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**Staff Changes** In September, Ryan Shaver (*left*) becomes NCMCA's new Executive Vice President and Jodi Helms joins the NCMCA as Office Manager. Lynn Nash, who has managed the Association since 1997, will stay on to assist with the transition until his retirement at the end of May 2023.

## Big Changes in September

Beginning in September, Ryan Shaver, who joined NCMCA in the spring of 2018 as Workforce Development and Training Coordinator, will become the Association's Executive Vice President and chief executive officer and will begin moving the NCMCA office from Hickory to Mount Pleasant, North Carolina. Lynn Nash, who has been the Association executive since 1997, will stay on until his full retirement in May 2023 to assist with the transition.

Also in September, Jodi Helms will join NCMCA as officer manager.

Forty-seven-year-old Ryan Shaver has worked in the masonry industry for some thirty years beginning at Mount Pleasant High School instructed by Mason Contractors Association of America Masonry (MCAA) Hall of Fame member Doug Drye.

As a student, Ryan won multiple masonry contests including the North Carolina State Fair Contest in

1992 and the VICA National High School Masonry Contest in 1993. That same year, he began working full time for McGee Brothers Company of Monroe. The company's President, Sam McGee, also a member of the MCAA Masonry Hall of Fame, often visited Ryan's school and successfully recruited Ryan to the industry.

Ryan worked for McGee Brothers for more than ten years before gaining his general contracting license. He began building houses, self-performing masonry work on the projects.

With the economic downturn in 2008, Ryan began his teaching career in 2009 at his alma mater when his instructor, Doug Drye, retired and recruited Ryan for the position. During his eight years of teaching, Ryan had multiple state and national champions and successfully recruited many students into the

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**New Masonry Instructors' Officers** In July, the North Carolina Masonry Instructors Association met in Greensboro and elected new officers for the 2022-2023 term. Left to right, new Vice President, Fred Mason of Columbus College & Career Academy; new President Matthew Almond, North Stanly High School; out-going President Rodney Harrington, West Rowan High School, who served six years because of the pandemic; new secretary Chris Garner, Lee County High School; and new Treasurer Roland Dixon, Pender County High School. McGee Brothers Company hosted the instructors for a day of continuing education that included lunch provided by McGee Brothers Company and Adams/Oldcastle. Among the day's activities were hands-on demonstrations by Masonry Cosmetics, East Coast Brick Staining, iQ Power Tools, EZG Manufacturing, and Stabila.

## Message From the President

At this crucial point for our association, I'm very excited to welcome Ryan Shaver as our new Executive Vice President and Ms. Jodi Helms as our new office manager. Please join me in welcoming Ryan and Jodi as the core of our new leadership team for the NCMCA.

NCMCA was well represented this past week at the MCAA Mid-Year conference in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Lots of us were present as our own NCMCA Past President Gary Joyner was inducted into the MCAA Masonry Hall of Fame. Please join me in congratulating Gary on this lifetime achievement award.

We are currently wrapping up our ninth series of certification classes at the end of August with two consecutive days of classes on August 30th and 31st in Greensboro. Nine complete series of certification classes since 2006 is unprecedented in our industry and shows the NCMCA's strong commitment to the continuing education of our members.

Just this week the NCMCA received approval of a grant from the Masonry Foundation in the amount of \$30,000.00 to support the NCMCA Workforce Development Initiative. This grant pushes the total amount NCMCA has received from the Masonry Foundation to \$105,000.00! An amount far above any other single grant initiative. A recognition of the success of the program spearheaded by Ryan Shaver. Thanks to all who have supported and continue to support the Masonry Foundation.

Please check out the calendar of upcoming

events on page #8 of the newsletter. It is going to be a busy fall!

Among the events is the Annual Fall Golf Tournament in Mebane on September 22. A special thanks to our golf committee members Dwayne Bryant, Chris Mitchell and Chairman David McQueen for organizing a great event. Our golf tournament is the major source of support for the Sigmon Scholarship program, so thanks in advance for your support.

'Look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Fall Events. Bo

**James "Bo" Black, Jr., CME**  
President 2022-2024

## Welcome New Members

**Citadel Masonry, LLC**  
Jim Leopard (R3)  
Wilmington, NC  
*Recruited by Bo Black*

**United Rentals**  
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Greenville, NC  
[www.unitedrentals.com](http://www.unitedrentals.com)  
*Recruited by Tim Manning*

**401 South Construction, LLC**  
Frederick Moore (R1)  
Lexington, NC  
[www.401south.com](http://www.401south.com)  
*Recruited by Koontz Masonry*

**Spirit Sales Group, LLC**  
Scott Kind (A1)  
Raleigh, NC  
[www.spiritsalesgroup.com](http://www.spiritsalesgroup.com)  
*Recruited by Ben Brookshire*

We would like to thank all of our friends in the NCMCA for our ongoing partnership. Hope everyone has a safe and relaxing Labor Day Weekend!

