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Medal Counts

Alaska:

Gold:	58
Silver:	47
Bronze:	35
Total:	140

Alberta North:

Gold:	28
Silver:	28
Bronze:	28
Total:	84

Greenland:

Gold:	11
Silver:	9
Bronze:	7
Total:	27

Northwest Territories:

Gold:	21
Silver:	25
Bronze:	25
Total:	71

Nunavik Québec:

Gold:	9
Silver:	6
Bronze:	8
Total:	23

Nunavut:

Gold:	10
Silver:	15
Bronze:	25
Total:	50

Saami:

Gold:	4
Silver:	5
Bronze:	7
Total:	16

Yamal-Nenets:

Gold:	17
Silver:	20
Bronze:	7
Total:	44

Yukon:

Gold:	10
Silver:	14
Bronze:	29
Total:	53

Weather Forecast



Cold with a full day of sunshine
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Photo By Charles Pulliam

David Thomas of Alaska attempting a kick of 8'10".

One-Foot High Kick takes center stage

By CHARLES PULLIAM
Ulu News

During most Arctic games, the One-Foot High Kick takes the spotlight and it was no different on the Kenai Peninsula this week.

More than 300 spectators packed the stands at Kenai Central High School Thursday to watch the open Male and Female One-Foot High Kick competitions during the Inuit Games.

In the One-Foot High Kick, an athlete has three attempts to kick a small ball. The athlete must jump off of two feet, though kick the ball with only one foot, land on the same foot that kicked the ball, and hold the landing for it to be a successful attempt.

"Usually you can just look at the ball and feel whether or

not your going to hit it," Open Female competitor Suzie Pearce said. "One of my last kicks [6-8] I just felt I was going to hit it."

"I had a lot of fun this year and really enjoyed the games," Pearce said. She is from Iqaluit, Nunavut, and is participating in her seventh Arctic Winter Games.

Alberta North's Jennifer Bell won the Gold Ulu in the Open Female event with a kick of 6-10. Pearce missed all three of her attempts at 6-10 and settled for the Silver Ulu.

In the Open Male Competition, a tie resulted in a kick-off for first place. Both David Thomas of Alaska and Sean Nipisar of Nunavut missed all three kick attempts at nine feet.

In the kick-off, Thomas had a successful first attempt at 8-

11, while Nipisar missed, giving the Gold Ulu to Thomas and the silver to Nipisar.

"We tried a different technique, but I'm proud of them," Nunavut's coach Allen Anavilok said. "They had good games and had fun, and that's what the games are really about...having fun."

Aisa Pirti, Nunavik-Quebec, leaped to the Bronze Ulu while Nunavut's Thomas Johnston finished in fourth in Open Male competition, with a kick of 8-7. His attempts at 8-10 failed, but through a kick-off, he took fourth.

"I just gave up [in mid air] on my last attempt," Johnston said of his final kick at 8-10. "I should have gotten it."

Johnston is competing in his first Arctic Winter Games. "There was a lot of competition, but it was a lot of fun," he

said.

In the Junior competitions, Amy Elzibeth Miller of Alberta North edged Alaska's Danielle Malchoff by kicking her first attempt at 6-10. Malchoff used all three of her attempts before sticking the landing on her third attempt for a successful kick. The result gave Miller the Gold Ulu and Malchoff the silver.

Nicole Elizabeth St. Martin of Alberta North beat out Deseray Cumberbatch of Nunavik-Quebec for bronze by connecting at 6-6 on her first attempt.

Nunavik-Quebec team members Alec Airo and Paul Beaulne took the gold and silver in the Junior Male competition. Airo notched first by kicking 8-6, while Beaulne settled for silver after a kick at 8-2.

Think Pink! NWT musher makes fashion statement while winning Gold Ulu



Photo By Jahnne Triplett

Rebecca Baxter relaxes with one of her favorite dogs, Beca.

By JA'HNIE TRIPLETT
Ulu News

What's pink and furry, and runs like the wind?

Take haute couture, add snow, toss in some barking, add a dash of spice and everything nice, and you have Rebecca Baxter and her dog sled team.

Baxter, a great dog musher from the Northwest Territories, has been mushing for seven years and won yesterday's Gold Ulu in sled dog racing.

Why does she mush dogs? Rebecca said, "It's part of my culture and I get to go fast."

Rebecca's great sense of humor and style were obvious during the races. She and her dogs were in matching pink

outfits, with her wearing a bright pink coat with her dogs sporting the latest in pink harnesses.

Baxter and her family took four days to drive here "We let the dogs out every two hours to feed them," she said.

When asked how old she was, Rebecca said: "I'm 12, but I'm 10 in America because of the exchange rate."

"I would like to stick to sprint racing but it would be really cool to do the Iditarod," she said.

Does anyone know if Susan, Dede, Libby or Aily have worn a pink coat with matching pink dog harnesses? If it hasn't been done, watch out, "Ladies of the Iditarod" because Rebecca Baxter is ready to make a fashion statement.

