



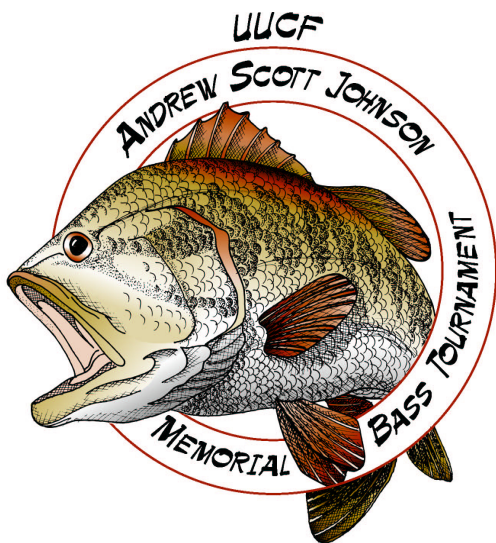
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2012 UUCF Convention The Ritz- Carlton, Orlando Grande Lakes (See page 4 for details)



2012 UUCF/ ASJMSF Bass Fishing Tournament (See page 7 for details)



UUCF
2012 Convention
The Ritz-Carlton,
Orlando Grande Lakes
July 19-22, 2012
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The UUCF 2012 Convention theme is *Grande Slam at The Ritz* with a subtheme of *UUCF in a League of its Own*. The Convention Committee wants to keep you informed of all events, information and changes concerning this year's convention. Therefore, we will be holding a Baseball Trivia game prior to the convention. Somewhere hidden in various e-mails that you receive from the UUCF office, there will be a trivia question. You are encouraged to open each e-mail, read up on the convention and answer the trivia question. Keep your answers and bring them to the convention. We will draw two winners from the correct answers at the convention. The first name drawn will be awarded \$100.00, and the second name drawn will be awarded \$75.00. We will also be holding a separate drawing for those individuals who will not be able to attend the convention. The first name from the correct answers will be awarded \$50.00.

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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. This year's Convention Theme is *Grande Slam at The Ritz* with a subtheme of *UUCF in a League of its Own*.

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.

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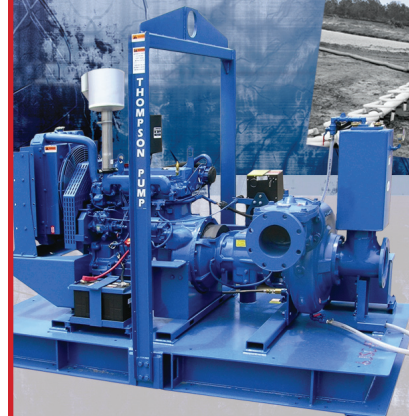
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- Your company name listed with other Gold Sponsors in our convention program which will be given to all attendees.
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This year's Convention Chairperson is Paula Lieser with Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc. Other members of the Convention Committee consist of: Lauren Atwell, Reynolds, Inc.; Kim Bryan, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.; Bill Davis, HD Supply Waterworks; Larry Falls, Associated Construction Products, Inc.; Chris Stewart, Xylem, Inc.; Kathy Blackman, NUCA of North Florida Executive Director; Sharon Fugatt, NUCA of Northwest Florida; and Misty McKendree, SUCA Executive Director.

This year, UUCF will be holding Roundtable discussion(s), a Wiffle ball Tournament and an optional event for spouses. The committee is working on holding "Contractor's Day" on Friday, and will have details available in the near future.

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The Hotel Registration Form can be found on **Page 9** this issue of the *Ditchmen* or in the Members Only Section on the UUCF website at www.uucf.com. Watch your e-mails and future issues of the Ditchmen for additional information.

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**Watch future issues of the *Ditchmen*
for additional information.**

Contractor V License Renewal Reminder

UUCF would like to remind you that your Contractor V license from the State Fire Marshal's office is up for renewal on June 30, 2012. Current law requires Contractor V licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in fire protection discipline.

Remember, there is reciprocity between the State Fire Marshal's office and Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB). Therefore, continuing education hours secured for your Contractor V license will apply to your underground utility and excavation contractor's license with the CILB and vice versa.

