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Phoenix, AZ area holds the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition

PHOENIX, AZ —The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for Arizona was held at Phoenix Brick, in Phoenix, AZ on November 7th 2015. There were seven teams of brick masons and tenders competing for spot in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National competition held in Las Vegas, Nevada. There, they will compete for over \$100,000 in cash and prizes including a new 2016 Ford F-250 XLT 4x4 Crew Cab truck.



David Arce, a mason with G&G Masonry from Phoenix, AZ and his mason tender Fulberto Granadas, edged out the rest of the competition to take home first place. His net count of 666 brick got the job done. Not only did first place carry the opportunity to compete in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 in Las Vegas for Arce, but it also came with \$750 in cash and sponsor prizes. The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award also went to David, earning him an additional \$400 cash. Mike Canez, of CJS Masonry finished as runner up taking home \$500 in cash and sponsor prizes. Third place went to mason Matt Jones of Sargon Construction from Phoenix, AZ, who received \$350 in cash and prizes.



The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Arizona Regional was held at Phoenix Brick for the fifth year in a row. The event was sponsored locally by Cal-Portland, AZ Best Block, Phoenix Brick, and Western Block; all donating materials, cash, and prizes.

National Sponsor Multiquip supplied mixers and mortar tubs to accommodate the 15,000 lbs. of SPEC MIX Portland Lime & Sand Type S used by the bricklayers during the 1 hour competition. IQ Power Tools was also on hand to display their dustless saw-cutting products, and Hydro-Mobile showed up with support and t-shirts for the crowd.

There was a lot of great food prepared for all in attendance. Cash Prizes, gift cards, hats, and t-shirts were raffled off to the crowd and one lucky winner took home a high definition, 40" flat screen television by winning a game of Heads or Tails.



Final Results:

First Place

Mason –David Arce – 666 Brick

Tender – Fulberto Granadas

G&G Masonry-Phoenix, AZ

SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN

Mason – David Arce – 666 Brick

Tender – Fulberto Granadas

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2nd Place

Mason – Mike Canez – 577 Brick
Tender – Frank Canez
CJS Masonry-Phoenix, AZ

3rd Place

Mason –Matt Jones – 494 Brick
Tender – Marvin Osorio
Sargon Construction-Phoenix, AZ

The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional and World Championship series of events are widely considered the masonry industry's strongest promotional program to showcase the skill, speed and craftsmanship of professional masons around the world. Established by SPEC MIX, Inc. in 2003, the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 is the trade's annual campaign that answers the question: "Who is the World's Best Bricklayer?" The winners of each regional qualifying competition earn free trip to Las Vegas to compete against 20 or more bricklayers in the World Championship held during the World of Concrete tradeshow on February 3rd, 2016.

The regional and championship contests consist of a two-person team; one mason and mason tender, that are given 60 minutes to construct a 26 foot 8 inch, double wythe brick wall that must be constructed to meet strict quality standards. The walls are judged by highly qualified, experienced industry experts that carefully follow a 10-point criteria system. The winning masons are ranked and awarded prizes based on the highest brick count while meeting the quality requirements and competition rules. 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 (prize), the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN is judged the most sellable wall. The walls are closely evaluated by carefully selected masonry officials carrying several years of bricklaying experience.

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