



SHEET METAL WORKERS TRAINING CENTRE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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"I thought this was a great event and everyone did a great job of presenting their station, I really enjoyed the virtual reality training. Jud and team well done. I just loved looking at all the pictures – it brought back so many memories."

- Dan Burroughs

SMITB/SMWTCS ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

On behalf of our Trustees and staff at the Sheet Metal Industry Training Board and Training Centre, we wish to extend our thanks to our industry friends for joining us on September 20th for our [SMITB / SMWTCS Anniversary Open House](#). We celebrated the *Past, Present and Future* of the Sheet Metal Industry Training Board (50 years) and Training Centre (25 years).

Our *Passport Through Time* activities led attendees through the *Past* with historical displays, through to *Present* with shop curriculum and project showcases, and finally to the *Future* with opportunities to demo new technology and equipment.

It was a great event and well attended! Without your support over the years, we would not be where we are today. Thank YOU!



WINNERS



Level 1 • Bramwell Chao

Piedmont Sheet Metal 1997 Ltd.



Level 2 • Richard Webster

Ecco Heating Products Ltd.



Level 3 • Alexander Flaman

Piedmont Sheet Metal 1997 Ltd.



Level 4 • Scott Wilcox

Spectrum Sheet Metal Ltd.

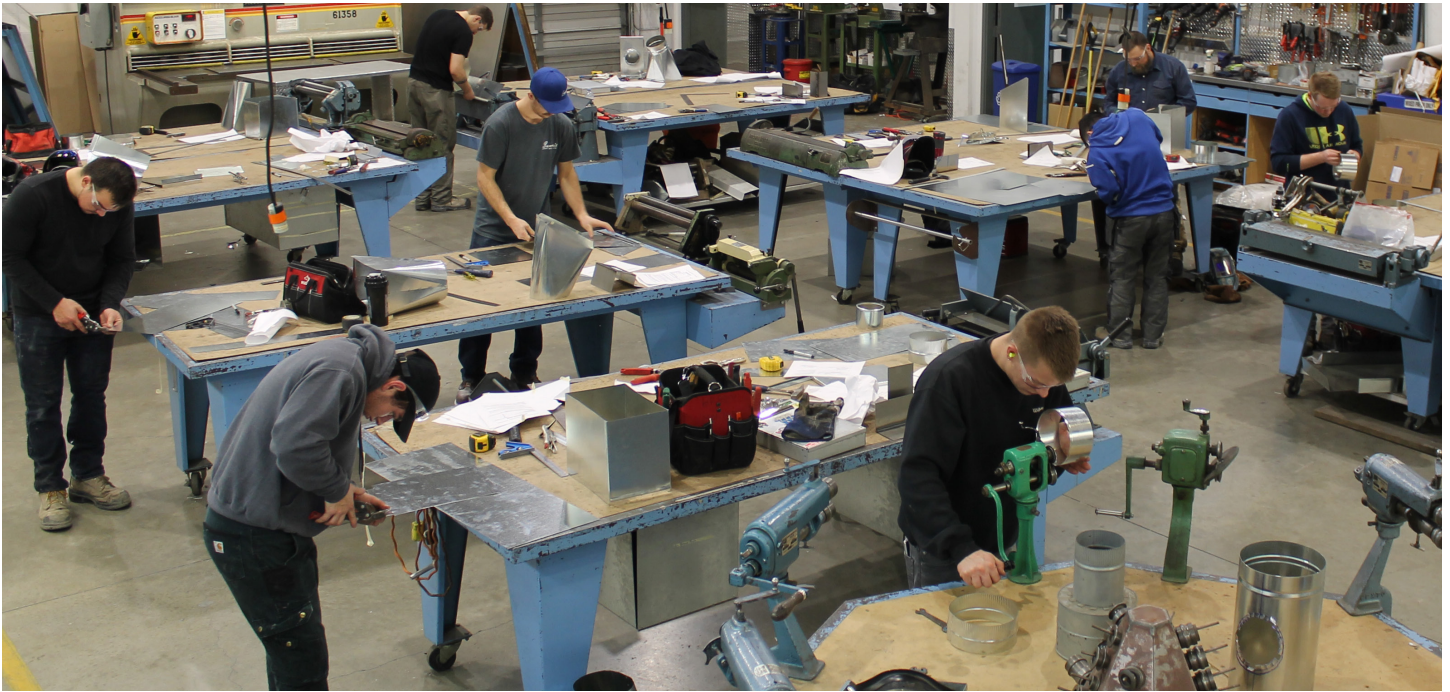
2019 SMWTC ANNUAL APPRENTICE CONTEST

On November 23, 2019, the Training Centre hosted its [Annual Apprentice Contest](#) at its facility. Nineteen contestants representing eleven contractors competed in four levels aligned with their last year of technical training. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, there were over \$7,000 worth of prizes donated to the participants.

