MUSKEG MEADOWS



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Upcoming Events

• Ottesen's True Value 4th of July Golf Tournament.

Saturday: 9 hole Best Ball Scramble

Sunday: 9 hole Mystery Scramble

- Tuesday evenings Ladies Golf Mentoring with Kathy Sandness
- Thursday evening men's golf mentoring with Tom Wolford
- 380 Automatic Pistol Raffle

• UPDATE! CANCELLED Parks & Rec Youth Program

• Construction continues at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

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CITY MARKET/SENTRY HARDWARE'S BACK NINE AND R&M ENGINEERING WEEKEND SCRAMBLE

Friday evening, Summer Solstice, June 21, 2013 City Market's "Back Nine" 9-Hole Best Ball Scramble

Forty-one golfers, came out to play at Muskeg Meadows for the continuance of City Market and Sentry Hardware's nine hole Best Ball Scramble, which was rescheduled from June 1st.

Tyler Gunn, Mike Ottesen, Mike White, Aaron Powell, Rebecca Smith, Roxanne Yancey, Wayne and Toot Harding, Larry Jackson, Matt Brown, Paul Axelson, Steve Boehlert, Jerry and Judy Bakeberg, Frank and Pat Roppel, Kirk Deal, Dave Trudeau, Roland Real,



First place team R&M Engineering Golf Tournament, Sunday, June 23, 2013. Kevin Larson winds up to hit his ball over the recent raven damage to the fairway. Teammates Steve Locklear (Left) and Chet Thompson (right) watch on. Photo credit: Donald Groom

Steve Locklear, Jeff Carson, John Pool, Robert Badgett, Graham Neele, John Thompson, Greg Karlik, Chet Thompson, Sean Mitchell, Dave Price, Trevor Sande, Ed Rilatos, Greg Scheff, Adam Starr, Tor Jorgensen, Kevin Larsen, Faye and Keene Kohrt, Eric Kading, Randy Littleton, Hal Rhodes, and Glacier Larsen. **1st place:** Mike Ottesen, Aaron Powell, Mike White, Tyler Gunn with net score, 17.

2nd place: Larry Jackson, Matt Brown, Paul Axelson, Steve Boelhert, net score, 19

3rd place: Jerry and Judy Bakeberg, Frank and Pat Roppel also with net score 19. **4th place** went to Rebecca Smith, Roxanne Yancey, Wayne and Toot Harding who also tied with a net score of 19.

Scorekeeper, Bill Messmer used the team with the fewest strokes on the designated handicap holes to break the tie.

"The Straightest Drive", "The Closest to the Pin" and "Double Your Money" were not available at this tournament as to not slow down play with the amount of players and late start.

Tournament sponsor City Market and Sentry Hardware kicked up their prize donations to drawings for \$100 gift cards to each store, City Market and Sentry Hardware, and a gift certificate for each 4 New York steaks and 8 New York steaks. A salmon fishing pole, BBQ grill, golf ball packages, and more!

Those who played in City Market/Sentry Hardware Mystery Scramble on June 2nd, had their name put in for the drawings along with the names of the current players in this Best Ball Scramble. Those who played in both had their name put in the drawing pot twice.

Saturday, June 22, 2013 R&M Engineering 18 hole, 2person Best Ball Scramble

Forty folks, twenty-one of which came up from Ketchikan to play in this year's annual R&M Engineering event.

Trevor Sande, John Pool, Paul Axelson, Jeff Carson, Chet Thompson, John Thompson, Kirk Deal, Dave Trudeau, Sean Mitchel, Tor Jorgensen, Adam Starr, Matt Brown, Greg Karlik, Larry Jackson, Robert Badgett, Graham Neale, Roland Real, Steve Boehlert, Dave Price, Kevin Larson, and Steve Locklear, all came on a boat from Ketchikan to spend the weekend golfing in Wrangell at Muskeg Meadows. Local participants included Club President, Brian Smith, Totem Bar owner. Aaron Powell, Vincent Balansag, Iver Nore, Mark Sams (from Juneau), Tyler Gunn, Ray Pederson (from Petersburg), George Woodbury, Warren Edgley, Grover Mathis, Matt Jurak, Muskeg Meadows Superintendent, Wayne Harding and his wife and W.G.C. Board Member, Kathleen "Toot" Harding, Jerry Bakeberg, Frank Roppel, Arnie and Kathy Sandness, Eric Kading, Faye Kohrt, and Ed Rilatos.

