

# FIRE WATCH

ONTARIO INDUSTRIAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

October 2005

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GOLF TOURNAMENT

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Your Board of Directors has been working behind the scenes to develop some new initiatives for the OIFPA.

Many thanks to Rick Hansen and Greer Gordon who had been busy for several months organizing the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual William Beatty Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament was a great success. The weather was perfect and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day (if not their golf score). A complete report on the success of the tournament is contained later in the newsletter. And once again to the sponsors and participants who also contribute in our success. We have already started the planning for next year's tournament.

The September Seminar ... "Saving Your Business After Disaster Strikes", unfortunately did not have the registration and the seminar was cancelled. We are interested in once again having some of the members' host a seminar at their facility. Anyone who is interested in hosting a seminar should contact Greer, at the office or Doug Scale at [doug.scale@lambton.on.ca](mailto:doug.scale@lambton.on.ca). At the time of writing two more seminars are planned for the upcoming months. Details will follow shortly.

Recently, we have been in discussions with the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs to conduct the Ontario Industrial Fire Prevention Association Annual General Meeting concurrent with the OAFCA Annual Conference and Educational Seminar. This is a great opportunity for us to forge a closer relationship with the municipal fire service. We will be able to take advantage of their Trade Show and the training programs that they provide as part of their education seminars. The municipal fire chiefs will be able to attend the seminars presented by the OIFPA. The informal setting of the social events will be an opportunity to meet the municipal fire service. The AGM will be May 7 to 10, 2006. Mark the dates in your calendar now. Registration materials will be distributed in the New Year.

We have been talking with the Fire Safety Council and the Office of the Fire Marshal regarding fire statistics. Unfortunately the statistics are showing the fires and fire losses are dropping in all categories except industry. Many industries have lost their fire safety focus. We are seeing the fire safety and fire prevention positions in many industries being eliminated in the name of cost savings (right sizing) and the fire prevention duties delegated to inexperienced individuals. The Council and the Fire Marshal have asked that the OIFPA partner with them in communicating with industry regarding the need for fire prevention and on site expertise.

We have had a number of members volunteer to become more active in the association and participate in the activities of the board. Members who are interested in becoming more involved should contact Greer. We will be looking for a slate of members for the elections next year.

Your input is important to us and we would like to hear from the members as to what they want as seminar topics or training programs.

Work safe, play safe.

Cyril Hare

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**



**\*\*\* UPCOMING SEMINAR \*\*\***

## **A Fire So Hot it Melted Fire Hydrants!**

On April 25, 2005 a fire set by two youths had a major impact on the Town of Cobourg and surrounding area. A huge fire in the storage yard of Horizon Plastics prompted the Mayor to declare a state of emergency. All employees as well as some local area residents were evacuated. There were no injuries during the fire response and miraculously Horizon Plastics was able to open for business within 24 hours

Deputy Chief Michael Vilneff of the Cobourg Fire Department will discuss this incident and provide insight into the tremendous fire loads the burning plastic presented. A representative of FM Global will discuss today's fire loading versus what we have had in the past and what we need to look for to protect our facilities from our ever-increasing hazards.

Details of this upcoming seminar to follow shortly with date and location. Watch your emails and mail for this information.

**Membership Directory** is finally enclosed. There have been many changes this year and were still coming in as this was being printed. We have congratulations and farewells to many long-time members

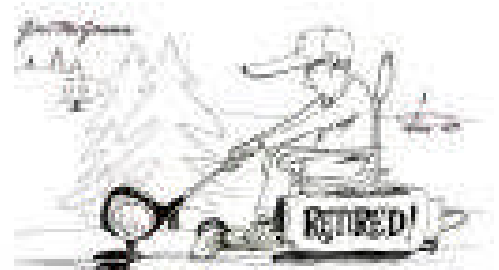
**Congratulations** to the following members on their Retirement

**Doug Martin**, Dow Chemical, Sarnia

**Jack Junkin**, TRW, St. Catharines

**Robert (Tosh) McGroarty**, Procter and Gamble, Hamilton

Ask **Syd Hopkins** retired from Quaker Oats Co. in Peterborough now in his second full year of retirement and finally enjoying himself



**Members on the move...**

Long time member and Director of the Association **Bruce Hall**, Petro Canada, Oakville is transferring to Calgary starting October 17<sup>th</sup>. Bruce's knowledge and talents will be greatly missed in this area by many but now is Calgary's gain. *Best of luck to you on your new position West.*

**Shawn Kirwan**, as well has relocated from Falconbridge in Sudbury, to Thunder Bay to work with the Ontario Mine Rescue. He can be reached at 807-344-8211 or by Fax 807-344-824 new email [shawnkirwan@masha.on.ca](mailto:shawnkirwan@masha.on.ca). Thank you for your input as a Director and we all wish you well in your new venture. Shawn is remaining a member of the Association and will assist when and as often as possible. Best of luck Shawn.

There is also rumor that **Cheryl McCulloch** is changing positions and time ... she is requesting 24 hour work days mandatory not 36!!! And I will bet there are many others that would join in her fight. What ever Cheryl does and moves to she will excel and do very well. Congrats in advance..

**Well wishes to ...**

**Mike Stoddart**, Phoenix ERT who has been recovering from surgery and a long bout of medical problems. He is well on his way to recovery and recently joined us for dinner at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wm. Beatty Memorial Golf Tournament.

