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Carolinas Chapter
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President's Message **Jim Hadley** SIKA Corp

Our Chapter ROCKS!

The Carolinas Chapter was awarded our 6th "Outstanding Chapter" Award by the National ICRI. Now, add that to 3 "Excellent Chapter" and 3 "Chapter of the Year" awards, we have an incredible membership!

Congratulations go out to the Baltimore Washington Chapter for the 2010 Chapter of the Year.

I cannot stop reflecting back on our chapter's founding members; Willie Goncharow, Chuck Earnest, Rob Kennerly, George Arnold, Robert Thaxton and Jim Lucas. Had it not been for their vision and dedication, we may not have ever had a chapter.

The key to success though, does not end at the founders. It takes people that believe, that are going to get behind it and they themselves take the lead; Ralph Thompson, George Arnold, Jim Lucas, Jed Daniel, Mike Morse, Gary Cox, Mike Parker, Russ Botos, Don Ford, Greg Tierney, Carlton Steinmetz, John Lambert, each has taken the lead.

A vision does not need to start and end at the local chapter level; it can go on to the national level. Robert Thaxton was our first chapter president to become a National ICRI president. Don Ford is now our second chapter member to go on to become a National ICRI president. Keith Harrison, chapter VP is currently serving on the National ICRI Board.

The vision to make a difference is epic; National ICRI announced two new Guidelines; Safety in the Concrete Repair Industry and Non Destructive Evaluation Methods for Condition Assessment as well as a new Certified Technician Program for Moisture Evaluation of Concrete Slabs.

If you want to get a first hand view of just what the ICRI vision is, take a look at the Technical Committee Section of the National website. Most of the chairs of these committees are leaders in various companies that support this industry. They don't get paid for their time; they just believe it is important.

I encourage each of you to tell your customers about our chapter, get involved yourself; if you believe in it...then achieve in it...GET INVOLVED! The future success of this chapter comes from those who GET INVOLVED!

Should you have any questions or ideas please contact any of us on the board, our contact information is on the website at www.icricarolinas.org

Jim



Jim Hadley **What A Party!**

We did it in grand Carolina Style, hosting our 2nd National ICRI Conference!

To start a memorable day, the Carolinas Chapter was awarded our sixth "Outstanding Chapter" Award by the National ICRI. Congratulations go out to the Baltimore Washington Chapter for Chapter of the Year. If you were not able to attend our 2nd National ICRI Conference Chapter Reception, allow me to paint you a picture.

Your Board of Directors sat at a conference table back in December at the host facility, Ocean Club Resort in Myrtle Beach pining away at both our chapter budget as well as the potential attendance by the National ICRI conference members. It was determined that if we had 120 to 130 we would be staying consistent with the past chapter-hosted receptions. These attendance numbers would also be similar to our 2002 National ICRI Low Country Boil Reception, held in Charleston.

At 10:00am the day of the event I got an urgent text message from Kelly Andrews and John McDougall, Chapter Treasurer asking me if we can raise the cut-off number to 150 people. A quick series of phone calls to the caterer and host facility sales director indicated that we could raise our numbers to 150 on food but no more than 165 on the fire code if we had to move inside due to weather. Yes, we hit the max! The total attendance for National ICRI conference was 220 and we held a 2010 Low Country Boil for 165 people! How cool is that! Not only did we max out the reception, we also hit the max on the Chapter hosted golf outing. Congratulations go out to Keith Harrison for his leadership on putting the tournament together.

John Lambert, Keith Harrison and I attended the Inter-Chapter Luncheon and we were greeted by many accolades for our reception and the question; "How do you guys do it?" Here is the answer; it is YOU our members! We as your Board can only try to find inspiring topics and generate interest. It is YOU, our members that deserve the credit; it is YOU that support the VISION, and it is YOU that make this chapter what it is! THANK YOU!

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK: *Chuck Ernest*



President Jim Hadley offers a toast to Chuck Ernest

In the next couple of months, Chuck Ernest of Sutton Kennerly & Associates will officially enter retirement and the Carolinas Chapter Reception was an opportunity for the chapter to publicly thank him for his enormous contributions to our heritage. Chuck was not only a founding member, but he served as the first Chapter President from 1993-1995 and most recently was instrumental in providing necessary

information necessary for us to be incorporated and obtain non-profit status. Chapter President Jim Hadley raised a glass and toasted Chuck and wished him and his wife Becky all the best. Chuck indicated that there were no consulting assignments lurking in the future; just time with his wife, golf, a stamp collection and time in an underused shop. Thank you and good luck, Chuck and Becky.



