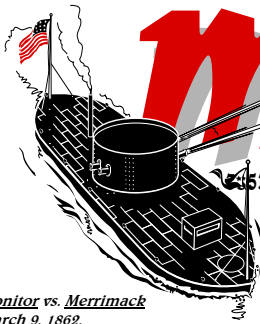


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THREE FCAC COMPANIES RECEIVE CREST AWARDS!

The winners of the Finishing Contractors Association's (FCA) second-annual CREST Awards were announced on May 17, 2012, at FCA's Annual Leadership Council in Honolulu, Hawaii. Developed by FCA through its Safety Advisory Committee, the CREST Awards provide international recognition to Finishing Contractors who value safety and have programs in place to keep their workers safe. Winners walked away with a bronze cast-iron plaque which will forever broadcast to the world that their company is safety conscious. Kudos to our FCAC Winners!



Top: Tony Bochniak (right) accepts the Crest Award for Manta Industrial from FCA Safety Advisory Committee Chairman, Randy Bender (left), and FCA Chairman, Ed Smith (center) in the Industrial Coatings category (100,001-150,000 hours).



Middle: Roy Dennis (right) accepts the Crest Award on behalf of Midwest Decorating in the Painting & Wallcovering category (1-25,000 hours).



Bottom: Jim Sourbis, (center) accepts the Crest Award for CL Coatings, LLC, in the Painting & Wallcovering category (more than 150,000 hours).

2012 PDCA GOLF CLASSIC

Paint rollers and professional brushes, donated by Purdy, were a "hit" at the 2012 Chicago PDCA Golf Classic as golfers, including Calvin Mims (pictured at right) found their own innovative uses for them out on the course!

Turn to page 2 for the full story and photos.



A Few Words From ...

JEFF HESTER
President, FCA of Chicago

Hello! Hope everyone is staying cool as we enter the dog days of Summer and, historically, our busiest time of year. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's Golf Outing a huge success and a fun time for all who participated. It was great to see our Suppliers and Labor Partners with DC14 and, of course, the Contractors and their Representatives there. For those who didn't come, I would strongly urge you to attend next year's Golf Outing. It makes no difference whether you are a one-handicap or a forty-handicap; we play a best ball format and everyone has fun no matter what their skill level.

Ok, moving onto future business and events, we will be having a special seminar in the near future that is very important and has been specifically called to our Board's attention. On Thursday, August 2, 2012, we will be offering a Seminar on the topic of Discrimination conducted by FCAC's Labor Lawyer, David Moore. This topic is important for us all to make sure we protect ourselves by following the rules that this seminar will lay out. Please attend so we have the correct information to protect our companies.

I am not sure if you are aware that the number of contractors that actively sit on our Board has dwindled in the past year, due to retirement or

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2012 PDCA GOLF CLASSIC!

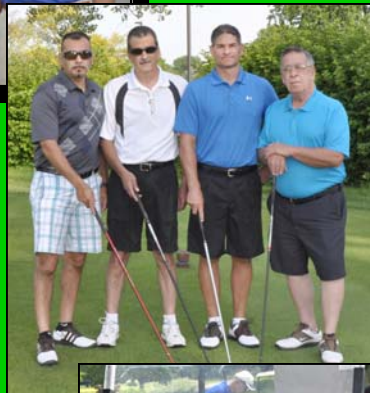


The 2012 Chicago PDCA/FCA Golf Outing moved to scenic Schaumburg Golf Club for fair weather and a great round of golf. A sunny day dawned on June 15th and comfortable morning breezes warmed as the outing progressed. One hundred and twenty golfers enjoyed their round of golf, participated in the contests, and then savored a delicious luncheon buffet afterwards.

