

Kodiak Team Courier

Winter sports conclude with gold-medal finish in state showshoe relay



Kodiak athletes Arne Tveit, Chris Kavanaugh, Chris Bullert and Scott Snider celebrate a gold-medal finish in the 4x100-meter relay event at the 2010 Special Olympics Alaska Winter Games in Anchorage. Photo courtesy of Erin Erwin.

The 2010 Special Olympics Alaska Winter Games drew nearly 500 athletes, coaches and volunteers to Anchorage Friday, March 12 to Sunday, March 14. 27 athletes, coaches and volunteers represented Kodiak at the Games, competing in Floor Hockey and Snowshoeing against athletes from Anchorage, Homer, Ketchikan, Mat-Su Valley, Seward and Valdez.

Four athletes competed in Individual Skills Floor Hockey this year, including first-timers Ben Stahlhut

and Brittany Tregarthen. Stahlhut took first place in the M4 division of that event with a score of 76.47; Tregarthen placed second in the F2 division with a score of 69.88. Veteran Floor Hockey players Bernie Graham and Nick Berestoff placed 3rd in F2 with a score of 68.19 and 1st in M2 with a score of 74.06, respectively.

In the Floor Hockey Team event the Kodiak Bears narrowly missed a tournament victory, (*Cont'*)



Season Highlights: Locals competition saw the Kodiak Bears compete against the Kodiak women's league team the Blazing Storm, above. Below, Arne Tveit is happy with a strong finish at the state snowshoe tournament. Kodiak Bears Floor Hockey players suit up for competition at locals, bottom.



Photos by Suzanna Bobo and Erin Erwin.

(Con't from first page) coming in second to Anchorage Blue in the final, gold-medal game. It was an exciting game with powerful, courageous play and a disappointing 1-0 loss in the end. The Floor Hockey teams were coached by Chris Provost. Players and partners included: Anthony Rohr, Amy Canavan, Sam Stahlhut, Aharon Dolph, Dmitri Thomas, Creston DuPont, Josiah Wood, Chloe Wood, Justin Wood, Maureen Butler, David Bradbury, Misty Ford, and Derrick Blondin. Kodiak goalie Joey Rodriguez was unable to travel with the team due to illness. Ford took his place for tournament play.

In the Snowshoeing venue, Kodiak won a stunning victory in the M1 division of the 4x100M relay, with Arne Tveit, Christopher Bullert, Chris Kavanaugh and Scott Snider winning that event with a time of 2 minutes, 13.70 seconds for the gold medal.

Snider took first in the M1 division of the 25M race with a time of 10.60 seconds; first in the M4 division of the 100M race with a time of 44.60 seconds and second place in the M4 division of the 50M race with a time of 31.90 seconds.

Kavanaugh took first place in the M3 division of the 400M race with a time of 2 minutes, 8.60 seconds; second place in the M1 division of the 1600M race with a time of 12 minutes, 43.50 seconds, and third place in the M1 division of the 200M race with a time of 54.10 seconds.

Tveit took first place in the M3 division of the 100M race and fourth place in the M3 division of the 50M race with a time of 20.70 seconds and the M3 division of the 200M race with a time of 1 minute, 54.40 seconds.

Bullert took first place in the M2 division of the 50M race with a time of 13.20 seconds; second place in the M5 division of the 100M race with a time of 25.10 seconds, and second place in the M1 division of the 200M race with a time of 50.10 seconds.

Veteran Snowshoer Julia Wiley earned silver medals in two events, the F2 division of the 50M race with a time of 20.50 seconds and the F1 division of the 25M race with a time of 10.30 seconds. Wiley also placed third in the F5 division of the 100M race with a time of 43.50 seconds.

Tonya Lee coached the Snowshoe team with assistance from Erin and Joseph Erwin.--*By Suzanna Bobo and Brittany Tregarthen*

Torch Run to Kickoff Local Spring Games

Local competition in Aquatics, Power Lifting and Individual Skills Basketball will begin Saturday, May 15 following the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Registration for the Torch Run will begin at 9:00 am the downtown Wells Fargo, and the race will start at 10:00 am at the WF parking lot. Participants will run/walk/stroll/crawl approximately 5 kilometers with a finish at Kodiak High School.

All Special Olympics competitive events will take place at the high school following the Torch Run.

Look for more information about Local Games to be released in the near future.



Special Olympics Alaska Kodiak Community wants to thank our friends at Wells Fargo and the Kodiak Democratic Party for their recent generous donations. Wells Fargo and its employees donated \$3,375 through the bank's matching donation program. The Democratic Party donated \$300. Below, party member Dick Ross presents a check to Special Olympics at a floor hockey practice. Thank you, also, to all who donated in memory of Linda Dolph. What great friends!



Suck it up, Chief. KPD officers encourage a shivering Chief Kamai to embrace the cold at last year's Law Enforcement Torch Run. Organizers of the 2010 event hope the sun will shine on this year's annual fundraiser for Special Olympics.

Torch Run Looking for Fans of Dignity, Strength and Pride

Fans of Dignity. Join people in communities across the State of Alaska for The Alaska Law Enforcement 5K Torch Run and Pledge on Saturday, May 15 and give your support to Special Olympics Alaska. This drive will be the largest simultaneous multi-community running event held in Alaska this year, with a goal of raising over \$100,000 for Special Olympics Alaska communities.

Fans of Strength. Orchestrated by the Alaska law enforcement communities, the Torch Run is open to both law enforcement officers and the general public. Walkers, runners, joggers, strollers and rollerbladers are welcome. Support training and competition programs for over 2,000 Alaskan athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Fans of Pride. Participants with a minimum donation of \$25 will receive a T-shirt. In addition to this donation, participants are encouraged to obtain pledges from co-workers, neighbors, family and maximize their contribution to Special Olympics Alaska Community Programs.

To Participate/Donate: Contact Lt. Kyle Valerio at KPD at 486-8000, Jody Spivey at Wells Fargo at 486-3126 or log on to www.firstgiving.com/SO-AK. All pledges designated for Kodiak will support Kodiak athletes in year-round athletics programs offered right here on the Emerald Isle!

Local Torch Run Sponsors: Kodiak Police Department, Safeway, Wells Fargo Bank, Fans Like You!

Athletes' Feats

Julia Wiley: 2010 Athlete of the Year



Special Olympics Alaska Kodiak community recognizes Julia Wiley, the recipient of the Athlete of the Year Award for 2010. The award was presented at the 2010 Local Winter Games. Julia was selected by the Special Olympics Alaska Kodiak Community Management Team for her participation, sportsmanship and athleticism. "Julia is a winner and gives it all she can year-round," said Tonya Lee, who coaches Julia in showshoeing. "She's also especially supportive of her fellow athletes." In addition to Special Olympics play, Julia participates in local league bowling, competing on a mixed doubles team that plays Wednesday evenings. She is also a dedicated and long-term employee at a local restaurant, and a loyal daughter, sister and friend. Well done, Julia!

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