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BOARD'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the third quarterly newsletter. We hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and taking advantage of this beautiful weather!

Though the summer is usually a down time for many people, NAABA is still keeping busy. We had our Tools for Success Series June 15 with Syncrude & Imperial as our host. It was a great turn out and the information shared including Pre-qualification, Bid Documents, Contract Information, Aboriginal Content Plan and the contract information was well received.



On behalf of the Board of Directors we would like to graciously thank the Industry participants for displaying their commitment in making the Tools for Success achievable. The symbolism of their commitment was displayed in the Signing of the Tools for Success Calendar. We eagerly wait the next session by CNRL on September 23rd 2009.

NAABA was also busy planning our 11th Annual Golf Tournament. It was a tremendous success; helping set up our entire year and

securing sponsorship for our many upcoming events. Everyone had a great time networking with the various companies and developing relationships.

NAABA is also busy reformatting our annual membership invoices. Watch for a letter to accompany your invoice that provides further details.

We are proud to inform you that we have revised NAABA'S bylaws. A copy of our bylaws will be emailed to all our Full Members. Please take time to review. We encourage your feedback.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at our AGM, September 17th.

Tyrone Brass
NAABA,
Board of Directors
(Bayzik Electrical, Valve & Instrumentation Inc.)



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MARC THERIAULT, VP PRODUCTION WITH SYNCRUDE



On behalf of NAABA, we would like to thank Marc Theriault of Syncrude for all his involvement and support with NAABA over the last couple of years. His active involvement contributed to NAABA'S huge success. Marc kicked off our first Aboriginal showcase in 2008 and also assisted in the reviving of NAABA'S executive meetings.

He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

TOOLS FOR SUCCESS SERIES UPDATE:

May 26th Kick Off:

The Kick Off held at the Sawridge Inn and Conference Center was the beginning of the Tools for Success Series which is intended to help NAABA'S members learn the ABC's of Contract Management and who better to mentor them than our very own Industry Committee Members and their team.

The morning began at 8:00 am with opening remarks and a special presentation given by Nicole Bourque-Bouchier, NAABA's President. NAABA was also thrilled to have the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Honourable Gene Zwodesky join this special event to give a few

words of wisdom to the aboriginal business owners. The morning continued with special presentations from eight of NAABA's Industry Committee Members and concluded with a network lunch at 12:00 pm.



The Tools for Success Kick Off had a great turn out and was a huge success - leaving many in anticipation for the next session of this new series.

To register for the next Tools for Success seminar hosted by Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. September 23rd please e-mail chris@naaba.ca.

So it Begins...

NAABA had its first Tools for Success session June 15th at the Sawridge Inn and Conference Center, held by Syncrude and Imperial. The Session had 40 NAABA participants, representing 22 businesses in attendance.

The day was definitely a positive for our NAABA Full members. One person said, "It really helps getting to know each other...and

establish good sound relationships...hope to have more in the future." That is NAABA's goal, to help develop great relationships between businesses and companies, while providing our members with tips and tools on Contract Management.

The positive feedback from NAABA members is confirmation that this series will be a positive and rewarding endeavour.



11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT—A GREAT SUCCESS!

Pre-registration began on Thursday evening, July 10th from 4:00—6:00 pm. Everyone mingled and had a great time while snacking on pizza and wings.

The next morning started out as a chilly one, however soon warmed up to be a great day. Registration began at 6:00 am where everyone was greeted with warm coffee, homemade jam and bannock, supplied by Evelyn Boucher. The tournament began shortly after 7:00 am with a shot gun start and all 38 teams, consisting of a 152 players were off.

Congratulations to Roy Vermillion, Jim Bouchier, Justin Herman and Ryan Coish on a great game. Our top net



were Surmont Sand and Gravel. Congratulations to David LaBoucane, Richard Young, Clayton Abraham and Quinn Reid.

Thank you to all our sponsors especially our presenting sponsor, Shell Canada.

After a great game of golf—what better than to enjoy an incredible steak dinner with all the fixings. Once everyone was full it was on to the awards ceremonies.

There was a great selection of prizes donated towards the tournament. A special thank you to all the companies and businesses that gave so generously.



We would also like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who helped keep the day organized and assist in making this event a great success!



Some golfers were not so fortunate...

The JACOS team were the top gross winners.

