



DONLIN GOLD

SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM ENRIC FERNANDEZ

Dear Members of the Donlin Gold Family,

Spring brings a new energy to the project through high engagement opportunities with stakeholders and industry leaders. Our team has been steadily meeting regularly with those highly invested in seeing the project continue to bring economic prosperity to the Yukon-Kuskokwim region and hope for the next generation.

Our Community Relations team has been highly involved in connecting with villages through the Iron Dog Ambassador program, Iditarod, ASAA March Madness and even reaching tribal leaders from the Lower 48 at the RES Conference, where thousands of Native leaders convene every year to discuss ways to empower indigenous peoples to develop their businesses.

Beyond distributing swag, our team promotes one of our most important values: safety, through snowmachine helmet distributions in communities. Another component of the Donlin Gold project that cannot be understated in its importance is good environmental stewardship. While the mine is not operational yet, work continues through our environmental team's efforts to restore fish habitat as part of our mission to be a good neighbor.

Building relationships with people in the region starts by meeting people where they are, which is what our Community Liaison program is centered around. Sharing knowledge and information about events happening in communities helps our understanding of what is important to people residing in the Y-K region. Knowing that, our team has been engaged with many state tournament basketball games as part of ASAA's March Madness, supporting students in healthy activities.

We have much to look forward to as the year continues.



Sincerely,

Enric Fernandez
Interim General Manager

WE ARE PROUD PARTNERS OF ASAA AND ALL ALASKA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES!

Our team had a fantastic time at the annual Alaska School Activities Association's March Madness tournaments. Not only did we love cheering on all participating teams and seeing their dedication and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, we also enjoyed interacting with the crowd, tossing out t-shirts and basketballs!

Supporting Alaska's interscholastic activities gives us the opportunity to see first-hand the successes of all ASAA students. We take immense pride in our commitment to supporting Alaska's student interscholastic activities!



HONORING HERITAGE AND TRADITION AT THE 2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

Donlin Gold had the distinct opportunity to support the 2024 Arctic Winter Games that were held in the Mat-Su Valley in March. Environmental Field Coordinator Danny Twitchell and his wife, Isha, attended the opening ceremony of the games. The sports competition for northern and Arctic athletes celebrates Indigenous culture, heritage and tradition. We deeply value these spirited events that shape our communities, and were proud to cheer on the competing athletes.



THE 52ND IDITAROD TRAIL SLED DOG RACE

The 52nd running of the Iditarod race unfolded from March 2nd to March 12, 2024, covering a grueling 1,000 mile journey that followed the Northern route from Anchorage to Nome. Donlin Gold has sponsored the race for over a decade and was again steadfast in standing with the Iditarod for this year's event.

Our commitment extends beyond financial backing. It's about preserving tradition, fostering community, honoring Alaska's mining and mushing history, and celebrating the spirit of the Last Great Race on Earth. Our sponsorship ensures that the Iditarod remains a beacon of endurance, adventure, and Alaskan heritage.

Thirty-eight mushers left from the Official Restart Line in Willow on March 3rd and in the late afternoon of March 12th, history was made when Dallas Seavey crossed under the burled arches in Nome earning his sixth 1st place finish, setting a new record for most Iditarod wins in the history of the race.

Our hometown hero, Pete Kaiser, was not far behind and pulled into Nome to find his biggest fans awaiting his arrival on the morning of March 13th in ninth place. We are so proud of Pete and all that he continues to accomplish in his mushing career.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PETE KAISER ON HIS EIGHTH KUSKOKWIM 300 WIN!

Donlin Gold is proud to be a longtime supporter of Kaiser Racing Kennel and is inspired by Pete's lifelong commitment to amplifying the important tradition and heritage of our state's official sport.



Photo credit: John Wallace

2024 IRON DOG: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER KRISTINA WOOLSTON SPREADS MESSAGE OF SAFETY FROM BIG LAKE TO NOME ON AMBASSADOR TEAM 99

Donlin Gold has been a longtime supporter of the Iron Dog because it represents the best of Alaska in its resourcefulness, resilience and strength. The 2024 race was no different, with one notable addition.

External Affairs Manager Kristina Woolston had the incredible opportunity to join the Iron Dog Ambassador Team 99, proudly representing Donlin Gold throughout the race. Kristina embarked on an unforgettable journey alongside Iron Dog legends and other prominent Alaskans in this year's Ambassador Class, snowmachining from Anchorage to Nome. Along the trail, the team stopped in checkpoint communities, such as McGrath, Unalakeet, Nikolai and more, and engaged with residents about the importance of helmet safety as part of the Alaska Safe Riders program.

