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Kilowatt Kookers

2004 Houston Livestock World Championship BBQ



The Houston Electric League Kilowatt Kookers thank all of the sponsors, attendees, and volunteers for making 2003 an enjoyable, successful year.

The Houston Electrical League Scholarship Foundation's very own cookoff team "Kilowatt Kookers" will be cooking again at the World Championship BBQ cookoff being held at the Reliant Stadium parking lot Feb. 26-28, 2004. The team is proud to announce that the proceeds from the

spring 2003 event raised over \$22,900 for the scholarship fund. The event is promising to be bigger than ever next year. Don't miss this chance to be one of the firsts to sponsor the team. The team is proud to announce that the proceeds from the spring 2003 event raised over \$22,900 for the



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President's Message

By Keith Hessemer

Welcome to the Houston Electrical League for 2004. I think you will agree that 2003 has been an interesting year to say the least and with the many changes in our industry one remains very true, Houston is a more diverse city than it once was and that our city is still a city of opportunity. I trust with all the economic indicators pointing towards recovery, 2004 should be a great year.

The Houston Electrical League for 2004 promises to continue on our past traditions. We like to provide scholarships to well deserving students and we also like to have a little fun too.

To be able to carry on with our traditions we need your help. First, we need you to renew your membership for 2004. Second, we need your support of the Kilowatt Kookers event at the HLSR BBQ Cookoff in February, and third, we need SWEE 04 to be the most well attended shows we have ever had. These events are what allows us to do what we do.

Come out and meet the people in our industry and support the best little Electric League in the country.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Houston Electrical League and myself, I wish you all a safe and prosperous 2004. God Bless.

God Bless.

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fund. The event is promising to be bigger than ever next year. Don't miss this chance to be one of the firsts to sponsor the team. The team placed 8th and 13th in the overall competition and individually placed 4th in brisket and 5th in ribs.

There are three ways to sponsor the team. The gold level, which is \$2,000, provides your company with 20 passes for the Corporate Sponsor party Thursday, Feb. 26, 24 Single day passes each for Friday and Saturday and your name displayed on the sponsor board in the booth. The silver level, which is \$1,000, provides your company with 10 passes for the Corporate Sponsor party Thursday, Feb. 26, 12 single day passes each for Friday and Saturday and your name displayed on the sponsor board in the booth. Single day passes at \$35.00 each are available for Friday and Saturday only. The booth is open during normal operating hours of the cook off. Metro shuttles are only \$3.00 for ages 13 and up. Under 13 is free. The event has raised over \$200,000 for the foundation scholarship fund since the team's first appearance in 1995.

To obtain an order pass form for your sponsorship, contact Gail Maza at 713-207-7518. We accept check, cash or credit card. Your donation is tax deductible since this is a fund raiser for the scholarship foundation. Contact Gus Smith, Cookoff Chairman and HEL board member at 713-516-4946 if you have any additional questions.

The HELSF "Murphy McConnaughey" Sporting Clays Event

HEL Murphy McConnaughey Clay Tournament Spring 2004

All Shooters, regardless of your skill level, are encouraged to mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 12, 2004 to participate in the HEL Murphy McConnaughey Clay Tournament, to be held at American Shooting Center. Once again, there will be two flights and dinner will be catered.

This is a very popular event and the Committee has taken extra time to make this tournament even more successful than in the past! There are more chances to win door prizes from the following: American Shooting Center; Collectors Fire Arms, Carter Country, Academy, Orvis, Bass Pro Shop, TruLucks and Chili's to name a few!



The raffle will, once again, include a Bird Hunt and Shotgun; so buy your raffle tickets from a Committee Member to have the opportunity to win one of these exciting prizes. Ladies, please know that this event is for you as well we have had an increase in participation each year and we would love to see even more ladies this spring!

Information should be coming soon and you are encouraged to get your team together and sign up early.

I would like to take this time to thank all those who have supported this event in the past and who are able to do so in the future. This was an event that Murphy loved putting together and participating in. Next to his family, sporting days and hunting were his passions. He never missed a tournament, even during his illness. I will always be grateful for the support you have given to our family, both during his battle with cancer and after his death.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Clay Tournament in May.

Cathy McConnaughey

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A special thanks to Cathy McConnaughey and her daughter Katie for their continuous support. And let's not forget the on going work contributed by Mary Francis Burnett, Gail Maza, Lana Connor, and May McMIndes.

