

**Benefitting BC's Children with Disabilities through Easter Seals Services**

As the dog days of summer fade into the cooler autumn evenings, thoughts turn from lakeside sitting to those of mountain side sledding. Unless Mother Nature chooses to delay the inevitable, the only sand most of us will be seeing for the next 6 months will be the grains still stuck inside your summer sandals!

With the dropping temperatures, BCSF members turn their attention to plans for tuning up their machines and booking vacation time for rides.

There is no better place in the world to enjoy a day then outside, no matter what the weather is like. And there is no better way to spend that day than riding a snowmobile. The way to make that day even more memorable is to support BC's children with disabilities.

This winter, we challenge all BCSF clubs to host a Snowarama event! Your event can be as complex as the original 100 km ride or a one day event such as Drag Races, Antique Show n'Shine, Poker Run, Hill Climb or just selling hot chocolate after your regularly scheduled Ladies Club ride...it's all Snowarama! You'll be provided with posters, flyers, pledge sheets, pins and Thank You certificates and as much support as you need along the way.

Help keep the 31 year tradition of Snowarama going by signing up your Club for Snowarama 2010!

Stephen J Miller, President & CEO,  
BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities and  
Easter Seals Operation



**2009 Snowarama Summary**

In 2009, Snowarama raised over \$49,000 in support of the hundreds of children across BC with disabilities. Thank you to the following BCSF member clubs and to all of the generous participants and donors:

<b>Club</b>	<b>Total</b>
Big Country Snowmobile Friends	\$20,014.00
Burns Lake Snowmobile Club	\$1,230.00
Clearwater Sno-Drifters	\$3,469.80
Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club	\$7,775.10
Hunter's Range	\$3,257.20
Mid Island Snowblazers	\$3,378.08
North Island Snowmobile Assoc.	\$2,335.00
Revelstoke Snowmobile Club	\$2,000.00
Rocky Mountain Riders	\$390.00
Skeena Valley	\$4,399.91
Summit Seekers Snowmobile Club	\$900.00

**TOP PLEDGE COLLECTOR**

**Stan Matthews**

**BIG COUNTRY SNOWMOBILE FRIENDS  
& INTERLAKES LIONS CLUB**

**TOP FUNDRAISING CLUB**

**Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club**

**DONOR DRAW WINNER**

**Mandrax Enterprises Ltd, Williams Lake, BC  
\$250 cash**

(donation to Big Country Snowmobile Friends)

**PARTICIPANT DRAW WINNER**

**Garry & Gage Golling, EAGLE VALLEY  
\$250 Gift Certificate from Ski-Doo**

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## LUCKY NUMBER 3 AND BUTTER TARTS...

With pride in her voice, Shelley Golling from the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club, explains the story of the waitress that worked at the Crystal Palace, the restaurant in Sicamous that she and her husband Mike frequent. Her 9 year old grandson had recently been diagnosed with Diabetes and was going to require up to 7 shots of insulin a day just to survive. The insulin pump itself would cost over \$7500.00. After the woman had shared her story and dried her tears, Shelley told her, "Leave it with me for 3 days". Shelley then proceeded to contact Sheila Simpson down at Easter Seals House in Vancouver to begin the hunt for a pump. Being familiar with Easter Seals services through the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities Snowarama fundraiser, she knew she had to try. Three days later, a pump had been found and delivered, ironically to the family while they were at BC Children's Hospital just down the street from Easter Seals House. This gift turned out to be much more important that they had originally thought as the young boy needed over 11 insulin shots a day. Since then, a Christmas card every year from the young man reminds Shelley that giving is a reward in itself.

### Shelley and her Butter Tarts

Shelley tells the story of how her 86 year old mother asked her what she intended to give people when they decided to support her fundraising for Snowarama. "Well, a Thank You?" replied Shelley. Basically, Mom said that wasn't good enough. "You're going to give them butter tarts and you're going to use my own recipe". And so it was decided. Shelley now makes in excess of 300 dozen butter tarts that she gives to each of her generous donors. Donate \$10 - \$25 and you'll get 6 of the sweet treats.

### A Family Affair

Next year will be Shelley's 31st year of participating in Snowarama. Over that time, she has raised over \$75,000 with husband Mike Melinchuk and son Garry, who has ridden in the event since he was 6 years old. Her grandson, Gage, now joins the family for the ride and the fundraising.

Even though Shelley, now 71, no longer rides, the Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club stays true to the origins of the event and holds their ride each February. Organized through the efforts and hard work of Eagle Valley Snowarama Chairperson, Leanne Cox, the Club has raised over \$155,000 since 1983.

For more information on how your Snowmobile Club can have fun and follow Shelley's amazing example by hosting your own Snowarama this year, please contact us at [info@lionsbc.ca](mailto:info@lionsbc.ca)

### ENTER TO WIN

Since 1979, snowmobilers from across BC have supported the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities by hosting and/or participating in Snowarama events between January and April of each year.

It doesn't matter what your experience with Snowarama is, we want to hear from you and your Club on how we can make Snowarama bigger and better in 2010!

Each person who completes the survey by November 30, 2009 will be entered in a draw for a \$100 gas card!

**Cut and paste this link below into your browser to fill out the survey**

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pm0BnTfCBFljOR8mF0b\\_2fyg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pm0BnTfCBFljOR8mF0b_2fyg_3d_3d)

For more information on Snowarama, please contact the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities at

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