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Upcoming Events

- 2 Clubs and a Putter
9-Hole Individual Handicap
- End of season SALE
Proshop merchandise, golf clubs, golf club bags, folding hand carts and much more
- Wrangell Schools Art Program scheduled to refurbish entrance signage.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S YOUTH TOURNAMENT



Boy Scouts of America's Youth Golf Tournament. August 28, 2013

Pictured (L-R) Back row: Killian Booker, Renee Roberts, Tyler Eagle, James Allen Shilts, Robyn Booker, Sophia Ely, Front row: Donald Groom, Jonah Comstock, Kellen Eagle, and Jack Roberts. Not pictured were Mikel Smith and Matthew Colvalt.

**Wednesday,
August 28, 2013
Boy Scouts of America's
Youth Tournament**

Last Wednesday, twelve children came out to play in the Boy Scouts of America's Annual Youth Golf Tournament. Tyler and Kellen Eagle, Jack and

Renee Robers, Robyn and Killian Booker, Matthew Colvalt, Jonah Comstock, Sophia Ely, James Allen Shilts, Donald Groom and Mikel Smith.

Two-person teams were divided into age groups and skill levels for this four-hole, Best Ball format.

1st place: Jonah Comstock and Kellen Eagle.
2nd place: Donald Groom and Mikel Smith.
3rd place: Tyler Eagle and Matthew Colvalt.

Trophies were awarded to first place, and medals were given to second and third places.



Wrangell Golf Club Champion

Eric Kading, 2013



Wrangell Golf Club Champion

Randy Littleton, 2012



Wrangell Golf Club Champion

Jim Brooks, 2011



Wrangell Golf Club Champion

George Woodbury, 2010

***Sunday,
September 1, 2013
Stikine Sportsmen's Back 9
9-hole Best Ball***

The second half the Stikine Sportsmen Association's tournament was made up from August 17, 2013 which was rescheduled due to poor weather.

Golfing conditions on this day were prime for twenty-three golfers.

Visiting Muskeg Meadows from Concord, California with Pat and Frank Roppel were Bill and Ann White. Coming from Ketchikan, Alaska was Jim Shoemaker. And local golfers included: Jeffry, Tammy, and Ken Davidson, Jr. Bridgett Schwartz, Eric Kading, Faye Kohrt, Mark Sams, Glacier Larsen, Jim and Betty Abbott, Arnie and Kathy Sandness, Frank and Pat Roppel, George and Brett Woodbury, Jim Brooks, Randy Littleton, Matt Jurak and Joe Delabru.

1st place: Randy Littleton, Joe Delabru and Matt Jurak. Team handicap, 15. Net score, 20.

2nd place: Eric Kading, Faye Kohrt, Mark Sams and Glacier Larsen. Team handicap, 15. Net score, 23.

3rd place: Jim and Betty Abbott, Arnie and Kathy Sandness. Team handicap, 16. Net score, 23.

There was a tie between second and third place which scorekeeper, Leonard Angerman, used the team with the least amount of strokes on designated handicap hole #1 to break the tie (5,6).

Straightest Drive: Jeffry Davidson with 138" from the line.

No one's tee shot successfully made it to the green on hole #4 for the Closest to the Pin.

\$1 of each person's entry fee goes towards the Straightest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and the Hole-In-One.

Each time there is no winner of these events, the money goes back to the Wrangell Golf Club's Gaming fund.

On this day, the winner of the Straightest Drive, Jeffry Davidson, won \$23!

The Wrangell Golf Club pays \$500 to anyone who scores a Hole-In-One during any tournament throughout the year, providing there is a witness.

Tournament sponsor, Mike Ottesen, Jr. with the Stikine Sportsmen Association, revised his offer for \$400 extra prize money in drawings to be split between 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. 50%, 30% and 20%, as soon as the check arrives in the mail.

Other significant prizes were drawn for on the first day of the tournament. For more information please see Muskeg Meadows newsletter dated August 19, 2013. This newsletter can be found on our blog at: <http://wrangellalaskagolf.com/2013-newsletters/>

***Labor Day Monday,
September 2, 2013
Breakaway Adventures
9-hole Best Ball***

Another fabulous day of weather and golfing conditions for eighteen folks who came out for the Breakaway Adventures golf challenge.

Brian Smith, Wayne Harding, Frank and Pat Roppel and their friends visiting from Concord, Ca, Ann and Bill White, Keene and Faye Kohrt, Randy Littleton, Jim and Betty Abbott, Arnie and Kathy Sandness, Ed Rilatos, Jerry Bakeberg, Tammy and Ken Davidson, Jr. And from Juneau, Alaska, Mark Sams.

