



24th Annual Golf Classic & Awards Banquet June 4th - 10th Annual Bank Challenge



Spring is here and warmer weather is upon us, it is time to break out your golf clubs.

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce 24th Annual Golf Classic will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at the Killington Golf Resort. The day will include a shot gun start at 12:30pm with a fun day of golf, great goody bags,

a chance to win a Mini Cooper from Rutland Motorcars & Kinney Pike Insurance and a Hot Spring Prodigy Hot Tub from Allen Pools & Spas for a designated Hole In One, a grand buffet awards dinner and great door prizes!

Trophies will be awarded for 1st place gross & net, prizes for 2nd & 3rd place gross and net and Men's and Women's Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive. Back this year will be the 10th Annual Bank Challenge with trophies going to the first and last place banks.

The tournament format is Captain & Crew with teams of four players. The cost of the tournament is \$125 per person and includes greens fees, cart rental, awards dinner, goody bags, a chance to win great door prizes, team prizes and trophies. The awards dinner will take place at the Killington Grand Hotel and will include: BBQ Chicken, Brisket of Beef, Chili, Mixed Salad, Corn on the Cob, Roasted Red Potatoes, New England Style Baked Beans, Corn Bread & Assorted Rolls, Fresh Baked Pies, Coffee, Tea & Cash Bar.

This is a great business networking opportunity and an important Chamber Fundraiser.

Sign up today by calling RRCC at 802-773-2747 or by filling out the form enclosed in this issue of the *Courier*.

Chamber Launches Summer Concert Calendar On Web!

Click on rutlandvermont.com for the RRCC Summer Concert Calendar. Information on virtually every concert going on in the Rutland Region is listed. This includes Rutland City Band Concerts, the Castleton Concert Series, Okemo Mountain Summer Outdoor Concert series and many, many more!

If you have information you would like added to the Summer Concert Calendar contact Ann Marie Clifford at 802-773-2747 or email the information to rrccamc@aol.com



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Departs NYC	Daily except Fri: 3:15pm	Fri: 5:43pm	
Arrives Rutland	Daily except Fri: 9:10pm	Fri: 11:30pm	

**For Reservations or more information****1-800-USA-RAIL****www.amtrak.com***Service Alert: Due to track maintenance in the
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effective May 10th.*

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	Departs	Arrives
Rutland To Boston Daily:	6:25am	7:25am
	11:40am	12:40pm
	4:30pm	5:30pm
Boston To Rutland Daily:	10:10am	11:10am
	3:00pm	4:00pm
	6:00pm	7:00pm

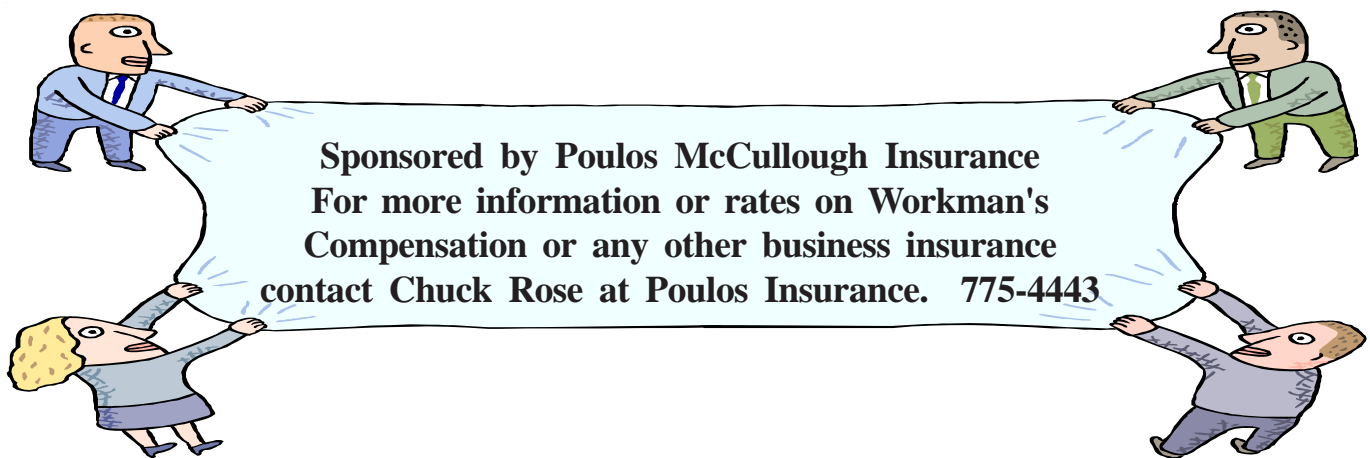


Workers' Comp. Corner

Classification Code

Q. How can I verify my class code?

A. You can call the National Council of Compensation Insurance, (NCCI), at (800)-622-4123. NCCI is the advisory service organization for Vermont's Workers' Compensation system. Select the classification, inspection and test audit services choice on the voicemail menu and you will be connected to a specialist who will be able to talk to you about your classification.



