CWWCA: News to Know

By Jack Byers

Jack’s Thoughts

CWWCA has a diverse and skilled membership as I join the CWWCA team I will try to provide information that may be useful and raise questions that will hopefully generate discussion. My efforts are focused on assisting the CWWCA Board and membership moving forward pursuing the CWWCA mission, which is:

To assist, promote, encourage, and support the interests and welfare of the Water Well Industry in all its phases generally and in particular within Colorado; to foster, aid and promote scientific education, standards research and techniques in order to improve methods of well construction and development, and to advance the science of ground water hydrology; to promote harmony and cooperation between well contractors and governmental and scientific agencies relative to the proper development and protection of underground water supplies; to encourage cooperation of all interested groups relative to the improvement of drilling and pumping equipotent; to encourage, serve, assist and promote close cooperation with the National Ground Water Association; to collect, analyze and disseminate to the public facts about the role of the water well industry in the economy of Colorado and the nation; and to advance generally the mutual interests of all these engaged in the water well industry, in their own and the public interest.

A few items of interest include the economy, Division of Water Resources, legislative news, CWWCA staff activities and preparations for the Annual Conference.

The economy has impacted the industry. Water well contractors and pump installation contractors have battled to stay afloat. Several contractors I’ve spoken with have tried to expand their services and work with customers on special needs. I commend you all on finding ways to bridge these tough times. Based on the latest forecasts we should see a slow upturn over the next 6-9 months. State agencies are busily working to develop a response to the Governor’s budget reduction requests. The bulk of the DNR budget cut (10% across the department) is likely to be absorbed by Parks. The Division of Water Resources (DWR) will be considering a fee bill, last year’s fee bill (SB-216) as well as potentially a bill HB-1308 that would have moved the DWR to Tier 1. The well permit fees would likely increase by $330.

Interestingly, several key legislators have made it very clear they are not going to consider any bills that increase fees of any type including the DWR fee bill. The DWR currently has around 34 staff vacancies. I suspect they will be

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www.water.state.co.us/boe/

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Mountain States Ground Water Association
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President’s Letter

Summer is coming to a close and, for many, it has been an interesting season. From my own observations and from talking with other pump installers, business has been uneven throughout Colorado.

There have been weeks with more work than we can handle and many days spent waiting for the phone to ring. It makes it hard to plan one’s time and resources. I imagine the drillers continue to struggle. According to DWR records, as of September 17th there were 3,366 permits pulled and 2,076 construction reports filed so far this year. At the CWWCA, Sherry has been working tirelessly to make sure the association runs smoothly during this period of economic instability.

The mid-year conference went really well. Thanks to all who attended. For those of you who were unable to attend, please try to join us next year in Breckenridge at the Beaver Run Hotel. We had (sherry please fill in the #) people taking continuing education classes ranging from hiring practices to grout to solar pump design. I am certain that everyone learned several new tools to help grow his or her business.

Thanks to all the wonderful speakers who volunteered their time and resources to help keep us on the cutting edge. If any of you would like to volunteer to teach a class for the annual, please contact us. New volunteers are always welcome. I would also like to thank all of the suppliers who make these conferences possible through their generous support.

As we look forward to the annual, we begin to feel the excitement in the air. This year will be the last conference held in Colorado Springs at the Double Tree. The event has been in the Springs for as long as I can remember. Last year, however, we decided to try holding it in Denver and almost everyone loved the new location. Many more suppliers came, providing us with a more diverse show. Starting in 2011, the conference will be held in Denver for at least several years. We don’t yet have a complete list of speakers for this year’s annual, but our wonderful program committee promises it will be an educational experience for all. I look forward to seeing you on January 7 at the Double Tree Hotel in Colorado Springs.

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Colorado and its Continuing Budget Crisis

After starting the new fiscal year our state continues to feel the pressure of our economic recovery process. Between the loss of jobs and mandatory furlough days we are still feeling the crunch of our financial misfortune.

The current administration has the task of balancing proper oversight with a tight budget. The solutions include a reduction of spending by 9% total for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. That reduction in spending would result in layoffs; about $260 million in service cuts and about a $48 million in cash funded program reductions. All in all we are looking at a total of $320 million, 270 jobs and mandatory furlough days for many state employees.

