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Mission Statement

A non-profit society supporting the protection, appreciation, education and understanding of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks in the Columbia Mountains of British Columbia.



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Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks
Amis des Parcs Nationaux du Mont-Revelstoke et des Glaciers

2008/2009 Annual Report





Community Investment

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The Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier reinvests in the community that supports the two national parks in scholarships, donations, charitable and sponsorship activities. The Friends give out a \$500.00 Bursary to Revelstoke Secondary School student Brad Graham and a \$5,000.00 Research Grant to University Graduate student from University of Victoria, Lisa Wood. Almost \$1,000.00 was given out to the community as donations of prizes for various organizations including: Community Connections, Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club Silent Auction, Revelstoke United Church, RCMP Charity Golf Tournament, and Friends of Yoho just to name a few.

Every year the Friends bring the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour to Revelstoke in mid November and the introduction of the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival held in March. Both are fundraisers for the association and turned out to be a sold out crowds and great events for local nature and sport enthusiasts.

In early December the Friends set up shop twice at the Christmas Farmers' Market head at the Revelstoke Community Center to create an opportunity for members and the communities at large to purchase items that are normally found in at the Glacier Circle Bookstore in Rogers Pass. The Friends were also involved in the following activities in the community: Tim Horton's Camp Day, Canada Day Parade, Santa Clause Parade and One year 2010 Olympic Kick Off.

Our Members

The Friends has a membership of over 200 members. We hope to exceed to 225 members in 2009-2010 fiscal year. In addition, our quarterly newsletter is now available electronically in color showing our members being involved in many different projects. We have a very great group of volunteers that always seem to be there when we call on them. Your contributions to the organization are appreciated!

Thanks to all of our members!



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Volunteers at the Chickadee Nature Festival 2008

One of the many groups that went into Nakimu Caves



2010 Olympic Kick-Off in Grizzly Plaza



Giving back to the Parks



Giving back to the National Parks

During the past year just over \$26,500.00 and 500 volunteer hours were put back into projects or activities within Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks. In keeping with our mission statement the following activities, projects or events were created under the following titles:

Protection

- Hamish Martin Memorial Fund; one dollar from every Ski Touring in Rogers Pass book sold will go towards the Hamish Martin Memorial Fund a fund created to provide Parks Canada Wardens in Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks with a variety of training courses to keep all those who continue to ski and hike in backcountry conditions safe.

Appreciation

- Mount Club Activities;
- Celebrate the Summit
- Parks Canada Day 2008: 260 people and 2 Grizzly Bears. Free BBQ, water and prizes in Mount Revelstoke National Park
- Mount Revelstoke Steamer: Served Chill
- Art in the Park
- Memorial Bench

Education

- Speakers Series:
- Avalanche Awareness Days: donation of prizes
- Chickadee Nature Festival 2008: 345 people attended 15 different events
- Junior Naturalist Program: 115 Kids over 10 events

Understanding

- Revisions of Snow War and Ski Touring in Rogers Pass
- New Ski Merchandise available at Glacier Circle Bookstore
- Bugaboo Dreams and Snow War Book Launches

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**Group of students being guided in
Glacier National Park**
Photo Contributed by Dan Smith



Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier
Statement of Operations – Unaudited
For the year ended March 31



Revenue	2009	2008
Merchandise Sales	\$179,082	\$209,133
Office	20,500	6,093
Interest	1,223	2,999
Miscellaneous	2,743	6,920
Memberships	2,330	1,825
	205,878	226,970
Expenditures		
Advertising and promotion	13,120	7,513
Amortization	3,708	1,952
Board meetings	1,682	1,290
Committee and project expenses	3,975	253
Cost of goods sold	101,813	102,640
Insurance	1,749	1,799
Interest and bank charges	8,383	5,936
Licenses, fees and dues	597	238
Membership	1,257	460
Office and miscellaneous	21,041	6,669
Professional fees	2,406	5,852
Speakers Program	207	1,328
Telephone and internet	2,968	2,758
Travel	12,394	8,312
Wages and benefits	95,227	70,728
	272,527	217,728
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	\$ (66,649)	\$ 9,242



Message from
PRESIDENT
Glen O'Reilly



I find it hard to believe that a year has passed and it's time for our Annual General Meeting. As always, our organization is growing and developing in many ways. In an effort to keep up with progress the "Friends are changing with the times as we now have a Facebook page which has introduced our organization to a whole new generation."

