NORTH TEXAS HOSTS 14th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The North Texas Chapter held its 14th Annual Golf Classic at Waterchase Golf Club in east Fort Worth. On a beautiful, warm Texas day, the golfers were hot, as four teams shot in the 50s. In the end, the All-Tex Supply Team of Brady Tice, Mel Roberts, David Bolin and Lance Bryant took First Place honors over the Western Specialty Contractors team of Greg Tankersley, Bob Scheelar, Ted Williams and Casey Jones. Chapter President Patrick Jorski won the putting contest, and led the Third Place team with Ben Grandbois and Don Moore. Long drive honors went to Bryan Staffel and Brady Tice, while closest to the pin shots were made by Bob Scheeler and Mel Roberts. Par-shooters Bill Light, Mike Tolson, Brad Tolson and Joe Rocha get to add their decorations to the “Most Honest” team trophy for next year!

DELAWARE VALLEY HAS A BUSY SUMMER

The ICRI Delaware Valley chapter summer social was held in conjunction with the Philadelphia Union soccer game against the Vancouver Whitecaps on Saturday, June 25, 2016. The event included a pregame tailgate sponsored by PULLMAN and seats in a reserved section of the stadium. Although the home team lost, the event was a success as many members brought family and friends to the stadium. The stadium, located on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River, offers an amazing view of New Jersey. It was a beautiful night for soccer and a total of 5 goals were scored during the game.

The chapter also held its 23rd Annual Golf Outing on Friday, September 23, 2016 at Rock Manor Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware. The weather was beautiful as almost 90 golfers attended the outing and helped bring in more than 25 hole sponsorships. There was an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start and the event concluded with a lunch. Great gifts and raffle prizes were given throughout the event, thanks to our generous sponsors. The Delaware Valley Chapter congratulates the following winners: Low Score Foursome went to Kyle Frees, Mark Meighan, Ron Casciello, and Joe Markert; the High Score Foursome was Paul Uhrig, Dan Cantando, Rob Mahan, and Caitlin Maggiano; winning Longest Drive was Spike Fuery; and the Closest to the Pin award went to Tom Ford.
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON MEMBERS CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For the 8th year in a row, members of the ICRI Baltimore-Washington Chapter traveled to Garrett County, MD to assist Habitat for Humanity, continuing the construction of two new houses in the Hopeland Village. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty and homelessness. This is accomplished through the efforts of volunteers working alongside the prospective Habitat homeowners to build the Habitat homes. In addition to volunteer labor, donations of money and materials are also accepted and appreciated to help build the homes. Since its establishment in 1983, the Garrett County Habitat for Humanity has built 75 houses.

This year, on Thursday and Friday, August 11 & 12, the ICRI team worked on two houses—installing ice and water shield, and drip edge around the roof perimeters. Window openings were detailed and windows were installed in both houses. The crew not only had beautiful weather to facilitate the work, they were thrilled to learn that the houses they worked on last year were occupied by two beautiful families. The BWC Chapter group was the last group to work at the Garrett County Habitat for Humanity this year, but they will resume their activities next year.

This annual event is for a very worthy cause and was a successful effort by the group of ICRI volunteers that participated. It provided the members with an opportunity to give back to their communities by helping those who are less fortunate. The Industry Outreach Committee of the ICRI BW Chapter is extremely thankful to all the volunteers who donated their time, skills and efforts to the Garrett County Habitat for Humanity organization. Be sure to join them in Garrett County next year, or look for the announcements for another Habitat trip here in Montgomery County.
METRO NEW YORK HOSTS JOINT DINNER CRUISE

On Thursday, August 18, 2016, the Metro New York Chapter of ICRI along with the Association for Preservation Technology Northeast Chapter (APTNE) hosted a networking cruise around Manhattan on the Classic Harbor Lines’ Yacht Manhattan II. What better way to make new connections and re-establish old ones than against the backdrop of the Manhattan Skyline while enjoying hors d’oeuvres, an open bar, and a guided architecture tour courtesy of the American Institute of Architects New York Chapter!