Key Upcoming Health Insurance Dates:

Medicare Annual Open Enrollment  
October 15<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>

Individual Medical Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment for 2023: November 1<sup>st</sup> – January 15<sup>th</sup>.  
(enroll by December 15<sup>th</sup> for January 1 effective date)

Give us a call for expert consultation on the right coverage for you!

336-777-8500



**The Joyner Family at Lake Geneva** In August, Shelly and Gary Joyner were joined by family at the Mason Contractors Association of America (MCAA) Mid-Year Meeting to celebrate Gary's induction into the MCAA Masonry Hall-of-Fame. Left to right, grandson Anderson, Krista and Chris, Shelly with granddaughter Sophia, "Pop Pop" Gary, and Jennifer and Nathan. Granddaughters Hannah Grace and Hadyn didn't make the trip but watched induction banquet activities "live" on FaceTime.

## Gary Joyner Makes the Hall-of-Fame

### Members Enjoy the MCAA Mid-Year Meeting in Wisconsin

NCMCA two-time Past President Gary Joyner recently received national recognition for his contributions and ongoing involvement in the nation's masonry industry. Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Joyner Masonry Works, Inc. in Greenville, North Carolina, Gary was inducted into the National Masonry Hall-of-Fame at the Mason Contractors Association of America (MCAA) closing banquet during the August MCAA Annual Mid-Year Meeting held in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Gary grew up in Goldsboro with his brother who was six years older. In Gary's teen years he achieved the Rank of "Eagle Scout" also earning the "God and Country Award" and belonged to the "Order of the Arrow".

In 1971 Gary entered East Carolina University majoring in Industrial Arts with the intention of becoming a wood shop teacher. During his college years Gary took a sabbatical and answered a help wanted ad in the paper to become a Wheelbarrow Operator for a residential masonry contractor. He said he was plenty qualified and was good at it.

After a few years Gary returned to college but decided that a wood shop teacher would be too confining, so he went to work for a construction company as their Masonry Division Manager (Gary and his laborer).

Gary Joyner launched Joyner Masonry Works, Inc. in 1978 primarily performing residential masonry. Since then, the firm has grown to become one of the larger masonry contracting firms in the state and

has performed work on prominent projects across eastern North Carolina including work at NC State University, Duke University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Gary's son Chris is now the President of the firm.

In 1981 Gary became involved with the North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association. Gary says, "Becoming involved in NCMCA was the single most important experience and the turning point in my career. The knowledge gained from the association with other masonry contractors from around the state was immeasurable." In 1987 Gary was elected President of NCMCA for the first time.

In 1997 Gary was among the group that decided to make the bold move to open a full time NCMCA office with a full time executive manager.

Gary regularly serves as a judge for various high school, SkillsUSA, and apprentice masonry contests. He is a strong advocate, recruiter and promoter of NCMCA's Masonry Contractor Certification Program.

Gary has been a presenter at events for the National High School Masonry Instructors Association, the Brick Industry Association Annual Brick Forum, and for other regional and national masonry promotional groups.

As the neighboring states South Carolina and Virginia have worked to develop and strengthen their own masonry contractor associations and recruitment and workforce development efforts, Gary has volunteered his time consulting with those state's masonry leaders, offering expertise and experience.

In 2006, Gary was among the leadership team that created the successful NCMCA Masonry Contractor Certification Program. Both Gary and son Chris hold

individual "Certified Masonry Executive" status in the program. Joyner Masonry Works is an NCMCA Certified Masonry Contractor firm.

In 2012 Gary was the first person ever to be elected to a second term as NCMCA President.

Gary was on the committee that finally created a full time NCMCA staff position for workforce development and training and participated in hiring Ryan Shaver to fill that position.

Gary remains very involved with the NCMCA but has now turned much attention towards the MCAA. Gary has served on several national committees and has been very active with the Legislative Committee traveling to Washington DC to meet with congressman and senators about issues that affect our industry. Gary continues to serve as MCAA Region "B" Vice President.

When the Masonry Foundation was formed, Gary became very active in securing donations. He has been responsible for a substantial portion of the funds raised to date. Gary now serves as the Chairman of the Foundation and continues the push to secure contributions to the Foundation's principle.

To date, NCMCA has received \$105,000 in Masonry Foundation grants for the association's workforce development initiative, including a \$30,000 grant for 2022 approved at the Lake Geneva meeting.

The Masonry Hall of Fame was created by the Mason Contractors Association of America "to recognize and award individuals who have dedicated their lives to the masonry industry." Gary Joyner joins forty other individuals previously inducted into the Hall-of-Fame, including four from North Carolina: Glenn W. Sipe (2012,) Sam McGee (2014,) Bob Merrill (2019,) and instructor Doug Drye (2020.)

