

The HELCircuit

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HELSEF MURPHY MCCONNAUGHEY SPRING 2004 SPORTING CLAYS EVENT



The 2004 HELSEF Murphy McConnaughey Sporting Clays tournament was, once again, a success. I would like to thank all those that attended to make the day memorable. The weather held out for us, and a nice breeze at the pavilion helped ward off the heat and humidity. I had the privilege of talking to almost all of the shooters as they came to the 10th station. Thank you so much for those of you who knew Murphy to tell me things about him. I know how blessed he was to work with so many wonderful people in this industry. It still amazes me how many people consider him an inspiration – what a testament to his life. I love sharing those stories with Katie & Will, it lets them know that their dad was so well loved.

The day started out cloudy and even a little rain, but once everybody arrived and the shooting began, the rain stopped and the clouds even went a way for a while. The shooting was great – well for most of the shooters – and everybody had a wonderful time. Zach's, once again, catered a fabulous dinner of bar-b-que. American Shooting Center also did an outstanding job of hosting this event. Best of all, was that Steve Sweat came all the way from Atlanta to shoot, in memory of Murphy, but also to see his friends and colleagues. It was wonderful to have him back in Houston, even if it was only for a short visit. What Sporting Clays Tournament would be complete without "Team Viagra"? They add humor to our events every year and this was no exception. Not only is their shooting talent there, but also their sense of humor throughout the day was contagious.

Finally, I truly must thank the wonderful Committee that puts this tournament together. I have the honor of sitting on this committee, but with no contacts or experience in this industry, I have very little involvement in much of the calling for sponsors, gathering prizes, setting up the location, food and drinks. My greatest thanks goes to Charlie Pulido, he has been such a wonderful leader for our committee. Brian Michna, Ross McClintock, Gus Smith and James Prejean are equally as nice and wonderful. The ladies who serve on this committee are also all very awesome and wonderful, Robin Bell, Cindy Sitterle and Shelia Wilkinson

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President's Message

By Keith Hessemer



I hate politics. After listening to some of Bill Clintons speech (as much as I could stomach), his message on values and what great shape his administration left this country in it made me wonder if he really believes what he was saying. He stated that the Democrats were going to take the high road, to not criticize what the Republicans have done. That lasted about a minute. The issues are apparent. Our way of life is being challenged and while I have not agreed with everything President Bush has done, he is still trying to protect our way of life. Our freedoms and our hope that we can live out our lives and not be subject to terrorism.

Politics is everywhere. From my business to my sons baseball team. At home and yes the Electric League too. I have been thinking about what changes or enhancements we need to make at the Electric League. After returning from the ILEA Conference last week, which stands for the International League of Electrical Associations, I have found that the HEL has not performed as strongly in some areas as before. It is going to take some changes to get us back on track.

One of my goals as President was to improve the communications with the league. Our website received an award at the conference and judging by the many new members we have signing up, it is working. Many thanks to Mike McGraw and staff for redesigning our site. We have to continue to move towards streamlining our operations and making our league a hassle free electric league. We also need to look for new opportunities to bring in revenue to support our scholarship efforts.

All in all our league brings people together for the betterment of our industry and I am very proud of all the hardworking volunteers we have whether on the Board or on a Committee. You too can get involved if you just let us know you are interested. But make no mistake; you have to be committed to doing the right thing. While the Republicans and the Democrats are sparring over the next few months, your Board of Directors will be busy planning on adding more value to your league. I hate politics but I am committed to doing what is best for the League.

God Bless

are great, of course our committee would not be complete without Mary Frances Burnett – She is our glue. She keeps up with all of our sponsors, friends and shooters. Without these wonderful people, this event would not be nearly as successful. I encourage each of you to thank them as you see them throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you who chose to participate in this event, without your interest and support; the scholarship fund would not be what it is today. As I talked to the shooters, I was surprised by the number of first time shooters and glad to see that interest is continuing to build and anticipate future successful tournaments. We asked for comments from the shooters and everything I heard was positive, we appreciate all feedback so we can continue to put on a top quality tournament.

Again, thanks to all who continue to support our tournament and scholarship fund.

