



MUSKEG MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

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Wrangell Medical Center Foundation's 7th Annual Brian Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament

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Kicking off the Memorial Day weekend at the golf course was a group of ten Petersburg Middle School students and three staff with their end-of-school "Exploratory Day" at Muskeg Meadows. The group from Petersburg took a short jet boat ride from Banana Point on Mitkof Island to City Dock, downtown Wrangell early in the morning and stayed for golf and lunch before exploring their way back to the dock for their return home in the afternoon. As the Petersburg students wrapped up their golfing adventure, the Wrangell Medical Center Foundation's 7th Annual Brian Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament quickly got underway. Twenty-three golfers came out Friday evening for the casual nine-hole, Best Shot fundraiser geared for socializing, and supporting the cause. Ernie and Jane Bliss, Jim and Sue Nelson, Wayne and Kathleen Harding, Rocky and Randy Littleton, Keene and Faye Kohrt, Elliot Bruhl, Noel Rea, Eric Gettis, Dan Neumister, Grover Mathis, Vincent Balansag, Robert Owens, Clint Lewis, Jr. Mingming, Ray Pederson, Mike Hamblin, Eric Kading, and Wayne Ellis.

1st Place: Final score: 20 Team handicap: 18
Wayne and Kathleen Harding, Grover Mathis and Vincent Balansag.

2st Place: Final score: 22 Team handicap: 14
Clint Lewis, Robert Owens, Jr. Mingming, Randy Littleton.

3rd Place: Final score: 23 Team handicap: 11
Rocky Littleton, Ray Pederson, Mike Hamblin, Eric Kading.

The Straightest Drive on hole #1: Rocky Littleton with 12'11" from the line.

Closest To The Pin on hole #4: Mike Hamblin with 17'3/4"

Starting fresh the next morning, individual hole sponsors brought in locals and visitors from as far as Texas. Thirty-eight golfers braved the threatening skies to support the seventh annual Brian Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament. Sue Nelson, George Bensen, Jane Bliss, Pam McClosky, Tyler Gunn, Brett Woodbury, Mike Ottesen, Jr. Tyman Comstock, Dana Strong, Dan O'Neill, Tammy Davidson, Vincent Balansag, Dick and Barbara Angerman, Robin Taylor, Doug Roberts, Aaron and Denise McPherson, Sean Robinette, Chris McGuigan, Robert Owens, Jr. Mingming, Randy Littleton, Elliot Bruhl, Noel Rea, Dan Neumister, Eric Gettis, Bob Urata, Frank Roppel, Faye Kohrt, Chris Urata, Rocky Littleton, Ray Pederson, Eric Kading, Mike Hamblin, Jim Brooks, Rupert Henry, and Wayne Harding.

1st Place: Final score: 20 Team handicap: 16
Bob and Chris Urata, Frank Roppel and Faye Kohrt.

2st Place: Final score: 21 Team handicap: 13
Tyler Gunn, Brett Woodbury, Mike Ottesen and Ty Comstock..

3rd Place: Final score: 21 Team handicap: 18
Sue Nelson, Jane Bliss, George Benson and Pam McClosky.

4th Place: Final score: 23 Team handicap: 11
Rocky Littleton, Ray Pederson, Eric Kading and Mike Hamblin.

5th Place: Final score: 23 Team handicap: 15
Jim Brooks, Rupert Henry, and Wayne Harding.

The "Rear Raven" award: Final score: 25 Team handicap: 11
Robert Owen, Jr. Mingming and Randy Littleton.

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With a shotgun start after Kyla Teat commemorated this Memorial Day event with the National Anthem, ten teams lined the fairways throughout Muskeg Meadows. Individual or corporate fairway sponsorships were available to purchase from the Wrangell Medical Center for choice levels of Platinum \$5,000, Gold \$2,500, Silver \$1,000, Bronze \$600 or Hole \$300, all proceeds go towards the Wrangell Medical Center benefit fundraiser.



