

Checkpoint and Trivia Tuesday: Shageluk to Anvik: What does the first musher to the Yukon River win?

1. What does the first musher to the Yukon River win? **Millennium Alaskan Hotel First to the Yukon Award. They receive a 5-course meal and \$3500 on an Alaskan Gold Pan**
2. Regret says he will be running on “tundra.” What is tundra? Describe what it would look like to Regret and what it would feel like to him and his teammates. **Tundra is a type of biome. There is no tree growth due to cold temperatures and short growing season.**
3. Before Regret leaves Shageluk, Ken puts booties on his paws. What is the purpose of putting booties on the dogs paws? **The booties are used to protect the dogs paws from getting scraped up by the ice and snow. They are also used to keep little ice balls forming in the webbing of the dogs toes.**
4. Regret is a lead dog. What are the characteristics of a good lead dog? **The one/two dogs in the front (farthest away from the sled). The lead dogs: set the pace, respond to commands, are very disciplined, act as the musher’s “right hand man.” They must be willing to be chased. They are also very intelligent, obedient, and have a lot of stamina.**
5. Regret mentioned that the wheel dogs are a critical part of the team. What are the responsibilities and characteristics of a wheel dog? **The wheel dogs are the two dogs closest to the sled. They are very strong and are usually the kennel’s best athlete. They should have quick reflexes. Their job is to make sure the sled makes it around corners and objects.**
6. If you got to choose anything for a five-course meal, what would you choose?
7. Who won the “First to the Yukon” the last time the Iditarod went through Anvik, in 2013? What was this musher’s meal? **Martin Buser. Red King crab stuffed Portobello mushrooms and smoked sockeye salmon cucumbers with gourmet cheeses, Alaskan Clam Chowder, Roast duck salad with mixed greens, 14 oz. ribeye steak topped with a Cognac and Alaskan Amber sauce accompanied by jumbo prawns and bacon wrapped sea scallops served with grilled asparagus and four cheese risotto cake. Dessert was an assorted fresh fruit tart. Four wine pairings accompanied each course.**