

## ***Winter Fun and lots of fundraising at Rendezvous 2008***

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The Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation and the Dorset Snowmobile Association recently held the NLSFs 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rendezvous in Baie Verte. Participants from across the island gathered for the weekend to celebrate their love of winter and to raise funds for this years chosen charity, Lion Max Simms Camp.

Penny Brake, Executive Director says “Lion Ron Pond expressed his deepest gratitude to the snowmobilers that participated in this years event and showed us what our contribution last year helped to do, purchase a much needed pick-up truck for the camp. Also in attendance were three very special people that visit the camp each year and their appreciation at what we were doing warmed everyone’s heart.”

Participants raised a total of \$14,863.38, to be divided between the Lion Max Simms Camp, the NLSF Safety Fund and the clubs the participants were members of. The top fundraising club for this years Rendezvous was the Western Sno-Riders with a total of \$5,966.75 in pledges. Second place went to Dorset Snowmobile Association with \$4,392.25, and third place went to the Green Bay Snowmobile Club with a total of \$1,855.

Top three fundraisers were: Darryl Davis from the Western Sno-Riders with a total of \$2,450; second place Dwight Baldwin from Dorset Snowmobile Association with \$811.75, and third Dave Acreman of the Dorset Snowmobile Association with \$500.

In addition to the pledges received for the Lion Max Simms Camp, Selby Knight from Newfoundland Outdoors donated a \$300 leather jacket to be auctioned to raise funds for Daffodil Place. Brake says, “The bidding war started... with Junior England purchasing the jacket for \$635. It didn’t end there though; the coat was then passed around and filled with donations from the participants. In the end, with the purchase of the jacket and the money thrown in from participants, a \$1,400 donation was made to Daffodil Place. It was amazing to watch the giving of everyone in attendance!”

Funds are still coming in that had not been accounted for so we are not quite sure of what the actual amount will be, but we know it will be a minimum of \$5,000 at least, says Brake. “Rendezvous is a time of camaraderie amongst snowmobilers from across the island. It is a weekend that allows clubs to showcase what they have and a great getaway for others. If you have never been on a Rendezvous you really should attend one. If you do attend, chances are it is going to take a lot to make you miss one.”

The location and dates for next years Rendezvous is yet to be announced as the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation will be calling for proposals and making the decision at the AGM in May in Lewisporte.

***If you require further information on this you may contact Penny at 635-4395.***