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ASBA Announces New Certified Builders

Ellicott City, MD – The American Sports Builders Association (ASBA), the national organization for builders and suppliers of materials for athletic facilities, has announced the names of the individuals most recently recognized as Certified Builders. ASBA offers its voluntary certification program which allows builders of specific athletic facilities (currently tennis courts, running tracks and sports fields) to demonstrate proof of their experience, as well as their knowledge of sports-facility-specific construction.

The program was developed by ASBA in order to help raise professional standards and improve the practice of sports facility construction. Certification is offered in three different disciplines; an individual may choose to pursue the designation of Certified Tennis Court Builder (CTCB), Certified Track Builder (CTB) or Certified Field Builder (CFB). The CFB designation encompasses both natural grass and synthetic turf fields; however, an individual may choose to specialize and become either a CFB-N (the designation for those specializing in natural grass fields) or CFB-S (for those specializing in synthetic turf).

In order to become a certified builder, an individual must meet specific criteria set forth by ASBA; he or she must complete an application that shows proof of a set amount of experience in the chosen type of sports facility, and then pass a comprehensive exam on construction and maintenance. In order to maintain the designation, an individual must recertify every three years by documenting a sufficient level of continuing education activities in the relevant field or by passing the examination again.

The following individuals recently completed all requirements to become certified builders:

Certified Tennis Court Builders

Albert Giamei, Jr., CTCB (Copeland Coating Co., Inc., Nassau, New York)
Dale Hendrickson, CTCB (TD Sports, Inc., Simi Valley, California)
Michael Kingsbury, CTCB (Fowler Construction, Ontario, Canada)
Carlos Navas, CTCB, (Sport Court Midwest, Bensenville, Illinois)
JR Rockenfield, CTCB (McConnell & Associates Corp., Kansas City, Missouri)
Pete Smith, CTCB (The CourtSmiths, Toledo, Ohio)
Pat Walker, CTCB (Sport Court Midwest, Bensenville, Illinois)

Certified Track Builders

Mark Becker, CTB (Sports Turf Company, Whitesburg, Georgia)
Christopher Polk, CFB, CTB (Hellas Construction, Dallas, Texas)
Jameson Sheley, CTB (Byrne & Jones Construction, St. Louis, Missouri)
Todd Wiggins, CTB (Sports Turf Company, Whitesburg, Georgia)

Certified Field Builders

Derek Delmonico, CFB (R.A.D. Sports, Rockland, Massachusetts)
Mark Heinlein, CFB (The Motz Group, Cincinnati, Ohio)
Jason Hester, CFB (Sports Turf Company, Inc., Whitesburg, Georgia)
Jonathan Holland, CFB (Precision Turf, LLC, Buford, Georgia)
John McSweeney, CFB-S (AstroTurf, Trenton, Michigan)
Aaron McWhorter, CFB (Sports Turf Company, Inc., Whitesburg, Georgia)
John Plaia, CFB (Hellas Construction, Inc., Austin, Texas)
Christopher Polk, CFB, CTB (Hellas Construction, Inc., Austin, Texas)
Matt Schnitzler, CFB, CTB (Hellas Construction, Austin, Texas)
Craig Shonk, CFB- S (AstroTurf, Grain Valley, Missouri)
Joseph Williamson, CFB (Sports Turf Company, Inc., Whitesburg, Georgia)

The exam is given at meetings offered by the ASBA or by making other arrangements with Association staff. It was most recently given at the ASBA Winter Meeting. The next ASBA Technical Meeting, where the exam will also be given, will be held December 1-6, 2011 at the J.W. Marriott Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, California.

Those who want to learn more about the certification program are encouraged to go to the ASBA website at www.sportsbuilders.org, and using the top toolbar, select the "Certification" button (fourth from the left). A drop-down menu will allow the user to choose among certification pertaining to tennis courts, running tracks or sports fields.

The ASBA is a non-profit association helping designers, builders, owners, operators and users understand quality athletic facility construction. The Association sponsors informative meetings, publishes newsletters, books and technical construction guidelines, and keeps its members informed of the latest developments in the industry. For additional information on the ASBA, its publications, activities and upcoming meetings, contact the Association by phone at 866-501-ASBA, 410-730-9595, by fax at 410-730-8833, or electronically at www.sportsbuilders.org or info@sportsbuilders.org.