A surprised Chuck and Becky Ernest accept the Chapter's best wishes.





WEDNESDAY: ICRI GOLF TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS!

Kudos to Golf Chairman Keith Harrison for planning an outstanding outing. There were 18 teams that teed off Wednesday afternoon at Arcadian Shores for the Spring Golf Tournament. While the weather was breezy and the skies grey, everyone had a great time and Wednesday evening the winners were recognized at the opening reception of the conference. Here are the individuals and teams that finished on top of the leader board:



1st Place Team
Paul Anderson, Kevin Yuers, Ted Bartelt & Hayes Thompson (not pictured) with Golf Chairman Keith Harrison



2nd Place Team
Don Ford, Randy Beard, Elana Danke & Ed Klosowski (not pictured)

THE WINNERS



Long Drive – Jason Chodachek and
Closest to the Pin – Mark DeStephano



Closest to the Line – Randy Beard



Closest to the Pin – Mark LeMay



ICRI Carolinas Chapter Board members Ted Bartelt and Paul Farrell assist Board Vice President and Golf Chairman Keith Harrison put up the sponsor posters.



Checking out the team pairings: Gary Cox (01-02 Chapter Pres), Carlton Steinmetz (07-08 Pres), Jim Lucas (99-2000 Pres), Jim Marchello and Ted Bartelt.



Bill Fortuna lights up a serious-sized stogie before his round (is that thing legal, Bill?).



Going to war: Carolinas Chapter John McDougall is set to do battle on the links.



Katherine Blatz of BASF (who provided golf balls for the tourney) and Mike Parker (03-04 Chapter Pres) share a laugh.



Chapter members Hayes Thompson and James Joyce wait for their tee times with Willie Goncharow.



Jed Daniel (2000-2001 Chapter President), past ICRI National President Ken Currence and Gary Cox cutting up before the tournament.



Nothing puts a smile on the face on Don Ford (incoming ICRI National President and 2005-06 Chapter President) more than the thought of golf.



WEDNESDAY EVENING: NATIONAL WELCOME RECEPTION



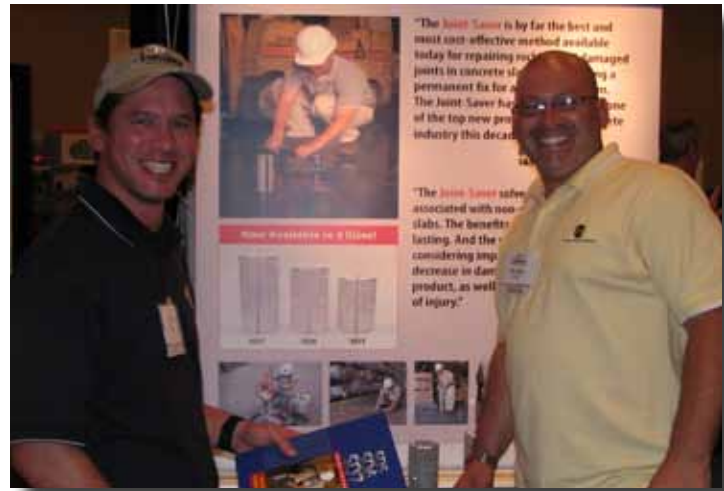
John, take that lady to dinner! Past Chapter President John Lambert and his wife Judi on the hors d'ourves line.



Chapter Silver Sponsors: John Fort and Bob Gallagher of Procon & Associates enjoy the reception.



Chapter President Jim Hadley with Todd Spindler, having a great time at the tabletops.



Canadian member Kevin Yuers visits the tabletop of Carolinans' Chapter member Terry Jacobs of Somero Matson Group.



ICRI Chapter Liaison Dale Regnier and Chapter VP Keith Harrison having fun announcing the golf prizes.



THURSDAY: CHAPTER LUNCHEON



ICRI National Executive Director Kelly Page and National President Chuck Knight prepare for the Chapter luncheon.



