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## 2013 IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL 12, 2013

Plant Tour, Luncheon  
and Business Meeting –  
TBD

### MAY 10, 2013

Plant Tour, Luncheon  
and Business Meeting –  
TBD

### JUNE 2-5, 2013

PennTech 2013,  
Lancaster County  
Convention Center /  
Marriott Lancaster Penn  
Square

### JUNE 21, 2013

Awards Meeting/Picnic,  
Rich Valley Golf Course

### AUGUST 2, 2013

GWTF Golf  
Tournament, Fairview  
Golf Course

### SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

Plant Tour, Luncheon  
and Business Meeting –  
TBD

### OCTOBER 31, 2013

Trade Fair and Training  
Expo, Sheraton  
Harrisburg Hershey  
Hotel

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The March, 2012 newsletter included a “President’s Message” that listed the following “bullet points”

- Encourage an increase in younger members
- Promote professional development of our members
- Take advantage of PWEA’s offer of financial support for a Section Only member to attend PENNTEC and one year membership
- Make membership meaningful and fun

Taking my cue from the “Report Card” style assessments that Bob Flounders of the Harrisburg Patriot-News prepares after each Penn State football contest, I offer the following comments concerning my performance on the above:

- Younger members – C minus – Things seem to bode well as we embarked on a membership recruitment program dubbed the “Ripple Effect”, however, an unanticipated vacancy in the chair of the Membership Committee led to nominal (at best) improvement in this area. However, I have complete confidence that membership recruitment will rebound in 2013
- Professional development of members – A minus - CPWQA (albeit at the last minute) was authorized to, and will award contact hours for participation in the 2012 Trade Fair. In the process of obtaining approval of a Trade Fair contact hour, I learned more about the approval process and learned of opportunities for two or three courses to be prepared for presentation at 2013 CPWQA events.
- Take advantage of PWEA opportunities – A – Kevin Beaverson of York Springs was awarded the opportunity to attend PENNTEC and become a PWEA member.
- Make membership meaningful and fun – B - It is my hope that my lessons for young members at the plant tours and the exhibitor interaction events at the Trade Fair provided an enjoyable environment for learning and networking at our various activities.

Looking forward to 2013, I will strive to support Fran McGovern and the board as they work to assist our members in navigating through the murky waters of floods, TMDLs, licensing requirements, and the multitude of other challenges facing today’s wastewater professional. I also express my gratitude to all board members and committee chairs for their efforts in 2012; I look forward to working with them, and with all CPWQA members in the coming years.

*Rich Heinick*



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# DEP OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The disposition of DEP's Operator Certification program has been a hot-button topic in our industry for several years. Currently, over 63% of Pennsylvania's certified Operators are over the age of 50. Most facilities have been bracing for the massive loss of skill and institutional knowledge that looms. But just when the industry had begun making efforts to replenish the aging workforce, DEP was hit with devastating budget cuts in 2009 and 2010. The Operator Certification and Licensing department was nearly decimated and examinations came to an abrupt halt in August 2009.

It's been a long road back, but with recent increases in funding and personnel, DEP has been making significant strides in reviving the program. From a low of 393 exams administered in 2010, that number will skyrocket to an estimated 1,220 though 2012. Further increases are expected as the department is planning to provide approximately 1,500 examinations next year, matching pre-budget cut levels. Additionally, DEP hopes to pilot a program for computerized online examinations which, once fully implemented, would greatly increase test availability.

The PA Water Environment Association (PWEA) is currently accepting names for a waiting list for Certification Exams they will be providing. If you, or someone you know, would like to be added to this list, send an email to [pwea@pwea.org](mailto:pwea@pwea.org) with the words "**2013 CERTIFICATION EXAM WAIT LIST**" in the Subject Line and provide the following information in the body of the email:

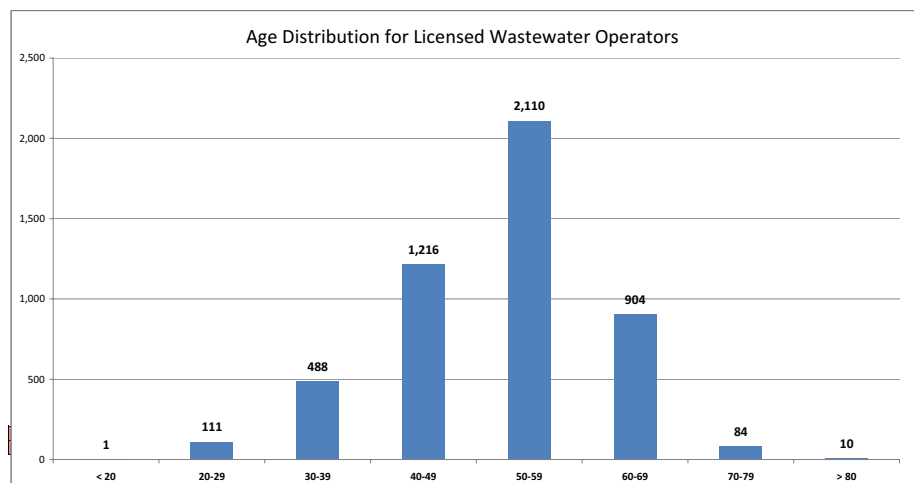
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For more information pertaining to 2013 Certification Exams, please go to <http://www.pwea.org/continuing-education/operator-certification-exam/>

