

**8/1/2014****For immediate release:**

## **OFFICIAL 2014 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® REGIONAL SCHEDULE RELEASED**

EAGAN, MN — The official 2014 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional calendar has been released. It's that time of year again, time for masons to take up their trowels and decide who is going to compete for the title of "The World's Best Mason." The bricklaying competition consists of competing masonry teams, each with a mason and mason tender building a 26 foot double wythe brick wall. The most bricks laid and counted under the quality rules wins the event. The winning Regional teams will go to Las Vegas on February 4, 2015 to attend the World of Concrete/World of Masonry held in Las Vegas, Nevada. There, they will compete in the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National Event. This event has the world's largest masonry competition cash and prize list, valued at over \$100,000.

The 2014 season has been a year of firsts for the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 program, at the 2014 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National competition, one South Carolina mason, Jerry Goodman, won both top honors—First Place and the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN® Award. The double win was the first time that has happened in the existence of the program. On the Regional level another first occurred, this year will be largest Regional Schedule ever, with 23 Regional qualifying competitions set on the calendar. Regional competition dates run June through December at various locations throughout North America.

We would appreciate your editorial support in getting the word of the schedule out to the masonry Trade. Please inform your readers and viewers of the attached official 2014 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER Regional Schedule so they can become involved or attend the event, either as masonry competitors, judges, volunteers, masonry students or as a trade fan. It's an opportunity to network, support and promote the great trade of masonry in their area.

1. **SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Quebec**
  - Date: Saturday, June 14th, 2014
  - Time: 12:00 Noon
  - Location: Lac-Leamy Casino – Boulevard du Casino – Gatineau, Quebec J8Y 6W3
  - Contact: Dean Garbutt (519) 240-7265
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856
  
2. **SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Ohio**
  - Date: Saturday, August 2, 2014
  - Time: 10:00 AM
  - Location: QUIKRETE Cincinnati – 5425 Kilby Road – Harrison, OH 45030
  - Contact: Brian Tillett (513) 615-4986 or Blaine Thiel (513) 615-4980 or Patrick O'Toole (216) 513-9502
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856
  
3. **SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Washington**
  - Date: Friday, August 8, 2014
  - Time: 12:00 Noon
  - Location: Intern Western Washington Masonry Trades Training Center – Washington – 6737 Corson Ave S – Seattle, WA
  - Contact: Don Dodroe (206) 718-2632
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653
  
4. **SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – East Tennessee**
  - Date: Saturday, August 16, 2014
  - Time: 10:00 AM
  - Location: General Shale – 909 Mountain View Drive, Piney Flats, TN 37686
  - Contact: Ryan Coyne (404) 702-5944 or Troy Crosby (864) 414-0461
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856
  
5. **SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Utah**
  - Date: Friday, August 22, 2014
  - Time: 11:00 AM
  - Location: Buehner Block – 2800 S. West Temple – Salt Lake City, UT 84115
  - Contact: Patrick McCarthy (801) 809-9506 or Riley Allen (303) 819-7459
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653
  
6. **SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – British Columbia**
  - Date: Friday, September 5, 2014
  - Time: 11:00 AM
  - Location: Trowel Trades Training Association – 12309 Industrial Rd. – Surrey, BC V3V 3S4
  - Contact: Carlos Zamora (604) 368-6402
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653
  
7. **SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Wisconsin**
  - Date: Thursday, September 18, 2014
  - Time: 11:00 AM
  - Location: IMI Training Center - 17125 W Cleveland Ave, New Berlin, WI 53151
  - Contact: Mike Rolf (414) 640-1373
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

- 8. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – West Tennessee**
  - Date: Friday, September 19, 2014
  - Time: 11:00 AM
  - Location: Alley-Cassetty Brick & Block – 2 Oldham St., Nashville, TN 37213
  - Contact: Will Scott (615) 319-0793 or Brian Tillett (513) 615-4986
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856
  
- 9. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Colorado**
  - Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014
  - Time: 11:00 AM
  - Location: Procoat Systems – 4343 Holly St – Denver, CO 80216
  - Contact: Riley Allen (303) 819-7459
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653
  
- 10. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Iowa**
  - Date: Friday, September 26, 2014
  - Time: 11:00 AM
  - Location: TCC Materials – 1610 West D Street - Vinton, IA 52349
  - Contact: Arlen Beck (563) 506-1152 or Scott Ellingson (515) 360-2319
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856
  
