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COLORADO SECTION GOLF TOURNAMENT

SME Colorado Section’s 2011 Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament will be held Friday Sept. 9, 2011 at the beautiful Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. This event historically helps fund over $10,000 per year in scholarships for students at the Colorado School of Mines and other Colorado engineering programs. Let’s have some fun while helping to encourage more graduates to join the mining industry.

Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm. Costs: $600 for foursomes; $160 for individuals.

Price includes 18 holes of golf at one of the area’s best courses, golf carts per foursome, a bucket of range balls per person, and a barbecue buffet.

Sponsorships are open for holes, holes-in-one, dinner, and the driving range.

Contact Peter Dolph or Annie Allen at Schlumberger Water Services for tournament application forms and other details. Phone 303-297-9005. Email: PDolph@slb.com or AAllen5@slb.com.

PETER DOLPH – LOCAL SECTION HERO

Peter Dolph has been selected by SME National Headquarters as a Local Section Hero and will be written up as such in the August issue of Mining Engineering. The selection was made on the basis of Peter’s work over the past 15 years, organizing and operating SME Colorado Section’s annual golf tournament. Participants in this year’s golf tournament can meet the hero himself and offer their congratulations at the event.

2011-2010 SECTION MEETINGS

Section meetings with a speaker are planned for the third Thursday of the month as follows: October 20, lunch at the new SME headquarters in Englewood; November 17, dinner at a Golden venue; January 19, dinner at a downtown Denver venue; February 16, lunch at a Denver Tech Center venue; March 17, lunch at a Denver West venue; April, meet with the Mineral Processing Division in Colorado Springs; May 17, Annual Awards Banquet, at a downtown Denver venue.

MAILING OF THE COLORADO SECTION NEWSLETTER

This hard-copy Summer mailing of the Colorado Section Newsletter is going out to all Section Members listed at SME National Headquarters as of July 13, 2011, based on zip code. Newsletters for the coming meeting season, September through May, will be distributed by email only. Emails are distributed to the Colorado Section through the server at SME National Headquarters.
SME - COLORADO SECTION DUES

Local Section Dues for 2011-2012 are $25. The Dues Card enclosed with this mailing offers the opportunity to make a Supporting Contribution to help fund the Section’s outreach programs for minerals education and scholarships for students at CSM, local engineering programs such as the State Science & Engineering Fair, and sponsorships for K-12 teachers participating in the All About Mining – A Total Concept of the Mining Industry course. The Section is committed to $13,000 in scholarship support during the coming school year and an additional $5,000 for local outreach programs, such as sponsoring three teachers at $500 each in the 2012 All About Mining course. Please return Section Dues and the Dues Card in the enclosed return envelope by September 30.

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After ten intensive days of classroom lectures coupled with nine days of field trips to various metals, industrial minerals, aggregates, and energy operations, the Colorado Mining Association Education Foundation (CMAEF) graduated 14, K-12 teachers from Colorado, Pennsylvania, and Canada, from the 2011 All About Mining course (www.AllAboutMining.org) at the Colorado School of Mines.

CMAEF wishes to thank SME for providing a $1500 grant to assist CMAEF with program expenses this year. CMAEF also expresses its appreciation to the membership of the Colorado Section of SME for sponsoring three Colorado teachers with scholarships of $500 each: Bill Hayes, Grandview High School (Cherry Creek District), grade 9 physical science, and grade 12 anatomy and physiology; Byron Thompson, Arapahoe Ridge High School (Boulder Valley District), grades 9-12 geography, social studies, history, anthropology; Kate Lewandowski, Sky Vista Middle School (Cherry Creek District), grade 7 earth science.

Teachers are now being sought for the June 11 to July 6, 2012, class. With tightening school budgets and frozen salaries for teachers in many districts, SME members are asked to help solicit teachers for this important program. If you can recommend a teacher for the program, please have him/her contact Dan Witkowsky, Course Coordinator, at 303-972-1814, or DanielWitkowsky@aol.com.

DENVER CHAPTER OF WIM OFFERS FRONT RANGE COAL FIELDS TOUR

You are invited to join the Denver Chapter of WIM on their tour of the Boulder and Weld county coal fields with State Coal Geologist, Chris Carroll on Saturday, August 27, 2011. The tour will begin in Marshall, go through Louisville and Lafayette, and end in Erie. The tour will cover the geology of these coal fields, will include stops at local coal museums, and will highlight surface affects of local mining over the past 100 years. Meet to carpool and receive tour route maps at the Westminster Park-n-Ride Parking Garage at 9:00 a.m. (north-east corner of Highway 36 and Sheridan Blvd). Lunch will be on your own at the Blue Parrot Italian restaurant in Louisville, about noon-ish. The tour is estimated to end about 3:30 p.m. This tour is open to every age group. Some walking will be involved. RSVP is REQUIRED. Contact Karen Jass at 303-293-5037 or klfjass@gmail.com. Make these RSVPs by close of business Monday, August 22 (give the number of folks in your party).

MINING HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM BANQUET

The National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum will hold its 24th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on Saturday evening, September 10, 2011. Activities begin with a reception, cocktails, and Museum open house at 5:30 pm. Dinner and the program begin at 7:00 pm. This year’s Hall of Fame inductees include Wayne Hazea, who founded Hazen Research in Golden and who was widely known in the Denver area. Banquet cost is $125 per person and includes a Full Miner’s Breakfast at the Museum Sunday morning following the Banquet. For additional information see the Museum web site at www.mininghalloffame.org or contact the museum by phone, 719-286-1229, or email, director@mininghalloffame.org.