



# North Winds

## VOICE OF THE ANCHORAGE POST

June 2010 Edition

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers  
(SAME) Meeting 22 July 2010  
Anchorage Moose Lodge  
BOD Meeting 25 June 2010  
0630 @ Country Kitchen Restaurant

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This month's sponsor is:



### President's Column

As I write this, we are poised for another successful golf tournament this Friday. In addition to this event just being a lot of fun, it sure provides a nice supplement to our scholarship program. I would like all of us to personally thank Larry Opperman for his great leadership in planning and resourcing this event for us. It is volunteers like Larry that make this post a joy to lead and that makes it one of the most successful team in SAME. Needless to say, I am very proud of all of volunteers. Happy golfing and lets enjoy what has turned out to be a fantastic start of summer."

Should you like to comment, please pass on your thoughts to our secretary, Jaci Mellot, at [jaci.mellot@hdrinc.com](mailto:jaci.mellot@hdrinc.com)

Thanks for all you do for our post.  
Tim Gallagher  
Post President  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

### PROCEEDINGS:

The following were present:

Mr. Tim Gallagher, Mr. Dave Bennett, Mr. Pat Coullahan, Mr. Skip Koch, Mr. Craig Lance, Mr. Kelly McGovern, Ms. Jaci Mellott.

Mr. Tim Gallagher –President opened the meeting at 0710.

- Treasurer: Ms. Kathy Jacobson
  - \$8,000 transferred to the Talley Fund.
- Newsletter:
  - Need to check on newsletter for May
- Programs:
  - No update
- Publications:
  - June—Golf
  - July—Firming details for small business panel
  - Aug.—Confirm HDR Fish Hatchery presentation with Mike McGowan
- Seminars:
  - Consider next year 2011
- Membership:
  - Down a little; need to keep recruiting
- Other:
  - Next meeting June 25, 2010

- Mr. Tim Gallagher, President, closed the BOD meeting at 0750.

2010 Society of American Military Engineers  
(SAME) Scholarship Golf Tournament  
Anchorage Post

The 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary SAME Anchorage Post 2010 scholarship golf tourney is completed and now goes to the archives. The tournament was held at Eagleglen Golf Course on Friday afternoon, June 11<sup>th</sup> with a 30 team shotgun start at 1:00 P.M. No rain, but a little overcast and cool at times. We had four sponsored military teams this year and all the slots were filled with 3<sup>rd</sup> Civil Engineer teams comprised of active duty members. It was great to have the military teams sponsored and have them play. We'd love to get even more military teams sponsored and see the other services represented in the tournament. The tournament ended around 6:00 P.M. with a burger burn and award ceremony. There were a few changes with the rules this year as we used flagging tape instead of the dowel rods we used last year. Every team's tape was 5969 gnat's eye in length. I was asked about this several times and had to convince a few folks that a gnat's eye is a real measure of length. Obviously, a gnat's eye is pretty small...one international U.S. inch equals 203.2 gnat's eye. It was amusing to see how everyone used their tape. The rules read for everyone to use their tape to "the fullest extent of its capability." Many teams figured out that meant it could be *stretched*, and I'm sure that helped some teams to lower scores than they would have had. I watched one team putt to about 4 inches outside their tape length and they didn't stretch to get the ball in. Oh well...just a little something different for the fun of it. I am happy to say that none of the tournament directors were able to abscond with any tape to help their particular company team's performance...as happened last year. The tape was under lock and key and never within sight of Vivian....I mean the unknown tournament director. We had some good scores this year and Matanuska Telephone Association (MTA) won with a great score of 48. Siemens popped a 49 for second place and a three-way tie for third was won in a card off by Watterson with a 51. The red lantern award...or LAST PLACE, went to Bristol Engineering #1 with a semi-respectable 72. We had great support from the business community this year and MTA took

home four \$125 gift certificates from Eagleglen Pro Shop for first, the Siemens team were awarded 4 \$87.50 gift certificates to B&J's Sporting Goods, and the Watterson foursome each received \$50 gift cards from Moose's Tooth for third. The Bristol #1 team each received a free half-hour lesson with one of the Eagleglen club pros for bringing up the rear. Overall, the tournament raised \$9,534.16 for the scholarship fund. Not a bad day of fund raising for this great program. As I stated before, the business community was outstanding this year with donations by Eagleglen Pro Shop, Embassy Suites, B&J's Sporting Goods, Moose's Tooth, Subway, First National Bank, and Alaska Executive Search, Inc. Their donations totaled in excess of \$1700 for our event. Please be sure to thank them for supporting our tournament when you patronize their businesses.

A very big thank you goes out to all the sustaining members who entered teams and provided additional sponsorships. These actions provide additional monies to the scholarship fund by helping to cover tournament expenses. There were four additional sponsorship opportunities: Beverage Cart at \$750, Golf Carts at \$500, Military Team Sponsors at \$300, and Hole sponsors at \$150. The following members hit a hole-in-one with their additional sponsorships.

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The *On The Green* competition held on the par 3 fourth hole raised an additional \$415 to the bottom line. Kristen Mucci from AES ran the fund raiser with the assistance of Vivian Tokar. They did a great job and also had a few golf ditties provided by First National Bank to hand out to all the players. And finally, a long drive down the middle thank you to the 2010 tournament committee for all their help. They are Vivian Tokar, Kristen Mucci, and Laura Rogers. Without their help, we wouldn't have had such a successful tournament.

Thanks again to all who participated and were good sports on all the good natured ribbing. Congratulations to the new and now defending champions...MTA. We're looking forward to the competition next year.

Thanks Again To All

Larry Opperman  
Tournament Director



**Larry Opperman, Tournament Director,  
Presenting Awards**



**Team 4A, RIM Architects, effectively using  
Survey Tape!**



**Team 16B, MTA, Tournament Winners**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Newsletter Sponsorship**

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the 2010 North Winds monthly newsletter. All sponsors will have their name and logo on the front page of the Newsletter and up to a two page flyer attached to the North Winds. For 2010, we will continue our practice of allowing sponsors five minutes at the monthly luncheon to pitch their firm.

The North Winds Newsletter welcomes articles of interest and photos for the Newsletter. Please submit articles and photos with captions concerning SAME activities to the editor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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