

A photograph of a white golf ball on a blue tee, set against a background of green grass and a blurred sky.

**Annual Golf Outing  
Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Morris Country Club  
2615 W. Rt. 6, Morris, IL**

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#### ■ New Members

We are especially pleased that these companies recognize the value of belonging to TRMA, especially in tough economic times:

- Ace Iron & Metals, Inc.
- National Pump & Compressor
- R. W. Collins Co.

■ Reservations are now being accepted for the **TRMA Annual Golf Outing to be held Monday, June 14, 2010**, at the Morris Country Club. The cost per player is \$180 for members which includes use of the driving range, green fees, cart, lunch, steak dinner, beverages, prizes for everyone and participation in special events.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Refer to page 3 for a list of sponsorships.

Contact TRMA at 815-774-6071 for reservations or additional information.

## INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS CHALK UP OUTSTANDING SAFETY RECORD

Industrial contractors working at TRMA member companies set another record in 2009 in protecting their workers from accidents and injuries. Moreover, their safety record is far superior when compared to data for work site categories established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in 2008 (the latest data available).

For example, contractors working at TRMA-member plants in 2009 had an overall injury incidence rate of 0.27 per 100 workers (it was 0.45 in 2008). That compares to OSHA recorded incidences of 5.0 for manufacturing in general, 2.7 for chemical manufacturers, 5.1 for specialty trades, and 3.9 for private industry.

Nearly four dozen contractors were honored at the annual TRMA membership dinner held April 29, 2010. In announcing the recipients, Rick Szalach, TRMA chairman and refinery manager at ExxonMobil Joliet Refinery, "You're just hitting the ball out of the park year after year," noting the special challenges of performing construction and maintenance work in manufacturing environments.

Three contractors received the platinum award, the highest recognition by TRMA. Diamond Unlimited, Inc. worked 2 million man-hours over the past 13 years without recording a single injury! BMW Constructors, Inc. recorded an incidence rate of 0.39, working 2.5 million man-hours over the past seven years and Meade Co., Inc. recorded an incidence rate of 0.48, working 1.5 million man-hours, also over the past seven years.

Gold award winners recorded a 25 percent improvement in safety performance over the average of the prior three years and

meritorious recipients recorded no injuries in 2009 while working at TRMA-member plants. In addition, five TRMA members received the partnership award for the safety performance of their own employees in addition to those of contractors working at their plants. (A complete list of award winners is on page two).

Business in Washington prevented OSHA Area Director Gary Anderson from making remarks at the awards dinner, but he sent his congratulations. "There is no resource as important as our employees and you have devoted your time, energy and innovation to eliminating hazards, thoroughly training your employees in safe work practices and creating a work environment where safety is number one," he wrote.

This is somewhat unusual, said Anderson, since many companies he comes in contact with "don't get it yet," but he has hope. "We still have a long way to go, but with employers dedicated to safety like yourselves, who can 'spread the word' and serve as mentors to others, we certainly expect the (injury) rates to continue to decline," he said.

In addition, highlights of the 2009 accomplishments and plans for 2010 were discussed. The 2010 plans include continue support of the core business; increased advocacy in the public policy arena tracking legislative and regulatory issues that impact the membership; and seeking the input of the membership in the development of the strategic plan for the next three years. Rick Szalach encouraged members to support these initiatives and be active participants in the strategic plan development.



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## CONTRACTOR AWARDS — Performance Safety 2009

### Meritorious Performance Award

Ambitech Engineering	D Construction	Nalco Company
Amex Construction	Diamond Unlimited	Novaspect
AMS Mechanical Systems	Fastrak Construction Management	PetroChem Inspection Services
Aquilex HydroChem	Fluor Operations & Maintenance	Priority Staffing
ARI Environmental	Future Environmental	PRIT Service
Atlantic Plant Services	Hayes Mechanical	Scheck Mechanical
BMW Constructors	Heritage Environmental	Siemens Industry
Brieser Construction Co.	Imperial Crane Services	Spike Enterprise
Brock Services Limited	Jacobs Field Services, NA	STARCON International
Catalyst Services, Inc.	KM Plant Services	Testa Steel Constructors
CDI Engineering Solutions	Lindblad Construction Company	Tri State Scale Systems
Chellino Crane	Manpower	Trifab & Construction
CL Coatings	Meade Co.	V.J. Mattson Co.
Concord Excavating	Middough	Valdes Engineering Company
Consolidated Fabrication & Contractors	MKD Electric	Ziron Environmental Services

