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# UUCF Holds Fourteenth Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament

The Fourteenth Annual UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament, held on October 2-4, was a lot of fun. Golfers teed off on the Haig course on Friday, Champion course on Saturday and Squire course on Sunday at the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens. The golfers were able to play all three days rain free; however, it was very hot and humid.

This year's tournament can be attributed to Chairman Mike Woodall's, John Woody, Inc., efforts to provide the golfers with a memorable weekend of golf. Special thanks goes to Mike for his dedication and hard work on making this tournament one of UUCF's premier events of the year. Tournament players were vying for great prizes including a chance to win \$40,000.

The team of **Joe Cob and Stephen Davis (Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co., Inc.)** played consistently throughout the tournament. Their scores of 58 on Friday, 57 on Saturday and 66 on Sunday afforded their team as the **Overall Winners** of the three-day tournament.

As in the past, the tournament was a two-man team, three-day event. Each day was a different format. On Friday, the teams competed in a two-man best ball, Saturday a two-man scramble and concluded Sunday with a two-man alternate shot. On Saturday, the golfers had a chance to win \$40,000 as a Hole-in-One Contest prize.

The golfers were also competing for a \$300.00 cash prize for the Ball in the Circle Contest. The contest was held throughout the tournament on select holes. Nobody hit their ball in the circle on Friday, Saturday or Sunday and nobody made a Hole-in-One on Saturday.

During Friday and Saturday's tournament, a putting contest was

held. On Friday, the winner of the Putting Contest was Justin James. On Saturday, the winners of the Putting Contest were Michael Swindal, Stephen Davis, Bruce Wendorf and Greg Marsh. On Sunday, the winners of the Putting Contest were Scott Pittman and Mike Rhodes.

UUCF would like to thank all our participants for coming out and enjoying a wonderful weekend of golf with us.

On behalf of the Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF), we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following companies for supporting the association by sponsoring the 2009 UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament:

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Congratulations to the daily winners of the golf tournament, overall winners of the three day tournament, putting contest winners, Longest Drive winners and Closest to the Pin winners. They are as follows:

***Friday, October 2, 2009***

**First Place Winners:** Joe Cobb and Stephen Davis

**Second Place Winners:** Jerry Rodgers and Mike Rhodes

**Putting Contest:** Justin James

**Ball in the Circle Contest:** None  
**Closest to the Pin:** Jim Gaffney  
**Longest Drive:** Joe Cobb

***Saturday, October 3, 2009***

**First Place Winners:** Michael

Swindal and T. J. Harden

**Second Place Winners:** Joe Cobb and Stephen Davis

**Putting Contest:** Michael Swindal, Stephen Davis, Bruce Wendorf and Gregg Marsh

**Ball in the Circle Contest:** None  
**Closest to the Pin:** Michael Swindal

**Longest Drive:** Joe Cobb

**Hole-in-One:** None

***Sunday, October 4, 2009***

**First Place Winners:** Bob Nelson and Jim Cunningham

**Second Place Winners:** John Fernandez and Jim Gaffney

**Putting Contest:** Scott Pittman and Mike Rhodes

**Ball in the Circle Contest:** None

**Closest to the Pin:** Bob Nelson

**Longest Drive:** Stephen Davis

**Overall Winners of the Three-Day Golf Tournament:** Joe Cobb and Stephen Davis

UUCF thanks everyone who participated in the tournament, pledged sponsorship, prizes or donations towards the tournament. It truly was a successful event.

Watch future issues of the *Ditchmen* in the Calendar of Events for the date of the 2010 UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament.

Please see photos on page 7 and on website at [www.uucf.com](http://www.uucf.com).

