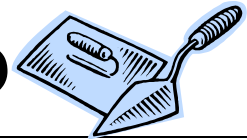


SAN ANTONIO MASONRY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

THE MORTAR BOARD



JUNE / JULY 2009

JULY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association will hold its monthly general membership meeting at 12 p.m. **Wednesday, July 29** at Pappadeaux restaurant, 76 NE Loop 410. The cost of lunch is \$25 per person. The guest speaker for this month is Harry McGraw, the new executive director of the Texas Masonry Council (TMC). **Call Debbie** to make your reservation for this meeting, at (830) 606-5556.

DON'T FORGET....The SAMCA member who has the "BEST ATTENDANCE" record for meetings and events will win a free pass to the Christmas party. In the case of a tie, the names will be placed in a hat.

6TH ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT WAS A SUCCESS!

SAMCA members and guests gathered at Bluff's Landing in Corpus Christi for SAMCA's Sixth Annual Fishing Tournament on May 29. After everyone registered, they enjoyed a delicious dinner and a calcutta. The shrimp, sausage, potatoes, and corn boil was cooked by **Michael Hunt (Curtis Hunt Restorations), and Nunzio Previtera (Integrity Insurance Agency).**



The competition began at 6 a.m. the next day and the 30 boats of fishermen reported back for the weigh-in at 4:30. The 119 anglers enjoyed the event whether or not they caught fish. **Andy Cordova (C & S Contractors), Sam Lopez (C & S Contractors), and Curtis Hunt (Curtis Hunt Restorations)** were the chief cooks of the fajita dinner during the weigh-in and awards presentation. **Tracie Martin (Acme Brick/Featherlite) and Tony Garcia (Headwaters Construction Materials)** were cook assistants. Everyone did a great job and the food was excellent! Thanks to all the cooks.

The following were the winners of the stiff competition:

Open Boat Category-

- **Heavy Stringer - 1st Place** – Hertz Equipment Rental (Chris Wiatrak, Darrell Lyssy, Scott Wiatrak, Bradley Williams)

- **Heavy Stringer – 2nd Place** – Target Building Supply (Paul Gomez, Pete Villa, Benjamin Morales, Danny Alvarez)
- **Heavy Redfish** – Groesbeck Masonry, Inc. (James Groesbeck, Billy Groesbeck, Charles Harlan, Jeff Geurin)
- **Heavy Trout** – Hertz Equipment Rental (Chris Wiatrak, Darrell Lyssy, Scott Wiatrak, Bradley Williams)
- **Heavy Flounder** – SS Smith & Sons Masonry (Bill Smith, Ed Ybanez, Jason Diebel, Eric Smith)

Guided Boat Category-

- **Heavy Stringer - 1st place** – Headwaters Construction Materials (David Gonzales, Ricci Pozzi, Ken Wursterhausen, Jarrett Finger)
- **Heavy Stringer – 2nd place** – Shadrock & Williams Masonry, Ltd. (Anton Shadrock, Cole Saathoff, Victor Ritter, Ryan Garriott)
- **Heavy Redfish** – Headwaters Construction Materials (David Gonzales, Ricci Pozzi, Ken Wursterhausen, Jarrett Finger)
- **Heavy Trout** – AQUACORP, Inc. (Rob Mason, Randy Mason, Pat Mason, Lupe Vela)
- **Heavy Flounder** – Integrity Insurance Agency (Nunzio Previtera, Mike Previtera, Anthony Previtera, Mike Regalado)

SAMCA owes many thanks to the following tournament sponsors: Acme Brick / Featherlite; C.L. Crow Masonry, Inc.; CMC Rebar San Antonio; Curtis Hunt Restorations, Inc.; EDP Concrete Contractors; Equipment Depot Rentals; Groesbeck Masonry, Inc.; Headwaters Construction Materials; I-10 Building Materials, Ltd.; Integrity Insurance Agency, Inc.; Joeris General Contractors; Lehigh White Cement Company; Lundberg Masonry, Inc.; Rick Stone Masonry, Inc.; Rudd & Adams Masonry, Inc.; San Antonio Masonry & Tool Supply; Shadrock & Williams Masonry, Ltd.; Spaw Glass Contractors, Inc.; SS Smith & Sons Masonry, Inc.; and TNT Equipment Co., Inc.

