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**Jessie Holmes wins the First Musher to the Yukon Award**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Veteran musher Jessie Holmes (bib #2), of Brushkana, Alaska is the first musher to arrive at the Anvik checkpoint on the Yukon River at 4:03 am with 12 dogs in harness. In doing so, Holmes claims the First Musher to the Yukon Award. The award consists of a five-course gourmet meal prepared by executive chef Jack Amon of Marx Bros. Café.

The menu consists of an a lobster bisque, garnished with a king crab salad creme fraiche followed by the Marx Brothers cesar salad, a filet mignon with a red wine demi gloss, sauteed with maitake mushrooms, asparagus and mashed yukon gold potatoes. Dessert was the infamous Marx Bros. Café cheesecake. Holmes thoroughly enjoyed his meal, especially the cheesecake.

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