Kyla Teat singing the National Anthem at the golf tourney before the

Motor cart and golf club rentals were reserved in advance and



Pictured above and below, Curtis Wimberley, caddy for Bob Urata.

left other golfers to walk or use caddy services' made available for gratuities by Curtis Wimberley, Amos Comstock and Jonah Comstock.



Pictured right: Issacc Mingming caddying for his father, Jr. Mingming.



Pictured below: Amos Comstock caddying for Robert Owens representing Platinum fairway sponsor, Trident Seafoods, Inc.



Pictured right, Jonah Comstock, caddy for Mike Hamblin.



Petersburg Middle School Exploratory Day

WRANGELL HIGH SCHOOL GOLF CLUB

Each spring Jim Brooks leads the five week instructional clinic for local junior golfers. While Mr. Brooks' program is geared towards high school students, the majority of interest has come from middle school students. This year, Mr. Brooks had a returning group of golfers, with only a few new students. Golf course attendant, Donald Groom assisted Mr. Brooks with the particularly large group of eleven. The group leaders divided the students into two groups, with half joining the driving range instructional while the other half was having lessons on the practice putting green. May 21, 2014 was the H.S. Golf Club Championship. This year, battling through four holes in the pouring rain, the Championship went to Wrangell Golf Club volunteer and junior golf mentor, Mikel Smith. Participating and graduating the group this year was Curtis Wimberley, Blake and Trent Stokes, Tabitha and Joe Hommel, Amos Comstock, Davis Dow, Orion Heller, Mikel Smith, Garrett Miller and Tarren Privett. Graduates of the program receive a Wrangell Golf Club membership, season pass, and receive special golfing privileges.



Joining in the Petersburg Middle School Exploratory Day was group chaperones: Tom Parker, Rick Brock and Floyd Strand. And students: Peter Kowalski, Maddy Parker, LeAnn Lapeyri, Saul Sanchess, Heather Berkley, Avery Hs. Rylan Wallace, Tanya Spears, Jolyse Lopez, and Sarah Larson.

Wrangell Medical Center Foundation

7th Annual Brian Gilbert Memorial Fundraiser Golf Tournament



Pictured above (L-R) Tammy Davidson, Dana Strong, Dan O'Neill.



Pictured above (L-R) Rupert Henry, Wayne Harding, Jim Brooks.



Pictured above (L-R) Robin Taylor, Dick and Barbara Angerman, Doug Roberts.



Pictured above (L-R), Mrs. McGuigan, Denise McPherson, Chris McGuigan, Sean Robinette, Aaron McPherson.

Pictured below: (L-R) Mrs. Patty Gilbert and Jane Bliss



Pictured above (L-R) Dan O'Neill, Tammy Davidson, Dana Strong, Vincent Balansag.



Pictured above (L-R) Pam McClosky, George Benson, Sue Nelson, Jane Bliss.



Pictured above (L-R) Ray Pederson, Eric Kading, Mike Hamblin, Rocky Littleton (Front) Jonah Comstock.



Pictured above (L-R) Tyman Comstock, Brett Woodbury, Mike Ottesen, Tyler Gunn.



Pictured above (L-R), Curtis Wimberley, Bob Urata, Faye Kohrt, Frank Roppell.



Pictured above (L-R) Noel Rea, Eric Gettis, Dr. Elliot Bruhl, Dan Neumister.



Vincent Balansag



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Upcoming Golf Events

City Market, Inc.

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Sentry Hardware.

Saturday, May 31– June 1, 2014. Starting time each day is 10:00am Registration is open until fifteen minutes before tee time. Entry fee \$25/person, each day. Must be 18+ years of age to participate. The format on Saturday is nine-hole, Mystery Scramble, and Sunday will be a nine-hole Best Shot. In our version of Mystery Scramble individuals choose who they play with, while keeping their own score. The tournament scorekeeper draws random names to place into teams. Established handicaps are used. In our version of Best Ball/Shot/Scramble individuals may choose their own four-person team, or singles will be placed into a team of four, three or two. Each player tees off on each hole. The best of the tee shots is selected and all players play their second

shots from that spot. The best of the second shots is determined, then all play their third shot from that spot, and so on until the ball is putted out.