1st place: Arnie and Kathy Sandness, with net score 43.

2nd place: Ed Rilatos and Dave Price, net score 45

3rd place: John Pool and Jeff Carson, net score also 45

4th place: Paul Axelson and Steve Buehlert, net score 46

5th place: Tor Jorgensen and Adam Starr, net score 48

6th place: Wayne and Toot Harding, net score 50

7th place: Jerry Bakeberg, Frank Roppel, net score 51

8th place: Chet Thompson and Sean Mitchel, net score 52

9th place: Robert Badgett and Graham Neale, net score 56

Also with a net score of 56 were Trevor Sande and Matt Brown.

Sunday, June 23, 2013 R&M Engineering 9 hole, 4-person Best Ball Scramble

Forty-eight folks, twenty from the group from Ketchikan joined us for the second half of R&M Engineering golf tournament.

Trevor Sande (Sponsor), John Pool, Chet Thompson, John Thompson, Paul Axelson, Jeff Carson, Adam Starr, Tor Jorgensen, Graham Neale, Robert Badgett, Kirk Deal, Dave Trudeau, Kevin Larson, Steve Locklear, Sean Michel, Matt Brown, Greg Karlik, Steve Boehlert, Larry Jackson and Roland Real, Ketchikan group.

Local participants included Ray Pederson (Petersburg), Greg Scheff (Sponsor), Ed Rilatos, Brian Smith, Wayne and Toot Harding, Grover Mathis, Rafael Nunez, Faye and Keene Kohrt, Colin Dando, Eric Kading, Brett and George Woodbury, Joel Peterman and Warren Edgley, John Morse, Aaron Powell, Tyler Gunn, Mike Ottesen, Jim and Betty Abbott, Arnie and Kathy Sandness, Jerry Bakeberg, Tom Wolford, John Tullis and Matt Jurak.

1st place: With a final score of 16, Kevin Larson, Steve Locklear, Sean Mitchel and Chet Thompson.

2nd place: Also with a net score of 16, John Pool, Jeff Carson, Adam Starr and Tor Jorgensen.

3rd place: Ray Pederson, Aaron Powell, Tyler Gunn and Mike Ottesen who shot a 19

4th place: Trevor Sande, Matt Brown, Roland Real, Larry Jackson, net score also 19.

5th place: Wayne and Toot Harding, Grover Mathis, Rafael Nunez, final score 20

6th place: Faye and Keene Kohrt, Colin Dando, Eric Kading, net score also 20

R&M Engineering offered a grand prize drawing of Alaska Airlines, Club 49 round trip tickets for two from Wrangell to Seattle which was won by Mark Sams of Juneau who played in R&M Engineering's 18 hole Best Ball Scramble Saturday. Other drawings included Muskeg Meadows logowear, and more!

Lessons/Mentoring

Each Tuesday evening between 5 and 5:30pm, ladies come together for golf mentoring with Kathy Sandness.

Men's golf mentoring with Tom Wolford every Thursday, starting between 6 and 6:30pm. Club members of the mentoring groups receive special member discounts, only \$15, and a "Bonus Round" each week.

Divided into two groups, seven ladies participated in a "Straightest Drive" competition during the Tuesday evening ladies golf. Winners of the competition in the first group was Georgie Sansom, and Margaret Torreano won from the second group. As an incentive to speed up play during evening mentoring golf. Muskeg Meadows is giving club members 50% off all rentals, including motor carts. That brings the motor cart rental fee down to only \$10 plus tax! *All contract terms and rules apply. Wrangell Golf Club Members who join either mentoring group receive special discounts on greens fees as well as receive a special free bonus round of golf anytime after 5pm during the week. On the schedule for this Tues-

On the schedule for this Tuesday's group is Best Ball Scramble through the fairways until you reach the green. Everyone will putt from Kathy's designated location and only the person with the least amount of putts score will be recorded. Also a reminder to bring bug repellant, and light rain gear, water proof rain hoods and club covers, marker pens for identifying marks on individual golf balls.

The Wrangell Parks & Rec Summer youth program has been cancelled until further notice. This was the decision of the Wrangell Parks & Rec Director, Amber Al-Haddad. Golf was in their schedule every Tuesday morning, for an hour starting at 11am. For safety and skill. Wrangell Golf Club Youth Leaders, Don and Bonnie Roher were assisting the children with proper golf etiquette on the driving range and practice putting green. We are hoping Ms. Al-Haddad will find money in the budget to continue this event for the youth of the community.

