

# Maine Water News

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## **Your Association Needs You!**

*Jim Wallace, 2017 President*

If you are currently serving on a committee for Maine Water Utilities Association, I THANK YOU! I recently had the pleasure of attending a Technology Committee meeting. One of the topics was a request from the Program Committee for help with the Annual Meeting and Trade Show. While Technology was originally concerned this was a lot of work, it turns out Program just needed a little help. Everyone can use a little help.

It was not that long ago that MWUA was putting out a call for committee members. Our members responded in a great way, with new members bringing energy and new perspectives to many of the committees. There is always the need and room for more members. More active members allow everyone to do a little, instead of a few lifting a lot. It makes the meetings more enjoyable and the homework between meetings less of a burden, as everyone is doing a share of the work. Yes, full disclosure here, there is some work. On a positive note, you help decide what "the work" means.

If you have never attended a committee meeting, it is worth your time. First and foremost, you meet people who are working on the same issues you face every day. Training sessions are always helpful, but sometimes you learn more by talking to the person you are sitting beside during a break. Not everyone is comfortable with starting a conversation, but everyone I have met through MWUA will talk shop all day. It is helpful to listen to what others have tried, and how they eventually solved their issue. There are a lot of ideas and solutions to be found, but like everything else in the world, the first step is showing up.

If you are a supervisor wondering how you will find time to prepare someone for a future position, perhaps even your own, consider their membership on a committee as training and development time. Participation gives people a chance to gain skills in running meetings, collective problem-solving, and the increasingly important art of influencing others. If someone does well with facilitating volunteers, then chances are they will make a good supervisor. They might even make a friend, find your next hire, or find a mentor.

Another topic at the Technology Committee was

video collaboration. MWUA recently committed to updating our capabilities, to make participation easier when you just cannot get away from your utility. It was very interesting to listen to the members discuss manufacturer's product spec sheets, offer alternative products, and finding other relevant information on the larger internet-based retailer sites. Their opinions on capabilities and how products might interface with other systems was well beyond my knowledge. I learned a lot just by listening in.

Committee membership is always changing. Feel free to attend a meeting or two, join for the long term, or participate to gain some skills. The door is always open. Send a note to Bruce or Barb to find out more about the meetings.

Summer is in full swing. If you have not made plans to take some time off, make an effort to do so this week. Enjoy your summer!

## **An Amazing June Bi-Monthly Meeting In Houlton**

We once again met in Houlton for the June Bi-Monthly Meeting. The hospitality of Greg Sherman, Brian McGuire and the incredible employees of the Houlton Water Company was extraordinary.

Wednesday evening's social activities were centered at the Elks Club in Houlton. Bowling, singing with the local stars, and pool were all offered. The vote on singing stars of the night was a tie. Half voted for Brian McGuire the other half voted for Barb Farrell.

On Thursday, our meeting was again hosted by the Elks Club. We received a warm welcome from Butch Asselin, Houlton's town manager. Greg Sherman did a very nice job of reviewing the Water Company history and the great relationship it has with the town of Houlton.

We were given a regulatory update by Mike Abbott which we learned today was his last. Mike Abbott is leaving the Drinking Water Program in July. He made the decision to reduce his commute so as to be closer to home and spend more time with his family. Mike is a gentlemen and has been an incredible resource to many water utilities all over the state. We wish you nothing but success with the next chapter in your life, Mike.

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We also received an update on the various bills that have been introduced during the first year of the 128th Legislature. Thankfully, many of the bills that were introduced that could have impacted our profession negatively were not passed. This was in no small part because of the amazing efforts of many of you, our members, who willingly testified either in writing or in person when we called for your assistance. Nothing would have been accomplished without you. Thank you!

The technical sessions offered a review of some of the advancements that have been made with regard to both piping alternatives and a new generation of pipe restraining systems.