Summer! Summer! Summer Recreation Youth Program

The Wrangell Parks & Recreation's Summer Rec program for children 6-11 years old will be taking place on the driving range and practice putting green **every Monday and Thursday from 10am-12noon** beginning the first Monday in June and continuing until the first Thursday in August. Don & Bonnie Roher, the Wrangell Golf Club's youth leaders, will be assisting the group for most of the season; however, have requested the assistance of volunteers and parents are encouraged to attend.

Golf Mentoring

Faye Kohrt is offering ladies golf mentoring every Tuesday morning at 10:00am or evening at 5:00pm. Tee times are sharp, weather permitting. Please call the golf shop if the weather is marginal. Wrangell Golf Club Members receive a bonus discount for participating in the group.

Mikel Smith and Donald Groom will be offering continued mentoring for junior golfers. Please call the golf shop for more information. Must be at least twelve years of age to participate on the golf course. Children eleven and under can participate on the Driving Range, and Practice Putting Green. Great fun for the entire family!

Manager's Report

The Memorial Day weekend events were a success, starting with the Petersburg Middle School, then the Wrangell Medical Center Foundation's Brian Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament, and ending with guests from aboard the Regent Seven Seas Cruise.

With all the fun and excitement, it's easy to forget the safety risks involved in the game, especially with children. The core of the game is a standard of behavior that lends to positive development in children. I encourage all parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles to get involved in the game with the children in your life. Learning proper golf etiquette is perhaps, the most important safety rule of golf. There are several opportunities available for children and families to be briefed on golf standards throughout the summer with instructional clinics and lessons. I am always happy to discuss these opportunities and make arrangements for the youth programs. Safety is important to me, because I know it's important to you, and with safety put first, you'll have more time to spend on the important things—like your golf experience.

Wrangell Golf Club, Inc. raffle permit no. 2144. Current raffle for **TWO unre-**

stricted, system-wide, round-trip Alaska Airlines tickets. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. All proceeds directly support Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. Drawing will be held at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course September 1, 2014 or when 500 tickets are sold. Need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at Muskeg Meadows Golf Course. *Each ticket purchased is always noticed and appreciated.*

Grounds crew have been experimenting with pest control throughout the golf course to manage the ravens properly. Grounds crew have observed the birds pecking and digging in areas with saturated moisture, or pooling water under the sod. Muskeg Meadows Superintendent, Wayne Harding's theory is the birds food source (grubs/insect larva) surfaces on the ground with the water accumulation beneath. Rain water accumulation in the ground makes the grass roots easy for the birds to turn over. Ravens can destroy an entire fairway in a matter of minutes when the conditions are right. Fortunately, ravens have not been as interested in their findings as they have been in the past, and have not caused much damage to the fairways. Ottesen's True Value donated ten bags of beneficial nematode granules. Grounds crew have a plan to use the new product in experimental areas, as soon as weather conditions allow.

Its time to begin putting together our 4th of July events downtown. The Wrangell Parks & Recs have given us the use of two large putting ramps, on permanent loan, with the understanding they are considered community property of the City of Wrangell, and may be borrowed by other entities. I would love to hear what kind of competition you would like to see downtown Wrangell on the 4th of July.

I'd like to give a special thank you to Donald Groom and Vincent Balansag for the use of their photography. And thanks to Sylva Ettefaugh with Alaska Vistas for coordinating golf with the Regent cruise ship Seven Seas Navigator. Thanks to Rick Brock and Petersburg Middle School for visiting the golf course for the last day of school, and the Wrangell Medical Center Foundation, Jane Bliss, all the hole sponsors, golfers, and volunteers who made the 7th Annual Brian Gilbert Memorial event possible. Congratulations to all the winners!