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UUCF/ASJMSF Holds Twelfth Annual Bass Tournament to Benefit the Foundation's Scholarship Program

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. held its Twelfth Annual Bass Fishing Tournament on Lake Toho in Kissimmee on February 24–25, 2012. The tournament, held to raise funds for the foundation's scholarship program, was headed up by Fishing Tournament Chairman Scott Johnson with Johnson–Davis, Inc.

The Annual Tournament is held in memory of Andrew Scott Johnson, son of Scott Johnson. Andy Johnson worked summers with his father's company, but he especially liked to fish.

This is the twelfth year for the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Bass Tournament, and this year's event drew a field of 31 participants divided in to 14 teams.

This year's event began with a Captain's Meeting on Thursday evening. Teams fished on Friday and Saturday, with a weigh-in held following each day's fishing. Following the Friday weigh-in, participants enjoyed a barbecue dinner. Trophies and prizes were presented following Saturday's closing weigh-in.

Trophies were awarded for the largest fish caught on Friday and Saturday. In addition, first, second and third place team trophies were presented to the teams accumulating the greatest total two-day catch. Teams could weigh in a maximum of five bass per day.

At the end of the first day's fishing, the Precision Pipe & Products, Inc. team of Gilmer Nelson and Bobby Wakefield were in first place with a total catch of 30.68 pounds. The Johnson–Davis team of Bob Hopler and Tommy Masterson were in second place with a total catch of 24.5

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pounds. The U.S. Precast Corporation team of Al Savery, James Tilly and Pablo Reino were in third place with a total catch of 23.7 pounds.

The biggest fish on the first day of fishing went to Scott Johnson with Johnson-Davis, Inc. for catching a bass weighing 9.43 pounds.

On day two of the tournament, the biggest fish was caught by Paul Rodriguez who was with the Florida Engineered Lining, Inc. team. His winning fish weighed 9.96 pounds.

The Big Fish Pot was held again this year. Participants paid \$10.00 toward the Big Fish Pot. The Big Fish Pot was paid to the participant/team with the single largest fish caught in the two-day tournament. One hundred percent of the funds collected were presented to the winner of the Big Fish Pot, Paul Rodriguez of the team of Florida Engineered Lining, Inc. Congratulations Paul.

When the second day's weigh-in was complete, the Johnson-Davis, Inc. team of Scott Johnson and Brian Hunsicker were the first place winners with a total day catch of 28.32 pounds. Second place for the day went to the Florida Engineered Lining, Inc. team of Michael Fernandez and Paul Rodriguez with a total catch of 26.3 pounds. Third place for the day went to the Johnson-Davis, Inc. team of Bob Hopler and Tom Masterson with a total catch of 25.92 pounds.

With their total two day's tournament combination, congratulations to the following winners: Overall First Place Winners: Gilmer Nelson and Bobby Wakefield with the team of Precision Pipe & Products, Inc. with a total two-day catch of 51.18 pounds. Overall Second Place Winners: Bob Hopler and Tom Masterson with the Johnson-Davis, Inc. team with a total two-day catch of 50.42 pounds. Overall Third Place Winners: Scott Johnson and Bob Hopler with the Johnson-Davis, Inc. with a total two-day catch of

50.37 pounds.

Rounding out the top five were the Florida Engineered Lining, Inc. team (John Fernandez, Sr., Michael Fernandez and Paul Rodriguez) with a total two-day catch of 42.39 pounds for fourth place and the U.S. Precast Corporation team (Al Savery, James Tilly and Pablo Reino) with a total catch of 41.16 pounds for fifth place. Between all 14 teams, a total of 460.21 pounds of bass were caught during the two-day tournament.

