

Groundbreaking



Construction companies save more money thanks to COR™

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MHCA's Glen Black at WCB COR media event

Construction companies in Manitoba saved nearly \$800,000 last year in reduced Workers Compensation Board (WCB) assessment rates after investing in COR™ (Certificate of Recognition) certification. The number of COR™ certified companies has grown from approximately 166 companies in 2006 to 559 as of May 9, 2012. Now, over half of workers employed in the construction industry work for a COR™ certified company.

To obtain COR™ accreditation, an employer must undergo a safety training program, develop a company safety manual, develop and implement a health and safety program,

and pass an independent safety audit. COR™ certification is administered by MHCA's **Worksafe Program** and the Construction Safety Association of Manitoba. Both associations are members of the Canadian Federation of Construction Safety Association and are authorized to grant the national COR™ standard in the Province of Manitoba.

Companies that invest in safety and health programs, such as COR™, have lower injury rates, reduced time loss injury costs and shorter claim durations than non-COR™ certified companies. As a result, they also paid lower assessment rates. *Continued on page 2...*

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At a WCB media event (see photo) last week to announce the latest figures, Director of Worksafely, Education and Training, **Glen Black**, added while the increase in COR™ is encouraging, there is still more work to be done: "Safety is everyone's responsibility – the employers and its workers. The WCB's COR™ incentive program ensures keeping workers safe remains a top priority for construction companies and their employees."

The program began as a pilot in 2007 and was made permanent in 2011. Since 2007, the time loss injury rate in the construction industry has dropped from 8.8 per 100 full time equivalent workers to 6.2 in 2010. Time loss injury rates for 2011 will be released in the next two months.

WCB needs your voice by taking an important Survey



The Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba (WCB) and Workplace Safety & Health (WS&H) want to ensure that Manitoba workplaces have access to the information and services they need to reduce work-related injuries and illness

The WCB via MNP is offering you the opportunity to provide input regarding what your workplace already has, and what you need to help improve safety in your workplace.

The survey can be taken online here:

<http://winnipeg.mnphinkingfwd.ca/workplaceinjuryandillnessprevention/>

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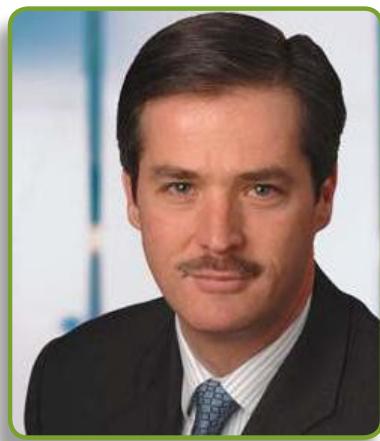
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Messages from the Greek Election

Peter G. Hall, EDC Vice-President and Chief Economist



Peter G. Hall



This week began with euphoria over the Greek election win by the New Democracy party. Unlike the weekend Euro Cup victory, the revelry was short-lived. Rightly so, as the election represents but one major hurdle in a multi-hurdle race with no imminent finish line. After weeks of inter-election delay, there is a dire need for a coalition government that will keep Greece – and Europe – in the race.

Greece's economic statistics are shocking. Close to 15 per cent of its economy has evaporated since 2007 in a protracted deceleration that saw a 6.9 per cent drop last year alone. The average outlook has Greece tumbling a further 6.3 per cent this year, and 2.3 per cent in 2013. Industrial production is down 30 per cent to date. The official unemployment rate has soared, and in March was just shy of 22 per cent. It's hard to fathom numbers like this, whether outside or inside the Greek economy.

The country's public finances are even more sobering. Out-of-control government spending only worsened with the onset of recession, which simultaneously pummeled receipts, sending public debt soaring to 170 per cent of GDP by 2011. Austerity reined in the deficit, but even so, it remained a gaping 9.2 per cent of GDP last year. Financial markets are spooked by numbers half as bad, a key reason for Greek 10-year bond yields broaching 30 per cent. Interest costs are a punishing 5.8 per cent of the Greek economy. No one envies the Herculean task facing the new government.

