

ELECTRONIC SNOW LINE – WINTER 2011-12

REVELSTOKE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, JAN. 28 - FEB. 5

There is so much to see and do in Revelstoke and local Rotarians will be out in full force ensuring we have an unforgettable week. The incredible skiing, expert and intermediate, highlights the week, but don't overlook a chance at curling again with our own Rotary coaches to help us become "pros" in an hour. Our Joint Rotary meeting will be breakfast at the Mid-Mountain Lodge (at NO EXTRA COST) and a chance to ride the gondola early in the morning also at no charge. You'll have a challenge trying to navigate your own train when you board the steam engine at the Railroad Museum during our Annual Meeting; and a private tour of the power plant at the hydroelectric dam is unprecedented ... just for us!

Word from Revelstoke is that there is already four to six feet of snow at the resort, more than has yet to be reported in the lower 48! Don't be left out; you still have time to register to be a part of ISFR's great week at Revelstoke. Add your name to the list to beat the next deadline of November 30; you just might win that five-day lift ticket or dinner for two in this historic town.

Do it now ... and get ready for a great Canadian Welcome from our hosting Revelstoke Rotarians!

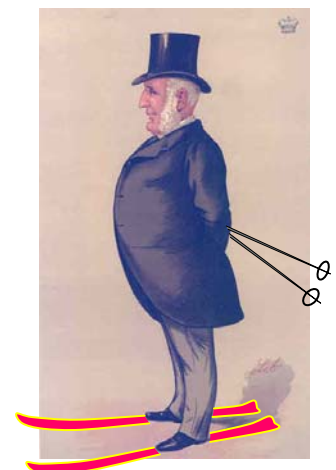
Marilyn Branch, Tour Director

Our Resident Historian David Malaher Writes:

Did you know?

"Revelstoke" is an old-English term, probably from about the time of William the Conqueror around 1066. The two words Revel and Stoke are combined to give then name of a hamlet or small place to live.

Stoke is a very common English place name that originally means a safe location where there are walls and guards to ensure that robbers cannot get in.



The word "stockade" means the same thing; such as the walls around a western trading post.

Revel is the good news, literally. Revel means, "have a good time", as in "the revelers were still at the party as dawn broke next morning!"

Lord Revelstoke, after whom the town in British Columbia is named, put up a huge amount of money in 1885 to ensure the railroad would be completed as planned. His country estate in Devon, England, was called Revelstoke. What better name could welcome us to our ski week?

Register by November 30 for a chance to win dinner for two or a free 5-day lift ticket. Register with our new online system linked to our website, www.isfrski.org, and follow the [Ski Events](#) link to Revelstoke. Difficulty registering online? For assistance, email Lynne Beck, becklbg@roadrunner.com.

Don't forget to reserve your hotel room(s) in Kelowna and Revelstoke. Telephone 800-726-3626 (1-800-SANDMAN) and ask for Reference # 14601 for the Nelsen Lodge accommodation and Reference # 229962 for the Kelowna Sandman. The option for international attendees is to e-mail nelsenlodge@sandman.ca and input in the request the same reference numbers. International code for Canada is: 00+1+800-726-3626.

SESTRIERE, ITALY, FEBRUARY 25 to MARCH 3

OVER 100 REGISTRATIONS TO SESTRIERE SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

The date of the opening ceremony is several months away but interest is high with registrations already exceeding 100. At this point members from Canada, Russia, Australia, Hong Kong, Turkey, Germany, France, Norway and, Italy have registered.

Site of the 2006 Winter Olympics, Sestriere will feature the usual downhill ski, cross country and slalom races but also snowboarding and three "unofficial" giant slalom competitions. Activities for non-skiers include guided tours of the jewels of Turin.

Proceeds of the event will support two non-profit organizations, Paideia, Freewhite and the International Federation for Paralimpis Skiers (FISIOP).

Sponsors, Fondazione CRT, Reale Mutua Assicurazioni, Novi cioccolato, Bene Banca, Intercostruzioni plus contributions from participants will be used to

purchase ski equipment for the disabled enabling them to enjoy winter sports. The Sestriere event, fully in the spirit of ISFR, will bring together many friends from around the world who share the passion of winter sports and the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self."



A Freewhiteski teacher and pupil on Sestriere slope

Visit the website, www.vialattea.it, and link to **ISFR Championship 2012** for registration information and program details.

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