SWEE 2004

April 6 & 7



Happy New Year! Another year has come and gone. The new-year, 2004, is looking like it will have us back busy again. Thank goodness!

An even numbered year can only mean one thing, the Southwest Electrical Exposition, what else! The SWEE will be April 6 & 7 at The George R. Brown Convention Center. The "Brown" has undergone a renovation and addition of space. These dates coincide with the opening of baseball season. Even that is looking up with the addition of Andy Pettite and Roger Clemens.

What I really want to tell you about is the most exciting thing to be a part of the SWEE show, ever. In addition to all the exhibits and new technology, which has been shown in the past, we are going to be visited by THE **EXIDER**. The EXIDER is an innovation of **SIEMENS**. It is a technology train, consisting of 11 rail cars. Each rail car has a different facet of SIEMENS' complete product offering. The cars will be in the convention center as a part of SWEE.

I am really not able to fully describe the magnitude of this exhibit. To get a better idea, visit the EXIDER website at www.usa.exider.com. This site has all the information and a registration section to allow you to register for ticket to "ride" on the train.

This is going to be a very special event. We have the Super Bowl and The All-Star game. Now we have SWEE and EXIDER. Be a part of this information exchange. Don't miss out. See you there!

HEL Board Meetings

Any HEL Member is welcome to attend meetings of the HEL board.

You can get to know the board members and see how the HEL works!

Lunch is generally served at the board meetings.

If you are an HEL member interested in attending you can contact Becky Maxwell at

713.849.1681



Bowling League

The Houston Electrical League would like to express it's thanks to Steve Alexander who has been the league chairman for the last six years. Steve has done an outstanding job for HEL in this capacity. Jim Krepper will take over as the Bowling league chairman this year. The bowling league will start in March. You can contact Jim with any questions at jimrebk@aol.com.



Code Books

The Houston Electrical League will be selling code books this fall. Please buy your code books from HEL to help support the league. More details will follow. Sonny Phillips will be coordinating Code Book sales for the league.

HEL Fall Golf 2003 Tournament

The fall golf event was held October 16, 2003 at Cypresswood Golf Club. Great weather was enjoyed by golfers on the Traditions & Cypress courses.

On the Traditions course:

First place foursome was Keith Barker, Todd French, Don Maulfair & Jerry Cassidy. Second place was Jim Krepper, Clint Sand, Rick McKellop & Mark Ferris. Ninth place Bill Ecton, Gary Klingaman, Dale Kersley, Russ Miskow. Sixteenth place Dennis McCarty, Robert Richard, Jeff Duran, Don Schmidt.

On the Cypress course:

First place foursome was Charles Davis, Robert Holz, Doug Jeske, Scott Shattuck.

Second place was Jimmy Jones, Morgan Lester, Skip Peters, Joe Jones, Jr. Ninth place John Fuller, Golden, David Hess, Andrew Pratt.

Sixteenth place Gene Campbell, Dan Tucker, Allen Barbre & Terry Proctor. Long drive was won by Billy Everling. Closest to the pin was Tim Scharck.

There was a hole-in-one by Grant Palmer.

We would like to thank our dedicated hole sponsors: Bell & McCoy, Champion Fiberglass, Crawford Electric, Crouse Hinds, Cutler Hammer, ECP Tech Services, EGS Electrical Group, Emmco & Associates, E-TEL, Graybar Electric, Manhattan CDT, Panduit Corp., Powell Manufacturing, Reily/Wesco, Siemens Energy & Automation, Square D Company, Turtle & Hughes, Wholesale Electric and Wildcat Electric Supply.

Beverage carts were sponsored by Houston Wire & Cable & CW Utilities.

Our Tiger Drive holes were manned by Manhattan CDT's Phil Metz and perennial volunteers Jennifer Massey & Susan Love, of Houston Wire & Cable.

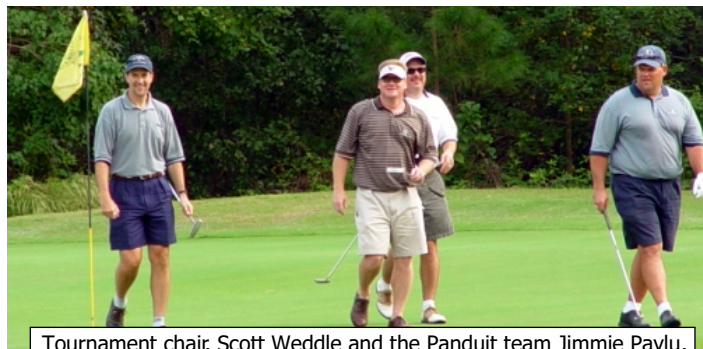
A huge thanks to Lana Connor for her



Cypress course 1st place team.



