

Safety First

Defective Tools: Defective tools can cause serious and painful injuries. If a tool is defective in some way, **DON'T USE IT.**

Be aware of problems like:

- Chisels and wedges with mushroomed heads
- Split or cracked handles
- Chipped or broken drill bits
- Broken or inoperative guards
- Insufficient or improper grounding
- On/off switch not in good working order

To ensure personal safety:

- Never use a defective tool
- Double check all tools prior to use
- Ensure defective tools are repaired
- Tag and/or remove defective tools from service.

We are currently at 157 days without a time-loss incident. Let's keep that number growing.

Just a reminder that any tools returned to the shop dirty will result in a safety violation. This applies to *all* staff members both in the office and on site.

2009 Staff Awards

(Recipients were chosen by their peers)



Most Valuable Staff Member – Mark Lumbard
Most Safety Conscious Staff Member – Steve Horvat
Most Improved Staff Member – Art Wiebe

TQM

TQM – Total Quality Management. The TQM Committee has begun preparing for our next PD day to be held on Friday, May 7th at the Gates on Roblin. The committee recently met to review and discuss all OFI forms received since our last PD Day in November. The Committee is in the process of creating a tool for our Superintendents to use in order to evaluate working relationships with subtrades on sites. Ongoing work of refining the conversion of TQM Construction Checklists from paper form to electronic continues. The next TQM Meeting is scheduled for May at which time the new committee members will be meeting for the first time.

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WESTLAND CONSTRUCTION
ON RECEIVING YOUR
ISO 9001:2008 CERTIFICATION
ON JANUARY 12, 2010



Rene Mailhot—Westland's Year End Party January 2010

Building a Better Way

GT Club: The GT Committee successfully organized a WCL Poker Night in February. Winner was Mladen Jovanovic. An NHL Playoff Hockey Pool is in the works for mid April and our annual Bowling night will be scheduled for mid May. We will keep you informed when the event is formally booked.

Welcome Aboard: A big Westland Welcome to Ryan Anhalt Sr. who joined the company on February 1st as a Skilled Tradesperson and Chris Doerksen who joined the company as Project Manager in mid March.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Chris Doerksen and his wife Treena who welcomed their baby boy, Noah William, who was born on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Both Mom and baby are well.

PD Day: Next PD Day is scheduled for Friday, May 7th.

Golf Tournament: Westland's 11th Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, June 25th at the Kingswood Golf & Country Club.

New Projects

- Sunova Oakbank – Credit Union
WCL Job # 10-053-RM
Project Manager: Reid Mattson
Superintendent: Rene Mailhot
Administrator: Sheena Braun
- Sunova North Main - Credit Union
WCL Job # 10-055-GL
Project Manager: Gord LaMonica
Superintendent: Mark Lumbard
Administrator: Cindy Hendrickson
- RCMP Forensics Lab HVAC Upgrade
WCL Job # 10-058-DB
Project Manager: Darryl Berard
Superintendent: Steve Horvat
Administrator: Sue Young
- Seine River Physiotherapy
WCL Job # 10-056-GL
Project Manager: Gordon LaMonica
Superintendent: Mark Ward
Administrator: Sue Young



Abe Penner (aka Abester), "getting down"
at the Year-End Party

"Kaizen" Quote of the Month

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure"

Staff Profile

Name: Chris Doerksen
Birthday: August 11
Education: Grade 12 Diploma, Carmen Collegiate
Red River College, Wpg., MB.
Apprentice Carpentry Level 1-4
Red River College, Winkler, MB.
Power Engineering 5th Class
University of Winnipeg – Masters
Certificate in Project Management
Position: Project Manager

Chris joined the company in mid March. Before joining Westland, Chris worked as a Project Manager for 4 years for a modular building company in Winkler, MB and prior to that worked for 7 years as a Facility Manager for RHA - Central Manitoba. Chris' earlier work was as a Carpenter for a general contractor in Carmen, MB. Chris was born and raised in a small town, Stephenfield, before moving to Carman, MB. His hobbies include woodworking, golfing, curling and snowmobiling. Chris has been married to his wife Treena for 12 years. They have two children: Olivia 3½ and newborn Noah. Please make sure to introduce yourself to Chris the next time you are in the office.



Chris Doerksen

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