Kristina, an outdoor enthusiast, grew up in a rural community in western Alaska, where snowmachines are a significant part of life. She expressed, "When we're in communities, we get the wonderful opportunity to work with Alaska Safe Riders and Iron Dog to present equipment and safe rider briefings and trainings to youth and members of the community."

In addition to Kristina, the 2024 Iron Dog Ambassador Class included Scott Davis, Cory Davis, DeeDee Jonrowe, Mike Jonrowe, Robby Schachle, Pat Reilly and Ashley Wood. On top of the important role they played in sharing safety messaging along the trail, they also were pivotal to the function of the race itself, laying the trail for the Pro and Expedition classes.

The Iron Dog stands as a world-class snowmachine race and embodies dedication, safety and thorough training to cross the finish line. Donlin Gold echoes the same core values of safety and community in all operations and remains steadfast in its commitment to promoting safety and community engagement. Donlin Gold is already looking forward to the 2025 race!



CONNECTING WITH Y-K COMMUNITIES

One of Donlin Gold's missions is to find ways to connect with communities in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region to be a good neighbor. Through that effort, Donlin Gold developed the Community Liaison program aimed at identifying meaningful community investment projects and keep the company aware of happenings in the villages. The CLs often participate in their community events and help facilitate community investment project opportunities with the company.



Community Liaison Cheryl Peteroff's son manaqing in Marshall.



Community Liaison Yago Jacob with Alaska Safe Riders as they distribute snowmachine helmets to students in Napaskiak.

One of the most important aspects of the community liaisons' role is maintaining strong relationships with stakeholders. "It is critical to be able to continue sharing information so that everyone is on the same page regardless of their stance on the project," said Samantha Angaiak-Miller, Community Liaison Coordinator for Donlin Gold.

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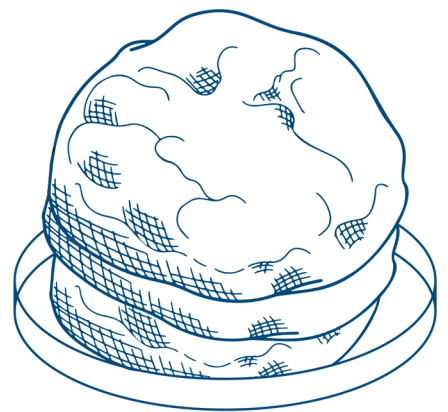
RECIPE SHARED BY COLLEEN LARAUX,
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INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups very warm water
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 pkg quick rise yeast
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 tsp of salt
- 11 cups of flour
- shortening
- oil to fry in

DIRECTIONS

Mix both packages of yeast, let sit for about 10 minutes. Then, add egg, oil and salt and combine. Mix 4 cups of flour. Continue to add flour by the cup until dough no longer sticks to hands (about 6 1/2 to 7 cups). Rub with shortening and cover to let rise for 30-40 minutes. Punch down and shape into 4-5 rounds and fry in hot oil for about 2 minutes on each side. Enjoy!



ARMP HABITAT RESTORATION

BY DANNY TWITCHELL, ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD COORDINATOR

In 2021, Donlin Gold initiated habitat restoration activities at Snow Gulch, a drainage near the project that has been impacted by historic placer mining. The goals were to restore and enlarge fish habitat, including restoring the inlet channel to its natural state. The stream was diverted from the pond so Donlin could begin excavating and recontouring the area. In 2023, we completed excavating and reshaping the pond to create an area large and deep enough to serve as a place for fish to survive throughout the year. In 2024, Donlin plans to reconnect the stream to the lake and allow the water to flow through the lake and into the creek through its pre-placer mining natural pathways.

Overall, the project will have a net benefit on the aquatic ecosystem, improving both habitat and functions. The pond has increased in size and depth. Construction of a low-gradient shoreline around the pond perimeter will promote the growth of aquatic vegetation and provide shallow water habitat important for juvenile salmon. The Snow Gulch Project will create approximately 2.5 acres of open waters, and approximately 0.9 acres of reclaimed wetland. The net reclaimed area will be at least 3.1 acres. Ultimately, Donlin Gold has committed to development of 225 acres of wetlands, with Snow Gulch being just a small portion of a much larger effort to restore wetlands in the area.





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