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Guide to Collection

Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska

Photographs relating to Alaska's Participation in the Arctic Winter Games, 1967-
[ongoing]

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Acquisition: Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska (AWGTA) donated all materials in March 2000. George V. Smith accepted personal donations of papers and memorabilia on behalf of AWGTA to fill in missing material prior to the donation of the collection to the Alaska State Library. 1972 Games photographs were added to the collection from a private donor in June 2000. Five 1976 and 1978 Games photographs were added in October 2001 (Acc. No. 01-18).

The AWGTA office will add records to this collection on a biennial schedule, transferring two years of records at the completion of each Games (usually April in even-numbered years.) Records are retained in the AWGTA office for the two previous Games' cycles plus the current cycle, i.e., 1996-1997 records will transfer to the Alaska State Library in 2002.

Access: The photographs may be viewed, however, the images may not be photocopied.

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Processing: Slides and photographs had partial order; processor arranged the images according to year and sport. Records form a separate collection, MS 187.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In 1968 Governor Walter Hickel, Alaska, joined Commissioners Stuart Hodgson, Northwest Territories, and James Smith, Yukon Territories, in incorporating the Arctic Winter Games Corporation. One of the main objectives of the Games was to involve as many athletes as possible and to provide a forum of competition for those other than elite athletes with competitive opportunities in the southern provinces and states. The underlying philosophy behind the Games is to promote athletic competition, cultural exhibition and social interchange. The first Games were held in Yellowknife in 1970 and have been held biennially in even-numbered years since then in the various participating areas.

Initially, six directors, two each from Alaska, the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territory, headed the Corporation. In addition, to their responsibilities to the international corporation, the two Alaska directors also coordinated Alaska's participation in the Games. As the number of sports and participants grew, it became too burdensome for Alaska's directors to oversee both the international and Alaskan programs. In order to address this problem, Alaskans incorporated the Arctic Winter Games Corporation of Alaska in 1977 to coordinate the Alaska contingent in the Games. This organization changed its name to Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska in 1991.

A Board of Directors, composed of private citizens, oversees the corporation and hires a Chef de Mission to coordinate the selection of sports coordinators, coaches and athletes. The Chef also selects a Mission staff to assist during the weeklong competition. Although selected by the Board, the Chef de Mission was a volunteer position through the 1990 Games and usually began work about six months before the actual staging of the Games. In 1992 the Board hired a paid Chef on a temporary, part-time basis. Since 1996 the Board has hired a Chef on a contractual, permanent basis. AWGTA derives its income from capital appropriations and grants from the state, private and corporate donations, and membership dues. It also receives in-kind income from sponsors and donated time.

The Games have been held in Alaska four times: 1974 in Anchorage; 1982 and 1988 in Fairbanks; and 1996 in Chugiak-Eagle River. AWGTA is never involved in putting on the Games in Alaska. Separate non-profit organizations incorporate to carry out the preparation, fundraising and staging of the Games themselves. These organizations are known as Host Societies.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Photographs and slides, both color and black and white, are arranged according to the year and the event. The collection includes pictures of the Games in 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1992, and 1996. At times the higher numbered images come before lower numbers because the photos or slides were received later, e.g., 1972, 1991. Collection is arranged in chronological order. Records form a separate collection, MS 187.

INVENTORY

Year & Event	Photo/Slide #	
1972 AWG	Slide #	
Badminton	1106-1111	
Basketball	1112-1115	
Cross-country skiing	1116-1131	
Curling	1132-1135	
Figure skating	1136-1155	
Hockey	1156-1185	
Judo	1186-1197	
Shooting	1198-1201	
Table tennis	1202-1209	
Volleyball	1210-1219	
Wrestling	1220-1229	
Departure from Anchorage	1230-1237	
Arrival in Whitehorse	1238-1243	
Arrival of Gov. Egan	1244-1251	
Opening ceremony	1252-1277	
Parade	1278-1289	
Housing & mess hall	1290-1298	
Mission headquarters	1299-1304	
Officials & staff (including Bob Larson?)	1305-1317	
Russian delegation	1318-1321	
NWT exhibit	1322-1325	
Scenes of Whitehorse	1326-1345	
Closing ceremony	1346-1351	
Departure from Whitehorse	1352-1359	
1974 AWG	Photo #	Slide #
Archery	1-20	481-490
Arctic sports	21-55	491-499
Badminton	56-75	500-504
Basketball	76-111	505-509
Boxing	112-127	510-515
Cross-country skiing	128-143	516-519
Curling	144-171 & 1360	520-528
Figure skating	172-195	529-535
Gymnastics	196-215	536-542
Hockey	216-241	543-547
Judo	242-259	548-554

