



MUSKEG MEADOWS

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Monday, August 5, 2013

Upcoming Events

• Rally for Cancer Care
LADIES: Saturday, Aug 10th
MEN'S: Sunday, Aug 11th

• Men's and Women's golf Mentoring.
LADIES: Tuesday 5:30pm
MENS: Thursday 6:30pm.

• Ravens vs. Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

• Modifications on green #2

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TOTEM BAR

18 HOLE BEST BALL SCRAMBLE

AND

9 HOLE BEST BALL SCRAMBLE

*Saturday,
August 3, 2013*

Totem Bar 18-Hole Best Ball Scramble

Last Saturday, nineteen golfers attended the Totem Bar's golf tournament.

Rocky Littleton and Ray Pederson, from Petersburg, Alaska. Mark Sams, from Juneau, Alaska. Tournament Sponsor, Aaron Powell, and local Wrangell Golf Club Members, Eric Kading, Faye Kohrt, Greg Scheff, Ed Rilatos, Rafael Nunez, Hal Rhodes, Grover Mathis, Randy Littleton, Arnie and Kathy Sandness, Mike Ottesen, Mike Hay, Tyler Gunn, Warren Edgley, and George Woodbury.

The weather was cooperative and comfortable for this eighteen hole, four-person Best Ball golf tournament. The golfing crowd



Michelob Ultra putters and Totem Bar hats were among several prize drawings for the Totem Bar's golf tournament. Photo credit: Vincent Balansag

were in for a pleasant surprise when tournament sponsor, Aaron Powell changed the format of the back nine to be played from the blue tee boxes. Ladies moved back to the white (men's) tee boxes. Changing the tees created a unique and unfamiliar challenge to the course for the golfers.

1st place (-9/par):

Aaron Powell, Mike Ottesen, Jr. Tyler Gunn, and Mike Hay. Team handicap, 28. Net score, 35.

2nd place: Arnie and

Kathy Sandness, Hal Rhodes and Grover Mathis. Team handicap, 31. Net score, 40.

The Straightest Drive:

Arnie Sandness, with 6'8.5" from the line.

Closest to the Pin: Mike Hay with 17'4" from the cup.

One dollar of each person's tournament entry fee goes to the winner of both "The Straightest Drive" and "The Closest to the Pin". The winners took home \$19 each.

**Sunday,
August 04, 2013**

**Totem Bar's
9-Hole Best Ball Scramble**

Another day of golf in perfect weather conditions. Temps hovered right around sixty-five degrees with a light breeze for twenty-two golfers at Muskeg Meadows for the second day of the Totem's tournament.

Judge Connif, Rocky Littleton, Ray Pederson from Petersburg, Alaska. Mark Sams, from Juneau, Alaska. Lloyd Breshers, from Phoenix, Arizona. And local Wrangell Golf Club Members, George Woodbury, Jim and Betty Abbott, Arnie and Kathy Sandness, Randy Littleton, John Tullis, Warren Edgley, Greg Scheff, Ed Rilatos, Faye Kohrt, Ken and Tammy Davidson, Vincent Balansag, Grover Mathis, Hal Rhodes, and Glacier Larsen.

1st place: Hal Rhodes, Glacier Larsen, and Grover Mathis Team handicap, 16. Net score, 18

2nd place: Jim and Betty Abbott, Arnie and Kathy Sandness. Team handicap, 17. Net score, 20.

The Straightest Drive: Betty Abbott with 8' 0.75" from the line.

Closest to the Pin: George Woodbury, 17' 3" from the pin.

Prizes for the Totem Bar's golf tournament were drawn for at the awards ceremony during the backyard barbeque. Totem's prizes included logo hats and

hooded sweaters, two Michelob Ultra putters, sleeves of golf balls, and a gift certificate to Sentry Hardware. And a gift certificate for steaks from City Market's meat department.

First Place Winner's Corner

Aaron Powell (Handicap, 28, for eighteen holes): Wrangell Golf Club Member no. 182, and Muskeg Meadows Golf Tournament sponsor, Totem Bar. Aaron also holds an active seat on the Wrangell Golf Club Board of Directors. At a young age, Aaron learned to golf under the mentorship of Club President, Brian Smith, Mike Hay, his brother, Mike Ottesen, and many more at Muskeg Meadows golf course.

Mike Hay (Handicap, 32, for eighteen holes): Wrangell Golf Club Charter Member no. 62, and golf mentor, Mike Hay, has over the years, introduced the game of golf to many people including his young grandchildren. Mike is considered one of the Wrangell Golf Club's founding fathers.

