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MUSKEG MEADOWS



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Upcoming Events

- Stikine Sportsmen Assoc:
9-hole, 2-person Best Ball

- Youth Tournament
Sponsored by Boy Scouts of America
Wednesday, August 28th

- Rain in the forecast for
this weekend.

- Modifications on green #2

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WRANGELL MEDICAL CENTER LADIES RALLY FOR CANCER CARE AND MEN'S 9 HOLE BEST BALL SCRAMBLE PLAYED FROM THE CHAMPION TEE BOXES "BLUE TEES FOR BALLS"

*Saturday,
August 10, 2013
Ladies Rally for
Cancer Care*

Last Saturday, Muskeg Meadows Golf Course hosted Wrangell Medical Center Foundation's fundraiser for cancer care. Wrangell Medical Center Foundation has a scholarship program available for cancer victims of Southeast Alaska. \$1000 is awarded to help offset the travel expenses for medical treatment.

Golf tournament entry fees for both the ladies event and men's event were \$30 per person, each day, which went to the Wrangell Medical Center Foundation Fundraiser.

A record breaking number of ladies attended the "Fun 'N Frolic" events this year in per-



Ladies Rally for Cancer Care Fundraiser.

Photo credit: Donald Groom

fect weather. Clear blue skies, and a gentle breeze lent for perfect golfing conditions for eighty-three ladies who registered for the golf Rally. Forty-five from Petersburg, Alaska, 2 from Ketchikan, Alaska and thirty-six from Wrangell, Alaska.

Coming from Petersburg, Alaska via three boat loads on Breakaway Adventures water taxi were: Mary Ellen Anderson, Mindy Anderson, Deb Tice, Tara Al-

cock, Marlene Cushing, Glo Wollen, Tamara Evens, Pat Weaver, Brenda Norheim, Carrie Peterson, Barb Steltz, Cynthia Mathiesen, Judy Henderson, Angel Worthatch, Rebecca Anderson, Terri Swanson, Anne Volk, Sherry Stockton, Barb Mariferen, Tonya Somerville, Judy Janke, Michelle Parker, Bridgett Wittstock, Ginger Evens, Stacey Dahl, Cheryl File, Savann Guthrie, Bev Siercks, Joyce Burk-Biggs, Vicki McIntosh, Lana Corl,

Heidi Cabral, Carolyn Hurtt, Mandie Whitehorn, Teri Englebretson, Carol Larson, Jessica Thompson, Camie Pederson, Dona Lauben, Jessica Ieremia, Pam Speck, Meridith Spears, Stacy Kittams, Brittni Birchell.

The two from Ketchikan, Ak were Gwenna Richardson and Dawn Davis.

Showing local support from Wrangell, Ak were, Rebecca Smith, Roxanne Yancey, Marie Shipley, Maggie Torreano, Twyla Nore, Cheryl Haines, Betty Abbott, Kathy Sandess, Georgie Sansom, Chris Ellis, Joan Kading, Michael Bania, Judy Duncan, Marla Sanger, Patty Gilbert, Lisa Nikodym, Sue Nelson, Terry Wagoner, Janet Strom, Kathleen Harding, Jane Bliss, LeeAnn Robinson, Jeannie King, Faye Kohrt, Pam McCloskey, Barbara Angerman, Lisa Messmer, Stephanie Thynes, Lora Laube, Linda Nore, Ann Kramer, Lennea Berg, Janet Bunes and Cathy Gross.

Several others, with no names recorded, did not play, but registered later to support the cause.

Faye Kohrt won the "Straightest Drive" when her ball landed directly on the line.

Angel Worhatch got "Closest to the Pin" with 21'1" from the cup.

In the Putting Contest, Pam McCloskey took 1st place.

Chris Ellis won 2nd. Lynda Nore made 3rd, and Desi Burrell won 4th place.

No one kept score, because everyone's a winner in this "Best Ball"

golf tournament fundraiser.

This special day brought out the sunshine in everyone. Most of the ladies dressed in pink and wore festive pink lei's. The ladies hit the links in large groups with their Fun 'N Frolic programs in hand, and ready to tie one on supporting a great cause. Tournament sponsor, Jane Bliss, had surprise Fun 'N Frolic events lined out throughout the golf course. Starting on Fairway #1 was only the "Straightest Drive".

