

20th Annual Mine Rescue Contest – June 2008

The Indiana Mine Rescue Association held its 20th Annual Mine Rescue Contest on June 4-5, 2008, at Vincennes University.

The Preshift contest (where miners compete in the proper way to examine the coal mine) and the Benchman contest (a competition for those who repair and make sure the breathing apparatuses that the mine rescue members wear are ready for use) were both held on June 4, 2008. The benchmen compete in finding a problem or problems with an intentionally altered breathing apparatus. The scoring is based on speed and accuracy in both scenarios. Joby Johnson of the Indiana Mine Rescue Team, Freelandville Mine, Triad Coal Company, was awarded 3rd Place trophy for the Preshift contest.

The mine rescue competition was held on June 5, 2008. Seventeen teams from three states (Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky) participated in a mock mine disaster. The teams were graded on the speed and accuracy of procedures implemented. All teams in the nation are trained under identical national mine rescue rules, so that any team member from any state can functionally work together with members from other teams and states.

The Indiana teams that participated were Black Beauty Mine Rescue Team, Gibson Mine Rescue Team and the Indiana State Mine Rescue Team. The Indiana State Mine Rescue Team is a composite team, consisting of members from multiple mines. Black Beauty finished 4th, Indiana State finished 6th, and the Gibson team finished 15th. The Black Beauty team won the Governor's Trophy, which is awarded to the team that finishes first in the State. All teams were winners because of the time, effort and dedication they contribute to be ready to risk their lives for their fellow miners.

The Indiana Department of Labor and Bureau of Mines salute the efforts put forth by the mines and all the mine rescue teams for the outstanding work they do should an emergency arise. These competitions are simply another way to hone their skills.

Indiana Mine Rescue, Bench and Preshift Contests
Vincennes, Indiana
June 4-5, 2008

Mine Rescue Competition Results

Rank	Company Name Team Name Location	Captain Working Order	B Card	Map Disc	Writ Disc	Time Disc	Over time	Total Disc
1.	Webster County Coal, LLC Dotiki Nebo, KY	Jan Chambliss 9	0	0	0	0	0 48:42	0
2.	Highland Mining Company Highland #9 Morganfield, KY	Jody Greenwell 6	0	0	0	0	0 55:29	0
3.	The American Coal Company Galatia Mine Harrisburg, IL	Tim Kirkpatrick 13	0	1	0	0	0 59:20	1
4.	Black Beauty Coal Co. Indiana Team Vincennes, IN	Tony Wilson 3	3	0	0	0	0 66:50	3
5.	White County Coal, LLC Pattiki MR Team Carmi, IL	Mike Emery 7	0	5	0	0	0 46:45	5
6.	Indiana Bureau of Mines Indiana State Team Vincennes, IN	Cory Baker 10	15	0	0	0	6 98:00	21
7.	Peabody Energy Gateway Mine Coulterville, IL	Dustin Patterson 16	20	9	0	0	1 75:29	30
8.	IL Dept. of Natural Resources Benton #2 Benton, IL	Mike Trammel 1	24	4	0	0	7 103:00	35
9.	Peabody Energy Willow Lake Equality, IL	Andy Murphy 5	30	6	0	0	0 62:11	36
10.	Warrior Coal, LLC Cardinal Team Madisonville, KY	Kevin Vaughn 17	36	4	0	0	0 44:56	40
11.	James River Coal Co. Gray Team Lexington, KY	Johnny Riley 15	44	0	0	0	0 61:13	44
12.	Patriot Coal Bluegrass Mine Rescue Henderson, KY	David Self 4	45	0	0	0	0 49:42	45
13.	Kentucky Coal Academy/MCC Western KY Team Madisonville, KY	Jeff Clark 11	40	4	0	0	5 94:34	49
14.	Hopkins County Coal Elk Creek Mine Madisonville, KY	David Tyson 2	43	6	0	3	0 61:24	52
15.	Gibson County Coal, LLC Team Gibson Princeton, IN	Zach Brown 8	45	22	0	0	0 66:42	67