Legislative Adjournment Targeted For May 8th

The final Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce/Rutland Economic Development Corp. Legislative Breakfast **“Proposed Legislation: Positive or Negative to Small Business?”** was held on April 13th.

The breakfast featured a Legislative Panel made up of Sen. Bill Carris, Sen. Hull Maynard, Sen. Kevin Mullin, Rep. Bob Helm and Rep. Megan Smith. We would like to thank the fore mentioned Legislators, as well as, the other Legislators who attended this breakfast: Rep. Joe Acinapura, Rep. Peg Andrews, Rep. Bill Canfield, Rep. Gale Courcelle, Rep. Peter Fagan and Rep. Peg Flory.

We would also like to thank TD Banknorth for sponsoring the 2009 Legislative Breakfast Series.



Panel L to R: Sen. Bill Carris, Rep. Megan Smith, Sen. Kevin Mullin (standing), Rep. Bob Helm, Sen. Hull Maynard



Computer Ease By: Larry Gold

Who's Watching Your Business? (Part Two)

Okay, we pick it up at, you have the camera connected to your network, and if you open a web browser, and put in the camera's IP address, you can log into the camera internally, and see what it sees. If this is where you are at, off we go.

The next part is configuring the router to let traffic on a particular port, through to the camera. In other words, it kind of goes like this. If someone opens their web browser in another location, and types in your external IP address, (more about this later) they will be trying to connect to the router in your office. Normally your router, which has a firewall to prevent this traffic from getting through, would block that traffic. Hence the term "firewall". We have to tell your router, to pass incoming port 80 traffic to the internal IP address that you assigned to the camera. Simple, right? This way, anyone can get to the log on screen associated with your camera. It is here, that you can have a user name and password allowing people to view the camera or not.

You need to log into your router, which is usually an IP address like 192.168.0.1, or 192.168.1.1, and if you haven't changed the default user name and password, (tsk, tsk,) you just log in, and start looking around for a page like "port forwarding". Here you tell the router to allow traffic on port 80 to the internal IP address of your camera. Save the settings and log out. Now all you have to do is go to www.ipchicken.com, and that will tell you what your external IP address is, put that in your web browser, and voila. While watching your camera, don't forget to backup!

Successful April Chamber Mixer



A large crowd attended the April Chamber Mixer held in the show rooms of Collaborations at Gilmore Home Center. The mixer was catered by The Iron Lantern Restaurant

Informed Chamber Members Read the RRCC Courier



Karen Letourneau
VABIR

From Our Members

College of St. Joseph announces Dr. John Bremer as the speaker at their fiftieth commencement on May 10, 2009. Dr. Bremer is a well known and highly regarded educator and prolific writer on aspects of social and educational philosophy. For more information call 773-5900.

College of St. Joseph will be offering Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate Program. The program will cover a range of topics including assessment, behavior, communication skills and more. For more information or to sign up call 776-5214.

College of St. Joseph announces the addition of Mark J. Gagnon as the new Director of Counseling Services. Mr. Gagnon will be managing all counseling services including STEPS. For more information call 773-5900.

Dismas House will hold their 19th Annual Benefit & Auction on May 30th, 3pm at the Holiday Inn. RSVP to 824-3660.

The **Paramount Theatre** and Pickle Barrel Night Club present Comedian Andrew Dice Clay on May 22nd at 8pm at The Paramount Theatre. This show is for mature audiences only. Tickets are \$40-\$50 and are available online at www.paramountlive.org or by calling 775-0903.

Reincarnation Upscale Resale & Fabulous Finds and thirty area businesses announce the first annual "For the Love of Tea, Gypsy Tea Party & Second Hand Fashion Show" on May 3rd at 1pm at Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center & Salt Cave. All proceeds benefit local breast cancer organizations and programs. The cost is \$30 per person; tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information call 282-4464.

RSVP-Godnick Operation Dolls and more fundraiser will take place on May 3rd at the Rutland Country Club. This is an opportunity to treat your favorite little girl and her DOLL to some quality time. Cost is \$10 adults; \$5.00 children. Space is limited. Call 775-8220 for tickets or more information.

Rutland County Caregiver Coalition presents: "Person Centered Care: Creating Holistic Care Teams" on May 2nd; 9am-noon. The workshop is free and designed for professionals and family care caregivers and will take place at the CVPS/Leahy Community Education Center at RPMC. For more information call 786-5990.