Yamal contingent misses borscht, but enjoys competition, friendliness

By DAWN FITZPATRICK
Ulu News

This is only the second time Yamal—representing Russia—has participated in the Arctic Winter Games but they brought a country-size contingent with them.

Yamal boasts athletes competing in figure skating, table tennis, snowshoe, cross-country skiing, snowboard, biathlon ski, and Inuit Games, along with a cultural contingent.

"The AWG has done a good job organizing the games," said Nikolay Sakal, a table tennis coach. However, he has been surprised to find no borscht (soup), but has enjoyed "vehicles stopping and people saying hi." He also has noticed that "everybody smiles a lot."

The cultural contingent is made up of four young ladies whose wonderful presentation is a mix of traditional dance and modern. Tamara Nevolina, Anastasia Vorobeva, Daria Boyarkina, and Yulia Nurtdinova



Photo By Dawn Fitzpatrick

Yamal cultural contingent watching a skating event (left to right): Antastasia Vorobeva, Tamara Nevolina, Yulia Nurtdinova; below is Daria Boyarkina

are all here for the first time. They have danced together for 10 years and are very well known in their hometown of Noyabrsk, a city of about 106,000 people.

When asked how they are enjoying the games and Alaska, they replied, in unison, "cool."

The performers found the

"schools and stages very good," they said, but they had trouble adjusting to the 14-hour time difference so the first day was tough.

Special thanks for this article go to interpreter, Irina Richards, who currently lives in Alaska.

Up to the Minute Results

To get the current results of all the events, go to www.awg2006.org.

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Magician Terry Brooks engages Ulu News writers Courtney Proctor and Ja'hnie Triplett in a card trick.

Terry Brooks brings magic to the Arctic Winter Games

By JANICE HIGH
Ulu News

Terry Brooks' official Arctic Winter Games badge identifies him as "Chair of the Accommodations Committee 2008." But you wouldn't know that to listen to him.

"Pick a card, any card!" is his refrain throughout the day, as he moves among the various venues, spotting any athletes who look a little bored or a little shy. And once that card is picked, Brooks revs up his magic and his patter, engaging the young competitors in his tricks.

"I make it interactive; the

kids are part of the act. We have fun, the time goes fast, and people end up making friends."

Brooks has been serious about his magic act for about five years. He hasn't quit his day job yet; back home in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, he works for the government as the manager of property assessment. He's also a school board trustee, which means he often visits schools—and often performs his magic tricks while doing so. He's also a charter member of a special club in town.

"It's called 'Frozen Fingers Magical Productions,'" he said. "We're pretty good."

Kenai Peninsula College student journalists publish the Ulu News

If you like what you've been reading in the newspaper you're holding, credit Kenai Peninsula College journalism students who are serving as the credentialed reporters for the Ulu News, the official publication of the Arctic Winter Games.

Giving up their Spring Break, 18 students—led by KPC Journalism and English instructor Janice High—have been responsible for gathering and writing stories, shooting photos, and writing cutlines for publication in the 4,000 daily copies of the Ulu News. Additionally, the Ulu News is published on-line, providing access to thousands of people interested in the Games, but unable to attend in person.

The Ulu News serves not only as the publication of record of the games in progress, but will also stand for years to come as the official historical record of the 2006 Games.

The International Committee has raved about the paper and is discussing the possibility of having each country send a student journalist to future Games to work on the newspaper. Additionally, the Yellowknife

2008 Host Society invited the students and co-editors Gary J. Turner and High to their "Launch" meeting on Thursday where they discussed how they can emulate this success in the 2008 Ulu News.

In October, in recognition of its journalistic commitment to the Arctic Winter Games, the college was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Center for Community Engagement & Learning at the University of Alaska Anchorage. The funds were used to purchase a digital camera and related equipment, supplies and a very small amount to offset student gas costs.

The foundation for the Ulu News undertaking was the college's Spring Semester "Reporting and Writing News" course taught by High, that included a specific Ulu News

Arctic Winter Games component. Students who completed the "Reporting and Writing News" course in a previous semester are also participating in the Ulu News project.

KPC—a University of Alaska Anchorage college—is comprised of the Kenai River Campus in Soldotna, Kachemak Bay Campus in Homer, Resurrection Bay Extension Site in Seward, Anchorage Extension Site, and the Mining and Petroleum Training Service with offices in Anchorage and Soldotna. With about 2,000 students attending each semester, the college offers one-year certificates; two-year associate's degrees; a selection of four-year degrees and non-credit workforce development courses. For more information, visit www.kpc.alaska.edu

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Friday Sports Schedule

Badminton

Soldotna Middle School, Soldotna
 9 a.m. Mixed Semi-Finals
 10:30 a.m. Doubles Semi-Finals
 2:30 p.m. Singles Semi-Finals



Snowboarding

Alyeska Resort, Girdwood
 12 p.m. Slopestyle



Basketball

Cook Inlet Academy, Soldotna

9 a.m. Female	Bronze Medal Game
11 a.m. Male	Bronze Medal Game
3 p.m. Female	Gold Medal Game
5 p.m. Male	Gold Medal Game



