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**Kilowatt Kookers**

2003 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 Kilowatt Kookers Team competed in the 2003 Houston Livestock World Championship BBQ cook off in February, and turned in the best performance in the nine years of competition. The team placed 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in the overall competition, and individually placed 4<sup>th</sup> in brisket and 5<sup>th</sup>

in ribs. This may be the highest placement for any team in two categories in the history of the HLS&R BBQ competition. These placements are only surpassed by the contribution of \$22,922.66 donated to the HELSF scholarship fund from this year's ticket sales and sponsorships.



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# President's Message

*By Keith Hessemer*

Welcome to the Houston Electrical League for 2003. On behalf of the Board of Directors Team and myself, I want to thank all of you for renewing your membership in one of the top Electrical Leagues in the country. If you are reading this and are not a member, please renew today.

The state of the Electrical League is strong but concerned. We have many decisions to make over the next two years and I am confident that with our Board of Directors team we will continue do what is right for the League. With over 500 members and still counting, we are still in the top of our class in membership. I want to thank Jim Pokluda for accepting the position of Membership Chairman and look forward to our renewed emphasis on reaching people in our industry.

Our fundraising activities continue to soar at the H.E.L.. The Kilowatt Kookers had our most impressive showing ever in both cooking and raising funds at the H.L.S.R.B.B.Q. Cook-off. Jim Sims took his last bow as chairman of the Kilowatt Kookers after nine years of keeping us out of trouble. This event has raised over \$100k since it's inception, and to Jim I say "Great Job"! Jim has successfully handed over the reins to Gus Smith and we look forward to a great event in 2004. The bowling league under Steve Alexander and Brandon Tidwell's direction continues to grow as well as the sporting clays event with Charlie Pulido at the helm. Scott Weddle continues to do a great job leading the Golf Tournaments.

SWEE 2004 - Some say the future of the SWEE is in peril, others say we need to revamp, still others say it is just fine the way it is. The Board of Directors will begin the planning stages of our largest single fundraiser within

the next few weeks. With that being said, we NEED your comments and direction that will lead us to making the right decisions.

And why do we raise so much money? Scholarships are the reason. Our Scholarship Team of Jeff Metzler, Jim Sims, Mickey Dehart and Jeff Techmanski are dedicated to put our fundraising proceeds in the right place. We have three groups of scholarships being offered for 2003. Firstly is our Member scholarships given away at our General Meetings, secondly is our special named scholarships and thirdly is our Summer Intern program that is led by Jim Sims. For more information, please contact one of the committee members.

Communication with you, our membership is of the utmost importance. Mark Sielkop heads the Circuit Newsletter that is being delivered electronically to each members INBOX. Please keep him abreast of any changes that you would like to be announced. Ted Leftwich continues as Program Chairman for 2003. At last months General Meeting it was great to hear the "Voice of the Astros" Milo Hamilton. I hope I look that good at 75.

I am very proud to serve as President of the HEL for 2003 and 2004 and will do my best to communicate the vision and direction of the League. I speak for the entire Board of Directors team when I say we welcome your comments and suggestions so please feel free to contact me or any one of our team members by whatever means you deem appropriate. I look forward to hearing from you.

God Bless.

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## Kilowatt Kookers "Hot Stuff!"

Special accolades are due to Mr. Jim Sims for assembling and leading this team of all volunteers from the electrical industry, which compete on a daily basis, then work side by side, to make this event a success. Jim has given tireless effort to assemble and enable this team. All of the team recognizes and appreciates, the leadership, dedication, and friendship Jim has provided. Thanks are not enough for all you have done, but please accept our sincere appreciation from your team, individually, and collectively.

The team appreciates and thanks all of our sponsors for helping to make this event possible. This event would not happen without the monetary support of our sponsors. Thank all of you for your donations! We hope that all of your guests were entertained and left our booth with full stomachs and fond memories. We look forward to your support for next year's event.

This year's \$2,000 sponsors were CED, Crawford Electric, Eaton Cutler-Hammer, GE Supply, Graybar Electric, Parrot Ice Drinks, Protect Controls, Powell Electrical Manufacturing, Reily/WESCO Houston, Summit Electric Supply, Trussway, Ltd., Wholesale Electric Supply and Lincoln Lumber.

This year's \$1,000 sponsors were Bell & McCoy, Cooper B-Line, Cooper Crouse Hinds, Custom Power, DWD Engineering, Eaton Cutler Hammer Eng. Services, ECP Tech Services, EGS Electrical Group, Electrotex Powder Coating Co., E-Tel Sales, Hoffman Enclosures, Houston Wire & Cable, Industrial Air Consulting, Kilowatt Kookers Cooking Team, Lone Star Transportation, M&I Electric, Marc Climatic Controls, NEMA Enclosures, Omni Cable, Panduit Corporation, Priority Wire & Cable, Rig Runners, Reynolds Electric, Samuel Specialty Metals, Southwire, Square D Company, Square D Company OEM Segment, Stanley/Proto Industrial Tools, Tejas Electrical Enclosures Mfg. Inc., Tesla Power & Automation, Texas Screw Products, Thomas & Betts, Turtle & Hughes, Wholesale Electric DataComm Division, Wildcat Electric Supply, Weidmuller and USA Cable.

Contact Gus Smith, Cookoff Chairman and HEL Board of Director at 713-516-4946 if you have any questions about the 2004 event being held February 26-28.

# The HELSF "Murphy McConnaughey" Sporting Clays Event

The American Shooting Center was the site of our 12th Bi-annual event.

HELFSF "Murphy McConnaughey" Sporting Clays Event was blessed with a cool breeze and sunshine. 100 shooters accepted the challenges of course, and by the conversation of committee members, the event was a big success.

The Clay Committee wishes to express our sincere appreciation to this years shooters, corporate sponsors, and friends of HELSF. Together, we have raised in excess of \$5000 for our scholarship fund.



The shot gun winner was Glenn Guy, V.P. of A.G. Electric, Inc., Bird Hunt Winner was Dwight Luedke of Graybar Electric. The 1st place team of Two Man Flush was Richard Wilshusen & P.J. Donner. The 1st place Pair in the Air winner was Shawn Foss. High overall shooter was Shawn Foss. High overall Woman Shooter was Jency Daughtery. High overall Pump Shotgun was Robert Adams. First Place Team Class A was Robert Adams, Bill Brunner, Mike Whiteley, Rob Sandler. First Place Team Class B was Keric Chapman, Ken Wright, Shawn Foss.

HEL Board members express their gratitude for the hard work put forth by a clay tournament committee made up of Mary Francis Burnett, Brian Michna, Ross McClintock, Cindy Sitterle, James Prejean, Robin Bell, Gus Smith, Scott Boyd, and Cathy McConnaughey.

This years corporate sponsors are:

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- Truluck's

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.

# The HELSF "Murphy McConnaughey" Sporting Clays Event



# HELSEF Spring Golf Tournament

The Spring golf event was held April 10, 2003 at Cypresswood Golf Club. Everyone agreed that "this was more like it" for the weather (compared to the 30 weather we played in last December)! It was perfect. We had a slightly smaller turnout than usual but that meant we were all able to play on the T r a d i t i o n c o u r s e .

First place foursome was Woody McAda, Dave Patterson, Micky Lester & Andrew Pratt.

Second place was Ted Leftwich, Bobby Roberts, Gary Thompson & Mike Boneau.

Thirteenth place Dave Vetterick, Jim Harrison, Steve Radcliff and Larry Skinner.

And the coveted 26<sup>th</sup> place was won by Brad Archer, Geno Jurischk, Mike Miles and Jim Brooks.

Long drive was won by Safford Hazen. There was a tie for closest to the pin between Jim Musselman and Nic Graham.

We would like to thank our dedicated hole sponsors: Bell & McCoy, Crawford Electric, Crouse Hinds, Cutler Hammer, ECP Tech Services, EGS Electrical Group, Emmco & Associates, Graybar Electric, Panduit Corp., Reilly/Wesco, Siemens Energy & Automation, Turtle & Hughes, Wholesale Electric and Wildcat Electric Supply.

Once again, beverage carts were sponsored by Houston Wire & Cable, driven by Jennifer Massey & Susan Love and by Dekorant Wire & Cable, driven by Shelia Wilkenson and Robin Bell.

We also acknowledge the generosity of Velocity Express who always provides the league with delivery of the beverages.

As always, thanks to Lana Connor for her behind-the-scenes support in mailings and e-mail.

Chair Scott Weddle thanks volunteers, Jennifer Massey and Susan Love, who assisted with check-in. Brad Elledge and Jimmie Pavlu of Panduit and Alice Bohlalae who served as co-ordinator and registrar for this tournament.



FIRST PLACE TEAM



# Watt's New?

## Scholarship Winners



This year we will have 16 interns at 14 sponsoring companies. We gave away five scholarships to family members from the HEL, and the three major winners this year are as follows:

J.R. Thompson Memorial:	Brian Leblanc	Texas A&M
Clyde Rutland Appreciation:	Johnny Clawson	U of H
W. E. DeHart Appreciation:	Jon Kleckley	Texas A&M

In all this spring we gave away a total of \$45,000 in scholarships to 30 students.



E-Tel Sales has become the new rep for FLEXTRAY by G.S.Metals. This is a flexible wire basket tray system that provides a true time and money saving alternative to traditional cable tray systems.

E-Tel is representing Sensorswitch Inc. Sensorswitch manufacturers passive infrared occupancy sensors. These sensors also incorporate dual technology sensing using "Microphonics". True dual tech passive occupancy sensing.

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- We have added an inside sales position to our lighting control division. Bridgett Zimmerman has accepted this position, and her primary focus will be Lutron wallbox sales.

- David Jones of PW Industries has joined our outside sales team to promote cable tray business in the Gulf Coast market.

**Phil Collins joins ECP Tech Services**

Phil Collins has joined ECP Tech Services, Inc. as VP Sales and Marketing. Phil comes from ABB in Zurich, Switzerland where he was responsible for all Pricing strategies and practices for ABB Globally. ECP Tech Services, Inc. is a Power Systems Testing, Maintenance, and Commissioning company servicing Commercial, Industrial, and Utility Customers on the Gulf Coast and Internationally.

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