Along with Gary Joyner, Past MCAA President Richard "Mike" Johnston of Johnston Construction Company in Tacoma, Washington was also inducted into the Hall-of-Fame for 2022.

Fellow Masonry Hall-of-Fame member Robert "Buddie" Barnes, Chairman of the Board of Dee Brown, Inc. of Texas, nominated Joyner for the Hall-of-Fame and introduced Gary at the Hall-of-Fame banquet.

Gary tells *North Carolina Masonry News*, "It took 49 years to go from a wheelbarrow to the Masonry Hall of Fame. The evening of August 17th was truly the highlight of my career. I will never forget it."

Gary and his wife Shelly live in Greenville. They have two grown and married sons and four grandchildren.

NCMCA was well represented at Mid-Year with a number of members attending. In addition to Gary Joyner, NCMCA board members participating were NCMCA President Bo Black, Past-President Calvin Brodie, Past-President Kent Huntley, who also serves as MCAA Treasurer, NCMCA Secretary-Treasurer Tim Manning, and newly appointed NCMCA Executive Vice President Ryan Shaver.

# Pruett Finds Atlanta Gold

By Ryan Shaver

Anderson Pruett of West Rowan High School is the Champion of the 2022 Atlanta National SkillsUSA High School Masonry Contest.

North Carolina and Anderson have once again made history bringing home the state's 39th Gold medal in the 57-year history of SkillsUSA, which was founded as Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) in 1965. The name was changed to SkillsUSA in 1998.

The June event at the Georgia World Congress Center and State Farm Arena was the first time Atlanta has ever hosted the National SkillsUSA Annual Conference. There is a contract for Atlanta to be the host city for the next four years.

I have had the pleasure for the last five years to serve as co-chair of the masonry contest along with Jeff Buczkiewicz from the MCAA.

There were many new challenges this year with a new location moving from the previous host location of Louisville, Kentucky. As always with the masonry industry, everyone rose to the challenge and made it a truly great event! I was able to secure twenty-one judges from eleven different states that did the judging for both the secondary and

post secondary divisions. I made sure to pair judges on each of the nine criteria that were from different states and that proved to be a great thing for the most precise and consistent overall outcome. I designed the project while on the tour of the facility in January and Cad Blox put it into a very professional format for the contestants. This year's project had a huge "A" if the face that was projected a half an inch. This was a true representation of the Atlanta Braves who are the reigning World Series Champs.

All of the masonry contractors, material suppliers, and industry leaders were on hand to make this contest possible from across the nation! We had a total of forty contestants from across the country that qualified to compete by winning their state SkillsUSA masonry contest. The contestants were given six hours to build the project and they had no prior knowledge of the project until the briefing the day before the contest. Our goal at the national level is to find the best overall project on the floor from

the nine categories of judging criteria.

North Carolina once again proved to be setting the standard and Anderson Pruett from West Rowan High School claimed the Gold Medal! His instructor, Rodney Harrington is no stranger on the national level. Rodney has had multiple past champions in regional, state, and national events. Rodney works very hard with his students and encourages them to be the best they can be and also works to get them ready for the masonry industry when they graduate high school. This dedication has shown through in his students and that is to be highly recognized.



**National Masonry Medalists 2022** Contest Co-Chairman Ryan Shaver (left) joins the winners of the Atlanta National SkillsUSA Masonry Contest. Bottom, left to right, High School/Secondary medalists Samuel Berryman (PA,) Silver; Anderson Pruett (NC,) Gold; and Ross Nye (OH,) Bronze. Top, left to right, post-secondary winners Robert McKibben (TX,) Silver; Chris Parker (TN,) Gold; and Ryan Fallon (PA,) Bronze. West Rowan High School Masonry Instructor Rodney Harrington, whose students hold three other National Gold Medals, accompanied Pruett for the Atlanta event. *Photo courtesy of SkillsUSA.*

Anderson is now working for Helms Masonry and is starting his career with the skills that were taught to him in the high school setting. Another example of what a masonry program in the local high school is capable of!

Thanks to all that helped make this national event possible and I look forward to the journey to Atlanta that will start early spring in North Carolina with all of our regional and state contests!!!

The National SkillsUSA Championships features more than 5,200 competitors in 108 hands-on skill and leadership contests. Each national contestant was a state gold medalist as is North Carolina's National Champion, Anderson Pruett.

SkillsUSA's membership of nearly 340,000 students and instructors encompasses middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary institutions in every state and three U.S. territories. SkillsUSA programming covers 130 trade, technical and skilled service occupations. SkillsUSA hosts the annual

conference at an estimated cost of more than \$36 million. It is considered the largest skill competition in the world and one of the single largest days of industry volunteerism in the United States. SkillsUSA represents 130 different occupational areas and adds contests to the SkillsUSA Championships each year to meet the demands of new or expanding careers.