Muskeg Meadows Modifications

Course repairs on fairway #3 remain in effect. Beware of cart path, foot bridges, and areas that are roped off. Please note that the areas under construction are considered by USGA as "Ground Under Repair", and may be played with a free drop out of the area, no closer to the pin. The yardage on that fairway has been modified and compensated for on fairway #6 changing #6 to a par 4.

During tournaments teams will be using the colored pegs on #3 for tee areas. Men use the white pegs located just below the construction area and ladies use the red pegs just above the construction area for a short par 3.

On fairway #6 the champion boxes will be used by men and the white tee box will be used as the forward tee.

The "Closest to the Pin" competition will remain on #4.

The "Straightest Drive" will permanently remain on fairway #1.

Youth

For your safety, please be aware of and yield to ground under construction areas that are roped off throughout the golf course. On the back side of the buildings near the Tourney Room construction has begun. A temporary ramp to the Tournament Room was put up and new steps to the back porch of the Proshop are now useable. Club Member and golf mentor. Tom Wolford, will be working to rebuild the back stairs to the Proshop, Ball Room, and the entire porch and ramp of the Tournament Room.

Ravens continue to viciously attack the fairways by pecking and digging for food throughout the golf course. These rough areas that have been overturned by birds are also considered "Ground Under Repair", and may be played with a free drop out of the rough area, no closer to the pin.

The effort to control the raven's food source, grubs, continues at Muskeg Meadows. The golf course Superintendant, Wayne Harding, has administered a million predatory nematodes to the sod. The nematodes will seek out and destroy the grubs. Predatory nematodes cause no harm to anything that isn't insect larva. Nematodes won't harm plants or earthworms either. These predator nematodes kill only grubs by invading the insect's body and reproducing on the remains. Nematodes can multiply by the millions per second when the conditions allow and each new nematode will repeat the cycle. Check out Charley's Greenhouse, in Mt. Vernon, Washington online to learn more about the beneficial nematodes at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

http://www.charleysgree nhouse.com/index.cfm? page=_productdetails&p roductid=7852&learnm ore=1#Imore

The nematodes were funded, in part, by the Rasmuson grant the Wrangell Golf Club received this year for course repair and maintenance within Muskeg Meadows Golf Course after last year's raven destruction.

Ravens are a protected species and are considered sacred by the local natives of Southeast Alaska. The Legend of the Raven says the once white bird, now black, helped bring the sun, moon, stars, fresh water and fire. The Raven is also considered by local natives to be ancestors who are mischievous, handsome tricksters. Local authorities believe the ravens are concentrating on digging at wet, mossy areas in the fairways. Management has observed ravens in large groups pecking and scratching in several relatively small areas throughout each fairway. If we eliminate the raven's food source, in the safest way possible without harming the birds or the ecosystem, we can eliminate the problem.

Also to help keep up on the golf course maintenance. Wayne Harding, Muskeg Meadows Golf Course Superintendent, has obtained a new mower that is better equipped to handle the rough terrain in order to maintain the continuous raven attacks. Wrangell **Golf Club Board Members** are working together on obtaining a new thatching machine that will keep the moss thinned out within the fairways. We are maintaining the fairways the healthiest way possible for our delicate environment. Thatching the moss will aerate the sod and make better conditions for grass to grow. Fertilizing will also lend to keeping the moss down and the grass thick and healthy. Also partially funded by the Rasmuson Grant is grass seed and fertilizer.



Photo credit: Bonnie Roher

Raffles

The Wrangell Golf Club is raffling a Jimenez Arms "J.A. 380" automatic pistol. \$10/ticket and only 100 tickets will be sold. You may purchase a ticket at the golf course Proshop.

Wrangell Golf Club, Inc. raffle, permit #2144, proceeds directly support Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. Each raffle ticket sold is always noticed and appreciated.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are always volunteer opportunities available at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

Salads and side dishes are also greatly appreciated for our backyard BBQ during every tournament.

There is always a need for a "Double Your Money" host to spot on fairway #4 during tournaments. Must be 18+ years of age to participate. Volunteer position requires taking and recording bets and verifying if betters tee shot makes it to, and remains on the green.

