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Water Words

A Letter From The President

Hello everyone. I hope all of you and your families are doing well.

Well, here we are fellow water well professionals, “the Fall of Covid 2021”. When I say, “the Fall of Covid”, I do not only mean Autumn, but I also mean the end of Covid as a stressful pandemic. I declared at my September Deacons meeting at First Baptist that the numbers and statistics tell me that the major stress of Covid 19 will be over by November 1st of this year. I was asked if I was making it a motion, to which I declined. At the next church service our Pastor was so excited by my prediction that he told the whole congregation that a Prophet on the Deacon Board had seriously made this statement. Though he certainly said this in jest, I have had a lot of fun with his statement, and I stand by my prediction. That’s enough about this nasty virus, let’s talk water wells.

First, I would like to thank Matthew Brown and all those who helped put together the Fall event in Harmony. Matthew told me it was an enjoyable and informative event. This looks to be another annual event we can all look forward to each year.

I am sure I am not the only one who is experiencing supply chain issues. It has affected all of us one way or the other. Your suppliers are looking at an amazing increase in orders and have had to do quite a bit of juggling to keep customers supplied with the materials they need to complete the backlog of jobs that most are experiencing. We contractors are trying to fulfill the promises we have made to our customers while still trying to keep up with service calls and the endless paperwork. The backlogs are certainly a blessing, but most of us stress over keeping promises. My best advice, which I need to listen to as well, is to be honest with your customers, and call them before they call you. In most cases your customers will appreciate this communication. Even more important than communication is to continue to provide excellent workmanship on each job regardless of your tight schedule. This demand boom will not last forever and one dissatisfied customer can override ten satisfied customers in the future.

Please try to clear your schedules January 27-28 for the annual Trade Show at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. We are looking forward to a great show, so don’t miss it!

Thanks, enjoy the boom, don’t stress out and stay safe,

Bill Magette

Mark your calendar for the 2022 Trade Show!

January 27-28, 2022

Embassy Suites, 204 Centreport Drive, Greensboro, NC

Rate: \$122/Night

Reservation Deadline: January 13, 2022

336-668-4535 / Specify you are with the NCGWA

The Trade Show will be held on Friday, January 28, 2022, but please join us on Thursday afternoon, tentatively at 3:00 pm, for a round table discussion.

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Goulds Water Technology, a Xylem brand, has announced this year's recipients of the Goulds Professional Deal Association (GPDA) scholarships. Sixteen students across the United States will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

North Carolina resident Caroline Hilliard (West End, North Carolina) is one of 16 students being awarded a scholarship for academic achievement, community service and leadership. The scholarship is open to students in the U.S. and Canada.

"Every year, we have the opportunity and privilege of supporting 16 young students in pursuit of their dreams in higher education," said Susan O'Grady, director of marketing, Building Services and Agriculture, Xylem Inc. "Financial uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic still lingers for many families. Through these scholarships, we are honored to support our dealers' families and contribute to these students' future, success and professional development."

Topic Suggestions Needed!!

We are in the planning stage for the 2022 Trade show. Please let us know any topics for seminars you would like to have at next year's show. Please send any suggestions by November 1, 2021. You may send your suggestions to elaine@execman.net or execmaninfo@gmail.com. You may also call the NCGWA office at 919-876-0687 with any suggestions.

Let us hear from you!!

Fall CE and Skeet Shoot / Pictures

Hello Friends, We had a great time at the Skeet Shoot on October 1 and I want to thank everyone for coming out. A special thank you to all our sponsors for their continued support of the NCGWA and the industry. Continuing education classes were held that morning and I also want to thank all the speakers for the valuable knowledge that was passed along.

The annual raffle ticket drawing was held and the winner of the golf cart was Russ McKittrick.

We also had a raffle for a shot gun which was donated by Neill Pardue from Air Drilling. The winner of the shot gun was Chauncey Leggett from Lake Valley Well Company.