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation thanks the following companies who sponsored the Fishing Tournament: **Angler Dinner Sponsor:** HD Supply Waterworks. **Angler Dinner Beverage Sponsors:** Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A. and Palmdale Oil Company. **Captain's Dinner Sponsors:** Johnson-Davis, Inc. and The Friends & Family of Andy Johnson. **Captain's Dinner Happy Hour Sponsors:** Centerline Utilities, Inc.; Community Asphalt Corporation; and Concrete Products of the Palm Beaches, Inc. **Major Sponsors:** Burck Oil Company, Inc.; Burkhardt Construction, Inc.; Charles S. Whiteside, Inc.; Forsberg Construction, Inc.; Patrona Marble and Granite; The Mack Company; Trio Development Corporation; U.S. Precast Corporation; Underground Contractors Association of South Florida; Wakefield Road Boring, Inc.; and Wells Fargo Construction. **Corporate Sponsors (Donations):** American Trophy Co.; Big Toho Enterprises, Inc.; Fish 'n Fool Guide Service; Florida Specialty Advertising, Inc.; and The Heritage Park Inn. **General Sponsors:** Belvedere Contracting, Inc.; Bruce & Julie Kershner; C & M Road Builders, Inc.; Central Florida Utility & Transportation Contractors Association; Jeff Dick; John Woody, Inc.; LGM Contracting Inc./Merucci Equipment Co.; Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc.; Pete & Nettie Thomson; Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.; Precision

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The UUCF/ASJMSF would also like to thank the following individuals who participated in this event:

- Team 1: Precision Pipe & Products, Inc. – Gilmer Nelson and Bobby Wakefield
- Team 2: Concrete Products of the Palm Beaches, Inc. – Jeff Dick and Ryan Dick
- Team 3: Ferguson Waterworks – Ryan Pugh and John Matlosz
- Team 4: Patrona Marble & Granite, LLC – Chris Patrona, Nick Patrona and Goober Williams
- Team 5: HD Supply Waterworks – Don Webster and Kurt Kapsos
- Team 6: U.S. Concrete Products, Inc. – Curt Parcells, Bill Parcells and Greg Wolf
- Team 7: U.S. Precast Corporation – Al Savery, Pablo Reino and James Tilly
- Team 8: Johnson-Davis, Inc. – Chris Johnson and Rick Morris
- Team 9: Johnson-Davis, Inc. – Leonard Dennis and Tony Sabatino
- Team 10: Johnson-Davis, Inc. – Walt Gainer and Carl Gainer
- Team 11: Johnson-Davis, Inc. – Bob Hopler and Tom Masterson
- Team 12: Johnson-Davis, Inc. – Scott Johnson and Brian Hunsicker
- Team 13: Forsberg Construction, Inc. – Bruce Wendorf
- Team 14: Florida Engineered Lining, Inc. – John Fernandez, Sr., Michael Fernandez and Paul Rodriguez

We look forward to next year's event. Once the date has been secured, we will post the date in the Calendar of Events section of the Ditchmen and on the website at www.uucf.com. **Click here** to view photos of the Fishing Tournament.





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Reservations can be made by either the following:

- Call reservations at (888) 763-2960 (be sure to ask for the UUCF room block), or
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.





Local Engineers and Contractors Impressed by RCP Strength and Learn About Crack Width and Crack Patterns

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On February 29, 2012, the American Concrete Pipe Association (ACPA) and Florida Concrete Pipe Institute (FCPI) hosted a plant tour at the Rinker Materials Concrete Pipe Division's Apopka pipe plant. The tour featured demonstrations on proper inspection techniques using video micrometers, reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) strength, crack pattern interpretation, and joint hydrostatic performance. Approximately 55 local engineers, construction engineering inspectors (CEIs), and underground utility contractors attended the tour. Rinker conducted a three-edge bearing (3EB) strength test on an 18-inch diameter, ASTM C 76 Class III RCP, which intentionally contained pre-existing circumferential cracking of approximately 0.05 inch in width and was otherwise designated as culled pipe. The 3EB test was performed on previously cracked pipe to demonstrate how RCP responds to loads despite pre-existing damage and cracking. Structural failure of RCP is rare, if not unheard of in Florida or elsewhere.



Al Hogan (ACPA), Joel Feliciano (Rinker Materials), and Lourdes Ptschellinzew (University of Florida) discuss cracks and load response during a three-edge bearing strength test.

