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BROWN TIDE STORM THE WINDY CITY

By George Desmarais & Donna Bee

The Long Island Chapter Brown Tide Operations Challenge Team capped off a successful year by competing as one of the two New York State teams at WEFTEC in Chicago the first week of October 2013. The Brown Tide Team includes Captain Dale Grudier, Pat Scanlon, Aaron Adesso, Jake Miller and alternate/coach Brian Blouin. All the guys are employees of SCDPW Bergen Point and practice long hours for the events and are supported for their equipment and travel expenses by corporate sponsors, the Long Island Chapter and NYWEA.

During 2013 the Brown Tide Team competed in regional competitions at NJWEA-Atlantic City in May, NYWEA-Syracuse in June and CWEA-Ocean City, Mary-

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'SECOND' ANNUAL DINNER DANCE A SUCCESS

By Tom Immerso

Despite an initial five-month delay, courtesy of Super Storm Sandy, to hold our Annual Dinner Dance back in March at the Woodbury Country Club, our regularly scheduled Fall affair was held on Friday, October 25, 2013 at the same location. Although it felt a bit strange attending this event for the 'second time' this year, things quickly got on track once some 163 attendees started meandering into the lavish cocktail hour, which included hors d'oeuvres as well as both hot and cold buffet tables. This was followed by a dinner selection which included chateaubriand, shrimp oreganata and chicken marsala.

Greg Smith, our Chapter Chairman, emceed and opened up the event by briefly describing upcoming Chapter outings/events and thanking the membership for its continued support and enthusiastic involvement. Following a heartfelt acknowledgement of appreciation from Nick Bartilucci for the Chapter having its Lifetime Achievement Award named in his honor (very apropos that Dennis & Joe would be the first 2 recipients!), Greg proceeded with the presentation of awards. The following honorees were recognized:

Nicholas J. Bartilucci Lifetime Achievement Award - (newly named award)
Dennis Koehler – D&B Engineers & Architects, P.C.
Joseph Baader – D&B Engineers & Architects, P.C.

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THE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Greg Smith

Greetings! I'd like to start by offering congratulations to the Operations Challenge team from Long Island - specifically Dale, Pat, Aaron, Jake and Brian. And a special thanks to Donna Bee, the new Operations team coordinator. Thanks, also, to all the team sponsors – much appreciated! There is a complete write up in this issue of the team's results.

I recently attended a WEF-Max Meeting in Weehawken, NJ, where there were Chapters represented from Hawaii, Colorado, Arkansas, and New England. It was a workshop Mini-Summit and WEF-House of Delegates event. I was accompanied by Steve Fangmann, our current State Association President, and Anthony Bacchus of our Board of Directors. It was very informational on how various Chapters put on different events.

We finally got our Dinner Dance in due to the delay of Super Storm Sandy. The evening saw a turnout of some 163 attendees. The Lifetime Achievement Award was renamed in honor of Nick Bartilucci, who has served the Association meritoriously for many years. Fittingly, the initial two recipients of the Award were Dennis Koehler and Joseph Baader, D&B - well deserving for all their hard work over the years. Among the other awards given out during the evening was Steve Hearl, H2M, who received the Bob Carballeira Distinguished Service Award, as well as Gary Arman, Great Neck WPCD, and Dale Grudier, Suffolk County DPW, both of whom received the Chapter Achievement Award. Additionally, the Operator of the Year Award went to Doug Haussel from Suffolk County DPW while the Dave Flaumenbaum Safety Award went to Steve Macchio, Clear Flo Technologies. A special thanks goes to Anthony Bacchus for all his hard work in setting up the event. Rich Webber and Steve Hadjiyane also provided assistance with the Dinner event. And, once again, thanks to all our sponsors.

The Annual Royal Golf Classic outing was held on October 17, and had 104 golfers. I would like to thank Joe Hurley and George Desmarais for all their help on this great outing. Thank you, also, to our sponsors for the event. Next year marks the 30th Annual (can you believe it?) for this outing! Plan to be a part of it. More details to follow in the coming months.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate our newest members on the Board of Directors. They include Frank Russo, H2M, and Charlie Kayton, USA BlueBook. And, last but not least, I want to extend my thanks to Bert Stipe for his years on the Board and Rich Hults for serving as our State Representative, both of whom are now retiring. (Thanks, Rich, for the long hours of driving we shared going upstate and to Albany!) I'd like to welcome Mark Wagner, Cameron Engineering, as our new State Representative for the Chapter. All the best, Mark! In closing, the O&M Committee is getting ready for the Annual Clambake on June 20, 2014. As I've mentioned before, the Long Island Chapter's Board of Directors is a hard working group. They make time to get together and work hard as a team. We are the most active Chapter in the State. Our Committees put on many informative seminars and fun functions you can attend. We're a strong Chapter…and proud of it!

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CORNER

By Bill Nylic

YPs at WEFTEC

On March 26th 2014 YPs from Chesapeake WEA, NJWEA and NYWEA (represented by the Long Island Chapter) held a Mini Member Association Leaders Summit titled "Inside the YP Studio". The goal for this event was for YP

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NEW MEMBERS

by Peter Petriccione

Welcome to the Chapters' new members:

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29TH ROYAL GOLF CLASSIC

By Joe Hurley

The cloudy morning of October 17 gave way to a beautiful autumn day to greet 104 semi-accomplished golfers for the 29th Annual Royal Golf Classic at Island Hills Golf Club. The course was in magnificent shape with lightning greens challenging the field. Jim Hirani put it stiff on 5 and Bill Mastro clocked it on No. 7. Low net honors were a match of cards all with net 72s which went to John Hilderbrand (1st), Paul Stevens (2nd) and Gary Molnar (3rd). Gross honors went to Frank Feely (79), Bill Donovan (76) and Gordon Alloyne (74). Steve Hearl locked in again as the most honest player who doubled down on the first low gross.

