

HARDING ICE CAP REVISITED, AGAIN AND AGAIN

FISHIN" TIME ! ! ! ! !

On Tuesday June 2, the Seward Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors had their weekly luncheon meeting up on top of the Harding Ice Cap. Besides the Board of directors those invited guests present were Flip Todd of the Anchorage Times and Kenny Dreyer of the News Department of KENI-TV-2. So now Larry Urbach, Bill Vincent, Norm Waggy, Pat Alvarez, Virginia Darling,, Jack Hoogland, Bill Saindon and Willna Zentmire are members of the Explorers Club and proudly wear the big blue and white button. Ricky and Dale Hoogland, Sons of Jack Hoogland were there and a group of passengers from the Westours Cruise Ship the West Star, adventured up to the very top of the world.

The weekend of May 23 and 24 was productive for a few of us, but a few of us got skunked. The weather was foul over most of the bay for most of the weekend. Out at Ailiak Cape it was even worse than that.

Julius and Dorothy Wacht from Yonkers, New York were among the guest from the ship. Their report was that they had never experienced anything as fantastic and wonderful as the trip to the Ice Cap on any "cruise" before.

The Jayleen has what we call a "White Glove" Fishin' Trip. She took three gentlemen and a young boy out for a three hour trip. She went out to the mountain and fished right on the top. The crew was dressed as for high tea, because they were just visiting Seward and had no intentions of going fishin'. The white gloves were furnished by the Skipper. 8 red snappers were boated and of course the youngster managed to get the largest which weighed about 6 pounds. It was such a nice clean trip and the fish were so well behaved that we eidn't even have to mop down the deck when we got back into port.

The temperature was 76° up there and there was much cavorting in the snow. Willna wound up "Taking it Off" and had the courage to wear shorts and sleeveless shirt. Of course as soon as she was uncovered she fell nose f first in the snow.

The Lady Kay and the Adventurer ventured out to Aialik Cape on Sunday and they both, had to spend the night out there in Paradise Cove. The wind blew; the rain rained; the waves x waved and the boat bumped around. The Lady ran out of water, but that was alright, because the Adventurer had water, The Adventurer ran out of beer, but that was alright because the Lady had beer. The Lady ran out of alcohol for the stove, but that was not too bad cause they had a charcoal grill. But the Adventurer was running out of gas because she got generous and loaned gas to a nice new Florde that had ventured too far from the gas pumps and the Lady had been trying to go around the Cape a few times and she was getting low on gas. So they just simply gave up and anchored up and went to bed. Anyway everybody got back safe and happy the next day which was monday, in the middle of the day and only the Adventurer ran out of gas but that was alright because they were just coming into the harbor. Monday was shot and the weather was wonderful so they all gassed up and watter down and went right back out to go fishing.

The snow machines were put to good use and some fabulous pictures, moving and still shots were taken by Kenny Dreyer.

There are 10 snow machines up there ready for rentals and they can be used for exploring the Ice Cap, or getting to a better place to take better pictures or for pulling skiiers.

Make all the arrnagements for this really extra-ordinary day of fun, at the AIR TAXI Office in the small boat harbor. Joe and Jackie Stanton will see to it that you have a wonderful good time.

The emergency hut is well stocked and furnished at this time and will take care of as many as 20 people "cosily". There is a cooking stove as well as a heating stove.

Do take advantage of this fabulous opportunity.

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* SPECIAL NOTICE PLACE * * * * *

To the person or persons who borrowed the rods and reels from the Irish Lord!!!!!!

The reels need a special lubricant and new lines. We do hope that if you should catch

The three day weekend of May 29, 30 and 31 was a good fishing period. Most boats were successful but noone got overwhelmed with too many fish. There were very few halibut brought in however.

Mon May 25, Mike Olsen and Virgil Stout, fishing on the Sunriser brought in 10 bass, cod and a greening. They were using mostly artificial lures.