

IGWA Bulletin



Fellow IGWA Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new IGWA President. My name is Sam Kingrey, and I am one of the owners of Down Right Drilling & Pump Inc. My Partner, Tony Hackett, along with our wives, started Down Right in 2001 after working for another well drilling & pump company for several years. We started out with an older Drill Tech Air Rotary, a Support Truck and soon purchased a new Smeal 3T Pump Hoist. A few years later we purchased another Drill Rig and five years after that decided to expand and purchased a Mud Plant and started drilling smaller Irrigation wells and some Municipal wells. In 2009, we bought a newer Reich Air Rotary to drill larger and deeper wells. In 2012 we decided to expand our area and started drilling in Oregon and soon bought a shop and yard in Burns. Tony, being from Burns, enjoyed being around the people he grew up with and realized he could make a difference in the quality of wells that were being drilled in that area. He decided to move back to Burns permanently. We now have shops and operations in both places with our main office here in Caldwell. Tony runs most everything in Burns, drilling all different types of wells and cleaning/rehabilitating wells with the help of my oldest son, Joseph. My son, Jake, runs our Speedstar air rotary and is licensed in both Idaho and Oregon, and with the help of my nephew, Jack, drills most of our wells in Idaho. I oversee general business operations, bidding, and with my apprentice, Richard, do all our pump work in Idaho.

Tony was on the IGWA Board of Directors for several years and was President for two terms. In 2020, I decided to get more involved and was elected on to the Board, and served as Vice President for the last two years. The first couple years on the board were confusing times. We had to find a new Executive Director and did our best to catch up on what was going on in the association while everyone was dealing with the pandemic. We have since signed Roger Batt back on as our Executive Director and lobbyist. Under his direction, the Annual Winter Convention is back at the Riverside Hotel and he has been doing a great job organizing our Virtual and North Idaho Workshops, managing Government Affairs, and doing everything possible to make it easier for you to get CEC's and make sure our businesses are protected from unnecessary government intervention. He has definitely been an asset to our organization.

Being on the Board has given me the opportunity to see things in a whole different way. Issues come to the Board and we make decisions based on what is best for our organization and industry, instead of what might be best for me or my business. We have a great Board and have many different perspectives. I hope to remain on the Board for at least another

term and hope that I am able to make a difference in protecting our industry. If there are any questions or suggestions you may have please let myself, Roger Batt, or another Board member know and we will do our best to assist you.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you as IGWA President.

Sam Kingrey
President, IGWA





Executive Director's Report

The Idaho Ground Water Association held a successful Annual Convention and Tradeshow in late January at the Riverside Hotel in Garden City. There were approximately 230 people in attendance and 27 exhibit spaces for the Tradeshow. For those of you who asked about receiving two Idaho Rules and Regulations credits during the Idaho Convention please know that I am currently having discussions with the IDWR about the possibility of offering 2 Idaho CEUs for the 2024 Idaho Ground Water Convention.

The IGWA Executive Board and I recently met with the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources and his staff to discuss the Low Temperature Geothermal standard issues our drillers are having with the 86-degree water temperature rule. During those discussions, the Department offered to open the Well Construction Standards Rules to make some changes to benefit the Industry when drilling in areas where Low Temperature Geothermal resources are present. We will expect to gather and share some data over the next few months between the IGWA and Department and then have a DRAFT of the Rules available to share with the Industry in early 2024. We would then enter into Negotiated Rulemaking with the Department throughout the spring-summer of 2024 and then have a set of Rules that can be approved by the Idaho Legislature that following Session (as long as the Industry is in favor of the proposed changes).



If you still need credits for your 2023 license it's not too late to register for the IGWA Virtual Spring Workshop on March 17. Just go to our website at www.igwa.info and you will see the registration link at the top of the page.

Roger Batt
Executive Director, IGWA

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Scholarship Committee

Hello fellow professionals in the Water Industry!

I am very excited to announce our new application form for the IGWA Scholarship program. We have tried to stream-line the process as much as possible. We would like to be able to report how and where the money was spent at the following winter convention after the scholarship is awarded, which is listed on the scholarship application page. Also, we would like to invite scholarship recipients to the Winter Convention to help out with the Crisis Fund/Scholarship Auction and give a short presentation, although this isn't mandatory. Scholarship applications must be received no later than everyone's favorite day, April 15th!

The Scholarship Committee will go through the applications and make the awards in a timely fashion as to give the student time to make their financial plans.

