



## Purcell Mountain Times – April 2008

Our winter season at the Lodge is already over, with epic days of sunshine and powder, we already are looking forward to 2009! December 2007 brought greater than average snowfall to Purcell Mountain Lodge and surrounding areas. Purcell received well over 30 feet of the fluffy white stuff. In fact, in April over one and a half feet of fresh snow fell, with well depths of over seven feet settling in our alpine meadows.



*Emily enjoying some turns!*

*Photo courtesy of Jim Miles*

The guiding staff had a great winter filled with snowy turns, sunny days and smiling faces. Darrin returned to the Lodge as a guide with his enthusiasm and attention to detail. Emily, 'the ski doctor', brought her tenacity and friendly smiles to the Lodge. She was revered for her amazing ski lessons and helpful advice along the way. Brian, as always, had a great season and filled our days with smiles and laughter with his reliable comedic talents. Francois-Xavier (FX), not only brought his excellent guiding skills but also his fancy French bartending to many guests. Chef Stephane delighted our palates with his gourmet cuisine and our spirits were serenaded by his creative musical melodies.



*Stephane, accompanied by FX & Brian*

*Photo courtesy of Michael Adams*

Thanks to Meghanne, Cody, Blu, and Stan for joining us this winter. Sandra, Sabrina and Dorita, our hostesses, did a supreme job of keeping our Lodge a haven of comfort, cleanliness and calm to return to.



*Stoheart skiing Corner Pocket*

*Photo courtesy of Paul Wright*

Thanks to all of our guests for sharing their fantastic pictures. We are all grateful for all the new friends we meet!

## Looking forward to our Summer Season!

The summer season in the alpine is the backdrop for many activities to compliment our hiking excursions. Many of our guests have shared their incredible photographs of the mountain landscapes, clusters of alpine flowers or the grizzly visits. It is also easy to capture magical portraits of people in such a naturally inspiring location!

It is common to see our resident grizzly bear (and growing cubs), many ground squirrels chirp and call to each other across the meadow. The Mountain Bluebird often raise their young in nesting boxes around the Lodge, in the stillness of the alpine it is easy to listen for their calls.



*Bella just outside the Lodge – Summer 07  
Photo courtesy of Kevin McGrath*

In early summer, just as the snow is melting, visitors to the Lodge can expect to see great shows of the western anemone flower with their puffy plumed heads, along with marsh marigold, alpine buttercup and glacier lilies. As summer progresses, the paint brush are in full bloom and show a myriad of colors. Sitka Valerian, Bog Orchids, Fleabane, Columbines, Cinqfoil and Monkeyflower are just a few examples of mid summer blooms. Later on in the season, the texture and colours of the mountain heather show a

beautiful watercolour scene. Bring your sketchpad!

Many parents and grandparents have enjoyed the rewarding experience of reaching the mountain summit with their teenager. Purcell Mountain Lodge is a great place for families to enjoy a unique memorable experience, not just a holiday.

## Summer Staff

Darrin, Emily, Brian, Michel and Nancy will be returning to guide for the 2008 summer season. Darrin brings his years of experience and love for the Lodge to the summer season. Nancy and Emily's extensive knowledge of wildflowers and natural habitat are sure to enrich your experience while Brian's enthusiasm and charisma are sure to delight our summer guests. Michel's friendly and easygoing nature has brought him back for his second season at the Lodge. Chef Stephane will be returning for the summer season, with stunning gourmet meals that are as pleasing to our eyes as they are to our taste buds! We welcome a new member to the staff; Jennifer is from the Nelson area and will be showing us a new array of cooking talent.



*Brian explaining the mountain ranges  
Photo courtesy of Kevin McGrath*

## Corporate Events & Weddings

Have you been looking for the perfect destination for your corporate retreat or meeting? Away from the distractions of the "real world", Purcell Mountain Lodge offers the opportunity to focus your energies in a way that simply isn't possible in an urban environment. Whether your goal is team building, strategic planning, or a board meeting, we will customize the program to suit your needs.

Purcell Mountain Lodge is the ideal setting for an intimate wedding, escape from the kids or a romantic getaway. The Private Chalet boasts a king-size bed, star-gazers' window, ensuite bathroom with Jacuzzi shower, gas fireplace, private balcony and gorgeous mountain views from every window.



*Photo courtesy of Kevin McGrath*

## Treading lightly on our corner of the earth

The Lodge prides itself in its environmental stewardship. Our alpine summer trails are built with minimal environmental impact on surrounding terrain and are limited to an exclusive number of guests each year. Purcell Mountain Lodge pioneered green energy in backcountry lodges and has been utilizing the power of a nearby stream for

much of the Lodge's energy since 1989. Our commitment to the three R's and unique macrobiotic sewage treatment facility also ensures the mountain meadows and streams remain unpolluted and pristine for generations to come.



*Purcell - Glens*

## The President's Corner

Our little corner of heaven, tucked into the edge of our protected Glacier National Park, is the perfect place to practice the fine art of living in the Present. My focus, away from the hum of my urban lifestyle can be on feeling the excitement in the air as the guests anticipate the exhilaration of the helicopter ride, discovering a tiny cluster of flowers clinging to an edge of the ridge, or the warmth of the sauna surrounding my tired body after a long hike. I love to hear the life stories of our guests and staff as we share a family-style meal together or song around the fireplace.

There is something magical about the combination of the mountains, the stillness, the wide open spaces and the incredible people who are drawn to our place. Calm, inspiration and creativity are able to find me there, and stay with me on my return. I came for the mountains, but I return for the friends!

Lori

***Wherever your compass points this summer, we hope it is an enjoyable one and we look forward to welcoming you to Purcell Mountain Lodge!***