

MUSKEG MEADOWS



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Upcoming Events

"Golf the 4th" Independence Day events downtown Wrangell

- Ken Davidson's World Famous Brat Booth
- Chipping Contest

- Northland Services, Inc.
Saturday: 9-hole Best Ball
Sunday: 9-hole Individual Handicap

- Men's and Women's golf mentoring

- 380 Automatic Pistol Raffle

- Ravens vs. Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

- Parks & Recs Summer Youth Program has been rescheduled.

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OTTESEN'S TRUE VALUE

*Saturday,
June 29, 2013
9-Hole Best Ball
Scramble*

Twenty-seven golfers, came out to play at Muskeg Meadows for this Best Ball Scramble.

Jim and Betty Abbott, Arnie Sandness, Grant Thompson, Brian Smith, Vincent Balansag, Jane Bliss, Tammy Davidson, Shawn and Gwenna Richardson, George Woodbury, Ray Pederson, Roxanne Yancey, Rebecca Smith, Chris Ellis, John Morse, Greg Scheff, Ed Rilatos, Randy Littleton, Hal Rhodes, Eric Kading, Faye Kohrt, Ernie Christian, Nick Carter Tyson Carter, Warren Edgley, and Rafael Nuñez.

1st place: (Three person team) Eric Kading, Faye Kohrt, and tournament sponsor, Ernie Christian, with net score, 18.

2nd place: Shawn and



Ottesen's True Value prize drawings. Players who entered the tournament get their name put in the drawing. Players who entered each day get their name put in the drawing twice.
Photo credit: Vincent Balansag

Gwenna Richardson, George Woodbury and Ray Pederson, net score, 21

3rd place: Jim and Betty Abbott, Arnie Sandness, Grant Thompson, also with a net score 21.

Scorekeeper, Bill Messmer used the team with the fewest strokes on the designated handicap hole #2 to break the tie where the 2nd place team had three strokes on #2, and third place had 4 strokes.

"The Straightest Drive" went to Eric Kading with 29" from the line. John Morse got "The Closest to the Pin" with a 7'6" putt.

*Sunday, June 30,
2013*

*Ottesen's True
Value Mystery
Scramble*

Mystery Scramble: Foursomes pick who they'd like to golf with, while keeping their own individual score. Tournament scorekeeper randomly selects four people to pair together for a team handicap. Total scores are added together, minus the "Mystery" team handicap. Players do not know who they will be selected with until the final score is announced. Individual scores are kept and recorded to update players individual

handicap for future tournaments.

Twenty-nine competitors came out for this Mystery Scramble. (Playing together, but not as a team)

John Morse, Arnie Sandness, Kathy Sandness, Randy Littleton, and Club President, Brian Smith.

Mike Symons, Jerry Bakeberg, Shawn Richardson, and Gwen Richardson.

Jeremy Good, Jamie Smykalski, Steve Mielke, and Keborah Boger.

Ed Rilatos, Greg Scheff, Hal Rhodes, Glacier Larsen.

Tyler Gunn, Mike Ottesen, Mike Hay and Jeff Good.

Ray Pederson, Eric Kading, George Woodbury, and Joel Peterman.

Faye Kohrt, Ernie Christian, Jim Shoemaker, Warren Edgley.

Randomly selected by myself, Shannon Booker, were three, 3-person "mystery" teams and five 4-person "mystery" teams.

Eric Kading, Mike Hay, and Joel Peterman.

Gwenna Richardson, Hal Rhodes and Mike Symons.



Ottesen's True Value Golf Tournament prizes on display.
Photo credit: Vincent Balansag

Ed Rilatos, Sean Richardson, and Jamie Smykalski.

Kathy Sandness, Jerry Bakeberg, Keborah Boger, and Tyler Gunn.

Steve Mielke, Faye Kohrt, Randy Littleton and Glacier Larsen.

Jeremy Good, Ernie Christian, George Woodbury, Jeff Good.

Warren Edgley, Mike Ottesen, Ray Pederson, and Greg Scheff.



Ottesen's True Value Manager, Ernie Christian putts one in on #3 during Sunday's Mystery Scramble.
Photo credit: Donald Groom

1st place: Eric Kading, Mike Hay, Joel Peterman with a team handicap of 37, and net score 113.

2nd place: Ed Rilatos, Shawn Richardson, and Jamie "Ski" Smykalski with a team handicap of 43, and net score 141.

3rd place: Gwenna Richardson, Hal Rhodes, and Mike Symons with a team handicap of 48, and net score 151.

4th place: Kathy Sandness, Jerry Bakeberg, Keborah Boger and Tyler Gunn, with a team handicap of 34 and net score 162.