Fairway #2 was played through from tee to green in Best Ball format with a surprise twist.

Fairway #3 was closed off as a designated rest area. This rest area was sponsored by the Totem Bar.

Hole #4 was only the "Closest to the Pin" competition.

The ladies were in for a surprise on #5, when they had to tee off with their foot in a bucket.

#6 was played through in Best Ball format.

And #7 was closed off for another pit stop.

The men of WMC, Brian Smith and Vincent Balansag were working at the refreshment stand, under a covered tent, to give the girls a break before their next event.

Following the refresher on #7, fairway #8 was played again from tee to green in Best Ball format.

Tournament sponsors really mixed things up for the golfing gals on #9. After assigning everyone on the team a letter in alphabetical order, the teammates rotated turns hitting the ball from the last players shot from tee to green, or until the golf ball went missing.

The Master of Ceremony, speaking to announce the logistics of "The Rally", honor those who's lives have been touched by cancer, and toast to the moment in celebration of life and all good things, was Cathy Gross.

Cathy Gross, wearing a festive "boobie" scarf, announced the prize drawings and auction winners of new, used and hand crafted items donated by several generous supporters.

The community came together at such a strong force with supporting this cause, it was impossible to keep track of who donated all the food dishes, baked goods, and prize donations.

Fundraising items for the event this year included pink lei's, and Rally t-shirts. This year's tee was a black, long sleeve, hooded tee with pink Rally logo print on the front.

Contact Kathleen Harding: Official Rally Photographer at the AlaskaPix website below to order your prints of the 2013 Rally for Cancer Care at Muskeg Meadows. www.alaskapix.exposuremanager.com

Vincent Balansag's photos can be found on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/epoxpalynbalansag>

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

4x6 print.....\$2.00

5x7 print \$5.00

8x10 print.....\$10.00

*Sunday,
August 11, 2013
Men's
9-Hole, 2-Person Best Ball
played from the "Blue"
tee boxes*

\$25,000 hole-in-one opportunity. The men moved up to the white tee boxes on fairway #6 where they tried their luck at this special opportunity. Pouring refreshments and spotting for the men's hole-in-one was Kathy Sandness, tucked under a tent close to the green.

Another day of golf in perfect weather conditions. Temps hovered right around seventy-five degrees with a light breeze for ten golfers at Muskeg Meadows for the men's golf fundraiser of the Wrangell Medical Center Foundation. While the ladies brought in record breaking numbers of participants, the men's event brought in record breaking numbers for lack of participation. Mark Sams, Rafael Nunez, Jim Abbott, Arnie Sandness, Tom Wolford, Brian Smith, Vincent Balansag, Donald Groom Bill Messmer, and Archie Young

These few Wrangell Golf Club members brought a good game from the blue tees at this nine-hole, two-person, Best Ball Golf Tournament.

Taking **1st place** was Jim Abbott and Arnie Sandness with a net score of 30 and a team handicap of 16.

2nd place: Brian Smith and Vincent Balansag with net score: 31 and team handicap 16.

The Red Lantern Award of a case of pink labeled water went to the team of Donald Groom and Archie Young.

Tournament sponsors, Brian Smith and Todd White offered a

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Pictured above are group photos of the 2013 Rally Girls and pink ribbon memorial balloon release in honor of those who's lives have been affected by cancer.

RALLY 2013

Donald Groom



Pictured on the left is Master of Ceremony, Cathy Gross announcing winners and speaking about the logistics of the Rally.



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Pictured on this page are photos of golfers visiting Muskeg Meadows from the Oceania Regatta cruise ship that stopped in Wrangell, Ak several times over the summer.

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Photo credit: Ken Koppelman

Pictured above, standing on #9 green, is golf pro of the Un-Cruise's Wilderness Adventurer, Zach DiTulo who visited Muskeg Meadows in June. Also pictured above, standing with Zach DiTulo is Ken Koppelman, guest from Sebastopol, California onboard the Wilderness Adventurer touring Southeast Alaska's inside passage.



Pictured on the right is golf pro of the Un-Cruise's Wilderness Adventurer, Zach DiTulo standing on fairway #8 at Muskeg Meadows in June.

