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JEFF KING WINS MILLENNIUM ALASKAN HOTEL FIRST MUSHER TO THE YUKON AWARD

Ruby, Alaska - Thursday, March 6, 2014 - IDITAROD XLII Musher Jeff King (bib # 17) of Denali, Alaska, was the first to arrive at the Ruby Checkpoint at 06:45 am with 14 dogs.

The Millennium Alaskan Hotel First Musher to the Yukon Award is a five-course meal with Alaskan Sablefish & Blue Mussel Stew, followed by Red King Crab Cajun Bruschetta with cream cheese, chives, shallots, garlic and special seasonings. The third course consists of Baby Arugula & Smoked Spotted Shrimp Salad including toasted pine nuts, sliced avocado, grated parmesan cheese, cherry tomatoes, alfalfa sprouts and champagne vinaigrette dressing. The entrée is Peppercorn Crusted Filet Mignon & Fried Oysters on a cabernet sauce with sockeye salmon lox and caviar potato pancakes, baby carrots and zucchini flowers. For dessert Roasted Pear Crème Brulee Tart with cream, flour, sugar, and vanilla bean on a tart shell with roasted pear toppings. Wine and champagne pairings accompany each course.

King's "After Dinner Mint" of \$3,500 presented on an Alaskan Gold Pan accompanied by a bottle of Dom Perignon was presented by Patrick Cashman, Millennium Alaskan Hotel Food and Beverage Director. The meal was prepared by Executive Chef, Bobby Sidro.

The Millennium Alaskan Hotel First Musher to the Yukon Award will be presented again to Jeff in Nome on Sunday, March 16th during the Iditarod Awards Banquet at the Nome Recreation Center.