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Fizzano Brothers Concrete Products holds the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for Pennsylvania was held at Fizzano Brothers, in Crum Lynne, PA on September 24, 2015. Eight teams of brick masons and tenders vied for a competition spot in the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Championship 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 truck.



Vince Polverini, a mason with DM Sabia & Company, Inc., Conshohocken, PA, and his mason tender Rich Small Jr., edged out the rest of the competition to take home first place with a brick count of 432. Not only did first place carry the opportunity to compete in the 2016 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 in Las Vegas for Polverini, but it also came with \$1000 in cash, Marshall town tool kit, a 5 foot level and other sponsor prizes. The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award went to, you guessed it, Vince Polverini, of DM Sabia & Company, Inc., Conshohocken, PA. Joe Masters, of Bricklayer and Allied Craftsman Local 1 Union, Philadelphia, P.A. finished as runner up taking home \$800 in cash and a Stihl Drill donated by El Dorado Stone Company. Third place went to mason Frank Avellino of Michael Antolino Construction, Inc., Washington Crossing, PA who received \$600 in cash.



It was a beautiful day for bricklaying at Fizzano Brothers' Concrete Products in Crum Lynne, PA. The fair weather and exciting competition made for a crowd that exceeded last year's attendance. 167 lunches were served up, along with door prizes including two 48" Smart HD TVs. Additionally the winners of the corn hole tournament and Heads and Tales each took home their own HDTVs. Thank you to all of the local and National sponsors for their support. In attendance were El Dorado Stone, Diener Brick Company, and Stabila Levels Company. Also, Delaware Valley Masons Institute and Bricklayer's & Allied Craft Workers Local 1 Union were at the event to show support of the workforce development initiative.



Final Results:

First Place

Mason – Vince Polverini - 432 Brick

Tender – Rich Small Jr.

DM Sabia & Company, Inc., Conshohocken, PA

SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN

Mason – Vince Polverini - 432 Brick

Tender – Rich Small Jr.

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2nd Place

Mason – Joe Masters - 393 Brick

Tender –Matt Marrone

Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Local 1 Union, Philadelphia, PA

3rd Place

Mason – Frank Avellino- 336 Brick

Tender – Erik Storiohann

Michael Antolino Construction Inc., Washington Crossing, PA

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.

For more information on the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER Regional Program call 888-SPECMIX or go to:

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