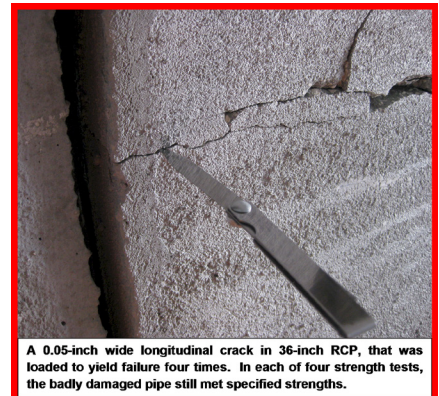
According to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and ASTM C

76 specifications, Class III 18-inch RCP must support 1,350 pounds per foot internal diameter per foot length of pipe (lbs/ft/ft) before the 0.01-inch wide design crack forms, and the RCP must support a 2,000 lbs/ft/ft ultimate load. Per the ASTM C 76 specified test, the crack is considered to be 0.01 inch in width when the point of a measuring leaf gauge will, without forcing, penetrate 1/16 inch at close intervals throughout the specified distance of one foot. The ultimate load is the maximum load supported by the pipe. For conceptual purposes, a 0.01-inch crack is approximately one fifth the thickness of a U.S. dime.

For 18-inch diameter Class III RCP, the equivalent ASTM C 76 specified design and ultimate loads are 16,200 lbs and 24,000 lbs, respectively. During the 3EB test at Rinker's facility, the 18-inch RCP actually supported 32,500 lbs. before the 0.01-inch wide crack formed, and the pipe was able to support 45,000 lbs before yielding, thus exceeding design specification by a factor of four.

Engineers and CEIs discovered during the tour that crack patterns during a yield condition are very different from the 0.01-inch design crack condition. When RCP is subject to its ultimate load, longitudinal crack widths typically exceed 0.1 inch, and secondary cracks often spread out in multiple directions from a main longitudinal crack in the invert or obvert. If the ultimate test load is maintained, the pipe is likely to experience additional cracks running diagonally from the invert to the springline, and the pipe wall may shear across the face of the longitudinal cracks. Tour

attendees were surprised to learn that at the point of yielding, the pipe did not collapse. Even during shear conditions, RCP maintains a basic structural integrity. In typical Florida installations, Class III RCP installations operate well within service loads and within a static load environment. The most probable forces that may induce minor cracks are likely to be singular events incurred during installation or roadway construction.



A 0.05-inch wide longitudinal crack in 36-inch RCP, that was loaded to yield failure four times. In each of four strength tests, the badly damaged pipe still met specified strengths.

As part of a separate pipe inspection demonstration, tour attendees observed a 36-inch diameter concrete pipe that had been loaded to its ultimate load four times in order to induce significant cracks for testing and demonstration purposes. Please note that it is unlikely that RCP installed in typical Florida service loads would encroach ultimate loads during service conditions. Despite having significant cracks wider than 3/16 inch, shear, significant spalling, and missing sections of its wall, the 36-inch Class III RCP was able to meet its specified ASTM C 76 ultimate load during each of the four 3EB tests, and thereby, demonstrating the high redundancy and low risk of using RCP.



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in August or September 2012. The enrollment may be in a curriculum of any number of years but the scholarship will not exceed one year. (Applicants must be affiliated with a UUCF member in good standing with dues paid at the time of application. Out of state branches of member companies are not eligible.) Any company or individual who sponsors the UUCF/ASJMSF Annual Bass Tournament in the year the scholarship is being distributed may also apply.

The UUCF/ASJMSF was established in memory of the son of a Past President of UUCF, Scott J. Johnson (Johnson-Davis, Inc.). On December 28, 1999,

Andrew "Andy" Scott Johnson was killed in an automobile accident. Andy was 19 years of age. He was an honor student and a 1998 graduate of Pope John Paul II High School. He was a sophomore at Vanderbilt University. He loved the outdoors, all kinds of sports, especially Lacrosse, music and sport fishing. Andy was especially dedicated and loyal to his many friends and family.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the UUCF/ASJMSF office at (407) 830-1880. If you would like to request a scholarship application, please [click here](#).

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SSOCOF Update

Sunshine State One Call Shortens Name, adds 811

Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. recently announced that it will begin doing business as Sunshine 811.

The board of directors approved the Sunshine 811 name at its February meeting.