An immediate priority for the new government is securing the funds that have already been promised. Fears that austerity agreements would be abrogated froze up a €30 billion disbursement last month, funds that are needed to

keep the government solvent. A further €23.5 billion of EFSF funds are required this month to keep Greek banks afloat. To succeed, New Democracy is under pressure to persuade its partners to embrace – and continue embracing – its pro-austerity, pro-bailout platform.

What remains obvious is that there is a lot at stake not just for Greece, but for Europe and indeed the world economy. Containment of the crisis to the peripheral nations is essential in order to avoid more damaging global spillover effects. Given what's at stake, this is a critical week. Agreement among Greek politicians is expected to free up the flow of lifeline funds, turning attention back to the Spanish and Italian economies, and to daily developments in the broader global economy.

Europe's crisis was vaulted to the top of the G-20 agenda in Los Cabos this week. While ongoing agreements are expected to mollify financial markets, ongoing public reaction to austerity policies and growth concerns are likely to keep Europe's woes at the top of the global agenda for some time.

Even so, Sunday's election result gives hope. It could well have swung the other way, in a general revolt against the current policy path that might well have redefined brinksmanship. Don't forget, given what's at stake, Greece brings a lot of bargaining power to the table. This fact leaves the world open to any adverse development in this government's current mandate. The situation also stresses the need to get back to growth – the elusive, but ultimate healer of the current debt debacle.

The bottom line? Positive results notwithstanding, the world remains in a cycle of crisis leading to temporary solutions – buying time for the growth economies of the world to engineer true recovery.

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Big success for MHCA's Spring Mixer at Assiniboia Downs

This year's **MHCA Spring Mixer** was once again held at **Assiniboia Downs**, except this year, due to a substantial increase in attendees, the event was held on the main floor compared to the upper floors in years past. In total, 530 MHCA members, staff and industry folks enjoyed a delicious meal, horse racing entertainment and the relaxed environment to network or catch up with old friends. Additionally, just over \$4,000 was raised in support of MCHA's **Heavy Santa** – a charitable campaign that raises funds to purchase gifts for underprivileged kids in Manitoba at Christmas time.



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Greg Huff, MHCA's Workforce Program Manager, celebrates 10 years!



MHCA's Glen Black, Greg Huff and Chris Lorenc

WORKFORCE 

Greg Huff, MHCA's Workforce Program Manager, celebrated 10 years of employment with his wife **Susie** and staff at a luncheon last week. MHCA President, **Chris Lorenc**, commented on how Greg has been a perfect fit for MHCA since day one and has provided exceptional service and expertise to our membership and industry.

An experienced and respected training director, Greg has worked in the industry for over 25 years. Reflecting on the past 10 years with MHCA, Greg says, 'it has been one of the greatest experiences of my life" and adds, "To all of you that make up the MHCA staff, not only are you fellow workers, but we have become sort of family. It is easy to get up in the morning and come into the office because one does so with anticipation of another exciting adventure." Greg joined the MHCA in 2001.



Annual Golf Classic

Wednesday August 8, 2012 | Elmhurst & Pine Ridge Golf Courses

REGISTRATION FEE - \$199.00 / person + gst

10:30am – registration desk opens

12:00 noon – shot gun start **DRESS CODE &
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Team Captain's Name _____

Ph: _____

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Exp: _____

Signature _____

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Submit registrations ASAP by:

FAX: (204) 943-2279 | Email: christine@mhca.mb.ca

REMINDER:

The MHCA Events Committee will settle course placement by draw on August 1, 2012. All golfers will be notified by fax or email (if you provide one on the registration form) about course location on **August 3, 2012**. **All team captains are responsible for notifying the rest of their team of course placement.**

Use this form to enter as many golfers as you wish. If you are not registering a full team, the extra spaces will be filled by the tournament organizers. As per MHCA Board Policy, only registrations cancelled at least 72 hours prior to the commencement of this event will be refunded.



