

*Guest Editorial—*

# **Cheers For 73 Gang - Continuing Quality And Authenticity Pledged**

Now that the dust has settled and everyone has had a chance to catch his breath, we can say that the 1973 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics was enthusiastically received by everyone and was a huge success under the extremely well-organized committee of chairman Chris Anderson.

A Torch-Carrying Foot Race which began this year's unique event was won by Peter Solomon who lit the traditional Native Lamps which signifies a perpetual flame of friendly competition, good sportmanship and a determination amongst all native tribes to keep their culture strong with an endurance to withstand all obstacles. To further emphasize and honor Indian participation, one lamp burned seal oil, tended by Edith Tegoseak, Eskimo and the other, moose tallow which was tended by Poldine Carlo, Athabascan.

The traditional native games included exciting new Indian games, such as the Greased Pole Walk, which made everyone gasp and laugh. Everyone was charmed by the Baby Contest and was held breathless with the beautiful Native Queens in their traditional native costumes who represented their tribes in a very dignified, graceful manner.

The Tundra Times, and it's Board of Directors, which sponsors the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics, are especially proud this year to have provided the opportunity for the Alaskan Natives to express themselves as our ancestors have for centuries, to make new friends and for old friends to get together again. We are, also, very appreciative of the volunteer assistance provided by Chairman Chris Anderson, his hard working committee and those from throughout the state who had the knowledge and understanding to make the rich cultural heritage of our native peoples a reality to themselves and and others.

To stage the annual Olympics takes many, many long hours to attract everyone to Fairbanks by air, boat and road. Tundra Times pledges its full time support and dedication to uphold the quality and authenticity of our unique native games and sports which means so much for the extension of our native cultures to our own peoples and others.

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