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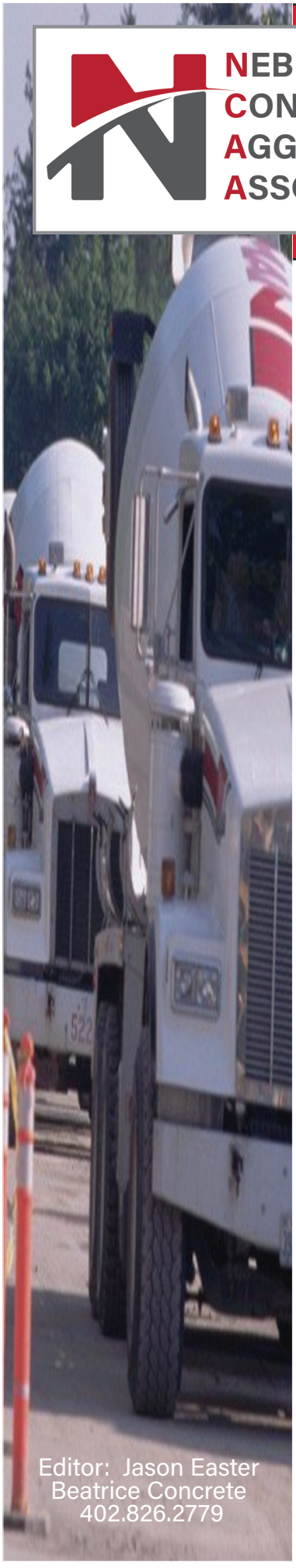

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Larry Schmidt is New NC&AA Executive Director

"Man, am I glad to be back in this industry!"

Does anybody know where I left my leather jacket and gloves? It has been getting cooler, and that not only makes the leaves change color, it makes the projects all rush to get done before winter sets in.

On September 11, 2017, I started as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Concrete and Aggregates Association. The sound of that is still new to my ears, but getting back to the industry my wife Sandi describes as 'my passion' is a welcome opportunity. I have spent the last few weeks trying to fill Jereme's shoes (they don't look that big) but there is a lot to being the Executive Director of the NC&AA. My experience with the NC&AA had been mostly with the ACI training, which is a wonderful way to promote concrete. So far, I have learned there are also many days spent with other construction trades promoting involvement in the industry to new labor opportunities thru career days and the Nebraska Construction Industry Council (NCIC).

Rochelle has been trying to fill my head with all that I need to be aware of, which is a lot. Now I know exactly what the people taking the classes I have helped teach are feeling when it looks like their head is about to explode.

I have been able to meet some new faces to the industry since I was last involved, and shaking hands with old friends that are still here. This is a welcome change to what I experienced the last seven years. **You see, shaking hands with someone in this industry is how I was taught to shake hands – firmly.** The last seven years I heard "easy big fella your going to crush my hand" more than once!

I mentioned my wife Sandi, she has been a blessing to me since we met, and my partner for over 19 years. I am thankful for her everyday. We have two sons; Weston was three years old when I met his mother, and Coop, well… he is definitely my offspring no doubt about it.

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Nebraska Concrete & Aggregates Association has hired, Larry Schmidt, P.E., as its Executive Director, effective September 11, 2017.

Larry has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Construction Management, in addition to his work experience with concrete & construction at the Nebraska Department of Transportation and Geotechnical Services Inc, Grand Island. His most recent work experience is as Technical Services Engineer, Diamond Plastics Corporation, Grand Island NE.

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Please help us welcome Larry. He'll be seeing you soon!

A Message from NC&AA President Dwight Williams

Dwight Williams
2017 NC&AA President

This quote (above) reminded me a lot of our Committees – all working on on execution and delivery of their respective projects and events.

We should all give a big hand to the NC&AA Committee members. They continue to do great work on a consistent basis for this Association and are a very committed group of our membership.

