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A Few
Words
From . . .

JEFF HESTER

President, FCA of Chicago

Hello Everyone!

As I sit here writing this, the temperature is in the 90's and summer is here. It's been a busy couple of months. I want to thank everyone who made this year's Chicago PDCA Golf Outing such a great success—the golfers, the volunteers, and our generous sponsors. The weather, luncheon, and prizes were outstanding, and the company was even better! Also, a special thank you is in order for our Associates Members who once again ran a flawless golf event at the Schaumburg Golf Course.

Last month six FCAC Board Members attended the 2013 FCA International Leadership Council in Philadelphia. This meeting gave us the opportunity to meet with Finishing Contractors from around the country and discuss hot topics affecting our businesses, including OSHA regulations, pension reform, unfunded liability, new coating technologies, and the Affordable Health Care Act and its impact on signatory contractors. Notable speakers included U.S. Senators and Representatives, and the Council culminated with a retirement gala for IUPAT General President Jimmy Williams.

Everyone should be aware of an important issue which will impact our Contractors. The new Global Harmonized System (GHS) will soon replace the MSDS system in use today.

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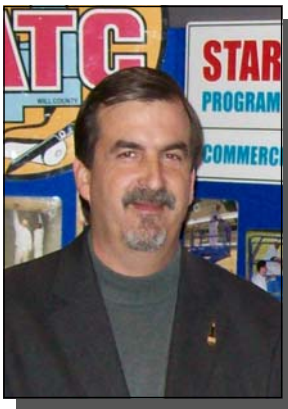
The 2013 Chicago PDCA Golf Classic was widely proclaimed the best event in years, as gorgeous weather graced the June 14th event held for the second year at Schaumburg Golf Club. One hundred twenty reservations ensured a full course of players enjoying their round of golf and participating in contests and games along the way.

Game competitions for the day included Speed Golf, Longest Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin, Accurate Drive, Hit-the-Dropcloth, Longest Putt, and Split the Pot. Congratulations to all contest and drawing winners . . . and a special thank you for the generous support of our 47 Sponsors and 29 Volunteers!



Above: Al Lewis (Sherwin – Williams), winner of the \$500.00 Grand Prize Raffle drawing, poses with Tom Moore (J.C. Licht/EpcO Paint), Tom O'Connell (Drywall Master Tools), and Jan Merelos (FCAC).
Left: Kathy Sennese (FCAC) awards Rick Regal (Ascher Brothers) the \$600.00 Split-the-Pot Raffle prize.





News From The Apprentice School...

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

Financial Reports for April, 2013, indicated that Ordinary Income of \$179,378.64 plus Investment Income of \$59,518.02 minus Expenses of \$100,263.37 yielded a Net Income of \$138,633.29.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$614,351.05 plus Investment Income of \$108,638.76 minus Expenses of \$588,767.79 yielded a Total Net Income of \$134,222.02. The JATC Fund Value as of 4/30/13 was \$5,329,896.08.

WELFARE FUND REPORT

Financial Reports for the Health & Welfare Fund for April, 2013, indicated that Ordinary Income of \$3,343,779.56 plus Investment Income of \$2,329,284.35 minus Expenses of \$3,337,548.80 yielded a Net Income of \$2,335,515.11.

For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Ordinary Income of \$39,248,942.03 plus Investment Income of \$9,260,385.02 minus Expenses of \$34,800,026.27 yielded a Net Income of \$13,709,300.78.

The Fund Value as of 4/30/13 was \$115,352,225.24.

PENSION FUND REPORT

Financial Reports for the Pension Fund for April, 2013, indicated that Ordinary Income of \$3,132,656.51 plus Investment Income of \$8,153,082.01 minus Expenses of \$3,742,744.59 yielded a Net Income of \$7,542,993.93.

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

The Fund Value as of 4/30/13 was \$614,969,931.06.

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TWO FCAC COMPANIES TAKE HOME CREST AWARDS

The winners of the 2012 FCA CREST Awards were announced on May 30, 2013, at FCA's Annual Leadership Council in Philadelphia, PA. The CREST Awards provide international recognition to Finishing Contractors who value safety and have programs in place to keep their workers safe.

CI Coatings, LLC, won in the Painting & Wallcovering category (more than 150,000 hours), and All-Tech Decorating won the FCA Chairman's Award for making safety a priority in their company. Kudos to our FCAC Winners!



FCA International Chairman, Ed Smith (center), presents the FCA Chairman's Award to All-Tech Decorating President, Don Steadman (left) and All-Tech Decorating Safety Director, Charles Vasconez (right).

All contractors will need to make sure their employees have received GHS training by the 12/1/13 deadline. FCAC will offer a GHS overview tentatively scheduled for 8/21/13. We will let everyone know once we have the date and time locked in. On that same date we are planning a demonstration of a record-keeping software package offered by CGM Computer Consulting. Randy Bender of St. Louis is currently testing a slimmed-down version of the software and Randy Brown of CGM has agreed to

give a one-hour talk on the capabilities of this software. He will speak to Contractors afterwards on how this package might help keep track of worker training, notify worker/ employer of impending certification expirations, etc. It's not clear whether this software would be used by Contractors or by PDC 14, since the Union administers Apprentice training.

Mark September 11, 2013 on your calendar for our next FCAC Membership Meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy in Chicago. I hope to see you at

these upcoming meetings to discuss the previously-mentioned issues.

FCAC will be going through many changes in the remainder of the year. I speak for the entire Board when I say we would like to see our Contractor Members come and let us know their concerns and questions on any subject that can help them make money and do it safely and efficiently. Till next time!

Jeff