

# The Tripod



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The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.



### The Trail for all Seasons

The Alliance promotes public awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and Alaska Native heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship commitments and support.



### Membership dues

Thanks to the members who have renewed their membership and special thanks to those who gave donations to the Alliance in addition to their dues.

If you have not yet renewed your membership please do so as soon as possible.

### Board seats up for election this year:

- Seat E, Cook Inlet/Susitna Region, currently held by Judy Bittner
- Seat F, Kuskokwim Region, currently held by Mike Tierney
- Seat G, At Large #2, currently held by Dan Seavey
- Seat H, At-large #3, vacant at this time

### Jujiro Wada statue dedication in Seward

Because of rain the dedication ceremony was moved to the



Branson Pavilion a short distance from the statue. The rain stopped near the end of the program and every one walked to the stature for the unveiling by Pat Garley and Colleen Wake (shown above) the statue's sculptors.

Several members of the Jujiro Wada Memorial Association of Japan and other Japanese dignitaries attended the dedication.



Setsuko Kaida performed the Iyo's Celebration Dance.

Two Japanese television crews filmed the dedication ceremony.

Seward Mayor Jean Bardarson welcomed the guests and Dan Seavey, President of the Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers, spoke about the importance of Jujiro Wada to Seward and the Iditarod Trail.



1st and 2nd grade students from Seward Elementary School, led by Jim Pfeiffenberger, sang Hobo Jim's "The Iditarod Song."

## From the past...

"Iditarod Pioneer" October 28, 1916

UNSEASONABLE WEATHER  
MAY INTERFERE WITH MAIL

After being without mail service for several weeks, the people of this district may be deprived of that luxury for a longer period than usual this year unless there should be a sudden change in weather conditions.

The winter mail service via the Seward trail takes effect on November 1. But because of the mild weather the streams and lakes and swamps are still free from ice, and there is practically no trail. It is therefore unlikely that the service will commence on the first of the month. It is probable that similar trail conditions prevail at the Knik end of the route, and that there may be a delay in the dispatch of the mail for the Interior.



Members of the Jujiro Wada Memorial Association of Japan and other Japanese guests performed a traditional Japanese welcome song.

iTREC! fall workshop, Seward November 4-6

Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance annual meeting,  
Anchorage, November 30-December 1