The **Promotion Committee** finalized planning the "Concrete Decor Road Show," which took place in Omaha and Kearney. The **Concrete Cares of Nebraska** event in Kearney was well attended with good BBQ ribs and funky, cool cars. Our **Scholarship Fund Shoot** that followed was well attended, too. The **Quality Concrete Conference Committee** is lining up speakers for our event in Lincoln and the **Convention Committee** is also acquiring speakers for Kearney. The **Membership Committee** has increased our overall membership while all other committee members continue to bring informative and valuable information to our Board of Director meetings and newsletters to benefit our general membership.

I would like to thank our Executive Director Selection Committee: Michael Arps; Randy Stark; Kyle Poff; Chris Hunke; and Steve Wobken for a splendid job interviewing candidates and selecting Larry Schmidt to fill our Executive Director position. I am confident that Larry will be a valuable asset to our Association and the direction we wish to go.

NEVER TELL PEOPLE HOW TO DO THINGS. TELL THEM WHAT TO DO AND THEY WILL SURPRISE YOU WITH THEIR INGENUITY.
– George S. Patton, WWII U.S. Army General

Nebraska Concrete & Aggregates hosts

concrete DECOR ROADSHOW

with Bob Harris

On Friday September 22, 2017 over 100 attendees had the opportunity to interact with the Concrete Decor RoadShow featuring Bob Harris & Bent Mikkelsen at the Baxter Arena in Omaha NE. Bob Harris is known worldwide in the Decorative Concrete Industry. He is President of the Decorative Concrete Institute, an organization in Temple, Georgia, that offers hands-on training and workshops in the latest decorative products and techniques. Bent Mikkelsen is the Founder & Publisher of Concrete Decor Magazine.

The Concrete Decor RoadShow trailer contains the latest in equipment and materials used in the industry as well as the experts that demonstrate how to use them. Attendees ranged from architects and engineers to skilled professionals. All were impressed with what they saw first hand. The transformation right in front of their own eyes of a broom finished slab to a work of art had everyone's imaginations in high gear thinking "how can I incorporate this into my next project?"

To make a lasting mark, Bob Harris created a stenciled image of the University of Nebraska-Omaha logo in the concrete near the entrance to the Baxter Arena using the tools and equipment available in the Concrete Decor RoadShow trailer. What an awesome display and lasting testament to what concrete can be and what the Concrete Decor RoadShow trailer is all about. It is truly a tool to promote the concrete industry. All concrete associations and the industry should take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

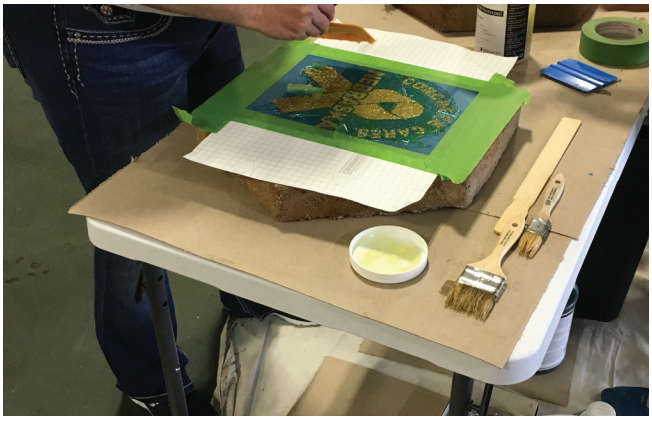
Concrete Cares of Nebraska 2017

Kearney, NE

Over 385 people enjoyed the KC BBQ cooking at this years Concrete Cares event at the Buffalo county fairgrounds. There were 40 participants in the car show, and several people had fun participating in Arts and Crafts with Bent Mikkelsen. Bent showed anyone interested in participating and using the Concrete Decors trailer how to create stepping stones with the Concrete Cares Nebraska logo on them. Participants were allowed to engrave whatever they choose to on the stepping stone as well.

