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SWWA Pipeline Editor

Hello 40!!

It has been a rollercoaster of ups and downs to hit our 40th celebration. In the past 3 years alone, our industry has experienced more changes than we have seen in 10 or more. More than ever, we have seen people pull together and prove that we are always stronger together.

We have an amazing agenda for the upcoming conference and tradeshow. The agenda is inside this issue and on the SWWA website. We will also be going with an online platform for our agenda – please go to your phones APP Store and download SCHED – search for SWWA. Choose the option that pops up and you are now online with the agenda – no more need for that paper copy. You can read about the various sessions and mark the ones you are interested in seeing ahead of time.

This year's Keynote speaker is Jon Montgomery, and we would like to thank SaskWater for their continued partnership as a sponsor of our event. You can read all about Jon and be prepared for an exciting keynote address. You can even say it is going to be amazing!!

There have been some changes to how CEU's will be done for the conference so be sure to read on to find out more and be sure to be subscribed to receiving our emails, so you are in the know for all things conference and tradeshow related.

Last, but not least; Thank you to all of you, our members; past, present and future. You are the reason we do what we do, and we are so grateful for the support given to our board and each other.

The past few years have taught us we are stronger than we think, can learn technology and get through the growing pains associated with said technology, have more patience, kindness, respect for each other and ourselves, and that we are so valuable in the jobs we do.

We cannot wait to see you & hope it will be at this year's annual event!

Until then...

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SWWA President

As I write this, my last welcome message as SWWA President, it is the middle of July. We had an unusual summer so far this year. It is business as usual for all in the water wastewater industry, flooding, extreme heat, main break, and spills. For many of us, our resources, both personnel and equipment will be stretched as people take their summer holidays.

This year will be our association's 40th annual conference. This achievement is the realization of the efforts of numerous individuals. SWWA has been fortunate to have had the support of dedicated board members; each member contributing to the success of the association and Association and developing networking opportunities. We have also benefited from the direction and support of our office managers; – Monique Will in the inception who set the stage for Calle Behnke to accept the responsibilities of office manager as our association increased in membership and expanded its educational and networking offerings. Both individuals worked efficiently behind the scenes ensuring the day-to-day business was completed and continuing into more prominent roles when required.

The SWWA board has worked diligently to ensure the success of this year's conference. There are many opportunities to expand your knowledge of new and innovative processes and equipment. Our technical program can be found on the association's website, and you can expect another great variety of suppliers at the tradeshow. The annual conference is a terrific opportunity to view new products, meet old friends, make new friends, ask questions, obtain solutions, and have an exciting time while gaining knowledge and valuable CEUs. Your SWWA board welcomes you back. Meeting new members of our industry has been the highlight of my tenure as a board member.

Over the last 40 years there have been many changes to our industry. Improved processes, strides in safety policies, a more inclusive and representative workforce, stringent regulations, and of course, mandatory certification are a few of the areas of development.

As I reflect on my career in this industry, I feel blessed every day to work with supportive, knowledgeable, and caring peers. I cannot think of any other industry where knowledge and expertise are so readily shared. I have been fortunate to have had many wonderful mentors who have encouraged me and often patiently explained how things work, trained me on the operation of tools, processes, and pieces of equipment. I am confident that I would not have had been offered the opportunities I have been afforded in alternate work forces. My career has provided me with the privilege of dependable, consistent work, the ability to provide for my children, the development of strong and lasting friendships, the opportunity to mentor colleagues and to share my knowledge and experience.

My tenure as a member of the board of the SWWA and subsequently, the president of the board, has allowed me give back to this industry that I love. I would like to extend my gratitude to the City of Saskatoon for their support and encouragement during my tenure.

Thank you to all for your continued support and dedication to our association and the industry.



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Director of Training
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40 Years of Excellence

When I thought about SWWA having a 40th Anniversary and the traditional gift being the ruby I looked up the symbolism of the ruby. The ruby is the symbol immortality and vitality. Immortality is a great theme for the 40th Anniversary of SWWA because as long as we have humans in this province, we will need a water operators association. SWWA started as a grassroots organization and has grown and transformed over the past 40 years. I have been a member since 2004, so less than half of the lifetime of the organization, however I have seen changes since I joined that have taken a small organization to a valuable resource of information for people working in the water and wastewater industry.