The boat used for this event is a white-hulled 100-foot long & 22-foot beam yacht that echoes everything that the first Yacht Manhattan was, but with more space, more glass and more accommodations. Manhattan II’s 1920s-inspired design continues with her hull shape and fine features, including teak decks and mahogany finishes. Like her predecessor, Manhattan II also features a spectacular cabin with an all-glass observatory, cushioned seating and intimate tables, and a large, well-appointed bar. The main salon is additionally air-conditioned in the summer and heated during the cooler months. Fantastic unobscured views and comfort are boundless.

QUEBEC PROVINCE WORKS ON TRANSLATIONS

A task group from the Quebec Province chapter working on the translation of two ICRI Technical Guidelines into French. Both 310.1R-2008 and 320.5-2014 translations are done and under final review. The final drafts of each guideline will be ready to be submitted to ICRI for publications at Fall Convention.

NORTH TEXANS Schooled in Helical Anchors

Mattito’s Tex-Mex Restaurant in Dallas was the venue for the North Texas Chapter meeting held on September 8, 2016. Feasting on beef and chicken fajitas, members returned from a busy summer season to hear about helical anchors from F. Keith Bohren, P.E., with Simpson Strong-Ties’s Infrastructure Commercial Industrial Division. The stainless steel anchors are manufactured in two diameters and numerous lengths and can be used to tie masonry or stone veneers to back-up walls such as concrete, concrete masonry units, wood or metal studs. The anchors also can be used to stitch multi-wythe masonry walls, or to hold masonry veneers in place in order to remove the units below. A pre-drilled hole is always necessary for the friction fit, mechanical anchors.
Dave gave a presentation that was concentrated on but not limited to Developing Effective Training Programs. In today’s business environment, with employee turnover, new material technologies, industry regulations, and a heightened focus on safety, Dave thinks that effective employee training programs are a paramount business function. Yet most organizations fail to evaluate a training program’s effectiveness. This discussion focused on developing a program consistent with company strategy, employing adult learning principles to engage today’s diverse audiences, setting learning goals and objectives, and properly assessing a training program’s effectiveness in changing employee behavior. Participants learned more about how to develop new training as well as how to improve existing training events for their companies.

The four roundtable panelists took questions from the moderator as well as from the audience on repair basics.

New England was happy to welcome the four expert panelists (from left to right): Matthew Gallagher from Desman Design Management, Don Kearney with Contracting Specialists Inc., Paul Capobianco with Alpha Weatherproofing, and David Morand, PE, SECB of Gale Associates.

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GEORGIA HOSTS LUNCHEON ON TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Georgia Chapter of ICRI held its monthly luncheon on August 25, 2016, at Maggiano’s in Perimeter Mall with 33 attendees taking part. The presenter, Dave Fuller, has been in the construction chemicals industry for more than 25 years in both sales and technical capacities working for PPG, ICI, Degussa, and BASF. He has an extensive working knowledge of Coatings, Waterproofing Membranes, Sealants and Polymer Based Flooring Systems and repair materials. Dave also holds a Master’s in Adult Education and Training and is responsible for the design and delivery of traditional and web-based product training programs for BASF internal and external customers. He is a current Member of ICRI, SWRI, and ACI.

NEW ENGLAND ROUNDTABLE ON REPAIR BASICS

On Tuesday, October 18, The New England ICRI Chapter hosted an industry-wide roundtable discussion on concrete repair basics at Granite Links Golf and Country Club in Quincy, MA. Those in attendance included engineers, architects, restoration contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers. The roundtable discussion was led by moderator Matt Mead of Neogard. Matt asked questions of the four gathered industry experts. The panel was made up of two restoration contractors (Paul Capobianco of Alpha Weatherproofing and Don Kearney of Contracting Specialists Inc.) and two consultants (Matthew Gallagher of Desman Design Management and David Morand of Gale Associates).

After the panelists weighed in on each question, the moderator took additional questions from the audience. Questions ranged from who is responsible for identifying repair areas, types of concrete removal (conventional vs. hydrodemolition), surface preparation, detailing of existing steel reinforcement, and material selection. Several of the engineers in attendance commented that they valued hearing the contractors' perspective on various aspects of concrete repair projects. Many contractors appreciated having the opportunity to grill engineers and manufacturer representatives. With over 50 people in attendance, the discussion was robust and lively and lasted almost 90 minutes. Attendees also enjoyed a networking hour and dinner buffet.

