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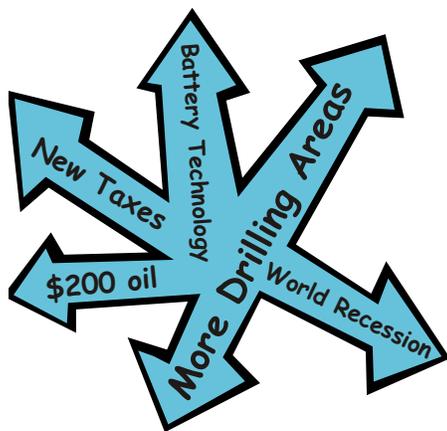
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## DYNAMICS OF THE ENERGY MARKET – UP, DOWN OR SIDEWAYS?

The API Delta Chapter will host its annual Technical Luncheon at the Le Pavillon Hotel with Allen Brooks as the guest speaker on August 19. Allen is a Managing Director with Parks Paton Hoepfl & Brown. The topic for the luncheon is “Dynamics of the Energy Market – Up, Down or Sideways?”



Mr. Brooks joined PPHB, an energy investment banking firm, in March 2005 and re-established his “Musing from the Oil Patch” newsletter that he had published for the prior six years. He also provides proprietary industry research to the partners of the firm.

Prior to joining PPHB, Mr. Brooks spent eight years heading the oilfield service equity research team a CIBC World Markets. Before that he was affiliated with Howard Weil and was also a member of the senior

management team of Ensc International in the early 1990’s

Over the years Mr. Brooks has been involved with the oilfield service industry, either as an analyst, a consultant



or in management, since 1971. He is an Economics graduate of the University of Connecticut and also has a Master’s in Economics from Cornell University. He received his Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 1975.

Mr. Brooks is a member of the boards of directors of Turnkey E&P Inc., Deepwell Energy Services and Pason Systems, Inc. All three companies are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Please give a warm welcome to Mr. Brooks and make reservations for this informative technical luncheon on the state of the business.

**Tuesday,  
August 19, 2008**

**2008 API  
TECHNICAL  
LUNCHEON**

**DYNAMICS OF THE  
ENERGY MARKET –  
UP, DOWN OR  
SIDEWAYS?**

**Allen Brooks,  
Managing Director  
Parks Paton Hoepfl &  
Brown**

**Le Pavillon Hotel  
Poydras Street  
New Orleans  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Register online at  
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## FROM THE CHAIR



Hot Town,  
Summer in the  
City.....

API-Delta Chapter kicked off the summer with its Second Annual Appreciation Party. This event is a small way for the chapter to recognize its many volunteers that work throughout the year planning tournaments and disbursing funds to the community and toward energy education efforts.

*Schools out for the summer...* that means half the year is behind us. In March, Delta members joined with other organizations to sponsor the FIRST Robotics competition. It was amazing to see cheerleaders, bands, parades and enthusiasts cheering, as though they were at a Hornets playoff game, for robots! This is an exciting, must-see, family event.

Another family event was the Father and Son Sporting Clay Shoot. This year's tournament was another record breaker thanks to the endeavors of Gary Johnson, and all of the committee members, volunteers and sponsors.

Proceeds from the event help sponsor the awards for the GNO Science and Engineering Fair and scholarships. Jahnette deBlanc coordinated efforts for the GNOSEF and Peggy Bourgeois and the scholarship committee awarded eleven scholarships. Congratulations, all Award Recipients!

As we move to the second half of the year and *"roll out those crazy, hazy, lazy days of summer,"* API-Delta Chapter has so much more to come! Steve White is planning our Technical Luncheon to be held August 19 at Le Pavilion Hotel. Make plans to attend and hear Mr. Brooks of PPHB discuss the energy market dynamics. In addition, there will be a brief introduction about the Oilfield Training Program in Carville, La.

On August 16, API-Delta and other oil field societies, under the umbrella grouping of PIPE (Petroleum Industry Promoting Education), are sponsoring the Louisiana Children's Museum's FETCH Saturday. The theme for the event is Oil and Energy and each society will provide interactive experiments relative to their discipline and energy education. Plan to attend and participate in FUN activities relating to **Oil and Energy!**

And though *"there ain't no cure for the summertime blues"* plan to end your summer playing in our annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 12 at Covington Country Club. Steve Freeman and the golf committee are finalizing plans for this event. Registration forms are enclosed in this newsletter.