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*L to R: Mike Woodall, Jon Woodall, Bob Spink and Mike Kanaday*



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# OIR Issues Order on Florida Workers' Compensation Rate Filing

Florida's workers' compensation rates are going down 6.8 percent due to a new law reinstating fee limits for lawyers who represent employees claiming injuries. The law restored limits originally passed in 2003 but struck down last year by the state Supreme Court. Insurance Commission Kevin McCarty on October 15, 2009 cited the new law as he approved the decrease. It's effective January 1, 2010. McCarty had approved a 6 percent increase effective April 1, 2009; but after the new law was passed, he repealed it. The new cut brings the total rate reduction since the 2003 legislation was passed to 63 percent. Florida's rates, once one of the nation's highest, now are among the lowest.



which made their initial filing on August 20, 2009 proposing an overall workers compensation rate level decrease of 6.8% for the voluntary market industrial classes effective January 1, 2010. The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) issued an order accepting the overall workers compensation rate level decrease of 6.8% with two amendments.

The first amendment is a limitation on the roofing (5551) rate decrease to the average decrease for the contracting industry group which is 10.8%. The second amendment is to maintain the current minimum premium multiplier (MPM). NCCI had proposed an increase to the MPM. The MPM is used to calculate

The rate reduction is based on the

annual review of the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI),

*(Continued on Page 21)*

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If your business collected \$20,000 or more in Florida sales tax during the prior state fiscal year of July 1, through June 30, you must now file your return and pay your sales tax to the state electronically. Previously, only businesses that collected \$30,000 or more in sales tax were required to file and pay electronically.

The easiest way for most small businesses to report and pay their sales tax electronically is to pay and file using the Department of Revenue's website. You can enroll in the Department's e-Services program at [dor.myflorida.com/dor/eservices](http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/eservices). From this website, you can choose your filing and payment method, receive your User ID and Password and begin filing and/or paying electronically. This site also has a list of frequently asked questions that further explains the requirements of electronic filing and when payments are due.

Even if you are not required by law to file and pay sales tax electronically, you may wish to voluntarily enroll in e-Services. The process is fairly simple and allows you to file returns and make payments 24 hours a day through the Department's secure website. Filing electronically also can prevent costly math errors that are easy to make on paper returns.

Keep in mind that sales tax is not the only tax required to be filed and paid electronically. If your business had 10 or more employees during any

calendar quarter of the prior state fiscal year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009), you must file your UCT-6 and pay your unemployment tax electronically. You can use the website listed above to enroll in this program as well.

If you are required to file and pay taxes on-line but you do not have the appropriate computer access, you may be eligible to receive a waiver from filing your tax return on-line. To request a waiver, please call the Department of Revenue at (800) 352-3671. Even if you receive a waiver from electronic filing, you will still have to pay electronically.

## New Workers' Compensation Whistle- Blower Website

The State Division of Workers' Compensation has established a new Non-Compliance Referral Database for citizens to report employers suspected of not providing workers' compensation insurance for their employees. The new website makes it easier to submit a complaint on-line and provides real-time feedback to those making a complaint. Over \$500,000 in penalties has already been assessed due to referrals made through the website.

Examples of non-compliant workers' compensation coverage include:

- Working without workers' compensation insurance.
- Under-reporting payroll of employees.
- Paying employees in cash instead of checks from payroll.
- Misclassifying employees' job

duties in order to receive a lower workers' compensation rate.

The new website is located at [www.fldfs.com/WC/](http://www.fldfs.com/WC/). Click on the peach-colored box that says "Report Suspected Workers' Comp Non-Compliance."

## Attention Corporations: Don't Be Fooled By Scam

A company called Compliance Services is mailing notices to businesses that are titled "Annual Minutes Requirement Statement Directors and Shareholders." This document instructs you to submit the Annual Minutes Requirement Statement together with payment of \$125.00 so this company can prepare your corporation minutes for you.

Please be advised, this is a scam — corporations are required to keep minutes of their corporate meetings, but minutes do not have to be filed with any agency of the State of Florida. Also, you don't have to pay someone to prepare your corporate minutes. Please do not confuse this notice with an official notice sent by the state Division of Corporations relating to your Annual report.

**Welcome New  
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# OSHA Issues Final Rule Updating PPE Standards

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published in the Federal Register a final rule revising the personal protective equipment (PPE) sections of its general industry, shipyard employment, longshoring and marine terminals standards concerning requirements for eye- and face-protective devices and head and foot protection.

OSHA is updating the references in its regulations to reflect more recent editions of the applicable national consensus standards that incorporate advances in technology. OSHA requires that PPE be safely designed and constructed for the tasks performed.

