

# IGWA Bulletin



Fellow IGWA Members, and Associates,

Welcome to fall. It has been a crazy year for the weather as it seems spring was very short, and fall is appearing to be the same way. It has been a long hot summer with a lot of fires in Idaho and neighboring states, but hopefully everyone had a good summer and ready to slow down into the winter.

We have had a very good year on the IGWA Board. We have had great accomplishments. The Temperature Change, slowing down entities on changing drilling availability on subdivisions and water rights, and the Electrical Board is helping with some solutions on testing for pump installers.

We will have all that information at the Winter Convention. Keep an eye out for the Winter Convention registration, and if you have not already seen it, please check out our new website [www.igwa.info](http://www.igwa.info) If you come up with the old one, please see another link as the old one still pops out depending how you search it. We are working on that.

My term is up this winter as president and my place on the board. I will be seeking reelection again at the Winter Convention General Business Meeting in January. I filled the one-year spot open from a board member that stepped down, and that spot is going to be open for election this coming year. With that there will be two spots open for a spot on the board this coming year. I hope I have done a good job representing the association, and that you will consider me to fill one of those spots at this next year's Business Meeting.

Also, anyone going to The NGWA Convention in Las Vegas December 10-12 that may be interested in being a delegate and represent Idaho at their General Business Meeting please contact myself or Roger Batt so we can register you for the meeting. You must be a NGWA Member to do so.

So, a short letter this time, but I hope everyone has had a great year, and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the convention this January.

Have a great winter.

Sam Kingrey, Down Right Drilling & Pump Inc  
President, IGWA





## Executive Director Report

Fall greetings! The IGWA is currently planning the 2025 Annual Convention. The Convention will take place on January 23-24 at the Riverside Hotel in Garden City. Setup for the tradeshow will be on Jan 22. Please mark your calendars for this upcoming event. We will be issuing 12 Credits including 2 hours of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Rules and Regs. Attending the Convention for both days will give you the credits you need for one full licensing period. Please stay tuned as we will be sending the Convention correspondence soon and making it available on our new website.

On the Government Affairs front we have successfully added language to the Idaho Electrical Rules to separate out and have our own exam for Domestic Pump Installers. The language for the rules we submitted goes before the Electrical Board on November 7. Once approved the full set of rules (ours is a small portion of a larger set of rules) goes in front of the Legislature for adoption or rejection. During the 2025 Legislative Session I will be asking you to contact your legislators to have them support the rules. Once the Legislature adopts the rules, then the IGWA's Domestic Pump Installer Exam Committee will get together and work with IDOPL on drafting up the exam for Domestic Pump Installers. This entire process should take about one year and alleviate the problems the industry is having with passing the current exam.

Also, during the 2025 Legislative Session the IGWA will be supporting the IDWR Rules on Low Temperature Geothermal to move it from 85 degrees to 140 degrees for non-flowing wells. A future Legislative change will be needed to make some additional corrections to the process and statute. We anticipate this taking place in 2026. The IGWA also continues to be part of the Domestic Well Exemption working group. Having a seat at the table has helped the industry by removing language out of past drafts that would have negatively impacted your businesses.

We have recently added two more online courses to the online CEC Program (on the IGWA Website) and will continue to add more courses to help out those who cannot attend in person events.

Thank you and I'm looking forward to seeing you in January at the Convention.

Roger Batt  
Executive Director





## Scholarship Chairman Update

I hope everyone had a great and successful summer! Everyone I talked to this year has been really busy. This year, through the Idaho Ground Water Association, we were able to award three scholarships to three very deserving students! These consist of one \$2,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships. The guidelines are quite simple: applicants must be a relative of an IGWA member (child, grandchild, or great-grandchild), hold a high school diploma, and have a declared course of study. Currently, the scholarship is renewable but requires re-application each year. This is a great opportunity to support our youth!

The IGWA is listed as a 501(c)(6) corporation, which means we don't appear on the donor's federal income tax form. However, a donation can still be deducted as a business expense, just not as a charitable contribution.

I hope to see some of you in Vegas in December. And remember, as you're gambling at the tables, a bet made on the youth in our industry is a sure thing!

Rod Hendricks  
IGWA Scholarship Chairman



## SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION HENRY 357 MAGNUM RIFLE

Don't miss out on your chance to win a Henry 357 Magnum Rifle at the year's IGWA Scholarship Auction - Friday, January 24th!

The Big Boy X-Model is packed with a high-performance feature set and plenty of room to add even more. The durable synthetic furniture is equipped with integrated mounting points for a sling, a solid rubber recoil pad, and both Picatinny and M-Lok accessory slots to aid in mounting the tools you need for the task at hand. The carbine-length barrel is topped off with highly visible fiber optic sights, fore and aft, and the muzzle end is threaded (5/8×24 thread pitch) to accept a suppressor or other muzzle device. A screw-on thread protector ensures your muzzle threads stay in top shape.



## Crisis Fund Chairman Update

I'm excited to announce this year's IGWA Crisis Fund raffle, featuring a chance to win a Rock Island 1911 45-ACP Pistol! The drawing will be held at the Winter Convention on January 24, 2025. You do not have to be present to win and only 400 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 each.

By purchasing a crisis fund raffle ticket, you are helping to provide financial assistance to members of the IGWA affected by accident, illness, financial difficulty, and natural disasters. Anyone wanting to purchase tickets should contact me.

