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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and colleagues,

I hope this message finds everyone happy and healthy. It has been a vastly different presidency than I had expected going into this term. The WSMPPA board has continued to meet, virtually, and we had an in-person meeting at Hudson Coastal last week. Our board has continued to meet and discuss "hot" topics concerning our businesses and WSSC. We continue to plan for upcoming events which has been difficult as the rules keep changing.

Our golf outing was a huge success! Thank you, Charlotte, for continuing to make our association and all events a success!

We continue to provide journeyman/master plumber and gasfitter test review prep classes. Thank you, Jeff Wheat, for finding a way to teach online! More classes will be coming your way and can be performed from your tablet, computer and/or your phone.

We will be hosting in-person General Membership meetings once the "all clear" has been sounded, but for now let us focus on staying healthy and safe!

It has been a difficult and trying year for all, but who knew a pandemic would stir the business pot for us all?!?!?

Remember tough times don't last, tough people do!

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and participation in our association. Here's to continued health, wealth and happiness!

Jon L. Hershberger, 2020 President

GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

DUE TO COVID-19
WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
CONTINUE TO BE ON HOLD.

SPECIAL TRAINING EVENT

All Members are Invited!

December 3, 2020
6pm-7pm

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See Page 2 for details.

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We have teamed up with the experts at Bradford White – **Home of the Jetglas Water Heater!** Join us on December 3, 2020 from 6pm-7pm for a virtual LIVE training. The topic of training will be Troubleshooting Commercial Jetglas Water Heaters.

The experts at Bradford have developed a virtual training at their iTEC facility in Middleville, Michigan geared to the Professionals! Take this excellent opportunity to gain some insight from the comfort of your smartphone, computer or tablet. While we will miss seeing everyone in person, we wish to continue to support our industry in the best way we can. Below you will find all of the ways to access this training. Please make sure you download the app (**highlighted below**) ahead of time, if you have not already done so.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sharron Bremerman at D & B Distributing via (call/text) (301) 343-2111. ***Each participant will be entered into a raffle for prizes by D & B Distributing on their Facebook page, LIVE on December 10th!***

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Stay safe and healthy and we will see you online 12/3!



WSMPA GOLF TOURNAMENT

4th Annual Richard “Ricky” A. Barnes Golf Classic

We’d like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all our generous sponsors, donors, golfers, and volunteers who participated in WSMPA’s **4th Annual Richard “Ricky” A. Barnes Golf Classic**. Without all of you, this annual golf tournament wouldn’t be a true success!

If you were unable to join us this year, here are a few highlights.

To start off, due to Montgomery County COVID-19 restrictions, Rattlewood was not able to host our event as they had for the past 3 years. Just as we were about to announce the cancellation of our 2020 tournament, a date opened up at The Links at Challengdon. (While Challengdon is just a few miles up the road from Rattlewood, it resides in Carroll County.) So, we moved the tournament to Challengdon, pushed the date out a week, changed the format to “*Coronavirus-Style*,” and we had the most successful event ever.

For the fourth straight year, the weather was absolutely gorgeous! And, no frost delay this year!! The 9AM shot gun start, “*Coronavirus-Style*” of course, began a fun day on the golf course for 125+ golfers.

Onto our winners!

- **First Place:** Fogel’s Septic • Score—51
Dan Fogle, Dan Powell, Jeff Palmer, Ernie Kirkwood
Prize: \$100 Challengdon Gift Card, each player
- **Second Place:** Cole Contracting • Score—51
Randy Cole, Mike Sargent, Rob Reed, Paul Siaz
Prize: \$50 Challengdon Gift Card, each player
- **Third Place:** W.H. Winegar & Son • Score—54
Diego Carrascu, John Locke, Michael Thiede, Sr. & Jr.
Prize: \$25 Challengdon Gift Card, each player
- Marc Gluck of Team Ferguson/State won a Milwaukee Packout Cooler for Closest to the Pin on Hole #5.
- Jon Locke of Team Winegar won a Milwaukee M18 Impact Driver for Longest Drive on Hole #13.

Let's go back to the winning teams. We can't forget to mention our **Last Place Team** w/a Score of 81.

James A. Wheat & Sons

Mike Wheat, Mike Egan, Tom Mathers, Clifford Pfeiffe

Prize: Each player received a roll of Toilet Paper as shown below. The team also won a free round of golf at Challedon.



The Putting Contest, sponsored by Jetglas® - D&B Distributing Co., kept Sharron Bremerman and her daughter Aimee on their toes all day. Last year's winner, Eric Jolles (Team JBI Services) was the first to sink a putt. A few putts later, his teammate, Dan Jolles would be the 2nd to sink a putt. Oh, the putt sinking didn't stop there. At the end of the day, there were 10 golfers competing in a putt-off. Along with Eric and Dan were Chad Napper (Team James A. Wheat & Sons), Bob Grandfield (Team Sandy Spring National Bank), Doug Green and Carl Anderson of (Team Ferguson/State), Danny Noland (Team Cintos), John Hart and Logan Skovron (Team Moen), and Aaron White (Team Thos. Somerville).