In addition, SAMCA wants to thank the following who donated prizes to the fishing tournament: Tammy Previtera (Integrity Insurance Agency) donated candles, and Pappadeaux restaurant donated two \$25 gift certificates.

2009 GOLDEN TROWEL AWARDS

On June 25, the San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association (SAMCA) hosted the 2009 Golden Trowel Awards at the Club at Sonterra with a record breaking attendance – 157. The event was attended by SAMCA members, architects, and general contractors. Twelve projects were honored for the outstanding design of Architects, the craftsmanship of the SAMCA member Masonry Contractors, the superior product support of the SAMCA member Suppliers, and the superior project management of the General Contractors. In addition, this year, the foreman of each winning project received a plaque for outstanding performance. The first Annual General Contractor of the Year award was given to SpawGlass.



SAMCA appreciates the five judges from Austin who judged the 37 projects in this year's competition: Linda Johnston (L.S. Johnston Architects); Robert Steinbomer (Steinbomer & Associates);

Brian Carlson (McKinney York Architects); Jim Connelly (Jim Connelly Masonry, Inc.); and Louis Hayn (Looking Good Masonry, Inc.)

SAMCA would like to express its gratitude to **Chris McBirnie at Christopher Stuart Cast Stone** for making and providing the Alamo replica cast stone Golden Trowel Awards which were presented to the masonry contractors and architects. Many thanks to **Curtis Hunt at Curtis Hunt Restorations** for making the banquet table centerpieces. In addition, SAMCA appreciates **Andy Rapoza at TXI Cement, and Roger Schmelter and Jeff Luntz at Headwaters Construction Materials** for co-sponsoring the hospitality bar.

Congratulations to the following volunteers who coordinated the competition and the successful event: **Sam Lopez** (C & S Contractors, Inc.); **Danny Bryant** (Acme Brick / Featherlite); **Andy Cordova** (C & S Contractors, Inc.); **Jeff Windham** (Alamo Cement Co., Ltd.); **Mike Dodd** (Architectural Masonry Products); **Chris McBirnie** (Christopher Stuart Cast Stone); and **Debbie Mason** (Executive Director, SAMCA).

The Golden Trowel Awards brochure has the 37 projects listed with photos of each project. If anyone would like to have extra copies of the brochure, just call Debbie at (830) 606-5556, or email your request to samca@satx.rr.com. Congratulations to the following 2009 Golden Trowel Winners:

BLOCK

FIRST PLACE

Palo Alto College - Convocation Center

- Rick Stone Masonry, Inc.
Foreman – Raymond “Bobby” Glass
- Lopez Salas Architects, Inc.
- Spaw Glass Contractors
- Headwaters Construction Materials

HONORABLE MENTION

Mission Academy Pre-K - 8

- Shadrock & Williams Masonry, Ltd.
Foreman – Mike Solise
- Alamo Architects
- G.W. Mitchell & Sons, Inc.
- Acme Brick / Featherlite

INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL

FIRST PLACE

Pearl Brewery Brew House Restoration

- Curtis Hunt Restorations, Inc.
Foreman – Salvador Vasquez
- Ford, Powell & Carson
- I-10 Building Materials / I-10 Stone Source

HONORABLE MENTION

Peterson Regional Medical Center

- Brazos Masonry, Inc.
Foreman – David Mendoza
- Sterling Barnett Little, Inc.
- Robins & Morton
- Acme Brick/ Featherlite

EDUCATIONAL FACILITY – COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

FIRST PLACE

The Village at Incarnate Word

- DJM Masonry Enterprises, Inc.
Foreman – Jeff Love
- Marmon Mok
- Lyda Swinerton Builders
- Brick Selections

HONORABLE MENTION

University of the Incarnate Word – New Student Dorm, Bldg #5

- Rudd & Adams Masonry, Inc.
Foreman – Brad Webb
- McChesney Bianco Architecture
- Joeris General Contractor
- Acme Brick / Featherlite
- Pyramid Stone Co., Inc.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITY-PUBLICLY FUNDED K-12

FIRST PLACE

Stafford Elementary School

- Groesbeck Masonry, Inc.
Foreman – Joe Rivas
- Chesney Morales & Associates, Inc.
- Kencon Constructors
- Acme Brick / Featherlite
- Masonry & Glass Systems, Inc.

