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AARON BURMEISTER FIRST INTO UNALAKLEET – WINS WELLS FARGO GOLD COAST AWARD

Unalakleet, Alaska - March 15, 2015 - IDITAROD XLIII musher Aaron Burmeister (bib #63) of Nome, Alaska, arrived into Unalakleet at 3:49pm AKDT. Aaron had 13 dogs in harness, and was greeted by a crowd of race fans. Aaron's run from Kaltag to Unalakleet earned him the Wells Fargo Gold Coast Award.

The Wells Fargo Gold Coast Award includes a beautiful gold cup trophy and \$3,500. Aaron was presented the award and gold nuggets by Jake Slingsby, Vice President, and Senior Business Relationship Manager of Wells Fargo, Jessica Osgood, Nome Store Manager, Tracy Cooper, Unalakleet Community Agent and Dave Cunningham, Wells Fargo Advisory Board member.

The gold nuggets are local Nome gold nuggets from Anvil Creek and were purchased from longtime resident and gold miner, Jim Hanson. There is a perpetual trophy that resides at the Nome Wells Fargo Branch for this award.

Unalakleet is located on the coast of Norton Sound, just north of the Unalakleet

River. There are only six more checkpoints remaining between Unalakleet and the burlled arch of Nome.

Jake Slingsby, of Wells Fargo will bring the gold back to Nome, where it will be re-presented to Burmeister, on Sunday, March 22nd, during the Iditarod Awards Banquet along with a scale model of the cup.

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