



**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY of ARBORICULTURE
SOUTHERN CHAPTER ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP**



**February 24-26, 2017
Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort
Pawleys Island, SC**

Contestants compete in five preliminary events to qualify as one of the top contestants who earn the right to move on to the championship round. The preliminary events include **Secured Footlock Climb, Belayed Speed Climb, Aerial Rescue, Work Climb, and Throw Line.** The top contestants who have accumulated the highest combined point total for the five preliminary events move on to the Master's Challenge. Contestants in this round start fresh on equal ground and compete for the championship. Contestants in the Master's Challenge perform an ISA Traditional Work Climb with the winner receiving prizes and an opportunity to represent the Chapter at the ITCC at the US National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. (US) August 3-5, 2017.

Friday, February 24, 2017
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Mandatory Contestant roll call, gear check and event walk thru with Judges at the Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort

4:00 – 5:00 PM
5:00 – 6:00 PM

Mandatory – Meeting for Judges and Officials at the Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort

Mandatory – Meeting for Judges, Officials, and Contestants at the Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort

Saturday, February 25, 2017
7:00 AM
7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Final briefing & roll call, light breakfast provided

ISA Southern Chapter Tree Climbing Championship

ISA Southern Chapter Tree Climbing Championship Masters Challenge

Sunday, February 26, 2017
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Rain Make-up if necessary

Masters Challenge Awards Presentation at the Presidents' reception, Myrtle Beach Convention Center



Registration:

Deadline: Friday February 2, 2017 (**Entry forms must be postmarked no later than 02/02/2017.**)

* Registration will be limited to 30 Contestants between both the Men & Women's Divisions.

* Up to the pre-registration deadline (02/02/17), applications will be accepted only from climbers who live and work in the Southern Chapter's geographic area.

* Up to the pre-registration deadline (02/02/17) only one contestant will be accepted from any given company, per state.

* After the pre-registration deadline, applications will be accepted from multiple contestants within any given company, per state and from climbers outside the Southern Chapter's geographic area. They will be accepted in the order in which they are received and paid. (NOTE: Only climbers who live and work within the Southern Chapter's geographic area are eligible for prizes, including the opportunity to represent the Chapter at the ITCC at the US National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. (US) August 3-5, 2017.)

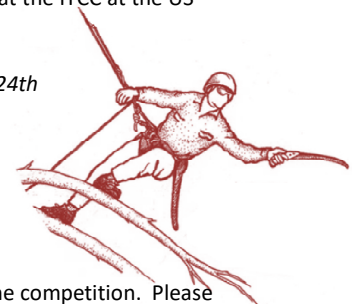
Rules and full schedule of events will be handed out at Mandatory Meeting on February 24th

If you have any questions, please contact:

Scott Winningham, Chair

(931) 261-1967 Cell

sawinningham@charter.net



Judges & Technicians Needed:

* Experienced Arborists with no ties to the contestants are needed to volunteer as Judges and Techs for the competition. Please contact Scott Winningham if you are interested or return Volunteer Judge / Technician form and waiver by February 2, 2017.

Host Hotel Information:

*Sheraton MB Convention Center Hotel
2101 North Oak Street
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577*

*Reservations can be made by calling (888) 627-8203
ISA So Chapter rate of \$149+tax/night (Group # 5039)
available if reservations made by January 23, 2017*

*Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort
14276 Ocean Highway
Pawleys Island, SC 29585*

*Reservations can be made by calling (800) 344-0982
ISA SO Chapter rate starting at \$81.50+tax/night (Group # 756069)
guaranteed if reservations made by December 22, 2016*



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**2017 VOLUNTEER JUDGE / TECHNICIAN
INFORMATION FORM**

All Volunteer Judges / Technicians will be required to fill out the information form and sign the waiver releasing the City of Pawleys Island, SC, ISA, and ISA Southern Chapter from any liability. Be sure to make a copy of the back of both forms before mailing.

All volunteers must be available for Friday through Sunday, February 24th, 25th, & 26th (see schedule of events for times).

Are you available for set-up? Thursday, 23rd: _____ Friday, 24th: _____

Please Type or Print **CLEARLY**

Check Most Interested In: Judge _____ Technician _____

Judge / Technician's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____ ISA Member # if applicable: _____

Employed By: _____

List any credentials that are applicable for this event: _____

Number of years as a Judge: _____ Events you have judged: _____

Number of years as a Technician: _____ Events you have worked: _____

Can you climb? _____ Are you an EMT? _____

Have you ever used the score keeping software? _____ Can you use excel? _____

Shirt Size: Men S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Women S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Special Dietary Restrictions: _____

Please return your completed form to the ISA Southern Chapter office by
email: dcarter@isasouthern.org
fax: (336) 789-0202
mail: 213 Apollo Drive, Mount Airy, NC 27030



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Waiver and Hold-Harmless by Volunteer Judge / Technician

In consideration of acceptance of my application for consideration as a volunteer judge / technician at the Southern Chapter Tree Climbing Championship (SOTCC), I hereby waive any and all claims I may have at any time, on account of me, or by any person or entity in any way as my subrogates against the City of Pawleys Island, SC, the International Society of Arboriculture, or the Southern Chapter, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, invitees, and any person who would be lawfully entitled to indemnification from any of them for any liability to, or on behalf of, or on account of or in consequence of my activities or participation in the ITCC, or in any other way related to the ITCC. I further agree to hold the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, and invitees, safe and harmless from any expense for defense, settlement, payment of damages or other expenses relating in any way to injuries sustained by me in any way related to the ITCC. I recognize and assume all risks and danger involved in my participation, and will not under any circumstances rely upon the care, attention, or assurance of anyone other than myself for matters relating to my safety.

Volunteer Judge's / Technician's Signature

Volunteer Judge's / Technician's Name Printed

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 ____