Snowshoe Biathlon

Skyview High School, Soldotna
 6 p.m. Relay Race 4 x 3 km



Snowshoeing

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge
 10 a.m. Juvenile Female 5 km
 10:01 a.m. Juvenile Male 5 km
 10:02 a.m. Junior Female 7.5 km
 10:03 a.m. Junior Male 10 km



Biathlon

Skyview High School, Soldotna
 1 p.m. Relay Race 4 x 4.5 km



Speedskating

Kenai Hockey Rink, Kenai
 10 a.m. Juvenile 1000 Meters
 Junior 1500 Meters
 Junior/ Juvenile Relay Finals



Cross Country Skiing

Skyview High School, Soldotna
 9 a.m. Classic Freestyle 3 x 3 km and 3 x 5 km



Table Tennis

Redoubt Elementary, Soldotna
 10 a.m. Juvenile Mixed Doubles Semi-Finals
 Junior Mixed Doubles Semi-Finals
 10:30 a.m. Juvenile Male Singles Semi-Finals
 Juvenile Female Singles Semi-Finals
 11 a.m. Junior Male Singles Semi-Finals
 Junior Female Singles Semi-Finals
 1:30 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles Finals
 Juvenile Mixed Doubles Finals
 2 p.m. Juvenile Male Singles Finals
 Juvenile Female Singles Finals
 2:30 p.m. Junior Male Singles Finals
 Junior Female Singles Finals



Curling

Homer Ice Rink, Homer

10:30 a.m. Junior Female	Semi-Finals
Junior Male	Semi-Finals
3:30 p.m. Junior Male	Finals
Junior Female	Finals



Dene Games

Mt. View Elementary, Kenai

10 a.m. All	Pole Push Competitions
4:30 p.m.	Medal Presentations



Volleyball

Skyview High School, Soldotna
 12 p.m. Male Bronze Medal Game
 2:30 p.m. Female Bronze Medal Game
 5 p.m. Male Gold Medal Game
 7:30 p.m. Female Gold Medal Game



Hockey

Soldotna Sports Center, Soldotna

8:15 a.m. Bantum	Bronze Medal Game
10:30 a.m. Women	Bronze Medal Game
12:45 p.m. Midget	Bronze Medal Game
3 p.m. Bantum	Gold Medal Game
5:15 p.m. Women	Gold Medal Game
7:15 p.m. Midget	Gold Medal Game



Wrestling

Kenai Recreation Center, Kenai
 9 a.m. Inuit Wrestling Clinic
 12 p.m. Inuit Wrestling Tournament



Indoor Soccer

Soldotna High School, Soldotna

8 a.m. Junior Female	Semi-Finals
9 a.m. Junior Female	Semi-Finals
10 a.m. Junior Male	Semi-Finals
11 a.m. Junior Male	Semi-Finals
12 p.m. Int. Female	Semi-Finals
1 p.m. Int. Female	Semi-Finals
2 p.m. Juvenile Male	Semi-Finals
3 p.m. Juvenile Male	Semi-Finals
4 p.m. Juvenile Female	Semi-Finals
5 p.m. Juvenile Female	Semi-Finals
6 p.m. Junior Female	Bronze Medal Game
7 p.m. Junior Male	Bronze Medal Game
8 p.m. Int. Female	Bronze Medal Game



Photo By Brett Encelewski

Laura Olsen sings with the Jabila'ina ('rainbow people') Dancers during the Kenaitze- Kenai Visitors and Cultural Center Community Night Tuesday. Olsen, a Polish-Norwegian is a longtime participant in the Tribe's multi-ethnic youth programs.

By JOLEEN HUFFMON
 Ulu News

"We were invited by the Arctic Winter Games," said Wanda Reams, explaining simply the Jabilaina Dancers' presence at the Games.

Their dances and regalia are Kahtnu'tana in origin. Translated in English as "Kenai River village people," the Kahtnu'tana was named "Kenaitze" by the Russians that came to this area in the 1700s.

The group was named "Jabilaina"—people of the rainbow—by the late Peter Kalifornsky because of the many races of people interested in the Kahtnu'tana culture.

"Most recently, there has been Kahtnu'tana wanting to have their children be part of the dance group. That makes me really happy," said Reams, the

group's language developer, referring to years of shame associated with being Native. "That's a sign that people are healing."

The dancers' regalia are authentic in design, ornamentation and beadwork. Charlene Glenzel made the dresses while Maggie Jones did the beadwork, using a geometric pattern found on a dress from the 1900s.

"I used to be ashamed to be Native when I was a girl and if anyone found out that I was Native, I would be embarrassed," said Reams. Wanting to share the healing she has experienced, Reams added, "I want to encourage other people to no longer be ashamed to be Native because being Native is a good thing, it is our identity. We need to learn to be proud of who we are."

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Photo By Aaron Yankey

Noel-Leigh Cockeny anticipates the countdown before he starts his 3-kilometer snowshoe biathlon on Wednesday. He went on to win the Silver Ulu in the event.