"Tomorrow - your reward for working safely today." Author Unknown

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Rod Stafford (780) 955-8797

- **Beaudry Inc.**

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JOIN US AS WE WELCOME NAABA'S NEW MEMBERS



Full Members and Contact Name

- BG Industrial Doctors Inc. (Marie Cheechum)
- Dene Celtic (Shawn McClure)
- Derantech Welding Ltd. (Mike Deranger)
- Snap-on Tools (Reg Campbell)
- Timberwolf Industrial Limited (Rob Galloway)
- SB Contracting Inc. (Sheila Bouchier)

Associate Members and Contact Name

- Athabasca Oilsands Corporation (Sheri Pidhirney)

To become a member of NAABA, visit our website at www.naaba.ca or call Cheryl Alexander, our General Manager, at (780) 791-0478 to schedule a meeting.

PREDATOR CONTRIBUTES TO LONG LAKE SUCCESS

by David Coll, Communications Coordinator with Synthetic Oil—Nexen Inc.

When Roger Chickeness left the security of regular employment to set sail on the adventure of running his own business, he wasn't sure what treasures he would discover. While some of the benefits are material, others are intangible.

"This type of work is more interesting," says Chickeness, who spent over 20 years as an oil and gas operator before he started Predator Consulting Ltd. "Once you have run one unit in a gas plant for a long time, it gets to be the same thing."

Working as a consultant at Nexen's Long Lake integrated oilsands facility has given Chickeness the opportunity to broaden his experience and work in different roles in different areas of plants, such as Commissioning and Start Up (C&SU).

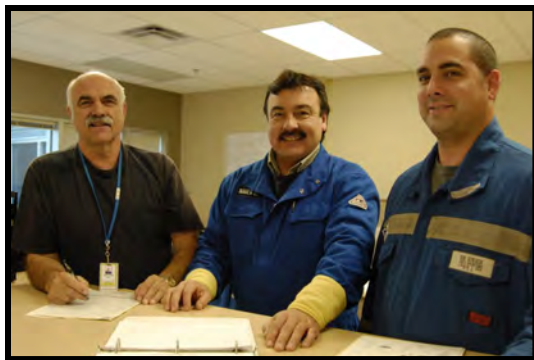
"I've enjoyed the work," says Chickeness. "It's something new and different. I'm grateful that Nexen gave me the opportunity to get involved as the Debottlenecking Coordinator."

At Long Lake, Chickeness helps coordinate work on a live plant, a complex task that involves ensuring that pipes are isolated, blinded and safe to work in and that the work does not disrupt the functioning of the plant. In his time as Debottlenecking Coordinator, he has issued permits to 225 construction workers per day.

"When you start your own business, you are taking a risk because you are not full time, but at this stage in my career,

there are more pros than cons," says Chickeness. "It's more profitable and I'm getting more hours. I work 12 hours a day with 10 days on and four off. In a traditional arrangement, sometimes you can't get those hours."

Along with his 24 years of experience as a plant operator and seven as a CS&U Specialist, Chickeness completed a Business Administration Diploma at SAIT as well as a 3rd Class Power Engineering certificate.



Predator Consulting is Chickeness' second business. He bought Rocky Brake and Alignment in Rocky Mountain House, an automotive repair shop, when he was 28 years old. Not a mechanic himself, Chickeness had mechanics working for him.

The support of his wife and family has been important for his success, he says, noting that he also drew inspiration from his father-in-law, "who came from a background where he did not have a lot

in his family, but he became quite successful. He had a few successful businesses and I saw what he was able to do."

Chickeness was born on the Poundmaker Reserve, a Cree Reserve in Saskatchewan. He went to school in North Battleford. "There were not too many Aboriginals in school, maybe two of us," he says. "I hear there are many more Aboriginals in school there now and I am glad to hear that."

"What I see in the future is really good," Chickeness concludes. "I've gotten to know a lot of people from this line of work. I have many contacts and friends."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

September 17, 2009

Sponsored by ConocoPhillips,
Located at the Sawridge Inn and
Conference Center,

Election: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Registration: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Banquet: 6:00 pm

Tools for Success series

September 23, 2009

Hosted by Canadian Natural Resources

Location and time to be announced

General Meeting

October 14, 2009

Located at the Radisson Hotel
from 4:00pm - 6:00 pm

General Meeting

December 9, 2009

Located at the Radisson Hotel
from 4:00pm - 6:00 pm

For more information or to register for the upcoming events, please call 780-791-0478 or email at naaba@telus.net

AUGUST 2009

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SEPTEMBER 2009

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OCTOBER 2009

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