

Sports editor heading home

After spending an entire winter in Anchorage, a feat I previously thought I would never be able to do, and having spent a week at home hunting recently, I am sure that several things need my immediate attention.

First, while I was hunting this spring with a close friend from Nenana, I noticed right away that the polish had come off my hunting skills. As a matter of fact, my inability to easily handle the adjustment of hunting again has forced me to resign my positions in Anchorage and return home as soon as possible.

There is no way that I can adequately describe the winter that I have spent in Alaska's largest city, except to concur with the old saying about the city - "Anchorage is only an hour's flight from Alaska." You can believe it.

Working for the paper this winter did give me the chance to do a number of things that I never had the opportunity to do before. Probably the most important thing coming out of the experience was reporting on the dog mushing season. Watching first hand as George Attla and Roxy Woods cleaned up on the major championships in Alaska and getting the results from all the rural communities was thrilling and maintained a good contact with the village life that I have grown to love. The cooperation that the paper received from the high schools throughout the state was also magnificent.

I know that there will be readers who will want to make sure that the reporting continues for the next basketball and dog racing seasons and the TUNDRA TIMES will work hard to make sure that you get the news that you want to read. I will attempt to cover those sports next season and will continue to contribute to the paper during the summer on special events that happen throughout the state.

I was talking with a relative the other day who probably called the shots the best - "You are too damn much of an Indian," she said. And I have to agree. Therefore, it's time for this Indian to head home.

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