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Medal Counts

Alaska:	
Gold:	4
Silver:	6
Bronze:	6
Total:	16

Alberta North:	
Gold:	2
Silver:	0
Bronze:	0
Total:	2

Greenland:	
Gold:	0
Silver:	0
Bronze:	0
Total:	0

Northwest Territories:	
Gold:	5
Silver:	4
Bronze:	5
Total:	14

Nunavik Québec:	
Gold:	0
Silver:	1
Bronze:	1
Total:	2

Nunavut:	
Gold:	4
Silver:	3
Bronze:	1
Total:	8

Saami:	
Gold:	1
Silver:	2
Bronze:	1
Total:	4

Yamal-Nenets:	
Gold:	2
Silver:	1
Bronze:	3
Total:	6

Yukon:	
Gold:	3
Silver:	4
Bronze:	5
Total:	12

Weather Forecast



Rather cloudy with a flurry
27/10



Photo By Charles Pullman

Thomas Levi of Nunavut competing in the Dene Games Snow Snake competition Monday at Mountain View Elementary School in Kenai

Snow Snake event leads off Dene and Inuit Games

By CHARLES PULLIAM
Ulu News

The Arctic sports are in motion and literally kicking into gear.

Both the Dene and Inuit Games started Monday morning at Mountain View Elementary School in Kenai and Kenai Central High School. The Dene Games, which feature events such as the Stick Pull or Finger Pull, began with the Snow Snake event.

During the Snow Snake competition, an athlete is given a smooth pole or stick that he or she must release or throw onto the snow without crossing a line. The pole slides on the snow and whoever's goes the farthest is the winner. Each athlete is given three opportunities to throw.

"It is not really about power, but more finesse than anything," Snow Snake athlete Thomas Levi said.

A Nunavut team member, Levi is participating in his second Arctic Winter Games. His

second throw of 337 feet, four-inches notched him a second place finish in the Men's Open category and also gave him the second longest throw of the day.

"We've been practicing since November for this event. I'm pretty psyched about my throws...It's really exciting," Levi said.

Levi also said the event seems to be drawing more interest for others who watch and take part in the Dene Games. "This year we had enough kids turn out to bring a junior team for this [Snow Snake] competition. We have been trying in the past to get kids more involved," Levi said.

Steven Ribbonley of Alberta won the Open Men's Snow Snake with a throw of 375 feet, nine-inches, Levi placed second, and William Hubloo of Nunavik was third with a throw of 319-6 which edged Jason Leonard of Yukon who finished fourth with a throw of 317-10.

Whereas Dene Games have serious mental and strength

aspects, Inuit Games throw total athleticism into the mix.

The One Foot High Kick for example, is a competition where an athlete must jump off two feet, kick a seal-skin ball with one foot, and land on the same foot that touched the ball. The record for this event is held by Jesse Frankson of Point Hope who kicked 9 feet, eight-inches in the 2004 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics in Fairbanks.

Monday, there was an opening ceremony session before the Kneel Jump, One-Hand Reach and Arm Pull events took place.

Special guest Joe Allan Evyagotailak, of Nunavut, returned to his fifth Arctic Winter Games during the opening ceremonies for the Inuit Games. He also officiated many of the different Inuit or Arctic sports in the 1980s.

"I'm very glad to be here representing Nunavut," Evyagotailak said, "I want all the athletes this year to just enjoy themselves and have fun."

Evyagotailak's main focus

was to make sure that everyone participating was involved.

"The opening ceremonies for the (Inuit) games were very important because it got everyone involved...This is a once in a lifetime thing, so it's very exciting," Evyagotailak said.

With the larger variety of events, the Inuit Games have many athletes who are participating in several events.

Steve Kotokak, a Northwest Territories junior team member, is registered in the One-Foot High Kick, Two-Foot High Kick, Alaskan High Kick, and the Kneel Jump.

"I think its going to be pretty good week. There are really good athletes from all around," Kotokak said.

"I may have some trouble, though, because I didn't practice all my events as much as I should have," Kotokak added.

The Inuit Games wrap up Thursday with the showcase One Foot High Kick and Knuckle Hop events, while the Dene Games conclude Friday with the Pole Push.

Interactive video connects Homer media to briefings



Photo By Jahnne Triplett

Dan Castimore, information technology specialist at Kenai Peninsula College's Kachemak Bay Campus, making sure everything is working smoothly with the interactive video hookup for the media

By JAHNNE TRIPLETT
Ulu News

Arctic Winter Games general manager Tim Dillon can't be in two places at the same time. But he is able to deliver his daily media briefings to reporters in Homer, while actually being in Kenai. That's because the "Coca Cola Media Center" is linked by interactive video technology to the Homer media center at the Kachemak Bay Campus of Kenai Peninsula College.