HONORABLE MENTION

La Vernia Intermediate School

- Groesbeck Masonry, Inc.
Foreman – Julio Vasquez
- Bay Architects, Inc.
- D.L. Bandy
- Acme Brick / Featherlite

GOVERNMENTAL / INSTITUTIONAL

FIRST PLACE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parish House

- Lundberg Masonry, Inc.
Foreman – Bobby Wolfshohl
- Ford, Powell & Carson
- Guido Brothers Construction Co.
- Acme Brick / Featherlite
- Christopher Stuart Cast Stone

HONORABLE MENTION

St. Peter the Apostle Family Life Center

- Lundberg Masonry, Inc.
Foreman – Bobby Wolfshohl
- SA Partnership, LLP
- J.C. Stoddard Construction Co.
- Acme Brick / Featherlite

HARDSCAPE / LANDSCAPE

FIRST PLACE

Huntington at Shavano Park

- Lundberg Masonry, Inc.
Foreman – Bobby Wolfshohl
- Dixie Watkins III & Associates
- Bitter Blue
- I-10 Building Materials / I-10 Stone Source

RESIDENTIAL

FIRST PLACE

Limousin Ranch

- Groesbeck Masonry, Inc.
Foreman – Joe Rivas
- Acme Brick / Featherlite
- Masonry & Glass Systems, Inc.
- Brooks Stone Ranch, Inc.

TEXAS MASONRY COUNCIL CONVENTION – 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Texas Masonry Council will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary at its convention next month. Set your calendars for **August 12-14** at the Westin on the Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio. The convention includes the following events: A Welcome Reception; Architect Professional Development Seminars; King William Tour; Marketplace Luncheon and Annual Membership Meeting; Back to the Fifties Bash; Golf Tournament (sponsored by SAMCA); and

the Golden Trowel Banquet. You don't have to be a TMC member to attend. To obtain further information, go to the TMC website at www.texasmasonrycouncil.org

SAMCA'S 14TH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT & 9TH BBQ COOK-OFF



SAMCA is accepting registration for the 14th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament, scheduled for **Thursday, August 20** at the Cedar Ridge Range in Bulverde. Early registration (until August 14) for shooters is \$60 and non-shooters \$15. Late registration for shooters will be \$70 and non-shooters \$20. That means if you register before August 14, you will save money!

The 9th Annual Bar-B-Q Cook-Off will have five categories – brisket, chicken, pork spare ribs, chef's choice, and best overall. The deadline for entering the cook-off is August 14. The entry fee for cook-off teams is \$50. Michael Hunt (Curtis Hunt Restorations) is the Cook-Off chairperson this year. For information about the cook-off, call Michael at (210) 827-1167.

Sponsorships are available – Beverage \$400, Station \$200, and Prizes \$200. Call Debbie Mason for more information about the tournament or cook-off at (830) 606-5556. You may also obtain the registration forms on the website www.samca.net

SAMCA'S UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Wednesday, July 29** - SAMCA General Membership Meeting – Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **Thursday, August 6** – SAMCA Board Meeting –Pappadeaux Restaurant
- **Wednesday, August 12 – Friday, August 14** – TMC Convention - Westin on the Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio
- **Thursday, August 20** - 14th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament & 9th Annual BBQ Cook-Off – Cedar Ridge Range, Highway 1863, Bulverde, Texas
- **Wednesday, August 26** - SAMCA General Membership Meeting– Pappadeaux Restaurant