont St-Anne. Mont St-Anne could be a nice XC and telemark stopover on your way to the seminar.

More details to come in the next newsletters; in the meantime have a look at what the area has to offer <http://www.lemassif.com/en/>.



## You Can Help CANSI Develop a Strategic Plan

At a recent meeting, the CANSI Board of Directors discussed the need for a strategic plan. A strategic plan will help CANSI determine where it is going and what it will be doing for the next 3-5 years on topics such as membership, courses, finances, administration and partnerships.

CANSI needs a volunteer with some experience in planning to help the Board and the Technical Committee through this process over the next four months. We hope to have a draft plan ready for the national AGM in February.

Preparing this plan will involve facilitating sessions to think through where we are and where we want to go, and actually writing the plan.

Do you have experience in organizational planning? Are you a person with good facilitation, communication and writing skill? Do you have some free time over the coming months? If you are interested, please contact the president: [president@cansi.ca](mailto:president@cansi.ca).



## Interski Is Waiting For Us

Guess what: there is snow in Argentina and Chile, and this is exactly where 3 CANSI members will be in a few weeks. As you already know, Marie-Catherine Bruno, Charles Blair and Yas Kawasaki will represent our organisation during the 2015 ISIA World Ski Congress (Interski).

This event occurs every 4 years, and we are pleased to have them displaying what Canada has to offer. We would like to thank CSIA for the invitation. More to come in our next newsletter.

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## Interski Fundraising

By Gaetan Lord

Interski is all about ski teaching, but for two 2015 Interski participants, it's also all about money. Charles and Marie-Catherine have opened a funding campaign to help them cover the cost of their trip. They are both paying their own way to attend the congress,

With their expenses mostly in US dollars, we are talking about 9K\$ per person.

You might not know them, but I can assure you that they will be great ambassadors and they deserve your consideration. I invite you to help them. Even the smallest donation will be appreciated.

<http://www.gofundme.com/qeev3xgg>

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## Yours to See on CANSI.ca

Are you looking for a job instructing, do you want to hire CANSI instructors, or would you simply like to tell your fellow CANSI members about yourself? The CANSI Job Shop is the place to check.

Look for it in the Members Area or directly at

<http://cansi.ca/en/members/general/cansi-job-shop.php>

Please submit your requests for listing to [jobshop@cansi.ca](mailto:jobshop@cansi.ca).



## Mountains in News

### Mountain Fiesta and AGM

Winter is coming! Save the date: CANSI Mountain will be hosting our annual Fiesta November 21-22, 2015, as well as our AGM on Saturday, November 21st.

A free track refresher will be held on Saturday at the Canmore Nordic Center, followed by the AGM. A free telemark refresher will be held on Sunday at Sunshine Village. More details will follow in the coming months. We hope you'll plan to join us to kick off this season of skiing!

### Skills Improvement Clinics for CANSI Members in Canmore

The Mountain Region will be doing a trial run of skills improvement clinics for CANSI members in the 2015-16 season. The object of these inexpensive clinics is to prepare members for their next level of certification and to tune up their own skiing skills. The clinics will be taught by Level IV instructors and/or current course conductors. The 4-hour clinics will be offered for \$50 per clinic to current members only. Each clinic includes individualized video analysis.

There will be a skate clinic, a classic clinic and a downhill clinic, and members can take part in one or multiple sessions. These sessions offer participants skills improvement opportunities at far below market prices. (It should be noted, however, that the clinics do not count as a "CANSI refresher").

The first round of clinics at the Canmore Nordic Centre will be:

**Classic Clinic** - Wednesday, December 2, 2015 -- 5:30 to 9:00pm

**Skate Clinic** - Wednesday, December 9, 2015 -- 5:30 to 9:00pm

**Downhill Clinic\*** - Wednesday, December 16, 2015 -- 5:30 to 9:00pm

*\*We may hold the downhill clinic at the Canada Olympic Park if most of the registrants are from Calgary.*

Registration opens October 1st at [CANSI.ca](http://CANSI.ca). Participants should register separately for each clinic they wish to attend. Registration closes 1 week before the start date of each clinic.

Alexa Keightley  
CANSI Mountain President



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## Quebec news

Vous n'avez probablement pas la tête au ski, mais pour nous c'est une autre histoire. Formations, séminaire national, journées thématiques, remises à jour / PDP seront encore au menu cette année.

Comme vous le savez, le Québec a l'habitude de recevoir en grand et nous voulons faire du séminaire 2016 un évènement à ne pas manquer. Réservez vos vacances en février pour le meilleur de la saison dans la région de Charlevoix. D'autres informations sont à venir.

Les cliniques thématiques de l'an dernier ont plu énormément et on récidive cette année. Je vous rappelle le concept : on se réunit pour une journée autour d'un même thème, des moniteurs vous aident dans votre ski et la note de passage est votre amélioration. L'idée est de faire un total de 2-3 journées dans chacune des disciplines dans des régions différentes, mais surtout à un prix imbattable. Vos idées sont les bienvenues.

Finalement, les stages de niveaux II et III sont maintenant offerts en 2 parties, vous pouvez donc suivre la session d'apprentissage sans être dans l'obligation de passer l'examen cette année.

On s'en reparle lors de nos prochaines infolettres.

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