Shooting	260-275	555-561
Ski biathlon	276-291	562-570
Swimming	292-303	571-573
Table tennis	304-333	574-577
Volleyball	334-345	578-587
Wrestling	346-357	588-597
Parade/Opening ceremony	358-405	598
Airport arrivals	406-413	599-602
Miss Alaska court	414-420	603
Camp Carroll & mess hall	421-428	
Westward Hotel dance	429-436	
Cultural dance activities	437-460	604-606
Closing ceremony	461-480	607-615
Minnie Mouse holding 1974 AWG bumper sticker		
Signed color photo	1361	
1974 Team Alaska Mission staff (identified)	1362	

1976 AWG

Arctic sports	Photo #
Shooting	1425
	1426

1978 AWG

Team Alaska Mission staff	Photo #
Team Alaska Mission staff	1427
Team Alaska Mission staff	1428
Team Alaska Mission staff	1429

Note: with Jim Pollock, Yukon

1982 AWG

Arctic sports	Photo #
Badminton/Sitka dancers	616-644 & 757-762
Basketball	645-649
Cross-country skiing	650-661
Curling	662-673 & 763-764
Figure skating	674-681
Hockey	682-704
Indoor soccer	705-716
Judo	717-728
Shooting	729-736
Snowshoe biathlon	737-740
Volleyball	741-744
Opening ceremony	745-756
Exhibits/Entertainment at Wood Center	765-776
	777-784

Entertainment at Monroe High School	785-787
Entertainment at Herring Auditorium	788-794
Dance at roller rink	795-800
Closing ceremony	801-812
1986 AWG (Negatives included in Collection)	Photo #
Arctic sports	813-836
Note: Brian Randazzo doing one-foot high kick	821-828
Basketball	837-840
Curling	841-844
Figure skating	845-863
Gymnastics	864
Hockey	865-885
Indoor soccer	886-891 & 989-994
Shooting	892-895
Snoeshoe Biathlon	896-912
Snowshoeing	913-925
Speed skating	926
Triathlon	927-931
Volleyball	932-939
Opening ceremony	940-966 & 995-996
Arrival/Entertainment	967-976
Closing ceremony	977-988
1988 AWG (Negatives included in Collection)	Photo #
Opening ceremony	997-1002
Closing ceremony (?)	1003-1006
International Committee official photo (identified)	1363
1990 AWG	
AK legislative delegation (identified)	1364-1365
Opening ceremony	1366-1371
1991 AWG Team Alaska	Photo #
Fairbanks Office & Board members	1063-1070
[Note: Board members are identified.]	
1992 AWG (Negatives included in Collection)	Photo #
Arctic sports	1007
Cross country skiing	1008-1020
Dog mushing	1021-1028
Hockey	1029-1038
Ski biathlon	1039-1040
Snowshoeing	1041-1050

Volleyball	1051-1052
Award ceremonies (sport unknown)	1053-1055
Team Alaska Mission staff	1056-1057 & 1071-1076
Opening/Closing ceremonies	1058-1062

1994 AWG (Negatives included in Collection)**Photo #**

Arctic sports awards	1077-1079 & 1372-1375
Director's banquet	1080
Reception for all Mission staffs	1081-1086
1994 mascot	1087-1088 & 1376
1996 mascot with 1996 Host Society members	1377-1378
1996 Host Society presentations	1379-1380
Closing ceremony	1089-1096

1996 AWG**Photo #**

Team Alaska Mission staff	1097-1103
Badminton	1381-1384
Dog mushing	1104-1105

1998 AWG

Team AK Fairbanks office preparations	1385-1388
Opening ceremony	1389-1392
Team AK Mission staff (identified)	1393-1398
Mascot and participants	1399-1400

2002 AWG (Photographer, George V. Smith)

Dene (Hand games competition)	1401-1408
Dog mushing	1409-1412
Opening ceremony	1413
Igloo Village	1414-1416
Mascots	1417-1418
CBC AWG headquarters and staff	1419-1420
Anchorage airport return	1421-1424