"I think its great using the technology between the two towns," said Melissa Trinidad, staff journalist from Homer

Electric Association, who is coordinating the distance delivery project, along with Joe Gallagher, HEA public relations coordinator. Dan Castimore, the KBC information technology specialist, set-up and tested the transmission process prior to the Games.

The inter-city link will become increasingly valuable to Homer-based international journalists in the days ahead. The city will host a major cultural performance at the high school tonight, and curling competition is slated for the rest of the week at the Homer ice rink.

Speed Skaters set new records in 500 meter races

By RHONDA LARSON
Ulu News

Two new Arctic Winter Games speed skating records were set in 500-meter races Monday at the Soldotna Sports Center as a small yet exuberant crowd cheered them on.

In the Juvenile Female category, Maria-Christine Auger, skated to a time of 51.56 seconds and in the Junior Female Division, Jill Gilday, iced the oval in 49.10 seconds. Both young women are from the Northwest Territories and each was awarded a Gold Ulu, the Olympic symbol of the Games.

About 100 spectators applauded and encouraged the skaters as they raced while the Alberta's girls hockey team cheered loudly for their fellow athletes. Team Nunavut's cheering section was smaller yet no less boisterous as they encouraged their teammates with "C'mon, Skate! Take the

Corner! Keep your legs moving!" Whenever a skater went into the mat a collective "Oh!" resonated throughout the arena.

The 500-meter race consists of four laps around the rink. In between races the course is moved so that skaters will have clean, new ice. Ice stewards pour warm water on the previous track to "heal" it by filling in the grooves and then squeegee to level it. This insures all racers have the same ice consistency for their heat. Ice conditions for speed skating are different than for hockey as the temperature is colder in order to create a harder and smoother surface. "This makes for faster times," explained Nan Thompson, Sports Chair.

During Monday's competitions, Northwest Territories collected five Ulus, followed by Nunavut with four and Yukon received three.

Up to the Minute Results

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

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Discipline that lives with them; Senator Stevens says of Arctic Winter Games athletes

By CHARLOTTE NICOLET
Ulu News

United States Alaska Senator Ted Stevens agrees with the many people who say the participants in the Arctic Winter Games could be our next Olympic athletes and his positive outlook for our young people is infectious.

Stevens was on the Kenai Peninsula to help celebrate the Opening Ceremonies of the Games on Sunday and took some time for a press conference with a number of international media representatives.

"I hope they turn out real well. I think it's a grand idea," said Stevens. "I've participated in them before and think it's a marvelous thing. I think the whole Olympic movement's a great thing," he added.

Stevens is the sponsor of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act adopted in 1998 that currently charters and grants monopoly status to the United States Olympic Committee and includes the Paralympics Games. The USOC is a non-profit organization for the United States that approves and trains athletes who want to participate in the Olympics as well as the Pan American Games.

"I think encouraging the young people to be involved

in activities like this develops a discipline that lives with them all their lives," Stevens explained. "You very seldom find a person who's devoted the time that's necessary to become an expert in a sport. It's a good influence on our young people," he said.

When asked what he liked best about the games: "I like it best because they are indigenous games. The Arctic Winter Games are bringing, for all of us to see, the games of this culture, of the Arctic," said Stevens.

Stevens remembers the first time he saw the games, he observed the High Kick as athletes kicked a ball hanging from the ceiling. "I couldn't believe what I was watching," he exclaimed.

Stevens has enjoyed the games for some time, and thinks that of all the various types of Olympic Games, the Arctic Winter Games are unique, "because it is indigenous to the Arctic, and these are the games of the Arctic," said Stevens.

"I think it's good for us to be a part of this and I hope we'll continue to support the concept of the Arctic Winter Games because it brings these young people together from all over the Arctic," said the senator. He believes it's beneficial they get to know one

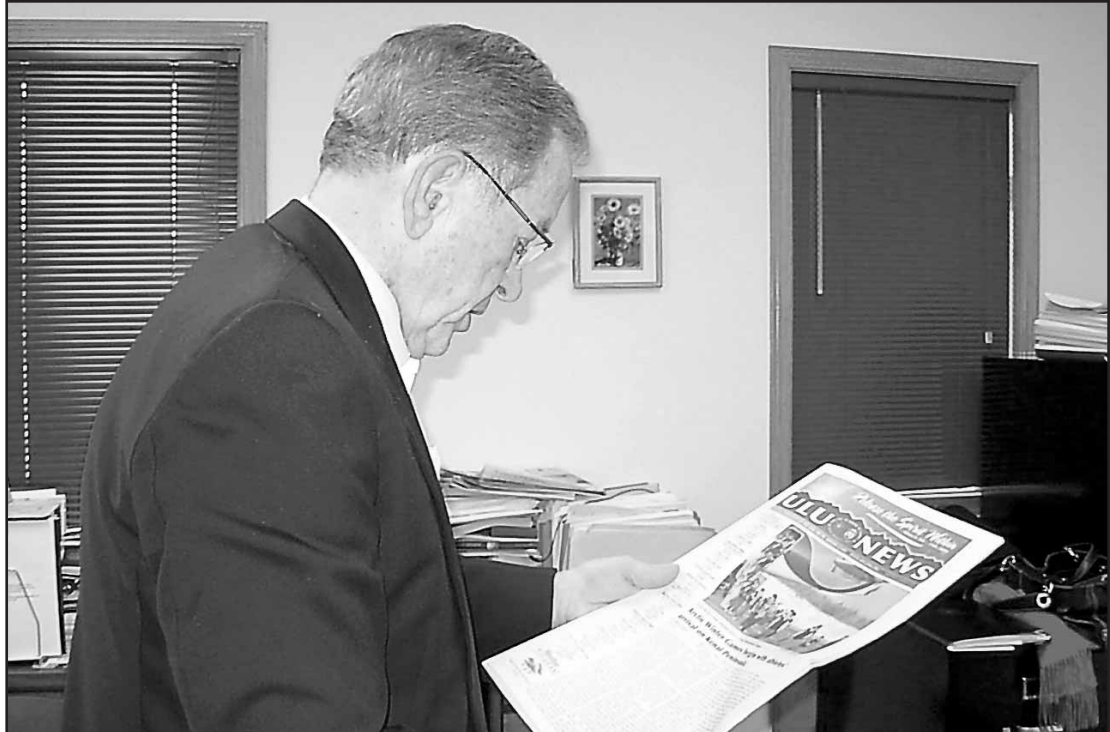


Photo By Charlotte Nicolet

Senator Stevens checks out the Ulu News for a photograph

another, to see one-another, and form friendships for the future. "But above all," he said, "they commit themselves to their sport, so they develop the discipline in terms of health and how to handle their schedules that make them better citizens in the long run."

Because the Arctic is a place of isolation, "it's a place where you need reasons to get together, and to share experiences, and to compete. I really enjoy these games," said Stevens.

Taking into consideration the camaraderie that the games inspire, and whether

the games encouraged good foreign policy: "Athletes still see winning as the goal, and I don't think that's wrong.

"I think they should learn that if you really work hard to

win you can achieve something. But, I think that the spin off from all this is international friendship, and that's very essential for the world right now," he said.

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Tuesday Sports Schedule

Alpine Skiing

Alyeska Resort, Girdwood

10 a.m.	Female	Slalom - First Run
11 a.m.	Male	Slalom - First Run
1 p.m.	Female	Slalom - Second Run
2 p.m.	Male	Slalom - Second Run
3 p.m.		Medal Presentations



Hockey (cont'd)

Kenai Ice Rink, Kenai

1:15 p.m.	Women	Alberta vs. Nunavut
5 p.m.	Bantam	Alaska vs. NWT
7 p.m.	Bantam	Nunavut vs. Yukon



Indoor Soccer

Soldotna High School, Soldotna

8 a.m.	Juvenile Male	Yukon vs. NWT
9 a.m.	Int. Female	Alaska vs. Nunavut
10 a.m.	Juvenile Female	Alberta vs. Nunavut
11 a.m.	Juvenile Male	Nunavut vs. Greenland
12 p.m.	Int. Female	Yukon vs. NWT
1 p.m.	Juvenile Female	Alaska vs. Yukon
2 p.m.	Junior Male	Alaska vs. Nunavut
3 p.m.	Junior Female	Yukon vs. NWT
4 p.m.	Juvenile Male	Alberta vs. NWT
5 p.m.	Juvenile Female	NWT vs. Greenland
6 p.m.	Junior Male	Yukon vs. NWT
7 p.m.	Int. Female	Alaska vs. Greenland
8 p.m.	Juvenile Female	Alaska vs. Alberta
9 p.m.	Juvenile Male	Alaska vs. Yukon



