

Sprint race to run March 20-22, completing Fairbanks Ice Festival

Alaska's longest continuously run sled dog sprint race, the highlight of the Fairbanks Ice Festival, has been re-named the "Alascom Open North American Championship," race organizers announced recently.

"We are very pleased Alascom has accepted the proposal to become the race's exclusive sponsor," said Kathy Frost, Fairbanks musher and defending Champion of the Women's Fur Rondy Championship. "We appreciate the sponsorship at the time

when things are tough, and it's hard to find purse money."

Alascom will donate the \$25,000 prize money for the three-heat sled dog race March 20-22, the final weekend of Fairbanks Ice Festival. This will be the 42nd annual running of the mushing event.

This year's Alascom open North American Championship is dedicated to the memory of famous musher Jimmy Huntington.