

Homestake rescue team ties for title

A Homestake Mine rescue contest team tied for the title at the National Mine Rescue Contest for metal and non-metal mining.

Lead However, a judge's tie-breaker awarded the Rhone Poulenc team of Green River, Wyo., with the championship by one point.

The recent competition at Las Vegas featured 32 trained teams from across the nation in simulated underground mine rescues. Teams were judged on time, successful problem solving and written exams.

Homestake's gold team included Jim Kendall and Lucy Heisinger, co-captains; Karl Sauer, mapman; Sherril Stearns and Jim Mattson, first aid personnel; and Curtis Roth, alternate.

Homestake's silver team had the highest written test score. Members included Dave Waterson and Rodney Larsen, co-captains; Jim Wieser, mapman; Edward Edwards and Ron Sowers, first aid; and Mike McGivern, alternate.

Lynn Kennison took seventh and Tom Regan 12th in the competition of benchmen, those responsible for equipment maintenance. The benchmen worked with both teams.

Fred Raubach and Ken Kinghorn, members of Homestake's safety department, trained the teams. Dennis Merkel assisted with training the benchmen.