1st place: Jim and Betty Abbott, and Arnie and Kathy Sandness. Team handicap, 17. Net score, 22.

2nd place: Frank and Pat Roppel, and Bill and Ann White. Team handicap, 14. Net score, 23.

3rd place: Ed Rilatos, Jerry Bakeberg, Tammy and Ken Davidson, Jr. Team handicap, 14. Net score, 24.

Straightest Drive: Frank Roppel with 59" from the line.

Again on this day, no one's tee shot made it to the green on hole #4 for the Closest to the Pin.

Tournament sponsor, Eric Yancey with Breakaway Adventures, will be offering a grand prize drawing which will be held before the official closure of the 2013 golf season. Please watch for the results in upcoming newsletters.

First Place Winner's Corner

Jonah Comstock: Jonah Comstock, 6th grade, took first place with Kellen Eagle in the Boy Scouts of America's Youth Tournament, Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Jonah picked up on golf last year, taking after his older brothers, Amos and Elijah Comstock. Jonah says he loves to play golf and enjoys coming out in the evenings to play the game with his parents, Beth and Tyman Comstock.

Kellen Eagle: Kellen Eagle, thirteen years old, was also on the first place team with Jonah Comstock in the Boy Scouts of America's Youth Tournament, Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Kellen graduated this year from the Wrangell High School Golf Club, lead by Jim Brooks. Kellen has been golfing at Muskeg Meadows since he was old enough to understand the game (about six years old) with his grandparents, Joan and Eric Kading. Kellen's grandfather, Eric Kading, is the 2013 Wrangell Golf Club Champion. Kellen's older brother, Tyler Eagle, is also a golfer and took third place in the Boy Scouts of America's Youth Tournament this year.

Randy Littleton (Hndcp, 9): 2012 Club Champ, Randy Littleton took first place along with Matt Jurak, and Joe Delabrue in the second half of Stikine Sportsmen's annual golf event last Sunday, September 01, 2013. Randy comes to Wrangell, Ak from Petersburg, Ak to be closer to Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. Randy has been an avid golfer for most of his life. Growing up and partici-

pating in golf events since his childhood in Washington and Idaho.

Matt Jurak (Hndcp, 18): Wrangell Golf Club Member, Matt Jurak has recently relocated to Wrangell, Ak. Mr. Jurak works for the Forest Service overseeing project operations at Anan Bear Observatory. Matt Jurak first played golf at Muskeg Meadows in 2008, where he only stayed in Wrangell for that season. Jurak has been known to play the course several times a week, and hopes to continue to do so for many years to come.

Joe Delabrue (Hndcp, 18): Wrangell Golf Club Member, Joe Delabrue is new to golf this year. Working for the U.S. Forest Service, Mr. Delabrue has been studying nocturnal bat activity at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course for the past two years. Golfing under the mentorship of Matt Jurak, Joe Delabrue calls Muskeg Meadows his home course.

Jim & Betty Abbott (Hndcp, 15 and 22)

The Abbott's are active Wrangell Golf Club Charter Members and have an extensive history in the golf club. Jim is considered a co-founder in the early production of Muskeg Meadows. Jim and his wife, Betty have played at Muskeg Meadows since it was raw sawdust and wood chips, before the first grass seed was planted. Jim Abbott served on one of the first open seats on the Wrangell Golf Club Board of Directors and played a key role in the business development of the Wrangell Golf Club, Inc. Both Mr. and Mrs. Abbott are golf mentors and have

been credited with helping several inspiring golfers throughout the history of the Wrangell Golf Club.

Arnie and Kathy Sandness (Hndcp 17 and 15):

Mr. and Mrs. Sandness have been golfing at Muskeg Meadows since the mid nineteen-nineties, when they first took interest in the game. The Sandness's have been known to play 27-36 holes in a day. Mrs. Sandness is actively involved in the production of the Women's Cancer Care Rally golf event each August. For the past two seasons and in previous years, Mrs. Sandness has dedicated her time to offering golf tips to ladies once a week in a mentoring group. Kathy Sandness is credited for encouraging the love of the game of golf to develop in several dozen new golf club members.

Latest News

SALES! SALES! SALES! SALES!

All Proshop merchandise is on sale, now through the end of the season. It's a great time to think about gifts for the golfer in your life. Gift baskets are always available per request.

We are thinning out our inventory of golf club rentals and offering 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. 25% - 50% off all logo apparel.

Ladies golf with Kathy Sandness on Tuesday evenings is officially over for the 2013 golfing season. This week sunset is about 7:30pm, which has been taking time away from the game.