The conference has evolved into an educational event where operators can gather, exchange ideas, learn about new technologies and network with other communities. The magazine has grown from a one-page newsletter to a full-color magazine to a digital publication leading the industry in its graphics and articles. During the pandemic training went from the traditional classroom to multiple events delivered online with great success.

There has been collaboration with the other constituent organizations over the years that have produced valuable resources for the industry like the Closer to Home Project and

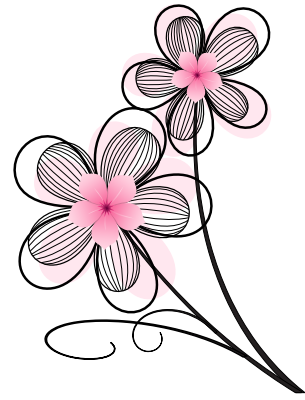
initiatives to attract people to the industry. We need to keep these relationships and leverage what the collective can do together in Western Canada.

As with any organization there will be changes in the future as industry changes and the needs of the members evolve, but one thing that is assured is that there is a need for a water and wastewater operators association that is paying attention to their members needs. I encourage you to get involved with your association whether it is a volunteer, board member or employee. Our association is only as good as the people involved

"They tell stories
of having to
do more,
say less and
overall prove
themselves
over and over
to get the credit
they deserve."



teresa walker
Inspirational Facilitator



I want to take the opportunity with this month's Pipeline article to congratulate everyone; individually, teams, and the association on 40 years!!

Milestones are very important – a time to celebrate and a time to reflect on the journey...the triumphs, the challenges, and those we connected with along the way.

As we pause and gather to celebrate and enjoy in festivities, I would also encourage taking the time to carve out the opportunities to pause and reflect.

Forty years of anything provides perspective.

"We look back in order to appreciate how far we have come."

Time is extremely valuable – how we choose to use it is a choice.

Looking back and forging forward.

Reflecting on the foundation of an organization provides the opportunity to recognize the

"why" "how" and "who."

Forty years of growth within many areas; yet it all begins at the beginning – the core, the root.

Our history is simply that, it is in the past, it also is the greatest teacher for creating our future.

What has your history with SWWA taught you?

How will you choose to use it as an opportunity to create moving forward?

Reflect – Acknowledge – Create.

#Make The Most With Your Moments

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SWWA

Golf Champions 2022



Golf 2022 was held in Jackfish on June 10. The day started with rain and by the time we teed off it was a great day to golf. A bit windy, with sun breaking through the clouds periodically it was a take the jacket off then put it on day a change from the super-hot golf day in 2021.

A huge thank you to all our sponsors for the event. You help us make an event that is truly a memorable experience.

Thank you to our Golf sponsors:

- JS Industries
- Aquifer
- Uniflange
- Ford Meter Box
- AMS
- Wolseley
- Gee Bee Construction
- Southwest Paving Ltd.
- Waste n'Watertech
- Municipal Utilities
- ATAP
- Mueller
- Titan Foundry
- Venables

SaskWater for sponsoring the Longest Drive, DelcoWater for the Putting Game Hole

Thank you to Cleartech for Sponsoring the beverage cart – we appreciate you keeping us nice and hydrated on this hot day.

New this year was the moneyball, sponsored by Mueller and a huge success. I can see it coming back next year. We had 65 golfers.

Delco Water sponsored the very first putting game that was also well received, thank you to the Delco team who ran the hole. The Burger lunch and steak supper were perfect to fuel the golfers and a big thank you to the staff at the Jackfish Lodge and golf course for all they did to make our event a great one.

Thank you to Jordan Webb (Mueller), the supplier rep for the SWWA for all the work and time he spent working with Calle to ensure everything went off without a hitch.

The next golf tournament will be held in Manitou Beach at the golf course on August 18. A room block has been set up at the Resort Hotel and Spa in Manitou. We encourage you to come out and bring your wives, husbands, girlfriends, boyfriends, and partners to make the most of the beautiful spot and all that Manitou offers in the summer with the shops, hiking trails, and spa.

Meet Better Brother Brewing Company

This year, the SWWA Executive Board decided to go with a more local option for our tradeshow ice breaker. The beer will be supplied by Better Brother Brewing located right here in Saskatoon. We decided it would be a great idea to sit down with Jeff and Jocelyn Rushton the owners. And operators of the brewery to help you get to know this amazing local brewery.