Photo credit: Ken Koppelman

Un-Cruise Adventures: Wilderness Adventurer

Latest News

Until further notice, only the yellow flag will be used in tournaments for both the #2 hole, as well as #11. Refurbishment of the green is being considered by the Grounds Committee within the Wrangell Golf Club Board of Directors.

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.

The City of Wrangell has issued a fire ban in the area. The recent dry weather has posed a burden to our wet habitat. Dry vegetation is flammable. Please watch for, and be mindful of any smoldering pit fires throughout the fairways. Smokers who carelessly extinguish their cigarettes or matches can start fires. If unnoticed, smoldering pits and small fires can quickly consume the entire golf course while conditions are hot and dry. Rain is in the forecast for this weekend, but until we have a significant amount of rain, the fire danger remains high.



Raffle

Saturday, July 13, 2013 The Wrangell Golf Club began a raffle. 16"X20"Canvas photo print, Shakes Island Tribal House "Tlingit House" Rededication in Wrangell, Alaska, by, Kathleen Harding, AlaskaPix web address www.alaskapix.exposuremanager.com

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, 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!

Youth

Don and Bonnie Roher will continue to offer golf etiquette instructions for children throughout the remainder of the season. Children's golf lessons are \$10/day which includes tokens, golf balls, rental clubs and instructions. Please contact the golf course to inquire about registration.

Boy Scouts of America Youth Tournament is coming up Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Sign up no later than 3:45pm. 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. As a reminder, bug repellent is recommended for evening golfers. Children under six, and those with special needs must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are encouraged to stay and walk with their child's golfing group. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

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

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 come together for the 2014 golf season. UPDATE: *Tuesday, August 13, 2013* The Wrangell Golf Club applied for a grant from Wells Fargo to fund this program.

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's 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 sponsors Wrangell Medical Center, Jane Bliss, Brian Smith and Todd White and each participant and volunteer who dedicated their time to make this event a success!

A special thanks to Kris Reed, Cathy Gross, Vincent Balansag, Kathy Sandness, Betty Abbott, and Joey Woodbury for your leg work behind the scenes of the Rally.

A big thank you to Desi Burrell who coordinated the gals from Petersburg, Ak, Olinda White, who took registration payments at the Rally said, "Desi is a pleasure to work with. She had all the paperwork and teams organized along with the payments and entry fees." Kris Reed, who did much of the behind the scenes legwork of the Rally said, "Desi Burrell, from Petersburg did an outstanding job at organizing the Viking contingent." We all love you, Desi! ~SB

Thank you to everyone who traveled to Wrangell to play golf at Muskeg Meadows.

Thanks to Breakaway Adventures for making the water taxis available to and from Wrangell and Banana Point, on Mitkoff Island. And thanks to Alaska Airlines for making it possible for golfers arriving into Wrangell on northbound flight 65 possible to make it in time for our golf tournaments.

Thanks to bus driver, Carrie McCormack and all the courtesy drivers who helped get our guests to and from the golf course.

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, Captain Eric Morrow and crew from the Catamaran Cruise ship, Alaskan Dream from Sitka, Alaska, for joining us at the golf course last Friday. The weather couldn't have worked out better!

Thank you to all the guests, and crew from the Oceania Regatta who brought great weather with them each time they visited the golf course.

Thank you, Ken Koppelman and golf pro Zach DiTulo from aboard the Un-Cruise Adventures: Wilderness Adventurer for visiting Muskeg Meadows while your cruise was touring Wrangell, Ak!

Thank you, Archie Young for donating two hand carts to the club for rentals.

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/>

Stikine
Sportsmen
Association



Saturday, August 17, 2013
Sunday, August 18, 2013

9-HOLE, 2-PERSON BEST BALL EACH DAY

10:00am starting time both days.

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



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



Wednesday, August 28, 2013

YOUTH TOURNAMENT

4:00pm starting time

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

Best Ball format. Events will be divided by age groups and skill levels. 4 holes and 9 hole events per age group, with fun competitions on the driving range, and putting green. Award ceremony and hot dogs will follow the tournament. \$10 entry fee per person, includes greens fees, golf supplies (clubs, golf balls, tees and ball markers), and dinner.

**Evening golfers should bring bug repellent.*

**Children under 6, and those with special needs must be accompanied by an adult.*

**Parents are encouraged to stay and walk with their child's group of golfers.*

**Scholarship funds are available for families who cannot afford the entry fee.*

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