Catch your breath! Miss the target or run the loop in biathlon

By AARON YANKEY
Ulu News

The 3-kilometer snowshoe biathlon sprint on Wednesday forced athletes to run quickly then instantly switch over to being a calm rifle shooter. "Catching your breath" takes on a whole new meaning in this sport.

The event consisted of three 1-kilometer loops. At the end of each circuit athletes grabbed a rifle and shot at five targets 50 meters away. For every target that an athlete missed they had to run one loop on the short penalty track.

The junior females, ranging in age from 11 to 17, left the start first. The shooting turned out to be instrumental in the end. There were some that did well running, but had difficulty

on the range leaving them losing precious time on the penalty track.

"It's important to maintain your breath and calm down," said Noel-Leigh Cockney, Team Northwest Territories. He went on to win the Silver Ulu.

Betsy Mawdsley of Team Northwest Territories, age 17, ran the race with her younger sister, Alice, 15.

"I competed in the last Arctic Winter Games with my older sister," said Mawdsley. She likes having her younger sister around; "we're there for each other," she said. She finished fourth overall.

Jerad McClure of Team Alaska took the gold in the junior male event with a time of 20:06. Kate Bolivar ran it in 23:19 and took the gold for Northwest Territories in the junior female race.

Thursday Event Results

Alpine Skiing
 * Dual slalom, junior female
Gold: Kami C. Cabana, Alaska
Silver: Katrina Amy Schneider, Alberta North
Bronze: Stephanie Dunn, Alaska
 * Junior male
Gold: Kevin F. Jensen, Alaska
Silver: Joshua Adam Watson, Alberta North
Bronze: Nathan D. Ord, Alaska
 * Juvenile female
Gold: Megan Elizabeth Taylor, Alberta North
Silver: Kelley J. Hume, Alaska
Silver: Tricia J. Richardson, Alaska
 * Juvenile male
Gold: Brien Edward James Davis, Alberta North
Silver: Robert J. Lepine, Alaska
Bronze: Derek Wilson, Yukon

Biathlon
 * 6K sprint, junior female
Gold: Yulia Dorokhova
Silver: Alexandra Gryaznova
Bronze: Shannon Freund
 * Junior male
Gold: Salavat Sufyanov, Yamal-Nenets
Silver: Roman Pyvaka, Yamal-Nenets
Bronze: Taylor M. Karnikis, Kasilof, Alaska

Cross-country skiing
 * 5K free, midget female
Gold: Janelle E. Greer, Yukon
Silver: Dahria Beatty, Yukon
Bronze: Kinsey N. Loan, Alaska
 * Midget male
Gold: Eric J. Ryan, Alaska
Silver: Scott G. Patterson, Alaska
Bronze: Dag Andreas Balto, Sami

* 7.5K free, juvenile female
Gold: Larisa Kuznetsova, Yamal-Nenets
Silver: Liliia Mansurovna Yusupova, Yamal-Nenets
Bronze: Silje Wilsgaard, Sami
 * Juvenile male
Gold: Trent C. Semmens, Soldotna, Alaska
Silver: Alexey Petrovich Melnik, Yamal-Nenets
Bronze: Nikolay Alekseevich Konev, Yamal-Nenets
 * 10K free, junior female
Gold: Tonje Haanaes-Rensberg, Sami
Silver: Aila Biret Selfors, Sami
Bronze: Nivlq Chemnitz Berthelsen, Greenland
 * Juvenile male
Gold: Bogdan Yuryevich Pauk, Yamal-Nenets
Silver: Ivan Viktorovich Vorobyev, Yamal-Nenets
Bronze: David Greer, Yukon

Dene Games
 * Hand games, junior female
Gold: Team Northwest Territories
Silver: Team Alberta North
Bronze: Team Yukon
 * Junior male
Gold: Team Northwest Territories
Silver: Team Alberta North
Bronze: Team Alaska

Dene Games (cont'd)
 * Juvenile female
Gold: Team Yukon
Silver: Team Northwest Territories
Bronze: Team Alaska
 * Open male
 NOT AVAILABLE

Dog mushing
 * Team 7.5K, four dogs
Gold: Team Northwest Territories
Silver: Team Alaska
Bronze: Team Yukon
 * Team 10K, six dogs
Gold: Team Alaska
Silver: Team Northwest Territories
Bronze: Team Yukon

Figure skating
 * (From Wednesday)
 Free skate, Level 1
Gold: Celina G. Farmer, Alaska
Silver: Sarah Ayiku, Northwest Territories
Bronze: Samantha Jarvis, Yukon
 * Level 2
Gold: Tatyana Andreevna Borisova, Yamal-Nenets
Silver: Viktoriya Andreyevna Lobanova, Yamal-Nenets
Bronze: Lisa Do, Northwest Territories
 * Level 3
Gold: Ellie N. Gottstein, Alaska
Silver: Jacqueline L. Burns, Northwest Territories
Bronze: Suneta Joyce Whiteside, Alberta North