"The name change was recommended as the result of a marketing study," Sunshine 811 Executive Director Mark Sweet said. "The study showed that most people remembered 'sunshine' in our name, but not the whole name, and adding 811 supports the national call-before-you-dig number."

"We hope to attract new internet ticket entry users since the name no longer uses 'call,'" Sweet added.

"We also have a new web address to complement the new name, www.sunshine811.com."

"The name change does not affect how our members and excavators interact with the system," stated Sunshine 811 Technical Operations Manager Bill Heath.

For now, the key things to remember are this:

- Sunshine 811 is the new name of Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. There are no operational changes.
- Our name change will not affect irth.net.
- E-mail addresses for Sunshine 811 employees will change to firstname.lastname@sunshine811.com. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript

enabled to view it, but existing e-mail addresses will continue to work.

- Our new corporate web address is www.sunshine811.com.
- Our physical mailing address and telephone numbers will stay the same.

A new logo is in the works. Items in the online store will be updated with Sunshine 811 as new items are ordered. Until then, you will continue seeing Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. on print pieces and hearing it in voice communications.

Watch for more updates on www.sunshine811.com or follow us on twitter.com/florida811.

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811 opens as we strive to make Florida the safest place to dig!" Sweet concluded.

April Madness

What you need to know about Safe Digging Month

Safe Digging Month begins April 1. This year we're introducing the 811 Promise campaign. It's a simple online commitment you, your friends and co-workers can make to spread awareness of the need to call 811 before any digging project. Then, we ask you to share it with all of your Facebook friends, Twitter followers and anyone else you want to keep safe.

FREE Banners are available for you to post at your city, job site or work. This year there are three designs to choose from! Many cities and counties also choose to issue an official Safe Digging Month Proclamation for April.

At the end of April, we'll gather all of your results and make an impressive impact on National Safe Digging Month efforts.

Read more about how you can get involved in Safe Digging Month.

Certified 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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President's Message



First, I would like to express my appreciation to Scott Johnson, and congratulate him on the continued success of the Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation's Twelfth Annual Bass Fishing Tournament in the City of Kissimmee and on the beautiful Lake Tohopekaliga (Toho). Thank you, Scott, for a great weekend. On both days of the tournament, the weather was incredible, and the fishing was fantastic. Yes, the big one did get away more than once, but I'm not complaining. Old friends reunited, and new friends were made. I spent February 23-25 with a bunch of great people from our industry, and you can bet I will be there next year. See the results of the fishing



tournament in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.
Second, I want to thank and recognize Bruce, Julie, Tresa and "Julio the Grill Master" for their help with the bass tournament. Despite a smaller turnout than in years past, they made it feel like a big event, and it came off without a hitch. Great job all of you.

Lastly, this tournament funds a very important UUCF function. Every year, recipients of the scholarship foundation are chosen to receive this prestigious award based on merits of academics and the dedication to

volunteer to help the community, as well as financial need and the individual's willingness to work hard and show strong moral character. These are of the most important criteria in choosing a recipient. Each year the scholarship helps open doors and provides opportunity to those who deserve and need it most. The opportunity this scholarship provides for students to go to college and set a career path profoundly changes each individual's life for the better. Please consider taking a few days out of your busy schedules next year and spend it on Lake Toho to support the scholarship foundation. You might even catch the big one.

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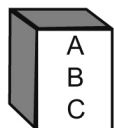
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- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

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- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

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

March 27, 2012

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

April 5, 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

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

April 18, 2012

Miami
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
State Office Building
401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, South Tower,
Room 123
Miami, FL 33128

April 23, 2012

Fort Myers
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
State of Florida Office Building
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May 24, 2012

Tampa
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State Office Building
1313 North Tampa Street, Suite 605
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Calendar of Events

UUCF

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

Apr. 10 Executive Committee Meeting
 Apr. 19 Bettering Your Business
 May 8 Executive Committee Meeting
 May 17 Jacksonville Suns Baseball
 June 12 Executive Committee Meeting
 June 21 Safety Director' Forum
 July 26 General Membership Meeting
 Aug. 14 Executive Committee Meeting
 Aug. 16 Bettering Your Business
 Sept. 11 Executive Committee Meeting
 Sept. 26 General Membership Meeting
 Oct. 9 Executive Committee Meeting
 Oct. (TBA) Fishing Tournament
 Nov. 6 Executive Committee Meeting
 Nov. 15 Election of Officers
 Dec. 10 Executive Committee Meeting
 Dec. (TBA) Holiday Party

