

KLONDIKE PLACER MINERS' ASSN.



STORY: The KPMA was established in 1974 by 56 placer miners who gathered in Dawson City to promote and protect the interests of their industry.

The KPMA Indian River Scholarship Fund was established through the initiative of Ms. Ruth Anne Risby, who mined with her husband, Pete Risby, on the Indian River for a number of years before and following 1990.

In 1990, Ruth and Pete commissioned the Yukon artist, Steve Mills, to produce a limited edition print of the Indian River on the theme of placer mining, past and present. The prints, entitled "Now and Then," were sold, earning approximately \$10,000 by June 1992. The raised money was turned over to the KPMA to provide scholarships to KPMA members and their immediate families. In 1999, the Indian River Scholarship Fund was turned over to the Yukon Foundation.