"The most important shot in golf is the next one." -Ben Hogan



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION
9:00AM-9:45AM
Entry fee
\$25/PERSON
each day

MAY 31 & June 1, 2014 10:00am

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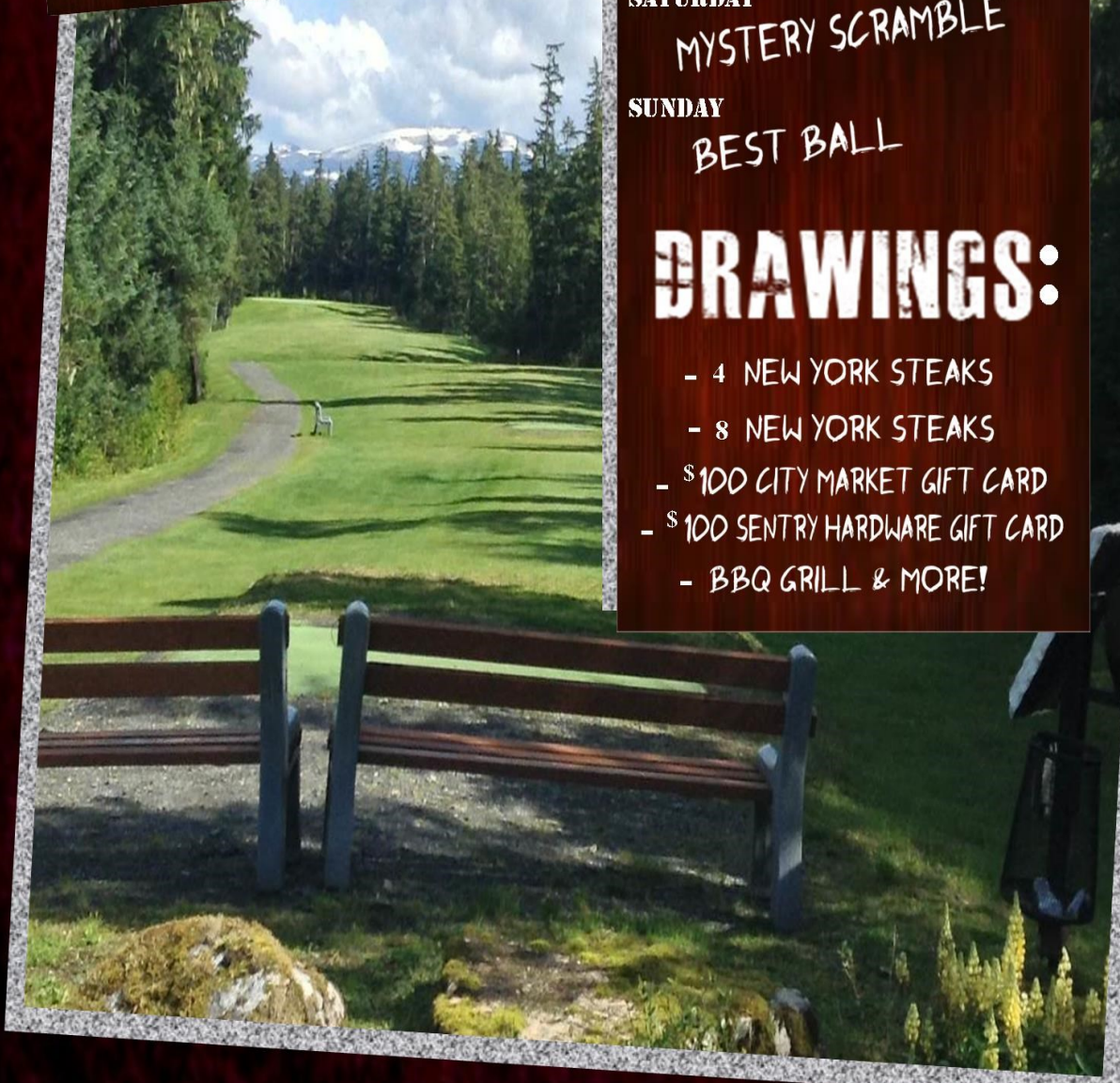
FORMAT

SATURDAY
MYSTERY SCRAMBLE

SUNDAY
BEST BALL

DRAWINGS:

- 4 NEW YORK STEAKS
- 8 NEW YORK STEAKS
- \$100 CITY MARKET GIFT CARD
- \$100 SENTRY HARDWARE GIFT CARD
- BBQ GRILL & MORE!