Cathy McConnaughey

Spring 2004 Clays Event Sponsors:

**ABB, Inc ~ Bell & McCoy ~ Burris & Matthews ~ Crawford Electric ~ Crouse-Hinds
CW Utilities ~ LP ~ Dekoron Wire & Cable ~ ECP/ECP Tech Services ~ Electrical Controller
Products ~ EGS Appleton Electric ~ Emmco & Assoc. ~ E-Tel ~ Graybar ~ HWC
Hughes Supply ~ Jim Edwards Company ~ N.E.C. ~ Omni Cable ~ Panduit Corporation
Philips Lighting ~ Pirelli Cable & Systems North America ~ Powell Electrical Manufacturing
Reily/Wesco Houston/Deer Park ~ Rexel Summers ~ Siemens Energy & Automation
Summit Electric ~ The Power Path Company ~ Turtle & Hughes ~ Unity Manufacturing
Wholesale Electric Supply ~ Wildcat Electric Supply ~ The Reynolds Co.
Priority Wire & Cable ~ Phoenix Contact**

Spring 2004 Clays Event Friends:

**American Shooting Center; Academy/Katy Freeway; Chili's (Mason Road);
Collectors Firearms; Orvis; Carter's Country, Truluck's,
The Rais'n L Ranch in Columbus, Texas, SCS Management Services and Carrabba's.**

**For More Information on the Spring Clays Event and a Pictorial Exhibit
View the HEL Website
WWW.HEL.ORG**





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MURPHY MCCONNAUGHEY

FALL 2004

SPORTING CLAYS EVENT



September 29th, 2004

American Shooting Centers

16500 Westheimer Parkway

(281) 556-8086

1:00 - 5:30 PM

First Flight: 1:30 PM

Second Flight: 3:00 PM

4 Person Teams



Entry Fee before September 22nd
\$70.00/Person

Entry Fee September 22nd and after
\$75.00/Person

50 Targets - Shotgun Shells Provided
Food and Drink Provided

Lewis Class Scoring System - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Team Awards

High Overall Score to be awarded Prize and Trophy
High Overall Score for Women to be awarded prize and Trophy
High Overall Pump shotgun Score to be awarded a Trophy

Mulligans will be offered for sale at registration. Cost \$10.00 each, which includes 4 targets including ammo.
Limit 2 Mulligans per shooter. Mulligan shots will not apply to High Overall Shooter Awards.

Prize Winning Games

Pair in the Air - \$15.00 per shooter (ammo included)

Two Man Flush - \$15.00 per shooter (ammo included)

Sign Up Today !!

You can Advance Register On -Line
Check out the Sporting Clays Section on the HEL Website

www.hel.org



HEL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

FALL GOLF

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004

CYPRESSWOOD GOLF CLUB

Fees for Members/Non-members

Traditions course \$85/person

Cypress course \$70/person

Lunch buffet only \$10/person

One member of each foursome must be an HEL member.

12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

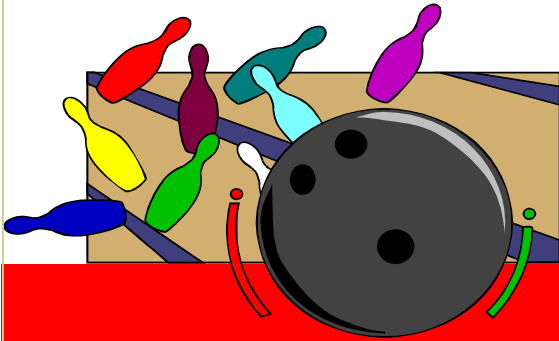
Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. to noon

**Would Your Company Like to Sponsor a Hole or a Beverage Cart?
We have sponsorship slots available!!!**

**For More Information or to Register On-line
go to the Golf Page on the HEL website.**

www.hel.org



Houston Electrical League HEL Bowling League

**YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
HEL BOWLING LEAGUE**

**BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9 — ENDS DECEMBER 9
13-WEEK LEAGUE
THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6:15
Off for Thanksgiving**

**LEAGUE WILL BE AT PALACE LANES
Phone: 713-667-6554
4191 BELLAIRE BLVD
HOUSTON, TX 77025
(INSIDE LOOP 610)**

**MIXED HANDICAP - 5 PERSON TROPHY LEAGUE
COST: \$750 PER TEAM
(\$12.50 PER PERSON PER WEEK)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Rick McKellop @ Wholesale Electric
Phone: 713-748-6100
E-Mail: rmckellop@wholesaleelectric.com**

**DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2004
CALL TODAY TO SIGN UP YOUR TEAM!
SPACE IS LIMITED**

Watt's News?