An open bar and hors d'oeuvres greeted the golfers at the 19th, followed by a delicious buffet dinner, prizes and raffles. As usual the event was a great opportunity for Chapter friends to socialize and enjoy the festivities of the day. The Club fox meandered around the course stealing hot dogs out of the golf carts.

A special thanks to George Desmarais who does most of the work for which I take all the credit, thanks George. Also a Thank You to our Royal Golf Classic sponsors listed below.

See you all next year for the 30th (Can you believe it?) Royal Golf Classic

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land in August. The Atlantic City competition was very successful for the Brown Tide. For Division II they won 1st place in Pump Maintenance, 3rd place in Collections, 3rd place in Safety, and 3rd place Overall.

The Brown Tide Team competed at the NYWEA conference for the right to represent New York at WEFTEC and came in second place overall to the Harlem Pumptrollers which qualified the Brown Tide Team for WEFTEC. At the NYWEA competition the Brown Tide Team finished first in the pump maintenance and safety events and finished second in the collections repair event.

The Team then competed again against some high quality Division #1 competition in Ocean City, Maryland and finished third in the safety event and fourth in the pump maintenance event. With good showings in the three competitions and increasing their practice frequency, the Brown Tide Team was anxiously looking forward to the WEFTEC competition in Chicago.

Thirty one (31) Teams from as far away as British Columbia and Ontario, Canada; California, Hawaii, Florida and the Pacific Northwest competed against the Brown Tide in Division #2. The two day competition in Chicago resulted in a very respectable place for the Brown Tide Team of 13th overall. The other New York State Representative, Harlem Pumptrollers finished 16th overall in Division #2.

The highlight of the competition were the 5th place finish in the pump maintenance event and a 1st place finish in the safety event due to a very fast time and zero penalty points. The overall time with zero penalty points for the safety event for the Brown Tide Team would also have beaten the 10 teams in Division #1 of the competition. The Brown Tide Team was awarded a nice team trophy for the 1st place safety event finish at the Operations Challenge awards ceremony in Chicago.

Another successful year in competition has been completed by the Long Island Brown Tide Team. They have proudly represented Long Island and NYWEA at the competitions and look forward to competing again in 2014. The Team wishes to thank all its financial and generous supporters and those who have cheered them on at the competitions. Congratulation to Dale, Pat, Aaron, Jake and Brian on your accomplishments.

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Bob Carballeira Distinguished Service Award -
Steve Hearl – H2M architects + engineers, P.C.

Chapter Achievement Award -
Gary Arman – Village of Great Neck
Dale Grudier – Suffolk County DPW

Operator of the Year/Ernest Lisi Award -
Doug Haussel – Suffolk County DPW

David B. Flaumenbaum Safety Award -
Steve Macchio – Clear Flo Technologies, Inc.

Additionally, '5S Shovels' were distributed to the following Chapter members: Gold - Steve Macchio (again!) & Phil Cornell, Village of Great Neck; Silver - Michael Memoli, formerly CDM Smith, now LiRo Group; Bronze – Anthony Bacchus, D&B. Congratulations to all the award recipients!

Finally, our Operations Challenge Team – the Brown Tide – consisting of Captain Dale Grudier, Brian Blouin, Pat Scanlon, Aaron Adesso and new team member, Jake Miller, was recognized for their fine showings during this past year in the State, Regional and, most recently, Division 2 National Competitions, in Chicago, where they placed 13th out of 31 teams overall. Nice going once again, guys! They also provided yet another unique team photo for the back cover of the Dinner Dance pamphlet, showing the team following in the footsteps of the Beatles crossing Abbey Road, as per the album cover. Once again, nice touch, fellas…

The evening was topped off with dancing and desert, inclusive of a cordials/coffee bar. Seeing as Dennis & Joe were recognized by the Nick Bartilucci Lifetime Achievement Award, Anthony Bacchus was truly on his own (OK, with some assistance from Rich Webber!) in handling this event all by his lonesome. Anthony handled everything without breaking a sweat as he did an admirable job of stepping into the rather large shoes of Dennis and Joe. Our thanks go out to Anthony & Rich for putting together this event, as well as to Steve Hadjiyane for making the arrangements with the excellent band, Studio G. Additionally, we thank all of our generous sponsors for their continued support in making the event a success – once again.

Please see our color insert with photos from the dinner dance.

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representatives from the different WEAs to discuss how their Committees have developed, successes and hardships, and their outlook for the future. Lots of great ideas were shared and insight gained with seeing how other YP Committees are coordinated.

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2014 CALENDAR

April
April 1 - Deadline for LI Chapter Scholarship Applications
April 3 - State Sponsored Disinfection Optimization Training Seminar - Bergen Point
April 10 - O & M Committee Meeting
April 15 - Board of Directors Meeting
April 28 - O & M Meeting Golf Outing - Towers Country Club
April 28 – Cromaglass training session
April - NYWEA State Board of Directors Meeting

May
May 1 - O & M Committee Meeting
May 1 - Spring Dinner Meeting
May 8 - O&M Training - Pipe Rehabilitation Practices
May - Board of Directors Meeting

June
June 1 - NYWEA State Board of Directors Meeting
June 2-4 - NYWEA Spring Conference - LI Hyatt Regency Hotel, Hauppauge, NY
June 5 - O & M Committee Meeting
June 20 - Clambake - Cedar Creek Park, Wantagh
June - Board of Directors Meeting

July
July 3 - O & M Committee Meeting

August
August 7 - O & M Committee Meeting
August 15 - Environmental Science Committee Canoe Trip
August - O & M Committee Retreat - Ocean Beach
August - YP Fishing Trip

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