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Nicolas Petit wins The Lakefront Anchorage First Musher to the Yukon Award

Anchorage, Alaska - Veteran Iditarod XLVII musher Nicolas Petit (bib #20), of Girdwood, Alaska, is the first to arrive at the Anvik checkpoint at 4:23 a.m. with 14 dogs in harness.

In doing so, Petit claims The Lakefront Anchorage First Musher to the Yukon Award for the third year in a row. The award consists of a five-course meal prepared by The Lakefront Anchorage executive chef Roberto Sidro. The menu features:

- Bison chili topped with cheddar cheese, served with parmesan crostini;
- Roasted beets served with caramelized macadamia nuts and goat cheese on artisan lettuce, topped with a champagne vinaigrette;
- Seared jumbo scallops with a saffron sauce, topped with blueberry chutney;
- Surf-and-turf style main dish of seared beef tenderloin with a whiskey sauce paired with jumbo Alaska spotted shrimp in a champagne sauce, accompanied by a potato pancake and sautéed broccolini;
- A pan-fried, cinnamon banana served with vanilla ice cream and warm brandy caramel sauce.

Petit also receives an “After Dinner Mint” of \$3,500 in one-dollar bills along with a bottle of Dom Pérignon. Andrew Adlesperger, food and beverage director at The Lakefront Anchorage, and chef Sidro will serve the “mint” on a commemorative Alaska gold pan.

The Lakefront Anchorage First Musher to the Yukon Award will be re-presented to Petit in Nome during the Iditarod awards banquet at the Nome Recreation Center on Sunday, March 17.

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