

They make it special

It was about 4 p.m. on deadline day for the publication of our 28-page Inuit Circumpolar Conference issue when Greg Nothstine of Anchorage dropped by.

We at the Tundra Times were caught up with deadline pressures and aware that those 28 blank pages had to be filled up with words and pictures soon. We had precious little time to talk with this man whom we know and admire.

After a short time, our conference broke up and one of us asked how he did at the World Eskimo Indian Olympics. We had asked Sabra McCracken to cover them for us and hadn't even had time to bring our heads above the ICC "water" to find out results.

"I did okay," said Nothstine quietly, then, seeing our frantic efforts would keep him from much more conversation, he quietly left.

It was two full days after Greg stopped by that we learned that he had again won the Bud Hagberg Award for Sportsmanship and placed well in several other Olympic categories.

People like Greg who are so quiet about their accomplishments and who spend time working with their peers and their competitors alike are the ingredient that binds the Olympics into an event that is more than just Eskimo and Indian sports.

He and other young men and women and older men and women make this event one of a kind and very, very special.

We congratulate and respect their efforts.