

From The Executive Director ...

The construction industry appears to have had a normal summer, but the economic slow down is now starting to be felt in this area. This is most evident in the slow down of Public Sector tendering. Saskatchewan contractors are also feeling the effects of out of Province contractors in our industry.

We believe that it will be a busy fall with carry over projects, due to a wetter summer than normal. However, we believe that the winter months will be slower than normal.

We continue to work with Dr. Janusz Koziński and Dr. Bruce Sparling of the University of Saskatchewan on the Masonry Centre of Excellence which was announced earlier this year.

Apprenticeship training in our Province is alive and well with all levels for the 2009-2010 period being filled to capacity. This year's apprentices look forward to being in the new dedicated facility that SIAST Kelsey Campus has provided for the Masonry Industry. Hopefully the work keeps coming in our area to ensure continued employment of these tradespersons.

I wish a long fall to enable contractors to complete their ongoing projects.

Bob Afseth

EVENTS/NEWS

- ◆ SMI General Meeting will be held November 5, 2009 in the Eagleview Room at The Willows. Information packages to be sent out shortly.
- ◆ 43rd Annual Canadian Masonry Conference—Scottsdale, Arizona, February 10-12, 2010 at the Royal Palms Resort and Spa
Information will be available shortly at CMCA -
phone (905) 564-6622,
fax (905) 564-5744,
email events@canadamasonrycentre.com
or visit their website at
www.canadamasonrycentre.com.
- ◆ 2010 SMI Annual Golf Tournament - planning in the works to hold it in Southern Saskatchewan next summer. Information will be sent out when available.



The 2008 Masonry Design Magazine is available.

Please contact Kathy at info@saskmasonry.ca to request copies

2012 Saskatchewan Masonry Design Awards

The Saskatchewan Masonry Design Awards are held every four years to recognize architects, engineers, designers, builders, and owners for substantial, imaginative and/or creative use of masonry in building design and construction. The next installment of these awards has already begun.

Any Masonry Project completed in Saskatchewan between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2012 are eligible to be entered. Submit your entries as the projects are completed - while the details are fresh.

Please utilize our online entry form or contact our office to receive forms via mail or email.

Phone: (306) 665-0622

Email: info@saskmasonry.ca

Online Entry Form: www.designawards.ca

2009 Canadian Skills Competition

Saskatchewan Bricklayer brings home a medal!!

Derek Halldorson of Gracom Masonry, a JV brings home a Bronze Medal.

Following his successful performance in the Saskatchewan Skills Competition in April, where he took home the Gold Medal, Derek went on to participate in the Canadian Skills Competition which was held May 20—23 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. This two day event brought competitors from all over the country vying for top honours. Upon completion of his project, Derek found that he had once again proven himself to be one of the best in our industry. What an accomplishment. No other Saskatchewan Bricklayer has been this successful at a National Competition.



Canadian Skills Competition: What it's about...

Started in 1994, the Canadian Skills Competition (CSC) remains the only event of its kind in Canada. It is the only national, Olympic-style, multi-trade and technology competition for young students and apprentices in the country. Every year, the event brings together approximately 500 young people from all regions of Canada, along with their parents and advisors, to compete in over 40 trade and technology areas. The competition provides an opportunity for young Canadians studying a skilled trade or technology to be tested against exacting standards and against their peers from across the nation. Students vie to win the honour of being crowned the best in their chosen discipline.

2009 SMI Annual Golf Tournament

The Saskatchewan Masonry Institute held it's Annual Golf Tournament on August 19, 2009 at the Dakota Dunes Golf Links. 52 golfers came out to enjoy an afternoon on the links despite the dreary weather forecast. Luckily the forecast did not come to fruition and it turned out to be a slightly windy day with no rain in sight.



2009 SMI Annual Golf Tournament

Following a great day of golfing, SMI hosted a steak supper at the Dakota Dunes Casino for everyone who participated.



Prizes, Prizes and More Prizes!!

Tidbit of the Day
 Low Gross of the
 Tournament:
 Kevin Tell
 Shot a 78—what a game!

Longest Putt Winners
 Ron Chelack and
 Brent Fraser



With the generous donations from our prize sponsors, each golfer went home with a gift.

Closest to the Pin Winners
 Jules Hrapchak and
 Reg Squires



From left to right:
 Jules Hrapchak & Reg Squires



From left to right: Ann March, Dominic Iula, Ron Erickson, Jeff Stadnick, Brent Fraser, Laurie Njaa, Rita Serby & Luc Durette

Prize Draw Winners
 Ron Erickson, Luc Durette, Ann March,
 Jeff Stadnick, Laurie Njaa, Dominic Iula,
 and Rita Serby.

Major Prize Winner: Ryan Winkler

Congratulations to everyone!!

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Our apologies if anyone was missed