

August 2003

Ohio Valley NARI golf tournament is set for August 14 Chapter members will return to Twin Oaks Golf Course for 2003 outing

There are now just a few days left until Ohio Valley NARI golfers tee off in the 2003 OVNARI Golf Tournament. There will be a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 14, at Twin Oaks Golf Course, 43rd Street and Michigan Avenue, Covington.

There is still time for us to add a few more players to the list of participants. But to play you will have to act immediately. Fill out the entry form and FAX it to the OVNARI office at 937-222-5794. Player fees are just \$85 - and that includes a great steak dinner at the end of the round.

Twin Oaks Golf Course is located on the west banks of the Licking River, about five miles south of downtown Covington, Kentucky. Take Kentucky Route 17 south to Route 177. Then follow 117 to 43rd street. Drive east of 43rd; cross the rail road tracks, and you're there. From I-275 take the Taylor Mill Road exit (exit 79) and drive north on



Taylor Mill Road to 43rd Street. Follow 43rd Street east. The street jogs north when you reach Route 117.

We hope to see you at Twin Oaks on August 14.

Time to get serious about CotY

With the busy building season going full-tilt it's time for Ohio Valley NARI members to be assembling photos and other materials they will need to complete their 2004 Contractor of the Year entries.

Before and after photos are essential for a successful CotY entry. In many cases progress photos will help illustrate special problems or challenges that raised the project above the ordinary.

Last year OVNARI member Neal's Construction earned the greatest honor NARI can give a member--a national CotY award. For Neal's the road to national recognition began with a winning entry in the local Contractor of the Year awards program. You can't win if you don't enter.

You can find full information about the 2004 CotY awards at www.naricincinnati.org.

Call to RSVP

- What:** 2003 OVNARI Golf Tournament
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Covington, Kentucky
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RSVP: FAX entry form to 937-222-5794
Cost: \$85 per player

The Home Depot needs contractors in markets throughout the U.S.

NARI National Member Home Depot outlines a total of \$25 million dollars in outstanding projects, which it would like completed by NARI General Contractors who are known for quality work and professionalism.

The At Home Services group of Home Depot is running into capacity issues in many markets throughout the country. The specific needs are for siding, gutters, windows and roofing. With the exception of California and Arizona, there is a need in most markets nationwide with the highest priority being the New England area. NARI general contractors interested in pursuing this work should immediately and directly contact:

Scott Schnell
Installation Services Manager
RMA Home Services
770 779 1303

Home Depot, which has been a national member of NARI for several years, recently announced a corporate-wide policy of requiring all Home Depot stores to join their local NARI chapters to augment the national presence. There are 12 Home Depot stores in the greater Cincinnati area

Home sales stay strong in June

While sales of existing single-family homes eased a slight 0.3% in June, they remained in record territory, the National Association of Realtors® (NAR) announced on July 25.

While existing home demand is strong on a national basis, the Midwest and the Northeast are not faring as well as other regions.



Regionally, June sales rose 3.2% in the West, remained unchanged in the South and were down by 3% in the Midwest and 4.4% in the Northeast.

Existing homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.83 million in June, which was just below a downwardly revised level of 5.85 million units in May, according to the Realtors®. The June sales rate was 8.6% above the pace recorded a year earlier and it was tied for the fourth highest month on record.

“The slight easing of sales in June may reflect some weakness in labor markets, but historically low mortgage interest rates are helping new households to afford homes and allow existing owners to sell their homes and purchase another,” said David Lereah, the association’s chief economist. “This is the primary reason we expect a new sales record this year.”

The national median existing-home price was \$176,500 in June, up 7.7% from a median price of \$163,900 a year earlier.

The National Association of Realtors previously reported that existing home sales reached historic record levels during the first quarter of 2003. The previous record was set during the last quarter of 2002.

Strong existing home sales are indicative of a strong remodeling market, since buyers of existing homes often initiate home improvement projects shortly after occupying their new homes.



Coming Events

August 14, 2003

Golf Outing at Twin Oaks

September 11, 2003 - 6:30 p.m.

Topic: Design/Build

Presenter: Stan Better

Location: Holiday Inn I-275 North

October 9, 2003 - 6:30 p.m.