NUCA of Northwest Florida

Apr. 12 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
 Apr. (TBA) General Membership Meeting,
 Pensacola Beach
 May 10 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
 May (TBA) After Hours Social, Pensacola
 June 14 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
 June (TBA) Fishing Tournament, Pensacola Beach
 July 12 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
 Aug. 9 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
 Aug. (TBA) Golf Tournament, Pensacola
 Sept. 13 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
 Sept. (TBA) General Membership Meeting, Pensacola
 Oct. 11 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
 Oct. (TBA) Annual Equipment Rodeo, Pensacola
 Nov. 8 Membership Meeting, Pensacola

NUCA of Southwest Florida

Apr. 19 General Membership Meeting
 May (TBA) Scholarship Golf Tournament
 June 21 Scholarship Awards Night
 July 19 General Membership Meeting
 Aug. 16 General Membership Meeting
 Sept. (TBA) Fishing Tournament
 Oct. 25 Trade Show
 Dec. (TBA) Christmas Party

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Apr. 5 Membership Mixer, Tampa Bay Brewing Co.
 May 3 General Membership Meeting,
 Hunter's Green Golf & Country Club
 May 3 General Membership Meeting, Meeting,
 June 7 General Membership Meeting
 Apr. 5 General Membership Meeting
 July 12 General Membership Meeting
 Aug. 2 General Membership Meeting
 Sept. 6 General Membership Meeting
 Sept. 20 Fish Fry, Largo Central Park
 Oct. 4 General Membership Meeting
 Nov. 2 Clay Shoot, Tampa Bay Sporting Clays
 Dec. 29 General Membership Meeting
 Dec. 1 Banquet, Tampa Club

National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) 2012

May 8-10 Washington Summit,
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2013

Feb. 11-15 Convention,
 Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, Phoenix, AZ
 Oct. 2-6 Fall Board of Directors and Leadership
 Meeting, El Conquistador in Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

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

Apr. 20 Executive Committee Meeting,
 DeBary/Conference Call
 Apr. 25-27 Spring Meeting
 May 16 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
 May 17 Board of Director's Meeting,
 DeBary Call Center
 May 18 Golf Tournament,
 Victoria Hills Country Club, DeLand
 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

Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) Meetings

Apr. 11-13 Embassy Suites Tampa/USF,
 Tampa
 May 9-11 Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront,
 Daytona Beach
 June 13-15 Four Seasons Palm Beach
 Palm Beach





July 11–13	The Bohemian Celebration Hotel, Celebration
Aug. 8–10	Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine
Sept. 12–14	The Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables
Oct. 10–12.....	Embassy Suites Orlando–North, Altamonte Springs
Nov. 14–16	Embassy Suites Tampa/USF, Tampa

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June 12, 2012

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State Office Building, Hurston Complex
400 West Robinson Street, South Tower, Room 706
Orlando, FL 32801

June 13, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
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June 14, 2012

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June 19, 2012

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June 21, 2012

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Sunshine 811 2012 Holiday Calendar

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
Christmas Eve	12/24/12
Christmas Day.....	02/25/12

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April 25
May 23
June 20
July 25
August 29
September 26
October 31
December 5

2013 FDOT Letting Date

January 30
February 27
March 27
April 24
May 22
June 19



Chapter News

NUCA of North Florida

We had our first Safety Director's Forum at A. J. Johns, Inc. on February 16. Donnie Wynn, Florida Roads, Inc., is the new facilitator of this meeting. Donnie presented "Dealing With A Safety Concern" and "Supervisory Safety Skills." Jeff Blomgren, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, presented an overview of topics presented at NUCA National's Safety Director's Forum last fall.

