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Overall Winners

L to R: Rick Sires and Bart Azzarelli



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UUCF Holds Sixteenth Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament

The Sixteenth Annual UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament, held on October 21–23, was a lot of fun. Golfers teed off on the Panther Lake course on Friday and Saturday and Crooked Cat course on Sunday at the Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge in Winter Garden. The golfers were able to play all three days rain free, and each day, the weather was gorgeous.

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.

The team of **Bart Azzarelli and Rick Sires of Dallas 1 Construction & Development, Inc.** played consistently throughout the tournament. Their scores of 56 on Friday, 58 on Saturday and 61 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.

The golfers were also competing for a \$150.00 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.

Throughout the tournament, a Putting Contest was held each day. On Friday, there were no winners. Therefore, the cash prize was carried

over to Saturday. On Saturday, the winner of the Putting Contest was Rick Sires. On Sunday, the winner of the Putting Contest was Dick Wendorf.

This year, all golfers were presented with a cigar, **Cigar Sponsor, Sponsored by Southern Safety & Supply, Inc.**, at registration on Friday. Additional cigars were handed out on Saturday and Sunday.

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

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- Bart Azzarelli – Dallas 1 Construction & Development, Inc.
- Mike Festing-Smith – Nortrax, Inc.
- Ed Harris – Dallas 1 Construction

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- Mike Kanaday – Hubbard Construction Company, Inc.
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- Chuck Megill – Forsberg Construction, Inc.
- Mark Miller – Nortrax, Inc.
- Renie Martin – Ferguson Waterworks, Inc.
- Rick Sires – Dallas 1 Construction & Development, Inc.
- Bob Spink – Johnson-Davis, Inc.
- Bruce Wendorf – Forsberg Construction, Inc.
- Dick Wendorf – Forsberg Construction, Inc.
- Jon Woodall – John Woody, Inc.
- Mike Woodall – John Woody, Inc.

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 21, 2011

First Place Winners: Dick Wendorf and Chuck Megill

Second Place Winners: Bart Azzarelli and Rick Sires

Putting Contest: None

Ball in the Circle Contest: None

Closest to the Pin: Chuck Megill

Longest Drive: Jon Woodall

Saturday, October 22, 2011

First Place Winners: Bart Azzarelli and Rick Sires

Second Place Winners: Bob Spink and Mike Kanaday

Putting Contest: Rick Sires

Ball in the Circle Contest: None



UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament
Chairman Mike Woodall, John Woody, Inc.



L to R: Greg Marsh and Bruce Wendorf, Forsberg Construction, Inc.

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for additional information.**

**Closest to the
Pin:** Mike Festing–
Smith
Longest Drive:
Mike Kanaday

**Sunday, October
23, 2011**

**First Place
Winners:** Mike
Festing–Smith and
Mark Miller

**Second Place
Winners:** Renie
Martin and Ed
Harris

Putting Contest:
Dick Wendorf

**Ball in the Circle
Contest:** None

**Closest to the
Pin:** Mike
Festing–Smith

Longest Drive: Bart Azzarelli

**Overall Winners of the Three–
Day Golf Tournament:** Bart
Azzarelli and Rick Sires.

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 2012 UUCF President's
Cup Golf Tournament. Hope to see
you there.

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OSHA Update

OSHA Animated Educational Videos Show How to Protect Workers from Construction Hazards

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has released **12 educational videos** about potential hazards in the construction industry. The educational videos are easy to understand, short segments and geared to employers and workers. Each year, nearly 800 construction workers die on the job; one in every five workplace fatalities occurs within the construction industry. The videos are based on real-life incidents and include detailed depictions of hazards and the safety measures that would have prevented these injuries and fatalities.

"I urge anyone who works in the construction industry or operates a construction business to watch the videos. Share them with your co-workers and friends in the construction industry; organize screenings for your workers; and post them to your web pages," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Health and Safety Dr. David Michaels. "Every step we take to educate workers about their rights and the safety measures employers must take to protect workers in construction helps us avoid preventable injuries and the tragic loss of life."