"Workers exposed to occupational hazards requiring head, foot, or eye and face protection will now be provided protection based on a standard that reflects state-of-the-art technology and materials," said acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Jordan Barab. "This final rule is another step in OSHA's efforts to update or remove references to outdated national consensus and industry standards."

Amendments to the PPE standards include a requirement that filter lenses and plates in eye-protective equipment meet a test for transmission of radiant energy such as light or infrared.

The final rule will become effective on October 9. For technical inquiries, contact Ted Twardowski,

Directorate of Standards and Guidance, at (202) 693-2070.

# OSHA Begins National Emphasis Program on Recordkeeping to Determine Accuracy of Worker Injury and Illness Data

On October 1, 2009, The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced that it is initiating a national emphasis program (NEP) on recordkeeping ([www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive\\_pdf/CPL\\_02\\_09-08.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/Directive_pdf/CPL_02_09-08.pdf)) to assess the accuracy of injury and illness data recorded by employers.

The recordkeeping NEP involves inspecting occupational injury and illness records prepared by businesses and appropriately enforcing regulatory requirements when employers are found to be under-recording injuries and illnesses.

"Accurate and honest recordkeeping is vitally important to workers' health and safety," said acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Jordan Barab. "This information is not only used by OSHA to determine which

workplaces to inspect, but it is an important tool employers and workers can use to identify health and safety problems in their workplaces."

The inspections include a records review, employee interviews and a limited safety and health inspection of the workplace. The NEP will focus on selected industries with high injury and illness rates.

At the request of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the House Committee on Education and Labor, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a study on the accuracy of employer injury and illness records. This NEP will help OSHA work cooperatively with the GAO. It also complements the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) efforts to investigate factors accounting for differences between the number of workplace injuries and illnesses estimated by BLS and those estimated by other data sources.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, OSHA's role is to promote safe and healthful working conditions for America's men and women by setting and enforcing standards and providing training, outreach and education. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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# Utility Construction EXPO '10

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"With a struggling economy, there is no better time to participate in the top industry expo. We are in one form or another business and community leaders. We should lead by example, get involved and support the association that works so hard for us." — Ron Nunes, Chair, Utility Construction EXPO '10.

"In challenging economic times like these, it is critically important that leading companies continue to stay abreast of new products and technologies in order to maintain a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Attending Utility

Construction EXPO '10 will therefore be a wise investment for contractors looking to maximize profitability in 2010 and beyond." — Roger Mohr, Vice Chair, Utility Construction EXPO '10.

The Utility Construction EXPO '10 will be held on January 10-13 at the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Hotel in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

With nearly everyone scrambling to find strategies for riding out these trying economic times, NUCA is bringing in four highly-regarded business experts to Utility Construction EXPO '10 — All Together Now to help attendees do just that. While their areas of expertise are different, they all deliver high-energy, inspiring and insightful messages designed for

executives.

## INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

Opening general session speaker JACK BLITCH, Vice President and General Manager of Walt Disney Imagineering-Florida, will give attendees an insider look at "Imagineering at Disney."

## BRANDING & MARKETING

Business development consultant IRA BLUMENTHAL will tackle the complex, but rewarding process, of "Managing Brand You."

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In keeping with the theme of All Together Now, there will also be plenty of opportunities to relax and have fun at a variety of networking events. For all the details and what's new in 2010, please take a few minutes to review the schedule below. When you do, we think you'll agree that Utility Construction EXPO '10 offers you the most value for your investment.