We will end the year with the annual Joint Industry Luncheon in November. This meeting is hosted by local oil and gas societies. It is a great event that brings together members of all industry associations throughout the New Orleans area.

Much appreciation goes out to our volunteers. In particular, join me in recognizing Cathy Vaughn for her participation with the board over the past 25 years. What a great achievement! Thank you, Cathy.

All events are highlighted in more detail within the newsletter. Please read, enjoy and participate. Thank you for your support and I hope to see you at the upcoming events,

*Jan Catalano,  
Chairman*



**February General Meeting Meritorious Service Awards**



**George Wentz**

## API Sporting Clays Event Allocates More Scholarships in 2009

The 4th Annual Father-Son & Family Sporting Clays Tournament Sponsored by API Delta Chapter of New Orleans hosted over 600 participants and guests on April 26th. The event was held in the traditional setting of Covey Rise Lodge in Husser, LA. "This year's event has doubled in size since we started sponsoring the event four years ago", said Jan Catalano, Delta Chapter Chairperson. "Given the enormous support from the oil & gas community for this event it seems only fitting that we propose increasing the number of scholarships in 2009" she said.



In prior years the tournament participated in assisting the general funding of educational programs and scholarships driven by the New Orleans API Delta Chapter. Since the inception of the tournament, support is so grand that the tournament is now a significant contributor to offer scholarships to member family students in all levels of the education process. "We have a great drive to support our industry and we are very excited to offer additional scholarships to Delta Chapter families requesting assistance" said Ken Meyers, Delta Chapter 1st Vice President. I am amazed at how much conversation goes on about this event year round, plus the expanding geographic coverage it reaches. Shooters of all ages are attracted to this tournament given its traditional family values and good clean fun, he added.

This year's tournament was again directed by Gary Johnson of ENI and a host of oil and gas industry contributors and volunteers. "If you don't shoot in this event every year you are out of the loop when it comes to sporting clays tournaments, Johnson said. The tournament filled up in a short time period and we had to send out regrets to several teams. Maybe next year there will be more spots, but more importantly I want to thank all the volunteers

for the generous contribution of their time, he concluded.

Sponsorships this year generously provided for numerous door prizes and flight prizes through out the event. Sponsors also contributed to manning each shooting station and provided food for the all guest through out the day of the event. A giant sponsor board was displayed recognizing all sponsors providing support to the tournament. Robert Bailey of Gulf Production of Covington will take the lead as Tournament Director in 2009, replacing Gary Johnson who has moved to Lafayette.

The API Delta Chapter Tournament is a unique tournament to the Oil Field Community in New Orleans since it emphasizes and encourages participation from all members of the family. In addition to the Father/Son teams, the tournament also awards top shooters in the Ladies Class, Individual and Four Man teams.

In 2009 the Tournament will be held on the "last" week end of April. The event has contracted with Covey Rise Lodge to again hold the two day program in the same location held this year. Teams participating in this year's event are grandfathered for next year unless registration deadlines are missed. At that

point teams on the waiting list will be invited to participate on a first come bases. Notices for the 2009 event will go out in late December of this year. Any individual or company interested in participating can contact Robert Bailey 2009 Tournament Director.

The API Delta Chapter of New Orleans extends a large gratitude of thanks to the sponsors, workers and volunteers that made the 2008 event a tremendous success. Special recognition and thanks to Gary Johnson, committee chairs: Don Miller, Bob Bailey, Beth Berger, Albert Champagne, Michael Cole, James Coronato, Dwain Cothorn, Brad Duplantis, Teresa George, Ken Guidry, Rick Hackworth, Mike Jenkins, Buck Oubre, Tony Parker, Robert Roth, Alden Sonnier, Jr., Monk Sonnier, Lloyd Springmann, and their committee members.

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## Celebrating 25 Years on API Board!