SHOP: Participants assembled different projects for each level while spectators watched. Projects showcasing contestant's precision and skill, ranging from an aluminum hinged ammo-style box, to on-centre and off-centre square, to round fittings and a copper bucket.

THEORY: Mark Curtis from the [International union](#) proctored the theory categories and was our guest of honour at the prize awards ceremony. It was a fantastic day on which there were many moments of which to be proud.

NEW EQUIPMENT DEMO: During the contest, SMWTCS instructor Adam Dudarewicz demonstrated the Mobile Elevated Work Platform simulator purchased as part of the [Union Training and Innovation Program](#) (UTIP). Everyone who tried the simulator was entered for a chance to a prize. We thank those who stop by to experience this new technology. Congratulations to Connor Sové for winning the prize, a Milwaukee packout bag!



THANKS TO ALL THE APPRENTICES FOR PARTICIPATING IN 2019 SMWTCS ANNUAL APPRENTICE CONTEST:

LEVEL 1:

Bramwell Chao (Piedmont Sheet Metal (1997) Ltd.)
 Galbyn Knell (Keith Panel Systems Co. Ltd.)
 James Parreno (Boston Sheet Metal Ltd.)
 Richard Steenhuisen (Pacific Waterproofing Ltd.)

LEVEL 2:

Mitchell Beauregard (Boston Sheet Metal Ltd.)
 Brendan Detta (Apollo Sheet Metal Ltd.)
 Troy Martell (Austin Metal Fabricators LP)
 Brady Morton (Northwest Sheet Metal Ltd.)
 Shad Simpson (Viaduct Sheet Metal Works Ltd.)
 Luke Sutton (Boston Sheet Metal Ltd.)
 Richard Webster (ECCO Heating Products Ltd.)

LEVEL 3:

Tyler Crowder (Summit Sheet Metal Ltd.)
 Alexander Flaman (Piedmont Sheet Metal (1997) Ltd.)
 James Plett (Austin Metal Fabricators LP)
 Josiah Stagg (Viaduct Sheet Metal Works Ltd.)
 Stanley Suddaby (Austin Metal Fabricators LP)
 Philip Wong (Summit Sheet Metal Ltd.)

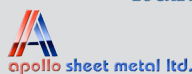
LEVEL 4:

Carlos Flores (Northwest Sheet Metal Ltd.)
 William Scott Wilcox (Spectrum Sheet Metal Ltd.)

SPONSORS



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF LOCAL 280



METRO METAL RECYCLING LTD.



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF OUR UNION TRAINING AND INNOVATION PROGRAM (UTIP)



NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR THE SHEET METAL WORKERS TRAINING CENTRE AS PART OF THE UNION TRAINING AND INNOVATION PROGRAM (UTIP):



Mobile Elevated Work Platform Simulator

The official Launch of our [Union Training and Innovation Program \(UTIP\)](#) took place on September 5th 2019 at the Training Centre. Member of Parliament, [Ken Hardie made the announcement](#) on behalf of the Ministry of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour.

The Sheet Metal Industry Training Board received over \$400K in federal cost-sharing funding for this 5-year project. Our Technology and an Inclusive Workforce Project was developed to increase investment in training equipment and materials for higher quality training, leading to a more skilled and productive trade's workforce.

The project will build strategic partnerships to improve the participation and success of key groups (women, Indigenous People and newcomers to Canada) in trades training and careers.

A Project Evaluation Consultant will develop data collection systems and resources to support the project assessment and reporting. Watch for invitations to participate in an upcoming questionnaire/survey, as well as Focus Groups (Contractors and Sheet Metal Workers).



Multimatic® 220 AC/DC Welding Machine



Virtual Reality Welder VRTEX® Engage



Augmented Reality Welding System

THE ALEX DONALDSON AWARD 2019



This award is dedicated to the memory of Alex Donaldson, a [Local 280](#) member committed to apprenticeships and training who passed away in 1980. The apprentice who earns The Top Apprentice is awarded each year. Since the 60's, the Top Apprentice represents [Local 280](#) and [SMACNA-BC](#) at the Canadian Council's Sheet Metal Apprentice Competition held annually around the country.

The pathway to be selected as the Top Apprentice has changed many times over the decades. Currently the individual winning the Level 4 competition at the SMWTC Annual Apprentice Contest has priority to compete at the Canadian Contest.

Patrick Welch of [Viaduct Sheet Metal Works Ltd.](#) was the Level 4 winner of [SMWTC Annual Apprentice Contest](#) (Nov 2018), and also competed at the [Canadian Contest](#) (May 2019) in Toronto, ON. Patrick and other sheet metal apprentices from different provinces had 8 hours to build a copper replica of one of the city's most distinctive landmarks — the Toronto City Hall.