Houston Electrical League: Bowling League is Now Forming

The HEL Bowling League is Back. Deadline for Registration is Sept. 1st, 2004
For More information, see the advertisement on Page 6

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The PowerPath Company now represents CME Wire and Cable for the Construction, Industrial and Marine Markets.

CME compliments PowerPath's other lines, (ShawFlex, Specialty and SAB – all wire and cable; and DSG CanUSA – Heat Shrink terminations) and allows the company to present complete wire and cable package bids from top quality manufacturers, each specialists in their fields.

Operating the newest and one of the most technically advanced Wire and Cable manufacturing facilities in North America, CME has earned a worldwide reputation for quality wire and cables products.

Champion Wire and Cable is Moving

Champion Wire and Cable will be moving to a larger facility Sept. 1st, 2004

The New address will be:

9292 Baythorne Drive
Houston, TX 77041

Phone & Fax Stay the Same:

Phone: 713-460-3400 Fax: 713-460-3698

Rexel New Houston Service Facility

Rexel announces the opening of their newest Houston service facility located off the Gulf Freeway in Downtown Houston. This 8000 square foot "Express Service Center" boasts a full line inventory of Electrical and Datacom products, with a commitment to "express" counter service for the customer on the go.

Major manufacturers represented in the Rexel Downtown location include Square D, Lithonia, Sylvania, Appleton and Ideal. This is the first of several new service centers Rexel plans for the Houston metro area, all supported from their 140,000 square foot distribution center located off Katy Freeway.

A Grand Opening for the new Rexel Downtown location is scheduled for July 29th.

The Rexel Downtown "Express Service Center" is located at 3401 Gulf Freeway; hours of operation are Monday - Friday 7am till 5pm. Contact the Rexel Downtown "Express Service Center" at Telephone 281-229-0066 or Fax 713-229-0039.

For further information on this Rexel location contact Bill Brunner, Branch Manager.

Service Wire Co. has several promotions to announce:

Manufacturing Division in Houston has promoted Kim Gilbert to Production Floor Manager
Erin Odom was promoted to Production Planning.

Distribution warehouse in Houston has a new Warehouse supervisor, Lionel Arce.
Clerical Department – Michelle Lopez has been promoted to Inventory Control
Jessica Anderson is our new receptionist

Service Wire Sales Department is looking for additions to the sales team.



Bell & McCoy

**Check Out What's New
With Us...**



New Line!

NORA LIGHTING
Recessed, Track, Under Cabinet,
Exit & Emergency and
Accent Lighting



New Line!

SOAPER MONKEY
The clean and efficient
way to apply lube. Let the
monkey do it!



Now Stock In Houston!

LYTE POLES
20, 25 and 30-foot
square poles and a
accessories

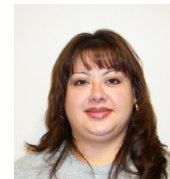
New Employees



Brandy Allred
Expediting/RGA's



Brad Bussey
Outside Sales



Christina Tovar
Receptionist

Did You Know...We Stock Feeder Size MC Cable In Houston? Give Us A Call!

WWW.HEL.ORG

Check Out The Changes To The Website

Phil Collins named as NAED's Representative

Phil Collins, VP of Sales & Marketing for Electrical Controller Products, was recently named to be the Representative for NAED's Market Area 43. Phil is assuming this role from Keith Hessemer of Wildcat Electric, who held this position prior to the change.

Feel free to contact Phil with any questions regarding NAED.

Phil Collins: Phone (713) 222-8195

**Need To Find An HEL Member?
The Membership Section of the HEL
Website has a New Search Feature
!!! Check It Out !!!**

NAED Lakeway Meeting scheduled for October

NAED's annual meeting for Market Area 43 is scheduled for Friday Oct 1st thru Sunday Oct 3rd, 2004. The meeting will be held at Lakeway Inn north of Austin. As always, the meeting will offer powerful speakers, an agenda focused on the needs of the attendees, an opportunity to network with key players in your industry, and an ample time to socialize as well. Block these dates out on your calendar, and plan on spending an enjoyable weekend in the Texas Hill Country! We will have programs for Spouses/Significant Others as well, so plan on bringing them to the Hill Country with you. Look forward to additional details in the HEL newsletter or contact Phil Collins with Electrical Controller Products (713-222-9195) with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

ECP Tech Services uses HEL Intern to Improve Customer Service

ECP Tech Services, a full service Firm for Power System Testing, Maintenance, and Commissioning, is using their HEL Summer Intern to improve their response capabilities to their customers.