There were also some major cuts to the Department of Natural Resources which includes about $400,000 in general funds and 5.3 full time employees associated with the division of water resources. Those positions are currently vacant but include water commissioners, engineers, and an information technology developer. The duties usually reserved for the said positions will be divided among the existing staff within Department of Natural Resources, the State Engineers Office and the Division of Water Resources.

Coming into the 2010 legislative session issues surrounding water quantity may well surface. Farmers and ranchers are hopeful that Bonny Reservoir will be drained and the water released for agricultural use. In addition, The Republican River Compact remains a controversial issue among the participating states. Finally, trans-basin diversion is a yearly debate that is fueled by Front Range development and the need for additional water reserves.

Taking all of these components into account there is a lot to think about. How will the spending reduction and cuts affect the long term health of Colorado? Can we come to a viable solution within the Republican River Compact? At this point there will be no clear outcome for sometime, but staying optimistic and continuing to put effort into the end result constructively is the best answer we can render.
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-Injuries resulting from lifting were the number one cause of loss for the 2008-2009 policy period.

Slick Safety Tips

On the job prevention of injuries is key to keeping Workers’ Comp premiums low and keeping those dividend checks coming.

Proper lifting techniques are simple, easy to follow and will help prevent back injuries.

Tip #1: Lift using your leg muscles, not your back muscles.

Tip #2: Maintain alignment between back, neck and spine.

Tip #3: Give yourself a good base and keep your feet spread apart.

Remember, prevention of back related injuries is easier than treatment of those injuries. So, stay safe and stay smart!

Claims are the name of the game.

Make sure to report a claim in a timely manner, within 24-hours of the accident is ideal. Reporting the claim within 24-hours can save as much as six percent of the total cost of the claim. The goal is to get the employee healthy and back to work as soon as possible. Having those claims in earlier helps speed along the entire process.

Be sure to report claims even if you’re not sure whether the injury is job related or not. Make notes of any doubt on the validity of the claim, and provide that information when filing with Pinnacol.

The easiest way to file claims is online at www.pinnacol.com, select “Pinnacol ServiceLink”, then “Report an Injury.” Only the employer or authorized representative should report the claim, not the injured worker.

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Not a member of our program?

Call Steve Smith or any member of his TEAM for further details into this exclusive program with Pinnacol Assurance.
The CWWCA Buck Lively scholarship program has been around for many years. It has supported the education of the children and employees of CWWCA members, some of which have gone on to careers in the ground water industry. The scholarship provides a $1,000 award to qualified applicants. Since 2001, this program has awarded 38 students over $55,000 in combined awards.

The scholarships are funded through donations from you. The majority of money is received from the Mountain States Scholarship program. Smaller amounts, but still very vital to the continued operation of the CWWCA program, are from individual donations and from our annual Scholarship Raffle. You can support the CWWCA scholarships as easily as attending the Mountain States Conference where your presence as a Colorado resident means a higher percentage of scholarship money comes to Colorado. You can participate in the Scholarship auction also at the Mountain States Conference. In Colorado our yearly raffle is held during the annual conference in January. You can buy tickets there for as little as $5.00 and it will all go toward the scholarship fund. Lastly you can directly contribute when you renew your CWWCA membership by sending in an additional amount for the fund.

Very few scholarship applicants have been denied. During my tenure on the scholarship committee, the only rejected applicants have been due to incomplete applications. If you are a student, or know a student who qualifies for this program, I would encourage you to apply for the 2010 scholarship. Students who submit a complete application and are qualified have an excellent chance to receive the scholarship.

A few changes have been instituted in this program for the 2010 scholarships. The first change is minor, and adds a stipulation that the required letters of recommendations are current and have been written for the current scholarship year. The second change is to have the students submit a progress report at the end of each school year. There was concern that very little was known about how scholarship recipients were progressing in their academic life. So the progress report provides for that knowledge.

The CWWCA Buck Lively scholarship program has been very successful and has helped many students further their educational goals. With your continued support, it will continue to be a successful and worthwhile program well into the future.

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DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

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The Colorado Water Well Contractors Association (CWWCA) Member Scholarship Program is made available to assist and encourage the education of qualified individuals.