* Level 4
Gold: LeAnne E.H. Jagger, Alaska
Silver: Jocelyn M. Ribar, Alaska
Bronze: Brianna Christine Antypowich, Alberta North
 * Combined, Level 1
Gold: Celina G. Farmer, Alaska
Silver: Sarah Ayiku, Northwest Territories
Bronze: Samantha Jarvis, Yukon
 * Level 2
Gold: Tatyana Andreevna Borisova, Yamal-Nenets
Silver: Viktoriya Andreyevna Lobanova, Yamal-Nenets
Bronze: Lisa Do, Northwest Territories
 * Level 3
Gold: Ellie N. Gottstein, Alaska
Silver: Jacqueline L. Burns, Northwest Territories
Bronze: Suneta Joyce Whiteside, Alberta North
 * Level 4
Gold: LeAnne E.H. Jagger, Alaska
Silver: Jocelyn M. Ribar, Alaska
Bronze: Brianna Christine Antypowich, Alberta North

Gymnastics
 * Vault
Gold: Kimberly S. Wilson, Alaska
Silver: Elizabeth M. Bird, Alaska
Bronze: Chantelle Severo Altares, Alberta North
 * Uneven bars
Gold: Alicia V.R. King, Alberta North
Silver: Alyssa Jennifer Zack, Alberta North
Bronze: Anna Rivard, Yukon

Gymnastics (cont'd)
 * Balance beam
Gold: Brienne Levia, Yukon
Silver: Kali-Ann Butala, Northwest Territories
Bronze: Kelsey N. Grace, Alaska
 * Floor exercises
Gold: Alicia V.R. King, Alberta North
Silver: Chantelle Severo Altares, Alberta North
Bronze: Alyssa Jennifer Zack, Alberta North
 * All-around
Gold: Elizabeth M. Bird, Alaska
Silver: Chantelle Severo Altares, Alberta North
Bronze: Anna Rivard, Yukon

Inuit Games
 * One foot high kick, junior female
Gold: Amy Elizabeth Miller, Alberta North
Silver: Dannielle M Malchoff, Port Graham, Alaska
Bronze: Nicole (Nikki) Elizabeth St. Martin, Alberta North
 * Junior male
Gold: Alec Airo, Nunavik Quebec
Silver: Paul Beaulne, Nunavik Quebec
Bronze: Michael Chay Halladay, Alberta North
 * Open female
Gold: Jennifer Lea Ann Bell, Alberta North
Silver: Elizabeth L. Rexford, Alaska
Bronze: Susie Pearce, Nunavut

* Open male
Gold: David S. Thomas, Alaska
Silver: Sean Nipisar, Nunavut
Bronze: Aisa Pirti, Nunavik Quebec
 * Knuckle hop, open male
 NOT AVAILABLE
 * (From Wednesday)
 Alaskan high kick, junior female
Gold: Tanya M. Siim, Alaska
Silver: Virginia L. Angaiak, Alaska
Bronze: Dannielle M Malchoff, Port Graham, Alaska
 * Junior male
Gold: Bradley Ikkutisluk, Nunavut
Silver: Paul Beaulne, Nunavik Quebec
Bronze: Jason Gunnar Lundquist, Alberta North

* Open female
Gold: Elizabeth L. Rexford, Alaska
Silver: Alyssa N. Joseph, Alaska
Bronze: Katherine I. Commack, Alaska
 * Open male
Gold: Billy B Bodfish, Alaska
Silver: David S. Thomas, Alaska
Bronze: Aisa Pirti, Nunavik Quebec
 * Airplane, open male
Gold: Erneeraq Lindenhann, Greenland
Silver: Andrew Atatahak, Nunavut
Bronze: Denis Sergeevich Longortov, Yamal-Nenets

