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MUSKEG MEADOWS



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Upcoming Events

- Wrangell Golf Club hosted Golf Tournament. *Weather permitting*, 9-holes each day. Saturday: "3,3,3" Scramble Sunday: "Drop Out" Scramble

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

- 2013 End-Of-Season SALE on golf gear and logowear.

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STIKINE SPORTSMEN ASSOCIATION 9-HOLE, 2-PERSON, BEST BALL

*Saturday,
August 17, 2013
"RAIN OUT"
Stikine Sportsmen's
9 Hole Best Ball
played from the
champion tee boxes.*

Last Saturday, the rain soaked in Muskeg Meadows for the kick-off of the Stikine Sportsmen's annual golf tournament. The game has been re-scheduled for Sunday, September 1st. *Please note the updated tournament schedule on the last page of this newsletter.*

After several weeks of hot and dry weather at Muskeg Meadows, and a city-wide fire restriction, the clouds rolled in and poured rain for most of the kickoff to Stikine Sportsmen's golf event. The rain was partly to cause the decision to reschedule, another factor was lack of participation.



Rain puddles throughout the fairways at Muskeg Meadows during the Stikine Sportsmen Association's Annual Golf Tournament. Photo credit: Donald Groom

*Sunday,
August 18, 2013
Stikine Sportsmen's
2-person, 9-hole Best
Ball*

Sunday's weather wasn't much better for fourteen Wrangell Golf Club Members who were up for the challenge of playing in the rain. George Woodbury, and Brett Woodbury, Mark Sams, Donald Groom, Jim Brooks, and Randy Littleton, Tyler Gunn,

and Mike Hay, Rafael Nunez, Glacier Larsen, Ed Rilatos, Greg Scheff, Grover Mathis and Rupert Henry, from Ketchikan, Ak.

Course conditions allowed for motor carts to remain on the cart path as fairways held standing water in puddles.

1st place: Rafael Nunez, Glacier Larsen. Team handicap, 18. Net score, 25.

2nd place: Greg Scheff

and Ed Rilatos. Team handicap, 15. Net score, 26.

The Straightest Drive: George Woodbury, with 11'11" from the line.

Closest to the Pin: Tyler Gunn 21'6" 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 \$14 each.

Prize drawings included a gas powered weed eater, insulated cooler on wheels, marine radio set, a Shakespear salmon rod and reel combo, and a decorative water fountain. Mike Ottesen, tournament sponsor for Stikine Sportsmen Association, will offer \$400 in cash prize drawings after the rescheduled game is made up Sunday, September 1, 2013.

First Place Winner's Corner

Rafael Nunez (Handicap, 18): New this season to the Wrangell Golf Club, Rafael Nunez has participated in the majority of the tournaments. Nunez comes to Wrangell, Ak as the new Branch Manager at Wells Fargo Bank.

Glacier Larsen (Handicap, 18): 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.

Latest News

With rain in the forecast for the extended outlook, it's time to think about winding down the 2013 golfing season. Stop by to check out the Proshop sales and daily specials.

NEW! We are thinning out our inventory of golf club rentals and offering smokin' hot deals on sets of clubs and golfing gear. If you're looking for a replacement club, or a used set, or just a gently used golf bag, stop by and check out our specials.

Brett Woodbury, Woodbury Ent. provided D1 gravel for the flooring in the covered motor cart parking area. Grounds crew, and contractor, Lloyd Ward, have worked to grade and level the ground in preparation of laying down the gravel. Lloyd Ward will continue with phase two of the building plan which will be installing the doors after the flooring is fully installed.

A relief is given out of the construction area on #3, no closer to the pin, as well as the rough areas throughout the fairways that continue to heal from raven damage.

Professional 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

Amphibian research continues at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. Please see the attached pages on

our blog at wrangellalaskagolf.com, 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. Its just as important to safety that everyone becomes familiar with golf etiquette. For further information about safety and etiquette, please check out our blog at, wrangellalaskagolf.com or www.muskegmeadows.com.

Raffle



Saturday, July 13, 2013 The Wrangell Golf Club began a 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!

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 to use good judgment. Golf also allows for quality family time. It's a game that families can learn and play together.

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. Tuesday, August 13, 2013 The Wrangell Golf Club applied for a grant from Wells Fargo to fund this program.

