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A Letter From The President

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well and ready to enjoy the Spring and Summer of 2022. Everyone I have spoken to in the industry remains very busy. Though we are all tired and ready for a break lets look at it as an opportunity instead of a burden. The main problems we are continuing to have continue to be supply chain, inflation and difficulties in finding and keeping qualified employees.

The supply chain, which has affected all Americans, from baby formula to computer chips has hit us hard and has disrupted our busy schedules because we have not been able to complete jobs due to some part being backordered.

Inflation, which we are being told is at 8.5% , seems to be well above 10% in our industry. We need to consider this as well as the very real possibility of future escalation in our day-to-day business discussions.

Finding qualified employees has also been a difficult problem for most employers in our industry. I am not sure how it has been for others, but we have been in business since 1953 and to my knowledge we have never hired a skilled well driller or pump technician. All our employees, including myself, have learned through on-the-job training. Our industry is not like plumbers, electricians, carpenters etc. that can more easily find the skilled workers of their trade. There are thousands of these skilled people in our state. There are Community Colleges and Trade Schools readily available, and government funded to teach these skills. We have a unique industry, which is not only unique statewide, but regionally as well.

These are all challenges we face in 2022, but if we think ahead and endeavor to persevere, as most of us have done for many years, we can make this busy time a great asset for our futures in this industry.

The NCGWA Board has been busy over the past few months with some important items that affect our membership. A delegation from the Board met with the WCCC this winter to discuss some possible changes to the way they operate. There have been several concerns from our membership that needed to be addressed. We had a very cordial meeting and we found that many of our concerns were mutual. As those of us who have served on the WCCC realize, the wheels of progress move slowly in State government. This is hard for most of us who make hard decisions quickly every day. We feel that we can work more closely with the WCCC to help this industry in a positive way for our membership as well as the people of North Carolina.

NCGWA Vice President Matthew Brown has been working with some Legislators and other influential people to forward some legislation which will be beneficial to all well contractors.

I am encouraged about the future of our industry. I wish all of you the best and hope to see you at the Jubilee as well as the upcoming NCGWA events.

Be safe, Bill Magette

Mark your calendar for the 2023 Trade Show!

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Save the Dates!

South Atlantic Jubilee - Myrtle Beach, SC
July 30-August 1, 2022

A NCGWA Membership Meeting will be held at
the Jubilee. Time to be announced.

NCGWA Website

We are excited to announce a new feature to the NCGWA "Member List" on the NCGWA website. You can now include the "Areas of Work" your company works in. Please email to elaine@execman.net or execmaninfo@gmail.com the counties that you do work in – Counties only will be listed. Please limit your list to 18 counties.

Topic Suggestions Needed!!

We are in the planning stage for the 2023 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 August 1, 2022. 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!!

NCGWA Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser

The NCGWA Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser was held on April 28, 2022 at the Wedgewood Golf Course in Wilson, NC. We had a good turnout of participants and sponsors.



Congratulations to our winners—1st Place—David Hutson’s Team (David Hutson, Gerrett Hutson and Mike Messana) 2nd Place—Lake Valley Well Co. Team (Chauncey Leggett, Tammie Leggett, John Hunter Leggett, Sammy Rackley and Wilson Mize) and 3rd Place—Preferred Pump Team (Phil Silvestri, Matt Landrum, Destin Silvestri and Harrison Hilliard)

The two closest to the pin were won by Robb Armstrong and David Hutson. The two longest drives were won by Gerrett Hutson and Mike Messana. Thank you to Flomatic for donating the prize money for closest to the pin and longest drive contests.



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The NC Ground Water Association would like to thank all of the sponsors that helped make the NCGWA Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser a big success. Without you it would not have been possible!

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We would also like to thank Robb Armstrong and John Boyette for arranging the golf tournament. It was a lot of work and they both did a wonderful job!

For more sporting fun - We are in the planning stages for our Continuing Education & Skeet Shoot Event. More information is coming soon.



WSC Releases 2022 State of the US Water Well Industry Report

A new report on the state of the water well industry in the U.S. finds that despite the global COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain disruptions, and other economic issues, the industry experienced significant growth during 2021 and industry professionals remain optimistic about that growth trend continuing in 2022, driven by new home starts, the economy, and urban flight.

Commissioned by the Water Systems Council (WSC) and conducted by Thrive Market Intelligence during the fourth quarter of 2021, the 2022 State of the U.S. Water Well Industry Report surveyed 831 industry professionals. Respondents included water well contractors (71.4%), manufacturers (10.6%), distributors (14.1%), and manufacturer representatives (4%).

Survey respondents were asked to weigh in on their industry outlook and what is driving it -- regulation, environmental factors, technology, investment, and COVID-19 impact. In addition, survey respondents shared information on their individual businesses that present a clearer view of the industry makeup. Key highlights from the report include the following:

- Industry participants are optimistic about the industry, rating their outlook over the next 12 months a 7 out of 10.
- Chief concerns among industry participants include product availability, inflation, and workforce availability.
- Despite the challenges, COVID-19 had an overall positive impact on the industry and continues to drive demand.
- 68% of respondents rated the impact of regulation on their business as moderate to significant, which varied by geographic region.
- 74% of respondents said the weather had an impact on their business, although the effect was often balanced (equally positive and negative).
- More than 85% of respondents are part of a family-owned operation.
- The future of an experienced workforce in the water well industry is threatened by a lack of younger workers joining the industry. The median age for water well contractors is 55, which is 11 years older than the average U.S. worker.

“This first-ever water well industry report gives business leaders access to information, benchmark data, and insights that will help them make decisions and capitalize on opportunities,” said WSC Executive Director Margaret Martens. “This report also gives a voice to those in this essential industry and educates those outside the industry on who we are and why what we do is so important.”

The full 2022 State of the U.S. Water Well Industry Report, which features an executive summary, detailed charts, and graphs, and individual comments from survey participants, is available for free download from the [WSC website](#).

Information from NC811

Active Digger Research 2021 Data Sheet - CGA worked with a third-party research firm to conduct an online survey of 1,821 active diggers (aged 18+) throughout the U.S. (and evenly distributed across the census divisions) between Sept. 20-29, 2021. Active diggers are defined as those who have completed an underground digging project in the past 12 months. Of those surveyed, 88% have personally done an underground digging project, and 59% have had a professional do an underground digging project. Additionally, within the past five years, 40% of respondents have completed three or fewer projects, 44% have completed 4-10 projects, and 16% have completed more than 10 projects. The top three types of projects completed include planting a tree, shrubs or bushes (68%); installing a new garden area (49%); and installing a fence (35%). To view the complete survey please visit: <https://commongroundalliance.com/Portals/0/Library/2022/Active%20Digger%20Research%202021%20Data%20Sheet.pdf>

One item to note is that NC811 was instrumental in partnering with Lowe's Home Improvement to share the 811 message on tree wraps, long handle tools and within the tool rental locations. Proud to be a part of where active diggers are turning to for information. At the end of the day, whether a professional excavator or homeowner, we are partners in protecting everyone's safely.

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