These videos cover falls in construction, workers who are struck by vehicles and heavy equipment, sprain and strain injuries, trenching and excavation hazards, and carbon monoxide poisoning. These videos are written for workers and employers, including workers with limited English proficiency.

Most of the videos are two to four minutes in length, and all but one are animated. Each video is available in English and Spanish for Web viewing or downloading. All video scripts are also available online in English and Spanish. The videos are located at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/vtools/construction.html> (Spanish-language videos are available at http://www.osha.gov/dts/vtools/construction_sp.html). After selecting a video from this page, users may choose to watch the video online, download the videos for future screenings, or view the videos on the U.S. Department of Labor's **YouTube channel**.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment, or PPE, is designed to protect workers from serious workplace injuries or illnesses resulting from contact with chemical, radiological, physical, electrical, mechanical, or other workplace hazards. Besides face shields, safety glasses, hard hats, and safety shoes, protective equipment includes a variety of devices and garments such as goggles, coveralls, gloves, vests, earplugs, and respirators.

Employer Responsibilities

OSHA's primary personal protective equipment standards are in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations

(CFR), Part 1910 Subpart I, and equivalent regulations in states with OSHA approved state plans, but you can find protective equipment requirements elsewhere in the General Industry Standards. For example, 29 CFR 1910.156, OSHA's Fire Brigades Standard, has requirements for fire fighting gear. In addition, 29 CFR 1926.95-106 covers the construction industry. OSHA's general personal protective equipment requirements mandate that employers conduct a hazard assessment of their workplaces to determine what hazards are present that require the use of protective equipment, provide workers with appropriate protective equipment, and require them to use and maintain it in sanitary and reliable condition.

Using personal protective equipment is often essential, but it is generally the last line of defense after engineering controls, work practices, and administrative controls. Engineering controls involve physically changing a machine or work environment. Administrative controls involve changing how or when workers do their jobs, such as scheduling work and rotating workers to reduce exposures. Work practices involve training workers how to perform tasks in ways that reduce their exposure to workplace hazards.

As an employer, you must assess your workplace to determine if hazards are present that require the use of personal protective equipment. If such hazards are present, you must select protective equipment and require workers to use it, communicate your protective equipment selection decisions to your workers, and select personal protective equipment that properly fits your workers.

You must also train workers who are





required to wear personal protective equipment on how to do the following:

- Use protective equipment properly,
- Be aware of when personal protective equipment is necessary,
- Know what kind of protective equipment is necessary,
- Understand the limitations of personal protective equipment in protecting workers from injury,
- Put on, adjust, wear, and take off personal protective equipment, and
- Maintain protective equipment properly.

Protection from Head Injuries

Hard hats can protect your workers from head impact, penetration injuries, and electrical injuries such as those caused by falling or flying objects, fixed objects, or contact with electrical conductors. Also, OSHA regulations require employers to ensure that workers cover and protect long hair to prevent it from getting caught in machine parts such as belts and chains.

Protection from Foot and Leg Injuries

In addition to foot guards and safety shoes, leggings (e.g., leather, aluminized rayon, or other appropriate material) can help prevent injuries by protecting workers from hazards such as falling or rolling objects, sharp objects, wet and slippery surfaces, molten metals, hot surfaces, and electrical hazards.

Protection from Eye and Face Injuries

Besides spectacles and goggles, personal protective equipment such as special helmets or shields, spectacles with side shields, and faceshields can protect workers from the hazards of flying fragments, large chips, hot sparks, optical radiation, splashes from molten metals, as well as objects, particles, sand, dirt, mists, dusts, and glare.

Protection from Hearing Loss

Wearing earplugs or earmuffs can help prevent damage to hearing. Exposure to high noise levels can cause irreversible hearing loss or impairment as well as physical and psychological stress. Earplugs made from foam, waxed cotton, or fiberglass wool are self-forming and usually fit well. A professional should fit your workers individually for molded or preformed earplugs. Clean earplugs regularly, and replace those you cannot clean.

Protection from Hand Injuries

Workers exposed to harmful substances through skin absorption, severe cuts or lacerations, severe abrasions, chemical burns, thermal burns, and harmful temperature extremes will benefit from hand protection.