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## NC SkillsUSA Masonry National Gold Medals

1969, Memphis, TN - Waverley Brinkley, J.R Hawkins High, Warrenton, Instructor, W.E. Exum

1972, Roanoke, VA - Frank Walter, Beaver Creek

High, West Jefferson, Instructor, Bobby Absher

1975, Washington, DC - Rocky Canupp, Central Cabarrus High, Concord, Instructor, Louis Suther

1980 - Atlanta, GA - Harold Trogden, South Johnston High, Four Oaks, Instructor, Phillip Hagwood

1986, Phoenix, AZ - Timmy Medlin, Clayton High, Clayton, Instructor, Jesse Grissom

1987, Wichita, KS - Chandler McGee, Central Cabarrus High, Concord, Instructor, Louis Suther

1990, Tulsa, OK - Shann Womble, Mount Pleasant High, Mt. Pleasant, Instructor, Doug Drye

1992, Louisville, KY - Frank Paul, Mount Pleas-

ant High, Mt. Pleasant, Instructor, Doug Drye

1993, Louisville, KY - Ryan Shaver, Mount Pleasant High, Mt. Pleasant, Instructor, Doug Drye

1994, Kansas City, MO - Jason Hamby, South Caldwell High, Hudson, Instructor, Jesse Fox

1995, Kansas City, MO - Jason Hamby, South Caldwell High, Hudson, Instructor, Jesse Fox

1997, Kansas City, MO - Brandon Tarlton, Union County Career Center, Monroe, Instructor, Tim Kidd

1998, Kansas City, MO - Chad Smith, Mt. Pleasant High Mt. Pleasant, Instructor, Doug Drye

1999, Kansas City, MO - Bryan Crouse, South Caldwell High, Hudson, Instructor, Jesse Fox

2000, Kansas City, MO - Ben Petrea, Mount Pleasant High, Mt. Pleasant, Instructor, Doug Drye

2000, Kansas City, MO - Joseph Issak, Caldwell CC (Post Secondary) Hudson, Instructor, Jesse Fox

2001, Kansas City, MO - Garrett Hood, Central Cabarrus High, Concord, Instructor, Todd Hartsell

2003, Kansas City, MO - Cody Alward, Mount

Pleasant High, Mt. Pleasant, Instructor, Doug Drye  
2004, Kansas City, MO - Cody Alward, Mt. Pleasant High (Post-Secondary), Mt. Pleasant, Instructor Doug Drye

2005, Kansas City, MO - Dallas Caudle, Central Cabarrus High, Concord, Instructor, Todd Hartsell  
2005, Kansas City, MO - Josh Morrison, Central Cabarrus High (Post-Secondary), Concord, Instructor Todd Hartsell

2006, Kansas City, MO - Josh Kimrey, Mt. Pleasant High, Mt. Pleasant, Instructor Doug Drye

2007, Kansas City, MO - Marcus Hefner, West Stanly High, Oakboro, Instructor, Tim Kidd

2009, Kansas City, MO - Jared Gandy, Mt. Pleasant High, Mt. Pleasant, Instructor, Ryan Shaver

2011, Kansas City, MO - Dylan Ennis, Central Cabarrus High (Post-Secondary), Concord, Instructor, Todd Hartsell

2012, Kansas City, MO - Jordan Hartsell, Central Cabarrus High (Post-Secondary), Concord, Instructor, Todd Hartsell

2013, Kansas City, MO - Brent Austin, Central Cabarrus High (Post-Secondary), Concord, Instructor, Todd Hartsell

2013, Kansas City, MO - Andrew Mullis, South Rowan High School, China Grove. Instructor, Ronnie Milller

2014, Kansas City, MO - Daniel Furr, Mount Pleasant High School, (Post-Secondary), Mount Pleasant, Instructor, Ryan Shaver

2015, Louisville, KY - Luke Dutton, West Rowan High School, Mount Ulla, Instructor, Rodney Harrington

2015, Louisville, KY - Alex Ossoski, Central Cabarrus High School, Concord (Post-Secondary) Instructor, Todd Hartsell

2016, Louisville, KY - Kelby Thornton, Central Cabarrus High School, Concord. Instructor, Todd Hartsell

2016, Louisville, KY - Cody Harrison, Mount Pleasant High School, Mount Pleasant, (Post-Secondary) Instructor, Ryan Shaver

2017, Louisville, KY - Kelby Thornton, Central Cabarrus High School, Concord. Instructor, Todd Hartsell

2018, Louisville, KY - Mason Saunders, Mount Pleasant High School, Mount Pleasant. Instructor Cody Alward

2018, Louisville, KY - Ashton White, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Salisbury. (Post-Secondary.) Instructor, Rodney Harrington.

2019, Louisville, KY - Ashton White, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Salisbury. (Post-Secondary.) Instructor, Rodney Harrington.

2019, Louisville, KY - Grant Helms, West Rowan High School, Mt. Ulla. Instructor, Rodney Harrington.

