



JCG HOOKED

Quarterly Company Newsletter

In the world there are only two tragedies; one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it.—Oscar Wilde

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JCG's International Crew—Port-au-Prince, Haiti

On October 23rd, three folks from the JCG family flew to Haiti for a two week volunteer project in partnership with the non-profit organization, Hands Together.

The team erected two steel buildings. One was 60' x 80' with 12' sidewalls to be used for classrooms and offices. The other was 60' x 80' with 22' sidewalls will be used as a gymnasium for the school.

More importantly, they taught the local residents the skills needed to complete the structures. Give a man a building, he'll have a shelter. Teach a man to build, and he can rebuild a country.

The daily temperatures were in the mid to upper 90's with extremely high humidity. Paul's favorite was the banana soup and rice everyday for lunch. Chilly loved doing laundry by hand with Haitian soap and Darren was thankful for the cold showers.

On more than one occasion there were shots fired just outside the gate to the school and traffic laws are non-existent. The local people live in conditions we can't comprehend.

Paul, Darren, Chilly and Tom

Beaudette fought heat, "froggy" water, limited food variety and poor working conditions and equipment, and they all would go back tomorrow!

Doug Campbell from the Hands Together Website:

"It was incredible to see the whole process. Our Haitian construction crew, largely trained by Tom Beaudette (Beaudette Consulting Engineers) and who rebuilt all of our schools and our headquarters, easily grasped the concepts for creating huge cement footings and they were doing the prep work weeks before the U.S. workers arrived. By the end of the week, you saw the U.S. workers from Jackson (Contractor Group) working side-by-side our many Haitian laborers - even way up on top of the structures! Cranes and equipment were buzzing with activity. It was just an incredible collaboration. It filled the staff and students with a certain energy and enthusiasm. We can't wait to start using both buildings."



Mr. Tom Beaudette with friend.

Visit www.handstogether.org for more information about the organization and to make a donation.



Good Thing JCG Wasn't Nominated for a Grammy

JCG cleaned house at the 2012 Montana Contractor's Association Construction Excellence Awards Banquet in January winning three Building Excellence Awards!

- Malmstrom Air Force Base Community Activity Center—Best Institutional Project
- Garlington, Lohn Robinson—Best Commercial Project
- Malmstrom Air Force Base Community Activity Center—Excellence in Craftmanship



Weird Laws in Montana

- > It is illegal to have a sheep in the cab of your truck without a chaperone. (State Law)
- > It is illegal for married women to go fishing alone on Sundays, and illegal for unmarried women to fish alone at all. (State Law)
- > You can't drive a car with ice picks attached to the wheels. (Whitehall)
- > It is illegal to annoy passersby on sidewalks with a revolving water sprinkler. (Helena)
- > The game of folf may not be played at night (Helena)

Fly of the Month: Black Zebra Midge



Fishing Report

Bitterroot River: midges
Rock Creek: streamers & nymphs
Clarkfork River: midges
Blackfoot River: ice
Missouri River: Trico
Clearwater: big & ugly "Clown Turds"



Remember : Crimp those barbs.

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JCG's Christmas Party



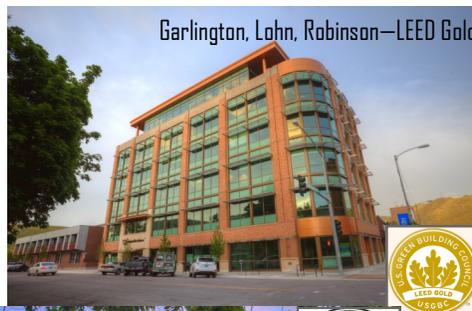
No one's sure if it was naughty or nice, but the JCG Crew descended on Tamarack Brewing Co. for their annual Christmas party. Good food and good times were had by all and the night even included a surprise visit from Santa!

Thanks Tamarack Brewing Co. for a fantastic evening!



LEEDing the Pack

JCG has just gotten word that the *Rocky Mountain Laboratories Building #7 has been LEED Certified Gold*. That makes the fifth JCG building to become LEED certified:



Certified LEEDers

JCG facilitated a study group for Missoula area professionals seeking their LEED Green Associate certification. Some JCG family members have taken and passed their LEED GA exams adding to JCG's commitment to smart, sustainable construction!

- Heather Carter, LEED Green Associate
- Hattie Redmon, LEED Green Associate
- Nick Van Tighem, LEED Green Associate
- Mark Tabert, LEED Green Associate
- Doug Jackson, LEED Accredited Professional, Building Design & Construction (LEED AP BD+C)
- Mark Kobos, LEED AP BD+C
- Greg Hebner, LEED AP BD+C
- Matt Brossman, LEED AP BD+C



NASC is a Platinum Hit!

The Payne Family Native American Studies Center (NASC) revealed its Platinum LEED plaque in a ceremony on the University of Montana's Missoula Campus, on Friday, December 9th.

