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| | | Date: | Thursday, February 27, 2025 |
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| | | Location: | Terracon, 8901 John W. Carpenter Fwy, Dallas, TX 75247 |
| Future Events | 3 | Cost: | \$30 members, \$45 non-members |
| | | Presenter: | Charlie "The Grout Geek" Lerman, NCFI |
| Golf Tourney Recap | 4 | | Charlie Lerman, widely known as the Grout Geek, is the West Coast Manager and Single-Component Product Line Manager at NCFI. With decades of hands-on experience in |
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| News from ICRI | 7 | Presentation: | Beyond the Basics: Unconventional Applications of Polyurethane Grouting in Waterproofing |
| Board Member Contact Info | 8 | | Remedial grouting for waterproofing is a niche yet vital industry, with polyurethane chemical grouts leading the charge in sealing leaks and stabilizing structures. However, the versatility of these materials often extends far beyond standard applications. This presentation will explore some of the most unusual and inventive uses of polyurethane grouting encountered in the field. From stabilizing fragile historical structures to sealing unexpected leaks in unconventional environments, these case studies will showcase how adaptability and creative problem-solving can push the boundaries of traditional waterproofing. Attendees will gain insight into how polyurethane grouts can solve complex challenges and how innovative thinking can open new opportunities for addressing unique structural issues. This session aims to inspire contractors, engineers, and restoration professionals to think beyond conventional methods and harness the full potential of polyurethane grouting technology. |
| | | | Click here to register! |
| | | | Registration closes at noon on Tuesday, February 25. |



Ben Koehler

President's Message

Happy New Year to all the members of the North Texas ICRI Chapter. It is an honor to be serving as President in 2025. Thank you, Clay Broyles, for all your hard work as President in 2024! Also, thank you to all the Board Members for making the year 2024 a success!

I hope everyone had a great time at the World of Concrete, for those of you that were able to attend. We have some great events in North Texas scheduled for this vear. The first would be The North Texas ICRI Applicator Training Program, which is scheduled for February 19th. Last year was the first year that we had this event, and it was a great turnout! Also, we have our first Membership Meeting scheduled on February 27th & Charlie Lerman, "The Grout Geek" will be presenting. The ICRI Spring Convention will take place in Austin, TX from April 13th-16th. Don't forget about our annual Sporting Clay Classic & Golf Tournament Events that will take place in May & October this year.

Keep an eye out for upcoming dates throughout the year for future events. We typically will have our Membership Meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month, every other month. Please feel free to invite anyone that maybe interested in concrete repair to these meetings! We would like to focus on gaining new members this year.

Lastly, The North Texas ICRI Chapter has continued to offer Scholarships to undergraduates within the state of Texas. In 2024 we were able set up Scholarship Funds to six recipients. Thank you, Julie Bolding, for your hard work in helping make this happen!

I look forward to working with everyone in 2025, it looks like we are off to a great start of the year!

Sincerely,

Ben Koehler

2025 NTX Chapter President



Future Programs & Events

SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC—SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 Location: Elm Fork Shooting Sports, Dallas, TX **Time:** Morning start (Time TBA) Stay tuned for more information!







- February 19: Applicator Training Program
- February 27: Membership Meeting
- March 14: Board Meeting
- April 13-16: ICRI Spring Convention (Austin, TX)
- May 9: Sporting Clay Classic
- May 16: Board Meeting

Full 2025 calendar is available on our website.

Surface Profile Chips for Sale!

Did you know that the NTX Chapter sells ICRI Surface Profile Chips (CSP 1-10)? Let us know before a meeting and we can deliver them to you there! Your purchase supports the NTX Chapter. For more information, contact Pete Haveron at peteh@texconrest.com.



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NTX Boosts Scholarship Funding at October Golf Tourney

On an ideal day at Waterchase Golf Club in east Fort Worth, the North Texas Chapter held its 23rd Annual Golf Classic, commemorating the contributions of founding Chapter member, Jesse Points, who passed away in 2017. Outstanding course conditions, coupled with the use of numerous purchased "mulligans" (no doubt) produced several VERY low scores. The Euclid team, captained by 2024 Chapter President, Clay Broyles with assistance from teammates, Jon Robbs, Kyle Kelly and Ernie Adams, garnered First Place honors with a sizzling score of 50 on the par 72 layout! The Western Specialty Contractors' team of Bob Scheelar, Jeremy Bridwell, Bryan Staffel and Austin DeJohn placed second with a score of 57. Third place honors went to the team sponsored by the George D Alan Company, including players Brian Bruton, Andy Bautz, Don Moore, and Hunter Krawczyk, who shot 58.

