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Photo from HPBExpo St. Patrick's Day Parade

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Member Spotlight



Congratulations to RMHPBA Board Member Gene Butler on his appointment to HPBA Board of Directors Chairman. Pictured above was Gene's first assignment as Chair, riding the St. Patrick's Day Parade float through the outdoor burn area throwing out beads. By the look on his face, we think he is adjusting to his new role *just* fine!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the HPBA, please feel free to contact Gene at 505-983-5264 or at retail@thefirebird.com.

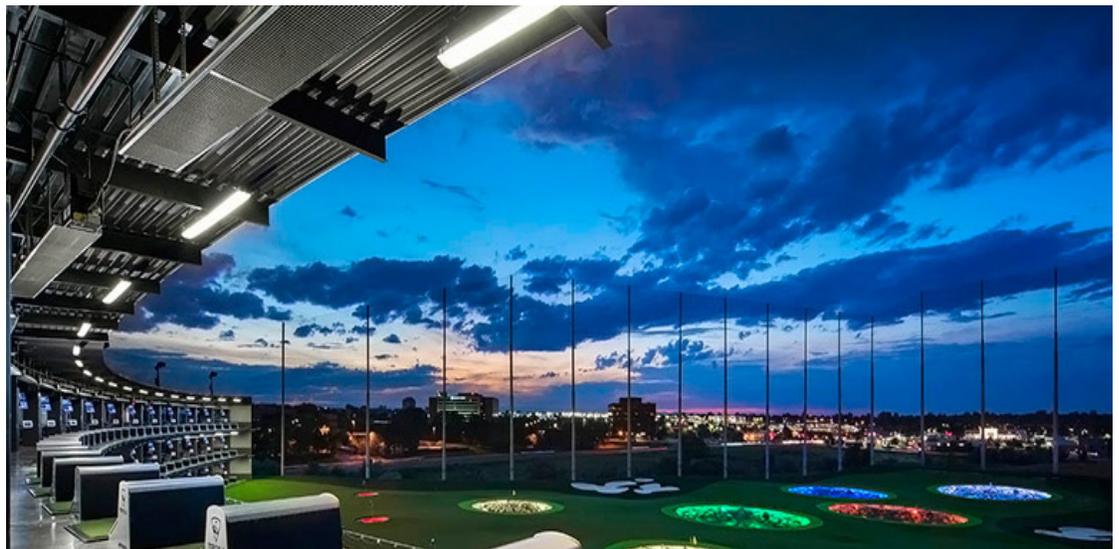


MARCH 1-4, 2017
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Join us for our 2016 Annual Event April 24!

Don't miss our 2016 Annual Event from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, April 24 at Topgolf Centennial! Connect with other RMHPBA members, industry peers and RMHPBA staff. We will have a private area and five golf driving bays reserved for attendees. Enjoy a delicious sampling from [Topgolf Centennial's menu](#), on us! The event will be free to all members and \$25 for non-members.

[Register here!](#)



Photos courtesy of topgolf.com

Hurry!

RSVP for 2016 NFI Certifications

The RMHPBA will offer NFI certifications for gas, wood, and pellet April 22-24 at the Holiday Inn, 3333 E Quebec St, Denver, CO 80207. The three day NFI certification review and exam will be taught by RMHPBA Director Larry Grogan. The certification course will be split into three days.

April 22: Pellet Review Class and Exam

April 23: Gas Review Class and Exam

April 24: Wood Review Class and Exam

Attendees can make reservations at the Holiday Inn for a [special price here](#). The Code is AE1. Attendees will also receive continental breakfasts, coffee and lunch with their registration.

It will take approximately one week after RMHPBA receives your registration to get your manuals. Remember, the manuals are rewritten every three years. Currently, we have three for pellet, nine for gas, and two for wood. We would like at least five students to offer the review class.

Learn more and register [here](#). Deadline to register is April 12.

Thank you to our education sponsors!



FIREPLACES & STOVES

2016 HPBExpo Fun



Calling All “Everyday” Barbecuers

Inspire others to up their barbecuing frequency! Help HPBA spotlight true ‘cue fanatics starting in April and throughout the summer—everyday people who grill or smoke at least five times a week. Do you fit this description or know someone who does? Contact [Carrie deGuzman](#).



HPBA Government Affairs Update

NSPS

NSPS is in, and 4.5 g/h or less is the magical number for Step 1 and this covers all wood stoves, wood inserts, and pellet stoves. Remember no more non-certified units can be sold. Also of importance is having the installation manuals close by the displays so potential owners can inspect it. There is always the possibility of EPA enforcement people to show up after the first of the year. BE PREPARED! Hang tags are not required in Step 1, but will be optional in Step 2. Some of the stoves on the EXPO show floor actually had hang tags on them showing that they already meet the 2020 standards. For more information contact: John Crouch at crouch@hpba.org.

DOE

DOE finally had a seat down meeting with the HPBA. Will have to see what happens in the future. Nothing new to report as of right now, but we will let you know as soon as we have something. For more information concerning the DOE, please contact Ryan Carroll at carroll@hpba.org.

TAX CREDIT ISSUE

We have a tax credit of up to \$300.00 on approved units for 2015 and 2016. Go to [here](#) for more answers. For more information, please contact Rachel at Feinstein@hpba.org.

CSPC

Don't forget about the barrier issue for glass front gas units. Always be aware you that you may get questions from consumers on this issue. If you sell a unit or service a unit that has a barrier on it, make sure you install or replace it. For more information you can go to www.safefireplacetips.com or please contact: Rachel Feinstein, Feinstein@hpba.org.

NFPA 211

The NFPA 211 has modified the rule to allow decisions to be based on a decision by a qualifying agency, such as NFI or CSIA. Also the rule about gas logs being certified for each unit that they are installed has been deleted, and the wording has went back to what it has been for the last 15 years. If you have any other questions, please contact Tom Stroud, stroud@hpba.org.

CALIFORNIA BLOWER DOOR RESEARCH

A new research effort to investigate the positive impact of a properly installed gas insert on home heat loss is underway with the backing of the HPBA Gas

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Hearth Appliance Section and administration by HPBA Pacific. The program enables dealers to give their customers a \$200 rebate in return for allowing a subcontractor to perform before-and-after blower door tests on the home to document the effects of installation of a gas insert. HPBA Pacific, which administers the project, has created a new website for this project [here](#). California retailers who would like to participate should contact [Kaity Rosengren](#) of HPBA Pacific. All other inquiries may be directed to [John Crouch](#). This is reprinted from the HPBA Hot News.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

HPBA has gone live with its Legislative Action Center (LAC) program, an online tool that links you directly to members of Congress. Go to hpba.org, go to Government Affairs, and click on Federal & State Govt. relations. If you have any problems getting on, please contact Rachel Feinstein at Feinstein@hpba.org.

Time's a Wastin': Renew Your HPBA Membership

[Renew your membership online](#) or mail in the 2016 application!

RMHPBA Membership benefits:

- Free attendance to Annual Member Reception (held at the EXPO)
- Free attendance to Annual Event
- NFI Certification review & exam opportunities and discounts
- Member-only bi-monthly newsletter
- Monthly newsflash
- Member directory on website
- Member map and locator on website
- Discounts with business services including rental cars, delivery services, and MORE!

View HPBA membership benefits [here](#).



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