Our Golf Tournament is quickly approaching. Our event will be held on Monday, March 26 at Deerwood Country Club with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. We thank the following companies who have already agreed to sponsor: Event Sponsors: HD Supply Waterworks, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Professional Shoring & Supply and Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers. Vendor Showcase Sponsors: Advanced Drainage Systems, All Pro Asphalt, Beard Equipment Company, Cecil W. Powell & Company, Custom Fab, Ferguson Waterworks, United Rentals Trench Safety Tee/Green Sponsors: Barney's Pumps, The Blue Book, C & G Mechanical, Commercial Real Estate Solutions, John Woody, Inc., MSC Waterworks, Layne and Star Pipe Products. Additional sponsors and golfers are needed. Please call the NUCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230 to register.

We recently welcomed new members Dura-Stress Underground, Inc. (Precast Concrete) and Construction Underwriters, Inc (Insurance & bonding). We are pleased to have them as members and look forward to their active participation.

A group from our chapter is getting ready to head to Fort Worth to attend the NUCA Convention. It's not too late to register. Go to www.nuca.com for more details. Hope to see you in Texas!

We are also hosting a meeting at Dave & Buster's on Thursday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. Warren Caterson, Development Director for Seamark

Ranch, will be our guest speaker. An appetizer buffet will be served. Come hear about all the good things happening at the ranch!

NUCA of Northwest Florida

NUCA of Northwest Florida held a General Membership meeting on February 23 at O'Charleys. Mr. Bill Johnson, a representative from Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, gave a brief update on the 2012 projects. The meeting was attended by several contractors, suppliers and engineers. We also had a couple of potential members. A great start for our 2012 Membership Drive.

We will be holding a Sporting Clay Shoot Tournament on March 15. It will be held at Bushy Creek Clay in Perdido, Alabama. Sponsorships are available, and we still have shooter space available.

NUCA of Northwest Florida would like to thank our current 2012 Sponsors: Brown Construction of Northwest Florida, Ford Meter Box, Kelson Electric Company and Southeastern Pipe.

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SUCA's Community Affairs Committee made a contribution to the Construction Angels with proceeds from the February membership meeting 50/50 raffle. Construction Angels is a Florida based, non-profit organization created to facilitate access to financial services for immediate surviving family members of a road construction worker who has lost their life while working on a jobsite. Thank you to all participants in the 50/50 raffle for your extreme generosity.

SUCA Scholarship application has been mailed out to all SUCA member firms. The SUCA scholarship is offered to the children of SUCA members who are seniors in high school this year and will be attending college in the fall. The scholarship is \$4,000.00 paid at \$1,000.00 per year for four years. The deadline for completed applications in the SUCA office is May 15. The winner will be

notified by June 15, and the award will be presented at the July membership meeting which is Scholarship Night. In addition to SUCA's scholarship, UUCF and NUCA have programs available to members as well. If you are a member of our national association, NUCA, and would like a copy of their scholarship application, it can be found at www.nuca.com. To request the scholarship application from our state association, UUCF, please [click here](#).

Over 300 members and their families had a rootin' tootin' good time at SUCA's Annual Family Barbeque on Saturday, March 3 at Lupton's Boggy Bottom Ranch in Plant City. This was a day of fun, relaxation and great food for the whole family! In addition to the all-you-can-eat barbecue pork ribs and chicken enjoyed, everyone had a great time with the power jumper, caricature artist, bounce house and slide, face painting clown, choo-choo train, nature trails and playground. The first ever SUCA Pie Eating Contest was a huge success and had a large crowd of spectators! The Horseshoe Tournament drew close to 30 participants. Congratulations to the First Place Team of Chris Crowl and Raymond Ginter from Technical Sales Corp. and to the Second Place Team of Brandon Strout and Austin Thompson of Professional Shoring & Supply. Perhaps the biggest event of the day was the Contractors -vs- Associates Tug of War Contest where the contractors were successful in taking home the title and bragging rights for 2012! Special thanks to our door prize sponsor, Professional Shoring & Supply. Our door prize winners took home some great door prizes such as Jimmy Buffett concert tickets, Easton Corbin Concert tickets, tickets to the Strawberry Festival, passes to Lowry Park Zoo and numerous restaurant and retail store gift cards. Thanks also to the following general Barbecue Sponsors: Acme Barricades, Associated Construction Products, Inc., Dallas 1 Construction & Development *Serving Christ through Construction*, Ferguson Waterworks, Inc., Florida





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SUCA's April membership mixer will be held Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the Tampa Bay Brewing Company in Centro Ybor. Advance reservations are required by phone, fax or e-mail. The cost is \$30.00 per person and includes heavy appetizers and two drink tickets. This meeting is strictly for networking, catching up and having a good time! Please feel free to bring a date. We will have the outside patio bar area to ourselves during the mixer.

