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55TH ANNUAL SUMMER TRADE SEMINAR

July 12-14, 2026

Embassy Suites

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Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

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Get ready for an unforgettable experience in beautiful Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, this summer. Join the Coal Institute for two action-packed days filled with industry-leading speakers, dynamic networking opportunities, and tons of exciting activities – including a golf tournament.

Don't miss out!

Ken Stover - Duke Energy, Chair

Donnie Peake, Jr. - Progress Rail, Co-Chair

REGISTRATION

Register [HERE](#)

Member Registration \$850

Non-Member Registration \$1,000

Spouse/Guest Registration \$100

Child Registration (3-18 years old) \$25

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Reserve a room [HERE](#)

To speak to a reservation specialist, please call (800) 876-0010 and identify yourself as an attendee of The Coal Institute.

Room Block expires June 10, 2026.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 AM

Where: Barefoot Resort & Golf, Love Course

Cost: \$180/golfer (paid with registration)

Website: <https://barefootgolf.com/barefoot-golf-courses/love-course/>

Discover the essence of Lowcountry charm in Davis Love III's design at Barefoot Resort's Love Course. A proud Carolina native, Love incorporates local tradition and experiences into this stunning course. Holes 3-7 showcase recreated ruins of an old plantation home, adding historical allure to your golfing experience.

With wide fairways and ample landing areas, the Love Course invites golfers to an unforgettable round. Drawing inspiration from Pinehurst #2, known for hosting numerous championships, the course mirrors its green complexes. This Par 72, 7,000-yard course strikes a balance, challenging skilled players while ensuring playability and enjoyment for the average golfer.

Tee and fairways feature GN-1, a hybrid turf by Greg Norman Turf, while approach areas boast Tif-sport Bermuda grass. The greens showcase Champion Ultra Dwarf, and the rough areas feature 419 Bermuda grass. Embrace tradition, beauty, and a memorable golfing experience on the Love Course at Barefoot Resort.

Questions/Foursome Arrangements: Please contact Donnie Peake at dpeake@progressrail.com or 803-360-7868.

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Combo T-Shirt and Golf Hole (Exclusive)- \$850

AGENDA

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:00 AM - Golf at Barefoot Resort & Golf, Love Course

2:30 - 4:30 PM - Registration & Reception – Seaside Vista

5:00 PM - Bus Leaves for Myrtle Beach Pelicans Game Sponsored by Eco Solutions

MONDAY, JULY 13

8:00 AM - Breakfast

8:30 AM - Conference

7:00 PM - Beach Pizza Party Sponsored by Blackhawk & River Trading

TUESDAY, JULY 14

8:00 AM - Breakfast

8:30 AM - Conference

2:00 PM - Waterslide Competition

6:00 PM - Reception

7:00 PM - Dinner

8:30 PM - Throwback to the 80s Party with Julio and the Saltines - Dust off your leg warmers, neon, and big hair & come dressed in your best 80's outfit!

KIDS AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 13

10:00 AM – Tie Dye*

11:00 AM - Mascot Meet & Greet

12:00 PM - Mascot Meet & Greet

1:00 PM - Big Splash Competition

2:00 PM - Bird House Painting

3:00 PM - Slime*

4:00 PM - Lawn Games

7:00 PM - Beach Pizza Party

TUESDAY, JULY 14

All Day Events: Soni's Hair Wraps*, Kingston Air Brush*, Build Your Beach*

11:00 AM - Beach Volleyball

2:00 PM - Waterslide Competition

6:00 PM - Reception

7:00 PM - Dinner

8:30 PM - Throwback to the 80s Party with Julio and the Saltines

*Denotes a hotel activity fee

SPEAKERS

Chris Skates – Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Chris Skates, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Chris spent 30 years in both nuclear, coal and natural gas fueled power generation facilities. He began his career at Georgia Power Company in 1986 working at their nuclear power plants. At his last plant stop, Chris oversaw the Environmental/Chemistry program at Electric Energy, Inc which supplied energy to the Paducah Uranium Enrichment Facility.

In 2016 Chris was appointed Speechwriter and Energy Advisor to Governor Matt Bevin of Kentucky.

