In Memory of Tom Tucker

In memory of long-time angler and supporter of the CASF Fishing Tournament, the Board of Directors decided to rename CASF’s annual Fishing Tournament to the annual Tom Tucker Memorial Fishing Tournament with a portion of all proceeds going to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in his name.

Tom Tucker, 46, who recently passed away after complications in his fight with Lymphoma, was an avid angler and annual participant in the annual fishing event since it’s beginning in 1992. He won the tournament several times fishing on the vessel “Hook-em’” in the early years and most recently in 2009 on his boat “Tucker Out”. This was the first year Tom missed the Tournament after cancelling his entry just days prior to the event in May due to scheduled treatments. In his note advising CASF that he would be pulling his entry he said, “I sure miss not being there, but will be there in spirit,” and closed with “Look forward to joining you all at next year’s event. Safe and bountiful fishing to everyone”.

On behalf of the membership of the CASF, the Board and Staff we would like to extend our condolences to Tom’s wife Lisa, daughter Olivia and son Thomas, as well as, to his family at Steel Fabricators. We would also like to return Tom’s sentiments and wish him “Safe and bountiful fishing” in his journey ahead.

Donations in Tom’s memory can be made to: Spanish River Church “Church Planting Fund”, 2400 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, 33431; Many But One Christian Performing Arts Studio, 5994 SW 18th St., D8, Boca Raton, 33433; Above & Beyond Community Church, P.O. Box 276008, Boca Raton, 33427 and Saints: Christian Homeschool Athletic Association, 103 Royal Park Drive, #4E, Ft. Lauderdale, 33309.

He will be missed.

Member News

Donating a complete, high-tech security system recently, Sonitrol of Fort Lauderdale provided the Habitat Broward Re-Store with peace of mind and substantial ongoing savings. The Re-Store is now protected 24/7 by security cameras and a live audio alarm system.

Fire fighters and residents of Hollywood Beach recently joined City officials and representatives of Kaufman Lynn Construction at a groundbreaking ceremony for a new fire rescue and beach safety complex one block from the Atlantic along Ocean Drive in Hollywood, Florida.

The 41,689 square foot facility will replace an outdated fire station and consolidate fire rescue and beach safety operations. The new facility is scheduled for completion in May 2012.

Stiles Construction was awarded a 105,000-square-foot $5 million tenant improvement project for the brand new Amadeus North America headquarters in Miami.

Miller Construction Company completed the new sound studio at Miami International University of Art & Design. The professional-caliber studio features surround sound and technology including an SSL Duality console for analog and digital sound capabilities.
Old-fashioned Know-how and Expertise

Each month Construction FOCUS features a CASF member company, selected by drawing a business card from among those attending the monthly networking breakfast. The next breakfast, sponsored by Pirtle Construction, will be held on Thursday, June 16, 7:30 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott-Cypress Creek in Ft. Lauderdale.

Bostic Steel was founded in 1991 by the late Hugh Bostic and his wife, Judy. Judy oversees all aspects of the corporation, while Dean D’Agati, Executive VP, runs the everyday operations and manages all the construction projects. Bostic built its reputation by providing architects, contractors and owners the solutions that bring their conceptual ideas into reality.

Over the years, Bostic has provided miscellaneous metals, ornamental metals and specialty items, as well as, structural steel for many South Florida projects. Some of their more recent projects include St. Regis at Bal Harbour, Soho Beach House, the W Hotel, Epic Hotel and Residences, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Florida International University. Currently they are providing all the hand railing and ornamental metals for the brand new Marlins Stadium and adjacent parking garage set to open at the beginning of their 2012 Season.

Looking to the future, Bostic Steel recognizes the need to stay abreast of modern innovation while maintaining their signature of quality and performance excellence that will distribute superior products to a class of distinction. To achieve this lofty goal, they successfully integrate state-of-the-art computer technology and plant equipment to work in tandem with old-fashioned know-how, craftsmanship and expertise.

Bostic Steel considers its finest resource to be its employees and currently employs over 100 people. They have handpicked professionals and capable seasoned team members to bring to the table optimum experience for every project. "Turn us loose on your next project and let our professionalism speak for itself," comments D’Agati.