What's this? Pink flamingos on the course? It's 4th of July Royalty candidate Kayla Rooney's fundraiser. Looks like someone "flocked" tournament sponsor, Ernie Christian.
Photo credit: Donald Groom

The “Straightest Drive” went to Brian Smith with 2.5” from the line.

“Closest to the Pin” was won by George Woodbury with an impressive 24’11” putt.

Ernie Christian with Ottesen’s True Value donated several great prizes, with a grand prize Weber BBQ grill, which was won by Randy Littleton.

Other great prizes included the “Red Lantern” Award for the highest score, which was won with 91 strokes for 9-holes by Hal Rhodes.

And a \$75 gift certificate to Ottesen’s True Value for the lowest score, which was won with only 42 strokes by Keborah Boger.

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 greens fees, and a “Bonus Round” each week.

As an incentive to join in the evening mentoring golf, Muskeg Meadows is giving club members 50% off all rentals, including motor carts. Which brings the motor cart rental fee down to only \$10 plus tax! *All contract terms and rules apply.

On the schedule for last Tuesday’s ladies group was a Best Ball Scramble through the fairways until they reached the green. Everyone putted from Kathy’s designated location and the person who made the least amount of putts score was recorded.

Rebecca Smith got the ball in the hole with only one putt on #9. And Joan Phillips also sunk her ball with a single putt on hole #3.

Mentors slogan, “Drive for the show, putt for the dough”.

Evening golfers should bring bug repellent, and light rain gear, water proof rain hoods and club covers, marker pens for marking to identify individual’s golf balls.

Golf Course Attendant, Bill Messmer recommends using Listerine as a non toxic bug repellent.

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.

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.



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.charleysgreenhouse.com/index.cfm?page=_productdetails&productid=7852&learnmore=1#lmore

Ravens vs. Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

Muskeg Meadows seems to be taking the lead in the stand-off with the ravens, which have been viciously attacking the fairways by pecking and digging for food.

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. He also has a plan to administer several million more. 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.



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.

Pictured above are examples of the damaged fairways caused from ravens.

\$10 A TICKET. ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.



Wrangell Golf Club, Inc.
Raffle permit no. 2144

This raffle directly supports Muskeg Meadows Golf Course.

Each ticket purchased is always noticed and appreciated.

\$10 a ticket. Drawing will be held at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course when 100 tickets are sold. Need not be present to win.

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, or downtown on the 4th of July at either Ken Davidson's World Famous Brat Booth, or the Chipping Contest.

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

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. This is a fantastic scenic opportunity for families

who are visiting for the 4th of July. Stop by the golf course anytime to set up a time that works great for you.

We have been coordinating the "Golf the 4th" events for downtown Wrangell. We are scheduled to host the traditional Chipping Contest and Ken Davidson's World Famous Brat Booth again this year. There is still room for volunteer help.

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.

Next weekend's tournament sponsor, Jim Shoemaker with Northland Services has sweetened the pot for their tournament prizes, \$300 cash for the first place team, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place will be won! Sunday's format is Individual Handicap, and one lucky winner will take home the full amount in each place.

On the backyard menu for Saturday will be "Shoe's" smoked chicken, potato salad and baked beans. And Sunday will be a smoked Prime Rib, baked potatoes and salad. Only \$5.00/plate each day!

The driving range will be closed July 18th for installation of new nets. We are estimating this project to take a full week before its' completion. A work party has been scheduled. Please call the



Installation of new driving range nets to begin July 18th. Driving Range will be closed until netting is fully installed.

Photo credit: Donald Groom



An example of the scenic photo opportunities by Donald Groom at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. Pictured above is Wrangell Golf Club President, Brian Smith.



Sunday, June 30, 2013. Kayla Rooney's (4th of July Royalty Contestant) "Flocking Crew". Pictured (L-R) are Kayla's brother and father.

Photo credit: Donald Groom



Ottesen's True Value banner flags on display along the cart path on #9. Photo credit: Vincent Balansag

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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



Kayla Rooney "For Queen" 4th of July Royalty fundraiser. Muskeg Meadows was "Flocked" with pink Flamingos with a special message for tournament sponsor, Ernie Christian.

Photo credit: Donald Groom



Kayla Rooney "For Queen" 4th of July Royalty fundraiser. Pink flamingos line the cart path to fairway #1.

Photo credit: Donald Groom

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



Wrangell Golf Club President, Brian Smith, on his birthday, Sunday, June 30, 2013 playing in the Ottesen's True Value Mystery Scramble.

Photo credit: Donald Groom



Golf Tournament Sponsor, Ernie Christian, Sunday, June 30, 2013 playing in the Ottesen's True Value Mystery Scramble.

Photo credit: Donald Groom

There is also always a need for driving range pickers to find range balls outside the driving range nets. The golf course has special "Shag Bags" to pick up range balls which will save from bending over and reaching for the balls on the ground.

