



Date: April 8, 2025
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Re: Quarterly Report
Reporting Period: January – March 2025

Nome Recreation Center

The quarter kicked off in January with the resumption of Adult City League Basketball. Three new ladies' teams (Little Lous, R.Y.E and Courtside Queens) joined the fray for the second half while Team Mimi and Harold's opted to not participate after ending the opening half tied for first.

There was some question as to whether the second half would be played due to a severe shortage of referees toward the end of the first half. After floating several proposals and meeting with team captains a solution was found that allowed for league play to resume.

The delayed start to the half ruled out the possibility of a postseason and instead, teams played a 6-game regular season. G-Spot kept their foot on the throttle in Men's A and went undefeated with a perfect 6-0 record. Yellowfooters battled it out with Net Rippers and ultimately edged them out in Men's B. For the Women's League, newcomer Little Lous throttled the field and finished with an unblemished 6-0 mark.

Those weren't the only competitive basketball games taking place in our facility. On February 7th and 8th we welcomed our beloved Nome-Beltz Nanooks back to the gym. They came to play the Houston Hawks out of the Mat-Su Valley.

As expected the place was rocking and fueled by the energy of a raucous, partisan crowd the boys defeathered the visiting team with a pair of lopsided wins. On Friday they won 77-32 before following it up with an almost identical margin of victory (71-32) on Saturday. The Lady Nanooks demolished the Lady Hawks in their 2-game tilt scoring dominant wins by 59-22 and 67-30 margins.

They no sooner left and the facility cleaned before Iditarod rolled around. This year's Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Classic saw the addition of a Women's Over 35 Division. Listed below are this year's winners:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Championship Results</u>
Ladies' Over 35	R.Y.E 55, Mama Bears 36
Men's Over 35	Net Rippers 100, Breakers 87
Ladies' B	SMK Grizzlies 45, El's Lady Aklaqs 43
Men's B	Net Rippers 94, PC Bay 80



Ladies' Open	Q-Trucking 51, Anaatuk Ones 45
Division	<u>Championship Results (Continued)</u>
Men's Open	Eskimo Brothers 74, ANB 64

Upon completing the awards ceremony and drawing for raffle prizes the gymnasium was immediately cleared and torn down to get ready for the Finisher's Banquet the following day.

Hosted by the Iditarod Trail Committee the affair serves as a combination awards banquet and opportunity for the mushers to give one last shout out to sponsors and supporters.

Nome Swimming Pool

The previous quarter saw a variety of events, regular swim team practices, private rentals, staff training, and a variety of community-focused programs. I will start with the main things:

Ice Breaker Swim Meet

The Ice Breaker Swim Meet, held on January 19th, was one of the major events at the swimming pool during the past quarter. The meet featured a range of different stroke and distance events for swimmers of all ages and skill levels. The event was a success, with high attendance from families and friends on the young swimmers.

Gold Rush Swim Meet

The Gold Rush Swim Meet took place on February 28th and was another major event that highlighted the pool's role in supporting competitive swimming. Similar to the Ice Breaker Meet, this event offered a platform for local athletes to showcase their skills. It also provided an opportunity for the community to come together and support local talent.

Throughout the past three months, to prepare for these and other meets the Nome Northstar Swim Team held regular practice sessions at the pool. These practices were an essential part of the team's training regimen as they prepare for in-season competitions. The practices were held multiple times a week, allowing swimmers to refine their techniques and improve their overall performance.

A staff in-service was held on February 22nd to provide training and for pool personnel. This in-service aimed to enhance the skills of the staff to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the pool. The session also served as an opportunity for staff to discuss any challenges they had encountered and share best practices to improve the overall operation of the pool.

Regular Programming:

In addition to the special events and private rentals, the swimming pool has continued to offer regular programming for the community.



- **Lap Swim:** This program remained popular for individuals seeking a dedicated space for training and exercise.
- **Family Swim:** Family swim times provided an opportunity for families to enjoy the pool together in a relaxed, recreational setting.
- **Open Swims:** These sessions were offered throughout the week to allow for general public use of the pool, accommodating swimmers of all levels.

NACTEC Swim Classes:

The pool was also utilized by the Northwest Arctic Career and Technical Education Center (NACTEC) for swim classes. These classes provided valuable aquatic education and skills training for participants, offering both basic swimming lessons and more specialized instruction. The collaboration with NACTEC continued to strengthen the pool's role in serving a variety of educational needs within the community.

School Programs:

The pool hosted several school-related programs during the past quarter, further contributing to its community service.

- **Home School Swim:** A partnership with Nome Public Schools' Extension Program allowed for a dedicated Home School Swim session. This program offered home-schooled students a chance to access swimming instruction and recreational swimming in a controlled, educational environment.