ECP's Intern this year is Andy Ramirez, a Senior in the Industrial Distribution Program at Texas A&M. Andy is placing ECP's current inventory of Circuit Breakers on their website (www.ecptech.com), along with over 100 other Technical Documents available for download. This will be a clear-cut way for the customer to go in and find the specific item they are looking to purchase, or the information they need to solve their problems. ECP stocks circuit breakers to 15 KV, supporting equipment up to 40 years old, all with a new one year warranty. Also included in the items that Andy is working on will be suggested specifications for maintenance and testing of electrical power system components. Andy advises that "This project has shown me what is critical in business and what ECP values the most, Customer Service".

Wildcat Electric Supply Annual Sponsor of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk!



Are you aware that Breast Cancer will affect more than 217,000 lives this year and take 40,000 lives? Twelve of 1,000 women will get breast cancer between the ages of 50 and 55.

Seventeen of 1,000 women will get breast cancer between the ages of 60 and 65. Take just a moment to think about the people in your lives that currently or were effected by this disease.

What about the people you work with? Three people come to my mind that works in my office. One of those people happens to be Paula Hessemer wife of Wildcat Electric President, Keith Hessemer. She was diagnosed in 1999 and is a survivor. If we are to tally up everyone just in our industry that we know that happened to be affected by breast cancer I think we would be shocked at the outcome.

Each and every one of us can do something to contribute to finding a cure for this disease. You can start by participating in this years Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. This event helps raise funds for American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy, and patient services. Wildcat Electric is an annual participant in the walk and is encouraging the rest of the industry to participate. The walk will be held Saturday, October 23, 2004, at 9 a.m. at the Sam Houston Park Downtown Houston. If you are interested in showing your support, please contact Addie Tulloch at atulloch@wildcatelectric.com or 832-325-2721 for further information. Don't just think about the disease, but help others find a cure!

Hammond Power Solutions

Is please to announce the opening of their new regional service warehouse in Dallas Texas.

Hammond has opened a regional warehouse to support our distributor partners with Distribution & Control transformers as well as Line Reactors specifically for our Texas Distributors.

480 Delta to 208Y120Volt designs through 500 kVA

PT Series Control Transformers

Line Reactors for Drive Applications

and much more..

To Check Price, Availability and Design Contact:

Mike McGraw

NSOEM, Inc.

Phone & Fax: (281) 890-5668

E-Mail: m.mcgraw@nsoem.com



NEXT DAY DELIVERY FROM DALLAS - FREE FREIGHT FOR QUALIFYING ORDERS

Scholarship Committee Announcement

Member Scholarship Program Fall 2004

New HEL Scholarship Application Procedure Notice

In order to streamline the scholarship application process for the Scholarship Committee, the HEL has implemented a new application procedure and entry form. The old forms will no longer be accepted. You may review this information in detail and access the on-line application form by going to the Scholarship Section of the HEL website.

We are pleased to announce that the Houston Electrical League will award five (5) \$ 1,000.00 Junior and Senior level student scholarships at the General Meeting SWEE Luncheon being held October 27th, 2004, as part of our H.E.L. Member Scholarship Program for Fall 2004.

For more information about the program, please contact:

Scholarship Committee

Jeff Metzler (D)

Crawford Electric Supply Co. – Houston, Ltd.

Phone: 713-476-0788 Ext. 222 ~ Fax: 713-476-0564

E-Mail: jmetzler@cescoltd.com

[Check the HEL.org Website for Current Information on Application Procedures](http://www.hel.org)

2004 Calendar of Events

January 20th, 2004	Board Meeting
February 11th, 2004	Board Meeting
February 26th - 28th, 2004	Kilowatt Kookers
March 9th, 2004	Board Meeting
April 6th and 7th, 2004	SWEE & Gen Meeting
April 13th, 2004	Board Meeting
April 15th, 2004	Spring Golf Tournament
May 11th, 2004	Board Meeting
May 12th, 2004	Spring Sporting Clays
September 7th, 2004	Board Meeting
September 29th, 2004	Fall Sporting Clays
October 12th, 2004	Board Meeting
October 21st, 2004	Fall Golf Tournament
October 27th, 2004	General Meeting
November 9th, 2004	Board Meeting