It's that time of year again to be coordinating our 4th of July events downtown. We are scheduled to host the traditional Chipping Contest and Ken Davidson's World Famous Brat Booth again this year but we are still in need of helpers. Couples who would like to volunteer 1 hour at the Chipping Contest are highly encouraged. One person to take and record bets, and one (or more) person(s) to retrieve balls. There are still several 1-hour slots available between 3-5pm. Please see the attached sign up sheet.

Latest News

Professional photo prints by Donald Groom of Muskeg Meadows and golfers are now available to purchase through the Proshop. \$2 for 4x6, \$5 for 5x7 and \$10 for 8x10 prints.

The Wrangell Golf Club purchased five sets of new RAM rental clubs. 2 right hand men's sets, 1 left hand men's set, 1 women's left hand set and 1 women's right hand set. Club rentals are \$1.00 each or \$15.00 for the full set per nine hole round.

Phase two of the covered motor cart parking area has begun. D1 gravel will be laid down as flooring for the parking area. Next will be the addition of doors to both ends of the covered area and skirting around the buildings.

The driving range will be closed July 19-21st for installation of new nets. A work party has been scheduled. Please call the Proshop for further details.



Installation of new driving range nets to begin July 19th. Driving Range will be closed until netting is fully installed.

Photo credit: Donald Groom



One of five new sets of RAM golf club rentals at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

Latest News cont'd....

Brett Woodbury, Woodbury Enterprises donated some gravel for the covered power cart parking area and the cart path around fairway #3. Please be mindful to ground under repair areas.



R&M Engineering golf tournament. Second place team from Ketchikan playing in the 9 hole, 4 person Best Ball Scramble on Sunday, June 23, 2013. Pictured L-R John Pool, Jeff Carson, Tor Jorgensen and Adam Starr. Photo credit: Donald Groom



R&M Engineering golf tournament. Two from the first place team, Sunday, June 23, 2013. (L-R) Steve Locklear with Alaska Glass and Chet Thompson from Marble Construction in Ketchikan, Alaska. Photo credit: Donald Groom



R&M Engineering golf tournament. Two from the second place team (Taking 1st place by technicality), Sunday, June 23, 2013. (L-R) Tor Jorgensen, Independent Carpenter, and Adam Starr with Honeywell. Both from Tempe, Arizona, working in Ketchikan, Alaska

Photo credit: Donald Groom

Thank You...

I'd like to thank tournament sponsors, Trevor Sande and Greg Scheff with R&M Engineering in Ketchikan and Wrangell. And each participant and volunteer who came out to show their support this weekend.

Congratulations to the placing teams and all the winners!

Thank you to Chet and John Thompson with Marble Consruction, Sean Mitchel with Weight 'N' Sea Charters, Jeff Carson with Ward Cove Market, John Pool with Pool Engineering, Graham Neale with HDI Mining, Paul Axelson with Southeast Stevedoring, Steve **Boehlert and Rafael Nunez** with Wells Fargo, Larry Jackson with Tongass Forest Enterprises, Dave Price with First City Electric. Kirk Deal with Advanced Communications and Adam Starr with Honeywell for lending a part in the annual R&M Engineering golf tournament.

Thank you to all the local participants, and dedicated club members from Petersburg and Juneau.

Thank you, Kathy Sandness, Tom Wolford, and Don & Bonnie Roher, Wrangell Golf Club Mentors, and Advisors. And the participants of golf lessons and mentoring groups.

Thanks to Don Roher, Wrangell Golf Club Board Member and certified firearms dealer for giving us the opportunity to raffle the pistol. Thanks to everyone who's purchased a ticket.

Thank you to the 4th of July volunteers and Charter Members Chuck and Ava Hay, Pat Roppel and friend, Jan and Betty Abbott.

Thank you Brett Woodbury for your kind donations and hard work to keep Muskeg Meadows in top shape.

Thank you to the golf course employees for the hard work and dedication to the Club and Course.

Wayne Harding: Muskeg Meadows Golf Course Superintendent.

Michael Brewster: Greenskeeper.

Bill Messmer: Tournaments, Grounds and Clubhouse Assistant.

Donald Groom: BBQ Cook, Computer Tech, Photos, Youth, Driving Range and Clubhouse Assistant.

Your hard work and dedication is always appreciated and is what keeps the golf course going.

Thank you Sylvia Ettefagh and Alaska Vistas for coordinating golf on board the cruise ships, and directing tourists to Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

Thank you Captain Eric, with the Catamaran Cruise Ship, Alaskan Dream for making golf a regular stop in Wrangell!