Inuit Games (cont'd)
 * Sledge jump, junior female
Gold: Amy Elizabeth Miller, Alberta North
Silver: Danielle Marie Alexander, Alberta North
Bronze: Ashley Dawn Goretzky, Alberta North
 * Junior male
Gold: Aqqaq Kristensen, Greenland
Silver: Tyrone Courtourielle, Alberta North
Bronze: Aaron Ryan Cardinal, Alberta North
 * Open female
Gold: Jennifer Lea Ann Bell, Alberta North
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Bronze: Elizabeth L. Rexford, Alaska
 * Open male
Gold: Rodion Roaldovich Taligin, Yamal-Nenets
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Gold: Cody Alan Zachariah Burchell, Alberta North
Silver: Matthew Young, Yukon
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Gold: Lacy L. Merrill, Alaska
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Bronze: David Coulombe, Nunavut
 * 777m, junior female
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Silver: Rebecca P Mahler, Northwest Territories
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Gold: Ryan Mark Schoorlemmer, Alberta North
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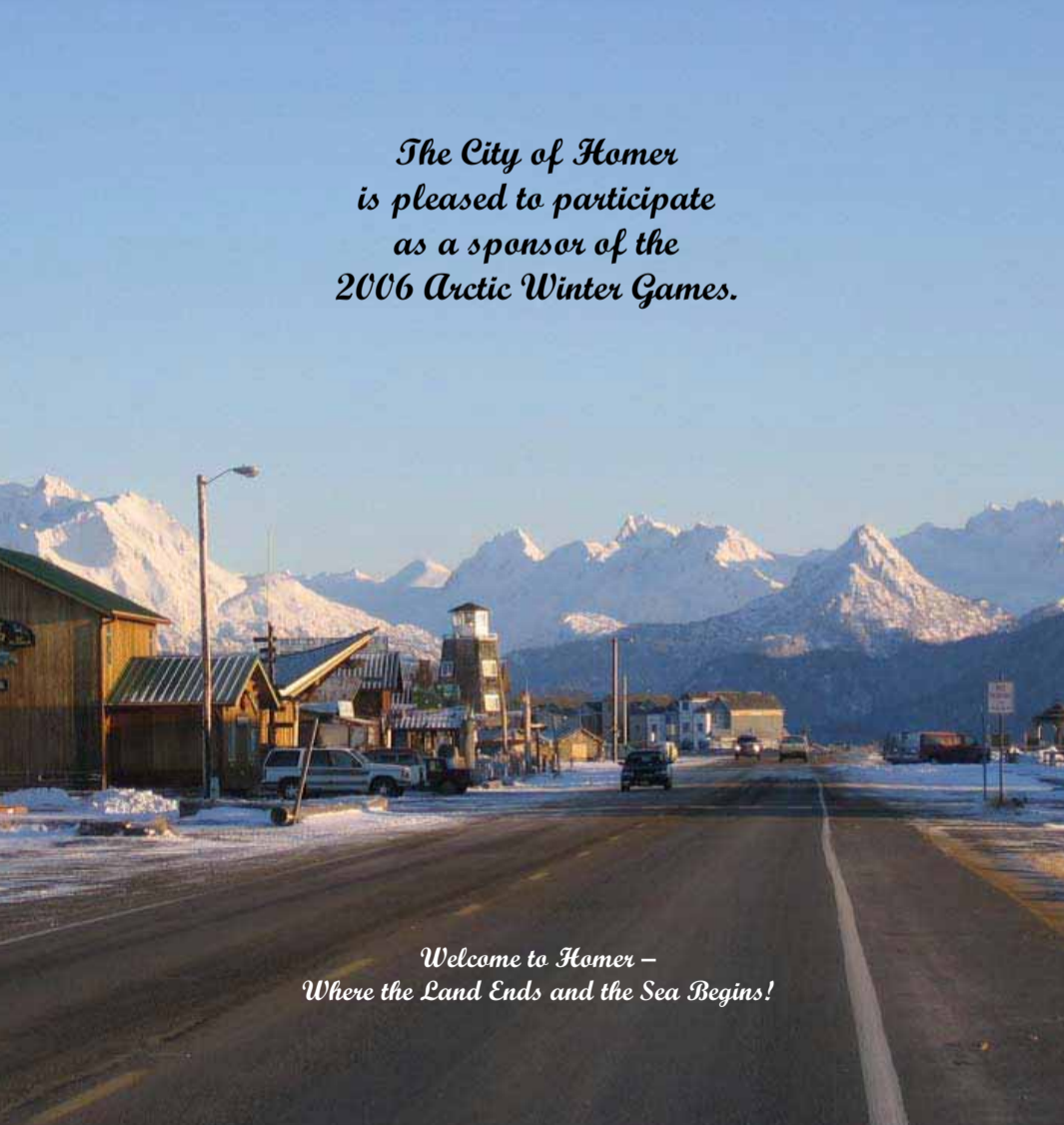
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Cultural contingents' performances dazzle AWG 2006

By BRETT A. ENCELEWSKI
Ulu News



Photo By Brett Encelewski

Yamal dancer Anastasia Vordeva performs during one of the many Arctic Winter Games cultural performances held during the week.

The Arctic Winter Games continued its tradition of honoring the cultures of the circumpolar peoples involved by producing cultural performances throughout the week.

The programs have featured performers from all nine cultural contingents attached to the various teams. The events have been a spectacular way to celebrate the diversity and commonality of cultures by introducing people to the traditional performing arts of Northern societies.

Some of the performances are a blend of traditional and modern art forms, while many focus on preserving and sharing time-honored songs and narratives.

Max Fjelstad, Culture & Facilities manager—and primary producer of the events—is very proud of the program he put together for this year's performances.

"I think a lot of people have been pleasantly surprised—it's been awesome," said Fjelstad.

Team Yamal, utilizing brilliantly colored and elegant costumes, has given short and graceful ballet-style perform-

ances in the interim between the primary performances.

Of particular fascination has been the Nunavut throat singers who pair off and use an amazing breathing technique to create a unique vocal form of music and oral tradition. The throat singing is a competition, each participant trying to outlast the other.

Team Greenland has astounded the crowd with spectacular performances. Sporting metal sculpture headpieces with Raven motifs, and elaborate costumes, the performers tell their Raven creation myth with narrative, song, dance, and a slideshow of vistas from across their homeland.

