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World's Northern-Most Golf Tournament Happens Sunday
'Top of the World' Tournament part of annual spring whaling festival

(Utqiagvik, Alaska) – The northern-most golf tournament in the world takes place this Sunday as a part of the Piuraagiaqta Festival in Utqiagvik (Barrow). A celebration of the start of the whaling season, festivities include a parade, scavenger hunt, harpoon throw and the annual Top of the World Golf Tournament, hosted by Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative (ASTAC) and the City of Utqiagvik.

“Piuraagiaqta is a uniquely Alaskan way to celebrate the arrival of spring, and we’re thrilled to again host this signature event,” says ASTAC External Relations Manager Paula Kangis. “How many people can say they’ve played golf above the Arctic Circle?”

2019 marks the 5th year ASTAC has hosted the Top of the World Tournament, and will feature as many 3-person teams that register. Participants will work their way around the ice course on the Middle Lagoon and compete for some incredible prizes. Each first-place team member will go home with the brand-new Samsung Galaxy S10, while second and third place team members will each receive \$500 cash or an Apple Watch Series 4 respectively.

Note to reporters: B-roll of the Festival and footage of the golf tournament will be made available on Monday.

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