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WCRHCA ANNUAL CONVENTION

Sunday, February 7 to Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Maui, Hawaii
Fairmont Kea Lani

Early Valentine's Day Gift for the Ladies

The B.C. Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association's maintenance contractors kept the BC tradition of gifting the lovely women at the Convention with a special piece of Hawaiian jewelry.

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Great workshops, speakers and learning opportunities

The WCR&HCA Convention provided some great learning opportunities:

The opening keynote speaker was the **Honourable John Baird, P.C**. Mr. Baird talked Canadian politics and shared some of his interesting insights on the recent federal election and his take on how/why events unfolded as they did. He also provided some predictions on what we can expect over the next four years regarding the economy and the new Liberal government's planned approach to infrastructure stimulus spending.

The Infrastructure Forum focused on priorities looking forward and facilitator **Bob Vaughan** worked with panelists, **Anibal Valente**, 2015 Chair of CCA and Vice President of PCL Constructors; **Todd Hirsch**, Chief Economist, ATB Financial; and **Michael Atkinson**, President of the CCA. All panelists had the opportunity to comment on timely topics such as federal long-term strategic investment in infrastructure plans; their thoughts on P3s; and ongoing challenges to the industry.

The closing keynote speaker was **Todd Hirsch**, Chief Economist of ATB Financial. Todd provided a thoughtful economic outlook for Western Canada in 2016. He talked about various facets related to the Canadian economy and provided insights on how each of the Western provinces is faring considering the changes in the markets such as oil prices. He also shared his forecasts on what each of the Western provinces should expect in the near future.

The workshop sessions offered these pertinent and timely topics for delegates to choose from:

- First Step: A 360 Degree View on How to Exit Your Business (Renaissance Mergers & Acquisitions Inc.)
- Making Information Pay: Operator Training Beyond Levers, Pedals and Dexterity (Komatsu America)
- Stop Multitasking and Get More Done (Bob Vaughan & Associates)
- Positioning for Profit (Brandt)
- Subguard and Other Subcontractor Default Insurance (SDI) Programs (Aon Risk Solutions)
- Legal Analysis of Roadbuilder and Heavy Construction Claims: Litigation, Workers' Compensation and Catastrophic Losses (Whitelaw Twining Law Corp.)
- Clean Bond Coat Asphalt Emulsion (McAsphalt Industries Ltd.)
- Oscillation Technology (Wirtgen America Inc.)

Aon Golf Classic Winners

The WCR&HCA Convention Aon-sponsored Golf Classic Tournament took place at the Wailea Golf Club's Gold Course on February 9. There were 142 participants and it was a spectacular day of golf. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Longest Drive (Men) – Jeff Warren, WD Industrial Group

Longest Drive (Women) – Carol Mulkay, Sandstar Construction

Closest to the Pin (Men) – Steve Small, Flatiron Construction (13 inches from the hole)

Closest to the Pin (Ladies) – Shelley Betton, Maple Leaf Construction (4 feet, 2 inches from the hole)

The winning low gross team with a score of 62:

Karl Loder, Bituminex Paving

Gerald Theroux, Bituminex Paving

William Wilson and Heather Decksheimer from Cubex Ltd.

2016 Western Canada Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association Post-Convention Report

The 2016 WCR&HCA's Annual Convention took place from February 7 to 10 at the spectacular Fairmont Kea Lani Resort in Maui, Hawaii. The Convention attracted more than 500 delegates from all four member provinces. British Columbia was well-represented and took advantage of the opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the BCRB&HCA. Throughout the Convention, attendees participated in meaningful networking opportunities, listened to inspiring keynote speakers, engaged in a variety of educational workshops and enjoyed an outstanding evening social program. It was a true family affair with almost 100 children in attendance.

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A special thank you to our major sponsors for four wonderful evenings social events:

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers sponsored the Welcome Reception on February 7. The event was a lively kick-off dinner with the theme "A Tribute to Contractors" that transformed the venue into a construction zone complete with orange traffic cones and barricades. The event was held outdoors around one of the hotel's pools, providing wonderful opportunities to network and enjoy local musicians.

Brandt (John Deere) sponsored the evening event on February 8 – the Feelin' Groovy – A Step Back to the 60's reception and dinner, which included a DJ spinning classic 60's tunes and a delicious buffet dinner. The evening's theme was embraced by many of the delegates, who outdid themselves with their 60's garb. The hotel's lawn overlooking the ocean was transformed with tie-dyed tablecloths, coloured lanterns and other groovy décor.

WCR&HCA delegates spent the evening at the Maui Ocean Center on February 9, courtesy of **SMS Equipment**. The delegates had the unique experience of touring the fascinating walk-in and interactive exhibits as well as the numerous food stations set up in this popular tourist destination that was closed to the public for our event.

Caterpillar (Finning & Toromont) sponsored the closing evening event on February 10 – Classic Evening with Elvis in Burn'n Love. Following a buffet dinner on the hotel lawn at sunset, world-class Elvis impersonator Darren Lee performed an exclusive show for our delegates that had everyone on their feet dancing.