2022, Atlanta, GA - Anderson Pruet, West Rowan High School, Mt. Ulla. Instructor, Rodney Harrington.

# Fall Brings Fun Times and Huge Events!!

As summer is coming to a close, we are gearing up for all things that will happen in the next few months.

Our quarterly board meeting will be on September 7th and this will be the biggest board meeting that I have been involved in since I was hired in 2018! I encourage everyone to attend because we will have a ton of exciting things that will take place that day, including the introduction of the new office manager, Mrs. Jodi Helms!!

Our annual NCMCA golf tournament will be the next great event and it will be held at Mill Creek and will be on September 22nd. The golf committee has done a tremendous job and has put together what I believe will be the best golf tournament to date! The EZG Manufacturing hole-in-one prize will be huge and hopefully a lucky swing will land someone this prize! Make sure you participate and everyone that plays will be fed well thanks to the Argos USA team!

Moving into October, the 6th annual Masonry Education Day will happen at Stalite's Ben Ketchie Park in Gold Hill. This day highlights our trade and everything masonry has to offer. I have already been in multiple school programs this month and the students are ready for an action packed day that they get to cheer on their school in the various contests held that day. I will be calling you and let's make this day so much fun for the students who will be our next generation of craftsmen!

Mid-October will mark the 66th annual appren-

ticeship contest at the State Fair. On October 17th, the state's best apprentices will go head to head in a three hour competition and the winner will move on to the Skills Challenge at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas. I have sent the registration link out and please get your apprentices registered by the deadline. We will need lots of volunteers for set up, to judging, to tear down that day so please plan on helping. If you can donate monetarily for tools and prizes, please let us know.

Rounding out the fall season we will have a recognition night sponsored by the Metrolina Chapter and that will be on November 3rd at 6:00 PM. The event will highlight all the apprentices that have placed well in the Sam McGee Memorial as well as the State Fair Contest. We will also recognize seven apprentices from across the state that night who are the recipients of the Mortar Net Scholarship. The event will be held at The Farmstead in Mt. Pleasant, NC. Please plan on being there that night because we will have a great meal and multiple special guests.

A busy fall is ahead of us and our industry is primed and ready for all the new and exciting things that the NCMCA will be doing! I thank each of you for all your support and hope to serve in the role as chief executive officer to the best of my ability.

Sincerely, Ryan Shaver

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## Executive's Corner



**Ryan Shaver**  
NCMCA  
Executive Vice President



**The Atlanta Crew** Ryan Shaver (front, left) who co-chairs the SkillsUSA National Masonry Championship with MCAA's Jeff Buczkiewicz, had lots of help with the June contest in Atlanta, including many NCMCA celebrities. Photo by Ashton White

# Thirty-Second Annual NCMCA Golf Tournament

Thursday September 22, 2022 - **11:00 AM** Shotgun Start

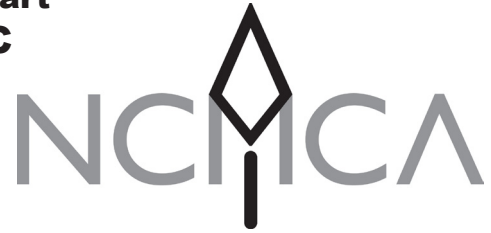
**Mill Creek Golf & Country Club - Mebane, NC**

1700 St. Andrews Drive, Mebane, NC 27302

**Proceeds support NCMCA Projects  
and Sigmon Design Scholarship fund**

*First hundred registered golfers will receive NCMCA logo cap!  
Soft spikes and collared shirts required. No blue jeans. <sup>1</sup>Note earlier start time.*

**Complementary boxed lunches provided**



Join us for great fellowship and golf as you support the North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association. Four-person\* modified "Captain's Choice" format: \$125.00 per player for green fee, cart, practice balls, boxed lunch, refreshments, a shot at the *EZG Manufacturing* Mud Hog MH9 9 cubic foot mixer hole-in-one prize, awards, and a barbecued chicken dinner afterwards by *Argos USA*.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member "A" \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member "B" \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member "C" \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member "D" \_\_\_\_\_

**Be a sponsor and promote your company as you support NCMCA!**

**Gold** - \$900 includes four players, special recognition sign  
*("Gold" sponsorship complimentary for any company entering three or more teams)*

**Silver** - \$800 includes four players, special recognition sign

**Bronze** - \$700 includes four players special recognition sign

**Hole Sponsor** - \$125 for tee sign



**For Sponsors - Name for Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Golfers** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tee Sponsorships** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Sponsor (circle one) @ \$900 - \$800 - \$700** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Mulligans** advance payment @ \$50 per foursome \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total :** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Important:** Only four-person teams are eligible for the tournament championship. Registrations submitted with fewer than four players are welcomed but should be submitted early to secure placement on a complete team. *(Good faith effort will be made, however no guarantee of four-person placement is implied.)* It is suggested that late registrations be submitted only with four players.  
**Cancellation deadline: 5:00**

Mail to: **NCMCA Golf Tournament**  
**Post Office Box 3463**  
**Hickory, NC 28603-3463**  
**Information@ncmca.com (828) 324-1564**

Make Checks Payable to "NCMCA"  
Call or e-mail for VISA or MasterCard payments (5% fee applies)  
Members in good standing may request an invoice  
No payments accepted or money exchanged at the tournament  
Invoice or pay in advance only

Contributions and registration fees paid to the North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expense.