NORTH TEXAS HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY EVENT

Fifty-two talented shooters showed up to test their skills at the North Texas Chapter’s Second Annual Sporting Clay event held at the Dallas Gun Club on July 15. On a sunny, hot day, RW Smith from the Conley Group Team took home Top Shooter honors. Jeff Lungrin from the BASF Team placed second, and Eric Hahnfeld, AIA, from the WR Meadows Team garnered third place. All-Tex Supply won Top Team honors, the BASF team was second, and the George D Alan Team placed third. Over $3,000 was
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raised to benefit the North Texas Chapter’s Scholarship Fund!

FLORIDA WEST COAST HOSTS CLAY SHOOT

On May 13, 2016, the Florida West Coast Chapter held its 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Tournament. It was an extremely successful event and fun was had by all! The chapter decided to do a clay shoot because so many other organizations have golf tournaments and the chapter thought it would try something different. The chapter was excited with the turnout for the event. Last year’s attendance hit 44 members and guests—this year they were able to bump that up to 56 attendees.

The team from Structural Group took first place. Their team was made up of Kelsey Romao, Casey Dunbar, Charles Williams and Dave Schultheis. Second place went to the group from Sherwin-Williams represented by Jeff Walker, Steve Wells, Fred Lauro and Jason Burby. And finally, the team from KWA Engineers captured third place with Bob Frank, Brian Kerns, Josh Mannix, and Alan Siscoe.

The Sharp Shooter award went to Casey Dunbar and the Shotgun Raffle Winner was Ron Petsch. Casey Dunbar was a guest on the winning team from Structural Group and Casey’s sharp shooting led them to capture first place. The event netted close to $1,000 for the chapter, but more importantly, the day was exciting, fun and everyone said that they would come back again next year. So if you’re looking to do a great and memorable fundraising event, the Florida West Coast Chapter highly recommends you put together a sporting clay tournament!

FLORIDA WEST DEMO DAY A BIG SUCCESS

On October 14, 2016, the Florida West Coast Chapter of ICRI held its annual Demo Day. The chapter has been hosting this event for several years and this year it was held at Complete Property Services’ new building. It was recently completed and is beautifully done! The chapter thanks everyone at Complete Property Services for their generosity and hospitality. Raul Cartagena of Complete Property Services and Jason Ferrell of Dixie Construction Services chaired this event and they did a fantastic job. The chapter offered trade show booths,
sponsorships, discount ICRI chips, guidelines, and training to all who attended. The event was free to ICRI Florida West Coast members and their companies and $10 to non-members.

The day started off with coffee and donuts and then Contractors Access Equipment kicked things off with scaffold and swing stage training. The training was two hours and a certificate of completion was issued to all who attended. Next, John Domeier of Neogard demonstrated the correct way to perform an adhesion test. After a delicious lunch of Latin food from local restaurant Andy’s On the Bay, came an
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epoxy and anchoring presentation by Jeff Stoneman of Simpson Strong-Tie.

Steve Raleigh of Coastal Construction Products discussed the chapter’s new sponsorship program as a great way for companies to get more involved with the local chapter and all of its activities. This new fundraising initiative will enable the chapter to create a new website, give back to the members at the Holiday Social on December 9 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, and do things in the future that’ll benefit the chapter as a whole.

The last demonstration of the day included a panel discussion. Jim McKinney of BASF, Michelle Nobel of Sika and Tom Buffington of Karins Engineering led the attendees through a talk on proper surface preparation, corrosion inhibitor options, and proper mortar replacement for concrete repairs.

It was an extremely successful event that was very well attended by contractors, engineers, manufacturer’s representatives and suppliers from all over the area. There was some great training, presentations and demonstrations that benefited everyone who attended. The chapter is proud of the way that the volunteers came together to kick this event up a notch for all the local ICRI members and everyone in our industry. Wait until next year!

Members and guests joined together for a group photo at the ICRI Florida West Coast Demo Day on October 14, 2016

John Domeier of Neogard during his demonstration

Scaffold training area

Registration table with the Chapter’s banner and Sponsorship Board

Trade show area where attendees learned more about the exhibitors

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