Cathy Vaughn is a Program Director for Baptist Community Ministries, the largest private foundation in Louisiana. Prior to joining BCM, Cathy enjoyed over 30 years as a public school teacher and administrator. Cathy started working with the API-Delta Chapter board in 1983, serving with the Education Committee. She has been Education Committee Chairman since 1987. Through her contacts with the education community, Cathy has contributed to the chapter's visibility and has aided the industry's commitment to education through its support and recognition of exemplary teachers. For twenty two years, the Education Committee has conducted Teacher of the Year Awards for 24 teachers annually in the six Delta Chapter parishes providing monetary recognition totaling over \$125,000 to these teachers.



On behalf of API-Delta, Cathy works closely with the LA Children's Museum and was instrumental in the creation of the museum's hoist exhibit which highlights the oil industry.

Through Cathy's efforts, mulligan monies collected at the annual Golf Tournament are donated to the museum.

Post-Katrina, Cathy handles Delta Chapter's new mini-grant initiative which assists teachers with acquisition of materials and supplies to enhance their delivery of quality classroom instruction.

API-Delta Chapter is honored and privileged to have Cathy as a board member. Thank you, Cathy, for all that you do.



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## 2007 Meritorious Service Awards

The Annual API Meritorious Service Awards Luncheon was held February 20 at the Le Pavillon Hotel and was a great success. Two New Orleans geologists, Duncan Goldthwaite and Mike Fein, were honored. The guest speaker was George Wentz, an attorney with a local firm, co-founder of the non-profit organization, Horizon Initiative. This is a grass roots organization of local business, civic and university leaders who are dedicated to a long-term vision of economic development for New

Orleans. All three men were born and raised in the Northeastern part of the US, but call the New Orleans area home and are striving to make it a better place for people and businesses. Go online to [www.api-delta.org](http://www.api-delta.org) to learn more about these gentlemen, their history and go-forward plans in the February 2008 Newsletter. API greatly appreciates, encourages and acknowledges all of the hard work that these individuals are doing to improve the local economy.

The API Delta Chapter is continuing its dedication to recognize local men and women who actively work towards the rebuilding of our industry, community and organization. If you know of someone who has selflessly served the industry and community and deserves recognition, please submit their names and accomplishments to one of our local societies for consideration for next year's Meritorious Service Award.



**Duncan Goldthwaite**



**Michael Fein**

### API supports training at the Carville Job Corps Academy (CJCA)

The Carville Job Corps Academy (CJCA) is a residential, drug, alcohol and weapons free U.S. government facility located in Carville, LA. It provides academic and vocational training to 16-24 year old students and is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. The facility opened its doors in 2004 and has been extremely successful in providing quality education and training to the students who have enrolled in the program.

CJCA is the only job corps center in the country to offer API roustabout training. The API program is designed to provide training that allows the widest opportunity for entry level employment in the Gulf Coast area. The training is directed towards the petroleum industry, but is also applicable to the chemical plants and contractor

service companies performing work for oil and chemical companies. Students enrolled in the API program receive approximately 150 hours of hands-on training in specified areas. Students will train and receive their certifications for OSHA basic training, first aid, CPR, marine water survival (H.U.E.T) and the IADC rig pass. They also earn while they learn.

In addition to the technical training students are also introduced to a typical company HSE Employee Handbook, the social skills of work & society and proper communication skills. Safety training is a large part of the curriculum and is designed to make students more attractive to the companies who employ the graduates.

An API Industry Advisory committee works closely with the center and instructor to insure that the training meets industry requirements. Students are required, as part of their training, to complete a number of hours in work-based learning (WBL) in both paid and unpaid positions. Several industry sponsors have invited the class to their plants and facilities, providing opportunities to experience the environment in which they have chosen to work.

Anyone wishing to visit the center or speak with the API instructor should contact the Carville Job Corps Academy:

**Phone: (225) 642-0699**

**Online: [www.carville.jobcorps.gov](http://www.carville.jobcorps.gov)**

May 30, 2008

Dear Petroleum Industry Friend:

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The Delta Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute (API) is conducting its annual Golf Tournament on **Friday, September 12, 2008**, at the **Covington Country Club**. The Tournament will be limited to the first 224 golfers (112 each in the morning and afternoon). Please complete the attached entry form and return as soon as possible.

