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Newsletter

2013 NC&AA Scholarship Fund SHOOT

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The 10th Annual Nebraska Concrete & Aggregates Association Scholarship Fund Shoot was held on Tuesday, October 8th at Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard, NE. This year 75+ shooters participated in the NC&AA Scholarship Fund raising event featuring one discipline, 100 targets of Sporting Clay. Typically our Scholarship Shoot has at least 2 different disciplines, but this year we thought we would try just sporting clays. It was a perfect day on an excellent course.



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Jereme Montgomery
NC&AA
Executive Director

From the director

"I really am not a big fan of new year's resolutions."

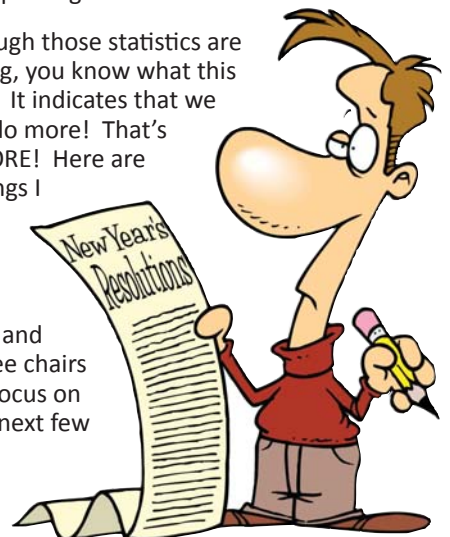
They are predictable and rarely fulfilled. I once heard someone say, "A new Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other". Yet, I can't help to use this time of the

year to reflect on the achievements of the past and what we should look forward to in the future. Where we have been, where we are at, and most important...where we are going.

This past year, like most, we conducted a lot of activity in the promotion committee. Currently, the promotion committee has nearly reached its goal of 800 man-hours of educating and promoting our product to engineers, architects, contractors, students and owners. Our motto is "promotion through education". The efforts of current and past promotion committee members have always been unmatched. For the past eight years, I have always heard from the east coast, west coast and everyone in between, How does Nebraska do it? What makes Nebraska so "Pro Concrete"?

Here's a fun fact, Nebraska leads the country in per capita production at 2.3 cubic yards for every man, women, and child. Per capita, Nebraska produces more concrete than Texas, California, and Florida (individually or combined)! Here's another fun fact, Nebraska has established itself as the all time record holder for parking lot market share at 96%. Let me say that again, "96% of all new construction in 2012 resulting in a concrete parking lot".

Even though those statistics are staggering, you know what this tells me? It indicates that we need to do more! That's right, MORE! Here are the 3 things I believe the NC&AA board of directors and committee chairs need to focus on over the next few years.



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President's Message



Mark Deetz
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NC&AA President

As 2013 draws to a close, it's the time of year for reflection of our strengths and successes, weaknesses and failures, and future challenges. We certainly have our share of challenges within the concrete and aggregate industry, but we also have many successes to be proud of as well. 2013 has proved to be the start of an economic recovery within the construction industry. All economic indicators appear to be favorable for continued growth and recovery.

On a more poignant note, the industry lost one of our brothers this year. Tom Busboom, a 41 year veteran of Beatrice Concrete, lost his long battle with cancer on November 17, 2013. Tom was a past President of both our Association and of the Nebraska Chapter of ACI. He served our Association in many capacities during his career. Tom was an industry leader, a husband and father, a mentor, and a trusted friend to many. We keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.

After attending our recent Long Range Planning meeting, I was reminded of one of our Associations greatest strengths, our Past Presidents. There is no other Association that has the commitment, dedication and guidance of its previous leadership. I use the term "previous" as it refers to the position of Presidential service only, because most of these leaders are continuing to serve our Association in some capacity. This year we had 25 attendees of Past Presidents which by their presidential service, span a period of 52 years. To have such a group of distinguished leaders attending a meeting annually for this purpose is impressive. That is why our Association is strong. We look to this group of leaders to keep us on course, on task, on our mission. Along with the guidance of the Board of Directors, the support of Rochelle, and Jereme as our "Conductor", we will continue to be a successful and viable Association.

In closing, please have a safe and relaxing Holiday season while taking some time to celebrate with family and friends. We wish everyone a prosperous 2014.

