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### **Petit wins The Lakefront Anchorage First Musher to the Yukon Award**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Iditarod XLV musher Nicolas Petit (bib #24), of Girdwood, Alaska, is the first to arrive at the Tanana checkpoint at 6:44 p.m. on March 7, 2017, with all 16 dogs in harness. In doing so, he claimed The Lakefront Anchorage First Musher to the Yukon Award.

The Lakefront Anchorage First Musher to the Yukon Award consists of a five-course meal prepared by The Lakefront Anchorage Executive Chef Roberto Sidro and features:

- Alaska cioppino, featuring Alaska razor clams, Bristol Bay red king crab and spotted shrimp sautéed with garlic and onion in a tomato broth;
- Sundried cranberry, pear and gorgonzola salad;
- Smoked duck and prosciutto;
- Lamb loin chops pan seared with shallots and wild mushrooms flambéed with Yukon Jack Canadian whisky, finished with a Madeira apple mint demi-glace and plated alongside sautéed asparagus tips and a Yukon Gold potato cake;
- Mango sorbet with blood orange gelée.

Wine and champagne pairings will also accompany each course.

Petit's "After Dinner Mint," presented by The Lakefront Anchorage Food and Beverage Director Andrew Adlesperger and chef Sidro, consisted of \$3,500 in one-dollar bills arranged on a commemorative Alaska gold pan and a bottle of Dom Pérignon.

The Lakefront Anchorage First Musher to the Yukon Award will be re-presented to Petit in Nome on Sunday, March 19, during the Iditarod awards banquet at the Nome Recreation Center.

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