Applications can be scanned and e-mailed to my office at:
inform@independentdrilling.com

You can also go "old school" and mail your application to:
692A. W. Hwy 39
Blackfoot, ID 83221

If you have questions, contact me at rod@independentdrilling.com or you can call me at (208) 709-4444.

Good luck to all the applicants and thank you for the time and effort to apply!

Rod Hendricks
IGWA Scholarship Committee Chairman

Idaho Ground Water Association

Scholarship Application

IGWA are proud to announce the availability of this scholarship

AMOUNT: One \$2000 and two \$1000

DEADLINE: Application and supporting documents must be submitted to IGWA Scholarship Committee no later than April 15th

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

1. You must be a relative of an IGWA member, child/grandchild/great grandchild.
2. You must have completed high school and received a diploma.
3. You must have a declared course of study (degree), not a general education course. At this time there is no limit on what that course of study must be, i.e., nursing, accounting, etc. is ok. We are not holding applicants to a water industry degree.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Your application should include the following items:

1. **A Cover Letter:** The cover letter should include the name of the sponsoring IGWA member and your relationship. Why you are applying for the scholarship, and include your plans for further education: where you plan to attend school, anticipated major or focus of study or vocational plans.
2. **School Transcript** (required)
3. **School Involvement:** This might include school clubs, offices held, sports, expressive arts (music, drama, ect.) and committees.
4. **Community Involvement:** This might include church, clubs, organizations or activities outside of school.
5. **Volunteer Involvement:** List any volunteer activities, what you did and how much time you spent volunteering.
6. **Work Experience:** If you worked please let us know where you worked and for how long. Include practical work and family business experience.
7. **Honors, Awards and Recognition:** Tell us about any academic, music, service or other awards.
8. **Three Letters of Recommendation:** At least one must be from someone other than a teacher.
9. **Recipients will be required to do a letter of appreciation with information on how the money will be used to help with your education to be read at the IGWA Convention in January.**

This is not an automatic renewable scholarship, year to year. Reapplication is encouraged for another year, and will be graded/judged accordingly, and awarded based on performance and available funds.



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Keeping Idaho Water the Best Water

Ground water is an important and essential natural resource for the survival of our population. Over half of U.S. households utilize ground water for personal consumption. In Idaho over 95% of drinking water comes from ground water sources. Idaho is fortunate to have a ground water industry made up of highly-trained professionals with the skills and knowledge to drill and develop domestic and municipal wells to provide households and businesses with clean safe drinking water. In 1948, Idaho's well construction industry developed an organization to assist, promote, encourage and support the interests and welfare of the ground water industry within the state. This organization (formerly called the Water Well Contractor's Association) is now called the IDAHO GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION (IGWA). As you explore this website, you will learn about Idaho's ground water industry, our ground water resource, and the important link between the two.

Upcoming IGWA Events

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IGWA Membership Benefits

- Access to Political Information, Elected Officials, and Current Issues
- Continuing Education Opportunities
- Quarterly E-Newsletter
- Discounts on Registration Fees at the Annual Winter Convention and Regional Workshops
- Exposure to Trade Shows and Vendors with Potential Innovations and Solutions for the Betterment of Your Business
- A Forum to Discuss and Act on Ground Water Issues Pertaining to Ground Water Businesses
- Friendship and Camaraderie with Common Interests

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Crisis Fund Update

I wanted to take the time to thank everyone who donated, bid, and supported the 2023 Crisis/Scholarship Fund. The auction during the convention raised over \$10,000! Special thanks to Auctioneer Steve Wells of Apex Drilling, Executive Director Roger Batt, and Tony Hackett of Down Right Drilling for their help.

We will hold a trap shooting event at the Melba Gun Club on Saturday, May 13, 2023, so please mark your calendar and watch for a sign-up form coming soon. This will be a friendly competition where you can show off your shotgun skills or come out and learn a new hobby. We are planning a fun-filled day for the family. There will be trap shooting games after the competition as well as food in the afternoon. Raffle and door prizes are going to be available to registered shooters. IGWA has purchased a Remington 870 shotgun for a special raffle during the shoot. Raffle tickets for the shotgun will be going on sale soon and distributed through our M&S group.

If you have specific questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me at (208) 949-0604 or cfox@fele.com.

Thanks again for supporting the Crisis Fund!

Charlie Fox
Crisis Fund Chairman

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