

Jeff Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jeff Patterson, an inspirational teacher and rider, succumbed to a stroke on November 12, 2007, at the age of 43. Jeff's tremendous passion and enthusiasm for snowboarding and skiing positively influenced the lives of all he touched.

Jeff enjoyed a long and successful career in snowboard and ski instruction, starting teaching skiing at Spring Mt. in 1987. He worked at Blue Mt. and Montage in the Poconos, and moved to Vail in 1993. He was involved in PSIA/AASI snowboard programs from their inception, participating in the first level 2 and level 3 snowboard exams offered by the eastern division. He took ongoing training and professional development seriously: he was level 2 alpine certified, level 3 snowboard certified, and children's and freestyle accredited. Jeff served as a trainer and examiner for RM since 1998 and was lead examiner/ snowboard committee chair for several seasons. He was a frequent participant in AASI and other online forums and reviewed articles for TPR and training manuals for Vail Resorts. He sat on both the divisional and national boards of directors, energetically representing the interests of all PSIA/AASI members. His contributions to ASEA are many and significant.

John Anderson, fellow Board member and friend had this to say, "He was an outspoken champion for our profession and for PSIA-AASI. It was a privilege to serve with him on the board. He made so many contributions to us all and we will miss him." Jeff will be remembered as a husband, father, a teacher's teacher, role model, mentor, beloved friend and riding companion to many, many people.

The Jeff Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by the AASI/PSIA-RM Board of Directors to celebrate Jeff's contributions and reward and recognize front line snowboard instructors. The scholarship awards may be used for membership dues, certification fees, or for continuing education.