Application Completed by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Member News

Raleigh Chapter Past President Ron Williams of CityLink Construction has retired from the Army after thirty-four years of service. A retirement ceremony was held June 5th for Chief Warrant Officer Five Ronald M. D. Williams of the 449th Combat Aviation Brigade. (Ron's now gonna have to buy his own helicopter...)

In June, our friends at the Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute (RMMI) hosted NCMCA's Ryan Shaver in Denver for two days of meetings and educational sessions. RMMI is looking to duplicate NCMCA's success in creating and maintaining masonry instruction in secondary schools. RMMI has been a good partner with NCMCA over the years, especially in developing masonry contractor certification programs.

After twenty-plus years, Jeff Lausterer has retired as the masonry instructor at White Oak High School in Jacksonville. The school is seeking his replacement. For information, contact Ryan Shaver.

Chip Venable is now Vice President of Old North State Masonry.

Johnson Concrete's Chuck Vogel is the recipient of the inaugural SCMA "Ambassador" award, a recognition created, selected and presented by SCMA President James Cain to recognize an SCMA member who has demonstrated exemplary service and dedication to the masonry industry, to the community, to SCMA, and to his family. Chuck was recognized at the closing banquet of the SCMA's June meeting at St. Simmons Island.

Steve Sipe, son of NCMCA's first president, Glenn W. Sipe, passed away at his home in Conover on June 18th after a long battle with kidney failure and diabetes. He was a past-president of the Western Carolina Chapter of NCMCA and was among the first to achieve "Certified Masonry Executive" (CME) status in the NCMCA Masonry Contractor Certification Program. Steven Woodrow Sipe was 78 and a Vietnam Army Veteran.



**Steve Sipe**

On Sunday June 26th, Steve Bell, SPEC MIX, lost his mother, Marie Jeanne (Fournier) Bell of Plainfield, Connecticut, and his father-in-law, Gigi's father, Ted Wasiak of Racine, Wisconsin, both on the same day.

Destiny and Anthony Vogel, Johnson Concrete Products, welcomed baby daughter Lumen Christine on June 19th. Their first. Chuck's granddaughter.

Ray Walls (Custom Brick & Supply) married Allison (Triangle Brick Company) on Saturday July 23rd.

Stalite's Ken Harmon was recognized by The

Georgia Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE) in the Engineering GA Magazine June issue with the 2022 "Engineer of the Year in Industry Award."

Dick Pennell passed away the first of August. Chairman of the Board of Metromont Corporation, many of us remember him from the days when Metromont was in the block and ready mixed concrete business in upper South Carolina and western North Carolina. Richard Hamer Pennell was 96 and lived in Spartanburg.

Dink Mitchell, retired from Gates Construction Company and a longtime fixture in the Carolinas masonry industry, passed away July 27th after a long struggle with illness. Dink earned the NCMCA "Certified Masonry Professional" (CMP) designation in 2011. Davis Covel "Dink" Mitchell was 68 and lived in Troutman. He is member Casey Mitchell's father. (Wemco Contracting.)



**Dink Mitchell**

Frank Werner, retired from Oldcastle, lost his father August 6th. Francis A. "Frank" Werner was 91 and lived in Missouri.



In August, Past President Calvin Brodie (above) drove from the MCAA Mid-Year meeting in Wisconsin to meet Frank Werner in Colorado for the 2022 "Triple Bypass" 68 mile bike ride from Georgetown to Vail. Elevations of almost 12,000 feet. Not much oxygen. And it rained a bunch. Tough guys.

Michael Pike, Adams Products Company Western

NC and Upstate SC Sales Manager, has been with Adams/Oldcastle and its predecessor companies for thirty-five years. He's retiring at the end of September. Adams/Oldcastle Vice President Gary Hensley announced that Dean Moore has been promoted to Sales Manager with Michael's retirement. Moore holds the "Certified Masonry Professional" (CMP) designation in the NCMCA Masonry Contractor Certification Program.

