



IGWA Newsletter

The newsletter of the Indiana Ground Water Association (IGWA)

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Indiana Ground Water Association's

2015 FALL EDUCATION DAY

November 5, 2015 • 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Valle Vista Conference Center

755 E Main St, Greenwood, IN 46143

Approved for Continuing Education Hours: 3.0 for Pump Installers + 3.0 for Well Drillers

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration with Continental Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:00 am Drilling Fluids, *presented by Ronald Peterson*
10:15 am – 11:15 am Well Rehabilitation, *presented by Zane Poppell*
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Pump Troubleshooting, *presented by Dan Featherstone*
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch

Driller and Pump Installer testing will take place concurrently. Please contact the DNR directly to sign up for testing.

The fee for this program is \$30.00 for members and \$60.00 for non-members. This must be paid for before or by day of event. Fees are per person.

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**LAST EDUCATION
EVENT OF 2015**

**Registration
deadline:
November 3!**

Letter from the Past President

At the Fall Field Day I began the day as President and ended it as the Past President. Seems like my two year term almost went that fast too. Well not really, it's been a fun time; I wouldn't hesitate to do it again. This is a wonderful profession. If you missed the fall field day at Fort Harrison State Park, sorry for your luck. I'm sure all of us have hit a boulder when starting a well at one point or another, if you haven't, must be nice to drill in a dream world. Brandon stuck with it and with persistence he was able to continue drilling without moving the rig and starting over. I enjoyed working with Brandon and his crew, they work very well together, I hope I get the opportunity to do it again. It's too bad the PA system wouldn't be loud enough to explain what was going on as the drilling was going on, with the exception of about three feet of gray clay it was gravel all the way. Having the right mud consistency is very important in this situation, it's a whole lot easier to stay out of trouble than to try play catch up and get out of trouble.

I hope you liked the H2Optimal pitless adapter system, it was a no brainer for this application, our company has been using them for a few years now, I couldn't imagine burying a tank ever again. This is what continuing education is all about, learning new ways to improve on our industry!

If you enjoyed the field day and the continuing education brought to you this way, please send me an email, pro or con, I would like to know. The IGWA may not always be able to do continuing education this way but we will do our best. We need ideas of what you want to see for future events. And that reminds me, if you're not a member of the IGWA why wouldn't you want to support an industry that you enjoy and are making a profession of?

Thanks for giving me your support during my presidency!

Troy Alexander
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Troy Alexander, Past President

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

Don Findlay from Dilden Bros. Well Drilling and Terry Findlay from Findlay Bros. Well Drilling were the recipients of the IGWA Lifetime Membership Award. Both Don and Terry retired this past year. Both have served on the IGWA Board in varying positions. Both held the office of President as well. The IGWA appreciates their years of service to the industry and the association.



Terry Findlay, awarded Lifetime Membership



Don Findlay, awarded Lifetime Membership

Correction for Summer 2015 Issue

Last issue we posted the list of lifetime members and failed to include Kenneth Welty. We apologize for the omission.

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issues while exploring
tomorrow's possibilities.**

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2015 FALL FIELD DAY EVENTS

In September the IGWA partnered with INAWWA Central District for a day of classes and field study. Participants were able to obtain continuing education hours for both well driller and pump installer. We had great speakers and an interesting demonstration of abandoning a 16" municipal water well. As seems the way with our field days — rain set in for the outside portion of the day, but did not discourage our members from coming out to the site. We would like to thank the INAWWA Central District — Jaimie Foreman especially— for the invitation to share this day. We also would like to thank the sponsors of the day — Dilden Bros. Well Drilling, Wyo-Ben, The Knapp Supply, Peerless Midwest, and Water Solutions Unlimited. This will hopefully turn into a biennial event on odd number years.