Congrats to Patrick Welch as our 2019 winner of the Alex Donaldson Award. He was presented this annual top apprentice award at the [SMACNA](#) Christmas Party in November 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15, 2020

SkillsBC

ABBOTSFORD TRADEX

Skills
Canada

VANCOUVER, BC

May 28-29, 2020

July 16-18, 2020

Canadian
Contest

ST. JOHN'S, NL

SMWTC
Annual
Apprentice
Contest

SURREY, BC

November 21, 2020

THE FRANCO PEDERZINI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



[Apollo Sheet Metal Ltd.](#) has created a perpetual scholarship award memorializing Franco Pederzini, who served as a SMITB Trustee/SMWTCS Director (2018-2019). Franco is recognized for his work at Apollo Sheet Metal, his participation in the development of the sheet metal apprenticeship and training programs at [SMWTCS](#) and for his dedication and commitment to the trade.



The Franco Pederzini memorial scholarship award (\$1,000) will be presented to the Level 4 winner of the Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre Annual Apprentice Contest competition. Congratulations to Scott Wilcox of [Spectrum Sheet Metal Ltd.](#) as the [2019 Annual Apprentice Contest](#) Level 4 winner. Scott was presented the scholarship award at the Annual Apollo Christmas Lunch on December 20, 2019.

The **Skills Canada 2020** National Competition is taking place in Vancouver from May 28th-29th. Be sure to attend and look for the **SMART Local Union 280** Try-A-Trade booth at the *Sheet Metal Work #43* competition area. Using a shop drawing assembly document, the participants will work with sheet metal journeymen to fabricate a project to take home after completion.

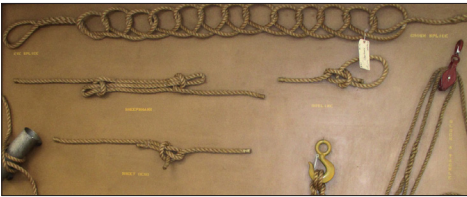
SCNC 2020



SHEET METAL | AIR | RAIL | TRANSPORTATION

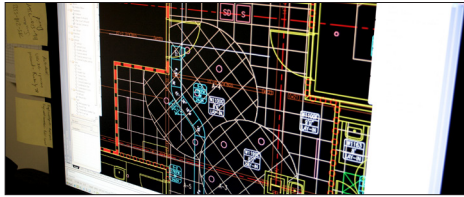
SMART

HOISTING AND RIGGING



Friday (4 hours training)
February 7
Instructor: Trevor Stickel

INTRO TO AUTOCAD



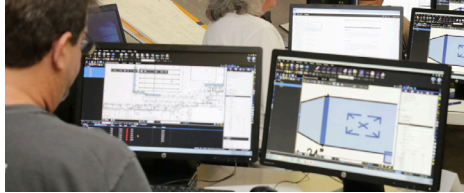
Tue & Wed (18 hours training)
February 11 - 26
Instructor: Adam Dudarewicz

WELDING



Saturdays (24 hours training)
March 14 - April 4
Instructor: Chris Rachel

BLUEBEAM



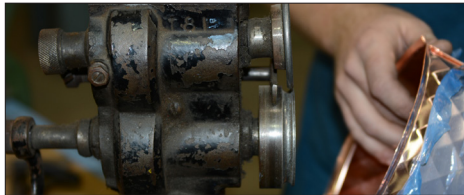
Sunday (8 hours training)
March 15
Instructor: Liam Hornby

BLUEPRINT READING



Dates: TBD
(18 hours training)
Instructor: Matt Brown

LOST SKILLS



Sundays (24 hours training)
March 15 - 29
Instructor: Bob Pascuzzi

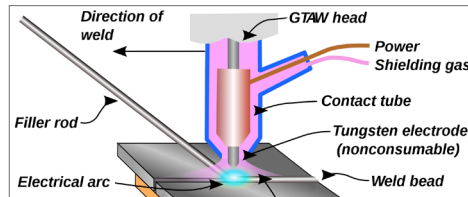
FAN SERVICE

UTIP SPONSORED COURSE



Saturdays
April 18 - May 2
Instructor: Adam Dudarewicz

STAINLESS STEEL



Saturdays (24 hours training)
April 25 - May 9
Instructor: Jake LeBlanc

REGISTRATION:

EMAIL: registrar@smwtcs.ca PHONE: (604) 882-7680

REQUIREMENT:

Journey or Apprentice: member in the sheet metal or architectural sheet metal trade at [SMART Local Union #280](#)

SPECIALTY TRAINING
WINTER/SPRING 2020