Pictured below (from left to right: Todd Stenerson, Superintendent, Matt Brossman, Project Manager and Mark Kobos, Project Manager). The NASC received 54 out of a possible 69 points under the LEED for New Construction v2.2. Points were earned by 94% of the interior spaces having views to the outside, reducing irrigation needs by using native plants, seeking materials that were locally grown and manufactured, taking advantage of passive solar heat and lighting, reclaiming a larch tree on site for use in the flooring of the rotunda. All this while reflecting the importance of Native American culture and values.



The Hatch (Birthdays)

- October 17—Rylan Oakland
- October 18—Jack Reid
- October 29—Mark LeNear
- December 21—Burton Adler
- November 3—Matt Grossman
- November 6—Clinton Kauffman
- November 27—Chilly Camacho
- November 26—Erik Lorentzen
- December 27—David Everingham

Fish Food

See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Answer: If you take the first letter of each word and put them in order you get 'spawnd'.
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Fishing Funnies

A blonde guy gets up really early in the morning to go ice fishing. He goes out onto the ice with his tent, his pick and his fishing rod, and starts to pick at the ice. Then he hears a big booming voice: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."
 The guy looks around and then starts to pick at the ice again. Then he hears the voice again: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."
 Now the guy is getting a little edgy. He looks up toward the sky and thinks to himself, "God, is that you?"
 There is no answer, so he starts picking again. The voice bellowed again: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."
 Then the guy yells, "God, is that you?"
 The voice answered, "NO. IT'S THE MANAGER OF THE ICE RINK."

Safety Bait

Spring Cleaning— Spring is just around the corner, which means unburying that camping gear in the back of the garage...clean smart!

- Be careful moving large items...lift with your legs.
- Watch out for wet areas and the lingering ice puddle.
- Do not leave buckets of water around...drowning hazard for small beings.
- Follow cleaning product instructions...when in doubt don't mix (apply to other areas of your life as well).



Current Catches

- Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge, MT
- Missoula Air Traffic Control Tower in Missoula, MT
- Big Horn County Historic Museum, Hardin, MT
- Superior High School, Superior, MT
- Parkside Professional Village, Missoula, MT
- Sleep Inn of Miles City, Miles City, MT
- Missoula International Airport Securities, Missoula, MT

- Big Sky Surgery Center, Missoula, MT
- Montana State University, North Hedges Suites, Bozeman, MT
- Western States Truck Center, Missoula, MT
- McKinstry Office Remodel, Missoula, MT
- McCone County Health Center, Circle, MT
- Hardin Elementary School Addition, Hardin, MT

Maggie's Person of the Hour

Maggie, the office Labrador, only hangs out with the cream of the crop...who made her top spot this time?



Mary Vickrey

Batman has Robin and Bill has Mary. Mary is the behind the scenes payroll and accounts payable guru for JCG. Mary enjoys training her horses, adding to husband, Brian's, list of chores, talking to agents from the Department of Immigration, spoiling her grandson, Cooper, and Great Harvest Bread's pumpkin chocolate chip muffins. Mary is dreadfully afraid of mice eating her vitamins and I-9 forms. Since joining the JCG Crew in 2007, Mary was lucky enough to experience life in the old office and the raising of the new office. With her spacious office overlooking the breathtaking view of the railroad tracks, it's a wonder how she gets all her work done.

Someone has to put up with Bill, and only two people are known to have succeeded: 1) Bill's wife Vicki and 2) Mary Vickrey.



PS—The picture to the right is of Mary Tyler Moore, not Mary Vickrey. Which has nothing to do with Mary Vickrey, only that she may work undercover for the IRS; her identity must be kept secret.

The Green Onion

Montana is becoming known for the well crafted beers coming from the small microbrews and brew-pubs that dot the Big Sky State...Bitter Root Brewing in Hamilton, Bayern Brewing in Missoula, Blacksmith Brewing in Stevensville, Big Sky Brewing Co. in Missoula, Tamarack Brewing Co. in Lakeside and now in Missoula: the list continues to grow. With such support for great local produce, Jackson Contractor Group, Inc. has decided to expand its entrepreneurial horizons and open its own brewery to exhibit their unique batches of fine brewskis.

JCG has already started the fine tuning of recipes, the construction of a luxury man cave (including mandatory smoking jackets, ascots

and leather slippers), the acquisition of bottling equipment, and they are also excepting applications for brew masters.

No one person has been credited with the inception of the idea to start a brewery but rather an after work happy hour turned into a serious brainstorm.

"Someone suggested the idea, jokingly," comments estimator Mark Tabert, "but the more it was discussed, the more real the dream became. Since all of us are connoisseurs of the stuff, we figured who better to start the next great Montana brewery!"

Because of the weight and expense of high-end

brewing equipment, JCG has decided to invest in several dozen home-brew kits to start. A few kits will be placed in each office in order to keep close watch on the progress of the ales, lagers, hefeweizens, IPA's, stouts, and porters.

"We hope to gain in popularity quickly and expand our office and buy quality German vats eventually," says project manager and acting brew master, Nick Van Tighem.

The crew at JCG is hoping to open the brew-pub doors in October of 2021.