Ultimately, the prize (TV) went to Dan Jolles of Team JBI who also won the 50/50. Dan is expecting a baby girl in February, and I bet she's already spent his winnings!

After an awesome lunch buffet (served cafeteria style) we gave out the awards mentioned above, and ended with door prize drawings for items donated by Dewalt, Ferguson, Milwaukee, and Miss Utility.

THANKS again, to all who participated in this year's event. Who would have ever guessed we'd have our most successful tournament during a pandemic?

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General Membership Meetings

On Hold



74th Annual Dinner Dance “The Plumbers’ Ball”

February 6, 2021 @ DoubleTree

(Don't purchase that formal face mask just yet.)

WSMPA 2021 Golf Tournament

October 2021

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held December 7th (virtually).

WSSC

WSSC will be closed on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 26th (Thanksgiving Day).
 - Friday, November 27th (Day after Thanksgiving).
 - Friday, December 25th (Christmas Day).
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EDUCATION

WSMPA IN-PERSON TRAINING CLASSES ARE ON HOLD DUE TO COVID-19

18-HR JOURNEYMAN/MASTER TEST REVIEWS

At the end of August, we held our first ever virtual Journeyman/Master Plumber Test Review. There were 20 participants, and feedback on the class was positive. *A huge shout out to Jeff Wheat for transitioning the training over to a virtual platform.*

We are currently in the process of scheduling a virtual Journeyman/Master Gasfitter Test Review. Keep checking your email for updates.

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COUNTY UPDATES (MARYLAND)

Anne Arundel County: Starting Nov. 13, gatherings were limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Starting Monday Nov. 16, youth sports were canceled. Starting Nov. 20, restaurants will be limited to 25% capacity. Other facilities, such as religious and retail establishments, can continue to operate at 50% capacity.

Baltimore City: As of Nov. 12, all indoor and outdoor facilities, including restaurants, gyms and theaters, were ordered to not exceed 25% capacity. All bars that don't serve food were shut down, and all restaurants were ordered closed by 11 p.m. No more than 10 people will be permitted to gather in homes, indefinitely.

Baltimore County: Starting at 5 p.m. Nov. 15, all gatherings not related to operating or patronizing businesses already subject to state orders were limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors and all bars and restaurants were required to close at midnight. Beginning Tuesday Nov. 17, all youth recreational sports, indoor and outdoor, will be prohibited.

Frederick County: Effective Nov. 13 @ 5pm, Religious facilities limited to 50% capacity. Fitness centers limited to 25% capacity, and require face coverings of all persons on the premises. Indoor AND outdoor venues limited to 25 people or 25% of venue capacity, whichever is less (bars, nightclubs, breweries, distilleries, wine tasting rooms, private clubs, etc.). Indoor/Outdoor social and private gatherings, limited to 25.

Harford County: Starting Nov. 13, county facilities were closed to the public, including indoor parks and recreation facilities. Organized outdoor activities on county fields, including sports tournaments, were suspended, although county parks will remain open. County employees were authorized to telework until further notice.

Howard County: Effective Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 5pm gatherings of more than 10 people and outdoor gatherings of more than 25 people will be prohibited. These restrictions include family gatherings, parties, cookouts, parades, festivals, conventions and fundraisers, but do not include retail stores, religious gatherings, wedding receptions, indoor theaters or outdoor entertainment venues. The county's Department of Recreation and Parks has canceled all tournaments that include out-of-state participants, but county rec and parks leagues, programs and in-state tournaments will continue playing.

Montgomery County: As of Nov. 10, restaurants, gyms, museums, retail establishments and religious facilities were all limited to 25% capacity. For other businesses, such as bowling alleys and hair and nail salons, capacity is limited to 25% or 25 people, whichever is lower. Gatherings of more than 25 people are prohibited.

Prince George's County: Starting at 5 p.m. Nov. 15, restaurants were limited to 25% capacity, down from 50% capacity. No more than 25 people will be permitted to gather outdoors, and no more than 10 indoors. Gyms and bowling alleys will be at 25% capacity, but large retail stores still will be allowed to operate at 50% capacity. Everyone is to wear masks outdoors unless exercising.

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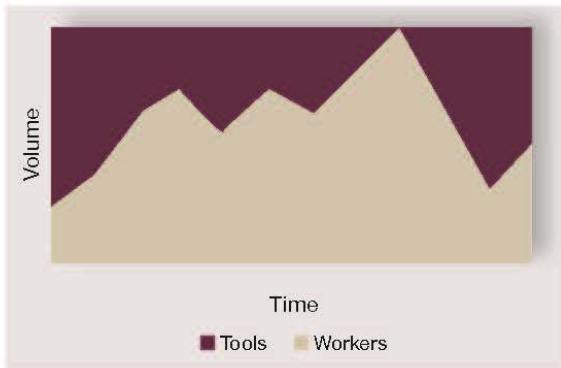
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