A special award ceremony was offered by the Houlton Water Company and Maine Water Utilities Association to Kenny Gonya. Ken has been an employee of the Houlton Water Company for a number of years and had to retire earlier than he intended due to health reasons. In recognition of the many years of dedicated service to the Houlton Water Company and its customers, Kenny received a special service award. Brian McGuire Superintendent of the Houlton Water Company had this to say about Ken, *"I will forever be grateful for Kenny. I have always been able to depend on him. He never says much but always seems to do the right thing, the right way. I'm proud to have worked with him and to have had him as part of my amazing crew."* From Maine Water Utilities Association we want to say this about Ken: *You are a great reflection on our profession and we are very proud to call you one of our own.*

The Bi-Monthly Meeting finished up with another meal served that will be talked about until many of those in attendance retire. We were served mashed potato, peas, carrots, prime rib and haddock. Not prime rib or haddock but prime rib and haddock. The caterers? Brian McGuire and his crew. If you left hungry, it wasn't their fault.

See you all in August!

## **Polish Your Skills For the Golf Tournament**

### **Clambake To Feature Pipe Tapping Competition As Well As Bocce Ball**

Please join members and friends of MWUA as we once again gather at Val Halla Golf Course in Cumberland on August 9th and the Annual Clambake at Thomas Point Beach on August 10th.

On Wednesday, August 9th, the 32nd Annual Golf Scramble Tournament will begin with a Shotgun Start at 8:30 a.m. The Public Awareness Committee (PAC) will again have the Casino Hole and 50/50 raffle to benefit the Maine Water Utilities Scholarship Fund.

We are pleased to offer tee sponsorships again this year for a \$150.00 donation. Sponsors will have signs with their logos on the golf course and will also be listed in MWUA publications. ***We also ask that our vendors and consultants consider offering raffle prizes that we award at the luncheon.*** We would like to thank the generous support of all vendors and consultants that offer tee sponsorships and raffle prizes. Without your generous support, it would be impossible to achieve the goals of the PAC for scholarships.

On August 10th, we will gather at Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick for the Annual Clambake, a great time to mingle with friends and colleagues. Attendees will not be required to pay an entrance fee. When you stop at the gate just let them know you are there with the MWUA Clambake.

Not only will we be hosting the Bocce Ball Tournament, but we've added a Pipe Tapping Competition!

**Bocce Ball Tournament:** This year, the tournament will be limited to 4 or 8 teams to allow for a single elimination tournament. Please register your team of 4 by August 4th, 2017.

The Public Awareness Committee will be holding a fundraiser as

part of the tournament. They will be selling tournament brackets for \$5.00. You choose which team you think will win - all brackets with the correct winning team will get thrown into a hat. The captain of the winning team will draw 1 lucky bracket from the hat for 50% of the money. We hope to see you there!

**Pipe Tapping Competition:** For those of you that are unfamiliar with this event, it's a high-energy competition involving a race against time to drill into a cement-lined, ductile iron pipe while under pressure and install a corporation.

This event is meant to be fun and provide entertainment for all in attendance. A copy of the rules are on the back of the registration form. If you decide to enter a team, please carefully review these rules.

**Note: We are limiting registration to no more than 8 teams.**

Join us on August 9th and 10th for these exciting events!

**Scholarship Fund Is Now a 501c3!**

*Submitted by Helen Pottle, MWUSF Board Chair*

Greetings from the recently formed Maine Water Utilities Scholarship Fund (MWUSF) Board of Directors! Thanks to the hard work and behind the scenes effort of many, the MWUSF was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation in March 2017. The first Board of Directors consists of Helen Pottle, President; Bruce Berger, Treasurer; Kathy Moriarty, Secretary; Barb

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Farrell, Clerk; Jefferson Longfellow, Mary Jane Dillingham, Kirsten Ness, and Richard Knowlton.

The Scholarship Fund consists of the Peter Lancaster Scholarship, originally maintained by the Bangor Water District, the Madeleine Storer Scholarship, and the Judy Wallingford Scholarship. The intent of the Board is to award each scholarship annually to deserving college students. The specific criteria associated with each individual scholarship are still under development, but nearing completion. The Public Awareness Committee will work in conjunction with the MWUSF to continue fundraising for the scholarships. In addition to the historic fundraiser efforts, as a nonprofit corporation the MWUSF can also accept tax deductible donations. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact the MWUA office.

We will continue to keep the membership updated with new developments, but please feel free to contact a Director at any time for more information.