Cypress course 2nd place team Jones, Jones, Lester & Peters.



Tournament chair, Scott Weddle and the Panduit team Jimmie Pavlu, Ron Angst & Brad Elledge enjoying a great day of golf.

Above: Tiger drive volunteers & beverage cart sponsors Jennifer Massey & Susan Love of Houston Wire and Cable. Jennifer is sporting the H.E.L. crash helmet after an "incident" with a golf cart at the previous tournament.

behind-the-scenes support in mailings and e-mail, keeping us all updated and reminded of activities.

Chair Scott Weddle thanks volunteers, Jennifer Massey and Susan Love, who assisted with check-in. Ron Angst, Brad Elledge & Jimmie Pavlu of Panduit and Alice Bohlac who served as co-ordinator and registrar for this tournament. And a HUGE thanks to all the members who came out and made this event a real success! See you in the SPRING.

2004 Houston Electric League Calendar of Events

Tuesday	February 10, 2004	Board Meeting
Thursday-Saturday	February 26-28, 2004	Killowatt Kookers
Tuesday	March 9, 2004	Board Meeting
Tuesday-Wednesday	April 6-7, 2004	SWEE & General Meeting
Tuesday	April 13, 2004	Board Meeting
Thursday	April 15, 2004	Golf
Tuesday	May 11, 2004	Board Meeting
Wednesday	May 12, 2004	Spring Sporting Clays
Tuesday	September 7, 2004	Board Meeting
Tuesday	October 12, 2004	Board Meeting
Thursday	October 14, 2004	Golf
Wednesday	October 27, 2004	General Meeting
Tuesday	November 9, 2004	Board Meeting

Watt's New?

Scholarship Winners



We would like to congratulate the Fall 2003 HEL Scholarship winners, they are: Kate Cuccinello, Lisa Gabrisch, David Miertschin, Elizabeth Nitsch, Jillian Thomason.

The drawing for the Spring General Scholarship awards will be held at the SWEE Luncheon. Get your applications/questions wot Michelle Brooks at mbrooks@cescoltd.com. **The scholarship applicants and parents must be present to win.** You can make reservations for luncheon by contacting jmorris@ecpotech.com.



An old friend of HEL has asked me to update all concerning his health. Steve Sweat with Omni Cable Corporation in Atlanta has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma . This cancer is basically Bone Marrow Cancer. As Steve said;

" I did find out through a routine physical that I have Multiple Myeloma. It's basically Bone Marrow Cancer. Pretty good shocker. The good news in this is that I have no symptoms of the disease, which generally are tumors in the bones. That's a good thing considering the success that's going on in other blood related cancers like Leukemia for example. There are more remissions today and the research has been incredible. So, I'll do everything possible to keep this in the Stage I that I'm currently in and go through the treatments that will keep it there.

Summer time will be when I become the little cancer guy. I'll be going through a stem cell transplant and endure about six weeks recovery from some intense chemotherapy, but that is part of the plan. Talk about miracles, all three of my sisters matched in all eight criteria of the match process. My doctors have never seen this before. However, I think I will still use my own cells to forgo the Graph vs. Host Disease prevalent in an allogeneic transplant. The results of that treatment is awesome so I'll go ahead and get it over with then take care of it with some good drug therapy end treat it like many other chronic ailments. I'll keep you posted and I really appreciate the prayer. It's some powerful stuff".

Steve was a member of HEL for many years while here in Houston. He served on the Board of Directors for several years and was on the Kilowatt Kooker Team for 5 years. As a Board member Steve served as Sporting Clays Chairman, (he actually started this HEL event) and consistently supported the league with his time and financial contributions. I thought it proper to inform all in our industry as to what is going on with this former member. As Steve told me, "I do get a lot of calls from my industry friends which I appreciate, I just want to be sure everyone gets the right news before industry rumors place one of my feet into the grave" If you would like to drop Steve a note his email address is:

www.ssweat@omnicable.com

HEL News
by Jeff Techmanski



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