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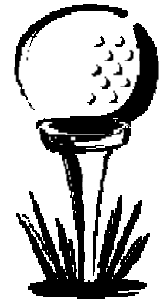
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GOLF TOURNAMENT

BAY REGION CLASSIC SET: The annual AGC [San Francisco Bay Region golf tournament](#) will be held **June 16** at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. The event, which is one of the years most popular, promises a challenging course, great food and loads of prizes. Proceeds from the event benefit local scholarship programs and other worthy causes. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To register, view the on-line flier or contact **Kristen Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.



SPRING CONFERENCE

BAY REGION MEMBERS PARTICIPATE: Several AGC Bay Area members attended the annual Spring Conference in Monterey, taking advantage of the many informative seminars, recreational and networking opportunities. The May 14-16 conference culminated with an entertaining keynote speech by syndicated newspaper columnist **Dan Walters** on the dreary state of California politics, government ineptitude and election chicanery.



Mingling in the Monterey sunshine are (L-R) Dave Perry with Central Concrete, Phil Varni of AGC, Jon Ball with Hensel Phelps, Curt Wertz with Flatiron Construction and Russell Snyder of AGC.



AGC San Francisco Board Member Aaron Silberman of the law firm of Rogers Joseph O'Donnell (left) catches up with Byron Loney of Teichert Construction.

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BUILDING A NEW BRIDGE SAFELY

SAFETY COMMITTEE TOURS

CONSTRUCTION SITE: Members of the AGC-Caltrans Safety Task Force conducted a tour of the massive San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge east span replacement project as thousands of Bay Area motorists passed overhead. The east span replacement, which actually consists of several different contracts, will ultimately cost \$5.4 billion and be completed in 2013, according to Caltrans. Several AGC member companies have participated in the project, including Kiewit Pacific, Flatiron, MCM and C.C. Myers. Among those on the May 23 tour was **Tom Walsh** with Sully-Miller Contracting Co., who is chairman of the AGC-Caltrans Safety Task Force.



Pictured, from left: Tom Walsh with Sully-Miller Contracting Co., Caltrans HQ Safety Coordinator Vince Rodriguez and project inspector Paul Jefferson.

HEALTH CARE

OAKLAND SUMMIT DRAWS A CROWD: More than 300 construction industry representatives attended a May 27 “[Health Care Construction Summit](#)” in Oakland co-sponsored by AGC’s Building Division. Attendees heard presentations on a wide array of topics, including recent changes in OSHPD, Building Information Modeling, bonding and insurance, risk-sharing and lean construction. State officials expect more than \$100 billion in health care construction spending will take place in California over the next 10 years. A follow-up Health Care Construction Summit will be held later this year in Southern California.



John Jansen (left) and Chris Villa of Kiewit Pacific at May 17 charity golf tournament in Vallejo.

MEMBER NEWS

KIEWIT RAISES FUNDS FOR CHARITY: AGC member Kiewit Pacific held another successful charity golf tournament on May 17 at the Hiddenbrooke Golf Club in Vallejo, raising tens of thousands of dollars to support the National Brain Tumor Foundation and the Children’s Hospital & Research Center in Oakland. More than \$120,000 has been donated to worthy causes in the past four years at the popular events. This year’s tournament chairman was AGC San Francisco Bay Area Board Member **Chris Villa**. AGC was one of several sponsors of the 12th annual event. For more information or to make a donation, contact **Amber Ferrari** of Kiewit Pacific at (707) 462-5940.

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MONTEREY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MEMBERS GET INTO THE SWING OF GOLF

TOURNAMENT: The AGC Monterey Bay District held its 15th annual golf tournament at Bayonet & Black Horse Golf Club May 2 in Monterey, raising thousands of dollars for local charities. The winners of the “closest to the hole” contest was **Bryan Grier**, followed closely by **Eric Phelps**, **Joe Miranda** and **Steve Morris**. The foursome that won the “most accurate drive” contest consisted of **Jim Campbell**, **Harry Wardwell**, **Duke White** and **Bob Samaniego**.



Participants in the Monterey District Golf Tournament line up a putt.

CONSTRUCTION CAREERS

NORTH BAY DISTRICT REACHES OUT TO KIDS:

AGC and many other North Bay construction industry leaders sponsored the annual Careers in Construction Expo held May 14 at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. Organized by the North Coast Builders Exchange, the event attracted about 1,000 schoolchildren from the North Bay to learn about the many different types of jobs that are available in the field of construction. AGC North Bay District Board member **Bill Currie** of Shamrock Materials joined AGC Administrative Assistant **Rachel Morris** at the AGC booth, where children got to answer construction-related trivia questions for a chance to win a prize. Special thanks also goes out to **Ryan Engella** of CLP



Resources in Santa Rosa, who also helped staff the AGC booth.

RISING STAR

YERBA BUENA ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION RECOGNIZED:

Miguel Galarza, owner of San Francisco-based Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction, was honored May 9 at the 10th annual Inner City Advisors Awards Breakfast. Galarza, who is co-chairman of the AGC San Francisco Bay Area District, was recognized for having one of the fast-growing companies in the Bay Area and for his commitment to urban renewal and helping the less fortunate. **Dale Bonner**, secretary of the state Business, Transportation & Housing Agency was on-hand to congratulate Galarza and the other award-winners, as was **Keary Sullivan** from the Mechanics Bank.



Pictured, from left: Keary Sullivan, Miguel Galarza and Dale Bonner.

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NORTH BAY WATER

STORM WATER INFORMATION: The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board reports that they have set up an updated website with informational water links, information on Santa Rosa, Sonoma County and Sonoma County Water Agency storm water programs and notices of upcoming events. The website update is in preparation for a June 12 information-gathering workshop held at the Regional Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa at 1 p.m. After reviewing information on municipal, construction and industrial storm water programs, the Board is scheduled to vote on the renewal of the storm water permit at a public hearing on Sept. 11. For more information, visit the [NCRWQCB website](#) or contact Bob Legge at (707) 576-6732.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CONCRETE 101: Kevin Hoy and Jeff King from AGC member CEMEX conducted a "Concrete 101" class May 1 for students in the San Francisco CityBuild pre-apprenticeship construction program. AGC supports the program that trains inner-city adults to prepare them for careers in construction. CityBuild Academy Coordinator Zelda Saeli praised the contributions of the AGC members, who she said provided real-world examples of construction to her students. A letter from CityBuild Director Guillermo Rodriguez called the interactive lecture "one of the most exciting presentations about cement since Portland Cement was formulated in 1824!"



Pictured, from left, are Jeff King, Zelda Saeli and Kevin Hoy.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

SF FOCUSES ON AID TO CHINA: Contractors are invited to a round-table workshop in San Francisco designed to determine the professional resources the city can deploy in response to the devastating earthquake in central China. Contractors with seismic expertise are especially welcome. A powerful May 12 earthquake and subsequent aftershocks have killed an estimated 70,000 people and left many areas in ruin. An extensive effort to rebuild the damaged areas is just getting underway. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, **June 4** from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the City's Emergency Operations Center, 1011 Turk St. Contractors are asked to RSVP by calling (415) 554-4852.