

The Pugwash Gathering of the Clans reports success for the 2010 event and projects big things for the 60th anniversary of the Gathering in 2011.

Near perfect weather on July 1st, 2010 helped bring biggest gate attendance in many years in Pugwash when paying guests, volunteers and competitors accounted for an estimated 10,000 people and over \$31,000 was taken in at the gates. Expenses were up by nearly 4% but revenue was up by 12%.

The event was so successful that donations to community groups were expanded and some groups' funding reinstated. In addition to these donations, other community groups were able to raise funds within and around the event, greatly benefitting from the increased crowd this year.

Community groups receiving donations included the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue, Pugwash Fire Department, HarbourFest, Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce, Pugwash Royal Legion and the LA Animal Shelter.

Other groups who ran fund raising booths, exhibitions or dinners included the ATV Club, Route 6 Snowmobile Club, Pugwash Fire Department, the Rebecca Lodge and the Old Scotia Heavyweights.

The Gathering of the Clans could not happen without the countless volunteers who help out - not just on the day of the event, but through the year in preparations and fund raisers, and our thanks go out to them. Particular thanks go to the volunteers and staff of Pugwash HarbourFest, who also co-hosted the volunteer appreciation dinner later in the summer.

Plans and fundraising for 2011 are already progressing and new volunteers and ideas are always welcome. The first fundraiser of the year will be the Psychic Fair to be held November 27th at the Village Hall. Look out for more events as we prepare for our 60th birthday in

conjunction with the International Gathering of the Clans to be held in Nova Scotia in 2011!

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