Calle: Jeff and Jocelyn, thank you so much for sitting down with me and sharing your story with our association.

Take us back to the beginning and how everything got started.

Jeff: It all started with the lotto and what I would do if I won. I had always loved breweries, the atmosphere and community around them was engaging and full of comradery. I thought a bad day could never happen in the industry.

The first thing I did, was try a home brewery kit but it didn't carbonate so it didn't taste great. After that I decided to research schools rather than try to keep researching how to make better beer on YouTube. There are only three schools in Canada, the first and rated the best was Olds College, the other two were in Langley and Niagra.

I enrolled in Olds College 2-year program and got started on the plan of school, graduate, open brewery.

Calle: All this was in the works and then you met Jocelyn.

Jeff: I met Joc in my second year

Jocelyn: He took me on our first date to a brewery and I wasn't a beer fan at all. Laughing she says, turns out though I was on my way to becoming one.

Fast forward a move and a wedding later – the plan to open a brewery was starting to brew. One day while driving around the city in January 2020, Jocelyn saw a location that they both liked, investigated it and the lease to the current location was signed. Construction of the venue had been set for the end of January/February and then Covid hit causing plans to change and construction to start in May.

Jocelyn: After the construction was over, the biggest hurdle was SSG and whether they would get the license to sell beer.

Better Brother Brewing opened on October 16, 2020 after many setbacks and enjoyed a great couple weeks. They were forced to shut down on Nov. 20, 2020 by provincial order.

The hardest thing for them was laying off the staff, then shifting and moving into plan B, off-sale only.

Calle: I cannot even imagine how challenging it would have been to pivot once again to be able to run your business.

Jocelyn: Jeff brewed and canned the beer and I sold. Every day was unknown plus I was pregnant with Bentley. It was not the easiest time; we were fortunate we had each other to lean on during everything and it grew our relationship.

The West Coast, Stout, Pale, and Blonde were the first 4 canned and sold. The first 5 on top were: Neepa, West Coast, Blonde, Stout and Pale. The Neepa required some tweaking from what was done originally.

The brewery re-opened to the public on June 6, 2021.

Calle: Jeff, can you tell me about the brewing process. As a water association made up of people in the industry we appreciate the water used to make beer.

Jeff: Sure, we use barley wheat, starting with Wort (which is sugar water essentially) and then add flavour depending on the grain. Example would be caramel or chocolate. Then we move to the kettle and add the hop additions. What we add depends on how bitter or sweet it will taste or how spicy or citrusy. Once this is done it goes to the fermenter where yeast is added – the process is about 7-14 days and hop added to the fermenting beer impacts the flavor. From there it is transferred to the tank to carbonate and then canned and kegged.

An interesting fact about beer is that some breweries will take the water and build it up with RO water to recreate famous flavors from different cities.

We use Saskatoon water in all our beer and filter the chlorine and chloramine out to get the process started. Our barley is from Maker's Malt in Rosthern.

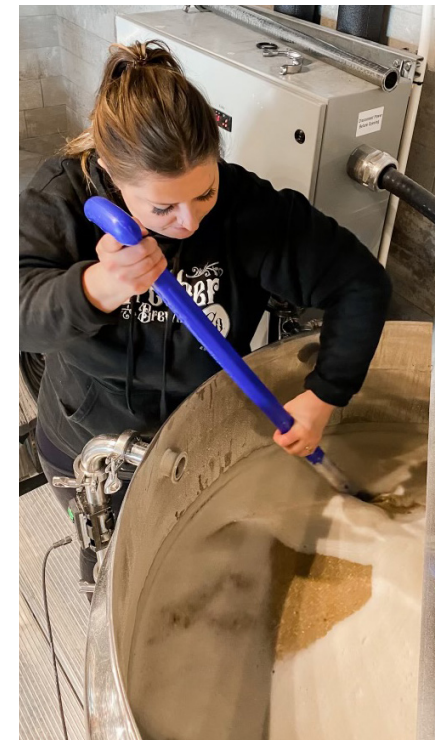
Beer is 90- to- 95-percent water. Water is used in every step of the brewing process; only a small amount makes it into the package. Inside the average brewhouse, it takes seven gallons of water to produce one gallon of beer. We use about 10-15.