Another positive change, and one you may have already noticed around the community, is the purchase of our own vehicle. We have dubbed it the "Friendsmobile". This endeavor was undertaken with a number of goals in mind, and has proven to be a positive acquisition. First, as a cost saving measure, we are no longer paying out for mileage and relying on our staff's vehicles. Second, as a larger vehicle it is more practical for hauling stock to our stores and items to our events. Third, as it is decorated with our logo, name and website address it is a great way for getting increased visibility of our name and image out into the community; watch for it. And most importantly, as a newer 4-wheel drive with good winter tires, it is much safer for our staff when traveling the winter mountain highways back and forth to our store in the pass.

She's back...for those of you who have not met Jackie, we are fortunate to have her back this year in her role as our Educational Project Coordinator, a role that she slid right back into, and the Junior Naturalist Program has proven once again to be a big hit with the younger crowd. We also have a strong staff in our Rogers Pass Bookstore this year.

In other retail news, we have joined forces with the Chamber of Commerce and are running a retail shop out of the Visitors Centre on Grizzly Plaza for the season. Since this is our first year, we will have to wait to see the results but given the location and the tourist traffic we are hoping for a positive outcome.

One unfortunate change is the ending of the term of one of our directors, Herma Daley and the moving on of another, Verena Blasy. Herma has done her time on the board and leaving our ranks and Verena is off to further her education. I would like to thank them both for all the effort they have put into this organization and for their dedication to the "Friends".

As always, being the "Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier" we are looking forward to working alongside Parks Canada in the coming year and further developing our relationship with Karen Tierney, the new Superintendent. We are currently planning renovations to our Rogers Pass Bookstore in conjunction with the remedial work Parks Canada has planned for the Rogers Pass Centre. It is projects such as this that help The Friends maintain their mandate and build a stronger working relationship with staff and Wardens of Glacier and Mount Revelstoke national parks.

Best regards, G. O'Reilly, President





Financials

Notice to Reader

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier Ltd. as at March 31, 2009 and the statement of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows and deficit for the year ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Chartered Accountants
Revelstoke, British Columbia
May 26, 2009

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The 2009 fiscal year started out great during the first two months, and then moved into an economic slowdown with high gas prices during the summer that could not be shaken off. No one could really project how fast this would take effect on our bottom line. Even though it was a tough year we had significant highlights and achievements within the organization.

A complete financial statement is available by contacting the Friends office by phone at 250-837-2010 or by email fmrgr@telus.net.



Message from **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** A. Neills Kristensen



During the 2009 fiscal year our membership has continued to increase with over 200 members. We are also offering more ways for our members to get involved by volunteering in our various activities including: Canada's Parks Day, Mountain Club Activities, Celebrate the Summit, Film Festivals and the Chickadee Nature Festival. We will continue to develop new projects and events within the National Parks where our members will be able to volunteer their time.

The Junior Naturalist Program coordinated by Jaclyn O'Ryan, was and continues to be the number one way for local kids to become engaged and educated in National Parks and the local natural environment found around Revelstoke during the summer months. With over 112 kids participating in eight events, we are happy to have received funding for Jaclyn and the program to continue during the summer of 2009. Special thanks to Columbia Basin Trust and Canada Summer Jobs for their support.

We believe in supporting the community that supports us. The Friends Bursary and Research Grant were given out, in addition to donations or sponsorship of eleven organizations. We were happy to support the 2008 Art in the Park where six local artists had the chance to spend a week up at Mount Fidelity and create great art work. We will once again be supporting this project in 2009. The largest and most successful events have been our Speakers and Travel Adventure Series. Our biggest event was over 82 people in attendance at Peter Cameron and Carol Palladio's presentation on traveling South America by Motorbike.