Mike Ottesen, Jr. (Handicap, 34, for eighteen holes): Wrangell Golf Club Charter Member no. 420, Mike Ottesen has called Muskeg Meadows his home course since the beginning development. Mike Ottesen, Jr. is known to golf at least once a week during the season.

Tyler Gunn (Handicap, 18 for eighteen holes): Wrangell Golf Club Charter Member, and once

served on the Wrangell Golf Club Board of Directors. Tyler was one of Muskeg Meadows Founding Fathers.

Grover Mathis (Handicap, 18 for nine holes): Wrangell Golf Club Member no. 558, Former Wrangell Golf Club Board Member: Rules Committee, and former golf course manager, Mathis continues to support the club and has played in a large portion of Muskeg Meadows golf tournaments this season.

Glacier Larsen (Handicap, 18 for nine holes): Glacier Larsen has played golf around the world but proudly calls Muskeg Meadows his home course. Glacier Larsen has been golfing at Muskeg Meadows since its beginning development.

Hal Rhodes (Handicap, 18 for nine holes): Wrangell Golf Club Member, and employee, Hal came to Wrangell from Naukati, Alaska last year as a music wood timber faller. Hal has learned the game of golf at Muskeg Meadows under the mentorship of Wrangell Golf Club Champ, Randy Littleton. In between microsals of music wood timber, Hal works part time as a greenskeeper to clear brush and help keep Muskeg Meadows Golf Course beautiful.



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Tammy Davidson, pictured above, teeing off on #2 during the Totem Bar's 9 hole Best Ball tournament.



Donald Groom

Pictured above is the current construction area on fairway #3. A free drop is allowed out of the "Ground Under Repair" areas, no closer to the pin.

Pictured on the right is the view from the champion box, #5 where current renovations are in progress. Please be advised this area is considered "Ground Under Repair" and a relief is given, no closer to the pin, without penalty.



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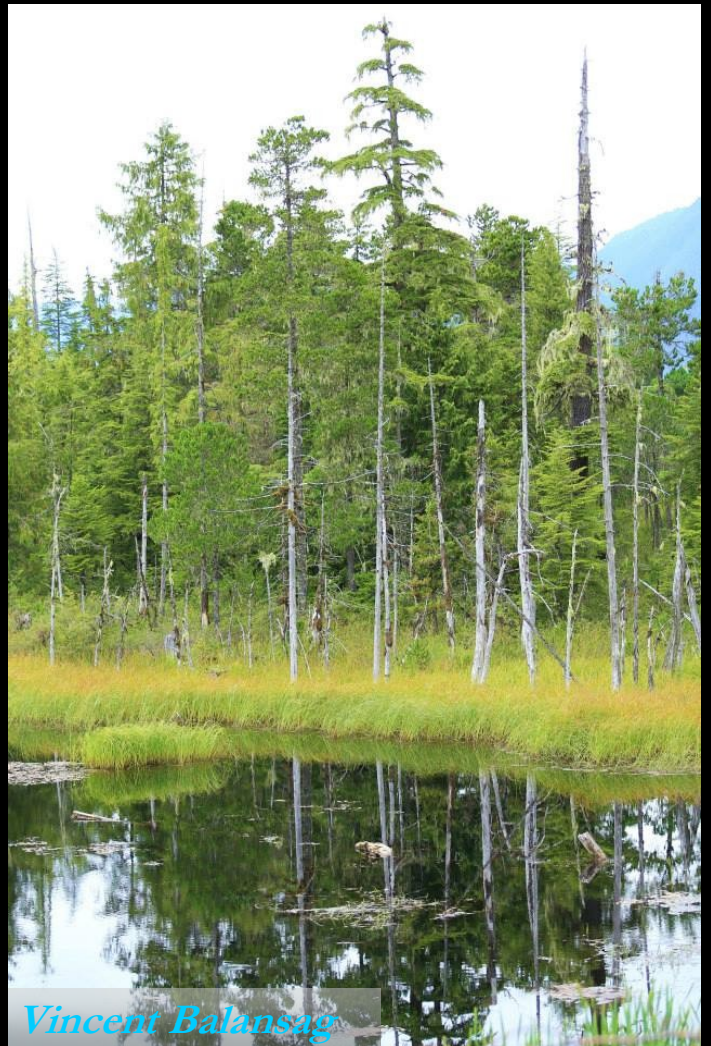
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Pictured in the above two photos are the scarred areas that have started to heal after ravens tore into the sod. (L-R) Fairway #7 and green #3.



Vincent Balansag

Pictured above and on the right is the muskeg pond on the side of the driving range, sitting about a foot lower than average due to the lack of rainfall.