Honors for Low Gross went to the Leopardo foursome of Gavin Barclay, Norb Soltzyiak, Todd Welch, and Jason Steffen, who posted a score of 60, and won the honor of taking home "Marty" the new PDCA traveling golf trophy. The winner of the ever-popular Split-the-Pot raffle, Bruce Haslerud (ATI Black Diamond) took home a tidy sum of \$465. Jeff Hester (Hester Decorating) and Roy Dennis (Midwest Decorating) each won a Chicago PDCA dropcloth in the Hit-the-Dropcloth contest. Fifteen winners took home \$10.00 for their efforts in the Most Accurate Drive contest. Also recognized was the foursome of Tom Berka, Scott Dixon, Greg Moles, and Brett Heinz (most honest!) with an 80.



The Closest-to-the-Pin Contest winner was Mark Palmer (FCAI) and the Closest-to-the-Hole winner was Bruce Wright (Pangere Corp.) with a lifetime-first Hole-In-One. You can't get closer than that! Longest Putt winners were Kevin Yeazell (Men's) and Jessica Helmer (Women's). Pat Cowan, Jr. (Men's) and Jessica Helmer (Women's) hit the Longest Drive. The foursome of Jeff Hester, Nick Hester, Tom Hester, and Jim Vanek outran the field with an impressive 28:93 in the Speed Golf contest. Festivities concluded with Rick Regal (Ascher Brothers) holding a winning raffle ticket for the \$300 Cash Prize. Make a note, next year's event will be held on June 14, 2013!



GIVING YOURSELF A LIFT! WELFARE FUND REPORT

— By Brian Davis, Rand-Tec Insurance Agency, Inc. —

Think lifting issues are all a “field” problem? Guess again, because back injuries are really very common throughout our industry in the office as well as on the job site. So, we’re going to discuss proper lifting techniques, with the emphasis on reducing back injuries, and including many common-sense lifting safety tips.

Preparation:

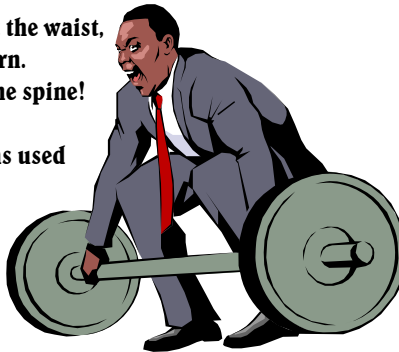
- Always wear proper clothing and protective gear needed for the task.
- Wear steel toe shoes when lifting heavy items.
- Gloves can help your grip when lifting certain objects.
- Stretch to loosen up before attempting to lift a heavy object.
- Store heavy materials at waist height to reduce back strain.
- Have heavy materials delivered as close to the final destination as possible.
- Assess the object you are going to be lifting and strategize maneuvers first.
- Determine the weight of the object before lifting, and whether help is needed.
- Determine the best places to grip the object securely.
- Make sure the travel path is free of obstacles and slipping or tripping hazards.
- Know your own lifting restrictions, capabilities, and limitations.

Get Help:

- Use carts, dollies, forklifts, and hoists to move materials.
- Don’t be a hero! When lifting a load over 50 pounds, get help from another worker.
- Use carrying tools with handles to carry odd-shaped loads.

Proper Lifting Techniques:

- Spread your feet apart about shoulders-width.
- Keep your feet to the object.
- Get a firm grip on the object.
- Keep your back straight and your elbows close to your body.
- Keeping your back straight and head up, straighten your legs to lift the object.
- Tighten your stomach muscles to provide back support, but don’t hold your breath while doing this.
- While carrying an object, do not twist or bend at the waist, instead move your feet and legs to make a turn. Rotary motion under stress is very hard on the spine!
- Keep the load as close to your body as possible.
- To set the object down, use the same technique as used to lift the object.
- Take your time! Rest up and warm up; you are more likely to be injured when tired or cold.
- Lift smoothly and as steadily as possible, and never “jerk” during the lifting motion.



