NEW AND DIFFERENT FOR 2009

DIVISIONAL MEETINGS MOVE TO WEDNESDAY
Check the schedule of events to see when your division meets on Wednesday afternoon. This change allows for divisional activity to be reported to the association as a part of the closing business session.

FINISHED GOODS DISPLAY MOVES TO FRIDAY
Following the Suppliers Display, the Finished Goods Display allows for a two-for-one combination to encourage even more participation from your company’s purchasing staff.

SUPPLIERS DISPLAY
Friday, March 27, 2009
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Pompeii / Promenade

Visit the Suppliers Display to see the latest products, ideas and components. Visit with old friends and make new ones in this exhibitor showcase that is a hallmark of every ABMA Convention.

FINISHED GOODS DISPLAY
Friday, March 27, 2009
11:45 AM – 1:30 PM
Pompeii / Promenade

Visit the Finished Goods Display to learn about the manufacturing capabilities of your fellow members. This event provides a great opportunity to manufacturers and suppliers alike to enhance and refine their sourcing protocols.

ABMA SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT
Thursday, March 26, 2009
1:15 PM SHOTGUN
Miami Golf Club

ABMA’s annual scramble tourney is a great way to network, meet old friends, make new friends and have some fun. The Miami Golf Club was originally opened as Bayshore Golf Course in 1923 as part of pioneering developer Carl Fisher’s ambitious Alton Beach subdivision that was designed to lure wealthy winter residents from New York, Indianapolis and Detroit, the course received a $10 million face-lift and was
renamed the Miami Beach Golf Club in 2002. The ABMA Scramble Tournament fee includes greens and tournament fees, golf cart, range balls and prizes. *Please make your club rental arrangements directly through the Pro Shop at the Miami Golf Club. For other tee times call (305) 532-3350 or book on-line: http://www.miamibeachgolfclub.com/tee_times.htm

COMPANION PROGRAM
Friday, March 27, 2009
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Build A Boat Challenge
On the Beach

The navigating officer and helmsman will divide the group into crews, outline the building provisions, and issue the following order: "Build a floating device that will carry two crew members to the finish line".

The provisions you’ll be issued are most unusual – some tape, some cardboard, and some cutting utensils. Teams debate new design concepts, talk about engineering feats, strategize racing plans, and debate which of their sailors are most worthy of commanding the vessel. Ideas fly, the ships begin to take shape, doubts are dissipated, and a new spirit and courage take form within each of the teams. Suddenly, the task is no longer impossible, and your team is capable of achieving great things!

When all vessels are ready to shove off, the Clipper Classic will begin. The seafaring sounds of "Love Boat", "Gilligan's Island", and "Popeye" will fill the air and set the tone for the voyage. To successfully complete the regatta teams will have to sail their boats on a predetermined course and splash their way to the finish line intact. Thankfully, the Coast Guard will be standing by in the event of a catastrophic shipwreck. Wear beach attire, bring sunscreen and be prepared to have some fun.

TOURS
Villa Vizcaya
Friday March 27, 2009
2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Villa Vizcaya
Villa Vizcaya, the magnificent Italian villa on Biscayne Bay, has often been called the finest private home ever built in America. With its
phenomenal human-made and natural resources, Vizcaya was built in the 1910's, a
decade in which Gilded Age cultural standards were enlivened by the irreverent spirit of
the dawning Jazz Age. Vizcaya was the winter residence of American industrialist
James Deering from Christmas 1916 until his death in 1925. Deering was a Vice
President of the International Harvester Company, which produced agricultural
equipment for a worldwide market. He chose a bayfront site in Miami for his tropical
winter home because of the location’s temperate winter climate and his appreciation of
the native hardwood hammock. Having chosen the then small town of Miami,
construction began in 1914 and as many as 1,000 artisans worked on it during the
following years to create a masterpiece of architectural, interior and garden design.
The splendid Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo and Neoclassical rooms, restored to their
original splendor, are now open to your guests. Wear comfortable walking clothes,
bring sunscreen as you will also have a chance to walk the outside grounds.

SUPPLIERS RECEPTION
Water View Terrace
Friday March 27, 2009
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

“Tropical Explosion Caribbean Festival”
Fun, interactive, one of a kind - come dressed in fun Caribbean regalia and
enjoy the party. Experience multiple entertainment elements resulting in a high
energy tropical party. As you enter you will be greeted by our host and dancers while
the band is setting the tropical vibe with Island music. Try your hand at crab racing
and coconut bowling - play in teams, couples or one or one. All winners receive a
prize!! Enjoy the specialized art of cigar rolling. As you begin dinner you will enjoy the
sounds of one of the best tropical bands in South Florida - and can continue to enjoy
the interactive games as well as the musical percussive instruments in front of the
stage. Then it gets even better - you’ll see.