**Fire Prevention Week (FPW)** - runs from **October 9 to 15** this year.

In addition to the typical Fire Prevention activities, on Wednesday, October 12 at 10 am the "World's Largest Fire Drill" will be held in Ontario. Currently, the majority of schools (4,000 - 5,000) across the province will be participating. This is also an excellent opportunity to practice your evacuation program and we encourage all our members to participate.

If you plan to participate, please contact your local Fire Department ahead of this date to let them know you are conducting a drill, and after, to identify the number of employees that participated. In addition to giving them a heads-up, they can inform the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) who are coordinating this event of the total number of individuals involved. The intent is to try to get as many people as possible to practice as well as set a new Guinness Book of World Records.



If you are responsible for implementing Fire Prevention activities and would like information on the various types of programs available, contact your local fire Department. Another resource is the FMPFSC who are responsible for developing and/or administering the majority of the programs implemented throughout the province. The Council also supplies the majority of the material/handouts (i.e., FPW kits) used by the Fire Service. For further info go to [www.firesafetycouncil.com](http://www.firesafetycouncil.com)



**Industrial Fire Statistics** - statistics show that fires in all building sectors are declining; however industry, by far, has the least decline of the all sectors. For this reason, the Ontario Fire Marshal has requested the OIFPA to work with his office to determine how we can improve upon this record. The Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association has indicated they would also like to work with the OIFPA in this endeavour.

A task group will be convened to look at all aspects of fires in industry, including current trends, types of fires, origins, implementation of prevention programs, causation reporting methods, training, etc. The following charts outline preliminary data collected:

See Charts attached...

If you are interested in participating on this task group, please contact Greer. This is a good opportunity for our members and organization to bring forward their expertise while providing future guidance and education for our industry.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wm. Beatty Memorial Golf Tournament

Once again was a success because of the many participants and sponsors.

Thank you to our **TEE SPONSORS** this year...

Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council;

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This year we added lunch, sponsored by **Imperial Oil/ Esso; Angus/Pyrene and Contempra Office Services** and thank you to each of you for this added bonus for the golfers.

And to the prize donors – Draeger, North Safety, Levitt Safety Limited, Atlantic Packaging, Ron Sparling, Res-Q-Tech, Cyril Hare, Angus/Pyrene, Acklands Grainger, Akron Mfg., Seneca College, S. A. Armstrong, Bruce Power, Sentry, Starfield Lion, George Fawcett, Fidas Marketing, E. D. Smith, Niagara Parks Commission, The Martin House, Talk Wireless Inc., Oh Canada Eh!, Tim Hortons, Imperial Oil/Esso, Dow Chemical, Doug Scale, Rick Hansen, Simplex Grinnell, Lambton College, Public Safety Council, Whirlpool Golf and Country Club and others that I am sorry if I have left you out... but our many thanks to each and every one of you for your contributions and participation this year.

Our big winners this year were:

Closet to the Pin

Longest Drive

Low Gross

Low Net

**Rob Inglis**

**Doug Scale**

**Mark Naylor**

**Blake Willock**

*Congratulations to all our winners and to our lone female **Stephanie Tully** from Imperial Oil who won it all for the ladies.*

See you all next year new location but the same week.

P.S. *Thank you Rick ... again! In spite of everything else, you managed to come through again!!*

**Fire Prevention & Emergency Services Sports Night** - on the lighter side, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council, of which, the OIFPA is a member of the Board of Directors, is holding a special "Toronto Argonauts Fire Prevention & Emergency Services Night" at the Rogers Centre in Toronto - Oct 27, 05. This is the rubber match game against the Hamilton Ti-Cats.

There will be a special presentation from the Ontario Fire Services Pipe & Drum Band to show our appreciation to all Firefighters. In addition, you will have an opportunity to go onto the field after the game to meet the players, cheerleaders and Jason (the mascot).

As a member of the OIFPA and through special arrangements with the Toronto Argonauts, we are offered tickets at the following prices:

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| • 500 level seats         | Regular \$15 | OIFPA member price \$5  |
| • field level red seats   | Regular \$25 | OIFPA member price \$15 |
| • field level green seats | Regular \$40 | OIFPA member price \$30 |

The Argonauts anticipate over 35,000 people will be in attendance at this game and have offered limited promotional booths (first come - first served) on the main concourse. The space including booth and chairs is \$500. What makes this a great deal is that should you decide to have a booth you will receive \$500 in complimentary game tickets.

This special promotion is only open to the FMPFSC's Board of Directors Associations. For those who are interested in a booth, this is a great marketing opportunity to show support to the Fire Services (municipal & industrial) and those attending. Further, you could donate the tickets to your employees, family, friends, and even school children in your community as part of your Fire Prevention week campaign (Oct 9 - 15). With the \$500 you could receive up to 100 free tickets.

Hope to see you at the game! Ed. Note – Hamilton is going to kick the Argos .....For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Greer.

**NEW MATERIAL ADDED TO THE OIFPA LIBRARY  
FOR LENDING PURPOSES....**

The Association has recently added to the library the DVD and/or VHS of the Sunoco Tank 11 –Response Under Fire. For anyone interested in loaning it just contact the office and it will be forward to you.

*Remember the association is only as good as your input  
and we need to hear from you once in a while*