Calle: A huge thank you to you both for sharing your story, rootbeer and beer with me. It has been an absolute pleasure and I know that the SWWA members will enjoy all the offerings for the tradeshow evening event.

Jeff and Jocelyn work together. Jeff makes and labels all the beer and Jocelyn runs the brewery and does all the social media and website updates - they give new meaning to the term DYNAMIC DUO!

On a side note: if you are in Saskatoon and looking to check out Better Brothers prior to the conference I encourage you to stop in and check out the beer and I highly recommend having a rootbeer float with either a hotdog loaded with all the toppings or a taco in a bag. The brewery is kid friendly, floats are available with whipped cream, sprinkles and a cherry on top!

For everyone attending the conference – Ford Meter Box is sponsoring the ice cream floats on Wednesday Night of our event, and we will be using the Better Brother Rootbeer.



no water no beer!



Now Serving On Tap!

1. WEST COAST IPA

7% ABV || SMOOTH CARAMEL NOTES WITH A BITTER PINEY FINISH. 70 IBU'S

2. RATTLERS BLONDE ALE

5% ABV || LIGHT, EASY DRINKING BEER WITH A SWEET HONEY FINISH. 15 IBU'S

3. PALE ALE

5.5% ABV || LIGHT CARAMEL FLAVOUR WITH FLORAL NOTES 30 IBU'S

4. HEFEWEIZEN

4.2% ABV || FULL BODIED WHEAT BEER WITH NOTES OF BANANA AND CLOVE.

5. CHOCOLATE OATMEAL STOUT

5% ABV || SMOOTH & CREAMY WITH HINTS OF DARK CHOCOLATE AND COFFEE. 30 IBU'S

6. INDIA SESSION ALE

4.5% ABV || REFRESHING, WITH ORANGE AND MANGO NOTES. 20 IBU'S

7. CITRA NEIPA

5% ABV || JUICY, HAZY AND FULL OF GRAPEFRUIT & CITRUS NOTES. 5 IBU'S

8. CRUSHABLE

5% ABV || BLONDE ALE BASED WITH ORANGE, VANILLA & LACTOSE. TASTES LIKE AN ORANGE CREAMSICLE! 15 IBU'S

9. POMEGRANATE KETTLE SOUR

5.5% ABV || THIS KETTLE SOUR IS LIGHT AND REFRESHING WITH JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF TARTNESS.

10. CRAFT ROOT BEER

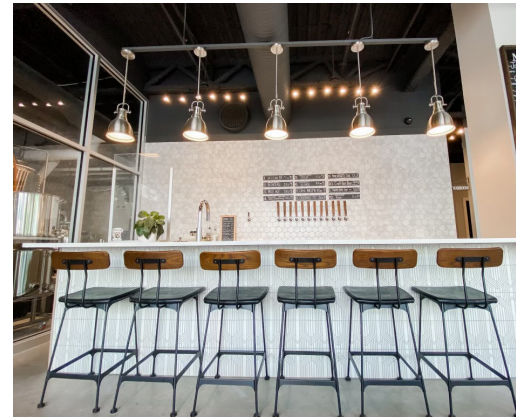
SWEET, DELICIOUS & NON-ALCOHOLIC. MADE WITH ORGANIC SUGAR AND HANNIGAN HONEY. TRY IT AS A FLOAT!

11. AYOSKAN KETTLE SOUR - NA

0.5% ABV || A COLLAB WITH THE SOBRIETY CIRCLE. LIGHT RASPBERRY AND CITRUS NOTES.

12. CROSSMOUNT ROSE CIDER

5% || INFUSED WITH STRAWBERRIES, HIBISCUS & ROSE HIPS



**The Saskatchewan Operator Certification Board
Your Certification Renewal and Continuing Education Units**

How do I know when to renew my certification?

Renewal forms are mailed to operators, usually 2 to 3 months before the renewal date. If your renewal date is approaching and you have not received your notice, you can download the renewal form from our website: <https://saskocb.ca/wp-content/uploads/Renewal-Application-August-16-2018-1.pdf>

What do I need to renew my certification?