 **Mark Deetz**

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1. **More Promotion** – Ironically enough yes, more promotion. Not only the promotion of the benefits of concrete, but the promotion of quality concrete production, placement, and even quality concrete management. This can also include aggregates: benefits of aggregates, promoting quality aggregate production, and benefits of its uses.
2. **More Industry Support for Academia** – Last year, the University of Nebraska – Kearney organized and established a student chapter for the American Concrete Institute. For the past 3 years, I have been a council member of the Construction Industry Advisory Council for the Durham School. We are in a prime position to show the academic construction industry the magnitude of our resources. The concrete industry is a significant part of the construction industry and it is time to show our impact through supporting construction programs in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, Milford, and Wayne. (hint: more on this topic at the state of the association being presented at the annual convention)
3. **More Industry Leadership** – Don't get me wrong. I am not saying we lack leadership, we just need to make sure we sustain that level of leadership. There has been some discussion within the executive committee on developing some type of leadership training. The NC&AA has also talked to Jean Petsch of AGC, to ask if we could attend their leadership training. Leadership is an integral part of a successful individual. The more of these individual leaders an industry possesses, the more successful the industry.

As for me, I just feel blessed to be a part of it all. Blessed to represent such great people and blessed to have a membership such as the NC&AA. Have a prosperous New Year and may your troubles last as long as your resolutions!
#ConcreteRocks



ACI / NDOR *Training Season*

Before the season began, the NC&AA technical committee predicted a mild training season. This is not the case. Four out of five ACI Field Testing Certifications sold out fast. Currently the only ACI Field Testing class available is in Kearney in April. As a matter of fact, there is talk of adding one class this training season to facilitate the demand in Lincoln and Omaha.

Three plant classes are scheduled in March. We hope to get good attendance from the paving industry this year. The technical committee also added ACI flatwork this year to Kearney.

If you still need to register your employees, don't hesitate! Make sure to head on over to www.nebrconcagg.com to check out the training calendar. Please give us a call if you have any questions.



SCHOLARSHIP FUND SHOOT . . . *continued from page 1*



Winners 2013 Sporting Clays

Overall Winners

1. Brian Buckingham – Western Sand & Gravel
2. Dennis Harder – Chief Industries
3. Mike Arps – Arps RED-E-MIX

The Committee also hosted other ways to win such as:

- Stop Sign Raffle
- Smoker Raffle
- Cabela's Gift Card Raffle
- Deck of Cards, "Split the Pot"

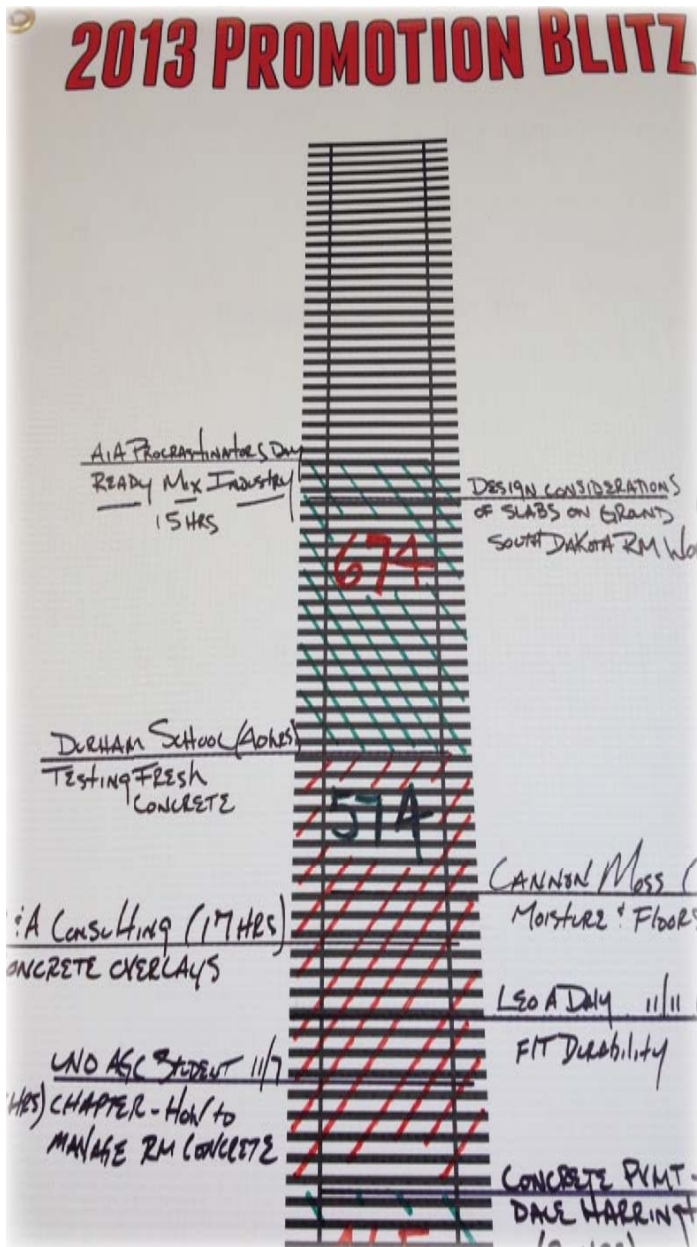
Thanks from the Shoot committee for a great day and **MANY THANKS to Tim Hegeholz.** Tim's help with the stop sign and staffing the beverage cart was invaluable! Thanks Mr. Hegeholz.