The kids enjoyed the bounce house and everyone enjoyed the bands. The decision to move the event indoors turned out to be a great one; since it rained.

Over $9,000 was raised in the event and added to the $75,000 raised in the last 4 years of the event! This is another example of how the concrete industry in Nebraska gives back to the community.



Career Days

SCC in Milford and CCC in Hastings

On Tuesday September 19, 2017 the NC&AA Concrete Tough trailer made a trip to Milford, NE. Nearly 100 students spent 30 minutes at the Concrete Tough station and learned about concrete and careers available in the concrete industry. They had the opportunity to experience hands on how to move concrete from the truck to the forms, strike it off, bull float it, edge the slab, install a control joint, install decorative joints, broom the slab, and cure the slab with a spray on curing agent. In addition opportunities elsewhere in the concrete industry were discussed with them including positions as truck drivers, batch plant operations including batching, scheduling, quality control, and management opportunities.

On Wednesday September 27, 2017 the Concrete Tough trailer was in Hastings, NE at Central Community College. Approximately 128 students in Hastings, NE had a similar opportunity as the students in Milford, NE to learn about opportunities for employment in the concrete industry. In addition, students at Hastings were invited to sit in the concrete truck, observed concrete quality testing for slump, learned and experimented with digital surveying using a total station to set forms and locate bolt patterns or block outs in slabs. Opportunities for employment in the concrete industry were explained to the visiting students including the need for truck drivers, loader/equipment operators, quality control of materials, scheduling, sales, and management.

NC&AA Golf Outing

August 7, 2017
York Country Club

PUTTING CHALLENGE

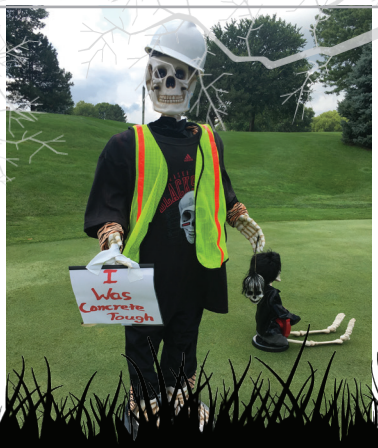
1st = Tate Sutton, Concrete Supply Inc (pictured)
2nd = Paul Kostal, Beatrice Concrete Co.
3rd = John Meyer, Paulsen Inc

HIGH SCORER

Greg Palmer, Brett Admixtures

PIN PRIZES

Hole #1
Closest to pin any shot across water = Jared Bemis
Hole #2
Closest to pin any shot off green = Scott Ferris
Hole #3
Closest 3rd shot = Casey Buck
Hole #4
Closest to pin tee shot = Dave Suchorski
Hole #5
Closest 2nd shot = Matt Dieckhoff
Hole #6
Closest to pin tee shot = Kelly Naslund
Hole #7
Longest drive in fairway = Doug Carroll
Hole #8
Longest putt on green = KR Buck
Hole #9
Closest to pin any shot off green = (no name)
Hole #10
Closest 2nd shot = Mike Willman
Hole #11
Longest birdie putt = Eric Sevenson
Hole #12
Closest 3rd shot = Ben Parellee
Hole #13
Longest drive in fairway = Cody Holoch
Hole #14
Closest to pin tee shot = Brian Clanton
Hole #15
Closest 2nd shot = Collin Demuth
Hole #16
Closest to pin tee shot = Terry Coomes
Hole #17
Closest to pin any shot across water = Matt McCann
Hole #18
Closest to pin any shot off green = Travis Mumford



2017 GOLF SPONSORS

1st Flight Winners

1st Place (Pictured): Kirk Havranek, Derek Heiss, Brian Clanton
2nd Place: Stan Poff, Brian Schaefer, Bob Pfeffer, Gary Meyer
3rd Place: Terry Rogers, Tyson Vogt, Jay Johnson, Doug Carroll