Vincent Balansag

Latest News

Golf course modifications on fairway #3 are no longer in effect. Fairway #3 will again become a par 4. Teams will no longer need to move up on #3 or back on #6, bringing hole no. six back to its original par 3. A relief is given out of the construction area on #3, no closer to the pin, as well as the rough areas that are healing from raven damage.

Golf course maintenance has begun around the cart path between #4 and #5. Motor carts must remain on the original cart path, to the right, until construction is complete.

Wednesday, August 7, 2013 from 12pm-8pm the Oceana Regatta will be visiting Wrangell for the last time of the 2013 season. The Regatta is 593.7 feet long and has 684 passengers and 400 crewmembers aboard. Muskeg Meadows will have limited rental availability during the time the Regatta will be visiting. Muskeg Meadows has reserved the majority of club and cart rentals for cruise ship guests. Please call ahead to schedule a tee time if you'd like to fit in to the golf course during the afternoon and evening on this date.

Plans are currently in the making for the beginning of an annual Junior Golf Camp with the Wrangell Golf Club Youth Leaders, and Golf Instructors, Don and Bonnie Roher. The tentative dates will be immediately following the Little League State Championships each year. This program will be based on the USGA Junior Golf Program guidelines. Please watch

for progress notes as plans finalize for the 2014 golf season.

Professional photo prints by Donald Groom of Muskeg Meadows and golfers are now available to purchase through the Proshop.

4x6 print.....\$2.00

5x7 print\$5.00

8x10 print.....\$10.00

This is a fantastic scenic opportunity for families who are visiting for the summer. Stop by the golf course to set up a time that works great for you.

Horseshoe pits have permanently been installed in the front parking lot area of the golf course. Horseshoe rentals are \$10.00 plus tax per hour.

Amphibian research continues at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. Please see the attached pages for more detailed information on how to become a "Citizen Scientist". Please be advised of golf course safety and check in with us if the front gate is open. There is a very large risk of danger on the golf course. Wayward golf balls have the potential to be just as dangerous as a bullet. It is not advised to go frog hunting when there are golfers present. After business hours, or when the front gate is closed is the best time to have an amphibian adventure at Muskeg Meadows. It is most important that everyone who enters the golf course travel in the same direction. One-way traffic only is allowed on the golf course, this safety rule of golf applies to all golf courses for both foot, and motorized traffic. Its just as impor-

tant to safety that everyone becomes familiar with golf etiquette. Please see the attached pages for further information about safety and etiquette.

There has been recent bear sign found at the golf course. Please come prepared and be mindful while golfing at Muskeg Meadows.

Wrangell Medical Center's Rally for Cancer Care fundraiser golf tournament is coming up this weekend. The preliminary report from the Petersburg group is 40 ladies, and working on getting 60 to attend from Petersburg, Alaska. Breakaway Adventures will be offering water taxi service from Banana Point, in Petersburg, Ak to Wrangell, Ak for the event.

Raffle

Saturday, July 13, 2013 The Wrangell Golf Club began another raffle. 16"X20"Canvas photo print of Shakes Island Tribal House Rededication in Wrangell, Alaska, by Alaska Pix (web address: www.alaskapix.exposuremanager.com Kathleen Harding. \$5.00 per ticket, and only 50 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course September 1, 2013, or when 50 tickets are sold. Need not be present to win.

Wrangell Golf Club, Inc. raffle permit #2144. All raffles directly support Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. Each ticket purchased is always noticed and appreciated!



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Golf Mentoring for Men and Women

Pictured above is ladies golf mentor, Kathy Sandess, and in the photo below is Tom Wolford, men's golf mentor.

Mentors slogan, "Drive for the show, putt for the dough".

Men: Thursday evenings starting after work around 6:30pm. Dates are flexible and are subject to change.

Ladies: Tuesday evenings starting after work around 5:30pm.

Club members of the mentoring groups receive special member discounts, only \$15 greens fees, and a "Bonus Round" each week. And 50% off all rentals.

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

Golf Course Attendant, Bill Messmer recommends using Listerine or mentholated rub, such as Vick's as a non toxic bug repellent.





Pictured above is the current construction area on fairway #3.

Muskeg Meadows Modifications

Course repairs on fairway #3 remain in effect. Beware of cart path, wooden 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 “Closest to the Pin” competition will remain on #4.

The “Straightest Drive” will remain on fairway #1.

The orange #11 flag is no longer playable in tournaments. The yellow, #2 flag will be used for both rounds in 18-hole tournaments for the remainder of the season.

For your safety, please be aware of and yield to ground under construction areas that are roped off throughout the golf course.