- 11. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Florida**
  - Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014
  - Time: 11:00 AM
  - Location: Cemex – 14770 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32258
  - Contact: Jeff Russell (863) 399-2422 or Bryan Pinder (305) 684-0967
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856
  
- 12. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Oklahoma**
  - Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014
  - Time: 11:00 AM
  - Location: Tulsa Technology Center – 3420 South Memorial Drive – Tulsa, OK 74147
  - Contact: Carson Wann (918) 230-6124 or Trey Harris (214) 728-4592
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856
  
- 13. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Ontario**
  - Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2014
  - Time: 5:00 PM
  - Location: Conestoga College – 108 University Avenue East – Waterloo, Ontario N2J 2W2
  - Contact: Dean Garbutt (519) 240-7265
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856
  
- 14. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Pennsylvania**
  - Date: Thursday, October 9, 2014
  - Time: 2:00 PM
  - Location: Fizzano Brothers Concrete Products – 1776 Chester Pike – Crum Lynne, PA 19022
  - Contact: John Paci (610) 656-1608 or Ed Owens (804) 291-8417
  - SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

#### **SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Illinois**

- Date: Friday, October 10, 2014
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: District Council Training Center IL - 2140 W Corporate Dr, Addison, IL 60101
- Contact: Mike Rolf (414) 640-1373 or Shawn O'Malley (708) 476-3486 or Matt Pfothenauer (630) 707-8200
- SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

#### **15. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – California**

- Date: Saturday, October 11, 2014
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: Calstone / Peninsula Products – 1175 Aster Ave. – Sunnyvale, CA 94086
- Contact: Rob Dyer – (510) 861-8067
- SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653

#### **16. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – N. Carolina**

- Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: Tucker-Kirby Co. – 3825 Wilkinson Blvd – Charlotte, NC 28208
- Contact: Troy Crosby (864) 414-0461 or Ryan Coyne (404) 702-5944
- SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

#### **17. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – New Jersey**

- Date: Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: Sparta Block – 477 Woodport Rd. – Sparta Township, NJ 07871
- Contact: Dan Scott (201) 415-7748 or John Mulvaney (973) 229-0201
- SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

#### **18. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – North Texas**

- Date: Thursday, October 23, 2014
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: ACME / Featherlite – 3815 Singleton Blvd. – Dallas, TX 75212
- Contact: Trey Harris (214) 728-4592
- SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

#### **19. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – South Texas**

- Date: Thursday, October 30, 2014
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: Headwaters Construction Materials – 2088 FM 949 – Alleyton, TX 78935
- Contact: Trey Harris (214) 728-4592
- SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

#### **20. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Alabama**

- Date: Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: Willcutt Block & Supply Co., Inc. – 1201 Kicker Rd East. - Tuscaloosa, AL 35404
- Contact: Rich Brand (205) 215-9759 or Ryan Coyne (404) 702-5944
- SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

## 21. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Alberta

- Date: Friday, November 7, 2014
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: So. Alberta Inst. of Tech – Thomas Riley Building, 1301-16Ave NW – Calgary, AB T2M 0L4
- Contact: Tom Bartley (403) 651-0650
- SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653

## 22. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Arizona

- Date: Saturday, December 6, 2014
- Time: 11:00 AM
- Location: Phoenix Brick – 1814 South 7<sup>th</sup> Ave – Phoenix, AZ 85007
- Contact: Dennis Berger (623) 764-8369
- SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653

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Established to showcase the skill, craftsmanship and pride of the masonry trade, the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® is a bricklaying contest requiring all masons to meet the quality standards of the event. Each two-person team has 60 minutes to lay as many brick as possible on a 26 foot 8 inch long, double wythe brick wall that is constructed by following strict rules and procedures. The competition has four awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place which are based on the highest net brick count meeting the quality standards. The 4th award, and arguably considered the most coveted prize, the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN, is judged the most sellable wall with over 500 brick laid and zero point deductions. It has the second highest award purse and can be won in tandem with each of the other prizes. Whether the competition is for a Regional Qualifying event or the National Championship, the walls are closely evaluated by carefully selected masonry officials carrying several years of bricklaying experience and training.

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