



## MHCA Annual Golf Classic

On Wednesday August 14th, 2013 the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA) hosted its Annual Golf Classic at the Elmhurst and Pine Ridge Golf Courses.

A record number of registrants - 336 individual golfers making up 43 Teams at Pine Ridge AND another 41 Teams at Elmhurst – hit some of Manitoba’s most beautiful links for fun, prizes, glory, sunburns, some good cheer and great networking!

The MHCA sincerely thanks its dedicated and committed membership for again contributing so generously to sponsorships (holes, contests, transportation, registration bags, water and gifts), attendance and great volunteer leadership leading up to the tournament.

The MHCA is proud that the tournament and so many of the sponsorship packages sell out far in advance of the tournament, and that the players continue to support their teams so passionately. We also must congratulate Mother Nature for finally delivering summer – in August!

First Place Low Gross Trophy (and bragging rites) goes to TEAM Hugh Munro Construction, made up of Mitchell Woo, Chris Wren, Scott Fraser, and Sean Rafferty. Second Place Low Gross Winners are TEAM Borland Construction, made up of Leonard Wiens, Ken Magnowski, Don McKibbin, Doug Struthers. We congratulate all players for participating and must also express warm thanks to Elmhurst and Pine Ridge Golf Courses, for again hosting the Classic and ensuring excellent service. We also graciously thank Mickey Stanley and the MHCA Events Committee.



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The 2013 MHCA congratulates the Annual Golf Classic WINNERS and Thanks our Sponsors!

**1st place low gross: TEAM Hugh Munro Construction**

1. Mitchell Woo
2. Chris Wren
3. Scott Fraser
4. Sean Rafferty

**2nd place low gross: TEAM Borland Construction**

1. Leonard Wiens
2. Ken Magnowski
3. Don McKibbin
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Thank you to MHCA staff: Brenda Perkins, Wendy Freund Summerfield,  
Christine Miller, Sarah Piercy and Chris Lorenc.





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**WORKSAFELY™** sponsored a chipping contest on both Elmhurst & Pine Ridge golf courses with the help of the WORKSAFELY™ staff Elaine Alvis, Ed Gregory, Phil McDaniel, Greg Huff, Jayme Galloway, Sarah Higgins, Janelle Johnson and Michelle Golebiowski.



## WORKSAFELY MHCA™ CHIPPING CONTEST



# The 2013 Golf Classic



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**Mr. John K. Wiebe, 90 years old, passed away on Aug. 3, 2013**

Peacefully, John K. Wiebe passed away at Salem Home, Winkler, MB at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 3, 2013 with his family at his side. He leaves to mourn his wife Eva (Harder) of 66 years. They were blessed with 4 children and 2 foster children. They had 2 daughters: Dorothy (Henry) Dueck of Morden, Kevin, Jason (Kelly) and great grandchildren Vann and Cohen, Janice Wiebe of Winkler, 2 sons Jack (Sharlene) Wiebe of Winkler, Justin, Kyle and Mark, Ernie Wiebe of Plum Coulee, Chris and Jackie, Linda Miller and family, Billy Antoine and family.

John was predeceased by both parents, Jacob and Helena Wiebe, 1 brother Henry, 3 brothers-in-law and 2 sisters-in-law. He is survived by Jake (Katherine), Dave (Cheryl), Abe (Diane), Cornie, Kay, Helen, Nettie, Susie and Dennis (Susan) Wiebe and many nieces and nephews.

John was the oldest of 10 children. He was born in Plum Coulee on November 11, 1923 and was raised south of Horndean. He went to school in Neu Kronstal and at the age of 18, he went to a CO Camp in Vancouver for 2 years. He was baptized upon the confession of his faith in Jesus Christ in 1945 in the Plum Coulee Sommerfelder Church. He always enjoyed music and was involved in the worship service for many years. He also spent many evenings playing his accordion.

He married the love of his life, Eva Harder on November 4, 1945. Mom and Dad first lived on his parent's yard in a small house while Dad helped on the farm. Early in their married life, Dad worked in construction for Eric Leuzinger and Isbrand Rempel. At age 45, Dad bought his first caterpillar and began his own business. Dad was always a hard worker and founded JKW Construction Ltd. In 1964 in Plum Coulee, MB. His sons, Jack and Ernie, joined him early in the business and worked side by side with him over the years (currently grandsons have joined them in the business). God granted Dad a gift to remove obstacles that would have been a great challenge to others. He built many roads and channeled many waterways in Manitoba. Dad had very good PR skills. After retirement, Dad was still very interested in the business and often needed to go and see that the boys were doing things correctly. He still thought he knew how to operate all vehicles and one day decided to help Mom by having her climb into the bucket of a front end loader and lifted her up so that she could pick the apples at the top of a tree (apparently when the boys saw this, they knew only God could help her come down safely). They fought many challenges together.