Topic: Supplier Showcase

Location: Holiday Inn I-275 North

ICC President Paul Myers updates OVNARI members on building codes and the merger of the building officials professional associations

Ohio Valley NARI members who were discouraged by the prospect of bad weather --which never materialized--missed a great picnic and meeting at Sharon Woods on July 10. A rib eye steak cookout was followed by an informal discussion of national, state, and local building code matters by the special guest for the evening, Paul Myers, assistant director of the Cincinnati Department of Buildings and Inspections.

Paul told the NARI group assembled around a few picnic tables in the Great Meadow shelter area that the three regional building officials associations, BOCA, SBCCI, and ICBO, have completed an eight-year process that resulted in the merger of these organizations into a single national building officials association, the International Code Council.

Paul modestly didn't mention that he is the first individual to serve as president of ICC following the consolidation, making him the elected leader of over 50,000 building officials from throughout the U.S. and several other nations.

Since ICC was established in 1994 the initial objective of replacing the BOCA, SBCCI, and ICBO codes with a single set of national codes has been reached. The ICC code family currently includes the International Building Code, the International Existing Building Code, the International Residential Code, the International Energy Conservation Code, the International Fire Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, the International Mechanical Code, the ICC Performance Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Private Sewage Disposal Code, the International Property

Maintenance Code, the International Zoning Code, and the ICC Electrical Code.

Paul called attention to the existing building code, which has yet to be adopted by any jurisdiction in the U.S., as a document NARI may want to actively support locally and nationally.

He said that this code addresses the unique conditions that apply to additions or alterations to existing buildings. "Without this code," he said, "you and building officials are stuck with trying to apply the residential code or the building code to remodeling and renovation jobs." The provisions of these codes may not always be appropriate for projects involving existing buildings. The IEBC has sections covering repairs, alter-

ations, change of occupancy, additions, and historic buildings

Code development at the national, state, and local levels is always a public process. Paul urged NARI members to participate in the process so the interests and concerns of remodelers will be considered by the code committees and the voting members of ICC.

The final action hearing and voting on changes to the Ohio Residential Code will be held on November 18. Interested parties have until September 25 to submit challenges to the recommendations of the code committee. Paul urged NARI members to review the committee recommendations and challenge any changes they feel are inappropriate.

The ICC Final Action Code Hearings will be in Cincinnati in February 2005. He encouraged NARI members to plan to attend the hearings to see the code development process in action.





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OVNARI fall meetings will be at Holiday Inn I-275 North on Hauck Road

After two years of meeting at the Cincinnati Marriott North, Ohio Valley NARI is moving about six miles south and east to the Holiday Inn I-275 North, at the intersection of Hauck Road, Route 42, and I-275 for the September and October meetings.

The Marriott in West Chester has been a popular meeting site, but a recent change of policy for the entire Marriott organization

made it impossible for the hotel to book meetings more than two or three months in advance. This new policy also made it necessary for Miami Valley NARI to move from the Dayton Marriott, where they have been meeting for five years.

The first meeting at the Holiday Inn, located just west of Route 42, will be on September 11. The program for the evening will be a design/build presentation led by OVNARI member Stan Better, AIA, of Stan Better Construction Company.

The mission of Ohio Valley NARI is:

- ✓ To establish and maintain the association's firm commitment to developing and sustaining programs that expand and unite the remodeling industry as well as to ensure the industry's growth and security.
- ✓ To encourage ethical conduct, sound business practices, and professionalism in the remodeling industry.
- ✓ To present NARI as the recognized authority in the remodeling industry.

These missions are carried out by:

- ✓ Promoting the common business interests of those engaged in the industry.
- ✓ Sponsoring educational programs and activities for members.
- ✓ Enlightening consumers to the needs and advantages of home remodeling and maintenance, thereby improving the nation's housing inventory.
- ✓ Recommending legislative and regulatory action that safeguards and preserves the remodeling industry, and stimulates the marketplace.

Goals of chapter to accomplish mission:

- ✓ To provide education to enhance professional and personal competencies.
- ✓ To create and encourage networking.
- ✓ To develop and promote the profession.
- ✓ To serve as a resource center.
- ✓ To provide quality publications to members.
- ✓ To improve membership and membership participation.
- ✓ To improve consumer awareness.
- ✓ To remain proactive on current and pending legislation.

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