

# HVACR

T • O • D • A • Y

Serving the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Industry in Arizona

Volume 17, Number 1

September 2009

## Contractors versus distributors at annual ACCA-AZ bowling event

**Jayne Cook**  
HVACR Today

Sixteen teams turned out for a night of strikes and spares in the ACCA-AZ Battle of the Contractors vs Suppliers Bowling Tournament held at AMF Shea Village Lanes on Aug. 20. The event, sponsored by Goodman Distribution, is a long-time tradition for ACCA-AZ members and was considered a great success by its coordinators.

"It's an annual to bi-annual event that we usually reserve for members but this year we opened it up to whoever wanted to participate," said Crystal Jackson, ACCA-AZ marketing manager.

Participating teams of four took to the lanes and the highest average score of three games determined the winner. Companies who came out to play included Climatec, Goodman, Howard Air, Innovative Building Solutions, J&B Sales Co., Johnson Controls, Lang & Baker PLC, Phoenix Wholesale, Pioneer Ford, Southwest Caulking Contractors and Sun Insurance Group.

Coming out on top this year was Howard Air, headed by President Kevin Howard, Troy Lees,

Doug Simpson and Brian Medel.

"Our average score was a 788," said Howard. "We'd never bowled together before but we're all bowlers. It was the first time we'd ever competed in the (ACCA-AZ) tournament. We all thought it was really enjoyable."

Sponsor Goodman Distribution had two teams competing, as did several other companies.

"It was a fantastic night," said Jerry Kramer, territory sales manager and Goodman team bowler. "The distributors and contractors really had a good time getting to rubbing elbows, really getting to talk and have fun together. It's not very often that we can have great events like this where we can all get together. Goodman was really proud to be able to sponsor such an event."

The Howard Air team took home a trophy and all participants enjoyed the pizza, pins and bowling pandemonium.

"It was one of those nights you were happy you came and sad to leave," Kramer added.

"We'll do it again next year in the spring and summer," said Jackson. "Everybody had a great time."



**Trophy winners.** From left, ACCA-AZ Executive Director Antoine Coffey with Team Howard: Troy Lees, Brian Medel, Kevin Howard and Doug Simpson.

**Matching shoes and shirts.** Goodman fielded two teams this year. From left, Mike White, Scott Smith, Desiree DeViller, Joe Sharp, Jimmy Borbon, John Ramos, Jerry Kramer, Gale Van Deventer.

---

Reprinted with permission from *HVACR Today*. Call 602.263.8519  
Compliments of ACCA