Negatives (1 folder): 1986, 1988, 1992, 1994

PARTICIPANT GROUP BY SITE AND YEAR

		N G R C										
		N A E M				H N						
A		U L E A		T U U								
L		Y N B N		G Y K N		Y						
A		U A E L		A U O A		A A		S				
S N		K V R A		D M T V		M A						
K W		O I T N		A E K U		A M						
A T		N K A D		N N A T		L I						
Year Location												
1970	Yellowknife, NWT	X	X	X								
1972	Whitehorse, YT	X	X	X	X		X*					
1974	Anchorage, AK	X	X	X	X							
1976	Schefferville, QU	X	X	X	X							
1978	Yellowknife, NWT	X	X	X								
1980	Whitehorse, YT	X	X	X								
1982	Fairbanks, AK	X	X	X								
1984	Yellowknife, NWT	X	X	X								
1886	Whitehorse, YT	X	X	X	X	X						
1988	Fairbanks, AK	X	X	X		X						
1990	Yellowknife, NWT	X	X	X		X	X					
1992	Whitehorse, YT	X	X	X		X	X	X				
1994	Slave Lake, ALB	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			
1996	Eagle River, AK	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			
1998	Yellowknife, NWT	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			
2000	Whitehorse, YT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
2002	Nuuk, Greenland			X	X	X	X	X	X			
	Iqaluit, Nunavut										X	X
2004	Fort McMurray, ALB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
2006	Kenai Peninsula, AK	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
2008	Yellowknife, NWT	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
2010	Grande Prairie, ALB	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X

*Greenland sent a contingent in 1972 but only 15 made it to Whitehorse due to bad weather.

Nunavik used the name Arctic Quebec in 1972-1976 and 1986.

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES**COMPETITIVE SPORTS**

Sport	70	72	74	76	78	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98
Alpine Skiing		X											X	X	
Archery			X												
Arctic Sports			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Badminton	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Basketball	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boxing	X		X												
Broomball										X					
X-Country Skiing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Curling	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dene Sports											X	X	X	X	X
Dog Mushing											X	X	X	X	X
Figure Skating	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gymnastics							X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hockey	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Indoor Soccer						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judo		X	X	X	X	X	X								
Shooting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ski Biathlon									X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ski Marathon											(X)				
Snowshoe Biathlon			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Snowshoeing			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Speed Skating								X	X	X			X	X	X
Table Tennis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X
Triathlon								X	X	X	X				
Volleyball	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Women's Hockey									X						
Wrestling		X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X
Total	10	12	16	13	14	15	15	13	17	17	18	17	20	20	19

Notes

Dene Sports separated from Arctic Sports in 1990.

Ski Marathon was included under X-Country skiing, rather than as a separate sport.

Women's Hockey in 1986 was recognized as a separate sport. When resumed in 1994, it was not.

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES**COMPETITIVE SPORTS**

Sport	00	02	04	06	08	10
Alpine Skiing	X	X	X	X		X
Arctic Sports	X	X	X	X	X	X
Badminton	X	X	X	X	X	X
Basketball	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-Country Skiing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Curling	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dene Sports	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dog Mushing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Figure Skating	X		X	X	X	X
Gymnastics	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hockey	X	X	X	X	X	X
Indoor Soccer	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ski Biathlon	X		X	X	X	X
Snowboarding	(X)	(X)	X	X	X	X
Snowshoe Biathlon	X		X	X	X	X
Snowshoeing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Speed Skating	X	X	X	X	X	X
Table Tennis		X	X	X	X	X
Volleyball	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wrestling	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total	18	17	20	20	19	20
Notes						

Snowboarding was initially included under Alpine skiing, rather than as a separate sport.

Artifacts Transferred to the Alaska State Museum 9/6/2000

ARCTIC WINTER GAME POSTERS

Year	Subject	#	Condition
1978	Stone people (inuksuk)	1	ok
1980	Athletes, etc., in 3 circles	1	tears
1982	Mountain (done by Birdsall)	1	ok
1982	Fire-like snow bursts	2	tears
1984	12 frames of mascot playing sports	1	ok
1984	Mascot in round frame	1	ok
1986	Mascot being blanket tossed	2	ok
1988	Athlete in circle (as in Host Society pin)	2	ok
1988	Trees reflected in water in winter	2	ok
1988	Athletes in International Committee pin	1	ok
1990	Sunburst (like Team Alberta pins)	1	ok
1990	Ulu	2	ok
1990	Ulu with knife and XX (as in Host Society pin)	1	ok
1992	Skier with 4 smaller pictures	2	ok
1994	People in snow scene	2	ok
1994	Dogs mushing	2	ok
1994	AWG International symbol and 9 flags	2	ok
1996	Elongated athletes and 9 flags	2	ok
1998	Athlete lighting torch in 3 ring symbol	2	ok
2000	Native Drummer "Seize the Spirit"	2	ok