Rutland Region Community Television/PEG TV will hold their 13th Annual Meeting on May 11th at 5:15pm at their Howe Center location. RSVP to 747-0151.

Rutland Regional Medical Center's Community Education will present the AARP Driver Safety Program. This is a classroom refresher program for drivers age 50 and older. The class will take place June 13th, 8:15am-12:30pm. The fee is \$12 Member/ \$14 Non Member. For more information call 772-2400.

RRCC Visitors Center Set To Open



The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center in Main St. Park will be opening for the season on May 22, 2009 in time for the first big weekend of the summer; Memorial Day Weekend. The Visitors Center will be open seven days per week past Columbus Day. We are in need of Chamber Member brochures to distribute throughout the summer and fall.

Looking For Something To Do?

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce can help with that! The RRCC Calendar of Events and Concert Calendar are online at www.rutlandvermont.com. RRCC staff member Ann Marie Clifford seeks out events to keep the public informed of what is going on in Rutland County.

The RRCC Calendar of Events gives you information on all that is going on in the area. You can get information on events at The Paramount Theatre, Chaffee Art Center, Rutland Free Library, Book King, Annie's Book Stop and much, much more!

If you have information you would like added to the Calendar of Events contact Ann Marie Clifford at 802-773-2747 or email the information to rrccamc@aol.com.



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The Crowley, The Oldest 10K in New England

It's back, and better than ever! The 33rd Annual Crowley Brothers' 10K road Race, Vermont State Championship, is the best and oldest in New England. The 33rd Annual Crowley Brothers' Memorial Road Race Weekend will take place June 13-14, 2009. The Road Races are certified 10K/5K point to point races from Proctor to Rutland, VT. The event is dedicated to youth and adult fitness and heart health awareness.

The Race Weekend "kicks-off" on Saturday, June 13th with the 3rd Annual Sport and Fitness Expo at the Rutland Middle School's Keefe Gym, 10:00am-3:30pm. The main event on Sunday, June 14th, begins at 8:00am in Proctor with the RRCA certified 10K race, 10K relay, 5K race, 5K walk, 5K Corporate Challenge Walk. At the same time start, starting in Rutland at 8am is the 10th Annual Kids' Downtown Mile Fun Run.

Participating in the 10K road race again this year is Bill Rodgers, one of America's most celebrated runner and Joan Benoit Samuelson, the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal. They will participate in a "Greet and Meet the Olympians" from 12:00-1:00pm at the Holiday Inn n Rutland. At 1:00pm they will be giving a runners' clinic to area athletes. This is the perfect opportunity for high school athletes and seasoned athletes to get some professional training tips from the "pros".

For more information and entry forms contact Michael Lannon by calling 558-2328 or go to www.crowleyroadrace.com

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Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board
Nancy Burzon, Executive Director
New Resources for Employers and Individuals
With Disabilities



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (commonly known as the stimulus package) provides a *significant boost* to the resources normally available to support employment of individuals with disabilities through the Creative Workforce Solutions Program, an initiative of VocRehab Vermont. *Businesses will benefit significantly.*

Gary Jaquith, Senior Employment Consultant at VocRehab Vermont describes the people served by VocRehab as very diverse, possessing a wide range of skills, work experience and education. The process typically starts with an on-site assessment at the work place. Funds are available for businesses that conduct these site assessments. Then the Creative Workforce Solutions program helps businesses by offering the following:

<i>Type of Placement</i>	<i>Cost to Employer</i>	<i>Training Costs</i>	<i>Time Period</i>	<i>Workers' Comp, Liability, and FICA paid</i>
Risk-Free Trial	None	Stipend paid to trainee by CWS	Negotiable	Liability covered by CWS
Temp-to-Hire	Hourly wage only – requires commitment to hire if training period is successfully completed	Covered by employer	Six weeks	Covered by CWS
On-the-Job Training	Wages & Workers' Compensation	Reimbursed to employer up to \$3,000	Negotiable	Covered by employer
Short-term Job Shadows	None	Stipend paid to trainee by CWS	Negotiable	Liability covered by CWS
Company	None	None	One-two hours	None

In addition, there are tax incentives to the employers. After the first 140 hours, 40% of a wage becomes a tax credit (up to \$2,400). Employers can also receive tax credits for modifications made to the facility to accommodate a worker with disabilities. There is some flexibility in the use of the funds as long as the project meets the goal of helping people with documented disabilities find a job paying at least a minimum wage.

Demand for services is growing during this general economic downturn and so the timing for the short term funding is excellent. To find out how you can benefit from the new funding, contact Gary Jaquith at 802 786-5934 or by e-mail at gary.jaquith@ahs.state.vt.us.

2009 Upcoming Chamber Events

May 12: Mixer @ Aldermans Chevrolet, 5-7pm

June 4: RRCC 24th Annual Golf Classic, Killington Resort. 12:30pm start.