Florida Representative Shawn Harrison will be the guest speaker at SUCA's May 3 membership meeting at Hunter's Green Country Club in Tampa. Representative Harrison was elected to the House of Representatives in 2010 and is an attorney with the Tampa firm of Wetherington, Hamilton & Harrison,

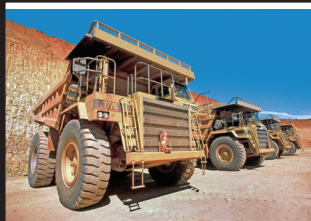
P.A. where he practices exclusively in the area of commercial litigation and health care law. Advance reservations are required. Cost is \$35.00 per person.

SUCA's Sawyer Memorial Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, May 4 at the Quail Hollow Golf Club in Wesley Chapel. The cost remains \$90.00 per person with survival packs available to purchase for \$20.00 each. The registration fee includes a nice tee prize for all players at check-in, cart, green fees, range balls, mulligans, beverages on the course, continental breakfast, barbecue lunch, awards and contest prizes. If you are not golfing and wish to join us for lunch and the awards ceremony, the cost is \$25.00 per person. Sponsorships are also available and appreciated. We are grateful to the following companies who have already pledged their sponsorships: Acme Barricades, Advanced Drainage Systems, Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, Flagler Construction Equipment, Florida Gas & Electric Corp., Linder Construction Equipment, Mabey

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SUCA's Safety Training Committee has already offered two Red Cross Adult CPR, First Aid and AED training classes and the NUCA Excavation Safety and Competent Person training to our members this quarter. Special thanks to Ring Power of Riverview for use of their training room. The next training seminar we will offer is the NUCA Confined Space Entry class in April. NUCA's Confined Space Entry course is intended to provide construction managers, competent persons, and workers with basic information regarding entry into confined spaces. Its purpose is to create an awareness of the hazards associated with confined spaces and to provide managers with basic information necessary to establish a confined space entry program. Information will be sent out to members once the details have been confirmed.

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- Friday, November 2 – SUCA Clay Shoot at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays
- Saturday, December 1 – SUCA December Banquet at the Tampa Club

Thanks to those members who have continued their support of the associations by renewing their membership dues for 2012. Keep in mind that dues are due in January and for your company to appear in the UUCF and NUCA membership directories, your dues must be paid immediately. If you are not sure whether you have renewed, please contact the SUCA office.

If you are interested in SUCA's projects or events, please contact our office at (813) 355-4879 or visit our website at www.suca.org.

**(U.S. Precast Corporation and Florida Rock and Sand Prestress Co., Inc. Consolidate into United Concrete Products, LLC
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"With the consolidation, we have taken a step forward in further defining and enhancing the precast concrete manufacturing industry," said Ronn Page, chief operating officer, U.S. Holdings, Inc., the parent company of U.S. Precast. "Our collective vision and collaborative strategies will foster leadership, innovation and excellence within the industry, and grow our current client base while delivering an enhanced portfolio of products and services."

"Joining forces with U.S. Precast Corporation provides an exciting opportunity for the industry in general, and a platform for delivering market-leading initiatives," said Tom Bond, vice president, Florida Rock and Sand. "Our combined customer base and our broad and diverse network of

employees and vendors will continue to benefit from the products and services they have come to associate with each individual company punctuated by a personalized, winning customer service philosophy."

Headquarters for United Concrete Products will be located at 8351 Northwest 93 Street (DeBogory Drive), Medley, Florida 33166. The existing Florida Rock and Sand Prestress Precast Co. operations will be merged into the U.S. Precast Corporation sites located in Medley and West Palm Beach over the next several months.

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