Final cultural performances and an awards ceremony will be held 7-9:30 p.m., today, at Kenai Central High School.

Games a Rewarding Experience for Translators

By RHONDA LARSON
Ulu News

In an excited Norwegian accent, Tor Holmboe talks about meeting some, "wonderful Sámi, and absolutely thoroughly enjoy rubbing shoulders with them." With a slight Russian accent, Natalia Johnson tells of enjoying, "the truly international spirit in the schools."

Are these visitors or participants at the Games? No. Both are volunteer translators living in Alaska.

Holmboe emigrated from Tromso, Norway in 1954 and has lived at Mile 71.5 on the Tok Cut-off in Alaska since 1967. He generally works the Iditarod this time of year but took "a year's sabbatical" to come and trans-

late.

The Sámi are "so linguistic they are amazing" and "perfectly capable of handling the language," exclaims Holmboe. He feels it's because students are required to learn at least three languages and the principal that came with them is "full of language."

According to Holmboe, language fluency is important in Sámi because "everyone lives in a small community and if you don't have knowledge of your neighbor's language you're in the dol-drumms," he said.

Johnson came to Alaska three years ago from St. Petersburg, Russia. When she heard about the Games she called and offered to help coordinate language services.

She greeted each Russian contingency as they arrived at the airport.

Her first important duty was answering the question, "How do I call back to Russia?" For many this is their first trip abroad and they wanted to know about international calling cards.

She is on call 24 hours a day and has assisted with a variety of translating needs for coaches, officials, organizers and athletes. A highlight was working with the Yamal Cultural group at KCHS helping insure their program would go well. She found their costumes to be exceptionally beautiful and the program wonderful.

Denis Sergeevich Longortov of Team Yamal strains to stay up in the grueling airplane event Wednesday.

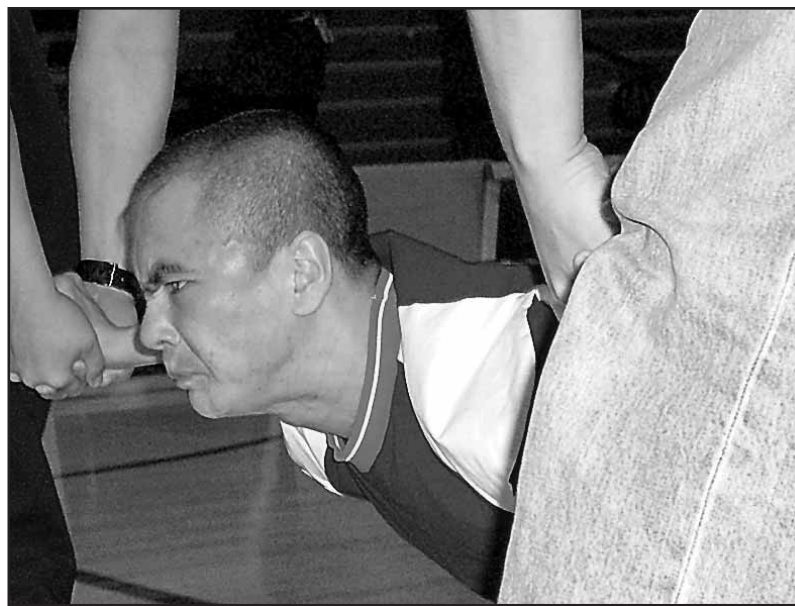


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President of AWG Host Society: Bagley's personal look at the Games

By CHARLES PULLIAM
Ulu News

Dale Bagley, President of the Host Society for the 2006 Arctic Winter Games, shared his personal thoughts with the Ulu News on this year's Games and the preparation that led to this circumpolar event on the Kenai Peninsula.

"I think the thing that has impressed me and everyone else is how well the volunteers have stepped up," said Bagley, former Kenai Peninsula Borough mayor. "The volunteers have done a really great job putting on the games which is a testament to these communities."

During the interview with this reporter, Bagley shared his insights on the Games.

Ulu News: Why did you become the President of the Host Society for 2006?

Bagley: "The board of directors selected me as president. There is a 23-member board... We've actually been working this issue for about six years and first we had to decide [if] this was something we actually wanted to do and get community support with the assembly and cities. Then, we put together a bid committee and had a site visit. After the visit, the committee went to Fairbanks, us (Kenai Peninsula) and Juneau. After visiting all

three places, they decided to select the Kenai Peninsula to host the 2006 Arctic Winter Games."

Ulu News: How many hours have you spent on this year Arctic Winter Games?

Bagley: "You know, I don't think I can even calculate how many hours. I'm a real estate agent and I haven't even done anything real estate-wise in about a month, it's just been solely Arctic Winter Games."

Ulu News: What is the biggest success so far during the games this year?

Bagley: "There have been several...probably the accrediting and check in of all the folks that were arriving. We handled that very smoothly compared to other host societies."

Ulu News: ...biggest failure...?