June 9: Mixer @ Franklin Conference Center/ Westminster Cracker, 5-7pm

July 4: 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza, VT State Fairgrounds - 9:45pm



Membership Directors Update ~ Joan Hill

Hi Everyone,

Thank you to Collaborations at Gilmore Home Center for hosting the April mixer. The food (catered by The Iron Lantern), presentation, and door prizes were excellent.

Each month in the newsletter I will be highlighting a different chamber benefit to keep you informed of the advantages of being a member of the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce.

May's Benefit of the Month is the "From Our Members" column in our monthly newsletter "The Courier". We encourage our members to submit information about upcoming events, classes, workshops and other newsworthy data to the chamber office for insertion in the newsletter. Information can be sent via US Mail, Fax (773-2772) or email (rrccpj@aol.com). Please submit all information by the 2nd Friday of the month prior to when you would like the information to appear.

Welcome to our new members Carpenter & Costin, Dellveneri's Bakery, Greenstone Slate Company, Guard-A-Kid, Pasqually's and Slate Valley Museum.

Congratulations to CVPS and President Bob Young who were recently presented the Edison Electric Institute's 2008 Emergency Recovery Award for the company's response to an historic ice storm in December. CVPS is the smallest company to ever receive the honor, which it won for the second straight year.

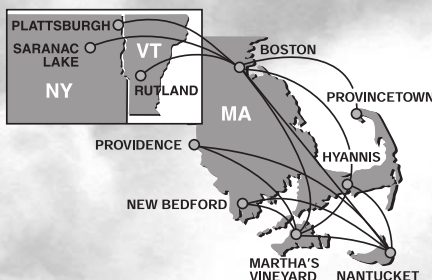
The Chamber will be hosting our 24th Annual Golf Classic at Killington on June 4th. This is the premiere golf tournament in Rutland County. If you would like to sponsor a hole or reserve a team, please contact the Chamber office as soon as possible.

NEW PERKS this month include: Dellveneri's Bakery is offering \$1.00 off any pie and Pasqually's is offering a 10% discount.

Once again the Chamber will put on the 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza at the Vermont State Fairgrounds. If you would like to sponsor this event which is free to the public and attended by thousands, please call me at the chamber office (773-2747).

Join a committee, offer perk card discounts and get involved to receive the most benefits from your Chamber. I look forward to seeing you all at the next mixer on May 12th at Alderman's Chevrolet.

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Merchants: Be Alert

by James P. Mongeon, State's Attorney

Attractive Business Neighborhoods II

May is the time for our annual Vermont Green Up Day. You do not need to have your efforts just on that one day. However, it is a good reminder that Spring Cleaning makes a good start to the warmer months when customers are out.

The obvious Green Up location is outside your own business, then in your business neighborhood. But don't overlook the clutter that has probably built up indoors over the winter. Now is a great time to recycle or properly discard that clutter so your business is ready for summer.

There are safety benefits as well as customer attraction benefits to outside cleanup. The most obvious is the removal of any hazards as well as reviewing your own area to eliminate areas for people to hang out and bring trouble to your business. Don't overlook the issues at night. While you are working during daylight hours, darkness overtakes your location and you should consider your business vulnerability at that time. Do you have a dark area near a side door or window that can be used to gain entry after hours?

Is junk piled up so that a fire can quickly spread to your building? These matters have happened here in Rutland. It does little good to say that someone will call the police or the fire department if something happens. By then the damage is done and you have sustained a loss.

There are also safety benefits to cleaning up the winter clutter inside the premises.

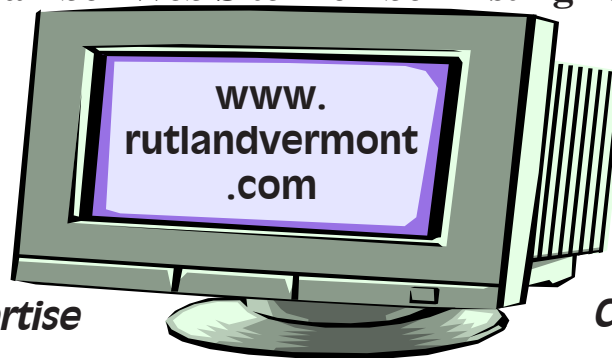
Work related injuries can be expensive; Workman's Compensation can impact your business bottom line. Such injuries are a loss for your employee and a loss for your business in lost productivity and financial expense.

Prevention is the key and this is the perfect time of year to practice prevention

March 2009 Website Report

Top Chamber Web Site Member Listing Page Views

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Business 396

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**Next Month: RRCC Mixer at Franklin Conference Center and
Westminster Crackers, June 9th ~ 5-7pm**