### **EXPO '10 Schedule At-A-Glance**

#### **Sunday, January 10, 2010**

Registration/Cyber Café Open  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Havana Nights Party  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### **Monday, January 11, 2010**

Registration/Cyber Café Open  
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Exhibit Show Hours/Silent Auction  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
General Sessions  
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
and 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
NUCA Committee Meetings  
11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
A Little Bit of Paradise Party  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

Registration/Cyber Café Open  
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Exhibit Show Hours/Silent Auction/  
Product Showcase Theatre and  
Lunch  
11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
General Sessions  
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and  
9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
A NUCA Celebration – Disney Style  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

Registration/Cyber Café Open

7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Exhibit Show Hours/Product  
Showcase Theatre/Silent Auction/  
Special Drawing  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
General Sessions  
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Golf Tournament  
12:30 p.m.  
Golf Clinic  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Keynote Speakers**

#### **JACK BLITCH**

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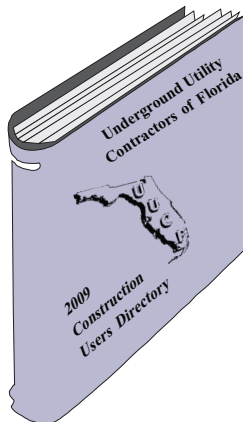
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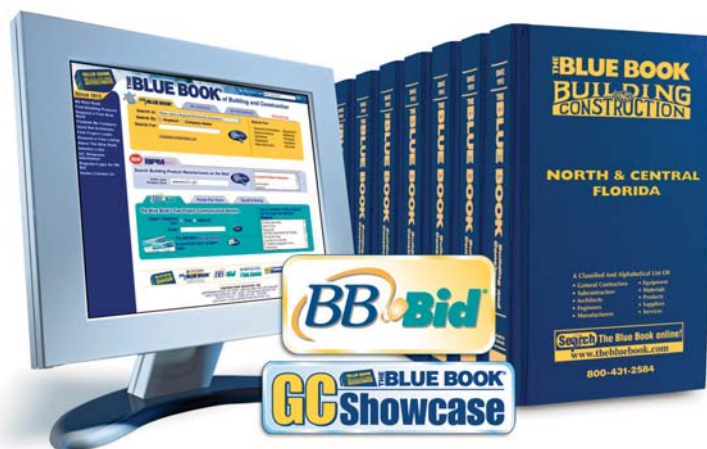


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The temperature in Northwest Florida is a bit cooler bringing some more comfortable weather. Hopefully, the cooler weather is making its way to Central and South Florida. This will create more pleasant working conditions for all of our crews.

With the change in seasons, I would like to let you know about the changes we are working on within the association. We have a committee that is made up of Bruce Wendorf and five past presidents of UUCF to write a new contract with the R. Bruce Kershner Company. Our intent is to have a draft copy sent to the chapters for their review and comments in October, and then a revised draft will



be given to the UUCF Executive Committee and board for their review at our November Board of Director's Meeting.

Also at our November Board of Director's Meeting, we will discuss forming a committee to review the performance of the management and lobbying of the R. Bruce Kershner Company. This committee will take comments from our chapters and rectify any problems.

We will also discuss future conventions, and how much of the convention responsibilities the

chairman and their committees would like to have.

In closing, I would like to thank Mike Woodall for taking charge and congratulate him on the success of this year's President's Cup Golf Tournament. I would also like to thank the sponsors and companies that advertise in the *Ditchmen* and compliment Julie Kershner and others responsible for our new electronic magazine.

To everyone, enjoy the fall weather, and I wish your football team the best of luck.

*Sincerely,*

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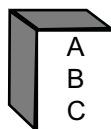
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and cruise ships. During his EXPO address, he will talk about what Imagineering is, how Walt Disney started Imagineering, the nature of that creative process and current and future projects. Of special interest to utility contractors will be his discussion of the refurbishment of Space Mountain, the Magic Kingdom's 34-year-old indoor roller coaster. The popular ride is being dismantled and rebuilt using a complex underground tunneling system.

**IRA BLUMENTHAL**

Ira Blumenthal is founder and president of Co-Opportunities, Inc., a dynamic business development and consulting firm that counsels world-class clients—e.g., Coca-Cola, Nestle, Kroger, McDonald's, Harrah's, American Airlines, Disney, United Artists, Marriott, Exxon, WalMart—on the subjects of branding, strategic alliances, marketing, change

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**STEVEN LITTLE**

Steven Little is a much sought after expert on the subject of business growth. As a former president of three fast-growth companies, he now advises thousands of leaders of growing organizations and communities and regularly speaks for some of the world's leading organizations, including UPS, Microsoft, FedEx, Bank of America, National Association of Home Builders, Consumer Electronics Associations, National Sporting Goods Association, American Banking Association and Retail Industries Leaders Association. The title of his EXPO address is pretty

much self-explanatory: "The Milkshake Moment: Overcoming Stupid Systems, Pointless Policies, and Muddled Management to Realize Real Growth."

