Chairman’s Message

At the February Dinner Meeting, TLARGI hosted the ever-popular Casino Night. As usual, Pulcini Entertainment provided the Vegas-style gambling, complete with tables for blackjack, craps, and roulette. Several won BIG; others were not so lucky. The Prize Committee did a wonderful job and we’d like to express our sincerest gratitude for the companies that donated gift baskets.

The April Dinner Meeting will feature Bob Davies—a high-performance expert, former coach, and author; it will also be your first chance to receive a copy of the 2014 TLARGI Yearbook and Directory. This is the meeting where everyone flips through the yearbook to see all the new ads, review the technical program from the previous year, and (of course) searches to find every picture of themselves—hoping they don’t look too silly in the “TLARGI Lite” section.

It’s hard to believe that spring is almost here, and that can only mean one thing… the Summer Conference is right around the corner! The Summer Conference Committee has a wonderful (retro Hollywood-themed) weekend planned for us at the beautiful Desert Princess Palm Springs Golf Resort. They’re also debuting a 5K Run/Walk (to help us work off all the delicious food and beverages from the night before). It should be a great event so check out all the details on page 5 and sign up before May 2!

Finally, 36 students graduated from the Basic Rubber Technology course this month. Congratulations to the students and a special thank-you to our hard-working instructors, Tom Martin and Rick Ziebell. This 20-week course is truly one of the best values TLARGI has to offer. If you or your employees have never taken the course, I highly encourage you to enroll this fall. Whether your background is production, sales, or management, it provides invaluable training to further your success in the rubber industry.

Have a fun and safe spring break and I look forward to seeing ALL of you at the April Meeting!

Respectfully,
Eddie Gonzales
2014 TLARGI Chairman

Upcoming Events

- April TIPS Meeting
  April 1 at 5:30 p.m.
  (See feature on page 3.)

- April Dinner Meeting
  April 1 at 6 p.m.
  (See feature on page 2.)

- Summer Conference
  May 30 to June 1
  (See feature on page 5.)

- Golf Tournaments:
  April 7
  Oak Quarry Golf Club
  (See feature on page 4.)
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  Desert Princess Palm Springs Golf Resort
  August 11
  Los Verdes Golf Course
  September 8
  GLTPC Scholarship Tournament
  California Country Club
  November 3
  Western Hills Country Club

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"You have far more capacity to create the circumstances and events in your life than you are aware of."
—Bob Davies

April Dinner Meeting

Featuring...
Bob Davies, High-Performance Expert, Former Coach, and Author

April 1 at 6:00 p.m.

The Phoenix Club (in the Pavilion)
1340 S. Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Since 1983, Bob Davies has used his considerable personal and professional experience as a leader to help people around the country become more confident and more productive—including working with Jeff Blatnick, an athlete and Hodgkin’s disease survivor, who went on to win a gold medal in the 1984 Olympics. Bob draws upon the lessons accumulated from his humble childhood roots and successful career as a college football coach to develop a system for improving lives based on clarity, focus, and accountability. His presentations include the latest research in biology, physics, mathematics, and philosophy; combined with a common-sense approach for creating immediate, useful, and long-term applications.

Bob is a Master Certified Coach and holds a bachelor’s degree in health and a master’s degree in psychology. He’s an author of three books and has developed the world’s first online interactive coaching portal. Bob is married, has three children, is a private pilot, and is an avid skydiver.

COSTS  (Please note the new pricing structure for late paid reservations.)

For paid reservations made by March 27, the cost is $30 for TLARGI members and $40 for non-members’ dinner tickets. For paid reservations made after March 27 or at the door, the cost is $40 per person for dinner tickets. You may pay by credit card or check. Credit card payments can now be made online at:

https://squareup.com/market/the-los-angeles-rubber-group-inc

RESERVATION DETAILS

To reserve your spot(s), complete this reservation form and send it to Jennifer Perez. Payments can be sent separately or made online (see the link above). If you have any questions, contact Jennifer at jperez@rdabbott.com or (562) 944-5354.
April TIPS Meeting

April 1 at 5:30 p.m.

The Phoenix Club (in the Heritage Room)
1340 S. Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806

LANXESS Butyl Ionomer: A New Generation of Butyl Rubber

Presented by...
Dana Adkinson, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, LANXESS

ABOUT OUR PRESENTER

Dr. Dana Adkinson is a Senior Research Scientist at the Research and Development Center for the Butyl Rubber Business Unit of LANXESS located in London, Ontario, Canada. She received her Ph.D. in physical organic chemistry from Western University in 2005 and was then awarded an Industrial Research & Development Fellowship (IRDF) for the research work she pursued at LANXESS. Currently, Dana leads a strategic project focused on the development and commercialization of a new functionalized butyl-based material geared towards expanding the application scope of butyl rubber. Her work has resulted in over 15 patent applications.

QUESTIONS...

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Uppala Rajakaruna at urajakaruna@goodyearrubber.com or (909) 758-4729.

Interested in Presenting a TIPS Meeting?

The purpose of TIPS Meetings and the Technical Conference is to provide a technical forum for exchanging the latest developments in the rubber industry—with an emphasis on the needs and interests of manufacturers in the western U.S.