You will need a renewal application, \$150.00 renewal fee and one (1) Continuing Education Unit (CEU) every two (2) year renewal period. You cannot repeat the same CEU's for two consecutive renewals

(i.e. – if you took First Aid for your last renewal, you cannot repeat this course and use it for this one).

How do I obtain CEU credits if there are no in person courses or conferences available?

There are several courses now available through internet webinars, video conferences and online registrations. You can refer to our CEU approved list on our website for more information and options. Some courses will be noted as "online", "webinar", etc if it has been approved as such. You can check out the course facilitator websites for further details or contact them directly.

I have extra CEU credits from my last renewal, can I use them for this one?

CEUs must be earned during your current certification period (i.e. – May 2019 – May 2021) so any CEUs earned prior to that date will not be accepted.

I want to take a course for my CEU credit but it is not listed on the approved list. What can I do?

You can complete a CEU Evaluation Form for the course, including an agenda and detailed timeline and submit to our office. The Board will review it at the next Board meeting and, if approved, it will be added to our approved list and uploaded to our website.

The form can be found on our website - <https://saskocb.ca/wp-content/uploads/CEU-Evaluation-Form-June-10-2020-1.pdf>

I do not have access to the internet and online learning options, can I get an extension on my renewal?

At this time, we are not able to extend renewal obligations for anyone not able to obtain their CEU credits. If you cannot obtain CEUs you can contact our office or the EPO in your area for further instruction. EPOs can be found on the Facility Classification List on our website under the Operator Certification tab - <https://saskocb.ca/certification/>

Where do I find the Board meeting dates and submission deadlines?

All meeting dates and deadlines are listed on the home page of our website – www.saskocb.ca

How do I submit my documents to the OCB office?

Email, fax or Canada Post mail are all accepted ways to submit your documents to the OCB.

You can always call or email us with your questions:

Email – info@saskocb.ca

Phone – 306-789-3430

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CONFERENCE AGENDA 2022

TUES. NOV. 1 TCU PLACE - FOYAY

5:30-7:30 PM PRE-CONFERENCE WALK-UP REGISTRATION & PKG PICKUP FOR THOSE PRE-REGISTERED

7:30 - 11:00 PM NETWORKING EVENT

WED. NOV. 2 7:30 - 9:00 AM REGISTRATION & WALKUP REGISTRATION - MAIN FOYAY

	GALLERY A/B	GALLERY C/D	CENTENNIAL HALL
9:00 - 10:00 AM	History of Operator Training Dawn Dierker - AMS	Using Technology to Improve Granular Media Filter Surveillance Dave Hambley - AWI	Pipe Products Dave Brewer - USC

10:00 - 10:30AM COFFEE

10:30-11:30 AM	Chlorination Paul Orlaw - ClearTech	Preventative Maintenance Josh Buniak - JS Industries	Ductile Iron Pipe Research Sam Ghosen
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11:30 - 1:00 PM LUNCH

1:15 - 2:15PM	Out with the old, In the New City of PA's Raw Water Pump House Andy Busse	Wastewater MBR Process Jason Stusick - MPE	Ice still got us Frazil's: Understanding how ice can gum up your intakes Bareete Froc and Richard Gauvreau
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2:15 - 2:45 PM COFFEE

2:45 - 3:45 PM	To Pump or Not to Pump: Seasonal Pumping Operations at Saskatoon 42nd Street Reservoir Jourdain Gauvreau	How ICE(Instrumentation, Controls, Electrical) can make your facilities run smoothly Jared Suwala - AE	Green Sand and Ground Water, when simple operation is not that simple Enisa Zanacic
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4:00 - 8:30 PM. TRADESHOW & SILENT AUCTION

5:30 - 8:30 PM Food stations & bar opens

TRADESHOW ENDS AT 8:30 PM



CONFERENCE AGENDA 2022

THURS. NOV. 3 CENTENNIAL HALL

7:30 - 8:30 AM BREAKFAST

8:30 - 9:00 AM AGM MEETING

9:00 - 9:30 AM OCB UPDATES

9:30 - 10:45 AM **Jon Montgomery -Sponsored by Saskwater**

11:00AM - 1:00PM TRADESHOW & LUNCH ON TRADESHOW FLOOR
& SILENT AUCTION PRIZE PICKUP

GALLERY A/B GALLERY C/D CENTENNIAL HALL

1:00 - 2:00 pM WSA Updates (Everyone)