**BARRY WISHNER**

Business entrepreneur and adviser to Fortune 500 CEOs, Barry Wishner will talk to EXPO attendees about how to get a great business idea off the drawing board and into practice in a presentation titled "DONE! . . . Stop Talking, Stop Waiting, Start Doing." ProFormance, his management consulting firm, has owned and operated a variety of businesses including management consulting for the health care industry, an innovative and award-winning restaurant in Santa Monica, California and designing, building and operating retirement communities in California and Nevada. A business maverick and newsmaker Wishner is often featured in *USA Today*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *CNN Financial News*.

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Daytona Beach  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (English)  
Center for Business Excellence  
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## **October 28, 2009**

Gainesville  
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noon (English)  
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## **November 16, 2009**

Miami  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00  
noon (English)  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00  
p.m. (Spanish)  
State Office Building  
401 N.W. 2nd  
Avenue  
North Tower, Room  
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## **November 19, 2009**

Pensacola  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00  
noon (English)  
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## 2010

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Mar. (TBA) ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Tallahassee  
June 4 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando  
July (TBA) ..... Board of Director's Meeting  
July (TBA) ..... 30th Anniversary Cruise  
Nov. 5 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

## Central Florida U&TCA

Nov. 16 ..... Board of Director's Meeting  
Dec. 4 ..... Annual Christmas Party,  
Radisson Resort at the Port

## Northwest Florida UCA

Nov. 3 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola  
Nov. 13 ..... Annual Meeting

## Southwest Florida UCA

Dec. 5 ..... Christmas Party & Installation of Officers  
& Directors, Holiday Inn,  
Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers

## SUCA

Nov. 5 ..... Board of Director's & General Membership  
Meetings  
Nov. 6 ..... Clay Shoot, Deer Creek Sporting Clays,  
Land O'Lakes  
Dec. 3 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Tampa Club  
Dec. 5 ..... December Banquet, Dinner & Dance,  
Tampa Club, Tampa

## UCA of South Florida

Nov. (TBA) ..... Board of Director's Meeting & ECA  
Networking Night, Shula's, Miami Lakes  
Dec. (TBA) ..... Holiday Party & Officer Installation,  
Maggiano's, Boca Raton

## UCA of North Florida

Nov. 4 ..... Safety Director's Forum  
Nov. 10 ..... Executive Committee Meeting,  
Conference Room at UCA of North Florida office  
Nov. 19 ..... Election of Officers Meeting  
Dec. 15 ..... Executive Committee Meeting,  
Conference Room at UCA of North Florida office

## NUCA 2009

Dec. 2 ..... Safety Directors Forum,  
New York New York Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

## 2010

Jan. 11-13 ..... Expo '10, Walt Disney World Dolphin  
Hotel, Orlando, Florida  
May 17-19 ..... Washington Summit,  
Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

## 2011

Jan. 18-21 ..... Expo '11, The Executive Experience,  
The El Conquistador Resort, Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

## Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. (SSOCOF) Meetings

Oct. 16 ..... Executive Committee Meeting,  
DeBary Call Center Conference Call  
Nov. 19-20 ..... Committee & Board of Director's  
Meetings, DeBary Call Center  
Dec. 18 ..... Executive Committee Meeting,  
DeBary Call Center Conference Call

## Construction Industry Licensing Board Meetings

Oct. 14-16 ..... Hyatt Regency Jacksonville  
Nov. 11-13 ..... The Florida Hotel & Conference Center,  
Orlando





**(OIR Issues Order on Florida Workers  
Compensation Rate Filing  
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the lowest premium required in order to provide insurance under the standard workers compensation policy.

The OIR's order requested that NCCI amend its filing by October 28, 2009.