Whether you won or not, it was a great day to network with your customers and for a great cause. Your participation in this event is critical to the achievement of the NC&AA Scholarships. The Scholarship committee greatly appreciates everyone's help in making the shoot a success.

PROMOTION Committee

Update

We are finishing up our promotion activities for the year and are very close to hitting our goal of 800 man-hours in concrete presentations. We are currently at 675 hours and the promotion committee anticipates hitting 800 before the end of February. Since our last newsletter we have had a lot of activity.



- Exhibited at the AIA Nebraska Fall Conference
- Presented on Concrete 101 and Pervious Concrete to the University of Nebraska Landscape Architects and Faculty
- Presented “Ready Mix Concrete Industry” to the UNO AGC Student Chapter
- Presented “Concrete Durability” to LEO A Daly in Omaha
- Presented at the South Dakota Ready Mix Annual Workshop on Concrete Slabs on Grade
- Presented to AIA Nebraska on the Ready Mix Concrete Industry during an AIA Nebraska Continuing education workshop in Omaha

If you feel the need for a presentation to your local designers and/or customers, please don't hesitate to give the promotion committee a call. We serve to promote!

NC&AA to Host Safety & Environmental Workshop

The aggregates committee, in conjunction with the safety and environmental committee, is hosting a “Safety & Environmental Compliance Workshop”. This workshop is geared towards aggregate producers in Nebraska.

When: January 17th, 2014

Time: 10:00am – 2:30pm

Where: Holiday Inn Midtown, Grand Island

Cost: \$50.00



Agenda

9:30am
Registration

10:00am
“Mine Operator Contractor Responsibility”, Wally Pitney, Small Mines

10:45am
“Storm Water Compliance for Aggregate Producers”, Tom Senne, WLA Consulting

11:30am Lunch (Provided)

12:15pm
“GHS-Global Harmonized System”, Russ George, NEBCO

1:00pm
“Terns and Plovers” Mary Bomberger Brown, Tern & Plover Conservation Partnership

1:45pm
“Jurisdiction of Waterways”, Matt Wray, Corps of Engineers

2:30pm Adjourn

Please contact the NC&AA office to register!
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Industry Calendar

January 8th – Quality Concrete Conference
(Kearney)

January 9th – Quality Concrete Conference
(Lincoln)

January 14/15 – ACI Concrete Field Testing Tech
(Lincoln-Full)

January 17 – Safety & Environmental Workshop
(Grand Island)

January 21/22 – NCPA 35th Annual Concrete
Paving Workshop (Lincoln)

January 28/29 - ACI Concrete Field Testing Tech
(Omaha-Full)

January 28/29 – ACI Concrete Flatwork Finisher
Tech (Kearney)

January 31 – ACI Awards of Excellence Banquet
(Lincoln)

February 4/5 - ACI Concrete Field Testing
Tech (North Platte-Full)

February 13 – ACI Strength Testing Tech
(Lincoln)

February 25 – NDOR Concrete Field Testing
Tech (Lincoln)

February 26 – Past Presidents Dinner
(Kearney)

February 27/28 – NC&AA Annual Convention
(Kearney)

March 6/7 – ACI Concrete Flatwork Finisher
Tech (Omaha)

March 11/12 NDOR Concrete Plant Tech
Level II (Omaha)

March 18/19 – NDOR Concrete Plant Tech
Level II (North Platte)

March 25/26 – NDOR Concrete Plant Tech
Level II (Lincoln)

April 15/16 - ACI Concrete Field Testing Tech
(Kearney)