Badminton

Soldotna Middle School, Soldotna

Round 1		Round 2			
Alberta vs. Nunavut	Yukon vs. Nunavut	Greenland vs. Alaska	Alberta vs. NWT		
Alaska vs. NWT					
Greenland vs. Yukon					
Round 3		Round 4		Round 5	
Alaska vs. Nunavut	Alberta vs. Alaska	Alberta vs. Greenland			
Greenland vs. NWT	Greenland vs. Nunavut	Alaska vs. Yukon			
Alberta vs. Yukon	Yukon vs. NWT	NWT vs. Nunavut			
9 a.m. Singles-Round 3	10:30 a.m. Singles-Round 4				
3 p.m. Doubles-Round 3					



Basketball

Cook Inlet Academy, Soldotna

9 a.m.	Female	Nunavut vs. NWT
11 a.m.	Male	Nunavut vs. NWT
1 p.m.	Female	Yukon vs. Nunavut
3 p.m.	Male	Yukon vs. Nunavut
5 p.m.	Female	NWT vs. Alaska
7 p.m.	Male	NWT vs. Alaska



Inuit Games

Kenai Central High School Auditorium

9 a.m.	Junior	2 Foot High Kick
11 a.m.	Open	2 Foot High Kick
3 p.m.	Open	Triple Jump
4:30 p.m.	Junior	Triple Jump
6:30 p.m.	Open Male	Head Pull



Biathlon

Skyview High School, Soldotna

6 p.m. Individual 7.5 km Race



Snowboarding

Alyeska Resort, Girdwood

11:30 a.m. Boarder Cross



Cross Country Skiing

Skyview High School, Soldotna

8 a.m. 500 m Sprint, 750 m Sprint



Snowshoeing

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

10:45 a.m.	Juvenile Female	2.5 km Cross Country
10:50 a.m.	Juvenile Male	2.5 km Cross Country
11 a.m.	Junior Female	5 km Cross Country
11:10 a.m.	Junior Male	5 km Cross Country



Curling

Homer Ice Rink, Homer

10:30 a.m.	Junior Female	Nunavut vs. Alaska
	Junior Male	Nunavut vs. Alberta
	Junior Male	NWT vs. Alberta
	Junior Female	NWT vs. Yukon
3:30 p.m.	Junior Female	Alberta vs. NWT
	Junior Female	Yukon vs. Alaska
	Junior Male	Yukon vs. Alberta
	Junior Male	Nunavut vs. NWT



Speedskating

Kenai Hockey Rink, Kenai

8 a.m.	Junior	1000 Meters
	Juvenile	777 Meters



Table Tennis

Redoubt Elementary, Soldotna

10 a.m.	Juvenile Male	Singles Events
10:30 a.m.	Juvenile Female	Singles Events
11 a.m.	Juvenile Male	Singles Events
11:30 a.m.	Juvenile Female	Singles Events
1 p.m.	Juvenile Male and Female	Doubles Events
1:30 p.m.	Junior Male and Female	Doubles Events
2 p.m.	Juvenile Male and Female	Doubles Events
2:30 p.m.	Junior Male and Female	Doubles Events
3 p.m.	Juvenile Male and Female	Doubles Events
3:30 p.m.	Junior Male and Female	Doubles Events
4 p.m.	Juvenile Male and Female	Doubles Events
5 p.m.	Junior Male and Female	Doubles Events



Dene Games

Mt. View Elementary, Kenai

10 a.m. All Stick Pull Competitions
5:30 p.m. Medal Presentations



Dog Mushing

Soldotna Air Field, Soldotna

10:30 a.m.	Juvenile	7.5 km x 4 Dogs Individual
12 p.m.	Junior	10 km x 6 Dogs Individual



Figure Skating

Soldotna Sports Center, Soldotna

1:30 p.m.	Level 1	Short Program
	Level 2	Short Program
	Level 3	Short Program
	Level 4	Short Program



Gymnastics

Kenai Middle School, Kenai

1 p.m. Team Competition



Volleyball

Skyview High School, Soldotna

9 a.m.	Female	Yukon vs. Nunavut	Court 1
	Male	Alaska vs. Alberta	Court 2
11 a.m.	Male	Yukon vs. Nunavut	Court 2
1 p.m.	Female	Alaska vs. NWT	Court 1
	Male	NWT vs. Greenland	Court 2
3 p.m.	Male	Alberta vs. Yukon	Court 2
5 p.m.	Female	NWT vs. Greenland	Court 1
	Male	Alaska vs. Nunavut	Court 2



Hockey

Soldotna Sports Center, Soldotna

8:15 a.m.	Women	Alaska vs. NWT
10 a.m.	Bantam	NWT vs. Alberta
11:45 a.m.	Bantam	Yukon vs. Alaska
5:30 p.m.	Midget	NWT vs. Nunavut
7:15 p.m.	Women	Yukon vs. Alaska