Indiana Mine Rescue, Bench and Preshift Contests

Vincennes, Indiana

June 4-5, 2008

Mine Rescue Competition Results

Rank	Company Name Team Name Location	Captain Working Order	B Card	Map Disc	Writ Disc	Time Disc	Over time	Total Disc
16.	Black Beauty Coal Co. Vermilion "Red" Ridge Farm, IL	Jim Bowsher 12	57	6	3	5	10 121:50	81
17.	Black Beauty Coal Co. Vermilion "Blue" Ridge Farm, IL	Matt Richards 14	115	12	1	0	5 92:58	133

Average Working Time: 71:07

**Indiana Mine Rescue, Bench and Preshift Contests
Vincennes, Indiana**

June 4-5, 2008

Preshift Competition Final Results

Rank	Company Name Team Name Location	Contestant Working Order	UG	Rcrrd	Writ	Work Time	Totals
1.	KenAmerican Resources Inc. KenAmerican Resources Inc Madisonville, KY	Jeff Clark 12	0	0	0	25:58	0
2.	Advent Mining, LLC Advent Mining, LLC Advent, KY	David Mackey 11	0	2	2	24:52	4
3.	Indiana Bureau of Mines Indiana State Team Vincennes, IN	Joby Johnson 3	0	7	0	29:30	7
4.	Highland Mining Company Highland #9 Morganfield, KY	Bradford Carlisle 1	5	2	0	28:34	7
5.	Hopkins County Coal Elk Creek Mine Madisonville, KY	Matt Pride 14	15	3	0	24:59	18
6.	Gibson County Coal, LLC Team Gibson Princeton, IN	Zach Brown 8	12	4	6	23:09	22
7.	Patriot Coal Bluegrass Mine Rescue Henderson, KY	Wes Lovell 10	22	1	0	29:01	23
8.	Warrior Coal, LLC Cardinal Team Madisonville, KY	Kevin Vaughn 6	21	3	0	27:28	24
9.	Highland Mining Company Highland #9 Morganfield, KY	David Dennis 9	45	4	0	23:03	49
10.	Five Star Mining, Inc. Prosperity Mine Petersburg, IN	Chad Booher 17	44	5	6	30:00	55
11.	Hopkins County Coal Elk Creek Mine Madisonville, KY	David Tyson 15	92	5	2	30:00	99
12.	Warrior Coal, LLC Cardinal Team Madisonville, KY	Barry Rickard 2	90	6	8	30:00	104
13.	Hopkins County Coal Elk Creek Mine Madisonville, KY	Robbie Meadows 16	90	15	0	30:00	105
14.	Gibson County Coal, LLC Team Gibson Princeton, IN	Terry Phegley 4	100	9	4	29:38	113

**Indiana Mine Rescue, Bench and Preshift Contests
Vincennes, Indiana
June 4-5, 2008**

Bench Biopak 240S Competition Final Results

Rank	Company Name		Contestant Working Order	Bench	Writ	Work Time	Totals
	Team Name	Location					
1.	Highland Mining Company	Highland #9 Morganfield, KY	Scott Milligan 5	2	1	24:31	3
2.	Patriot Coal	Bluegrass Mine Rescue Henderson, KY	Dwight Baker 3	0	4	25:11	4
3.	Webster County Coal, LLC	Dotiki Nebo, KY	Mark Lloyd 4	6	0	22:47	6
4.	Highland Mining Company	Highland #9 Morganfield, KY	Bradford Carlisle 6	10	3	23:18	13
5.	Indiana Bureau of Mines	Indiana State Team Vincennes, IN	Shane Meadows 7	27	19	23:11	46
6.	White County Coal, LLC	Pattiki MR Team Carmi, IL	Les Ricketts 2	29	20	30:00	49
7.	Gibson County Coal, LLC	Team Gibson Princeton, IN	Don Messel 1	55	20	22:21	75