Protection from Body Injury

In some cases workers must shield most or all of their bodies against hazards in the workplace, such as exposure to heat and radiation as well as hot metals, scalding liquids, body fluids, hazardous materials or waste, and other hazards. In addition to fire-retardant wool and fire-retardant cotton, materials used in whole-body personal protective equipment include rubber, leather, synthetics, and plastic.

When to Wear Respiratory Protection

When engineering controls are not feasible, workers must use appropriate respirators to protect against adverse health effects caused by breathing air contaminated with harmful dusts, fogs, fumes, mists, gases, smokes, sprays, or vapors. Respirators generally cover the nose and mouth or the entire face or head and help prevent illness and injury. A proper fit is essential, however, for respirators to be effective. Required respirators must be NIOSH-approved and medical evaluation and training must be provided before use.

Additional Information

For additional information concerning protective equipment view the publication, *Assessing the Need for Personal Protective Equipment: A Guide for Small Business Employers* (OSHA 3151) available on OSHA's web site at www.osha.gov. For more information about personal protective equipment in the construction industry, visit www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/constructionppe/index.html.

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UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Schedules Twelfth Annual Bass Fishing Tournament

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation will be holding its two-day Bass Fishing Tournament on Friday, February 24 – Saturday, February 25, 2012 on the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes on Lake Toho at the Big Toho Marina. This tournament has been organized to raise funds for the *UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation*. The Fishing Tournament Chairman Scott Johnson has already started making plans for this event.

There will be a mandatory Captain's Meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2012. The location will be announced at a later date. One representative from each team must be present at this meeting. The weigh-in for each day's tournament will be held at the Big Toho Marina. An Angler Dinner will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24 at The Heritage Park Inn.

The tournament will be a two-day event. Five fish per boat, per team, per day. There is a minimum of two people on a team. No team can consist of more than three people. Paid professional guides cannot be considered as a team member. This will be a catch and release tournament and will be scored in accordance with the B.A.S.S. guidelines. However, the use of live bait is permitted! (After all, this is for FUN!) Professional guide services are available through the foundation.

The schedule for both days is as follows: Check in/Registration starting at 6:30 a.m.; Cast Off at 7:00 a.m. (or safe light); and Weigh-

in starts at 2:00 p.m. There will be a register fee for this event. The registration fee will include a T-Shirt, hat and raffle ticket. Hotel accommodations, meals, bait, boats and professional guides are not included in the registration fee.

Angler, Boat/Guide, Lunch, Shiners and Hotel Registration Forms will be e-mailed to the UUCF membership the beginning of December. All registration forms, along with payment, must be submitted to the UUCF office **no later than January 13, 2012**.

UUCF is also accepting companies to be a part of the Major, General, Captain's Meeting Happy Hour, Angler Dinner Beverage, Angler Dinner, Grand Prize, Weigh-In and Trophy Sponsorship Programs. All sponsorship forms will be e-mailed to

the UUCF membership the beginning of December. If you are interested in participating in any of the sponsorship programs, please complete the appropriate sponsorship form and return with payment to the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation office **no later than January 13, 2012**. If you need a specific sponsorship or registration form, please visit the UUCF website at www.uucf.com or contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

Proceeds from this tournament benefit the *UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation* scholarship program. Since its inception in 2000, the foundation is proud to have awarded \$198,500.00 in scholarships to individuals who are entering or enrolled in college.



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Today, the company is run by the same high standards as it was in the beginning with emphasis on quality service. Utility Service Company, Inc.

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The average employment is 35 people with the majority of the people having over 10 years of service and all of the supervisors

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UUCF 2012 Convention

UUCF will be holding its 2012 Convention at The Ritz–Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida on July 19–22.

UUCF has secured a room rate of \$159.00 per night. The Ritz–Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes **does not** have a resort fee; however, there is a charge of \$18.00 per day for self parking and \$24.00 per day for valet.

