



# THE WORD

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Little by little, we're gaining our well-deserved winter riding back. It's good to see the trees getting a fresh coat and the holes starting to fill in again. And while it isn't the mid-season 12-inch powder dump we're used to, don't forget that March is right around the corner, the time of year when anything can happen. If Stevens Pass folklore has taught us anything, it's that the mountain still has a few tricks up its sleeve... and we just might be in for some truly miraculous madness yet.

This week's issue brings plenty to dig into, including the announcement of our upcoming GM Forum with Ellen, your second installment of Trainer's Corner, and some reminders on PSIAA certifications.

**FUN FEBRUARY FRIDAYS**  
DRESS UP, HAVE FUN, REPEAT!

- SPORTS DAY** (FRI 06): Show your team pride and gear up for the Superbowl on Sunday!
- VALENTINE'S** (FRI 13): Spread the love in reds, pinks, and hearts!
- FUNKY FRIDAY** (FRI 20): Stay weird and dress up in your funkiest get-up!
- BLUEBIRD SPIRIT** (FRI 27): Represent the mountain in your finest bluebird and Stevens Pass gear!

PRESENTED BY STREET TEAM

STEVENS PASS  
EMPLOYEE  
TOWN HALL

LET'S TALK ABOUT  
PARKING!

FEBRUARY 28, 4-5 PM  
BIRD'S NEST

**GM FORUM**

Join Ellen to learn and talk about the new parking plan that will go into effect next season (2026/27).

This is an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback on parking and other topics. Please join in!

## Certification Season Is Here!

This is the time of year when many of our teammates are gearing up for PSIA-AASI events, exams, and accreditation clinics. These opportunities are an excellent way to grow as an instructor, refine skills, and continue building a career on the mountain.

If you know someone preparing for an exam, a little encouragement can make a big difference. Offer to practice together, check in on how they're feeling, or just remind them that they've got this!



**REMINDER:** instructors who successfully pass an exam, module, or qualifying accreditation may be eligible for cost reimbursement as part of our professional development support. To qualify, please provide proof of passing along with an itemized receipt for your expenses.

*Eligible events include Level I, II, and III certifications, as well as Children's Specialist I and II.*

### -TRAINERS CORNER -

*A new addition to the word... feedback is welcome!*

**Q2: What is an appropriate size wedge to promote our goals of "functional alignment" and "ability to turn the skis"?**

#### [SEE WHAT THE TRAINERS HAVE TO SAY](#)

**REMINDER:** Before you click the link, take a moment to read the question and answer it internally—just you, your honest thoughts, and a quick personal check-in. Once you've reflected, open the linked PDF to see what our trainers have to add. You may find their perspective grounding, encouraging, or just the reminder you needed.

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