John also enjoyed fishing with family and friends, especially on the ocean. Mom and Dad travelled throughout Canada and the U.S. and enjoyed 10 winters in Brownsville. Here they volunteered in a Seniors Home, providing music and entertainment for the residents. In 1975 they went to South America where they visited many Mennonite colonies. Mom helped her aunt as a midwife and Dad provided the transportation for patients needing to go to city hospitals.

Funeral Service was held Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 2:00 PM at Winkler Mennonite Church. Wiebe's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made in John's memory to the Salem Foundation, 165 15th St. Winkler, MB for Palliative Care at Salem Home.

The Board and staff of the MHCA express sincere condolences to the Wiebe family and extend our sympathies to everyone at JKW Construction Ltd. during this difficult time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Borger".

Henry Borger, MHCA Chair

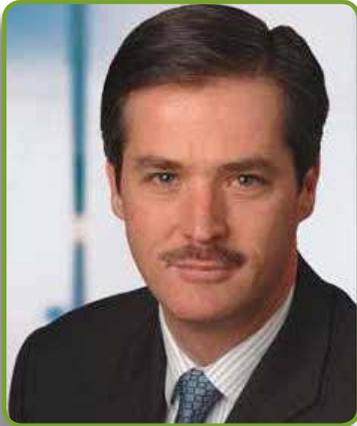
Chris Lorenc, B.A., LL.B.

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MHCA President

## Mid-Year Export Checkup

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



Peter G. Hall



Economic data for the first half of 2013 are almost all tabulated. At the beginning of the year, hopes were high that international trade would step up, compensating for the increasingly sluggish consumer and housing sectors. Is Canadian export performance surpassing, meeting or falling behind early-year expectations?

A quick fly-by of the numbers could be quite discouraging. Compared with last year, the 2013 numbers don't look that great across a number of industries. But here's where a bit of context is useful. In each of the prior three years, exports entered the year with great momentum, only to falter in the summer months. This wasn't due to normal seasonal variation, but in each case was the result of significant extraordinary and unpredictable events. This year is different - hopes were high at the outset, but without the same momentum factor. As such, year-over-year data aren't great - but is there a brighter story in more recent developments?

On the whole, monthly export movements have been quite decent, if somewhat volatile, since last December. Exports have grown at an annualized pace of 5 per cent since then, getting some assistance from global price movements and the weaker Canadian dollar. Fluctuations in activity are at least in part due to carry-over effects from the disruptive impacts of Hurricane Sandy and the late-2012 US fiscal cliff, and more recently the US end-March sequestration. With these events largely behind us, US demand is relatively intact and Canadian export growth has resumed - suggesting a stronger and more stable path in the second half of the year.

Despite the US disruptions, exports stateside were actually a strong driver of overall trade in the first six months of the year. Whether measured by monthly growth or year-to-year gains, the US was better than average on all metrics. Other OECD nations were the laggards. Traffic to those locations is also volatile, but export numbers are almost singularly indicating the softness of the EU, Japan and other OECD economies. Like the US, emerging market stats were also ahead of average, but counter to recent experience, the US numbers actually edged ahead in the January-June period.

Recent results were buoyed by industries higher up the value chain. The energy and metals sectors disappointed, underperforming the average. However, the grouping including chemicals, plastics and rubber was a standout, in spite of facing tight pricing conditions. In line with growing US momentum, exports of consumer and forestry products are also doing very well. Normally volatile, the aerospace industry has also racked up impressive growth in recent months.

Key to overall performance are the auto, industrial machinery and electronic products sectors. In each case, recent growth has picked up considerably, but it's making up for less-than-stellar performance in the second half of 2012. Matching or exceeding last year's figures will require further vibrant growth.

On the whole, recent performance is a relief. Last year's second-half slowdown was a blow to most industries, testing already-weak confidence. Overall export numbers are not quite what we thought they would be at this point, and clearly, more growth will be needed if the export sector is to move into the role of growth engine for the Canadian economy. Currently, the general direction is encouraging, and late-breaking key indicators suggest that global momentum is going the right way.

The bottom line? Canada's economy is still in transition from the faltering engine of the domestic economy to the high-potential international trade engine. The switch is taking time, weighing on progress, but current conditions point to increased export momentum in the remainder of the year.

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