33rd Annual ABC Golf Classic

September 15, 2017 at The Wilderness

Event Details

Date: September 15, 2017
Time: 11:00 a.m. Registration
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
Place: The Wilderness Golf Club
501 Hwy. 332 West
Lake Jackson, TX 77566
Cost: $250 per team (2)
Gameplay:
  ♦ Two man scramble/Two flights
  ♦ Closest To The Pin
  ♦ Longest Drive
  ♦ Special Hole In One prize

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for tournament registration, sponsorship opportunities and other details.

HIGHLIGHTS

Closest to the Pin
Longest Drive
Special Hole In One Prize
Tournament Souvenir for Players
Beverages & Snacks
Dinner & Awards Ceremony

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Lunch - Sunbelt Supply
The **ABC Action** app is an advanced advocacy tool that enables users to become a vital part of the Associated Builders and Contractors grassroots advocacy efforts and further the merit shop philosophy. ABC Action allows users to respond to Action Alerts and quickly communicate with their federal representatives in Washington, D.C. on policy and regulatory issues that are critical to the construction industry. Users can stay up-to-date on critical policy issues, see how their representatives voted, track Key Votes and share information via E-mail, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.
If you have spent any time in HR, you are extremely aware that there are litigation risks lurking around every corner. Fortunately, most of these risks can be eliminated or at least minimized by taking steps to ensure compliance with federal and state employment laws. Periodic HR audits are a key to compliance and ultimately critical to avoiding litigation. If you would like to learn more about conducting HR Audits, then we recommend that you plan to attend this HR Symposium on Wednesday, September 13th. Attendees will be provided a copy of the presentation slides, as well as additional reference materials that will be valuable in auditing a variety of HR issues.

The ABC Human Resources Symposium & Luncheon Series is one of the greatest values of ABC Membership!

For this event, HR Professionals are invited to attend an enjoyable luncheon, learn the latest information and legal advice from chapter attorney Mark Jodon, ask questions and share best practices.

If you haven’t taken advantage of this opportunity, you should plan to attend. Once you’ve attended, you won’t want to miss another session!

Mark Jodon is board certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is the chapter attorney for the ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter and the ABC Greater Houston Chapter. Mark has over 30 years’ experience defending employers before governmental agencies and in federal and state courts on the issue of proper classification of workers.
MEMBERSHIP

Joint Membership Event & Luncheon

Date: 09/21/2017
Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Members - $30
Future Members - $50

No reservations or cancellations after September 14, 2017.

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Please join us for the
ABC/BSC/MSTI Joint Membership
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This event is our annual membership meeting with
the election of the 2018 ABC Officers and Directors.

It is a great opportunity to network with industry
professionals, enjoy lunch with an interesting
program, meet new ABC members and share in the
recognition of current ABC member achievements.

Also at this event:
- STEP Safety Award Presentations
- Member Tabletop Displays
- New Member Presentations

For more information, email ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org.

Reservations are required.
Register online at abctxgulfcoast.org.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Menu

Garden Salad
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fresh Rolls
Iced Tea
Homemade Pie
ABC Monthly Membership

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MEMBERSHIP

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ABC Supplier Member Exhibitors for October Mixer & Shrimp Boil

The ABC Suppliers’ Council Committee is now recruiting member displays. If you would like the opportunity for great networking and exposure for your business, then plan to enter your exhibit today!

The mixer showcases various ABC Member exhibits through an enjoyable social including food, beverages, and door prizes. This upcoming event is scheduled for:

Thursday, October 5, 2017

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Upcoming Webinars

Internal Fraud & Embezzlement: Strategies to Mitigate Risk
Wednesday, August 2, 2017
1:00 p.m. CT
60 minutes
Speaker: Bryan Callahan, CPA, CFF, CFE, CVA, Director, BKD, LLP
WEBINAR DESCRIPTION
Through a fast-paced analysis of real-life examples, this session focuses not only on how the frauds are occurring, but also how your company can leverage technology to mitigate the risk.

What’s Happening with Drones in Construction
Wednesday, August 16, 2017
1:00 p.m. CT
60 minutes
Speaker: Alexander Kube, COO, Botlink
PRESENTED BY ABC’S NATIONAL EVENT SPONSOR, PROCORE
WEBINAR DESCRIPTION
This webinar will discuss the impact of emerging topics in the drone space such as computer vision and machine learning, virtual reality, and data-driven workflows, and how these and other technologies are helping businesses explore exciting new opportunities with drones.

