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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Derek Fritsch, Green Hammer Construction LLC

Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank Paul Lewandowski for coming out to our Spring cookout. He had great information on the Fox Valley Residential Building Construction program.

All builders considering entering a project into the fall Parade of Homes are encouraged to do so soon. The parade will be held October 10th through the 12th. Please

reach out to claim your position by August 15!

It's a few months away yet but, put August 7th on your calendar for the annual Jerry Arenz Memorial Trap Shoot! Registration is now open. The form can be found on pages 4 & 5. This is always a fun and relaxing night with your peers.

Don't be a stranger! Every member is welcome and encouraged to contribute to

the growth, community outreach, and networking of this association. New ideas and fresh faces are the future of this industry.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Thank you,
Derek Fritsch
MSHBA President
Owner, Green Hammer
Construction LLC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- August 7 Jerry Arenz Memorial Trap Shoot
Winnebago East Shore Conservation Club
- August 27 Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 am at 7 Angels, Chilton
- August 27 Trap Shoot Committee Meeting
7:00 am at 7 Angels, Chilton

**Register your team
& pay by July 31 to
be entered into a
drawing for 250
shells!**

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JERRY ARENZ MEMORIAL TRAP SHOOT



MSHBA Membership



2025 MSHBA OFFICERS

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2025 DIRECTORS

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WBA Director
Derek Fritsch

NAHB Delegate
Kevin Schmitz

NAHB Alternate Delegate
Open Position

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THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Chilton Furniture—26 years
Interior Woodworking LLC—18 years

Mid-Shores HBA offers a 3-Pay Dues Payment Program...

MSHBA offers an option to pay your dues in three consecutive monthly payments of \$150.00. Your membership will take into effect on your final payment. A 3-Pay Dues payment contract will be included with your renewal statement.

AUGUST BOD MEETING August 27 at 7:00 am 7 Angels Restaurant, Chilton



Paul Lewandowski spoke to us about the Fox Valley Residential Building Construction program.

WBA Updates...

Summer Event Registration - Registration is open for our summer events.

Thursday, June 26: [Member Meeting Day](#)

Thursday, June 26: [Celebration of Housing](#)

Friday, June 27: [WB Foundation Golf Outing](#)

Blueprint - [Click here](#) to view the latest edition.

WBA Member Benefits...

- **Kwik Trip Rewards**
- **Contracts/Forms**
- **Member Hotline**
- **Insurance**
- **Rebate Form**
- **Continuing Education**
- **Coaching & Consulting**



Even More Benefits are available at www.wisbuild.org/member-benefits

Area Chamber Membership

MSHBA is a member of New Holstein, Chilton and the Kiel Area Chamber of Commerce. Please feel free to represent MSHBA and attend any of their meetings or events.

- [New Holstein Area Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Kiel Area Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Chilton Chamber of Commerce](#)

MSHBA'S 2025 PARADE OF HOMES October 10-12

**Builder Project Entry is
Now OPEN**

**Project Entry Deadline:
August 15**

**Parade of Homes Book
Advertising will Open Soon!**



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Brad Boycks, Executive Director



UDC Council Begins Building Code Review

The Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) Council has started reviewing Wisconsin's residential building code for one- and two-family homes. Representing the WBA on the council are Mark Etrheim (La Crosse), Vice Chair; Abe Degnan (DeForest); and Dawn McIntosh (Madison).

A proposal to replace the UDC with the International Residential Code (IRC) was introduced but ultimately tabled. Our WBA representatives strongly advocated for keeping the UDC. The council appeared split, 5–5, on the issue.

The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) will conduct further research, including outreach to WBA members, focusing on potential costs—particularly related to energy code changes. Guest speakers will participate in upcoming council meetings in May and June.

WBA will continue advocating for a balanced, cost-conscious approach that retains the UDC and supports reasonable energy efficiency updates.

Legislation Introduced to Improve Referendum Transparency

Senate Bill 58 and Assembly Bill 60 would require additional financial disclosures in school and local referendum questions. Under SB 58, each question would need

to include:

- The estimated interest rate and total interest on bonds
- Any potential default-related fees
- A good-faith estimate of the impact on property taxes for a median-valued, single-family home

WBA members have expressed concern about limited financial context in past referendums. WBA has registered support for both bills and will monitor their progress.

Policy Items Removed from State Budget

The Joint Committee on Finance has removed over 400 policy items from Governor Evers' proposed state budget. Thanks in part to feedback from WBA Advocacy Day attendees, the following items were eliminated:

- Changes to WHEDA loan programs (already addressed in separate WBA-

supported legislation)

- Price gouging provisions in storm-affected areas
- Additional retention pond safety requirements

These provisions may still return as standalone legislation later in the session.

New Candidates Announce for Governor and Supreme Court

Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann has announced his candidacy for governor as a Republican. He is the first candidate from either party to enter the race. Schoemann is known for using ARPA funds to reduce infrastructure costs and lower housing prices in his county.

Judge Chris Taylor of the District IV Court of Appeals has announced her candidacy for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. She will challenge Justice Rebecca Bradley, who is seeking reelection in April 2026. The current court has a 4–3 liberal majority.



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JERRY ARENZ MEMORIAL TRAP SHOOT 50 BIRD SHOOT

WHEN

August 7, 2025

Shooting starts at 4 pm, sign-up by 7

WHERE

**Winnebago Eastshore
Conservation Club**

W4572 Hickory Hills Road, Stockbridge



FEATURING

TOP GUN of the day wins
**\$100 cash • TOP JUNIOR
GUN** of the day wins **\$100
cash • Colored Clay** per
**Round • Lewis Class • 8 oz
Ribeye Steak Sandwich
Plate • Raffles • Prizes**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

COST

\$25.00—Person

\$125.00—Team of 5

\$100.00—Junior Team of 5

**Bring your own shells!
WECC has a very limited
supply.**

EARLY BIRD PAID REGISTRATION

**Register your team & pay
by July 31 to be entered
into a drawing for 250**

**shells! Sponsored by
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CONTACT

**Register your Team by
calling 920-539-9014**



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2025 Jerry Arenz Memorial Trap Shoot
Registration & Sponsorship Opportunities

REGISTRATION INFORMATION...