In 2020, Chris was appointed Senior Energy Advisor for Fossil Energy in the Trump Administration before moving back to Paducah in 2021 as Public Relations Specialist for Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership, the primary remediation contractor for the former Uranium Enrichment Site at Paducah.

Chris was appointed by the President to the NRC in July of this year. Chris is also a published author of 5 books, and dozens of op-eds and energy related articles in a variety of outlets.

Charles Dayton – McCloskey by OPIS, a Dow Jones Company

Charles Dayton is the macroeconomics lead at Coal, Metals and Mining at McCloskey by OPIS, a Dow Jones Company. He is a subject matter expert in coking coal and in supply and demand modelling and forecasting and an expert in macroeconomic analysis and how coal and steel demand are affected by macroeconomic events. He is the lead of the OPIS Tariff Talk publication and podcast. He also has extensive experience working in consulting roles and interfacing with the investor community while at Doyle Trading Consultants – a predecessor company ultimately acquired by Dow Jones.

Prior to joining Dow Jones Charles headed up investor relations for coal producer Arch Resources (now Core Natural Resources) and held a variety of market research, IT and business development positions within Arch. He also worked in equity analysis for Edward Jones- a Fortune 100 financial firm and is a former Army officer and decorated veteran having served two combat tours in Iraq in infantry roles.

Charles holds an undergraduate degree from William and Mary and two masters degrees: an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis and a Masters in IT Management from Carnegie Mellon University.

Keith Runyon – Eagle Summit Resources

Keith's mining career started in 1990 working underground in eastern Kentucky. Over the subsequent 30 plus years, Keith has held various engineering management and upper management roles in the industry.

Serving as COO, Sr VP Operations, General Manager and President for both private and publicly traded companies including Massey Energy, Patriot Coal, Alpha Natural Resources and Blackhawk Mining. Keith has extensive experience managing all aspects of large- and small-scale surface operations as well as underground mining complexes.

Keith has been a steward of safety and the environment throughout his career, serving as Patriot Coal's Chairman of their Central Safety Team, VP of Safety and recipient of multiple environmental excellence awards.

Keith's charitable participation includes the Children's Home Society of West Virginia and the Coaches For The Kids Foundation supporting the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Keith is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and is a licensed professional engineer in West Virginia and Kentucky.

MYRTLE BEACH PELICANS GAME



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Eco Solution has reserved the DK Mason Roofing Field Suite for Sunday July 12th. First Bus (of Two) will Leave the Embassy Suites at 5:00 pm. Game Time is 6:35 pm.

All Summer Trade Attendees are invited to enjoy the game from the D.K. Mason Roofing Field Suite while taking advantage of an ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT buffet in a relaxed, backyard-style setting. Buffet service begins at 6:00 pm and runs for 90 minutes in this exclusive space, available only to Field Suite ticket holders.

The buffet includes a classic ballpark spread of hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, baked beans, cookies, along with lemonade, tea, and water. A private bartender is available in the space to provide a full complement of beer, wine, etc.

Seating features a comfortable patio-style atmosphere with picnic tables, Adirondack chairs, and high-top tables—perfect for kicking back and enjoying the game with friends. Stick around after the game for a fireworks show and all kids 12 and under will have the chance to run the bases.

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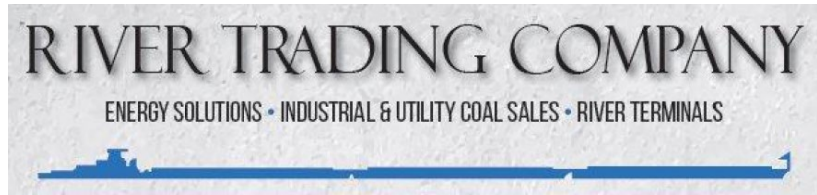
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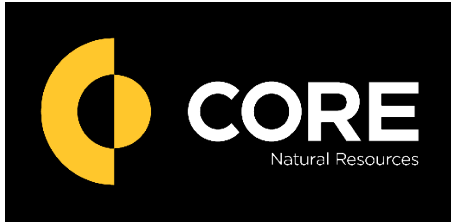
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