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**MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION  
32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CLAMBAKE SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

**PLACE:** Val Halla Golf Course: 60 Val Halla Road, Cumberland Center, ME 04021 - Phone: (207) 829-2225

**DIRECTIONS:** Traveling on I-295 from the North/South. Take Cumberland/Yarmouth Exit 15. Turn right onto Route 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> light, turn left (Portland St) .8 mi changes to Middle Rd .6 mi turn right onto Greely Rd 3 mi. Turn left onto Val Halla Road.

**TIME:** Shotgun Start @ 8:30 AM  
Barbeque and Awards to follow

**FORMAT:** Scramble Format is as follows: Men play white tees; Women begin on the red tees. Each Group must use one drive from each player on each nine.

**COMPETITION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place (2) Longest Drive (Men/Women)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place (3) Closest to the Pin

**\*There will be a 50/50 RAFFLE & CASINO HOLE to benefit the MWUA Scholarship Fund**

**REGISTRATION:** Register by July 28, 2017 online at: [www.mwua.org](http://www.mwua.org); or complete this form and return to:  
MWUA  
150 Capitol Street, Suite 5  
Augusta, ME 04330  
Fax: (207) 623-9522

**CEREMONY:** Honorable passage of the Lobster Red "Master Scrambler" Jacket

**COST:** \$80.00 per person, including cart, prize fund and buffet.  
(meal cost is \$10.00 per person for those requiring a breakdown)

**MWUA 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CLAMBAKE SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT  
August 9, 2017 at Val Halla Golf Course  
Registration Deadline: July 28, 2017 \*Pre-payment is Required Please**

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 9, 2017  
**PLACE:** Val Halla Golf Course, 60 Val Halla Rd., Cumberland, ME 04102  
**TIME:** Shotgun Start at 8:30 AM  
Barbeque and Awards to follow

		MEMBER #1 CONTACT INFO:		
Team Member #1	Name _____ Company _____	ADDRESS _____		
Team Member #2	Name _____ Company _____	CITY _____	ST _____	ZIP _____
Team Member #3	Name _____ Company _____	PHONE _____		
Team Member #4	Name _____ Company _____	E-MAIL _____		

Payment enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) at \$80.00/person. Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAINE WATER UTILITIES ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL CLAMBAKE  
Thursday, August 10, 2017**

- LOCATION:** THOMAS POINT BEACH, BRUNSWICK, MAINE  
[www.thomaspointbeach.com/home.shtml](http://www.thomaspointbeach.com/home.shtml)
- DIRECTIONS:** Leave U.S. Route 1 at Cook's Corner. Turn left at the traffic light, then immediately turn right onto the road to Thomas Point Beach. \*WATCH FOR THOMAS POINT BEACH SIGNS.
- TIME:** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE (Reservations Required)  
Come before lunch, meet old friends, make new ones. Stop at the entrance gate and inform them that you are attending the MWUA Clambake. It is requested that the serving of alcoholic beverages stop for the remainder of the day when lunch is served.
- REGISTRATION:** Register by July 28, 2017 using the following options:  
 1. online at: [www.mwua.org](http://www.mwua.org)  
 2. or complete registration form and return to the address or fax # below

Jim Wallace  
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**MWUA Annual Clambake Registration  
August 10, 2017 at Thomas Point Beach - Brunswick  
Registration Deadline: July 28, 2017**

- DATE:** THURSDAY, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**PLACE:** THOMAS POINT BEACH, BRUNSWICK, MAINE  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE (Reservations Required)  
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___ Steak Dinner	@ \$42.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$47.00 per person \$ _____
___ Chicken Dinner	@ \$35.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$40.00 per person \$ _____
___ Veggie Burger Dinner	@ \$22.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$27.00 per person \$ _____
___ Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Chips	@ \$12.00 per person \$ _____	@ \$12.00 per person \$ _____
___ Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Chips (16 & Under Free)		
		TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**Bocce Ball Tournament Registration** (no charge) – Tournament begins at 10:00 a.m. and will be limited to 4 or 8 teams.  
 Bocce Ball registration deadline is August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

I am registering a team of 4

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