On October 19, 2009, NCCI submitted an amended filing in accordance with the OIR order. Upon approval by the OIR, the new rates and other rating values will apply effective January 1, 2010 to new and renewal policies.

Assuming the amended filing is approved as proposed, the overall average rate impact at an industry group level would be as follows:

	<b>1/1/10 Filing</b>	<b>Cumulative 10/1/03 - 1/1/10</b>
Manufacturing	- 4.7%	-60.0%
Contracting	-10.8%	-65.4%
Office and Clerical	- 6.2%	-63.3%
Goods and Services	- 3.8%	-62.2%
Miscellaneous	- 6.7%	-62.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>- 6.8%</b>	<b>-63.2%</b>

**(Division of Workers' Compensation Offers Free  
Classes  
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State Office Building Complex  
921 North Davis Street, Building E  
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The Division of Workers' Compensation is an authorized provider (Provider Number: 0004354) for continuing education purposes through the CILB. Course Number: 0010118 – one hour satisfies the Workers' Compensation requirement and Course Number: 0010630 – one hour satisfies the Workplace Safety requirement.

Advanced registration is required. The form is available on the Division's website at [www.myfloridacfo.com/WC](http://www.myfloridacfo.com/WC). For additional information, e-mail [bocseminars@MyFloridaCFO.com](mailto:bocseminars@MyFloridaCFO.com) call (813) 221-6518 or Fax (813) 233-3742.

**Sunshine State One Call of  
Florida, Inc.  
2009 Holiday Calendar**

Thanksgiving Day .....	11/26/09
Day after Thanksgiving Day .....	11/27/09
Christmas Eve .....	12/24/09
Christmas Day .....	12/25/09

**2010 Holiday Calendar**

New Year's Day .....	01/01/10
Martin Luther King Day .....	01/18/10
Memorial Day .....	05/31/10
Observance of Independence Day .....	07/05/10
Labor Day .....	09/06/10
Thanksgiving Day .....	11/25/10
Day after Thanksgiving Day .....	11/25/10
Christmas Eve .....	12/24/10
Christmas Day .....	12/26/10



SSOCOF's business hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Please keep the above dates in mind when calling for locates two business days prior. The law now requires two full business days prior to digging.**

**2009 FDOT Letting Dates**

December 2

**2010 FDOT Letting Dates**

January 27  
March 31  
May 26

February 24  
April 28  
June 23





## Chapter News

### Central Florida U&TCA

It is that time of year already. Don't miss our Christmas Party which will be held on Friday, December 4 at the beautiful Radisson Resort at the Port in Port Canaveral. This is a perfect way to kick off the holiday season! Please join us for an evening of exquisite food, great friends and dancing as we celebrate the holiday season! A room block has been set aside for our members at a special rate for those who would like to spend the night. Call the Central Florida U&TCA office for more information.

The Board of Directors will soon be making plans for the upcoming year. Members are encouraged to take an active role in our organization. Here are some of the committees for the upcoming year: Ellington Scholarship Committee, Finance Committee, Membership Committee, Meeting Programs Committee, Safety Committee, Specifications Committee, Golf Tournament Committee, Auction/Barbecue Committee, Sporting Clay Shoot, Transportation Committee and Christmas Party Committee. Please call the Central Florida U&TCA office to participate in any of these committees.

### Northwest Florida UCA

The Sixth Annual Northwest Florida UCA "Hooked on Digging" Fishing Tournament was held September 26 at Sabine Marina. Fish were caught in seven of the 10 categories with each category placing first and second for the men anglers. Lady and Junior anglers placed first, second and third. Anglers and guests enjoyed the view, a great "low country boil" and musical entertainment.

The following won gift cards from Outcast Bait & Tackle: **Amberjack: First Place:** Lain Cheney. **Second Place:** Dan Post. **Grouper: First Place:** JR Edge. **Second Place:** Vince Calleja. **King: First Place:**

Jared Burch. **Second Place:** Scott Posey. **Red Fish: First Place:** Bryan Nobles. **Second Place:** Bill Hughen. **Snapper: First Place:** Glenn Lieser. **Second Place:** Jared Burch. **Speckled Trout: First Place:** Tom Lohr. **Second Place:** Tom Lohr. **Trigger Fish: First Place:** Vince Calleja. **Second Place:** Robert Barnes.

