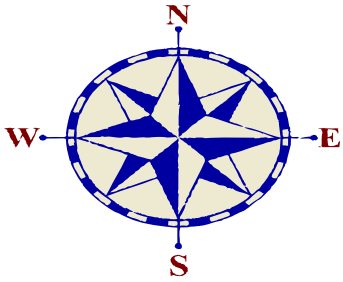


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This Month's Featured Event:

TALKEETNA'S OOSIK CLASSIC SKI EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 21



Starting at Fish Lake just south of Talkeetna, this event not only includes a 25 and 50 KM race, it's followed by a regionally-renown Apres' Ski Banquet/Dance where entrants feast on local fare and dance the night away to blues, rhythm and rock. Extend your stay with an overnight at one of the many Talkeetna lodging options.

Check out:
www.anchoragenordicski.com/Events/oosik.htm for more information.

MAT-SU PIKE DERBY UNDER WAY

Join in on the excitement again at the second annual Mat-Su Pike Derby! Fish anywhere in the Mat-Su Valley to qualify for \$6,000 worth of prizes including fishing charters, \$250 gift cards from Sportsman's Warehouse, Gorilla Fireworks package and even an overnight fishing trip from Talavista Lodge!

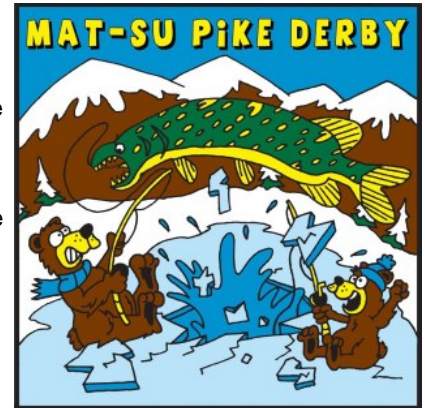
There's hope for all derby goers to land big in one of four derby categories: longest, heaviest, shortest and most number of pike caught. You can tell derby organizers are eager to get rid of these pesky fish! This just in—new record holder so far has reeled in a 46 inch fish weighing 21.7 pounds!

This event is a fund raiser for three different non-profits in the Houston area and is organized by the Houston Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$25 per individual and can be purchased at Mid-Valley Pull Tabs, Mid-Valley Senior Center, Sportsman's Warehouse, 3 Rivers Fly and Tackle, Houston Lodge, Mat-Su Resort, Deshka Landing and the Houston Visitor Center.

The derby lasts until the end of the month so there's time to qualify. Although there is no limit to how many pike can be caught, don't forget to purchase your Alaska fishing license.

Want to include the whole family? Join in on a family fun event at Nancy Lake, March 21-22, where you can fish at pre-drilled holes and enjoy the competition of fishing with others, plus get a little coaching if you're new to fishing in the winter.

For more derby details and rules, go to www.matsupikederby.com.



Mat-Su Events for March

Visit the online Calendar of Events at www.AlaskaVisit.com

Every Thursday	Valley Fiber Arts Guild free spinning and spindling class
Every Friday	Free Fridays at the Dorothy Page Museum, Wasilla (free admission for Borough residents)
Feb 28-March 8	Iditarod Days Festival, Wasilla (www.iditaroddays.com)
March 1	Iditarod Trail Invitational Start, Knik Lake (www.alaskaultrasport.com)
March 6-22	Valley Performing Arts presents "Night of the Iguana," Machtetanz Theatre, Wasilla
March 7	Alaska State Fair Cabin Fever Reliever Concert Series with The Outlaws
March 8	Iditarod Sled Dog Race Restart, Willow (www.iditarod.com)
March 17	Bill Tull and Friends Jazz Concert, Palmer Library
March 21-22	Family Fun Event on Nancy Lake - Mat-Su Pike Derby, Willow
March 21	4th Annual Oosik Classic Ski Event, Talkeetna
March 27-29	Mat-Su Outdoorsman Show, Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex