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Chairperson's Message

by Lori Pippitt

WOW where has the summer gone... Nebraska football season here we come!

There have been many articles lately pertaining to the increase in existing home sales, mainly in the lower price ranged homes. A lot of this has been geared by the \$8,000 tax credit. It stands to reason; this increase in home sales where owners are receiving the \$8,000 tax credit should also help the remodeling industry. Many of these homeowners who have purchased older homes should be interested in remodeling; I have had two jobs already. Whether it is something as simple as new flooring or countertop or a complete kitchen or bathroom remodel, we should see some indirect benefit from the stimulus package. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the light is starting to show at the end of the tunnel!

There are still some tee times available for the August 14th Remodelers Golf Tournament at Hidden Valley. Check-in will be from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start immediately following! If you haven't gotten them yet... get your Raffle tickets for a chance to win: a pair of skybox tickets to the Sept. 26th Huskers vs. Louisiana-Lafayette football game, a Lazlo's micro-brew keg, or an additional pair of Husker football tickets. Call the HBAL office or ask any Remodelers golf committee member to get your tickets before the tournament!

Remember registration is now open for the 2009 Remodeling Show to be held in Indianapolis October 27-30th. I have really enjoyed attending this show the last three years, and have found the seminars are a great source of information! I try to spend time taking in the booths on the show floor and learning about areas of the remodeling field I don't normally work with. No matter what area of the field you are in there is a wide variety of seminars available! Check out www.theremodeleingshow.com for the Conference schedule-at-a-glance.

I hope to see many of you at the Saltdogs Baseball game on August 11th, enjoy the rest of the summer!

Remodeler of the Month

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Position: Co-Owner

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Company Information: Co-Owners Bo Jones & Steve Powell started working together in 1999 while attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. We started out with projects that could be completed around class schedules and have been fortunate enough to grow the business into a full service residential and commercial construction and remodeling firm.

History: Raised in Red Cloud, NE before moving to Lincoln to attend UNL for Construction Management. In 2003-2004 served 15 months active duty in Iraq with the U.S. Army.

Favorite Books: Construction related literature and automotive magazines.

Favorite Movie: We are Marshall

Favorite TV shows: The Unit, Cold Case, and The History Channel

Find Rewarding: The enjoyment our clients get from our efforts.

Biggest challenge in life: Time management

What inspires you: The unique challenges that come with starting a new project.

What did you want to be when you grew up: A Firefighter

Pet Peeve: When a person takes advantage of someone else for their own personal gain.

Bad Habit: Not making enough time for friends and family.

First thing I do in the morning: Let Gus the dog out.

Favorite vacation spot: Anywhere I can get away from work and hang out with friends and family.

Greatest Hero: Anyone who will take the time to help someone in need.

Childhood fear: Spiders

Spare time: Boating and spending time with friends and family.

Family: Karmin (wife) and Levi (son)

Greatest accomplishment: My Family

Remodelers Council National Membership Day Results

The Super Heroes came out in force on National Membership Day! Many local Remodelers Council reported their new members for May, and when the final reports came in, a few councils earned some special rewards for their efforts.

Congratulations to these top performing Councils!

- **HBA of Lincoln (Large Council size) 11 new members**
- BA of Wichita (Medium Council size) 18 new members
- BA of Greater Boston (Small Council size) 14 new members

Results determined by actual reports and payment received for May 2009, only local councils who reported council members for National Membership Day are eligible. Council size determined by membership numbers as of Dec. 31, 2008.

The "Membership Defenders" theme and graphics will continue for National Membership Day 2010.

Membership Competition Standings

Here are the current standings for the 2009 NAHB Remodelers Local Council Growth Competitions. Each local council competes in their group size for the largest net gain over their highest membership total in 2008.

The competition ends with reports received by November 30, 2009.

Small Councils (1 - 50 members)

Council	2008 High	May 2009	Net Gain	Place
HBA of Quad Cities, Iowa	39	51	12	1st
Peninsula Housing & BA, Va.	47	55	8	2nd
HBA of Greater Austin, Texas	8	15	7	3rd

Medium Councils (51 - 100 members)

Council	2008 High	May 2009	Net Gain	Place
Witchita Area BA, Ks.	75	100	25	1st
HBA of Colorado Springs, Co.	60	77	17	2nd
HBA Raleigh & Wake Cty., NC	96	101	5	3rd

Large Councils (101+ members)

Council	2008 High	May 2009	Net Gain	Place
Greater Atlanta HBA, Ga.	127	140	13	1st
HBA of Lincoln, Ne.	141	143	2	2nd

New councils are not included in the annual membership growth awards for their first year as a council. Each new council will receive recognition for their "founding" achievement.

Congratulations to these new Councils in 2009:

- HBA of Northeast La.
- Northwest Arkansas HBA
- Missoula BIA, Mt.
- HBA of Portage & Summit Counties, Ohio

The Membership Competition Winners and New Councils will be presented with plaques at the NAHB Remodelers Chairman's Dinner at the 2010 International Builders' Show.

Green Building for Building Professionals

Thursday & Friday • November 19-20, 2009
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SCC Continuing Education Center

301 S. 68th Street Place • Lincoln, NE

Cost:	Early Bird	Final Deadline
	by Oct. 1	by Nov. 2
NAHB Members	\$200	\$250
Non-member	\$245	\$295

Visit www.hbal.org/education/schedules/ for a registration form or call 423-4225.

Course Description

This course for building professionals discusses strategies for incorporating green-building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Students will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value. Techniques are also discussed for competitively differentiating your home products with increased indoor environmental quality as well as energy and resource efficiency.

Already have a NAHB Designation and at least two years of building experience?

By successfully completing this course, you will earn the Certified Green Professional (CGP) Designation. Find out more at www.nahb.org/cgpinfo.

Instructor: Steve Theis, CGP, GMB, GMP

Steve Theis is the President of Emerald Homes of Iowa, Inc., a company building green, high performance custom homes at all price points. He is also President of Theis & Co., LLC, a building, real estate and building consulting company focusing on green building and high performance homes. He earned his B.A. degree in Business Management from The University of South Florida and holds the following designations from the National Association of Homebuilders and the National Association of Realtors.

CGP	Certified Green Professional
GMB	Graduate Master Builder
CMP	Certified Marketing Professional
	National Association of Realtors Green Realtor

Additionally, he holds Real Estate Broker's Licenses in Florida and Iowa and a General Contractor's License in Florida.

Steve has over thirty years of building experience ranging from constructing custom homes to creating PUD communities. He has been involved in every aspect of the business from working with Planning and Zoning Commissions, to all areas of construction and, finally, to turning over community management to the owners.

His building and real estate background and experience gives Steve a unique perspective on the entire process of designing, building and selling homes.

REMODELERS COUNCIL OF LINCOLN

Scholarship Golf Tournament



Friday, August 14, 2009

Registration: 9:30 - 10:30

Shotgun Start immediately following registration

Hidden Valley Golf Course
10501 Pine Lake Road

\$65 per golfer · 4-Person Scramble

Friday, August 14, 2009 promises to be another day of fun, friendship, and competition. Please join us for the **17th Annual Remodelers Council Golf Tournament**. The tournament is open to all HBAL members, Remodelers Council members, spouses, and guests.

- Check-in: 9:30 - 10:30
- The tournament format is 18 holes, 4-person scramble.
- Shotgun start.
- Tournament is limited to 36 foursomes.
- Hamburgers & hot dogs will be served all day
- This will be a handicapped event. At the completion of the 9 holes, teams will be flighted for prizes.
- \$65 includes golf, cart, food, & prizes.
- A putting contest will take place before and during the tournament. The cost is \$5 per person.
- Prizes awarded in the banquet room upstairs following the tournament.

Sponsorship!!! If you are interested in sponsoring a hole or contributing to the **Scholarship Golf Tournament**, call the HBAL office at 423-4225. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$100. All sponsors will be listed in the *Lincoln Business Builder* and a sign will be posted at the golf tournament.

To sign up, you may fax (423-4251) or mail this form to HBAL...or call (423-4225).

Remodelers Council Scholarship Golf Tournament Registration

If you are interested in a designated foursome, please register all four players together. If not, you will be assigned a team.

1st Player _____ Company _____

2nd Player _____ Company _____

3rd Player _____ Company _____

4th Player _____ Company _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ players.

____ Yes! We'd like to enter the putting contest.

We will have _____ entries in the putting contest for \$5 each, for a total of \$ _____.

Prepayment is required to play.

Fax this form to HBAL at 423-4251.

Or send it to: Home Builders Association of Lincoln • 6100 S. 58th Street, Suite C • Lincoln, NE 68516

