



**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.)

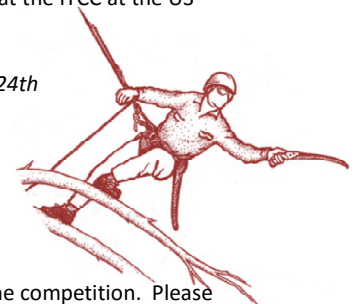
Rules and full schedule of events will be handed out at Mandatory Meeting on February 24th

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 CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM

All Contestants will be required to fill out the entry form and sign the waiver releasing 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.

Please Type or Print CLEARLY

Contestant's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

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

Employed By: _____

Number of years you have climbed: _____ Year of Last Competition: _____

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

Women S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Special Dietary Restrictions: _____

***Contestants must be a member of ISA, to compete at the International Tree Climbing Championship. If you are not a current member, an ISA membership application is located at <http://www.isa-arbor.com/membership/becomeMember/index.aspx>.**

REGISTRATION TYPE: MEMBER \$75 NON-MEMBER \$100

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

CHECK PAYABLE TO ISA SOUTHERN CHAPTER

CREDIT CARD: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

NAME ON CARD: _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Please mail your completed form and payment to: ISA Southern Chapter, 213 Apollo Drive, Mt. Airy, North Carolina, 27030/ fax (336) 789-0202 / e-mail dcarter@isasouthern.org.

BIOGRAPHY **Information below will be used to describe the SOTCC winners to the Chapter.**

What is your present job? _____

How long have you worked there? _____

Single: ___ Married: ___ Partnered: ___ How Long? ___ Name: _____

Children? _____ Names & Ages: _____

Brief Work History: _____

Hobbies / Outside Interests _____

Education: _____

Are you a volunteer for the ISA or your local chapter? _____ What position(s)? _____

How many years have you competed at the chapter level (including this year)? _____

How many years have you competed at the International level (including this year)? _____



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2017 CONTESTANT WAIVER FORM

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Waiver and Hold-Harmless by Contestant

In consideration of acceptance of my application for entry as a contestant in the Southern Chapter Tree Climbing Championship (SOTCC), I hereby waive any and all claims I may have at anytime, and any and all claims which might otherwise be made by, or on behalf of, or on account of me, or by me, or by any person or entity in any way as my subrogee against the City of Pawleys Island, SC or the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, invitees, and any person who would be lawfully entitled to indemnification from them for any liability to, or on behalf of, or on account of me, for any injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever arising on account of or in consequence of my activities or participation in the Climbing Championship, or in any other way related to the Climbing Championship. I further agree to hold the City of Pawleys Island, SC or 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 related in any way to injuries sustained by me in any way related to the Climbing Championship. 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.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Contestant _____

Printed Name of Contestant _____

Certification and Waiver by Employer of Contestant

I hereby certify that I am the employer or a duly authorized representative of the employer of the above-named individual planning to participate in the Climbing Championship, and that the employer has encouraged this participation. I further certify that I have satisfactorily confirmed that the employee will be covered by statutory protection levels of Workers Compensation Insurance or the equivalent, for any injuries sustained in the course of participation. The employer hereby waives any and all subrogation claims it may have against the City of Pawleys Island, SC or the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, or invitees, as a result of any compensation or their benefits or expenses incurred or paid by it, its insurance carrier, or otherwise on its behalf, in the event any claim or injury results from this participation, and will hold the City of Pawleys Island, SC or 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 and other expenses relating in any way by this employee. I further certify that I am duly authorized to execute this Certification and Waiver on behalf of the employer and those any and all necessary resolutions have been duly passed and adopted by the employer.

The exact name and address of the employer, and state of incorporation if applicable is: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative _____

Printed Name of Employer/Authorized Representative _____