### Ladies Division Sponsored by Jewelers Trade Shop:

**First Place:** Sherry Post – White Gold Bonefish pendant with diamonds. **Second Place:** Debbie McLemore – 14kt Gold conch shell pendant with pink enamel. **Third Place:** Carolyn Smith – 14 kt. Gold dolphin pendant with emeralds.

### Junior Angler Division Sponsored by Thompson Pump & Mfg.:

**First Place:** Dakota Post. **Second Place:** David Hughen. **Third Place:** Carby Lohr.

Over half of the anglers present walked away with door prizes. Thank you to the following firms who sponsored this event: **Ladies Division:** Jewelers Trade Shop. **T-Shirt Sponsors:** George's Marine Electronics, Kelson Electric, Oldcastle Precast and Southeastern Pipe & Precast. **Junior Angler Division:** Thompson Pump & Manufacturing. **Awards Dinner Sponsors:** Ferguson Waterworks, Gator Boring & Trenching and SBP, Inc.

**Super Sponsors:** Coastal Machinery, Cowin Equipment, Gulf Equipment, Oldcastle Precast, Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc., Ruffin & Associates and Thompson Tractor. **Regular Sponsors:** Bizzell, Neff & Galloway, Brown Construction of NW Fla., Ford Meter Box, Pensacola Hardware and Star Pipe Products.

Recognition also goes to Holland Pump, Pensacola Concrete Construction Co., Inc. and Sunshine

State One Call of Florida, Inc. for their ditty bag item donations and to Captain Paul Redmond of the Reef Fish Restoration Association for allowing us to use their scales for the weigh-in.

Another note of recognition goes to The Rib Doctors who did an outstanding job cooking up a "low country boil" for us.

A special thanks goes to the Tournament Committee, Brian Alberson, Bill Lee and George Wainwright for all of their hard work and efforts.

### SUCA



L to R: SUCA Chairman Bill Haan, Representative Will Weatherford, UUCF Executive Vice President Bruce Kershner and SUCA Board Member Steven Kennedy

SUCA and UUCF joined together to host a fundraiser for Representative Will Weatherford on Wednesday, September 9 at the Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club in San Antonio, FL. The fundraising event was held in conjunction with SUCA's September General Membership Meeting. This meeting was also the Annual Meeting and Elections where SUCA's leadership for 2010 was elected. State Representative Will Weatherford, District 61, was the guest speaker for the evening addressing our membership regarding current legislative issues.

Over 300 members were in attendance for SUCA's 14th Annual Fish Fry this year. This event was held at Largo Central Park on Thursday, September 17. Members enjoyed







seafood cooked on site and a chance to make those important business contacts over lunch. This event has retained its popularity since it began as a member appreciation event in 1995.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!** SUCA's October Membership Mixer was held Thursday, October 1 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg where SUCA members gathered to watch the Rays -vs- Orioles game. The Hot Corner Lounge was exclusively reserved for SUCA members and all in attendance enjoyed the nacho station, chicken wings, quesadillas and unlimited drinks. SUCA members were seated together in Section 215 to watch the game. This meeting was strictly for networking, catching up and having a good time!

The SUCA Fishing Tournament, originally scheduled for Saturday, October 10, has been cancelled. The Fishing Tournament Committee is working hard to put together a successful tournament for the spring of 2010. Information will be sent out as it becomes available. Thank you all for your interest in bringing this event back to SUCA!

SUCA's leadership for 2010 will be installed at the November 5 General Membership Meeting to be held at Café Don Jose in Tampa. Registration and cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. **IMPORTANT:** Advance reservations are required by phone, fax or e-mail. Reservations must be received by the SUCA office no later than noon on Monday, November 2, 2009. No-shows and late cancellations will be billed, as SUCA pays for all dinners guaranteed. There will be a \$5.00 surcharge for all walk-ins. Please contact Misty at the SUCA office to make your reservation(s) at (813) 989-7822.

