

# Cultural events highlight Arctic Winter Games

We'd like to salute organizers of the Arctic Winter Games for the excellent series of cultural events staged last week in Chugiak.

Under the inspired management of Diane Benson, assisted by a large supporting cast of volunteers, we were treated to a rich blend of Native and non-Native entertainment. From the laughter and earnest music of Native Americans Charlie Hill and Floyd Westerman, and the extraordinary talents of Kanitze Bunny Swan, to the diverse, polished performing art of delegations from Greenland, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Alaska and Russia, it was a great program.

We'd like to pay a special tribute to the traditional Aleut dancers from Atka, representing Team Alaska. Their beautiful, poignant performance, arising as it did from a remarkable cultural revival, was breathtaking.