2nd Flight Winners

1st Place: Jack Zimmerman, Andy Haupt, Brent Kunze, Justin Williams
2nd Place : Joel Sedlacek, Darrell Anthony, Kameron Williams, Paul Kostal
3rd Place: Doug Burns, Bill Cook, Bill Herr, Dave Suchorski

GOLD SPONSORS:

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Thanks to Joel Sedlacek, Central Plains Cement Co. and Mike Willman, GCP Applied Technologies, NC&AA Associates Committee responsible for the golf outing.

Special thanks to Joe Sedlacek for the Putting Challenge.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNd SHOOT WAS A BLAST

2nd place, Jeff Thompson, left; Champion, Kirk Havranek, right; 3rd place, Gary Ebert, not pictured.

By Larry Schmidt

2017 NC&AA Scholarship FUNd Shoot was held October 3, 2017 at Oak Creek Sporting Club, Brainard NE. There were 85 people joined together with shotguns to raise money for the NC&AA Scholarship program. This was the first NC&AA shoot I was able to attend and I had a blast! The day started out questionable, road closings and drizzle had many of us wondering if this was really a good idea, but the rain stopped and many laughs were heard throughout the day with smiles on everyone's faces.

Special thanks to Tim Hegeholz, he did not bring a shotgun to Oak Creek, but was there early and helped all day to make the outing run smoothly, delivering snacks and drinks to participants in the shoot and spreading cheer! Thank You Tim!

EVENT RESULTS

** The high scorer on the tie breaking station provided the 2nd and 3rd place winners.*

CHAMPION
Kirk Havranek
Score 82

2ND PLACE
Jeff Thompson
Score 80

3RD PLACE
Gary Ebert
Score 80

FUND RAISING RAFFLES

CABELA'S GIFT CARD
Kirk Havranek, Ready Mixed Lincoln

ECHO (ALEXA) & SHELL THERMO
Joe Moore, Paulsen Inc.

DECK OF CARDS SPLIT THE POT
Joe Moore, Paulsen Inc. $165

STOP SIGN SPLIT THE POT
Tyler Jensen, Ash Grove Cement Co. $162.50

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We'd like to thank everyone who attended for their help in the NC&AA fund raising efforts. All proceeds go to the NC&AA Scholarship Fund.

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Nebraska Concrete Paving Association

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39th Annual

NCPA Concrete Paving Workshop

Tuesday & Wednesday
January 16 & 17, 2018

Cornhusker Marriott
Lincoln, NE

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COMING SOON!

ACI/NDOT Training Calendar
December 2017-April 2018

Watch the NC&AA Website
for this fall's training calendar

WWW.NEBRCONCAGG.COM

Expected to be available
near the end of October

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The three of us have been known to make a little extra spending money on the side pouring a concrete sidewalk, patio, or driveway. I cannot think of a better way to not only make memories with my kids, but also create something for someone that will last. Who knows maybe my sons will someday show their sons/daughters what they did with grandpa!

I usually spend my share of the money on Harley stuff, it has been described as my only vice, I think I understand why dogs like to stick their head out the window, I love to ride!

I hope to meet all of you soon; and if you have heard rumors about me, I will try to live up to them!

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Industry Calendar

NC&AA Quality Concrete Conference	January 10, 2018 2018 QC is a one day only event	Innovation Campus Lincoln NE
NCPA Paving Workshop	January 16-17, 2018	Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln
NC&AA Past Presidents Dinner	February 21, 2018	Kearney Younes Center
NC&AA Convention	February 22-23, 2018	Kearney Younes Center

Board of Director's Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, October 18, 2017	Nebraska Safety Council Classroom B	1pm
Wednesday, November 15, 2017	Nebraska Safety Council Classroom B	1pm
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	Fire Works Restaurant after Long Range Planning meeting	1:30pm