2:00 - 2:30 PM COFFEE

2:30 -3:30 PM	An introduction to Water Stability Mark Lewis - DelcoWater	Lloydminster Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Lanny Code - WWTP Lloydminster	Aerobic Granular Sludge Paula Dom
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6:00 - 6:45 PM BANQUET - COCKTAILS

6:45 - 7:30 PM BANQUET MEAL

7:30 - 8:00 PM AWARDS CEREMONY

8:15 - 9:30 PM ENTERTAINMENT

FRI. NOV. 4 CENTENNIAL HALL

7:30 - 8:30 AM BREAKFAST

8:30 - 11:30 AM **Mastering a Comeback-Moving from Stressed to Resilient**
Jeannette Austin

Reconvened AGM

HAVE A SAFE DRIVE HOME, THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Conference 2022 Updates:

Delegate Registration

We have extended the early bird conference registration until Oct. 19, 2022.

Don't forget to login to register to get the member rate pricing.

Got a credit from 2021? No problem. Simply email the office as to who will be using the credit, ensure they are up to date with their membership, and we will take care of the rest.

Tradeshow Registration

BOOK YOUR BOOTH HERE: Tradeshow Booth

Got a credit to use? Email us and let us know your top 3 booth picks and we will get you booked. All credits from 2020 and 2021 MUST be used in 2022.

Conference Agenda

THE CONFERENCE AGENDA CAN BE FOUND HERE: AGENDA

This year we will be using the online platform Sched - download it in the app store on your phone and type in SWWA in the search and choose the SWWA Conference & Tradeshow.

This year we will not be doing the ticket system. You will be given a form to sign in your package that is picked up on the day of registration. Each day will have a spot for you to initial. On Friday a gold sticker will be placed on the sheet of paper, and you will be marked as earning 1.0 CEU's for the event.

You will need to attend the entire event in order to earn the full 1.0 CEU's there will not be CEU's offered for each individual day as the entire event is now what is required.

First Time Conference Goers

For those attending the conference for the first time here are some tips and things to know to help you be in the loop.

If you have pre-registered for the event you can pick up your conference delegate package at TCU place in the main foyer on Tuesday night prior to the conference opening.

The conference does not actually begin until Nov. 2, 2022.

When you come into the registration area of the conference, you will receive a package in which you will find a Certificate Sheet. You must initial every day that you have participated. On Friday after the final session, the gold seal will be added to the certificate. If you do not have the gold seal sticker the certificate has no value.

Meal tickets and a banquet ticket can be found inside your package and must be turned in at every meal.

TIP #1

Keep your meal tickets and banquet ticket inside you name badge holder

Meals are provided for all days except for Wednesday breakfast.

Hotel information can be found on the SWWA website – it is best to book early as possible.

TIP #2

Network, Network, Network – We cannot say this enough! Conference is a great time to network and get to know those in communities around you. They could help you or vice versa with things you or they are dealing with.

Tip #3

Talk to the suppliers at the tradeshow, they are there to help you and watch for the sponsor signs in some booths these are the groups who are partnering with the SWWA to keep the conference prices lower and to help create an optimal delegate experience.

Tip #4

Finger food is offered at the tradeshow along with free beverages, finger food is not supper, so you will probably want to get a bite afterwards.

Tip #5

Want to meet your SWWA board look for the guys and gals wearing matching shirts of green, orange, blue, and purple with the SWWA logo on. They are hard to miss!

Above all learn, ask questions, network, and have fun!



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Keynote Speaker



to World Cup winner, to Olympian. High spirited and good natured, Montgomery easily shows us the parallels between professional sport and everyday life, and how we, too, can optimize ourselves for high-performance.

JON MONTGOMERY first delighted Canadians by winning Gold in Men's Skeleton at the Vancouver Olympics. Now, as the host of The Amazing Race Canada, he is a charming ambassador for the country's most beautiful sights. In talks, he combines his experience as a professional athlete and national spokesperson to show us how to value our strengths, rise to challenges, and follow our passion.