*News from the Carolina masonry community for publication in "Member News" is always welcomed. Medical and other personal news is not shared unless the individuals concerned have confirmed their approval for publication. Send member news to information@ncmca.com or call the NCMCA office.*

### Board of Directors Meeting

The NCMCA Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 PM on Wednesday September 7, 2022 in the conference room of Triangle Brick Company, 6523 NC Highway 55, Durham, 27713. Committee chairs, officers, and chapters should have written reports to the office before Monday September 5th. NCMCA Board meetings are open to members in good standing, however motions and voting are reserved for board members only. At the presiding officer's discretion, portions of the meeting may be conducted in "closed session" for board members only.

### Dates to Note

- 9/7/22 NCMCA Board of Directors Meeting, 1:00 PM, Triangle Brick Company – Durham
- 9/16/22 Entry Registration Deadline for 10/17/22 NC State Fair Masonry Apprentice Contest
- 9/22/22 NCMCA Annual Fall Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Golf & Country Club – Mebane
- 10/5/22 Masonry Education Day, Stalite Ben Ketchie Park – Gold Hill
- 10/17/22 Annual NC State Fair Masonry Apprentice Contest, State Fair Grounds – Raleigh
- 11/3/22 Metrolina Chapter Recognition Night, The Farmstead – Mount Pleasant
- 11/9/22 Metrolina Chapter Annual Fall Golf Tournament, Mooresville Municipal Golf Club – Mooresville
- 1/13-1/15/23 Raleigh Chapter Annual Murdell Golf Tournament – Grand Strand
- 4/27-4/30/23 NCMCA Convention, Kingston Plantation – Myrtle Beach
- 4/18-4/21/23 NC SkillsUSA State Conference (Masonry Contests), Greensboro Coliseum - Greensboro
- 5/20/23 Annual Samuel A. McGee Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest, EastWest Products – Kinston
- 9/17-9/21/23 MCAA Mid-Year Meeting, The Hotel Hershey – Hershey, PA
- 9/28/23 NCMCA Annual Fall Golf Tournament, (Details Pending)

*Additional details and registration forms are always available on the "Calendar" page of NCMCA.com.*

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trade. He was Mount Pleasant High School Teacher-of-the-Year and a finalist for Cabarrus County Teacher-of-the-Year in 2014.

Ryan left teaching in 2017 to work for lightweight aggregate producer Stalite calling on companies around the country to highlight the benefits of lightweight aggregate and to promote new proprietary CMU designs. The contacts Ryan made during his time crisscrossing the country for Stalite have proven to be a valuable tool for NCMCA.

During his time with Stalite, Ryan developed “Masonry Education Day,” an industry event that continues to be held annually at Stalite’s Ben Ketchie Park in Gold Hill. High school students from across the state enjoy a day of hands-on masonry related activities, demonstrations, and competitions. NCMCA members companies use the opportunity to recruit students to jobs and opportunities in the industry.

Since becoming NCMCA Workforce Development and Training Coordinator (WDTC) in 2018, Ryan has reinvigorated the state’s historically successful high school masonry programs creating new enthusiasm among the Carolinas’ masonry instructors. He worked with ApprenticeshipNC and the NC Department of Public Instruction to create an NCMCA sponsored masonry pre-apprentice program for high school students that has become the model for similar programs for other industries in the state.

At Ryan’s insistence, NCMCA purchased and outfitted a mobile training unit that has already logged thousands of miles traveling around North Carolina and surrounding states.

Ryan serves as cochairman, along with MCAA’s Jeff Buczkiewicz, of the SkillsUSA National Masonry Competitions.

Ryan remains in demand for his recruiting and training techniques by masonry promotional groups around the country looking to repeat North Carolina’s success with workforce development.

New office manager Jodi Helms lives in Mount Pleasant and is the daughter, wife, and mother of brick masons.

Before coming to NCMCA, she taught kindergarten for ten years. Jodi says, “I loved being around ‘little people’ but now I’m looking forward to being around ‘big people.’ I am so excited to be starting a new career at almost fifty years old.”

In addition to teaching, she has been the bookkeeper for her family’s business, NCMCA member firm Helms Masonry, Inc. of Mount Pleasant.

Jodi says masonry is in her blood. Her father, Gary Hartzell, was a masonry contractor for fifty years. She married Scott twenty-eight years ago, a “young man” she says, who “was equally passionate about masonry.” Their son twenty-year-old Grant, who earned his general contractor’s license at age nineteen and works in the family business, is a past winner of the NC State Fair Masonry Apprentice Contest (2018.) The National SkillsUSA High School

Masonry Championship (2019,) NCMCA Samuel A. McGee Memorial Masonry Apprentice Skills contest (2021,) and the MCAA Skills Challenge, Third Year Division at Las Vegas (2021.) Jodie says his competing in masonry competitions, “made me realize how really important trades can be in helping a young person choose a successful and fulfilling career path.”

Scott and Jodi’s eighteen-year-old daughter, Holly, is also a high achiever. She earned her private pilot’s license at seventeen and is attending Cabarrus School of Health and Science pursuing a career in occupational therapy.