Golf the 4th Chipping Contest Sign up Sheet



Time Slot	Name
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Pat Roppel
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Pat's friend, Jan
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Ava Hay
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Chuck Hay
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Shannon & Donald floating between Brat booth and Chipping contest
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Shannon Booker
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Donald Groom
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Betty Abbott
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4:00pm - 5:00pm	Shannon Booker
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Donald Groom
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10:00am starting time both days. Sign up **no later than** **9:45am**

Golf Tournament (907) 874-GOLF(4653)





Muskeg Meadows Golf Course is providing a golf mentoring program for men Thursday evenings starting at 5:30-6:00pm. If you are a beginner or rediscovering the game, and have a desire to learn come join us with a more experienced golfer, Tom Wolford.

Keep an eye out for future leagues, play dates, social events, and learning opportunities with other mentors.



Muskeg Meadows Golf Course is providing a golf mentoring program for ladies Tuesday evenings starting at 5:00-5:30pm. If you are a beginner or rediscovering the game, and have a desire to learn come join us with a more experienced lady golfer, Kathy Sandness. Keep an eye out for future leagues, play dates, social events, and learning opportunities with other mentors.

*Special discounts for W.G.C. Members. Annual membership dues \$40.00 (907) 874-GOLF(4653)

2013 Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	SPONSOR	FORMAT	STARTING TIME
Sat & Sun	May 4th & 3th	Angerman's Inc. & Outlet	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 11th & 12th	Bobs' IGA	Sat.Mystery Scramble Sun.Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 18th & 19th	Ryder Cup (PSG vs WRG)	4 Special 9-Hole Events (2 ea day)	10am each day
Tuesday	May 21st	YOUTH TOURNAMENT	4-Hole Best Ball	4pm tee time
Fri & Sat	May 24th & 25th	WMC Foundation	9-Hole Best Ball	(Fri.4pm) & (Sat.10am)
Sunday	May 26th	OPEN		
Sat & Sun	June 2nd	City Market/Sentry Hardware	Mystery Scramble	10am
Sat & Sun	June 8th & 9th	Kito's Kave	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Saturday	June 15th	AP&T/KSTK	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Sunday	June 16th	ELKS Lodge	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Friday	June 21st	City Market/Sentry Hardware	9-Hole Best Ball	sign up 3:30pm
Sat & Sun	June 22nd & 23rd	R&M Engineering	(Sat)18-Hole 2-Person Best Ball (Sun) 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	June 29th & June 30th	Ottesen's True Value	Sat. 9-Hole Best Ball, Sun. 9-Hole Mystery Scramble	10am each day
Sat & Sun	July 6th & 7th	Northland Services, Inc.	9-Hole Best Ball, 9-Hole Individual	10am each day
Tuesday	July 9th	YOUTH TOURNAMENT	4-Hole Best Ball	10em
Sat & Sun	July 13th & 14th	Alaska Airlínes	[Sat] 18-Hole"Drop-Out" Scramble (Sun) 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	July 20th & 21st	First Bank	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat	July 27th	Bearfest	18-Hole Best Ball	10am
Sunday	July 28th	Sr. Apartments/Al Raer Memorial	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Sat & Sun	August 3rd & 4th	Totem Bar & Liquor	Sat. 18-Hole Best Ball, Sun. 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Saturday	August 10th	Women's Cancer Care Fundraiser	9-Hole Best Ball (with special events)	8:30am-4pm
Sunday	August 11th	Men's Cancer Care Fundraiser	9-Hole Best Ball Scramble	10am
Sat & Sun	August 17th & 18th	Stikine Sportsmen Association	2-Person, 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	August 24th & 25th	Buness Bro's	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Wednesday	August 28th	B.S.A. YOUTH TOURNAMENT	4-Hole Best Ball	Sign up 3:30pm
Saturday	August 31st	Members Only CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	Individual Handicap	10am
Sunday	September 1st	OPEN		
Monday	Sept 2nd (Labor Day)	Breakaway Adventures	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Saturday	Sept 7th	2 Clubs and a Putter	9-Hole Individual Handicap	10am
Sunday	Sept 8th	OPEN		

*Additional youth tournaments pending confirmation. *Schedule revised 6/03/13

*Must be 18+ years of age

*Sign up no later than 15 minutes before tee time. \$25 entry fees each day unless otherwise noted.