Charlie Fox  
Crisis Fund Chairman  
208-949-0604 or cfox@fele.com



## CRISIS FUND RAFFLE Rock Island 1911 GI .45 ACP 5" Pistol

The 1911 GI Entry provides an excellent introduction to the 1911, with a chambering in 45 ACP. Its traditional smooth and slim design is ideal for quick-draw holster use. It comes equipped with fixed, low-profile sights and a parkerized finish that offers a durable, smooth, and non-reflective surface. The inclusion of rubber grips and a crisp factory 4-6 pound trigger pull ensures a great out-of-the-box experience.



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## **IDWR: NEW WEB-BASED DRILLING APPLICATION**

Greetings,

Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has implemented a web-based application for submitting start cards and long form drilling permits. Effective immediately, the Department will no longer issue presold tags, instead region offices will distribute tags free of charge to drilling companies, the appropriate drilling permit fee will be assessed and collected through the web-based application.

### **Tag Allocation:**

Drilling companies can pick up tags allocated to them at regional offices, a limited number of tags will be available at Idaho Ground Water Association (IGWA) events. Allocated tags, and any remaining unused presold tags issued previously, will be available to you through the web-based application. Application fees do not apply when using a presold tag unless the application fee exceeds the presold amount (a \$75 presold tag used on an irrigation well will be charged an upgrade fee of \$125 at check out). If paying with cash or check, after submitting a drilling permit using the web-based application you can print off a voucher and pay the fee at a regional office.

### **Web-based Application:**

To access the web-based application each company will register by navigating to the "Web-Based Drilling Application" link

<https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wellconstruction/welldrilling/Account/Login> found on the Department's website under the wells tab. Through the registration process, you will be required to create a username and password. To prevent compatibility issues the username and password must contain only alphanumeric characters, please do not use special characters such as ! @ # \$ % ^ & \*. Please note, Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge are the preferred browsers when using the web-based drilling application. The web-based drilling application is a supplemental tool to be used with the GPS Locator Tool. The GPS Locator Tool provides GPS coordinates for the well location and prompts you to use a long form permit in areas where start cards are not allowed.

### Helpful Tips:

- Use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge to access the web-based application.
- Do not use special characters when setting up a username and password.
- A valid email provides the option to change or reset your password.
- Use the navigation buttons built into the application to move between screens, not the browser back arrows.
- Account dashboard options are:
  - Start New Application – Itemizes all available presold and allocated tags for future projects. Select a tag number from the list and application type to start a new application.
  - Pending Submissions – Itemizes all applications that have not been paid for or have been rejected by the Department as incomplete or incorrect.
  - Completed Submissions – Itemizes all completed applications. This folder will be a repository you can use to reference or search completed applications.
- Gather all the drilling application information beforehand (GPS, well owner information, well address, water right information, well schematic, other agency approvals, driller's report, waiver, decommission application).
- Save the above documents to your computer to upload and attach to the drilling application.
- The GPS coordinate may be cut and pasted or typed into the well location tool bar within the web-based drilling application. Click GO to the right of the tool bar, which will autogenerate the Township, Range, Section, and Quarter-Quarter information under the well location section of the application.
- If paying online, please hit CONTINUE after payment is made within the summary page.

I am available for questions, tutorials, or to troubleshoot situations. Please contact me at (208) 287-4972.

Sincerely,



Aaron Skinner

IDWR Staff Hydrogeologist



# **New Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) Filing Deadline Approaching: Action Required for Small Business Owners**

With the start of 2025 fast approaching, a new reporting requirement under the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) is set to take effect on January 1st, 2025. If you're a business owner operating as an LLC, corporation, or other small business entity, it's crucial to understand these new regulations and ensure you're in compliance before the new year.

## **What is Beneficial Ownership Information?**

At its core, Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) refers to the details about individuals who own or control a company. Under the CTA, beneficial owners include anyone who owns 25% or more of the company, whether directly or indirectly. This includes stockholders, LLC members, partners, and owners of a business that holds shares in another company.

## **The Purpose Behind the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)**

The CTA was enacted in 2021 as part of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, designed to curb illegal activities like money laundering and financial fraud. By requiring companies to disclose their beneficial owners, the law aims to prevent bad actors from hiding behind shell companies. The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) is responsible for collecting this information.

## **Who needs to file?**

The CTA's BOI reporting requirements apply to a wide range of small business entities, including most LLCs and corporations. If you own or control a business, it's highly likely you fall under this mandate.

## **Penalties for Non-Compliance**

Failing to comply with BOI reporting requirements can lead to severe consequences:

- Failure to File: A fine of \$500 per day, up to \$10,000, and the possibility of up to two years in prison.
- Providing False Information: A similar penalty of up to \$10,000 and imprisonment.
- Unauthorized Disclosure: If someone with access to BOI discloses it improperly, they face fines of up to \$25,000 and five years in prison.

These penalties underscore the seriousness of ensuring accurate and timely filings.

## **Take Action Before January 1st!**

Don't let these reporting requirements catch you off guard. Be proactive by gathering your company's ownership information now and ensure your Beneficial Ownership Information report is filed by January 1, 2025. This simple action can save you from costly fines and potential legal trouble in the future.

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