

Kusko Ice ticket sales draw near

As the beginning of ticket sales approaches, the Kuskokwim Ice Classic has moved the timing cabin to its permanent location on the river bank in front of Bethel. The timing cabin will house the official clock that will be wired to a tripod frozen in the river ice. When the tripod moves with the ice next spring, the clock will stop, recording the exact break up time. When do you think the tripod will move? That's the question many Alaskans will be trying to answer when they make their guess in an attempt to win the prize which is hoped to reach \$20,000.00.

The ice on the river near where the tripod will be was 37" thick.

The Kuskokwim Ice Classic will begin ticket sales on February 15 at over 200 businesses statewide. Locally

they may be purchased at stores in villages all along the Kuskokwim, several villages on the Yukon, villages along the Bering Sea Coast, and at 8 locations in Bethel. The proceeds from this giant break up pool will go to Bethel Community services, Tundra Women's Coalition, Bethel Prematernal Home, the Association of Village Council Presidents, Bethel Receiving Home, and Nunam Kitlutsisti.

In the past, break up on the Kuskokwim River has been on the following dates:

April 24, 1940, earliest break up
June 3, 1964 latest break up
May 8, 1980 10:58 AM
May 8, 1981 3:56 PM
May 18, 1982 9:47 AM
May 17, 1983 12:28 PM
May 13, 1984 10:48 PM
May 25, 1985 5:15 PM