Bagley: "I think the biggest



Photo By Robert Bell

Host Society President Dale Bagley attending a media briefing Thursday.

thing we've failed on compared to other games is probably the signage and flagging. Most games have a lot better signage and flagging; however, it's really only an issue the first day and after that everyone usually knows where the venues are."

Ulu News: ...biggest disappointment...?

Bagley: "I don't have a disappointment, things are going well." Ulu News: If you could do it all over again, would you?

Bagley: "Yes, I would do it over again, but I probably wouldn't do it again, there is a difference. I think a lot of the folks that have been involved with doing it once wouldn't be too quick to sign to do it again."



Photo By Robert Bell

Host Society President Dale Bagley attending a media briefing Thursday.

'Awesome, dude!' Athletes dance their cares away

By JOLEEN HUFFMON
Ulu News

Hundreds of Arctic Winter Games athletes took a break from competing Wednesday night and attended a dance in their honor at the old Sears mall in Kenai.

The deejay was 19-year-old Trapper Alsworth from local radio station 96.5 KKIS, hired by Mike Sylba from "The Music Box."

"This dance took about a full day to set up the equipment and all the decorations," said Alsworth. He geared his musical selections to reflect the tastes of the high school crowd, and played mostly hip hop tunes.

While some of the athletes said the dance would have been better if it had been held in a larger place, most said it was a lot of fun and were happy they were able to be a part of it.

"I think this dance is awesome and it is a good experience, and I am having lots of fun while I am making new friends," said Dino Milortok, an 18-year-old Nunavut athlete.

"The music is good, and I




Photo By Lee Johnson

Athletes enjoy the music and the interactions at Wednesday night's dance at the old Sears mall in Kenai.

get to meet people from all over the world," said 15-year-old Julia Ramoth from Nome, Alaska.

Helping out at the dance were 30 chaperones, 10 coat checkers, and about 16 volunteers behind the concession stand. The 3-hour dance ended at 10 p.m. so the athletes could get enough rest for the next day's events.

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Speed skater chooses Arctic Winter Games over "Canadian Idol" TV show

By CHARLOTTE NICOLET
Ulu News

Multitalented Bracken Burns, speed-skater of Northern Alberta, had to make a choice between skating with the Northern Alberta team at the Arctic Winter Games, or singing for the televised talent show "Canadian Idol." Much like "American Idol," if you're chosen to perform on "Canadian Idol," you have a chance for fame and fortune in the music industry. Burns chose Alaska, and the Arctic Winter Games.

When asked what swayed her decision, "I tried out for "Canadian Idol,"" said Burns. "I sang; they said I had a wonderful voice and that I could go on. It was pretty much my choice," she said.

She said she was undecided about going further than the regionals. "Then I found out that I had the games, and I wondered if I should give up the games for "Canadian Idol" or not. No thank you!" exclaimed Burns.

"I really like it here. I'm glad that I didn't keep going through with "Canadian Idol," because I would have had everything to do and I would not have been able to come to Alaska. I love Alaska," she said.

The next round of the "Canadian Idol" competition will be held in Toronto this week. And not knowing what might have happened from the next round on, Burns made her

decision to represent her home and country in the Games. But the biggest determining factor for Burns was the chance to come to Alaska. "I saw a mountain across the bay; it was really pretty, and I tried to take a picture of it," she said.

When asked if she has mountains at home, "Not unless you go into Jasper. Where I live is in the valley; it's all hills. There's mountains in Jasper, but these are just huge. I think it's nice up here," she said.

Burns is 15-years-old and has been skating since she was 10. When asked what she liked most about skating she said, "There are two things actually: There's the adrenalin you get when you're like already to get out there; then there's the combination of everyone else's adrenalin," she explained.

"And the whole group idea that we're all thinking on the same path and everyone is encouraging everyone else. Everyone's going for the same thing, but everyone wants everyone else to do just as good as him," she said.

When asked about the atmosphere surrounding speed skating, Burns said, "It's just friendly. Everyone's so nice. It doesn't matter if you get first or second. Or if you're drafting off someone: like if you go behind them you're both working together so all the contingents work together; especially long distances, you do a lot of switching," she explained.

Burns says that speed skat-



Photo By Charlotte Nicolet

Bracken Burns with her mind made up for Alaska and the Arctic Winter Games instead of the "Canadian Idol" TV show.

ing isn't planned; it just happens. "It's amazingly fun, even the way they use the gun at the start up, and the corners; you're so close to the mat sometimes when you pass someone. Wow!" she exclaimed.

Burns will try out for "Canadian Idol" again.

"Next year for sure; I'm going all the way," said Burns. "It would be so cool to win. I've been singing a lot, like on the bus. And lately people are recognizing me and starting to ask me to sing for them," she said.

Burns started taking piano lessons when she was eight and

started singing along with her piano by age 11. Now, she takes lessons from two music teachers. Burns follows her heart where it leads her and has captured many hearts in the process at home and from the circumpolar north.

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Viktoria Lobanova of Team Yamal takes silver in the free-skate and combined competition as she skated to a Russian folk dance.



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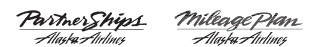


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