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13th Annual IRD GLASS GOLF TOURNAMENT & OPEN HOUSE

It's coming up fast!
This year's event is August 21st, 2015.
Customers, Vendors, Employees and Friends
of IRD Glass
(aka *All*) are welcome!



Join us for an informal open house, facility tour and light lunch from 10 to 11:30 am before golfing. Bring your own 4- person team or come solo and we'll add you to one of ours. The goal is friendship and fun. Don't be intimidated!

A scramble, shotgun start tee time starts off the golfing at 12:30 at the Litchfield Golf Club. Green fees, carts and door prizes are included and your \$10 entrance fee will be matched and donated to a



Jeff Amundson, IRD's new Operations Manager.

IRD's new Operations Manager, Jeff Amundson, joined IRD with an extensive manufacturing and quality background just last April. His degree in Non-Destructive Testing and Mechanical Engineering led him to career positions at McDonnell Douglas, Hutchinson Technology and

local charity.

RSVP to Denny at 320-693-7217 or
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no later than August 15th to register.
We'd love to have you join us!!



Kim Brekke, Project Engineer and Gerard Crosby, New Product Development. New talent contributing to the growth at IRD!

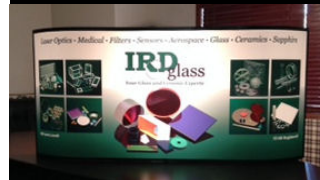
IRD Glass brings on new talent to service growing demands.

At IRD Glass, business is growing! We've had record sales 2 years running, and are trending to set yet another benchmark in 2015. We've responded and have staffed up to meet this demand. IRD has added management and engineering personnel, as well as hiring 13 new production floor support people - all to assist with making sure our customer's receive the quality and service they deserve. With the addition of these talented, new employees, IRD is better poised to service your glass, ceramic and sapphire needs well into the future. Get to know these people. They're

Minnesota Rubber. He brings experience from Inspection, Quality Management, Operations Manager and Plant Manager Positions.

Jeff has a unique talent for quickly getting to the core of an issue and finding solutions, while keeping multiple balls in the air at the same time. Jeff works on schedules and planning, forecasts, efficiencies, capacities and budgets. He's our go-to-guy that makes things happen out on the floor.

Jeff married his high school sweetheart and has two grown children, but no grandkids yet. He enjoys geology, wood working, hiking and building things – decks, garages, gardens etc. When he's not on the North Shore of Lake Superior, you can find him involved in his church, the American Cancer Society or the Litchfield Chamber. Did we mention that he's an awesome tenor too?



UPCOMING TRADE SHOWS

IRD Glass will be showing at these events in 2015. Be sure to stop by our new booth to say hi!

Optifab -
October 13th - 15th, 2015
Rochester, NY

MD&M - Mpls.
November 4th - 5, 2015
Minneapolis, MN

looking forward to helping you and are committed to being here when you need help most.

In February, Kim Brekke joined IRD's Engineering Department as a Project Engineer. Kim works with production on tangible improvements to processes for improved yields and cycle times. She's also got her sights on throughput improvements, scrap reduction and lean manufacturing. All this reinforces our commitment to deliver consistent value to our customers. Kim comes to IRD with a BS in Industrial Engineering with an emphasis on New Product Development, Capacity Planning, Project Management and Lean Manufacturing. Kim is married and the proud mother of 7-year-old twins. She's run the Boston Marathon and is working on her goal of completing half marathons in every state in the US.

Gerard Crosby is IRD's newest addition to our New Products Cell. Gerard joined us in February, bringing with him extensive manufacturing experience. He's held career positions as Manufacturing Engineer and Manufacturing Manager. Gerard is tasked with New Product Development, Quoting for New Products and is working on the planning and development for the New Products Cell at IRD. Gerard is married and has two, soon to be three, young children. In addition to being a great dad, he enjoys hunting, fishing, gardening and just about anything outdoors with his family.

IRD Glass is growing with you, our customer, in mind. We trust that you'll find our very capable employees ready, and excited to help you with your next project. Give us a call and see how we can help!!



CUSTOMER COMMITMENT



**WE'RE HERE
WHEN YOU NEED
HELP MOST!**

LinkedIn



Laughing My Glass Off!

I asked my trainer if he could teach me to do the splits. He asked me how flexible I was. I told him I couldn't do Tuesdays.....

News & Updates

• July 2015

IRD recently brought a long awaited, new polish system on board as part of our strategic expansion into the polishing and machining of sapphire. We're excited about the new capabilities we now have to offer our customers. Call or email John Rutledge, jdr@irdceramics.com or 320-759-2216, for more details.

• Early Spring 2015

It's been a busy season for trade shows! IRD exhibited at Photonics West in February. April we were at Am Con, Design of Medical Devices, Aerodef and Ceramics Expo. May found us in San Jose at CLEO and at Sensors in Long Beach in June. There's still time to catch us though. Look for our upcoming shows in the far right column. Stop by and see us. There's a lot going on at IRD to talk about!

• October 2014

Installation of our newest Speedfam 16B Double-side Polisher

• August 2014

WELCOME to Michelle deCastro, IRD Glass' new National Sales Manager! Yay! Please contact Michelle with your glass needs michelle.decastro@irdglass.com

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