With the exception of Hugh Bostic’s untimely death, the economic downturn has been the greatest obstacle that Bostic Steel has faced. They are very proud of how they’ve navigated through and stayed tough during this hard time. "This environment has caused Bostic Steel to reinvent and rethink our business strategies including becoming more proactive in seeking out new jobs."

states D’Agati. Despite these tough economic times, they feel fortunate to be in the South Florida area where the influx of foreigners creates a higher demand for the construction industry. "We are starting to see a larger volume of bid invitations. In addition to many public projects like the Miami Tunnel project, for the first time, developers are showing an interest in the market again with the announcement by Swire Properties of Brickell CitiCentre, Craig Robins’ redevelopment of the Miami Design District and Related Group’s redevelopment of the Omni Center."

Bostic has been a member of CASF since 1994. D’Agati says that "CASF keeps the South Florida construction industry well-informed, while providing excellent networking opportunities. We value the many friends we have made there over the years."
The results of the 2011 Elections are:
President - Bill Bower, Southeast Mechanical Contractors; First Vice President - Doug Wallace, Stiles Construction Company; Second Vice President - Bob Baer, Central Florida Equipment; Secretary/ Treasurer - Craig Heiser, Whiting-Turner Contracting Company and Immediate Past President - Geoff Bunnell, James A. Cummings, Inc.
Elected to the Board for the 2011-2013 term are: Russell Anderson, AIA, Moss & Associates; John Bennett, Coastal Construction Group; Chris Long, Balfour Beatty Construction Co.; Rick Schuerger, John Moriarty and Assoc. of FL, and Jeff Slade, Miller Construction Company.

Continuing the 2010-2012 term are: Sid Blauw, Steel Fabricators, LLC; Mike Fee, Lotspeich Co. of FL.; Don Ferguson, Cayman National Mfg.; Frank Frione, GFA International and Mindy Szarowicz, Baker Concrete.

CASF’s new officers and directors will be installed during the Installation Banquet at Weston Hills Country Club on Friday, June 17.

Also to be recognized during the banquet are the following long-term members:
- 60 years - PRE-CAST SPECIALTIES; 55 years - AT&T FLORIDA;
- 40 years - AMPCO ELECTRIC; 25 years - BROWN & BROWN ELECTRIC and RSM McGladrey;
- 20 years - ALLEGIANCE CRANE & EQUIP., ENTERPRISE FLEET MGT., POMEROY ELECTRIC and SMITH AERIAL PHOTOS; 15 years - AFCO CONSTRUCTORS, ATLANTIC TRUCK CNTR, BENT-MAN & GELLER CPA, BOVIS LEND LEASE, BRYNTSEN & ASSOCs, COASTAL CONSTRUCTION GROUP, CUSTOM GLASS COMPANY, FLYNN ENGINEERING SERVICES, HUGH'S CATERING, M J SIMPSON CORP., ROBINSON & ASSOCIATES, SHORELINE FOUNDATION and WALTERS, ZACKRIA ASSOCIATES and 10 years - BANNER SUPPLY CO.-POMPANO, BROTHERS FIRE PROTECTION, BUILDERS PLUS, BUILDING INFORMATION SERV., C. DAVIS ELECTRIC CO., DEIGNER'S SPECIALTY MILLWORK, FALKANGER, SNYDER, MARTINEAU & YATES, LANK OIL COMPANY, M & P REYNOLDS ENT., MOVING WATER INDUSTRIES CORP, OLYMPIA PLUMBING, OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY, Pinnacle Plumbing, PRE-CON CONSTRUCTION, S & S NATIONAL WASTE and SUFFOLK CONSTRUCTION.
20th Annual Fishing Tournament in Bimini
May 14, 2011

1st Place - Skip Jac II (191 points)
Bernard Paul-Hus, Capt., Hypower, Inc.
2nd Place - Play Pen (165 points)
Mike Davis, Capt. C. Davis Electric Co.
3rd Place - Hard Dock Life (38 pts.)
Rudi Prusa, Trainor Glass Co./ SKANSKA
4th Place - PV Sea (32 points)
Piti Gomez, Right Way Plumbing Co.
5th Place - Miller Time (30 points)
Harley Miller, Capt., Miller Construction Co.

Largest Dolphin - Play Pen 21 lbs.
Largest Tuna - Play Pen 18 lbs.
Largest Kingfish - Skip Jac II 28 lbs.