Trustee Scott Hall reports for the Health & Welfare Fund for April, 2012, that Income of \$3,301,316.21 plus Investment Income of \$350,733.39 minus Expenses of \$3,036,945.11 yielded a Net Income of \$615,104.49.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$37,518,982.75 plus Investment Income of \$4,381,223.95 minus Expenses of \$35,321,136.86 have yielded a Net Income of \$6,579,069.84.

The Fund Value as of 04/30/12 was \$101,244,204.54.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Trustee Miles Beatty reports for the Pension Fund for April, 2012, that Ordinary Income of \$2,946,894.63 plus Investment Income of \$5,881,502.90 minus Expenses of \$3,479,781.47 yielded a Total Net Income of \$5,348,616.06.

Since the Fiscal Year begins in April, the Year-to-Date figures match April’s numbers.

The Fund Value as of 04/30/12 was \$562,525,677.81.

ALL-TECH DONATES PAINTING

Fish of McHenry, a Food Pantry serving over 500 families per month, was the grateful recipient of interior painting services, donated by All-Tech Decorating. Their new, freshly-painted building will allow the all-volunteer staff to better serve the disadvantaged in their community.



Applause to All-Tech for their generosity!

having left the industry. That being said, we are actively looking to add new Board Members and if anyone is interested, please feel free to call me and talk about what is involved. The way I looked at it when I joined the Board, if our Association is steered by the Board and our Board influences the negotiations with our Labor Partners, then I might as well have a voice in that group. So I say to all of you, come and help lead the future

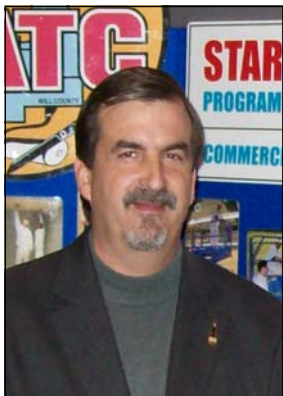
path of our Industry and get involved. Or ride in the back seat and come along for the ride.

I hope to see all of you at our General Membership meeting at Maggiano’s Little Italy in Chicago on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 and would love to see everyone there to talk about our Industry and the future. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor to fill the vacancies on the FCAC Board. There are some

exciting plans and changes happening with our Labor Partners locally and Nationally and I would love to let everyone in on all the exciting news. This meeting will be a great opportunity to share all the news with you. Have a profitable and safe summer and please don’t hesitate to call with any questions and concerns any of you may have.

Until Later,

Jeff



News From The Apprentice School...

By **ED BOGDAN**, *Apprentice Training Coordinator*

Financial Reports for April, 2012, indicate that Ordinary Income of \$161,812.35 plus Investment Income of \$31,129.42 minus Expenses of \$98,482.58 yielded a Net Income of \$94,459.19.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Income of \$542,563.22 plus Investment Income of \$161,586.00 minus Expenses of \$534,898.49 yielded a Total Net Income of \$169,250.73. The JATC Fund Value as of 04/30/12 was \$4,796,363.48.

Contractors, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 22, when the JATC Apprentice School will host its second annual Tradeshow at the Trade School. Our Vendors have an array of new and innovative products to show you.

Later in September we are holding our sixth annual STAR Program Awards Banquet at Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall. We broke with tradition and changed this to an evening event with Registration beginning at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, and the Awards Program at 7:30 PM. Approximately 250 Journeymen and women are eligible to win prizes, with the grand prize being a new car, and all eligible attendees receive door prizes. Everyone goes home a winner!

WE ASK ALL PDCA ASSOCIATES & FCAC CONTRACTORS FOR DONATIONS OF 54" VINYL TO HELP US KEEP COSTS DOWN.

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- Get **critical customer feedback** on your products
- Solicit your customers' needs to **impact future products**

Vendors are asked to donate \$100 for food: hot dogs, hamburgers, donuts, coffee. Please, make checks payable to: Clark Johnson.

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Contact Mike Krawiec to reserve your spot:
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