AWG TEAM ALASKA & RELATED CLOTHING

<u>Year</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Lettering</u>	<u>Donated by</u>
1974	jacket TA; blue	gold	Larry Polland, Fairbanks
1976	jacket cap, knitted TA; blue TA; blues, red & gold w/ pins	gold	Terry Martin, Anchorage same
1978	cap, felt TA; blue w/ white stitching w/pins		Terry Martin, Anchorage
1982	jacket cap, stocking scarf jacket HS; official's; blue HS; white & blue HS; yellow HS; (sport coordinator's); gold	blue blue black blue	Hannah Collins, Fairbanks same same Joe Nava, Fairbanks
1988?	Tie IC; w/ gold AWG logo	blue	Richard Underwood, Fairbanks
1992	jacket scarf TA; blue & gold TA; yellow	blue blue	Team Alaska office same
1994	T-shirt cap, stocking ear band TA; blue, etc. TA; blue & gold TA; blue & gold	gold gold gold	white, gold Team Alaska office George Smith, Juneau same
1996	jacket cap, billed cap, stocking TA; multi (Aurora Borealis) TA; gray TA; blue & gold	gold gold	white blue, green Team Alaska office same George Smith, Juneau
1998	cap, eared TA; (Apocalypse Design logo)	blue	George Smith, Juneau

Notes*IC means AWG International Committee*

HS means Host Society

TA means Team Alaska

AWG PATCHES

Year	Shape	Size (in.)	Color	Letters	Description
1972	oval	3.8 + 3	wh	blue	1972 AWG*Participant, Whitehorse Yukon & AWG@ (purchased at antique shop)
1974	round same	5 3	blue same	gold same	AWG* Anchorage Alaska 1974 with AWG@ Same
1976?	Round	3.8	blue	wh	AWG* Director & AWG@ Donated by Wendy Shiffler, Alaska Director, International Committee (1994-)
1984	rect. round	4.5 + 2.5 3	blue wh/blk	gold blk	1984 Raven@ w/ AWG* 1984 Yellowknife
1986	rect#	3 + 3.25	red	white	Ram@ w/ 1986 AWG* Whitehorse Yukon
1988	round same round same	3.5 same 4 same	bl/blk same wh/gld wh/gld/blk	gold same red/bl blk	AWG* Team Alaska 1988; eagle inside circle Same, except eagle partly outside circle AWG* 1988 Fairbanks Alaska; man@ AWG* 1988 Fairbanks; bear-in-hat@
1992	round	3.25	white	bl/blk	AWG* Team Alaska 1992; blue eagle
1994	same	same	same	same	Same, except 1994
1996	same	same	same	same	Same, except 1996

AWG* means Arctic Winter Games spelled out.

AWG@ means AWG logo.

PENNANTS

Year	Length	Colors	Letters	Description
1980	18"	wh/bl	bl/red	Paddlewheel@ w/ 1980 AWG* Whitehorse Yukon Territory
	30	wh/blk/red	blk/wh	Husky@ w/ same words as above
1982	24	bl/yellow	bl	Husky@ w/ AWG* 1982 March 14-19, 1982 Fairbanks, Alaska
1992	17	wh/blk	grn/blk	Ulu@ w/ AWG* Whitehorse 92 Yukon Participant

FLAGS

Year	Description
Ongoing	AWG flag w/AWG@; blue and white Donated by Janet Halverson, 1982 Chair of Fairbanks Host Society
1986	Team Alaska's flag w/ 1986, otter, AK map & ulu; blue, gold, yellow & brown Signed by staff of various missions
1988	Team Alaska AWG Fairbanks w/ ulu & eagle; blue, yellow & white Signed by staff of various missions
1992	Team Alaska 1970-1992 AWG w/ ulu, eagle, horse & stars; blue, gold & yellow
1994	Team Alaska AWG 1994 w/ ulu & eagle on AK map; blues, yellow & gold

