



# Chalkline

November 2016

## Wildwood Construction Takes First Place at the 2016 Fall Sporting Clay Shoot

As the sun began to rise on Thursday morning, it was obvious that it was going to be a great day for our Fall Sporting Clay Shoot which was sponsored by Jackson EMC and Builders First Source.

Our members and guests started arriving at 8:00 am to get ready for a day of shooting. Once everyone was signed in, we officially began the day with a safety meeting from the staff of Etowah Valley.

The staff at Etowah Valley always does a great job hosting our event and as always, their main concern is that we have a fun and safe event.

By 9:30 am, the shooters were on the course for a "shotgun" start.

By 11:30 am the first of the teams started arriving back at the clubhouse ready for a lunch that provided by Southern Foam and Coating Insulation of North Georgia and consisted of sliced smoked pork loin, chips, cole slaw, brunsick stew, banana pudding and apple pie for dessert. up with lunch, we started drawing for door prizes. We had everything from baseball caps to camping chairs, gift cards to Yeti cups, and T-shirts to golf balls.

Next was time, after a little confusion,



### Scenes from the HBA of North Ga Fall Sporting Clay Shoot

to recognize the winning team of the shoot. Our winner for the day was the team of Wyndell Thomas and Stuart Hinton of Wildwood Construction who shot 78% for the day, with Stuart Hinton also being our high shooter.

To conclude the day, we had the drawing for our grand prize of a choice between a Pelican 85 quart rolling cooler or a Stoeger M3500 12 gauge shotgun which was provided by Roofing Resources of Georgia. Our grand prize winner was Kevin Pemberton of PDW Masonry.

## Calendar of Events

November 10

Membership Meeting

November 17

HBA Board Meeting

November 24

Thanksgiving

December 1

Membership Meeting

December 15

HBA Board Meeting

December 25

Christmas Day

January 1

New Years Day

January 5

Membership Meeting

January 10 - 12

IBS - Orlando

## What Does Membership Mean to our Association

The HBA of North Georgia survives because of our membership. In return, the HBA of North Georgia, the Home Builders Association of Georgia (HBAG), and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) represent the construction industry on the local, State, and National level. Just last year alone, the NAHB, through its lobbying and legislative actions, the HAHB saved builders an average of \$5700 on the cost of each house. That does not include the efforts of the local and state associations. This coming year, the ICC will be working on the code changes that will be taking effect in their 2018 edition, and with the overreach of the federal government, the building associations need help more than ever. There are already over 2000 proposed code changes for the 2018 edition. Our industry often has very little input on these changes. Instead, these changes are originated by outside entities such as the fire marshals, forestry service, OSHA, EPD, and even the manufacturers that want their

products mandated.

While Green Building and Energy Efficiency is on the top of everyone's mind, it is also a major factor in the origination of new codes. While the NAHB is in favor of energy efficiency, it wants is a common sense approach. Many of the proposed energy codes sound good on paper until you look at the financial impact. Many of these proposed changes have an enormous cost with a minimal savings. The NAHB feels that any proposed energy code changes should have a 10 year payback or less. This is a common sense approach to code changes. Your local, state, and national home building associations are often the only resistance to the federal government overreach that is going on in your industry. Please encourage your associates to join your association. Growth in membership benefits you and your business.

Please help us keep you profitable.

## HBA of North Georgia Student Chapter Update

Last year, the HBA of North Georgia and the Lanier Charter Academy teamed up and created a student chapter of our association. Our student chapter consisted of the best of the best construction students in Hall County. These students competed in local, regional, and state competitions throughout the year with great success. They are the best students from each high school and are allowed to come together every morning at Lanier Charter Academy to make up a one of a kind program called Habitat High.

Habitat High students spend the first two class periods each day working

together on construction projects and then return to their respective high schools to complete the remainder of their day.

We have teamed up with Rodney Pressley, the construction instructor, again this year to help get his students involved and excited about the construction industry. Rodney is always looking for professionals from our industry to come and speak to his classes and give them a perspective on "real life" building. His students need to see our industry first hand instead of just what they learn from the textbooks.

## Thank You Sporting Clay Sponsors and Shooters!



We would like to thank everyone that helped out with our sporting clay shoot this fall. Our clay shoots are the major fundraisers that keep our association going and without the your sponsorship and participation, that would not be possible. So, once again, thank you shooters, event sponsors, meal sponsors, gun sponsors, corporate sponsors, and station sponsors.