In October the IGWA partnered with Preferred Pump and VERSA-DRILL to install a well at Fort Harrison State Park free of charge to the state. Participants were able to obtain 6 continuing education hours for both well driller and pump installer. We had a great turn out of about 200 people. Participants were able to see a water well completed and a pitless adapter tank system and frost free hydrant installed. They were able to see equipment in action. We would like to thank the sponsors of the day — Preferred Pump, VERSA-DRILL, H2Optimal, Bobcat of Indianapolis, Hamm Well Drilling and Findlay Bros. Well Drilling.

These field days are not possible to do without the help of our sponsors. IGWA appreciates the support we receive from our sponsors to be able to put these great events on.





Versa Drill

NGWA: Nationwide Stay Granted on WOTUS Rule

In a blow to one of the Obama administration's top priorities, the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals granted a nationwide stay on the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

The rule alters the definition of what a "navigable water" is, thereby expanding the EPA's jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. The rule drew substantial criticism from industry, who claimed the rule was an EPA power grab.

The court cited in its ruling substantial "ripple effects" associated with the rule, and therefore issued a stay across all 50 states to temporarily halt implementation of the final WOTUS rule. The court argued that, given the substantial possibility of success in the lawsuits pending, a stay was in order.

NGWA impact: Though the final WOTUS rule has limited impact on groundwater, the controversy over the rule has taken the oxygen out of many water-related activities on Capitol Hill this year. Full implementation of the rule could have adverse impacts on the agricultural community, and NGWA will continue to monitor the rule's court challenges.

Here are a couple of links to read more on the rule:

<http://www.awwa.org/portals/0/files/legreg/documents/wotusreportfinal.pdf>

<http://www.kfb.org/Assets/uploads/wotus/LP-AC%20Short%20Summary.PDF>

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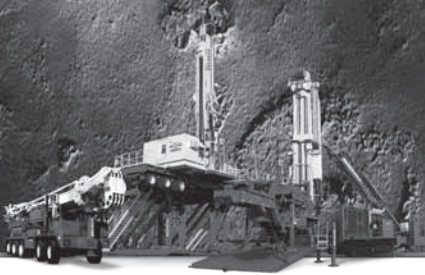
The IGWA would like to thank Preferred Pump for hosting a 50/50 drawing at the Indianapolis Open House and Golf outing in May. They donated \$235.00 to the scholarship fund.

The Silent Auction at our event in October raised \$818.00. Thank-you to The DeHayes Group, Preferred Pump, Valley Farms Supply, VERSA-DRILL, NGWA, H2Optimal who all donated wonderful items to the auction.

This will allow us to award scholarships next May. We know we can count on our membership for great support with this endeavor.




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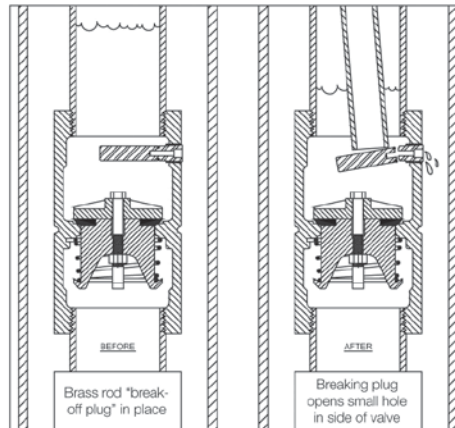
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Last Education Event of 2015!

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Calendar

November 2015

- 5 Continuing Education and Driller Testing
Valle Vista in Greenwood, IN
See page 1 for details and registration.
- 30 IGWA membership dues renewal deadline

January 2016

- 30 Board Meeting 9 am Kokomo Supply
Kokomo, IN

November 2016

- 3-4 Tradeshow and Convention
Michigan City, IN

Indiana Ground Water Association Volunteers — A Call to Serve

If you are interested in chairing or serving on a committee, check the respective committees below complete the form and return to IGWA.

- ☐ By-laws
- ☐ Communications (newsletter and website)
- ☐ Convention (held biannually)
- ☐ Education
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