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Golf Winners

- ▶ **Pre-Game \$100 cash prizes –** Carlos Bradshaw, John Harper, Nate Reynolds
- ▶ **First place –** Rodney Grogan, Mike Pepper, Steve Corbitt
- ▶ **Second place –** Grady Gunn, Bill Polk, Richard Broom, Nate Reynolds
- ▶ **Third place –** Randy Ahlrich, Howard Hornsby, Alan Cooley, Tommy Harrelson
- ▶ **Longest Drive –** Ben Tharp
- ▶ **Closest to the Pin –** Mike Pepper

Many Winners at PAC Golf Tournament

On a cool fall day there were some hot golf sticks at the Whisper Lake Country Club in Madison, MS, which was the site of the 2012 MCIA political action committee (PAC) Golf Tournament. Nine teams hit the course at 1 p.m. for a round of golf after an appetizing lunch and some time for networking prior to tee time. See the list of winners to the left.

With the number of prizes that were given away, everyone had an outstanding chance of winning something. Funds

raised at this event support activities and contributions made to political candidates on behalf of the MCIA – PAC. And though this is an off-election year for many state offices, there is always a request for a campaign contribution so it is vitally important that we maintain an adequate reserve fund. The cost of participating in this event may seem a bit much, but the opportunity to network with the top leaders of our industry for an afternoon is...priceless!

Entries Sought for Essay Contest

The 2012 High School Essay Contest is now under way as we are soliciting original essays written by high school juniors and seniors who are potentially our future industry leaders. The entry deadline is Monday, November 12, 2012.

Participants must live in Mississippi and must be at least 16 years old at the beginning of the school year. Essay topics can include anything concrete-related. Possible topics include concrete's benefits to society; how concrete affects the environment; and using concrete to build homes,

commercial buildings, bridges, or roads.

Students compete for scholarship awards of \$1,000 for first place, \$300 for second place, and \$200 for third place. The first place essay will also be submitted to NRMCA for judging at the national level. The national grand prize is a one-time \$5,000 scholarship for a student who enrolls in a concrete-related curriculum at a school recognized by NRMCA. Additional details and an application can be found on the MCIA website, www.mississippiconcrete.com.

NRMCA Disaster Resilient Construction Workshop

MCIA, in partnership with the Mississippi chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, is sponsoring this event on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, to be held at the Capital Club in downtown Jackson.

The one-day workshop focuses on integrating resilience planning into essential services and infrastructure. The

workshop will be relevant to community leaders, builders, contractors, architects, engineers, planners, risk managers, and product suppliers. The registration fee is waived for government employees. See www.mississippiconcrete.com for more details.

2012 Training Classes Well-Attended

- ▶ www.mississippiconcrete.com for details on training classes and to register.

Welcome New Members!

- ▶ **Krystal Gravel**
Crystal Springs, MS
- ▶ **Foley Products Company**
Newnan, GA

Save the Date!

- ▶ **November 7, 2012**
NRMCA Disaster Resilient Construction Workshop, Jackson, MS
- ▶ **November 26, 2012**
MCIA Specification Committee Meeting, Hilton Hotel, Jackson, MS
- ▶ **January 8, 2013**
MCIA Regulatory Committee Quarterly Meeting with MDEQ, Jackson, MS
- ▶ **February 21, 2013**
MCIA Capitol Day, Old Capitol Inn, Jackson, MS
- ▶ **March 3-5, 2013**
NRMCA Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX
- ▶ **June 26-30, 2013**
MCIA Summer Convention, Grand Marriott Hotel, Point Clear, AL

As we come to the end of our training year with just two more classes left, it has been another successful year in training and certifying technicians in all areas of the concrete industry. The most recent class for ACI Grade 1 Concrete Field Testing Technician (MDOT Class 1) had more than 100 participants plus some 40 volunteers, who are critical for the success of the performance testing on the second day of the class. Another ACI Grade 1 pilot class was held in late September at the MDOT District 6 facility in Hattiesburg. Thirty-two registered for this event, which will now become a standard part of our training for concrete technicians.

MCIA Active in Mississippi Transportation Institute

The transportation industry in Mississippi recently came together for the Mississippi Transportation Institute (MTI) at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, October 9-10, 2012. More than 350 participants registered for the two-day biennial event, which brings together representatives of all aspects of transportation.

Featured speakers were Blake Wilson with the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC), Senate President Pro Tempore Terry Brown, House Transportation Committee Chairman Robert Johnson, and Transportation Commissioners Dick Hall and Tom King. The main topics of discus-

MSU CMRC Exhibits at AASHTO Meeting

MCIA, in conjunction with the Mississippi Asphalt Pavement Association (MAPA), recently co-sponsored an exhibit at the 98th Annual AASHTO Materials Meeting, held in Biloxi, MS, in August. The exhibit highlighted the Construction Materials Research Center (CMRC) and research being conducted for the concrete and asphalt industries. The booth was manned by volunteers from MCIA and two MSU professors—Tom White, P.E., Ph.D., and Isaac Howard, Ph.D.

The AASHTO Materials Meeting is the annual gathering of materials engineers from state DOTs and other governmental

Upcoming Training Classes

MDOT Class 2 (ACI Aggregate Testing Technician Level 1):

- November 7-8, 2012,
MDOT Central Lab, Jackson

ACI Strength Testing Technician:

- December 4-5, 2012,
MDOT Central Lab, Jackson

Dates for 2013 training classes are being set. Check the MCIA website for class offerings and locations.

sion were economic development and funding for transportation projects, which will be hot topics in the upcoming legislative session.

MCIA holds the construction industry representative seat on the MTI Board of Directors for the next two years.

The next MTI event will be held in 2014 in North Mississippi, in either the Tunica or Tupelo area. What a great opportunity for MCIA members in this area to show their support for transportation in Mississippi. More information will be forthcoming as it is made available.

entities, as well as those from the private sector having interest in the materials area. This was the first time the meeting was held in Mississippi, and was also the first to have a concurrent trade show.

The CMRC is supported by many members of MCIA. It was established as part of the MSU Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering "to support advancements in the science and art of highway construction through research and education."

To learn more about CMRC research, visit:

<http://www.civil.msstate.edu/cmrc.html>