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**Attention CPWQA Members: There are two PWEA Safety Committee positions available. Please contact Scott Armbrust at [sarmbrust@hazenandsawyer.com](mailto:sarmbrust@hazenandsawyer.com) if interested.**

# "GO WITH THE FLOW" SPECIAL REPORT

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual CPWQA "GO WITH THE FLOW" Golf Tournament was held on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, on [YET ANOTHER] perfect day at the Fairview Golf Course. In the end, with the participation of more than 140 golfers and with the generous support of the all the sponsors, the tournament raised more than \$3,000. This money will be donated to the Water for People Fund. The CPWQA thank all the volunteers, golfers, and especially the sponsors!!! The winning foursome including Jared Hockenberry, Mike Sload, Jeff Cleckner, Sr., & Jeff Cleckner, Jr., shot a score of 51 (20 under par) and bested a field loaded with previous champions.

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17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 2012 GWTF WINNERS: JARED  
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JEFF CLECKNER, JR - 51 (20 Under Par)



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Mark your calendars for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual "Go with the Flow" Golf Tournament on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, featuring the now infamous and highly coveted, "Ring of Honor" Trophy!!!

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# GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CPWQA BOARD:

*Wayne Schutz*



## **How long have you been a member of CPWQA?**

Since 1987, let's see that makes it... OMG, over 25 years!! Hey wait just a minute, don't I get a pin or award for that??

## **Where do you work and what is your position?**

Derry Township Municipal Authority in Hershey, PA. I am the Assistant Manager.

## **Where did you go to college?**

I got my BS from PennState at University Park & my MEPC at PennState Harrisburg!!

## **Where is your hometown?**

Bloomsburg, home of the (in)famous Bloomsburg Fair!!

## **What do you think is the most noticeable change in the Wastewater Industry?**

Two things;

1. The high level of expertise now required to run WWTPs today. (As opposed to having the mayor's second cousin, twice removed, run them in the 70's and early 80's), and;
2. The relatively low number of young professionals that seem to be entering the field.

## **How would you like to see CPWQA improved?**

I really would like more people to get involved, it would surprise most people to learn that it doesn't take as much time as they might think. They would be even more amazed at the return on their investment of time and effort through the terrific peer network that is invariably developed with peers most of whom you will also call friends. Finally and most importantly, and this goes to the peer network, you become an integral piece of a wide net of invaluable resources, knowledge, and experiences !!

## **Tell me something about yourself that would surprise your peers**

During part of one summer in college, I fought forest fires in Washington and Oregon as part of the Pennsylvania forest firefighting contingency!!

## **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

- My wife & I play golf as often as possible (& as a result, my skill level has been elevated to the highest level of mediocrity).
- I do quite a bit of reading, mostly sci-fi & fiction.
- As an moderate oenophile I enjoy wine tasting and enjoy the visiting the Finger Lakes (NY) wine region.
- I have also developed an appreciation of fine single malt scotch whiskey.

## **Have you ever thought of a bucket list, and what you would have on it?**

I don't have an official bucket list but if I did, I imagine it would read something like this:

- Visit all fifty states (I have visited 43 or 44 (not sure anymore since I lost my "check-off" map in the flood) but one of the states I need to visit is North Dakota and I just can't seem to find a reason to go there!)
- Visit Scotland (Hey, Tartan Plaid Kilts, Bagpipes, Links Golf, & Scotch Whiskey – 'nuff said)
- Visit New Zealand (I want to see the Coriolis Effect (on the flushing of a toilet in the southern Hemisphere) first hand!!)
- A couple of golf items
  - Shoot par for an entire round
  - Make a hole-in-one [before my wife]

## **Do you lie awake at night shaking when it starts to rain?**

Actually, since no plant staff was injured during the flood and no buildings collapsed or anything devastating like that occurred, I found planning and implementing our flood recovery an interesting diversion from "normal" activities. It is however, starting to get old and I certainly wouldn't want to do this more than once in a career. So no, I don't worry about flooding and I do have a FFP (Future Flood Plan). When the Swatara Creek reaches 16.0 feet, I will grab the personal items (artwork, memorabilia, etc.) in my office, my desk PC, load it up in the car and go home to enjoy a glass of Macallan 18 year old single malt scotch!! No more 14 hours of "floodproofing" the office and absolutely no worries, my house is up on a hill!! (At least until the waters recede)

**As we prepare for the close of 2012, CPWQA like to ask you to consider supporting Water For People and their critical mission of providing safe water and sanitation solutions that reach everyone and last forever. Water For People works in 10 developing countries across the world supporting reliable water and sanitation solutions for people in need. If you would like to support this important mission you can easily do so by making a donation today at [www.waterforpeople.org/awwa](http://www.waterforpeople.org/awwa)**

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