

Foundation Finds Financial Fairway

Golf Outing Raises Funds For Scholarships

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While some of the 120 golfers had problems with the rough during the Builders Foundation Golf Outing July 30, those golfers may have just made it a bit less rough for a college student to become a future leader in the construction industry.

Blue skies and perfect weather helped to make the Outing at Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington an enjoyable event. While final numbers are still being tabulated, indications are that the Golf Outing – which provides scholarships for students majoring in Construction Management or Construction Engineering – raised over \$30,000 for the Foundation for the fourth consecutive year.

Verizon Wireless served as the Event Sponsor, and the Builders Foundation wishes to thank all the companies who purchased sponsorships, listed on this page. With the help of supporters like this, the Builders Foundation has awarded over \$70,000 in scholarship money to 18 students in the last five years.

Three students earned scholarships this year. Erik Johnson attends the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, majors in Civil and Environmental Engineering, and plans to graduate in 2010. Dana Wessman attends Ball State University, majoring in Construction Management. She



E. Johnson



K. Johnson



Wessman



A foursome from Ryan Companies heads down the fairway after a drive during the Builders Foundation Golf Outing July 30 at Makray Memorial Golf Club. Close to \$30,000 was raised for college scholarships.

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The Builders Association would like to thank the 120 golfers and all sponsors of the Builders Foundation Golf Outing. Funds raised will provide scholarships for future industry leaders.



(above) Greg Collins, Carson Kyhl, Aaron Jagiel and Brian Simkins of Burnham Nationwide pose before teeing off at the 13th hole; (right) Builders Association Vice President Mike Schultze congratulates Luke Lukowicz of W.B. Olson on winning a Wii game system, in addition to Wii Fit and Wii Rock Band; (right below) Joe Miller of MPG Industries drains a putt; (below) Some of the 120 golfers who made the time to support a good cause head out to start their round.



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plans to graduate in May 2009 and is currently an intern at W.E. O'Neil Construction Company. Kyle Johnson is a student at Bradley University, and double majors in Construction and Civil Engineering. An intern at Kiewit Western, Kyle plans to graduate May 2009.

Mike Schultze, Vice President of the Builders Association, emphasized the importance of the golf outing as the sole fundraiser for the Foundation.

The scholarships are available to applicants that attend college in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, or Iowa.

One advantage of providing these scholarships to students is that a number of them end up working for members of the Builders Association. Past winners include:

- Purdue University graduate Ceile Cull, Assistant Project Manager at Pepper Construction Company
- University of Illinois graduate Markian Pawluk, Project Engineer at W.E. O'Neil Construction Company
- Purdue grad Jessica Hladik, Associate Project Manager at Ryan Companies, US
- Purdue grad Emily Hubacek, Office Engineer at Clark Construction Company
- Bradley University Senior Josh Galasso, Intern at Pepper Construction Company

Through its raffle and for achievements on the course, the Builders Foundation gave out a number of prizes to participants. Vic Bishop of McShane Construction Corporation recorded the most accurate drive on No. 1. Rich Nudo of Bulley & Andrews LLC drained the long putt on No. 18 and Tom Rood of James, Schaeffer & Schimming took the prize for getting closest to the pin on the seventh hole.

The Orange Ball prize went to the team of Brad Johnson and Lou Reiner of W.E. O'Neil Construction Company, Peter Herzog of Holland & Knight and Al Leitschuh of the Builders Association. Andrew Brady of Verizon Wireless teamed

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This issue's contributor commented on changes in City of Chicago building permit application requirements.

Carson Kyhl & Alex Westa – Burnham Nationwide

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The newest development in obtaining city building permits is that permit applicants are no longer required to have the contractors at the initial meeting. However, they do need to have the name, address, phone number, email, and City of Chicago license for their contractor on the permit application before final review. "When there is a contractor change after the permit is issued, an original notarized letter from the newly awarded contractor(s) is required and the cost is \$50.00 per contractor change," Kyhl said. Subcontractors are only required to present an electrical permit application, a copy of their HVAC contractor license, and a copy of their CFC card from the AC Contractor.

Something to remember is that the city has many different permit processes which may have another set of criteria to go by. "The Self-Certification process does require you to identify contractors at submission, because the understanding is that you will receive the permit that day or shortly thereafter," Westa clarified.

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with Murphy & Miller's Tom Dobsky, Chuck Gagnon and Chuck Wigginton to shoot Low Net, and the Low Gross prize was awarded to Hollis Griffin, David Smoller, David Webster and Bill Reidinger of Bank of America.

Verizon raffled off a pair of prizes: A Blackberry Curve, which went to Ken Egidi of Pepper Construction Company, and two push-and-talk phones, won by Paul Gehrmann of Chicago Area LECET.

Other raffle prizes went to:

- Luke Lukowicz, W.B. Olson, Inc. (Wii game system, Wii Fit and Wii Rock Band)
- Mel Meyer, McShane Construction Corporation (four-rack, digital food smoker)
- Mark Johnson, Seyfarth Shaw (Nikon digital camera)
- Lynn Treat, Ryan Companies US, Inc. (TaylorMade golf clubs)
- Chris Carlos, Johnson & Bell Ltd. (driver)
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