

# ABOVE & BEYOND

ORTHOPAEDIC  
SURGEONS  
LEADING BY  
EXAMPLE,  
SUPPORTING  
ADVANCES IN  
PATIENT CARE

## LAUNCHING AN ANVIL FOR OREF

Last fall, in conjunction with its annual meeting, the South Dakota State Orthopaedic Society (SDSOS) used an anvil launch demonstration as a fundraiser for OREF.

Anvil launching was used by early settlers to gather the community, sound an alert or mark a celebration. Blacksmiths would set a gunpowder charge between two stacked anvils, each weighing about 120 pounds, light the gunpowder and—*BOOM!*—watch the anvils fly into the air and then land, typically 100 feet or more away from where they were launched. As anvils take flight, they make a distinctive ring that can be heard for miles.

Before personally lowering the hammer on a charge of gunpowder to launch an anvil, each SDSOS demonstration participant was asked to predict where the anvil would land and mark the spot with a personal article and a \$20 bill. Intended prize: Half the pot, the other half going to OREF. Actual prize: All winners donated their winnings to OREF, resulting in a donation of \$335. Many thanks to all who participated. ■



▲ OREF Shands Circle member **David D. Teuscher, MD** prepares to launch an anvil.



▲ SDSOS member **Jeremy Kudera, MD** took first place. The anvil he launched landed inches from the spot he predicted.



▲ The 1-mile walk begins.

## STEPPING IT UP FOR OREF

The Orthopaedic Group (TOG) of New Haven, Conn. hosted its 1st Annual “TOG-JOG” Wellness Day last July 25, including a 3.4-mile run and 1-mile walk benefiting OREF. Good organization, good weather and TOG’s characteristic enthusiasm resulted in a big crowd, including more than 80 run/walk participants who raised \$1,489 for OREF. Thanks to the entire TOG crew—orthopaedists, physician associates, nurses, the medical rehabilitation team, clerical support and business staff members—for all the ways they support OREF’s mission. ■

## JOSEPH A. BUCKWALTER, MD: Honored by ORS and OREF



▲ Dr. Buckwalter accepted his award at the 2011 Orthopaedic Research Society Annual Meeting, held Jan. 13-16, 2011 in Long Beach, Calif.

Congratulations to **Joseph A. Buckwalter, MD**, recipient of the 2011 ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award. Dr. Buckwalter’s selection recognizes his “long-standing, productive career in orthopaedic research,” including his basic scientific studies of cartilage, chondrocytes, chondrosarcomas and intervertebral discs, and his 10-plus years leading a team of investigators researching the role of joint injury in osteoarthritis.

Dr. Buckwalter is the Arthur Steindler chair, professor and head of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at the University of Iowa. He is the recipient of numerous OREF and ORS awards, as well as the Kappa Delta Award for Outstanding Orthopaedic Research.