If you’re interested in presenting, please submit abstracts to Uppala Rajakaruna.
Golf Tournament
April 7, 2014
Tee times start at 10:00 a.m.

R&S Processing and R.D. Abbott Company, Inc., are sponsoring $1,000 for the first “Hole-In-One.”

Oak Quarry Golf Club
7151 Sierra Avenue, Riverside, CA 92509
(951) 685-1440 • www.oakquarry.com

Do not delay, this tournament is limited to the first 40 golfers that sign up. Reserve your spot today!

COURSE INFORMATION
Men will be playing from the white tees; women will be playing from the red tees. For men’s white tees: course rating 69; slope rating 126; and 6,028 yards For women’s red tees: course rating 71.9; slope rating 121; and 5,408 yards

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
Scoring
For those that provide an SCGA number, your handicap will be used, based on your index. For those without a handicap, the Callaway Scoring System will be used to determine net score. (Note: All 1st and 2nd place winners will be eligible for TLARGI’s “Golfer of the Year.”)

Prizes
In addition to the “Hole-In-One” prize, awards will be issued for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Other prizes will be issued for “Longest Putt” and “Closest-to-Hole” (for two par-threes).

Dress Code
Players must wear soft-spike shoes, a collared shirt, and slacks or Bermuda shorts. Players may not wear jeans, short shorts, or a t-shirt.

COSTS
The cost is $75 per player for TLARGI members and guests, and $70 per player for TLARGI Emeritus. These costs include 18 holes of golf, a cart, and range balls. You may pay by check in advance OR at the tournament. (Please see the reservation details below.)

RESERVATION DETAILS
To reserve your spot(s), complete this reservation form and send it to Claudia Hargett or contact her at claudiah@viprubber.com or (562) 905-3456.

Future Tournaments
- May 31 at Desert Princess Palm Springs Golf Resort in Cathedral City, CA
- August 11 at Los Verdes Golf Course in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- September 8 GLTPC Scholarship Tournament at California Country Club in Whittier, CA
- November 3 at Western Hills Country Club in Chino Hills, CA

 Winners of the Goose Creek Tournament
With Handicap:
1st Place: Mike Haney
2nd Place: Gary Holcomb
3rd Place: Rudy Burbank

With Callaway Scoring System:
1st Place: Richard Getz
2nd Place: Steve Martin
3rd Place: Jason Hill

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2014 TLARGI Summer Conference
Retro Hollywood Getaway in Palm Springs
May 30 – June 1
Desert Princess Palm Springs Golf Resort
67967 Vista Chino, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Golfing, 5K Run/Walk, Fun n’ Games, Dancing, and More!

OVERVIEW
We assure you that this conference has something for everyone. Whether it’s relaxing by the pool, golfing, running (or walking) 3.2 miles, playing fun n’ games, or dancing the night away in Hollywood style with your fellow TLARGI friends, you don’t want to miss the Summer Conference. (Who knows, you may even win the prize for being the best dressed retro Hollywood actor or actress at Saturday’s party.)

Rooms are expected to sell out quickly so reserve your spot soon!

COSTS
The cost is $500 for couples, $375 for singles, and $80 for children. (Please see the reservation details below.)

RESERVATION DETAILS
To reserve a spot at the conference, complete this reservation form and send it with your payment to Maryann Ybarra before May 2. If you have any questions, please contact her at maryann_ybarra@esterline.com or (714) 529-4901.

To sign up for golfing, contact Claudia Hargett at claudiah@viprubber.com or (562) 905-3456 before May 2.

To sign up for the 5K Run/Walk, complete this participant registration form and send it to Beth Sepulveda before April 25. If you have any questions, contact her at beth.sepulveda@rdabbott.com or (562) 944-5354. (Each participant will receive a TLARGI 5K t-shirt.)
Current Events

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The following individuals were approved for membership at the February Board meeting:

- Berenice Montes, Customer Service, Harwick Standard Distribution Corporation
- John Pitt, West Coast Sales Manager, Lintech International
- Terrie Portmann, Senior Manager (Process Oils), HollyFrontier Refining and Marketing, LLC

PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS

- Alta Fahrney retired on February 28 after spending 22 years at H.M. Royal. Alta has served on several TLARGI committees over the past two decades, including the Christmas Committee, Summer Conference Committee, and Price Committee. Thank you for your contributions, Alta, and congratulations!
- Jim Ryan, formally with Zeon Chemicals L.P., has taken a sales position with R.D. Abbott Company, Inc.

If you have current events or member updates you’d like to share, please send them to Tom Martin at tom.martin@rdabbott.com for consideration of being included in future issues of TLARGI News.

Has Your Information Changed?

Whether it’s your title, email address, phone number, organization name—you name it—please help TLARGI keep its membership information current.

Please send any updates to the TLARGI Membership Chairman Gabe Gonzalez at ggonzalez@rdabbott.com or (562) 944-5354.
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Complimentary Mailing Lists

Normally at their April meeting, the TLARGI Board approves the mailing list for the TLARGI newsletter to non-members. Nominees generally include advertisers, scholarship recipients, and scholarship donors. If you have nominations for this list, please email their names and contact information to Christian Groche at cgroche@goodyearrubber.com.
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