The Glacier Circle Bookstore continually saw an increase of visitors into the bookstore over the winter with backcountry skiers and the sale of the new and revised edition "Ski Touring in Rogers Pass". In addition, a revised and updated edition of "Snow War" was published as well. The newest additions to our Bookstore include Andrew Hamilton, Bookstore Manager and Chad Le-compte, Sales Associate. We will be introducing a volunteer staff member at the store once a week during the summer months to help with the load of work. This will be about an 8 hour day where members can get a inside look of what the bookstore is really like on a day to day basis. Unfortunately, the bookstore along with the Rogers Pass Discovery Center is projected to close the day after Labor Day for renovations to the center. It is projected that we could be closed until December of 2009. We will be putting call out to members to help in the clearing out of product at the store in September. We hope you will all be able to help us out!

In closing, I would like to congratulate the past Board of Directors for all of their hard work and dedications to the Friends and look forward to working with the new members.

Sincerely,

A. Neills Kristensen, Executive Director



Board of Directors



Governance

Since 1987, the Friends have been supporting the protection, appreciation, education and understanding of both National Parks in environmental and cultural aspects.

Decisions and the administering of funds is the responsibility of seven volunteer directors.

Directors terms are two years and a director can only sit on the board for a maximum of six years. Day to day operations of the society and the management of the Glacier Circle Bookstore is the responsibility of the Executive Director.

There are six standing committees which are composed of five to ten members of the association at large and one representative from the Board of Directors. The Chairs for the committees are appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of one year, each with a specific mandate. These are: Membership and Volunteer Committee, Product Development and Marketing Committee, Park Projects and Activities Committee, Mountain Club Committee, Naturalist and Environmental Committee, Speakers and Travel Adventure Committee.

2008-2009 Board of Directors

S. Glen O'Reilly, President
Toni Johnston, Co-Vice President
Keith McNab, Co-Vice President
Shaun Moore, Treasurer
Herma Daley, Director
Vérèna Basy, Director
Ashleigh Crompton, Appointed Director
Ex Officio
Doreen McGillis, Parks Canada Liaison
A. Neills Kristensen, Executive Director

Committees



Membership and Volunteer ~ Herma Daley, Chair

Activities that are organized by the Membership and Volunteer Committee include: Quarterly Newsletters to members, Members Night, Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, Annual General Meeting, Volunteer Appreciation Awards, etc.

Product Development and Marketing ~ Glen O'Reilly

Activities that are organized by the Product Development & Marketing Committee include: Canada's Parks Day, Display Kiosks in Revelstoke and Lake Louise, Website development and upgrades, establish and operate outlets; to select and or develop items for sale, etc.

Park Projects and Activities ~ Shaun Moore, Chair

Activities that are organized by the Park Projects and Activities are to sponsor or assist Park Canada projects or activities approved and initiated by the Association. Such project or activities would be supplementary to those presently carried out by Parks Canada staff.

Mountain Club ~ Keith McNab, Chair

Activities that are organized by the Mountain Club Committee include: summer and winter hikes, walks and tours; development of trip ratings, policies and responsibilities for coordinators, leaders and participants; creations of equipment lending and renting policy and waiver forms, etc.

Naturalist and Environmental ~ Vérèna Blasy, Chair

Activities that are organized by the Naturalist and Environmental Committee include: Chickadee Nature Festival, research projects, educational walks and tours; development of education kits; environmental protection, etc.

Speakers and Travel Adventure Series ~ Toni Johnston, Chair

The Speakers and Travel Adventure Committee are to establish and organize guest speakers. The two types of programs are the "Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier" programs which include topics within the Friends mandate, and the "Travel Adventure Series" which include topics from the Canadian Club. There must be a balance between both programs with an equal amount of speakers for each series.

