

# **The Florida Flow**

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**Florida Water Quality Association**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FWQA Fall Educational Sessions**  
**Friday November 3, 2006**  
Sanford, Florida

**WQA Certification Exams**  
**Friday November 3, 2006**

**FWQA Legislative Fund Raising Golf Tournament**  
**Monday March 26, 2007**  
Eagle Creek Golf Club  
10350 Emerson Lake Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32832

**WQA Aquatech USA 2007**  
Conference Dates: March 27-31, 2007  
Exhibition Dates: March 28-30, 2007  
Orange County Convention Center  
Orlando, FL

**FWQA Annual Convention**  
**June 7, 8, and 9, 2007**  
Caribe Royale Resort  
Orlando, Florida

## **FWQA Board Meeting Schedule**

**Friday November 3, 2006**  
**Comfort Suites**  
590 Ava Court  
Sanford, Florida

Minutes of any board meeting are available upon request  
**All FWQA members are welcome at Board Meetings.**

## **Presidents Message – Ted Dyer**

*As we prepare for the fall educational session on November 3, 2006 in Lakeland, Florida it is the hope of all of us on the board that we are able to present a day of learning about the profession of water treatment. One thing is certain every time I have attended an educational session I have always walked away with knowledge about a topic within water treatment that I had not learned before. If we improve our education a little at a time it only makes us better informed within the trade that we practice on a daily bases. We surely can afford a day out of busy schedule to educate ourself within the trade that we work.*

*Our association is a strong voice for you and the trade in this state. Use what we have published to help promote your business and help this association. If you have not joined the association yet, I encourage you to fill out the form on the back page and mail or fax with your payment today.*

*Thank you for the trust that you have placed with me this year. Hopefully I will be able to make changes for the future of this association.*

## **October 18 is World Water Monitoring Day**

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the International Water Association invite citizens around the world to participate in World Water Monitoring Day, Wednesday, October 18.

The international outreach program is designed to build public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources.

The program engages communities in monitoring the condition of local rivers, streams, estuaries and other water bodies. Since its inception, more than 80,000 people have participated in 50 countries.

"As an international water quality organization, part of WEF's mission is to educate the public about the importance of protecting our water resources," said WEF Executive Director Bill Bertera.

"This unique and exciting program not only allows us to broaden our reach and scope but is a wonderful complement to the Federation's current public education programs."

Communities around the world monitor their selected sites between September 18 and October 18. Participants sample local water bodies for a core set of water quality parameters including temperature, acidity (pH), clarity (turbidity) and dissolved oxygen (DO). Results are then put into an international database and summarized on the program's Web site.

"We see this as a tremendous opportunity," said WEF President Michael Read. "The Federation embraces this program wholeheartedly, and we look forward to growing it in years to come."

For more information and to register, visit [www.WorldWaterMonitoringDay.com](http://www.WorldWaterMonitoringDay.com).

For more on monitoring and assessing water quality, see the US Environmental Protection Agency's Web site at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

## **EPA offers best practices guides for small drinking water systems**

New reference guides for owners and operators of small drinking water systems are available from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The guides and information are intended for those who manage systems serving less than 10,000 people. They are designed to help operators and owners run sustainable systems that deliver safe drinking water to customers.

Topics include best practices for general operating procedures, maintenance of distribution systems, vital record keeping, and building good working relationships with decision makers.

The guides are available on [EPA's Web site](http://EPA's Web site). Hard copies are available upon request through the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800 426 9198.

## **Telemarketing Act revisions floated**

A revision to a telemarketing law might change how your dealership markets via telephone.

The US House of Representatives is considering a bill that would amend the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act. [House Bill 6189](#), proposed September 26, 2006, stipulates that telemarketing calls may not be made between 5-7 pm.

See [www.wqa.org](http://www.wqa.org) for updates as they become available.

***What's the reason to go to the FWQA Fall Education seminar?***

Do you need to maintain your WQA certification?

Want to get certified?

Need information to make your business better?

Meet experts and gain knowledge ! ! ! !

A day of seminars for the low cost of **\$35 for FWQA members** or \$50 if you are NOT a member of FWQA.

**Schedule of Seminars at The Comfort Inn and Suites, Sanford Florida**

**November 3, 2006**

**8:00 – 9:00 AM**            ***“Non-backwashing alternative to Softening”***  
Steve Fox, Next Filtration Technologies

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**        ***“Water Testing and Systems Applications***  
Larry Jessup, Crane Environmental

**10:00 – 12:00 noon**    ***“Systems and Control Valves Diagnostics and Repairs”***  
Bob Bennett, The Leveredge  
Doug Haring, Atlantic Filter Corporation

**12:00 noon**    **Lunch break included**

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**    ***“Systems and Control Valves Diagnostics and Repairs” (continued)***

**Includes: VALVES 255/268/5600/ CLACK WSI**

*Each session provides 0.10 WQA credits*

*Each session provides 1.0 CEU Florida Water Well credits*

**2:00 – 5:00 PM**        **WQA Certification Exams**

**You must contact Anne Parissidi at WQA to register for Certification Exams phone 630-505-0150**

***To register for the seminars contact Suzanne at:  
FWQA 863-644-6622, fax to 866-845-4988 or cell phone 863-698-0611***

***WQA National Convention is coming to Orlando in March 2007.***

**FWQA will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Monday March 26, 2007 at Eagle Creek Golf Club as a fundraiser for our legal fund. Shotgun start at 1:00 pm allows you to enjoy the spring day on the beautiful course along with other members of the industry. A lunch before play and reception after your 18 holes of golf all for only \$175.00.**

Plan now to participate and meet with other dealers and manufacturers. Enjoy Eagle Creek an 18 Hole, Par 73 Championship Golf Course, designed by world-renowned golf course architects Ron Garl and Howard Swan, Eagle Creek is an extraordinary 18-hole, 7,198 yard championship golf course. Eagle Creek is the only Par 73 golf course in Central Florida, offering five par 5's, genuine Scottish style revetted bunkers and Florida's first Mini-Verde Greens. Since its 2004 opening, Eagle Creek was voted among the **Top 10 New Courses in Florida** by *Travel and Leisure Magazine* since 2000 along with being voted **Best 18<sup>th</sup> Hole in Florida** by *Florida Golf Central Magazine* and **“Top 10 Golf Course Restaurants in Orlando”**, *Orlando Magazine*. Eagle Creek just recently received **4.5 Stars**, **“Best Places to Play”** and **“Top 100 Service Facilities in North America”** by *Golf Digest*. The 4.5 Star rating is the highest rating given to any course in Florida. Eagle Creek was one of only 52 courses in the entire state to receive this rating by Golf Digest. In addition, Eagle Creek Golf Club has played host to a number of tournaments including the 2005 & 2006 PGA Pro/Pro Tournament Series, 2005 Buick Scramble National Finals, Eagle Creek will also host the 2006 Florida Open and 2007 Florida State Public Links Championship.

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**Welcome to our new FWQA Members**

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Oscar Oliden  
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Orlando, FL 32807

***CLMC Technologies, Inc. Yucky Water***

Mike and Carla Clay  
2100 N. Citrus Blvd.  
Leesburg, FL 34748

**FWQA Committees**

It's that time of year again when FWQA committees are set up for the new year. There is always an opportunity for your participation. Please consider a committee membership it's a great way to network and to learn more about the industry. If you are interested in serving contact Suzanne Trueblood at 863-644-6622 or [FLWQA@aol.com](mailto:FLWQA@aol.com), or any Board member and let them know the committee you want to join.

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