This event is one of the main membership drives and fund-raising functions for the Chapter. Proceeds from the tournament are used to support activities of the Education Committee, whose primary function is to promote educational excellence in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. Charles, and St. Tammany Parishes. Over the last 21+ years the Delta Chapter of the API has donated over \$200,000 towards the following programs:

- The Teacher Excellence Awards program which recognizes outstanding educators in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area. Our program currently focuses on energy education with emphasis in careers in the petroleum industry.
- The Mini Grants program to teachers, designed to help fund the purchase of supplies and teaching equipment. This program was put into place to accommodate special needs arising from the hurricane disaster.
- Scholarships to incoming freshmen, students currently enrolled in a college or university or for someone working towards a Masters degree.

The Chapter also provides ongoing support and funding for the following programs:

- The Louisiana Children's Museum where API Delta sponsors the Energy Exhibit.
- The Energy projects division of the Greater New Orleans Science & Engineering Fair was started by our Chapter. Monetary awards recognize students with winning science projects in the energy category, their teachers and schools.
- Our Chapter confers the Annual Meritorious Service Award for outstanding service and leadership in the oil and gas industry.

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you in advance for your continued support. If you would like to contact us for any questions or support in the meantime, please call one of the committee members listed.

Click on [www.api-delta.org](http://www.api-delta.org) for tournament information.

Sincerely,

*Steve Freeman*  
2008 Chairman

*API Delta Chapter --- 1250 Poydras Street Ste 460 New Orleans, LA 70113*

**API 2008 GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**DELTA CHAPTER - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**COVINGTON COUNTRY CLUB.**

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# API - DELTA CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 - COVINGTON COUNTRY CLUB

\$740.00 PER TEAM 4 Man Scramble Price. Includes Cart & Green Fees, 2 Mulligans per golfer, per Round, 2008-2009 Membership to API, Door Prizes, Team Awards, Tournament Gift, Food and Drink for All

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## Meet Your Board of Directors – 2008 Committee Chairs:

API-Delta Chapter has a legacy of recognizing teachers and supporting the Louisiana Children's Museum. Most recently the chapter has promoted energy education and sponsors several initiatives to encourage careers in the industry. These undertakings are possible due to the golf and sporting clay committees' successful events.



**Cathy Vaughn, Education Chair** – Cathy is a Program Director for Baptist Community Ministries. She has been a director on the API Delta Chapter board since 1983. In 1987 Cathy became Education Committee Chairman. Through her contacts with the education community, Cathy has contributed to the chapter's commitment to education through its support and recognition of exemplary teachers in the six parish metropolitan New Orleans area. She was also instrumental in the chapter's industry exhibit at the LA children's Museum. Post-Katrina, Cathy has handled Delta Chapter's new mini-grant initiative to assist teachers with acquisition of materials and supplies to enhance their delivery of quality classroom instruction. (Please see article on Cathy Vaughn)

Congratulations and Appreciation, Cathy, for 25 YEARS!!!



**Jahnette deBlanc, Education Chair** – Jahnette is an engineer with Shell E&P. In 2007 Jahnette started working with the board on projects promoting energy education. She now chairs the Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair (GNOSEF) participation and supports the chapter's Robotics' efforts.



**Peggy Bourgeois, Scholarship Chair** – Peggy is the executive director of Harvey Canal Industrial Association. When Peggy started on the board she was the assistant program chair and served on the Sporting Clay Committee. A board member since 2006, Peggy serves on several committees and volunteers for many events throughout the year. Through her committee efforts, API has a redesigned scholarship application and an efficient process for awarding scholarships.

The chapter's major money making events are the annual Golf Tournament and the Sporting Clays Father-Son & Family tournament. Profits from these tournaments have allowed the expansion of many educational programs including the mini grants and scholarship awards.



**Steve Freeman, Golf Tournament Chair** –

Steve works with Harvest Oil & Gas. He joined the board in 2007 and worked on the golf committee. This year Steve is chairing the Golf Tournament.