This year's Convention Chairperson is Paula Lieser with Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc. Other members of the Convention Committee consist of: Lauren Atwell, Reynolds, Inc.; Larry Falls, Associated Construction Products, Inc.; Chris Stewart, ITT Water & Wastewater, LLC; Kathy Blackman, NUCA of North Florida Executive Director; Sharon Fugatt,

NUCA of Northwest Florida; and Misty McKendree, SUCA Executive Director.

On Friday, November 4, 2011, the UUCF Convention Committee held its first meeting. At this meeting, the committee adopted the 2012 Convention Theme which is *Grande Slam at The Ritz* with a subtheme of *UUCF in a League of its Own*. The committee will be working on the convention logo and will have it available at the end of November.

Throughout the next several months, the committee will start working on the details of the convention. Some items discussed at the meeting were:

- Roundtable discussion(s)
- Cornhole Tournament
- Wiffle ball Tournament
- The Ultimate Fashion Show

The Hotel Registration Form will be available at the beginning of December. Watch your e-mails and future issues of the *Ditchmen* for additional information.

**Mark your
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Convention at The
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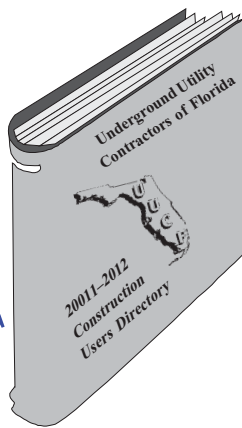


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Did You Receive Your Copy of the UUCF 2011– 2012 Directory?



The UUCF 2011–2012 Construction Users Directory was mailed in August to all UUCF members.

This directory is your best reference guide to members of the four chapters and three districts in the state of Florida.

of the UUCF Directory or need an additional copy for your office, please contact your local chapter or the UUCF office at (407) 830–1880.

If you did not receive your **free** copy

Registered Contractor License Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that the Certified Contractor licenses from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) are up for renewal on August 31, 2012. Current law requires licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in workplace safety, one hour in workers' compensation, one hour in business practices, one hour in the advance building code module, one hour in laws and rules (Chapter 489) and one hour in wind mitigation (this requirement only affects general, residential, building, roofing and glass and glazing contractors).

Don't forget to notify the DBPR office of any address change. Section 489.124(2) gives sole responsibility to the licensee for notifying DBPR in writing of the licensee's current mailing address and phone number.

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role in the construction of road projects because the installation of the storm drainage system is always a critical path item on any road building construction schedule. In the last five or so years, the installation of the drainage system has come under an immense amount of scrutiny by the FDOT making the bidding and building of a road project convoluted, hence . . . "WE WANT OUR VOICES HEARD." Recently, UUCF launched its own platform to provide its members with an opportunity to

contractors on FDOT projects and carry the most burdens. But as utility contractors, we also play an important

review FDOT's proposed specifications and be the voice of the underground utility contractors. UUCF Executive Vice President Bruce Kershner worked through the bureaucracy at FDOT and is now able to not only provide UUCF members with the latest proposed specification changes, but a chance to respond to those proposed changes with your insightful comments. Please be on the lookout for Bruce's periodic e-mails from him directly or through your chapter's Executive Director. If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding a specific proposed specification that may have wide reaching ramifications, please contact Bruce at the UUCF office to assure that it will be addressed by the members as a whole. Your voice is heard at UUCF.

*Sincerely,
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UUCF to Hold Board and Committee Meetings in Tallahassee

Due to redistricting, the 2012 Legislative Session will begin on January 10 and end on March 9. The Underground Utility Contractors of Florida (UUCF) Board of Director's and Committee Meetings will be held in Tallahassee while the state legislature is in session. The date is Monday, January 30, 2012. As with every board meeting, UUCF members are invited to attend. However, this is a special invitation to all UUCF members to attend this "legislative session" Board of Director's Meeting.

The UUCF Executive and Convention Committee Meetings and Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 2012 at the Governors Club located at 202 South

Adams Street in Tallahassee. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Executive Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Convention Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Lunch/Board of Director's Meeting/
Legislative Briefing
12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, January 31, 2012, attendees are encouraged to walk the halls of the Capitol and meet with their local representatives and senators. Attendees will be briefed on the issues to discuss with their legislators during the Legislative Briefing on Monday,

January 30, 2012.