The Wrangell Schools art program has offered to refurbish the signage displayed at the entrance of Muskeg Meadows.

Phase two of the covered motor cart parking area has begun. The flooring is now installed. Contractor, Lloyd Ward has building plans for the garage doors and installation.

Construction will begin on the porch and ramp of the tournament room as the tournament season draws an end.

New adventures begin as the seasons change for amphibian research at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. Please see the attached pages on our blog at wrangella-

laskagolf.com, for more detailed information on how to become a "Citizen Scientist". Please be advised of golf course safety. 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.

Youth

The Wrangell Golf Club Youth Leaders, Don and Bonnie Roher, will bring plans together for the 2014 Junior Golf Camp throughout the golfing off season.

Thank You...

I'd like to thank each tournament sponsor and participant who dedicated their time to make this week's events such a huge success!

And a special thank you to Bonnie Roher who put on the B.S.A. Youth tournament without the help this year of her husband, Don, as he had other obligations with conflicting dates.

Thanks to our guests who traveled to Wrangell to join us for the competitions, Rocky and Rodney Littleton, Ray Pederson, Jim Shoemaker, Bill and Ann White.

And thanks to all the local golfers who came out to show their support.

Thank you, Captain Eric Morrow from the Catamaran Cruise ship,

Alaskan Dream from Sitka, Alaska, for making golf a regular stop in Wrangell. The Alaskan Dream cruise stopped in Wrangell eleven times this summer. Nearly each time the cruise visited Wrangell, Captain Eric Morrow would bring guests to play golf at Muskeg Meadows.

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

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, Eric Kading 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/>

The golfing season is nearing an end. It's been several weeks since the golf course has taken a raven attack, and the weather has been great for the new grass to fill in the rough. The fairways are in great shape. The creeks and ponds are healthy, though overgrowing with tall grass and weeds making a tough hazard for the game. If the weather will remain conducive throughout the month of September, Muskeg Meadows Golf Course will continue to remain open. The official end of season closure date will be announced the September board meeting.

Business has been fantastic this summer. We've seen several new golfers, young and old, and quite a few have joined the golf club. They've all played through rough fairways with spotty raven damage. The wet climate the golf course is situation in always brings moss and a unique challenge to the game. This summer has been unusually warm and dry so the fairways and greens have played different than most years, aside from what our local members are used to.

Also unlike typical golf seasons at Muskeg Meadows, tee times were required for several days a month when the cruise ship, Regatta, was moored in Wrangell.

There have also been new additions and refurbishments at the course.

A new covered motor cart parking area at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course is still under construction. With the help of Carolyn Ottesen, and Ernie Christian with Ottesen's True Value, Lloyd Ward, the Woodbury family, the golf course crew, and local contributors of our raf-

fles. This new addition will generate revenue for the club, and provide a secured shelter area for private cart owners to park their carts.

Another new addition this year were new steps and railings to the back porches of the driving range, and golf shop.

Also new to Muskeg Meadows Golf Course this season is Horseshoe pits that were installed in the upper parking area of the golf course. Several times throughout the season golfers requested a horseshoe tournament after golfing, during the backyard BBQ, or for birthday parties and special events.

Unfortunately, this year coordinating work parties did not synchronize for installing the new driving range nets. The original plan was to have them installed no later than August of this year. The plan was to install the netting in two phases. Phase one was completed with the help of the City of Wrangell, Light Dept.'s lift truck. The lift truck operators assisted Wayne Harding, Muskeg Meadows Superintendent, with installing the new hardware on the poles for the netting. The completion of phase one was pushed back so far into the season, it was a mute point to install the new netting. Phase two will begin next spring as soon as weather will allow. Phase two consists of spreading the net out and clipping it to the ropes, then raising the nets by the pulley system on the line poles, one pole at a time.

Modifications to fairway number three were necessary in the early spring after the winter thaw

caused unruly settling of the ground. The construction area caused a change in the yardage of that hole, what was an original par four, changed to a short par three. The yardage was made up by moving to the back tees on number six.

Golf Course improvements are expected to continue after the end of the golfing season. Refurbishment projects are scheduled on the agenda and maintenance crews will be working throughout the course.







**9-HOLE INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP
USING ONLY 2 CLUBS & A PUTTER FROM
YOUR BAG**

Saturday, September 7, 2013
10:00am starting time
Sign up **no later than** **9:45am**

Golf Tournament (907) 874-GOLF(4653)

25% Off



Logo Apparel



Pictured above are a few of the used sets of golf clubs for sale at Muskeg Meadows. Several other sets are also available. Individual golf clubs for \$10 each.

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	4-Hole Best Ball	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