Wrestling

Kenai Recreation Center, Kenai

9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Team Competition	Nunavut vs. Yukon
	Team Competition	Alberta vs. Alaska
	Team Competition	Nunavut vs. NWT
	Team Competition	NWT vs. Alaska
	Team Competition	Alberta vs. Yukon



Photo By Akin Franciscone

Kenai's own Steve Adams welcomes Curling Athletes with "Scotland the Brave" on the bagpipes

At the Opening Curling Ceremonies in Homer, an all-star line-up welcomes the competitors to the ice

By AKIN FRANCISCONE
Ulu News

The sound of bagpipes echoed throughout the Homer ice rink as Kenai's Steve Adams blew "Scotland the Brave" to kick off Curling on Monday.

Marg White, the Curling sports chair and head official, introduced all of the athletes and coaches from Alberta North, Alaska, Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut. Boys and girls ranging from 11-18 from all regions will compete to be on top of the podium at the end of the games.

Homer mayor Jim Hornaday gave thanks to all of the people that made the event possible with the construction of the new

Homer Ice Rink. There was excitement in the air, with only one thing left to do. "Release the spirit within and let the games begin," he said.

An all-star curling team was assembled to throw the opening rock and it landed "right on the button" as the saying goes. In other words, a perfect throw. Another expression commonly used is, "landed right on the lid."

Many of the parents commented on how pleased they were with the condition of the ice "especially after all of our pre-game fears not knowing how well the conditions would be." Now let's see how the curling goes, that will be the real test, said a parent from Yukon.

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Karla DeBastien and Nelda Anderson compete for the 60 kg win

By KATHERINE WELLS
Ulu News

The first wrestling dual of the Arctic Winter Games pitting Team Alberta North versus Northwest Territories on Monday wound up with Alberta pinning their opponents 98-20.

This is the first Games' competition for Northwest Territories coaches John Himmelman and Kathleen Groenewegen. They said they are excited to be participating and watching the competition.

"I don't know who our toughest competitor will be. I

am getting my first look at the other teams," said Coach Groenewegen.

The Northwest Territories has one of the smallest teams in the competition with only four girls and four boys wrestling, according to Groenewegen. The team has four empty weight classes in their lineup resulting in the lopsided score.

Team Alberta has been practicing since October, according to their coach, Derek Berg, and the team is near the end of their regular season. Most of the wrestlers just competed in their provincial cham-

pionship, which is the equivalent of the state tournament in Alaska. The team has two provincial champions participating in the games, said Coach Berg.

"Team Alaska is our biggest competitor," said Coach Berg, "They never have a weak men's team. They give good, tough competition, which is sometimes hard to find at home."

The wrestling teams' matches continue through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Kenai Recreation Center. Individual competitions will be held Wednesday and Thursday.

- Cross-country skiing**
- * 3 km classic, midget female
Gold: Janelle E. Greer, Yukon
Silver: Dahria Beatty, Yukon
Bronze: Daria Aleksandrovna Isakova, Yamal-Nenets
 - * 3 km classic, midget male
Gold: Eric J. Ryan, Alaska
Silver: Scott G. Patterson, Alaska
Bronze: Jeff Wood, Yukon
 - * 5 km classic, junior female
Gold: Tonje Haanaes-Rensberg, Saami
Silver: Aila Biret Selfors, Saami
Bronze: Kristin Anna-Maria Bergren, Saami
 - * 5 km classic, junior male
Gold: Bogdan Yuryevich Pauk, Yamal-Nenets
Silver: David Greer, Yukon
Bronze: Ivan Viktorovich Vorobyev, Yamal-Nenets
 - * 5 km classic, juvenile female
Gold: Larisa Kuznetsova, Yamal-Nenets
Silver: Silje Wilsgaard, Saami
Bronze: Lilia Mansurovna Yusupova, Yamal-Nenets
 - * 5 km classic, juvenile male
Gold: Trent C. Semmens, Soldotna, Alaska
Silver: Alexey Petrovich Melnik, Yamal-Nenets
Bronze: Galen C. Johnston, Alaska

- Dene games**
- * Snow snake, junior female
Gold: Kristen Ann St. Arnault, Alberta North
Silver: Linnette A. Stettinger, Alaska
Bronze: Crystal J. Koe, Northwest Territories