Winners of the skeet shoot are as follows: 1st place team: Hughes Supply Team: Russ McKittrick , Bob Wood, Grant Sams plus Yadkin Well: Tyler Hall -120 kills

2nd Place Team: DSI Hickory Team : Tyler Toledo , Jordan Parris, Michael Ezzel and Keith Loudermilt - 100 kills

Tie for 3rd Place: Blue Ridge Environmental Team: Cliff Lundgren, Ken Pimienta, Barron Theissen plus Yadkin Well: David Cave - 99 kills

Tie for 3rd Place: Yadkin Well /DSI Team: David Brown, Tim White, Kyle Martin and Brandon Mosley - 99 kills

Again, thank you to everyone for coming out and makes plans to attend our convention and trade show in January.

Stay safe and hope to see you soon, Matthew Brown, NCGWA Vice President



General Statute and NC Rules for Well Construction

The NCGWA Board is reviewing NC General Statute 87 - NC Well Construction Act and Subchapter 02C - Well Construction Standards. We are asking our members to review this information and submit and recommendations/suggestions to elaine@execman.net by November 1. Information will be compiled and presented to the board for suggestions. Members will be informed of suggestions.

Online GW-1 Submittal

The NCDEQ Division of Water Resources has developed an on-line well construction form that can be used to submit all required well construction (GW-1/GW-30) forms to the state. The on-line GW-1 form was created to reduce costs of creating and processing paper forms for well drillers and the State, increase the accuracy of the information, and to help make this information more useful and accessible for local governments and resource managers. The on-line system can also be used for finding well construction information for newly installed wells since 2021. The system is an accurate and immediate way for well contractors to submit the required well construction form (GW-1) and to create a more accurate and readable version for their records.

The use of the on-line form is currently optional. Well drillers may still submit the required GW-1 forms by paper. The link to the paper version of the GW-1 form is here: [https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/GW-1%20ver%206-6-2018_Final%20\(1\).pdf](https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/GW-1%20ver%206-6-2018_Final%20(1).pdf). Note that if a well driller submits a completed GW-1 form using the new on-line GW-1 Well Construction Form website, submission of a paper GW-1 form is not required.

The on-line well construction forms can be immediately searched for and accessed by Local County Health Department private well permittees at the link below. The GW-1 system allows Counties to access new well information after being notified by well contractors of intent to construct a well, and when communicating with -----private well owners. The on-line information --does not need to be sent by contractors to County permittees, or forwarded by Counties to DWR.

Submission of the GW-1 well construction form using the on-line form or by using the "old" paper form will satisfy reporting obligations under 15A NCAC 02C .0114 for now. **However, submission of the GW-1 form using the new on-line form will allow the Local County Environmental Health Department to have immediate access to the required information through the new Laserfiche-based system (documents can be saved, printed, etc. from this site) and eliminates the need to submit paper copies to multiple agencies.** If the well contractor chooses to use the paper form, they must submit a copy of the GW-1 paper form to the Local County Environmental Health Department in addition to the addresses indicated on the bottom of the paper version of the GW-1 form.

Here is the link to submit your GW-1 records online: [New Submission \(nc.gov\)](#)

Here is the link to searchable GW-1 information from the on-line system so you can search for previous forms you have submitted: [Welcome to Laserfiche WebLink \(nc.gov\)](#)

We have also attached a guide to search for GW-1 information for your county(s) by using the link above.

Please make sure that cookies are enabled in your browser for <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/>

Additional information concerning the on-line GW-1 form can be found at:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/groundwater-resources/well-construction-permitting/online-well>

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The WCCC would like to remind certified well contractors that per Chapter 27 .0601(g) you have 30 days to notify the Commission of any change in personal or professional contact information.

Make sure you have all contact information up to date as renewal notices are printed in late April for mailing in early May.

Certifications not renewed by June 30 expire on July 1 and you can no longer perform well contractor activities legally.

Per NC General Statute, you have 30 days after June 30 to submit the renewal fee to become recertified.

After 30 days, certification becomes void and you must reapply for certification.

If you have any questions, email Drew Morgan, REHS at Andrew.morgan@dhhs.nc.gov or call 919-707-5882.

Sincerely,

Todd Muench, NCWC
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