

## BOB SHOSTEK



"Snow Pro". That's Bob Shostek. It's also a publication that Bob writes for and is well read by his fellow members of the Professional Ski Instructors of America. A past President of the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) Eastern Division, Bob draws high praise for his work of over 4 decades as a ski instructor, coach, trainer and the man who certifies professional instructors at snow sport resorts from Pennsylvania to the Canadian border. But Bob's roots have been firmly planted in the Keystone State. Born and raised here, he has spent the last 43 years teaching and training at the highly regarded Elk Mountain Ski and Snowboard School in the high elevations of Pennsylvania's Endless Mountains. Elk Mountain Ski School Director Jim Mancuso calls Bob, "the Pros Pro".

To become a teacher of teachers takes time and dedication. Bob offered both in abundance. As his own skills developed on the Pennsylvania slopes and trails, he shared them with others. He carved his path into a frontier where knowledge of



terrain, weather and the skill to negotiate mountain challenges becomes critical in developing the teaching techniques that create new skiers and snowboarders while enhancing the abilities of those who have already run the mountains. Eric Jordan immediate past of PSIA, Eastern Division reminds us that, "Bob has dedicated his life to helping other ski teachers further their professional development within the industry."

Some of Bob's "on hill" achievements include the following:

Bob began teaching skiing in 1974, joined PSIA and by 1977, became certified. After earning a spot on the development team in 1985, then the Examiner Training Squad (ETS) in 1988 and was elevated to the board of examiners the very next year, making him the first person from Pennsylvania to earn a position on the PSIA educational staff. For the next several years he served as Eastern Regional Clinic Leader (DCL) Coach,

ETS Coach, and Alpine Tech Team Member and attained the Children's Specialist 2 (CS2) Accreditation. Since then, for 28 years, he continues to be a full time PSIA coach and examiner.

Off the hill, Bob has contributed to the snow sport industry and ski teaching profession by serving in the following capacities:

He was elected to the PSIA-AASI (American Association of Ski Instructors) Eastern Board of Directors in 1991 and continues to serve in that capacity today. During his tenure, he has been in Vice President and President roles. He was awarded the Joe Wood Examiner Emeritus Award and honored with PSIA-AASI National and Eastern Life Memberships.

Bob continues to remain active as a trainer and instructor at Elk Mountain, where he developed many of the programs that guide the Ski School teaching methods. And he still thrives in his continuing role as a PSIA Examiner Bob also plays a key role as a member of the organization's divisional Board of Directors.

For the sharing of his talent and his long-time dedication to Pennsylvania skiing, Bob Shostek will now share a place in the Pennsylvania Snow Sport Museum Hall of Fame - Class of 2017.