**Gary Johnson** –

Gary is Vice President Production Operations for Medco Energi US. He has worked on the Sporting Clays Father-Son & Family tournament committee since its inception. In 2006 Gary stepped up and chaired the committee. This is Gary's second year as Chair and each year this event surpasses profits from the previous year.

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Richard Rusch, Newsletter Chair –



Richard is a completion engineer with Chevron. In 2003 Richard started working with the board and has been actively involved with the golf tournament committee.

Since 2007, Richard has taken on the roll of The APInion editor. In this position, Richard works closely with some of the chapter's support staff – Carole Rike and Zoe Duplantis of

Word Catering. Through their efforts, articles are collected, proofed, laid out, and published on a timely basis.

Marcel Tullier, Website Chair –



Marcel works with Bass Enterprises. He started on the board in 2007 and works with our secretary and website support group at OCSBBS. This group

includes Charlie Miller, Daniel Murphy and Christian Kuffner.

All of these committee chairs give freely of themselves to help the chapter and the community. Their time and effort is very much appreciated. Recognition is also given to their management:

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Next newsletter will highlight the chapter's Advisory Board. Thanks to all you!



Mayor Nagin's annual State of the City address on May 28th was very good news! Not only did he voice his support for the formation of a Private-Public Partnership for economic development in the City of New Orleans; he officially promised \$2MM in funding from the City's Economic Development Trust Fund for its first year of operation (and \$1MM annually over the following two years). This means we are on track and likely to have this entity legally formalized by September!

With the city's financial backing, the new office gains viability, said George Wentz, co-founder of Horizon Initiative, a grassroots economic

development organization and advocate of the partnership. "I think (Nagin) deserves a lot of credit for this," Wentz said. "We see this as a culmination of 18 months of work. Nagin's promise removes a lot of doubt from the public whether this is real."

Federal Gulf Coast Recovery Coordinator Gen. Douglas O'Dell concurs. "I feel very comfortable being an advocate for this (partnership)," said O'Dell, who will meet with Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao on Wednesday and economic development funding "will be one of topics of conversation." "I can't make any promises but I'm comfortable in making the assertion we will find sufficient funding for this office," O'Dell said.

In the coming months, all stakeholders in this effort will continue to

work together with the International Economic Development Council to determine the framework, scope of services, budgeting and governance issues. We are confident that your continued support will result in the achievement of our goal; the establishment of an Economic Development Organization (EDO) that is diverse, effective, and driven to make New Orleans the world class city it deserves to be.

For more information, please refer to the following link to a CityBusiness article:

<http://www.neworleanscitybusiness.com/uptotheminute.cfm?recid=17589>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

*Pamela Senatore*

## First Robotics Competition

The FIRST Robotics Bayou Regional Tournament was phenomenal! Forty Teams from nine different states competed in the Bayou Regional Tournament which was held at the Morial Convention Center March 27 – 29. API and other PIPE society members volunteered as judges, referees, and crowd coordinators. Several societies provided booths providing information about the energy industry to students, teachers and their parents. This competition was extremely exciting. It was very impressive to see the fine, quality high school students build human size robots and spar them against each other. What positive role models! This was a wonderful,



enlightening event for all ages For more information: [www.LAFLL.org](http://www.LAFLL.org) and [www.bayouregional.org](http://www.bayouregional.org)



### **FETCH! Oil and Energy**

**Louisiana Children's Museum**

**Saturday, August 16, 2008**

Energy industry societies are once again pooling their efforts together under the umbrella name of PIPE to sponsor energy education. On August 16, PIPE will sponsor the Louisiana Children's Museum (LCM) **FETCH Oil and Energy Saturday**.

**WHAT:** On the third Saturday of each month, the LCM transforms into a science challenge lab where children investigate the world around them using the power of play as their number one tool. The August **FETCH Challenge** introduces young visitors to energy and its daily use, theme being Oil and Energy. Children and adults will see how fundamental energy is through age appropriate **FUN** activities.

Please plan to visit the Louisiana Children's Museum at 420 Julia Street on Saturday, August 16. You or your organization can also volunteer to participate in this fun, learning experience. This will be a great opportunity for children (and parents) to learn about the energy industry and its many disciplines.



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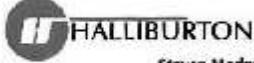


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