UUCF has secured a block of rooms at the Doubletree Hotel Tallahassee. The rate is \$149.00 single/double occupancy. Information, along with a Hotel Reservation Form, will be e-mailed to the UUCF membership the first week of December. Please feel free to contact the hotel directly at (800) 222-8733 or call the UUCF office for a Hotel Reservation Form.

The room block will expire on Friday, January 6, 2012, so make your room reservation now. Tallahassee is busy this time of year.

Don't forget to make appointments with the senators and representatives from your district on Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

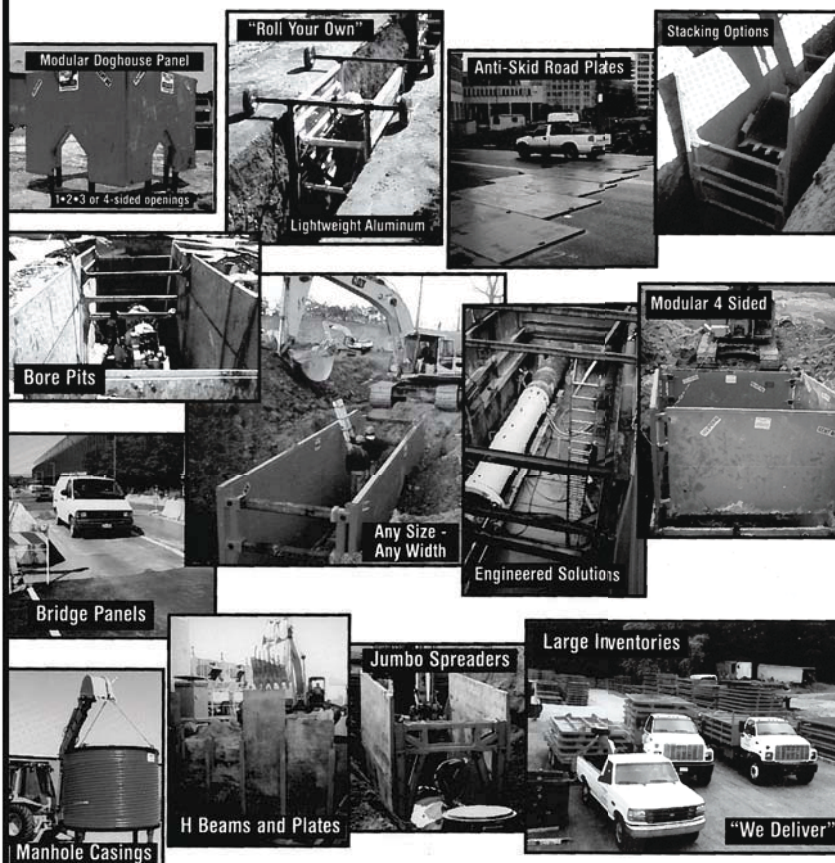
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Workers' compensation topics covered include:

- Review of Key Statutory Definitions
- Contractor Responsibilities
- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

Workplace safety topics presented by OSHA (U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration) include:

- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

The following is a list of class dates and times for future sessions:

December 8, 2011

Tallahassee

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Southwood Complex, Betty
Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way, Room 178
Tallahassee, FL 33128

December 9, 2011

West Palm Beach
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Central Career Center
1951 North Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

December 14, 2011

2:00 p.m. –
3:00 p.m. EST
Workers'
Compensation
WEB Based class

December 15, 2011

2:00 p.m. –
3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
WEB Based class

January 9, 2012

Port St. Lucie
9:00 a.m. –
12:00 noon EST
St. Lucie County
Workforce
Solutions
584 N.W. University
Boulevard,
Suite 300
Port St. Lucie, FL
34986