How did Jon Montgomery achieve his dream of becoming an internationally lauded athlete? The former Skeleton racer contends that it was an unwavering belief and commitment to himself that led to his most important victory: an Olympic gold medal. The ability to believe that we will actually achieve what it is that we seek is a large part of actually getting there, Montgomery says. In his talks, Montgomery walks us through the physical discipline, mental conditioning, and emotional resilience that allowed him to climb the ranks from amateur athlete

Now retired, Jon Montgomery is the host of The Amazing Race Canada, a position that has given him an even greater appreciation for the country. "I already had a profound sense I was a lucky man to be Canadian, but doing this show, you get to meet other Canadians, you get to see how they interact with the racers and a sense of commonality amongst the people." For his work on the show, Montgomery received a Canadian Screen Award for Best Host in a Variety, Lifestyle, Reality/Competition, or Talk Program or Series.

Montgomery and his wife Darla are also committed and passionate about giving back. They are affiliated with WaterAid, which works with the poorest and most marginalized communities in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, the Pacific region, and Central America, and Right to Play, which uses the power of play to educate and empower children to be guardians of their own health and active participants in their communities.

SWWA PIPELINE PROFILE: SUPPLIER

don webb
Looking back.....

I got to sit down with Don Webb, formerly of Mueller, and discuss what things looked like in the early years and the changes he himself saw in his 40 years in the industry.

1. What did the early years of being a supplier in the water industry look like?

In the early years you worked out of your vehicle, there were no cell phones or email just lists of who was in what community that were made by those of us traveling to the communities.

It was about getting to know who the key players for each community were and about developing relationships with them. A handshake was all you needed to confirm things.

2. You attended the very first SWWA conference, what were some of the highlights for you of the first year?

The first tradeshow and conference did not have many attendees and Mueller was one of the 5 booths there. Although not many attended it was a great time of getting to know one another and networking.

3. What are some things you saw change over the years?

In 1985, things started to get bigger, and suppliers worked with the association to get the word out about the event. As 1988 approached things got going, counsellors and mayors had started to come and see why the event was important and that paid off in higher attendance. In those days suppliers would haul large amounts of product to the show for showing off to the attendees. In 2000, after Walkerton the industry boomed, and

training and the conference became very important to educate those in the industry. Suppliers, like myself and others would step in to train as a way of helping the association.

I would say the largest changes happened from 2000 on and the biggest changes came in 2013/14 with more speakers and larger turnouts for the tradeshow. Having a fulltime person in the SWWA office was also a big change and a positive one.

4. Would you say technology has been an improvement to the industry?

For us old guys, not so much we had our system of doing things and the changes with email, and cell phones while in some ways made things easier were in other ways not so easy. Technology changed so much, now Jordan, who took over from me it has been a good thing this technology, and it has opened opportunities. No matter what, seeing someone in person, at events, or just calling them is still the best way to create relationships with those in the industry.

5. What words of advice do you have to a supplier getting into the industry?

Be self-motivated, find your inner drive and ambition; you will succeed.

6. What are some of the strengths you see of the association?

The biggest strength is the ability to promote the industry and being the best resource for those in the industry.



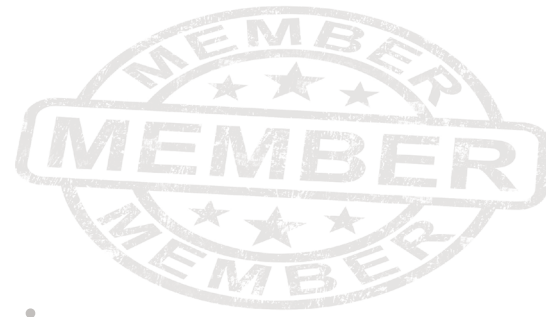
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Retired Member

The most valuable benefit that I experienced as an operator from the beginning was being able to “rub shoulders” with your fellow operators and to learn new ways to manage challenges in your facility in the same manner that other operators had success with theirs. The SWWA is a non-profit organization that nurtured a cooperative relationship between the operators and the provincial regulatory agencies over the years. This has developed into a successful partnership that has become the envy of other jurisdictions across western Canada and the northern United States.

The organization has provided opportunities for operators to learn leadership skills by participating on the SWWA Board and many committees. This offers operators an opportunity to make a difference for themselves and with provincial regulators and the industry.