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2014 Tournament Schedule

DAY	DATE	SPONSOR	FORMAT	STARTING TIME
Sat & Sun	May 3rd & 4th	Angerman's Inc. & Outlet	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 10th & 11th	Ryder Cup (PSG vs WRG)	4 special 9 hole events (2 ea. Day)	10am each day
Sat & Sun	May 17th & 18th	Bobs' IGA	9-Hole Mystery Scramble 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Wednesday	May 21st	Wrangell High School Golf Club Championship	Individual Score	3:45pm
Fri & Sat	May 23rd & 24th	WMC Foundation	9-Hole Best Ball (Sat. \$45 entry/fee or \$75 to incl'd dinner)	(Fri.4pm) & (Sat.10am)
Sunday	May 25th	OPEN		
Sat & Sun	May 31st & June 1st	City Market/Sentry Hardware	Sat. Mystery Scramble Sun. Best Ball	10am
Sat & Sun	June 7th & 8th	Kito's Kave	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Saturday	June 14th	AP&T/KSTK	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Sunday	June 15th	ELKS Lodge	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Thursday	June 19th	Salty Dog Race	9-Hole Best Ball (\$50 entry/fee incl'd's dinner)	3pm
Friday	June 20th	Stikine Sportsmen Association	4-Person, 9-Hole Best Ball	5:30pm sign up
Sat & Sun	June 21st & 22nd	R&M Engineering	(Sat) 18-Hole 2-Person Best Ball (Sun) 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Wednesday	July 23rd	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	9-Hole, 4-Person Best Ball	10am
Friday	June 27th	4th of July ROYALTY - Kira/Robyn	9-Hole Best Ball	6pm
Sat & Sun	June 28th & June 29th	Ottesen's True Value	Sat. 9-Hole Best Ball, Sun. 9-Hole Mystery Scramble	10am each day
Sat & Sun	July 12th & 13th	Alaska Airlines	(Sat) 18-Hole"Drop-Out" Scramble (Sun) 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat & Sun	July 19th & 20th	First Bank	9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Sat	July 26th	Bearfest	Best Ball (with special events)	5pm
Sunday	July 27th	Sr. Apartments/Al Kaer Memorial	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Sat & Sun	August 2nd & 3rd	Totem Bar & Liquor	Sat. 18-Hole Best Ball, Sun. 9-Hole Best Ball	10am each day
Saturday	August 9th	Women's Cancer Care Fundraiser	FUN N' FROLIC Best Ball	8:30am-4pm
Sunday	August 10th	Men's Cancer Care Fundraiser	9-Hole Best Ball Scramble	10am
Sat & Sun	August 16th & 17th	OPEN		
Sat & Sun	August 23rd & 24th	Smitty's Carpet	9-hole Best Ball	10am each day
Wednesday	August 27th	B.S.A. YOUTH TOURNAMENT	4-Hole Best Ball (\$10 entry fee incl'd's golf supplies/dinner)	Sign up 3:30pm
Saturday	August 30th	OPEN		
Sunday	August 31st	Members Only CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	Individual Handicap	10am
Monday	Sept 1st (Labor Day)	Breakaway Adventures	9-Hole Best Ball	10am
Saturday	Sept 6th	2 Clubs and a Putter	Individual Handicap	10am
Sunday	Sept 7th	2 Clubs and a Putter	9-Hole Best Ball	10am

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

\$25 entry fees each day unless otherwise noted.

* Must be 18+ years of age

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