



Revelstoke Glacier Challenge Slo-Pitch Tournament
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And that's the ballgame: Revelstoke Glacier Challenge Slo-Pitch Tournament Board calls it quits after 30 years

The Revelstoke Glacier Challenge Board is announcing the end of the August long weekend slo-pitch tournament. It has been a staple event locally for the last three decades, however, a number of recent curveballs have made the tournament increasingly difficult to run safely and on-budget.

"It's unfortunate that after 30 years, the event is no longer welcome in the community," said President Mark Baron. "We as a board are sad to see the Glacier Challenge come to an end. It has been coming for a number of years.

The tournament was nearing its end four or five years ago when the board of directors saw the tide of public opinion changing. The Chamber of Commerce at the time stepped up to keep it going for a couple of years. After that, the current board filled that role.

The BC Liquor Control & Licensing Branch along with the City of Revelstoke and local RCMP require a number of conditions going forward. There is also strong sentiment from locals that they would not care to see the tournament continue.

In October, the board offered residents the option to continue the tournament. Without anyone currently willing to take on the project, the tournament will now be dissolved and the remaining funds donated to charities in Revelstoke.

The current GC board has worked hard for the last two years, putting in hundreds of hours to keep the tournament running with fewer and fewer volunteers.

"I'm proud to have been a part of the event, and I'm thankful to all those that have hosted Kokanee/Glacier Challenge before us, the supporters within the community, and to those who have travelled to our beautiful city over the years," said Baron.

“My only piece of advice going forward is to show support. If there’s an event that comes to town and you’re passionate about it, come out and support it. Even if you’re not that passionate about it, but you think it’s good for the town, get out and support it.” says Baron. “There are many people in this wonderful community that devote a lot of their free time to putting these clubs, groups, teams, and events together.”

We thank all the sponsors, volunteers and teams who supported the tournament. It has truly been an honour helping the tournament reach 30 years. Revelstoke is the perfect place for large-scale events and we encourage all to get involved in the community by volunteering and seeing that community-building events continue to thrive.

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– The Revelstoke Glacier Challenge Slo-Pitch Tournament Board