### Gold Award

Ambitech Engineering	Brieser Construction	KM Plant Services
Amex Construction	Brock Services Limited	Lindblad Construction
AMS Mechanical Systems	CDI Engineering Solutions	Meade Co.
ARI Environmental	Chellino Crane	MKD Electric
Atlantic Plant Services	Imperial Crane Services	STARCON International
BMW Constructors	Jacobs Field Services, NA	Trifab & Construction

### Platinum Award

BMW Constructors	Diamond Unlimited	Meade Co.
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### Partnership Award

Aux Sable Liquid Products	CITGO Petroleum Lemont Refinery	
Dow Chemical Co., Channahon Plant	Dow Chemical Co., Wilmington Plant	ExxonMobil Joliet Refinery



## Meeting Calendar

### Safety Division

May 27 First Aid, CPR, AED Training;  
7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; \$99

May 25 Crane & Rigging Safe Prac-  
tices; 7:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;  
\$225

All training takes place at the TRMA  
Safety Center, 1615 W. Jefferson St.,  
Joliet (one block east of Larkin Avenue)

June tbd Hazard Recognition; noon to  
2:30 p.m.; \$39

**Environmental Division**  
May. tbd U.S. EPA Region 5 Update;  
noon to 2:00 p.m.; \$33

Prices shown apply to TRMA members.  
Contact us for non-member pricing  
information.

### Maintenance Division

May 13 Fall Protection Competent  
Person; 7:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;  
\$225

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June 14, 2010  
Morris Country Club

## SPONSORSHIPS

The following sponsorships are available for the June 14, 2010, TRMA Golf Outing:

- . Longest drive
- . Longest putt made
- . Closest to the pin
- . Hitting inside the circle
- . Straightest drive
- . Beat the Pro
- . Putting contest
- . Snack and goodie bags
- . Hole-in-one event
- . Dinner

Call TRMA at 815-774-6070 for availability.

## DIVISION UPDATE

### Crane & Rigging Training

You won't want to miss this training sponsored by the safety division. The training will go over the applicable OSHA standards, potential hazards, inspection and proper use of rigging hardware, critical lift evaluation and many other topics.

A complete agenda for the meeting is available at [www.trma.org/trma/divisions-program-schedule.htm](http://www.trma.org/trma/divisions-program-schedule.htm)

The 8-hour training is scheduled for May 25 at the Three Rivers Safety Center.

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## Ask Jerry Caamano:

**Q:** At the recent annual dinner, Chairman Rick Szalach mentioned that TRMA wants to determine how to add better value for members. What does the organization have in mind?

**A:** TRMA must periodically re-assess its programs and services just as our member companies analyze whether existing goals and strategies are achieving desired results. The world changes and TRMA's approach may be meeting the needs of our members, only partially or not at all. We certainly don't perceive the latter to be true, but we want to hear directly from you about issues you face and how the association might help. After all, we've been meeting the needs of our members for 77 years and we want to continue.

To help us to better help you, a professional facilitator was retained to conduct five focus groups this summer to collect data about whether current TRMA programs and services

are meeting your needs. Each focus group will be structured to ensure that participants represent a cross-section of the membership. Each session will last 90 minutes. No preparation will be required and all feedback will remain confidential.

Additionally, the facilitators will conduct telephone interviews of non-members to determine their familiarity with TRMA and why they don't belong. Interviews will be conducted with TRMA members who are not active to find out why.

We are excited about this process and look forward to sharing the results with you. As Chairman Szalach said at the annual dinner, "What we want to be is what you want us to be."



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