January 11, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
WEB Based class

January 12, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
WEB Based class

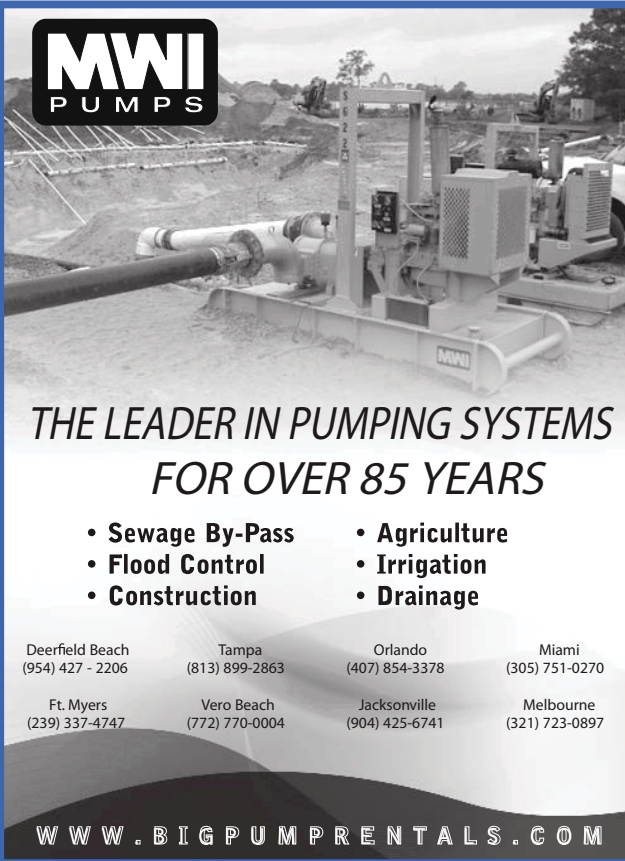
January 18, 2012

Miami
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
State Office Building

Room 423
Miami, FL 33128

January 19, 2012

Fort Myers
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
State of Florida Office Building
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January 19, 2012

Jacksonville
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Florida Department of Law
Enforcement
921 North Davis Street, Building E,
Room A
Jacksonville, FL 32209

February 8, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
WEB Based class

February 9, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
WEB Based class

February 7, 2012

Pensacola
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Alabama Associated General
Contractors, Northwest Florida
Section
201 South F Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

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Calendar of Events

UUCF 2012

Jan. 30 Board of Director's Meeting, Tallahassee
Jan. 31 Walk the Halls of the Capitol, Tallahassee
Feb. 24-25 UUCF/ASJMSF Annual Bass Fishing
Tournament, Lake Toho, Kissimmee
Mar./Apr. (TBA) Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
June 1 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
July 19-22 Annual Convention,
The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, Orlando
July 19 Board of Director's Meeting,
The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, Orlando
Sept./Oct. (TBA) President's Cup Golf Tournament
Nov. 2 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

NUCA of North Florida

Dec. 13 Executive Committee Meeting

NUCA of Northwest Florida 2011

Dec. 3 Annual Meeting, Museum of Commerce

2012

Mar. (TBA) Fishing Tournament
Sept. (TBA) Annual Equipment Rodeo

NUCA of Southwest Florida

Dec. (TBA) Christmas Party

SUCA

Dec. 3 Year End Banquet,
Tampa Club, Tampa

NUCA 2012

Mar. 12-16 Annual Convention, Renaissance
Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth, TX

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

2011

Dec. 16 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call

2012

Jan. 20 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
Feb. 16 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Feb. 17 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
Mar. 6-8 CGA Conference & Expo, Las Vegas, NV
Apr. (TBA) Spring Meeting

Apr. 20 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
May 16 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
May 17 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
May 18 Golf Tournament
June 22 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
July 11 Strategic Planning Meeting
July 12 Committee Meetings
July 13 Board of Director's Meeting
Oct. 16 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
Nov. 15 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Nov. 16 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center

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February 10, 2012

Pompano Beach
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Workforce One
2301 West Sample Road, Building 4, Conference
Room C
Pompano Beach, FL 33073

February 16, 2012

Tampa
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
State Office Building
1313 North Tampa Street,
Suite 605
Tampa, FL 33603

March 7, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
WEB Based class

March 8, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
WEB Based class

March 14, 2012

Tallahassee
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Southwood Complex, Betty Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way, Room 178
Tallahassee, FL 32399