# Students Should Consider Careers in Residential Construction

As NAHB celebrates Careers in Construction Month in October, builders around the country seek skilled craftsmen to help them build the American Dream.

The overall trend for open construction jobs has been increasing since the end of the Great Recession. According to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics data and analysis by NAHB, there were 214,000 open construction sector jobs in July, the second highest monthly count of open, unfilled jobs since May 2007.

“Residential construction offers a number of fulfilling career opportunities, from architects and engineers to carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters and landscapers,” said NAHB Chairman Ed Brady.

Many workers left the home building industry during the Great Recession, and not nearly enough of them have returned, resulting in project delays and higher costs.

NAHB’s [Student Chapters Program](#) is an important part of preparing the next generation of



**Students and teachers from State College Area High School in Pennsylvania.**

building professionals. With 140 secondary, two-year and four-year college chapters throughout the country, the program offers students first-hand exposure to the building industry through NAHB membership, educational programming and networking opportunities.

[NAHB’s educational partner, HBI](#), is a national leader for career training in the building industry. HBI offers educational programs in 41 states, reaching more than 13,000 students each year. These include more than 5,000 students in HBI’s pre-apprenticeship programs.

## Update on Construction Liability

The latest issue of the NAHB [Construction Liability](#) and Risk Management Update includes a number of posts of interest to home building industry professionals. Read about:

- A Pennsylvania Superior Court decision holding that subsequent purchasers may assert claims for fraud and violation of the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law against the original home builder;
- A certified question to the Florida Supreme Court regarding whether that state’s statutorily prescribed notice and repair process constitutes a “suit” under a Commercial General Liability (CGL) policy;
- A South Carolina Supreme Court decision refusing to compel arbitration in a residential construction contract.

## Toolkit Seeks Less Red Tape

The White House in September released a [Housing Development Toolkit](#) that highlights regulatory barriers to housing development and outlines tools and strategies that local governments can use to diminish the impact these barriers have on housing production and affordability.

NAHB has long embraced a move toward fewer regulatory roadblocks and more efficient development processes. But while it supports many of the recommendations in the White House toolkit, NAHB believes there is too much emphasis on inclusionary zoning.

NAHB recently released a report—[Development Process Efficiency](#): Cutting through the Red Tape—which offers examples of developers, builders, land use officials and others working together to improve the local development approval process.

# Building Codes Lessons from Michigan

Lee Schwartz is helping the members of the [HBA of Michigan](#) build safer, smarter and more efficiently – and not spend an arm and a leg in the process.

His secret? Building codes.

His mission? Making sure that building code officials – the inspectors and others who visit jobsites and have a vested interest in ensuring that homes stay affordable so people can buy them and contribute to their community's tax base – have a bigger say in the building and energy codes that govern home building.

Schwartz and the HBA of Michigan, where he is executive vice president for government relations, led a statewide effort this year to make sure more building officials can vote when the International Code Council begins its public hearings the week of Oct. 17.

“We are partners in creating safe and affordable homes for families, and the code is a better code when you have building officials involved,” Schwartz said.

After crisscrossing the state and after dozens of HBA volunteers knocked on city hall doors and mailed or dropped off hundreds of information packets on how the voting process works, who is eligible, and what the issues are, members of the HBA of Michigan have reaped their just rewards: 231 building officials are eligible to vote in the hearings or later in the online voting process that takes place in November. That's up from 57 officials in 2015.

“Everywhere we went, and I stress everywhere, the code officials expressed the same sentiments: ‘The code has gotten out of control, it's too complex, it's been taken over by manufacturers and special interests, we need to be involved,’” Schwartz said. And most importantly, “‘Thank you for having this meeting and telling us about this.’”

NAHB's [Codes Advocacy Kit](#) highlights key codes issues for the residential construction industry.



## Thanks to our Officers and Board of Directors

The leadership of our association is made up of volunteers who freely give their time and energy to our association. These are members that have recognized the importance of this association to their industry and the future of their business and for that, we say thank you!

We are constantly looking for members that are willing to donate a little of their time and energy to the leadership of our association. If you have an interest in becoming part of the leadership of our group, please talk to Mike Roberson or any of our current officers or board members. Our officers generally serve a two year term, at which time they may choose to stay on the leadership team or step down.

By bringing on new leadership, we are able to bring fresh new ideas to the association and become a better and stronger organization for you and your business.