"Most Honest" team honors were bestowed upon the team from CMC – Brad Court, Jake Patrick, Chase Gilley and D Fisher – who scored "slightly over par."

Long drives winners were Austin DeJohn on hole #3, and Kyle Kelly on hole #18.

Closest to the pin winners included Kyle Kelly (hole 2), Michael Hull (hole 7), Bob Scheelar (hole 12), Bryan Staffel (hole 14) and Andrew Dziak (hole 16).



First Place: Kyle Kelly, Clay Broyles, Ernie Adams, Jon Robbs



Second Place: Jeremy Bridwell, Austin DeJohn, Bob Scheelar, Bryan Staffel



Third Place: Brian Bruton, Hunter Krawczyk, Don Moore, Andy Bautz



Most Honest: Brad Court, Jake Patrick, D Fisher, Chase Gilley



Jacob Borgerson, CSRT-Grade 1, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

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Trout Talks Epoxy at November Meeting

A large crowd of North Texas Chapter members gathered at their November meeting to hear about "Epoxy Injection -Myths and Misunderstandings" from injection guru, Robert (Bob) Trout from the Lily Corporation. With over 30 years experience in the epoxy industry, Bob stressed that surface preparation is critically important to a successful injection process. Cleaning epoxy resin leaked onto the surface can be a costly and time-consuming endeavor! Bob also pointed out the benefits of air-testing the port placement and surface seal application prior to injecting. He reviewed the best method for cleaning the crack, and warned against using acids and/or detergents. For the actual injection process, Bob argued that a port-to-port method may not be the best approach, nor is beginning at the lowest point working your way up on a vertical crack, or at one end working your way to the opposite end of a horizontal crack - who knew?? Finally, Bob



Bob Trout of Lily Corporation Presents to a Full House

reviewed the advantages of employing a manifold Bob injection process, whereby several ports are injected simultaneously.

2024 NTX Chapter Scholarship Recipients

Last year, the North Texas Chapter was happy to award scholarships to six deserving students:

- Brandon Rodriguez is from Grapevine, TX. He currently attends Oklahoma State University and is majoring in Business Management.
- Christopher Lee lives in Plano, TX. He currently attends Texas A&M University and is majoring in Civil Engineering with a specialty in structures.
- Hayden Jeffus is from Bullard, TX. He currently attends Texas State University and is majoring in Concrete Industry Management (CIM).
- Kayla Harris is from Katy, TX. She currently attends Texas State University and is majoring in Concrete Industry Management (CIM).
- Kristina Hernandez is from San Antonio, TX. She currently attends Texas State University and is majoring in Concrete Industry Management (CIM).
- Michael Scott is from Fort Worth, TX. He currently attends Trinity University and is majoring Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

We wish these students well as they begin their college careers and hope to see them in the concrete repair industry after they complete their degrees. Once again, thank you to all of our sponsors and those who attended our Clay Shoot and Jesse Points Memorial Golf Classic! Your generosity provides the funding for these scholarships.



News From ICRI

ICRI Applicator Training in DFW

ICRI is hosting an Applicator Training Program at RTC in Carrollton soon! Registration is "officially" closed, but spots may become available! Check with Mark LeMay (mdlinnorthFW@markdlemay.com) for availability.

When: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7:30 AM to 5:15 PM

Where: RTC Restoration, 1433 Crescent Dr., Carrollton, TX

VIEW THE EVENT FLYER FOR MORE INFO

2025 Spring Convention in Austin, TX

Registration for the 2025 ICRI Spring Convention in Austin, TX, is opening soon! This convention's theme is "Keep Concrete Weird: Unusual Projects."

When: Sunday-Wednesday, April 13-16, 2025

Where: Austin Marriott Downtown, Austin, TX

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