Thank You...

I'd like to thank tournament sponsor, Mike Ottesen, Jr. and Stikine Sportsmen Association and each participant who dedicated their time to make this event a success!

Thanks again to Mike Ottesen, Jr. for donating a set of golf clubs to be used as rentals.

Thanks to Rupert Henry for making it up from Ketchikan, Ak to

play at the Stikine Sportsmen's golf tournament.

Thank you, Captain Eric Morrow from the Catamaran Cruise ship, Alaskan Dream from Sitka, Alaska, for making golf a regular stop in Wrangell.

Thanks to Vincent Balansag and Donald Groom for sharing such great photos.

Happy birthday, Mikel Smith, Golf Course Volunteer, and thanks for helping with the legwork preparing for the tournaments.

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.

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

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/>



Donald Groom

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

Golf Mentoring for Men and Women

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.

Golf mentoring groups will be meeting, weather permitting, until September. After August, mentoring groups will be scheduled around mentor's availability.

All evening golfers should come prepared with bug repellent, lightweight raingear, appropriate footwear, marking pens to identify individual golf balls, dry towels, and club covers.





Pictured on the left is the current construction area on fairway #3

Muskeg Meadows Modifications

Course repairs on fairway #3 remain in effect. 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.

Phase two of the covered motor cart parking area has begun. After the flooring is installed Contractor, Lloyd Ward, will be adding doors on both sides of the garage. Stalls will then be available to rent. Rental agreements will be available at the golf course. Stalls will include locked and secured winter storage.



Covered motor cart parking garage. Phase two of the construction has begun. Stalls will be available for secure winter storage for \$100/year.



August 24 & 25, 2013

SATURDAY, 9-HOLE “3,3,3” FORMAT

3 holes played in “Best Ball” format, 3 holes played in “Alternate Shot” format, and 3 holes played as “Stroke Play.” The best score will be counted as the team score for each 3-hole event.

SUNDAY, 9-HOLE “DROP OUT” BEST BALL SCRAMBLE

“Drop Out” is a variation of the scramble in which the player whose ball is chosen sits out the next shot.

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

Call to preregister

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)



**Happy
Birthday!**

Pictured above is Mikel Smith, Wrangell High School Golf Club Champion, and Muskeg Meadows Golf Course Volunteer. Mikel turned thirteen on August 15, 2013. A birthday party is planned for Mikel at Muskeg Meadows on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at 3:00pm.

The Alaska Herpetological Society Stikine Amphibian Research



Joshua Ream, a graduate student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, is researching local knowledge of amphibians in the community of Wrangell, Alaska. Muskeg Meadows Golf Course is a particular interest because amphibian findings have been somewhat atypical of species found on other parts of the island. Information on each of our native amphibian species can be found at www.akherpsociety.org

Listed below are some specific questions Mr. Ream is looking for help to answer.

1. Where exactly on the golf course can frogs be found?
2. Do you hear frogs in the spring?
3. Do you see tadpoles in any of the ponds?
4. What do the frogs look like and how big are they?
5. Do you have any pictures of frogs from the golf course that you can share?

Please visit our blog to print the 'citizen scientist' worksheets.

<http://wrangellalaskagolf.com/2012/06/amphibian-research-at-muskeg-meadows-golf-course/>

2013 Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	SPONSOR	FORMAT	STARTING TIME
Sat & Sun	May 4th & 3th	Argeman's Inc. & Outlet	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 11th & 12th	Bob's 1GA	Sat. Mystery Scramble Sun. Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 18th & 19th	Ryder Cup (PSG vs WIG)	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 & 23th	WNAC 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 13th	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	Ottezen'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 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
Saturday	August 17th	SkiLine Sportsmen RAIN OUT	RESCHEDULED September 04, 2013	
Sun	August 18th	SkiLine Sportsmen Association	2-Person, 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	August 24th & 23th	Wrangell Golf Club hosts	4-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Wednesday	August 28th	B.S.A. YOUTH TOURNAMENT	Individual Handicap	Sign up 3:30pm
Saturday	August 31st	Members Only CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	Individual Handicap	10am
Sunday	September 1st	SkiLine Sportsmen Association	2-person, 9-Hole Best Ball (played from the pro tee boxes)	10am
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

*Schedule revised 8/17/13