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Passages: George Ferris



George Ferris (1943 - 2012)

It is with deep regret and great sorrow that we announce the passing of **George Brian Ferris** on Sunday, June 17, 2012 at the age of 68; beloved husband to Judy for 48 loving years. He was an amazing father to Kim and Brian (Denise). Cherished by his grandchildren, Alyssa, Stefani, Matthew, Brittany and

Amy, step-grandchildren Courtney and Colton; sisters Betty, Lorraine and Carrie, and, brothers Stan and Bob. George was predeceased by his parents Frank and Jean, and brother Larry. He is left to mourn by his Aunts Laura (George), Florence and Ida, countless cousins, nieces, nephews and friends so close, they have become family! George was born October 5, 1943 on the family homestead 100 miles north of Winnipeg, just outside Chatfield, Manitoba.

As the eldest boy in the family, he quickly developed an outstanding work ethic which carried throughout the rest of his life and became the underlying ethos of his character. There was no job too big or small; George took on any challenge, with gusto, perseverance and became a man worthy of the utmost admiration and respect. George moved to Winnipeg at the age of 18. He found an interest in boxing and as with all of his endeavors he rose to the top and achieved the status of Manitoba Welter Weight Champion and later Middle Weight Champion. He worked for Bond Ronald candy factory where he met the love of his life Judy. After George proposed to Judy, he realized that he needed to become a better provider so they could start a family. He landed a job at a foundry in Winnipeg, where he worked until the company went bankrupt. This set him on the path of his life long career in the construction industry.

In 1975, George and his partners started a company called Pourex Limited. Keeping true to his form, Pourex exceeded expectations and became one of Winnipeg's premiere road construction companies and later helped form Bituminex Ltd. and City Mix Inc. Throughout the years, George built up a solid reputation as man who was very reliable and true to his word. This applied to all aspects of his life. He was very active in the St. John Brebeuf Parish, worked tirelessly with Knights of Columbus #1107 and served actively as a member of the Board of Directors for Columbus Courts. People knew that if they needed to get something done and done right, all they had to do was call George! George was not all work and no play.

Just as he worked hard, he played hard, at the Horse Track and Casinos all over the world. He was an avid hunter, loved curling and travelling. George and Judy spent many years traveling all over the world, but their favourite getaway was Hawaii with a large group of friends and many nights playing chase the ace! George was first and foremost a family man. He was a tower of strength to his family and friends. He was particularly proud of his role as Papa to his seven grandchildren. Not only was he a colleague, friend, confidante, uncle, brother, grandfather, father and husband; he was a mentor and father figure, who deeply touched the heart and soul of the people he came in contact with and will be forever loved and missed.

A funeral Mass was held on Thursday, June 21 at St. John Brebeuf Roman Catholic Church, 1707 John Brebeuf Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Interment will follow at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 22 at the Windsor Cemetery in Tuelon, Manitoba. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 200-6 Donald Street, Winnipeg, MB R3L 0K6. The family would like to thank the Emergency Medical Team that arrived on the scene, whose tireless efforts gave us the opportunity to say goodbye. We also want to thank the nursing staff at both Victoria and St. Boniface Hospitals who helped us through this time of grief with respect and dignity. More importantly, we want to thank our close family and friends who were there by our side during this time of sorrow. Special thanks to Fran and George Van Walleghem and family who nourished our body and spirit. LECLAIRE BROTHERS in care of arrangements, 775-2220.



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Disability and Claims Management		New Worker Orientation
Worker Safety Orientation		Personal Protective Equipment
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Environmental Awareness		Road Builders Safety Training System
Excavating and Trenching/Ground Disturbance		Scissor Lift Aerial Platform Operation
Hydraulic Safety Awareness		Lift Truck/Skid Steer
Fall Protection Awareness		Supervisor Training
Fatigue Risk Management System		Toolbox Talks - Safety Talks
Fire Extinguisher Training		Traffic Control Coordinator
First Aid/CPR		Train the Trainer
Back Injury Prevention		Flagperson
Chainsaw Operator Safety		Transportation of Dangerous Goods
Confined Space Entry Awareness		Violence and Harassment
Confined Space Entry – Level 2		WCB Basics
Gold Seal CSC – Prep Course		WHMIS
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Hearing Conservation/Sound Monitoring		Workplace Safety and Health Committee Training
Heavy Equipment Operator Training (HEOT)		Work Place Safety & Health Act
Hoisting & Rigging		& Regulation Training