Trap Shoot Packages - All packages include a 50 Bird Shoot – bring your own shells! WECC has a limited supply. Register your **team** by **July 31** to be entered into a drawing for 250 shells!

- ☐ **INDIVIDUAL PACKAGE - \$25 per person** \$ _____
- ☐ **TEAM OF 5 PACKAGE - \$125** \$ _____
- ☐ **JUNIOR TEAM OF 5 PACKAGE - \$100 (age 17 & under)** \$ _____
- Junior team sponsors are available. Let us know if you would like to be sponsored.
- ☐ **8 OZ RIBEYE STEAK SANDWICH PLATE - \$15.00 per person** \$ _____

Additional Competitive Events:

- ☐ **LEWIS CLASS - \$5 per person** \$ _____
- ☐ **COLORED CLAY – FREE**

Competitive Event Descriptions...

Lewis Class: Shooters are divided into classes based on final scores. Cash prizes are awarded to the top shooters in each of these classes. Everyone has an equal chance to win.

Colored Clay: One colored clay will be randomly pulled per team. Winners will receive 5 bucket raffle tickets.

Company/Team Name: _____

Shooters Names: 1. _____ 2. _____
 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION...

- ☐ **STATION SPONSOR \$100 MEMBERS, \$200 NON-MEMBERS** \$ _____
- Promote your business at a shooting station
 - Sponsors provides standard size job site sign for display at a shooting station
 - Sponsor receives 10 bucket raffle tickets
- ☐ **TOP GUN SPONSOR \$50 - \$100** \$ _____
- ☐ **JUNIOR TOP GUN SPONSOR \$50** \$ _____
- ☐ **JUNIOR TEAM SPONSOR \$100** \$ _____
- ☐ **EVENT SPONSOR \$25 - \$100** \$ _____
- Choose any level of commitment which will be used for raffle prizes and/or event expenses
- ☐ **DONATING DOOR PRIZE/RAFFLE PRIZE**
- Promote your business by donating your company logo items...hats, t-shirts, etc...or other prize or certificate.

Sponsorships need to be purchased by August 4, to be listed on the official event signage at WECC. All Sponsors will be announced during the event.

PAYMENT INFORMATION...

Company Name: _____

- ☐ **CHECK IS ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIPS** \$ _____

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SEE YOU IN JUNE!

3 EVENTS | 2 DAYS

Join the Wisconsin Builders Association and Wisconsin Builders Foundation for two fantastic days in La Crosse!

The Member/Board Meeting as well as the Celebration of Housing will both take place at Radisson Hotel La Crosse, with Badger Craftsman Awards being presented at the Celebration of Housing. The WB Foundation Golf Outing will take place the next day at the private Golf Club at Cedar Creek in Onalaska.

Be sure to visit the website listed below or scan the QR code to join us!

Thursday, June 26



Member/Board Meeting
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM



Celebration of Housing
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday, June 27



**WB Foundation
Golf Outing**

**SCAN TO REGISTER
for EVENTS**



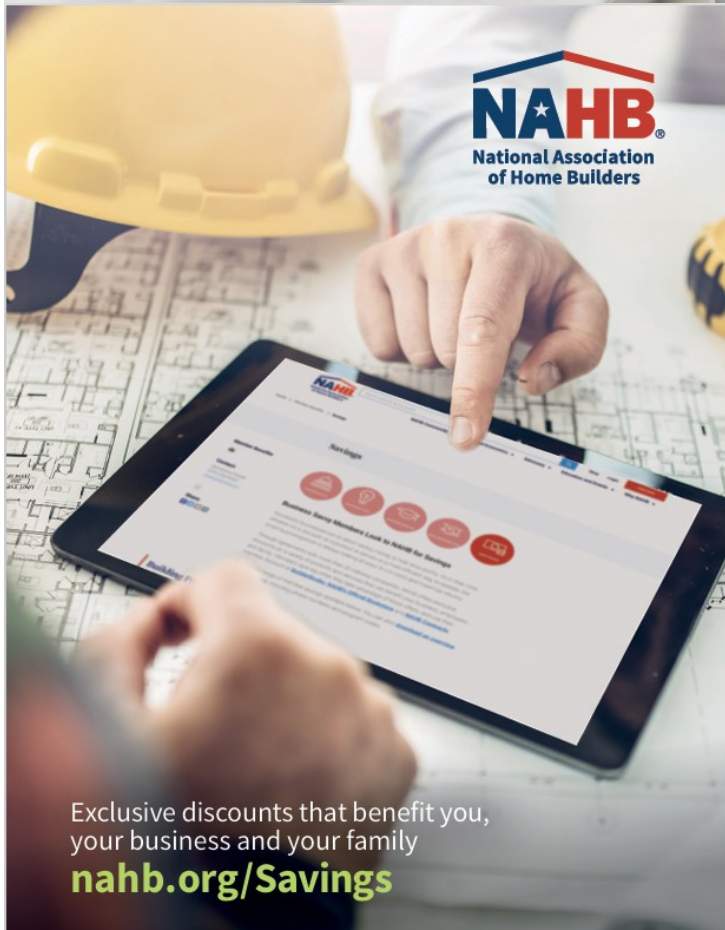
- - visit association.wisbuild.org/eventcalendar to register for one or all! - -

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