Connecting Actual Job Costs Back to Estimating
Thursday, August 24, 2017
12:00 p.m. CT
60 minutes
Speaker: Ryan O’Shea, FMI
PRESENTED BY ABC’S STRATEGIC PARTNER, DEXTER + CHANEY
WEBINAR DESCRIPTION
Please join us for this special webinar with FMI’s Ryan O’Shea, where attendees will learn how to incorporate field input into estimates, determine the healthy differences between an estimate and a budget, recognize why and how actual job costs should be tracked and utilize job-cost information to improve estimating accuracy.

Beyond Reporting – Business Intelligence Advancements in Construction
Tuesday, August 29, 2017
12:00 p.m. CT
60 minutes
Speakers: Thor Kolner, Senior Training Specialist, Dexter + Chaney, Steve Drouin, Director of IT Services, Interstate Electrical Services Corp. and Tim Powers, Associate Director of Quantitative Analytics, FMI Corporation
PRESENTED BY ABC’S STRATEGIC PARTNER, DEXTER + CHANEY
WEBINAR DESCRIPTION
Please join our panel of experts as we discuss the emergence of powerful new ways to use business intelligence to optimize organizational performance. From forward-thinking processes and approaches to cutting-edge business intelligence technologies, this panel session will dig deep into today’s construction analytics issues and what we can
Dear ABC STEP Diamond, Platinum & Gold Recipients:

Congratulations on reaching the upper echelons of STEP achievement! Your exemplary performance has placed you alongside fewer than 1,400 ABC member companies as industry leaders in safety, exceeding industry standards in lagging indicator performance.

One of the many benefits of achieving Diamond, Platinum or Gold status in ABC's STEP program is eligibility for the prestigious ABC National Safety Excellence Awards. Considered one of the premier measures of a company's total safety performance, winning a National Safety Excellence Award represents a level of achievement in the field of safety unrivaled in the construction industry. Companies are measured not only on exceptional safety performance, but in how they structure their safety program to achieve world-class results.

There are three levels of achievement for the NSEA competition: Excellence, Merit and the Pinnacle Award. While Excellence and Merit represent exceptional and outstanding safety programs, respectively, Pinnacle recipients can truly be considered world-class. The Pinnacle Award reflects exceptional long-term safety performance and processes; only previous year's recipients of the Excellence Award are eligible. Combined, all three National Safety Excellence Award competition levels represent the “best of the best” when it comes to safety in the construction industry.

Safety is a core value for the truly world-class companies; a culture where the term “incident” is measured not just in injury, but the number of lives disrupted both among employees and their families. A culture where each employee views the safety of others as just as important as their own. These core values permeate every part of the organization from the CEO to the men and women in the field. The National Safety Excellence Awards program recognizes these companies and presents them as models to the rest of ABC and the construction industry for what we strive for: to send every employee home in the same - or better - condition than which they arrived.

I hope that you will take the time to submit your application and enter the highly competitive 2017 National Safety Excellence Awards competition. Applications are due electronically to ABC National no later than Friday, September 15, 2017. Winners will be selected by an esteemed panel of safety and regulatory professionals through a review of the materials required for submission and through video interviews with video interviews taking place through December.

Winners of the 2017 National Safety Awards will be notified by December 15, 2017 with the awards presented at the annual Excellence in Construction Awards celebration Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in sunny Long Beach, California.

On behalf of the ABC National Environment, Health & Safety Committee, congratulations on your achievements and good luck in the National Safety Excellence Awards competition!

Be safe,
Samuel Stiteler
2017 ABC National Environment, Health & Safety Committee Chair
Take advantage of discount programs available to you because your employer is a member of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). These programs include: ABC Marketplace, a one-stop shop for everyday purchases from over 20,000 retailers on restaurants, electronics, home purchases, travel, movie tickets and more. GEICO offers employees of member companies the opportunity to qualify for an ABC discount on auto insurance, in addition to GEICO's already low rates, for new and current customers. And, vehicle discounts are available through GM and Chrysler on trucks, cars and vans. For a complete listing of programs and registration details, visit abc.org/employeediscounts.

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**Yield:** 12 Servings

**Ingredients:**
- 4 sticks butter, melted
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 4 tablespoons ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons hot sauce (or to taste)
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 5 lbs. unpeeled medium shrimp
- 2 lemons, squeezed and thinly sliced
- French bread, for dipping

**Preparation**

Preheat the oven to 400º.

Stir together the butter, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, pepper, hot sauce, garlic rosemary and salt. Pour half this mixture into a large heatproof dish. Layer half the shrimp and half the lemon slices in the dish; then form a second layer with the remaining shrimp and lemon slices, and pour remaining sauce into the dish. Bake, uncovered, for 20 minutes, or until the shrimp are pink, stirring twice. Pour the sauce into individual serving dishes. Serve the shrimp with plenty of French bread for dipping in the spicy butter sauce.

*Recipe and photo adapted from food.com*