The path to tee box #4 has been closed off due to the failing trail.

Please use the detour path to the right until maintenance is through.

Ravens vs. Muskeg Meadows Golf Course

For two weeks in a row, the golf course seems to be up on the ravens. Groups of ravens were observed digging in spots throughout the golf course, but no large areas have been overturned. The previous areas that had been scarred by ravens are starting to heal, and grass is starting to fill in the previous bare spots.

The effort to control the raven’s food source, grubs, have been postponed due to the water drought at Muskeg Meadows. The golf course Superintendent, Wayne Harding, has previously administered several millions of predatory nematodes to the sod. He plans to administer several million more when the weather allows.

The nematodes will seek out and destroy the grubs. Predatory nematodes cause no harm to any-

thing 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. Nematodes are also fragile and without the right environment they will not thrive. It is important that nematodes are administered into the right conditions or they may die.

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

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.

Youth

Don and Bonnie Roher will continue to offer golf etiquette instructions on the driving range and practice putting green, then eventually on the golf course for children that would like to learn to golf. Children's golf lessons are \$10/day which includes tokens, golf balls, rental clubs and instructions. Please contact the golf course to make arrangements.

Boy Scouts of America Youth Tournament is coming up Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Students of all ages, Kindergarten-College age are welcome to attend. Competitions will depend on skill level and age of participants. \$10 entry fee includes golf supplies, greens fees and barbeque dinner after the tournament. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the winners.

When accompanied by an adult, greens fees at Muskeg Meadows for children under 12 are always free! Children under 18 receive steep discounts on greens fees. Rental clubs are \$1 each, and tokens are \$4 each or \$2 for groups of six or more.

Muskeg Meadows Golf Course is unique in the sense that it is beginner friendly. Aside from tournaments, and days the large cruise ships are in town, tee times are not required.

During the week, teams who play slower, let faster golfers play through. Hitting the links with the family is encouraged.

At the core of the game of golf there is a standard of behavior that lends itself to positive development in children. Present at any level of competition are personal

skills such as honesty, integrity, courtesy and respect. Golf encourages the highest level of sportsmanship by teaching kids to be responsible for their actions and to use good judgment. Golf also allows for quality family time. It's a game that families can learn and play together. Because golf has an established handicap system that was created to determine a golfer's playing ability and potential, moms and dads can actually *compete* with their children even if they play from different tee boxes, or at significantly different skill levels.

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.

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 tee shot makes it to, and remains on the green.

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

Volunteers for the club cart need to be familiar with golf etiquette, Muskeg Meadows Golf Course, and alcohol servers state laws. Club members familiar with the golf course and volunteers with a alcohol server certification will always take precedence.

Thank You...

I'd like to thank tournament sponsor, Aaron Powell owner of the Totem Bar, and volunteer, Mikel Smith, and each participant who dedicated their time to make this event a success.

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

Thank you to the City of Wrangell, Electric Department for assisting with the hardware replacement on the driving range poles.

Thanks to everyone who traveled to Wrangell to play golf at Muskeg Meadows. Lloyd Breshers for coming up all the way from Arizona just to say he has played golf in all 50 states.

Congratulations to all the winners!

If you'd like to read up on all the past events at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course, please check out the previous issues of my newsletter on our blog at

<http://wrangellalaskagolf.com/2013-newsletters/>

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Rally For Cancer Care



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Ladies Golf Rally with Fun & Frolic events and designated Pit Stops

Saturday, August 10th at Muskeg Meadows in Wrangell, Ak

Registration \$30 **Please make checks payable to WMC Foundation Cancer Care Fund*

Golf Supplies \$10

Black/Pink Rally jersey shirts available for purchase

Teams announced at 9:30am. Registration begins at 8:00am or call Muskeg Meadows to pre-register and reserve your golf supplies (907) 874-GOLF(4653)

*****Men can caddy and work at pitstops for a \$30 donation to the cause*****

Questions, Donations or to Volunteer Please call Muskeg Meadows **874-GOLF**

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**Men's Cancer Care
Fundraiser**
9-Hole Best Ball Scramble
from the CHAMPION TEE BOXES

AUGUST 11, 2013
SIGN UP BY 9:45AM

Golf Tournament (907) 874-GOLF(4653)



Wednesday, August 28, 2013

4-HOLE YOUTH TOURNAMENT

4:00pm starting time

Sign up **no later than** **3:45pm**



Golf Tournament (907) **874-GOLF**(4653)

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	Bolton 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	K&R'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	Othesen'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
Wednesday	July 10th	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 Kaser 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	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	

* 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 7/07/13