Painting, pruning trees and shrubs, and tending to the flower beds throughout the golf course is also something a volunteer could help with.

Youth

I am very pleased to

announce the Wrangell Parks and Recs Summer Youth Program has been rescheduled to July 16th and 30th from 11am-12noon.

Thank You...

I'd like to thank tournament sponsors, Ernie Christian with Ottesen's True Value in Wrangell, Alaska. And each participant and volunteer who came out to show their support this weekend.

Thank you, Rhonda Christian for volunteering to serve golfers from the Club Cart this weekend.

Thank you to all the local participants, and dedicated club members local golfers, and all the golfers from afar who joined us in this weekend's events. We encourage golfers new to Wrangell, Alaska and Muskeg Meadows Golf Course to get in on the challenge of a friendly competition at any of our tournaments. Winning is never guaranteed, but a good time is!

Tournament entry (green) fees are only \$25 a person.

Thank you, Kathy Sandness, Tom Welford, 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 this pistol. And thanks to everyone who's purchased a ticket.

Thank you to the 4th of July Chipping Contest volunteers: Chuck and Ava Hay, Pat Roppel and friend, Jan. Betty Abbott, and Alice Rooney.

Thank you to the 4th of July Brat Booth volunteers, Ken Davidson, Dick Angerman, Leonard Angerman, Fred Angerman, Steve Angerman, Kyle Angerman, Brian Smith and Tom Duncan.

Thank you to the crew at City Market for each person's hard work and dedication to ensure excellent quality of the food at the Wrangell Golf Club's Brat Booth for the 4th of July.

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

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

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: Greenkeeper.

Bill Messmer: Tournaments, Grounds and Clubhouse Assistant.

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

Thank you also W.G.C. Board of Directors, your hard work and dedication is always appreciated and is what keeps the golf course going.

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

Congratulations to the placing teams and all the winners!



Golf the 4th Chipping Contest Sign up Sheet



Time Slot

Name

2:00pm - 3:00pm	Ava Hay
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Chuck Hay
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Shannon Booker
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Donald Groom
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3:00pm - 4:00pm	Donald Groom
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Betty Abbott
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Alice Rooney
3:00pm - 4:00pm	
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Shannon Booker
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Donald Groom
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Pat's friend, Jan
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Pat Roppel
4:00pm - 5:00pm	



4th of
July



Northland Services

MARINE TRANSPORTATION

Saturday, July 6, 2013 **9-HOLE BEST BALL**

Sunday, July 7, 2013 **9-HOLE INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP**

10:00am starting time both days.

Sign up **no later than** **9:45am**

\$300 PRIZE WINNINGS FOR **1ST PLACE**,

\$200 FOR **2ND PLACE**,

\$100 FOR **3RD PLACE**

Each Day!

Join us for the backyard BBQ this weekend!

*On the menu Saturday is Smoked Chicken Sandwiches and
Smoked Prime Rib on Sunday
during tournament prize awards.*

ONLY \$5.00 A PLATE EACH DAY!

Golf Tournament (907) 874-GOLF(4653)

Golf

the   4th of July

Starting at 2:00pm

Between the corner of City Hall Lawn and
Northland Services, Inc.

CHIPPING CONTEST

- 1-2 SUCCESSFUL CHIPS = 1 FREE TOKEN
- 3-5 SUCCESSFUL CHIPS = 2 FREE TOKENS
- 6-7 SUCCESSFUL CHIPS = 2 FREE TOKENS + HAT OR T-SHIRT
- 8-9 SUCCESSFUL CHIPS = 4 FREE TOKENS + LOGO HOODIE

Grand Prize Drawing

18+YRS 2014 SEASON PASS & MEMBERSHIP
TO MUSKEG MEADOWS

<17YRS 2014 FAMILY DAY PASS
TO MUSKEG MEADOWS



10
Balls for
\$5.00

Golf

the   4th of July

Behind Wells Fargo immediately following the parade

Ken Davidson's World Famous Beer Brats



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.



**Special discounts for W.G.C. Members.*

Annual membership dues \$40.00

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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.



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2013 Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	SPONSOR	FORMAT	STARTING TIME
Sat & Sun	May 4th & 5th	Angerman's Inc. & Outlet	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 11th & 12th	Bob's IGA	Sat, Mystery Scramble Sun, Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 18th & 19th	Ryder Cup (PGA 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	Kior'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 5:30pm
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	Ortzen'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	10am
Sat & Sun	July 13th & 14th	Alaska Airlines	(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 Kaer 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	Sibline Sportsmen Association	2-Person, 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	August 24th & 25th	Burnes 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		

*Sign up no later than 15 minutes before tee time.

\$25 entry fees each day unless otherwise noted.

*Must be 18+ years of age

*Additional youth tournaments pending confirmation.

*Schedule revised 6/03/13