Chapter member Pat Lauro, past Chapter presidents Chuck Ernest and George Arnold (1998-99) and Board member Ted Bartelt at the luncheon.



Current Chapter President Jim Hadley lunches with past Chapter Presidents John Lambert and Don Ford.



Dale Mizer and Dave Powers of The Euclid Chemical Company check the program to see "what's next."



John Fort and Randy Mitchem of Procon & Associates sample the meal spread.





THURSDAY EVENING: CAROLINAS CHAPTER RECEPTION



Getting ready to party: Bill Freeman, Robert Amos, Judi and John Lambert and Mark O'Brien.



Bill Fortuna and ICRI Board member Doug Saunders soak up some rays and share some stories.



Mark O'Brien, Brian Cordak and John McDougall are just getting warmed up at 6:00pm.



Sharing good times and fond memories: John Lambert and Prophets lead singer Billy Scott.



Part of the crowd enjoying the festivities under the sponsor banners at the Ocean Club.



Thursday evening the Carolinas Chapter hosted a reception at the Ocean Club, a beach-front club adjacent to the Marriott Grande Dunes. The stated goal was to at least match the legendary party staged in Charleston when ICRI National last held a conference in the Carolinas Chapter. The four hour party featured an open bar, a Low Country Boil buffet and music by the Beach Music Hall of Fame band Billy Scott and the Party Prophets. Given the event sold out with 75% of the conference attendees purchasing tickets and most party goers stayed until the very end, we think we can say "Mission Accomplished."



A guest duet as Willie Goncharow joins Party Prophets female vocalist Cindy Floyd.



ICRI National Board member Michael Breetz of Cincinnati has his party threads on.



For nearly four hours, Billy Scott, Cindy Floyd and the Party Prophets were getting down.



Good food was not in short supply as party goers went back for seconds and thirds on the Low Country Boil.



Even though the sun set, the music and party went on into the night.



The NEW Project of the Year Express Application

Jim Hadley
Awards and Project of the Year Chairman

As announced at the Annual Conference and in the last Connection Newsletter, it is official; there is now a simplified PoY Application!

In an effort to increase project submissions to our annual Project of the Year Award program we have posted a more streamlined option for submitting. Please note that this format is NOT able to be used for submitting to the National ICRI.

The National PoY submission deadline is May and our Chapter is September. If you are submitting a project to National in May you can simply submit a copy of that to us by our deadline. Should your project completion deadline miss the National you may utilize our formatted template as part of your National submittal to reduce duplication. Please follow the link to the National ICRI website for updated rules and information.

This Express format is a two part process, Part A allows for providing the general project information through a series of text fields and drop down menus. To reduce the amount of typing you will now use a series of check boxes for highlighting Material Technology, Investigation Methods and Surface Preparation Methods. Simply click and choose!

The only "storyline" typing required is the Abstract section in which you will give a 500 word maximum overview of the project. The last section is a 300 word maximum What Makes This Project a Winner section.

The second document is Part B; this is just for your pictures. On the very first page is a written set of instructions for you to follow. You are free to submit up to 10 photos on the preset 6 pages.

That is it! Part A consists of 3 pages of simple information and Part B is just inserting your photographs. Download the two documents from the web, fill them out, save them, type us an email, attach the documents and your submission is complete! It is our hope that this new simplified method will increase participation and allow you to highlight your projects.

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KEY CHAPTER MEETING & EVENT DATES

May 13	ICRI/WCA Golf Tournament (Graham)	The Challenge, Hideaway Farms
June 17	Board Meeting	Dunhill Hotel-Charlotte
October 7	Board Meeting	4:00p Pre-Convention Meeting
October 8-9	Fall Convention – Charleston, SC	Courtyard by Marriott – Mt. Pleasant
Oct 20-23	ICRI Fall National Convention	Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA
Nov 2	Board Meeting	Raleigh, NC

DON'T MISS...

3rd Annual ICRI/WCA
Spring Classic
Golf Tournament
Thursday, May 13, 2010
Graham, NC



Oct. 7-9, 2010
2010 ICRI Carolinas Chapter
Fall Convention
Marriott Courtyard,
Charleston / Mt.Pleasant, SC

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