



**THE UNITED STATES FACETERS GUILD
ANNOUNCES THE
SINGLE STONE COMPETITION
FOR
THE YEAR 2003**

THIS ARTICLE SERVES AS AN INVITATION FOR INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES FACETERS GUILD TO ENTER THE 2003 SINGLE-STONE COMPETITION

The Single-Stone Competition program for the year 2003 follows the same rules as in the recently completed 2002 competition. Competition classes include faceters with current skills at the Novice, PreMasters, or Masters class, with two divisions in the Masters class: Masters and Past Masters.

The Single-Stone Competition program, with Novice, PreMasters, and Masters classes, will be conducted as a typical single-stone competition in which winners of the classes will be recognized and presented awards.

Novice Class

To certify as an USFG Novice, an inexperienced faceter must achieve a score of 80% or higher on the Novice design. A score of 85% or higher will qualify the faceter to enter the PreMasters class competition.

PreMasters Class

To certify as a USFG PreMaster, the faceter must make a minimum score of 85% on the PreMaster design. A score of 90% or higher will qualify the faceter to enter the Masters class competition.

Masters Class (Masters Division)

To certify as an USFG Master the faceter must make a minimum score of 90% on the Masters design. Any faceter who has not won a previous Masters competition may enter the Masters Class (Masters Division).

Masters Class (Past Masters Division)

Any faceter who has won a previous Masters competition **must** enter in the Past Masters Division. This includes any faceters who have participated in the Australian International Faceting Challenge, by which entry, with no exceptions, they are automatically classed as Master faceters.

Awards Novice Class

The top three faceters, scoring 90% or higher, will receive a medallion and certificate of accomplishment indicating first,

second, and third place ranking in the Novice competition. All scores 80% or greater will receive certificates indicating certification as a USFG Novice. All scores below 80% will receive certificates indicating participation in the Novice event.

Awards PreMaster Class

The top three faceters, scoring 90% or higher, will receive a medallion and certificate of accomplishment indicating first, second, and third place ranking in the PreMasters competition. All scores 85% or greater will receive certificates indicating certification as a USFG PreMaster. All scores below 85% will receive certificates indicating participation in the PreMasters event.

Awards Masters Class (Masters Division)

The top three faceters, scoring 90% or higher, will receive a medallion and certificate of accomplishment indicating first, second, and third place ranking in the Masters competition. All scores 90% or greater will receive certificates indicating certification as a USFG Master. All scores below 90% will receive certificates indicating participation in the Masters event.

Awards Masters Class (Past Masters Division)

Only the top score will receive a medallion and certificate of accomplishment indicating a first place ranking in the Past Masters Division (along with exclusive "Bragging Rights" as being the top faceter in the USFG Single Stone Competition). All other scores will receive a certificate indicating participation in the Past Masters event.

Additional Competition Notes

1. All competitors will receive a certificate (suitable for framing) of achievement from the USFG Competition committee. The wording on each certificate will reflect the competitor's accomplishment.
2. Once a faceter has been certified in any USFG competition, that certification will remain permanent, even if the faceter,