March 20, 2012

West Palm Beach
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Central Career Center
1951 North Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

March 27, 2012

Orlando
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
State Office Building, Hurst Complex
400 West Robinson Street, South Tower,
Conference Room A & B
Orlando, FL 32801

April 11, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
WEB Based class

April 12, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
WEB Based class

May 9, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
WEB Based class

May 10, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
WEB Based class

June 13, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
WEB Based class

June 14, 2012

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Observance of Christmas Day 12/26/11

2012 Holiday Calendar

Observance of New Year's Day 01/02/12
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day 01/16/12
Memorial Day 05/28/12
Independence Day 07/04/12
Labor Day 09/03/12
Thanksgiving Day 11/22/12
Day after Thanksgiving Day 11/23/12
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2012 FDOT Letting Date

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February 29
March 28
April 25
May 23
June 20





Chapter News

NUCA of North Florida

We had a very successful fishing tournament at Jim King Boat Ramp & Park on Saturday, October 8. Although the weather was windy with some rain showers, it didn't dampen our anglers! A delicious fish fry dinner was served after a good day of fishing by Hills BBQ.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's tournament: **Flounder: First Place** – L.T. Atwell, Reynolds, Inc., 4.50 lbs. **Second Place** – Donnie Wynn, Florida Roads Contracting, 3.38 lbs. **Third Place** – Tim Hutchins, Atlantic Supply, 2.12 lbs. **Redfish: First Place** – Mike Francis, A. J. Johns, Inc., 8.05 lbs. **Second Place** – Pat O'Brien, Ring Power Corp, 4.89 lbs. **Third Place** – Craig Carp, Wounded Warriors, 4.17 lbs. **Trout: First Place** – Steve Dempsey, Ring Power Corp, 1.54 lbs. **Second Place** – Tom Kayser, 1.28 lbs. **Third Place** – Scott Leftwich, Rose Services, 1.26 lbs. **Other Species:** Jim Bannon, John Woody, Inc. 2.00 lbs. Drum. Rose Torske, Barco Duval, 1.91 lbs. Bluefish. Boomer Davis, Legacy Engineering, 1.87 lbs. Drum. **Redfish with most spots:** Craig Carp, Wounded Warriors, 3 spots, **Kid's winner:** Thomas Combs, Holland Pump, 5.54 lbs. Redfish.

Our 2011 Fishing Sponsors: **Shirt Sleeve Sponsors:** Barco Duval Engineering and Port Consolidated. **Dinner Sponsors:** Duval Asphalt Products and Enterprise Fleet Services. **Grand Prize Sponsor:** Coble Trench Safety. **Beverage Sponsor:** Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. **Breakfast Sponsor:** HD Supply Waterworks. **Trophy Sponsor:** Holland Pump. **Kid's Sponsor:** Beard Equipment Sponsor. **Raffle Sponsors:** Barnes Industrial Plastic Piping, Barney's Pumps, Florida Roads Contracting, Linder Industrial Machinery and Regan Zebouni, P.A. **General Sponsors:** A. J. Johns, Inc., Beard Equipment Company, C & B Piping, Inc.,

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We are grateful to the following companies for their door prize donations: Barney's pumps, Beard Equipment Company, A. J. Johns, Ed Porter and Thompson Pump. Thank you to our fishing Chairman Ed Porter and his committee: Steve Dempsey, John Kirkland, Donnie Wynn, Ashton Milam, Lauren Atwell, Eric Schmidt, John Shiver, Tommy Faulk and Paul Hladun.

Tony Zebouni, Regan Zebouni P.A., came up with a great idea for this year's fishing tournament. His company agreed to sponsor a boat for our fishing tournament, hired a captain and asked The Wounded Warrior Project to invite a soldier to join our association this event. Craig Carp, a retired marine who served three tours in Iraq was excited to join raffle winner Lauren Atwell, his son L.T. and Captain Raymond McCauley on his 19 foot boat.

