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Seattle Area Holds the 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Washington Regional Competition

SEATTLE, WA – The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Competition for Washington was held at the Western Washington Masonry Trades & IMI Training Center in Seattle, WA on September 26th. Five teams of brick masons and tenders vied for a competition spot in the 2016 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 4x4 XLT truck.



The 2015 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Washington Regional Competitors



First place winner, Phil Evans, works on his leads

Under cloudy skies and perfect 65 degree autumn weather, 5 teams from the state of Washington competed for the coveted trophy, \$500 cash prize, trip to the Las Vegas competition and most important of all “Bragging rights”! Phil Evans and his son Brenden Evans from R & D Masonry in Marysville, WA defended their title and will once again represent the state at the World Championship Event in Las Vegas. Ben Griffin and Dennis Chessie from Keystone Masonry, Yelm, WA, placed second and took the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN Award as well. Jacob Wood and Jake Borman, also from Keystone Masonry, placed third. Special thanks to the hosts, Western Washington Masonry Trades & IMI Training Center in Seattle for the perfect venue and their assistance in making for a successful event.



It was an exciting day of bricklaying at the Washington SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional Event!

About fifty supportive fans and sponsors came out to enjoy the fun and great BBQ provided by Don Dodroe, QUIKRETE Seattle. Representatives from National SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Sponsor MultiQuip were especially helpful, providing equipment and labor. The competition was very close, but in the end, the most important ingredient was the quality of the workmanship. We'd like to thank Marshalltown Tools, Ford, the Masonry Institute of WA and all the other sponsors for making this annual event possible. Best of luck to Phil and Brenden Evans representing Washington in Las Vegas!



First place winner Mason Phil Evans and his mason tender son Brenden Evans



SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN and second place winner, mason Ben Griffin and his mason tender Dennis Chessie

Final Results:

First Place

Mason – Phil Evans - 485
Tender – (son) Brenden Evans
R & D Masonry, Marysville, WA

SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN

Mason – Ben Griffin - 456 brick
Tender – Dennis Chessie
Keystone Masonry – Yelm, WA

2nd Place

Mason – Ben Griffin - 456 brick
Tender – Dennis Chessie
Keystone Masonry, Yelm, WA

3rd Place

Mason – Jacob Wood - 450 brick
Tender – Jake Borman
Keystone Masonry, Yelm, WA

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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