There have been countless friendships formed through involvement in this organization. The SWWA has become a pillar of support for many in search of knowledge and has provided encouragement to those aspiring to develop successful careers in the water and wastewater treatment industry.



chris
boyd

Operator, Town of Cut Knife

What Operators are saying about SWWA:

I have been a part of the SWWA for several years, so I was more than happy to share when asked what I have come to value from being a part of the SWWA.

1. The celebration of the years of service awards for both suppliers and operators, it is great to see us as operators acknowledge how much we appreciate the suppliers in our industry; I also really enjoy seeing communities and employers recognize the operators through awards like Operator of the year and Lifetime member.
2. Being able to access all the changes to the industry from regulations to advancement in technology all through the SWWA network.
3. I find tremendous value in the face-to-face conversations with other operators and those from the industry. Having an opportunity to discuss issues, bend the ear of fellow operators and suppliers with no time limits.
4. The advancement in technology with the webinars and moving things online this past year have made it still possible to maintain our educational requirements for CEU's. I look forward to having this option continue as well as the in-person events because they both provide value.

To my fellow operators I believe the support of fellow operators to each other is the key to the success of the industry. Keep up the great work everyone and stay safe.



jordan
webb

SWWA Supplier Representative
Mueller Territory Manager

I have personally been a supplier and member of the SWWA for 5 years. Even though my 5 years are measured small compared to 40 I can safely say they have been educational, social and productive. Becoming a member of the SWWA is a duty of all industry members to support a non-profit and local association who will make sure to give back to the operator, contractor, municipal, supplier and engineering community that help drive it. Giving back to the industry your in is the best way to keep it healthy, new and interesting. That is what attracted me to continue our company's membership with the SWWA.

The best part of being an SWWA member is meeting other industry people. I cannot understate this in the least. I have met new operators during training I have done, seasoned veterans during the conference and all others during social events like the SWWA golf tournament. I have learned about the industry from all of them and I have had the privilege of teaching some as well. This is the key to the social and networking aspect of the association. Being able to better yourself and to help others with some pain they might be having.

I have been fortunate to be a part of an association that embraces all new comers with a friendly welcome and family setting.

As I can remember my first conference I had what felt like every member (all 400) come through my tradeshow booth and introduce themselves with a warm hello and the “we expect great things”. Needless to say it was the first time I had nothing to say afterwards, as I was grateful and my voice had gone.

In closing, I look forward to a long tenure as a member, even more good times that allow us to all meet in person again, play golf and swap war stories. To more decades of helping the industry move forward!



FALL 2022 PROGRAM

MOOSE JAW

WATER AND WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION TRAINING AND EXAM SESSIONS

Sept 26 – 30 Class 1 Water Treatment & Water Distribution - 3.0

Nov 21 – 25 Class 2 Water Treatment & Water Distribution - 3.0

Oct 24 – 28 Class 1 Wastewater Collection & Treatment - 3.0

Nov 28 – Dec 2 Class 2 Wastewater Collection & Treatment - 3.0

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION BOARD (OCB) ACCREDITED WORKSHOPS

Oct 12 Operation & Maintenance of Wastewater Lagoons - 0.6

Oct 13 New - Hygienic System Operation - 0.6

Dec 13 Understanding Regulations - 0.5

Dec 14 New - Distribution System & Pipeline Operation and Maintenance - 0.6

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WATER AND WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION TRAINING AND EXAM SESSIONS

Oct 3 – 7 New - Class 3 & Class 4 Water Treatment - 3.0

Nov 14 – 18 Class 1 Water Treatment & Water Distribution - 3.0

Nov 21 – 25 Class 2 Water Treatment & Water Distribution - 3.0

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION BOARD (OCB) ACCREDITED WORKSHOPS

Sept 21 Reverse Osmosis Treatment - 0.6 CEU

Sept 22 Understanding Chlor- 0.3 CEU | Lead & Copper-Contaminants of Concern - 0.3

Nov 8 New - Writing SOPs & ERPs for Water & Wastewater Utilities - 0.6

Nov 9 Water Sampling & Analysis - 0.6 CEU -

ONLINE CEU WORKSHOPS

Oct 19 Operation & Maintenance of Wastewater Lagoons – 0.6

Nov 28 Understanding Regulations – 0.5

Nov 30 Biofiltration Basics – 0.6

Dec 7 Understanding Chloramination - 0.3 CEU | Lead and Copper-Contaminants of Concern - 0.3 CEU