Thank you to Regan Zebouni, P.A. for their generous donation and also to Captain Raymond McCauley for providing Craig such a great experience. He had a wonderful time and caught a couple of fish. Hampton Inn & Suites on Southside Boulevard also donated Craig's hotel stay while he was in Jacksonville.

Elections of the 2012 Officers and Board of Directors will take place at our November 17 meeting to be held at 12:00 noon at the A. J. Johns Training Center, 3225 Anniston Road. 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. Also at this meeting, Tim Owen, Owen & Associates, will be presenting information regarding "How the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) will affect my company?" We all need to be prepared in the event that Obama care is not repealed. Grill Billy's will also be providing a BBQ lunch. The cost is \$12 per person.

We recently welcomed Bruder's Boring, LLC as a new contractor member of our chapter. John Giese and his company install Underground Utilities. JRGO, Inc., also owned by John Giese, also joined our chapter as an associate member. JRGO, Inc. provides engineering services. We look forward to having both Bruder's Boring and JRGO as active members of our association.

Have you heard that former first lady Laura Bush will be one of the keynote speakers at NUCA's Convention 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas? Mark your calendars and plan to join us March 12-16.

NUCA of Northwest Florida

NUCA of Northwest Florida will hold its Annual Officer Installation/Dinner Meeting on December 3 at The Museum of Commerce. Plans have been underway to turn this event into a Vintage Social. We will have antique door prizes, hold a vintage bingo and dress from the early 1900s.

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We will also raffle off a Large Big Green Egg, plus accessories which has a value of \$1,200.00.

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10, we will throw one in free. The drawing will be held the evening of our Annual Dinner.

MWI Pump Supports Breast Cancer Awareness

The rumors are true; the pink pump does exist! Recently, MWI Pumps of Tampa, a division of Moving Water Industries out of Deerfield Beach, Florida, joined the likes of Nascar, NHL, NFL, MLB and others to help raise cancer awareness by strategically placing the pink pump in well traveled areas around Tampa Bay. The pink pump shown, as well as several others, has been well received by the community and the construction industry in support of cancer awareness.

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More than five years after the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 (TIPRA) was enacted, President Barack Obama signed a bill into law Monday, November 21 that repeals the 3 percent withholding requirement contained in section 511.

The bill, H.R. 674, was passed in a 422-0 vote by the U.S. House of Representatives on November 16 and was approved a week earlier by a unanimous vote in the Senate. H.R. 674 amends the Internal Revenue Code to repeal the 3 percent withholding tax for government contractors.

The withholding mandate, hidden in the fine print of TIPRA, would have required 3 percent to be withheld on all payments for goods and services made by federal, state and local governments with total expenditures of \$100 million or more beginning January 1, 2013. Implementation of the provision had been subject to annual delays by Congress and regulators, respectively, until bipartisan support for repeal coalesced during the recent focus on jobs legislation.

State Licensing Agency Announces First Free iPhone App



DBPR unveils iPhone, Android apps to promote consumer access to license information

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) announced in March 2011 that it had developed the first free smartphone apps for a Florida state agency. The iPhone and Android apps for DBPR will allow consumers to search for state licenses by name or license number, enabling people to check instantaneously whether an individual has a business or professional license in the State of Florida.

In addition to licensing information, both apps will also feature the department's weekly newsletter, which includes a message from the department's Secretary and important announcements from the department and its divisions. A second version with additional consumer tools is already in development.

The iPhone app is available in the Apple iTunes marketplace, online at:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dbpr-mobile/id421389533?mt=8>.

The Android app is available in the Android marketplace, online at: https://market.android.com/details?id=us.fl.state.dbpr&feature=search_result.

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation's mission is to license efficiently and regulate fairly. The department licenses more than one million businesses and professionals ranging from real estate agents, veterinarians, and accountants to contractors and cosmetologists. More information about the department and its divisions is available online at <http://www.MyFloridaLicense.com>.

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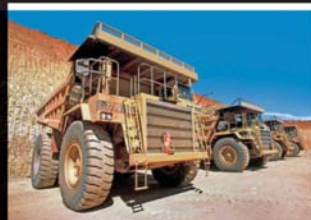
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