SUCA's 4th Annual Clay Shoot will be held on Friday, November 6 at

Deer Creek Sporting Clays in Land O' Lakes. Registration and breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. and the tournament begins at 9:00 a.m. The tournament will be followed by a barbecue lunch and awards. The cost for a four man team is \$350.00. This price includes the fifty target, eight station event, ammunition, breakfast, lunch and awards. Tickets will also be sold for a shotgun raffle at the event. **IMPORTANT:** There are very specific safety rules and regulations. Each person involved (shooting or not) must sign a waiver and wear ear and eye protection (Ear protection provided. Bring your own safety, sun or prescription glasses.). Sponsorships for this exciting event are still available. Please contact the SUCA office for additional information.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for Saturday, December 12, 2009. That's the night of SUCA's Annual December Banquet at The Tampa Club in Tampa. The banquet this year will include the reverse raffle drawing, a silent auction, awards and presentations, dinner and live entertainment. Tickets are available for \$50.00 each for the reverse raffle drawing to be held at the banquet. Contact the SUCA office for a ticket or a list of members who are selling tickets.

If you are interested in SUCA's projects or events, please contact our office at (813) 989-7822 or visit our website at [www.suca.org](http://www.suca.org).

### **UCA of South Florida**

The UCA of South Florida Scholarship Program is funded by our annual UCA Scholarship Golf Tournament. Last year, we raised over \$14,000 which was awarded this past July to six outstanding young people. This year's tournament is scheduled for Friday, November 20 at Palm Beach National Golf and Country Club in Lake Worth, and we are again anticipating a great turnout. The UCA Scholarship Golf Committee is currently soliciting sponsorships for the event. For more

information on participating in this important event, please contact Jennifer at the UCA of South Florida office at (954) 575-0110.

The Annual UCA of South Florida Holiday Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 10 at Maggiano's in Boca Raton. We will install the 2010 UCA of South Florida Board of Directors and Officers and present our UCA of South Florida Annual Awards at this event. Please save the date for this outstanding event!

### **UCA of North Florida**

Our September General Meeting focused on the 2010 Amendment 4, Hometown Democracy. Daniel Davis, Jacksonville City Council member, was the guest speaker representing Floridians for Smarter Growth. The UCA of North Florida Board of Directors are considering drafting a resolution recommending defeat of the Florida Hometown Democracy initiative and its proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution and also urge citizens to vote no on this amendment. We are beginning now on a campaign to educate our members so that they can make sure the message gets to their employees, customers and neighbors.

Our Bettering Your Business series continues on October 7. Our guest speakers will be Alan Mosley from the City of Jacksonville and Jon Eckenbach from JEA. They will each be discussing construction projects that have been included in their 2010 budgets.

The Nominating Committee of the Utility Contractors Association of North Florida is now accepting applications for the 2010 Board of Directors. You can obtain an application by calling the UCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230. Deadline to submit your application is Friday, October 9.

Our Annual Fishing Tournament will be held October 10 at Sister's Creek Marina/City of Jacksonville. Thank





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Tractor Company, Iron Planet, Mainline Supply Company, Ring Power Corporation, Standard Precast Corporation, Tucker Equipment and United Site Services.

UCA of North Florida will have a team in the upcoming Alzheimer's Memory Walk on Saturday, November 14 in Jacksonville. As some of you may know, two past members of UCA of North Florida, who were very active in our association, were diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's in the past several years. Many of us know someone personally, a family member or friend, who suffered with this disease. We have decided this would be a great activity for us to get together as a group to help make a difference. Our team goal is to have a minimum of 12 team members and to raise at least \$1,200. Please go to Donate to Memory Walk at <http://mwjax09.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent>

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Elections of the 2010 Officers and Board of Directors will take place at our November 17 meeting. All Contractor and Associate members are encouraged to attend and vote for the slate of officers. Affiliate members are encouraged to attend but do not have voting rights. The nominating committee will mail to the general membership the slate of nominees at least thirty days prior to the elections. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the elections.

Tickets will soon be available for the November 22 Jaguars vs. Buffalo Bills. Tailgating party is being hosted by Duval Asphalt located at Lot D, Gate 4. Look for the truck and trailer with the Duval logo.



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