

Iditarod mushers number thirty-six

Thirty-six mushers have signed up for the Tenth Annual Iditarod Trail Race next March according to Jack Frost, Executive Director of the Iditarod Trail Committee.

Among the entrants already registered are Joe Redington, Sr., considered the "father of the Iditarod," Susan Butcher, whose two fifth-place finishes are the best ever by a woman, Larry "Cowboy" Smith, the Canadian who led for much of the race last year and who has sworn to take the trophy to Canada this year, and Rick Swenson, the only three-time winner.

"All told, it costs about \$10,000 to train for and run the race," Frost notes. "These and other mushers really need sponsorship help and the Committee encourages corporations and individuals to participate in sponsoring the mushers."

According to Frost, the Iditarod Committee itself is also attempting to raise funds. "Our expenses this year will total nearly half a million dollars, and we really appreciate the role our sponsors have played in the past," Frost says this year's race will offer more benefits than ever for sponsors. "Our national coverage in all media will be greater than ever, and the possibilities of international media covering the race are growing rapidly.

Plus our coverage throughout Alaska will be outstanding."

Memberships in the Iditarod Committee are \$30 per individual and can be purchased by sending a check to Iditarod Trail Committee, Pouch X, Wasilla, AK 99687.

1982 Iditarod Mushers are: Bill Rose, Palmer; Joe Redington, Sr., Knik; Susan Butcher, Manley; Bob Chlupack, Willow; Rick Mackey, Wasilla; Steve Flodin, Chugiak; Sue Firmin, Flathorn Lake;

Jane E. Sutton, Palmer; Jerry Austin, St. Michael; Rick Swenson, Eureka; Terry Adkins, Montana; Larry "Cowboy" Smith, Dawson City, Y.T.; Richard Tarpey, Seward; Wm. Yankee, Jr., Juneau; John Stam, Galena;

Dave Monson, Dutch Harbor; John Barron, Yentna River; James Cole, Nome; Russell Ivey, McGrath; Smokey Moff, Nome; Joe May, Trappers Creek; Herbie Nayokpuk, Shishmaref;

Richard Burmeister, Nome; Chris Deverill, Anchorage; Jeanie Koutchak, Unalakleet; Jim "Sourdough" Strong, Hope; John Wood, Chugiak; Marc Boily, Fairbanks; Mitchell Seavey, Seward;

Leroy Shank, Fairbanks; Jamie C. Smyth (Bud), Fairbanks; Ed Foran, Anvik; Babe Anderson, McGrath; Jack Studer, Nome; Don Honea, Sr., Ruby; Jeff King, McKinley Park.