Jodie says family, her dogs, exercise and the beach are “the things that are near and dear to me.” She adds, “Ice cream is pretty important too!”

Jodie says, “I look forward to working with Ryan in bringing NCMCA to our hometown of Mount Pleasant, North Carolina.”

Ryan and Jodi are outfitting a new office at the intersection of NC Highway 49 and North Drive in Mount Pleasant. The move should be complete and the new office functioning by early 2023.

Retiring executive Lynn Nash says, “In addition to bringing a wealth of experience and talent to the job, Ryan has brought lots of infectious enthusiasm to everyone in the Carolinas masonry industry. Ryan and Jodi are bringing youthful new energy to the Association. It’s an exciting time for NCMCA.”

NCMCA President Bo Black adds, “At this crucial transition point for our association, I’m very excited to have Ryan and Jodi as the core of our new leadership team. Lynn Nash has been an integral part of everything masonry in North Carolina for the past twenty-five years. He leaves big shoes to be filled and will be missed when he retires in May. Please join me in welcoming Ryan and Jodi into their new roles.”

New NCMCA executive Ryan Shaver lives in Mount Pleasant, with his wife of twenty-eight years, Brandy, in an innovative all-masonry home of his own design. Ryan and Brandy have two sons; twenty-four-year-old Noah (and soon to be daughter-in-law, Erin,) and twenty-one-year-old son Dalton.

Ryan is an avid hunter and sportsman, and still likes to lay brick at every opportunity. He loves Dodge trucks and anything “Mopar.”

Ryan says, “It is an honor to work for the NCMCA and I look forward to building on the legacy that Lynn Nash has built in North Carolina and take us to the next level of accomplishments!”

The email address for new Office Manager Jodi Helms is [jodi.belms@ncmca.com](mailto:jodi.belms@ncmca.com)

The existing NCMCA office phone number will transfer to the Mount Pleasant office by the first of October: (828) 324-1564.

## State Fair Contest In October

Ryan Shaver says, “The 68th annual Masonry Apprenticeship Contest will be Monday, October 17th at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

Last year’s contest had 39 working apprentices from eleven masonry contractor companies compete including winner Mason Saunders of Huntley Brothers Company. I look forward to having that number again this year!!

Registration for this contest is now open and the deadline for registration is Friday, September 16th! ApprenticeshipNC handles the registration for the contest and I have a link below that will take you where you need to be to get your apprentices entered. Please get your apprentices registered before the cut off date!!

If you would like to contribute to this contest, we are seeking donations to help buy the tool prizes and monetary prizes that each apprentice will receive.

Thank you so much for your continued support, and if you have any questions, please call me!!!”

ApprenticeshipNC Contact- Ryan McCarty 919-807-7175

Traditionally, each local NCMCA chapter contributes \$250 to the Fair Contest.

Registration link: <https://www.apprenticeshipnc.com/events/2022-apprenticeship-contests>

## Looking Ahead

Masonry Education Day, including the Carolina Qualifier for the SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500, is Wednesday October 5, 2022 at Stalite’s Ben Ketchie Park in Gold Hill.

High school and middle school students from around the state will participate in hands-on demonstrations, exhibits, and watch the SPEC MIX Junior Bricklayer 500 and the regional qualifier for the 2023 Las Vegas contest.

Lots of volunteers are required for this event. It is a great opportunity to meet and recruit young people for your business.

Mark the calendar and plan to participate in this important industry event. Contact Ryan Shaver for additional details.

For details and to register to compete in the Regional Qualifier for the SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500, contact Steve Bell: [sbell@quikrete.com](mailto:sbell@quikrete.com) or (704) 294-5231

Next up: The Metrolina Chapter’s Annual Recognition Night Dinner for winners and top finishers in the year’s various masonry competitions. The chapter hosts the students, apprentices, and their families at The Farmstead in Mt. Pleasant on Thursday evening November 3, 2022.

**The NCMCA Annual Convention and Business Meeting  
April 27 to April 30, 2023  
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## Fall Golf Supports NCMCA College Design Programs

David McQueen and the Golf Committee, Chris Mitchell and Dwayne Bryant, are hard at work planning the 2022 NCMCA Annual Fall Golf Tournament coming up Thursday September 22, 2022 once again at Mill Creek Golf & Country Club in Mebane.

Consider being a "Gold Sponsor" for the tournament. Gold Sponsors will have their company logo included on the golf registration form that is posted on the website. Gold Sponsorship costs \$900 and includes a foursome for golf.

EZG Manufacturing is putting up a Mud Hog MH9 nine-cubic foot mixer as a hole-in-one prize and the Argos Team is doing barbecued chicken for supper.

The Annual NCMCA Golf Tournament supports the very successful Sigmon Memorial Design Scholarship programs at NC State and Appalachian State universities and other NCMCA masonry promotional activities.

A registration form is included on page #7 of the newsletter.