TEAM ALASKA PINS

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Shape</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description</u>
1970-1974				No pins
1976	round round	blue white		Team Alaska with AWG symbol (no date) Alaska with red 76
1978	round Ak map Oval	blue blue blue		Alaska 1978 with AWG symbol Alaska 1978 on map AWG* Alaska 1978 w/ AWG@ & big dipper
1980	oval oval	blue gold		Participant 1980 in gold letters Alaska 1980 in blue letters
1982	oval rectangle	blue blue		Mission 1982 in gold letters Team Alaska Participant in gold letters
1984	rectangle	blue		Team Alaska 1984 with AWG symbol
1986	round square oval	blue blue blue		Team Alaska 1986 with otter Alaska Mission 1986 with gold ulu 17 individual sport pins with "Alaska 1986" and otter: Arctic, badminton, basketball, cross country skiing, curling, figure skating, gymnastics, men's hockey, indoor soccer, shooting, ski biathlon, snowshoe biathlon, snowshoeing, speed skating, triathlon, volleyball, women's hockey
1988	square rectangle	blue blue		Team Alaska 1988 with eagle forming two borders Mission Staff Alaska with mtns., tree and AWG symbol
1990	round	white		Team Alaska 1990 and eagle in off-white circle; 4 pins: chef de mission, coach, mission staff, team Alaska
1992	complex	multi		1992 and eagle in circle, yellow Team Alaska at bottom; 4 pins: chef de mission, coach, member, mission staff
1994	Ak map	blue		Team Alaska 1994 with eagle in circle on Ak map; 7 pins: athlete, chef de mission, coach, director, member, mission staff, president
1996	Ak flag	blue		Team Alaska with eagle in circle on Ak flag with split date 1996 at bottom; 7 pins: Alaska, athlete, chef de mission, coach, director, mission staff, sport coordinator
1998	rectangle	gold		Team Alaska with eagle in all gold rectangle; 9 pins: athlete, chef de mission, coach, culture, member, director, mission staff, president, sponsor

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**ALASKA HOST SOCIETY PINS
1974, 1982, 1988 and 1996**

1974 Host Society-Anchorage

AWG* 1974 Anchorage Alaska w/ AWG@ round: blue (gold)

1982 Host Society-Fairbanks (**husky logo**)

AWG* 1982 husky in small pin round; yellow (gold)
 Same but smaller and husky in blue round; yellow, blue (gold)
 AWG* 1982 Fairbanks Alaska w/ husky in large pin round#: yellow, blue (silver)
 AWG 1982 husky pin on AK map AK map#: blue, yellow (gold)
 Fairbanks 1982 3 AWG@ in circles w/ sun-burst border irreg; cerise, gold (gold)

1988 Host Society-Fairbanks (two logos: polar bear in stocking cap and man)

AWG 88 Fairbanks Alaska w/ man logo round#: red, white, blue (black)
 Same w/ Friend tag same
 Same **but w/ Volunteer tag** same
 AWG 88 Fairbanks Alaska w/ man logo/plastic covering round; cream, red (gold)
 1988 AWG* Fairbanks w/ polar bear logo round; gold, blue white (black)

1996 Host Society-Chugiak/Eagle River (**fish logo**)

1996 AWG@ Chugiak-Eagle Alaska (total of 12 as follows)

Fish logo over rectangle	logo on rect; all bronze
Same	same; all silver
Same	same; all gold
Same but Host Society (no Chugiak-Eagle River)	same
Culture pin w/ Bethel type dream mask (large)	round; white gold, blue (gold)
Fish in river (numbered on back)	rect; multicolored (gold)
Fish on ulu (wood)	ulu; red (red)
Cultural Division w/ 6 pointed star	round; white, black (black)
Medical Services w/ medical symbol	ulu; white, red (gold)
Security on AK map	AK map; green (gold, black)
Transportation - shaped like bus	bus; white, blue (blue)
Volunteer - fish logo in ulu	triangle; multicolored (white, black)
Alaska map in blue circle AWG* 1996 (booster pin)	round; blue, gold (gold)
Officials AWG* Alaska 1996 w/ fish, river. (wood)	Irreg; black (black)
Volunteer pins (6) fish logo on edge of circle	round#: various colors
25, 50 and 75 hour w/ fish on right; 100, 150, and 200 hour w/ fish on left	

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