- * Snow snake, Junior male
Gold: Tom Naqitarvik, Nunavut
Silver: Christian Warrior, Alaska
Bronze: Kohren H Green, Alaska
- * Snow snake, juvenile female
Gold: Charabelle M Silverfox, Yukon
Silver: Shawna McLeod, Northwest Territories
Bronze: Kara C.M. Lepine, Yukon
- * Snow snake, open male
Gold: Steve Murphy Ribbonleg, Alberta North
Silver: Thomas A Levi, Nunavut
Bronze: Willaim Hubloo, Nunavik Québec

- Inuit Games**
- * Kneel jump, junior female
Gold: Nicole (Nikki) Elizabeth St. Martin, Alberta North
Silver: Melanie L. Phillips, Northwest Territories
Bronze: Veronica McDonald, Northwest Territories
 - * Kneel jump, junior male
Gold: Steven Klengenber, Nunavut
Silver: Tom Fulop, Yukon
Bronze: Joshua R. Carr, Yukon
 - * Kneel jump, open female
Gold: Elizabeth L. Rexford, Alaska
Silver: Alissa N. Joseph, Alaska
Bronze: Mary Samisack, Nunavik Québec
 - * Kneel jump, open male
Gold: Andrew Atatahak, Nunavut
Silver: Aisa Pirti, Nunavik Québec
Bronze: Kyle Ross-Kuptana, Northwest Territories
 - * One-hand reach, open male
Gold: David S. Thomas, Alaska
Silver: Matthew Anikina, Northwest Territories
Bronze: Tie: Billy B. Bodfish, Alaska, and Manuel J. Tumalak, Alaska
 - * Arm pull, open female
Gold: Meika L. McDonald, Northwest Territories
Silver: Sandra Nuliyok Ruben, Nunavut
Bronze: Elizabeth L. Rexford, Alaska
 - * Arm pull, junior female
NOT AVAILABLE
 - * Arm pull, junior male
NOT AVAILABLE

- Speed Skating**
- * 500 m, junior female
Gold: Jill M.D. Gilday, Northwest Territories
Silver: Tara MacKinnon, Yukon
Bronze: McKenzie K. Bentley-Little, Northwest Territories
 - * 500 m, junior male
Gold: Troy Henry, Yukon
Silver: Aqpiq Terry Peter, Nunavut
Bronze: Brett T. Elliot, Yukon
 - * 500 m, juvenile female
Gold: Marie Christine Auger, Northwest Territories
Silver: Stephanie P. Bourgois, Northwest Territories
Bronze: Sarah Ali, Nunavut
 - * 500 m, juvenile male
Gold: Manasie Steven Kendall, Nunavut
Silver: David Coulombe, Nunavut
Bronze: Keil Samuel Hillis, Northwest Territories



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Photo By Dawn Fitzpatrick

Rebecca Baxter, Team Northwest Territories, hooking up her team for training and getting ready to go

Mushers test drive trail; find conditions good, but slow

By DAWN FITZPATRICK
Ulu News

The Arctic Winter Games dog mushers had their first official meeting Sunday after Saturday's snowfall at the Peninsula Dog Track on Funny River Road, Soldotna.

The race rules were reviewed by Bill Waddell, race marshal, while Phil Hoekman, trail boss, went over the trail details for the drivers and handed out trail maps. The trail is in good condition and "suicide hill was fixed last year and it shouldn't be a problem" for the class that runs that trail section, according to Hoekman.

"The temperature is warm for the dogs," said junior driver, Sophie Daniels from Team Yukon after her training run. "It is a nice trail but slow" because of the new snow. Her team had no snow for training until December.

Daniels has been racing for eight years and began running dogs 11 years ago. Her interest in dogs began because her mom, Marie, ran trap lines. She qualified for the Games in December tryouts at Haines Junction, Yukon and placed 1st. This outgoing, redheaded driver is 17 years old, lives in Whitehorse, and is participating in the Games for her third and final time.

Charmaine Christiansen, also from Team Yukon, comes from Dawson, Yukon. She became interested in running dogs when a neighbor asked her sister to help with his dogs. Her "sister helped once but didn't like it," said Christiansen. She took over helping and has been running dogs for 10 years now. She placed 1st at Dawson, Yukon, to qualify for Games and said she has also raced in Alaska before.

Indoor soccer kicks off with physically brutal game



Photo By Brian Keith

Gio Paletta (#5 Alberta) and Cody Reaume (#11 Yukon) contest the ball in what turned out to be a very high energy match

By BRIAN KEITH
Ulu News

Boys' soccer kicked off in what turned out to be a very physical game Monday, with Northern Alberta eventually taking the contest with a 5-3 win.

"Indoor soccer has developed into a very physical sport. Back when we started, it wasn't so much, but today the athletes are bigger and faster and more powerful," said Yukon Coach Randy Frazer. "It's no replacement for being a good technical athlete and a team player, but it is definitely a larger factor nowadays," he said.

Physicality was a big factor in this game.

"It was a rough game, a lot of pushing, but that's okay," said Yukon player Robin Lin, #4. Athletes played hard on

the sidewalls most of the game, sometimes falling into them. Team Yukon suffered a casualty early on when player Nathan Wallace hurt an ankle soon after the game started.

"Hopefully it's just a sprain. He's going to get X-rayed and some physical therapy, and hopefully he'll be back out again tomorrow," said Coach Frazer.

The athletes weren't the only ones getting dinged. During the high intensity game soccer balls were constantly flying into the audience, causing spectators to pay especially close attention to the action on the court.

Big scorers for team Alberta were #8 James Carr, #2 Albert Hills, #6 Ray Garcia and #7 Graham Clark. Yukon's #10 Stephen Dynes and #16 Harrison Uewing made their team's three goals.

College Spring Break in Alaska means subtracting sun, sand as students help AWG

By JOLEEN HUFFMON
Ulu News

Sun, Daytona Beach, frivolity, Ft. Lauderdale, beaches, and not a care in world...is what comes to mind when you think of Spring Break and college students. However, students from Alaska Christian College in Soldotna are spending their week-long vacation volunteering at the Arctic Winter Games.

The 24 volunteers comprised of students and staff, formed five groups that are doing different projects through the week. Among their duties are assisting with recycling efforts at four Games' locations and hosting the athletes' lounges so they feel welcome in the community. The ACC "team" will also host the Participants Dance at 7 p.m., Wednesday.

"I chose to stay here in Soldotna during my spring break because I wanted to help out with the Arctic Winter Games, especially since it is an international event," said student Ryan Mute.

"Volunteering with the recycling has made me more conscientious of what I can re-use or throw away," said Ian McEwen, a resident advisor at the campus that enrolls about 50 students a semester with most being Alaska Natives.

"Now that we have started to do the recycling projects for the Arctic Winter Games, there has been more recycling on the ACC campus," said Laura Isakson, another resident advisor.

The students agree that recycling will not only help at the Games, but also help others become more aware of the need to recycle and perhaps start doing it at home if they aren't already.

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One of the Robinson twins shows off his moves

By KATHERINE WELLS
Ulu News

The Yukon has a unique cultural contingent taking part in the Arctic Winter Games—a team of break dancers.

The dancers from Whitehorse demonstrated some of their freestyle moves Monday after the international media briefing at the “Coca-Cola Media Center” in Kenai. Each member stepped out and showed off a few tricks while the rest of the group kept the beat by clapping to the music.

Among the members of the group are three brothers, Nick Robinson and his younger twin brothers, Alex and Ben Robinson. They have been break

dancing for about four years.

“I was taking classes and started teaching them at home,” said Nick Robinson.

Some members prepare by practicing and improving balance, gymnastics, core strength and cardio, said Alex. The group is giving a performance each day while here and would like to schedule more according to member, Mellisa Kwok

Cultural performances will be held from 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, at Kenai Central High School; 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday at Soldotna High School; and, from 7-9:30 p.m., Thursday at Seward High School. There will be a cultural performance and awards event 7-9:30 p.m., Friday, at Kenai Central High School.



Photo By Allan Rudisill

Team Nunavut was fired up!

Arctic Winter Games ceremony draws praise from participants and spectators

By AARON YANKEY
Ulu News

Kathleen Netser, Team Nunavut (soccer). “It was awesome. The best part was that I was there with all my friends and my brother. But I was too short to see the dancing.”

Rick Ningeocheak, Team Nunavut (soccer). “It was awesome, but I had to stand a long time. I liked the dancers, but Hobo Jim was my favorite part.”

Kyle Campbell, Team Alberta North (hockey). “It was loud. My favorite part was walking in with all the other athletes.”

Mike Bergeron, Team

Alberta North (hockey). “There were a lot of people there and Hobo Jim was definitely my favorite part of the event.”

Brennan Linn, Alberta North, father of Team Alberta North soccer player. “They did a really good job. My favorite part was seeing my daughter in the crowd. The whole thing told a pretty good story.”

Jeff Moran, Games volunteer. “It’s something new to me, I’ve never been to one. It was pretty orderly and organized well.” Now that the games are officially open I hope to be able to meet people from other countries.”

Joe Nava, Team Alaska

board of directors. “I’ve attended all the opening ceremonies. This one was very well done, very well organized. All the volunteers passing the torch was a very nice touch. Having an Olympic medalist light the torch was something I had never seen in the games history.