Eligibility:
1. Applicant must be a CWWCA member or sponsored by a CWWCA member.
2. An Applicant currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a full time course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university, or vocational / technical school, and who is accepted by the institution during the applied scholarship year.
3. The Applicant must have a High School GPA of 2.5 and maintain a GPA of 2.0 in their coursework.
4. Applicant must not have already received the maximum of five CWWCA scholarship awards.

How to Apply:
The applicant must submit a completed 2010 application along with all required attachments (see section 4 of the application) to the CWWCA office or to the Scholarship Committee before midnight on the day of the submittal deadline. Incomplete applications or forms from previous years will disqualify an applicant.

How Applicants are selected:
1. Scholarship Selections will be based on the following:
   2. Scholarship application completeness. Incomplete applications and missing attachments will invalidate an application. Corrections and additions may be submitted up to the submittal deadline.
3. Applicants who have submitted Progress Reports after being awarded a scholarship in previous years will be given preferential scoring.
4. Written Recommendations from non-family members. Recommendations should be current, having been written within the last year before application.
5. Academic Record. An Official transcript must be included for the application to be considered. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted and may be grounds for disqualification.
6. Educational and Career Goals Statement. One page, single sided essay, 200-word minimum. Preference will be given based on relevance to the ground water industry.
7. Sponsor. The sponsor or the applicant must be a CWWCA member. Preference will be given to applicants who are members, immediate family of members, employees of members, or immediate family of member’s employees.

Submittal:
All applications and attachments must be submitted to:
CWWCA Scholarship Program
1540 S. Holly St. Suite 6
Denver, Colorado 80222
Phone: 303-919-5455 Fax: 720-748-0555 email: office@cwwca.org

Deadline:
Applications must be received by midnight March 31st, 2010
CWWCA Mid-Year Conference A Fun and Informative Event

The Colorado Water Well Contractors held their annual 2009 Mid-Year Conference at the Beaver Run Resort in beautiful Breckenridge, CO. Attendees were well informed on the issues of “The trickle up & trickle down effect of hiring practices, how to hire well & avoid large & unnecessary claims by Steven G. Smith, Front Range Insurance Group. Nolan Lloyd, Chief Well Inspector, Division of Water Resources updated everyone on “The Use of GPS in locating Water Wells” and a GPS Field exercise was held. The ongoing topic of “Water Well Construction Rules: Who’s Got The Ball, and What Should Be Done With It?” was moderated and chaired by Todd Hunter, Boulder GWS, LLC. “Solar Water Pumping Design-How to Apply” was presented by Dwight Patterson, GenPro Energy Solutions, LLC and “Grouts-The Choice is Yours-Or Is It?” was explained by Fred Rothauge, Quality Drilling Fluids, LLC.

A big thank you goes to the Suppliers for their generous donation for the Supplier Sponsored Social Hour: 2 M, Colorado Pump & Supply, Dynotek, LLC, Front Range Precast Concrete, Inc, Preferred Pump & Equipment, and Pumps & More. The Association thanks Doug Jatcko for his time and efforts toward this endeavor.

Presentation by Steven G. Smith, Front Range Insurance Group, of a generous dividend check from Pinnacol Insurance to CWWCA for Workman’s Compensation Program was accepted by John O’Brien, President.

Doug Jatcko shows Supplier Sponsor Board to Allen Robbins.

Enjoying the Dinner and the Social Hour Past President, Jeff Appel, President, John O’Brien and President-Elect, Jason Fegel

George Wood, Chair of Mountain States for CWWCA presented the scholarship check to John O’Brien, President.
Colorado Water Well Contractors Association

2010 Buck Lively Scholarship Application

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Sponsor: I have reviewed this application and confirm that the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Sponsor’s Signature | Date |

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Section 4: Attachments

1) Your most recent Official Academic Transcript. Unofficial Transcripts will not be accepted.

2) A minimum of two (2) current Written Recommendations from individuals that are not direct family members.


4) Applications must be postmarked prior to midnight March 31st, 2010.

Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

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I, ____________________________, as an applicant for the CWWCA Buck Lively Scholarship, attest that the information provided in this application, and all submitted attachments, are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

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Colorado Division of Water Resources Fiscal Year Well Permit Activity Log

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