Bob Bondurant, Soldotna. “I was impressed that the televised version turned out so well. I hope now that now the Games have started I can start seeing and meeting people from other countries. I’m impressed that our part of the world can be involved in this one thing together.”

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The 'End of the Road' beckons Games visitors via shuttle for Curling and culture

By JÄHNIE TRIPLETT
ULU news

While Homer, Alaska is fondly referred to as "the end of the road" by locals and tourism brochures, during the Arctic Winter Games there is no end in sight as to what is happening at the other end of the Peninsula.

Curling may be the only sporting competition slated for Homer, but the community still has more than enough to draw Arctic Winter Games athletes and visitors. In order for people to learn more about Curling, which is being held at the new ice arena on the Homer Spit, a public curling exhibition is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The exhibition is an opportunity to learn the rules of the game, see the techniques

and hear the history of the sport.

Visitors can see eagles by the hundreds, dine in some of the most unique restaurants in the state and walk on sandy beaches. They can go winter king salmon fishing, rent a snowmachine or visit our numerous galleries, said Derotha Ferraro, executive director of the Homer Chamber of Commerce.

The group of 80 Arctic Winter Games cultural performers who will be in Homer on Tuesday will spend the afternoon at the award-winning Pratt Museum and the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center before their 7 p.m. performance at Homer High School's Mariner Theatre.

To help visitors with trans-

portation between Homer and the central peninsula, a free shuttle service will be available on Wednesday-Friday. It will leave the Soldotna Sports Center at 10:30 a.m. and return to the central peninsula in the evening. Space on the shuttle will be limited and seats are on a first-come, first-served basis.

A complete shuttle schedule is available by calling the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce at 262-1337, Kenai Visitors and Cultural Center at 283-1991 or the Homer Chamber of Commerce at 235-7740.

Among the special things the community is offering is a collectible Homer pin, only 2,000 of which have been made. The pins are available at the Homer Chamber of Commerce and other locations in town.

All star Curling team throwing the opening rock, "right on the lid"



Photo By Jähnie Triplett

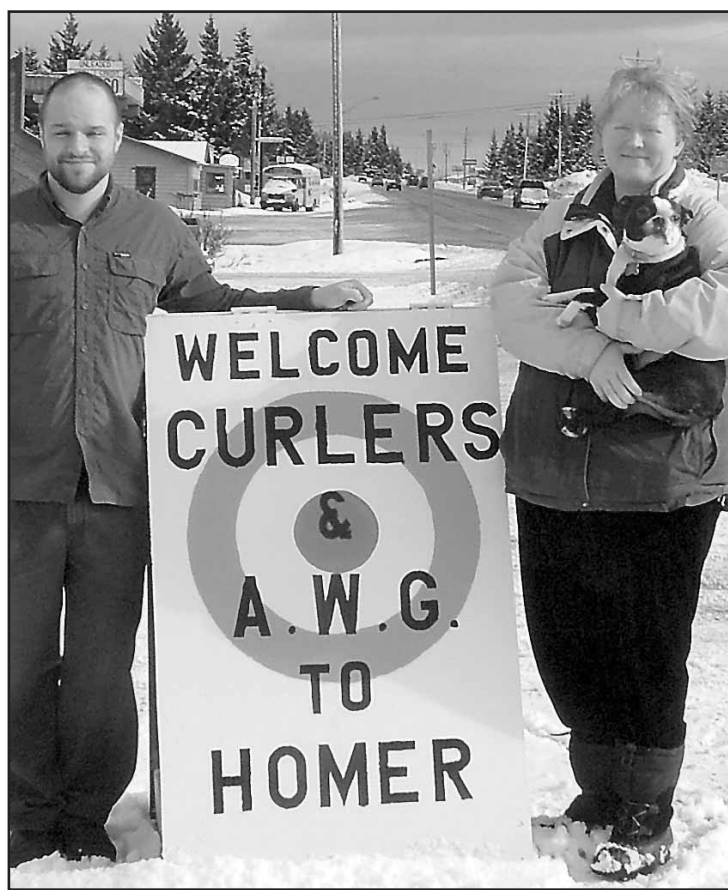


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Be on the lookout for collection containers at different venues for the following materials:

- Cardboard
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If you have any questions, need information, or would like to help with recycling activities during the games, contact Marie at 262-2005 or e-mail mvinson@borough.kenai.ak.us.



Photo By Ramon Carreon

A member of the Greenland Volleyball team gets some air as he prepares to spike the ball in practice on Monday.

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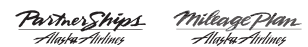


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