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Illinois Soil Classifiers Association Newsletter

Spring has finally arrived, and what a winter it was. In Northern Illinois where I work we were unable to take a truck into the field for almost 2 months due to the snow. By nearly all accounts it was the most severe winter in over 30 years. For your reading pleasure I have included in the newsletter a picture of my drill truck on a site that had to be cleared of snow before we could perform a soil test. There was 4 feet of snow in places on this lot.

This year will be very dynamic for the ISCA. Numerous committees are working on issues ranging from on-site waste disposal concerns and regulations to modifications in certification. These proposed certification changes include changes in reporting of CEU's and possibly at a later date proposed changes in required experience to become a Soil Classifier.

We are approaching completion of a standard that Soil Classifiers may utilize to aid in the identification of Waters of the U.S. for surface discharge. Also, at the request of the Illinois State Health Department a suggested interim standard for septic field curtain drain standards is nearing completion.

The development of a new multi-year plan with an approximate timeline to develop these ideas and many others is in draft form and will be released to the membership in the near future. At the core of all this we have an outstanding group of people willing to commit their personal time to make improvements to our organization and industry. I extend my gratitude to those who dedicate some of their own personal time to volunteering, with this organization and others.

Regards,

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Illinois Soil Classifiers Association

ADVANCED HYDRIC SOIL COURSE

June 26-27, 2014



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This is an advanced soils course utilizing both classroom and hands-on field training intended to assist in the identification of hydric soils using Soil Taxonomy and the Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States (Version 7.0). It also enables participants to accurately document soil characteristics using the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (Version 2.0). Although this course will cover the basics of hydric soils for those with less experience, it also will present more difficult examples of identifying hydric indicators of sandy soils and disturbed soils.

WHERE: Visitor Center
James "Pate" Philip State Park
2050 W. Stearns Road, Bartlett IL

COST: \$75.00 (\$35.00 for ISCA Full Members)

REGISTER: www.illinoissoils.org (by Monday, June 23)

Please find an agenda and additional details on the back.

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Field experience in hydric soil determination and wetland delineation is recommended. This course is intended for individuals responsible for hydric soil identification and wetland delineations with previous experience in hydric soil identification.

THURSDAY

8:30 - 9:00 A.M.	Registration
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and Overview • Basic Soil Properties, Soil Taxonomy • Formation of Redox Features • Soils/Landscape and Water Flow • Midwest Supplement soil form • Review of how to use indicators
11:30 A.M. - Noon	Soil Texture Exercise
Noon - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 - 3:30 P.M.	Hydric Soils in the Field (Meet at Outdoor Pavilion)

FRIDAY

9:00 - 9:15 A.M.	Recap of Day 1
9:15 - 9:45 A.M.	Disturbed and Problem Soils
9:45 A.M. - Noon	Field Identification of Indicators (Disturbed and Sandy Indicators)
Noon - 12:15 P.M.	Review of Field Activity
12:15 P.M.	Adjourn

Participants should be prepared for weather conditions, handling soils, and walking to field locations. Please bring a clipboard or notebook for note taking, a Munsell Color Book and shovel.

Topics to be Covered:

- Basic Soil Properties
- Formation of Redoximorphic Features
- Soil and Landscape Relationships
- Water Flow through Soils
- Corps Delineation Manual- Midwest Supplement soil form
- Hydric Soil Field Indicators Guide
- Sandy Soil Indicators
- Disturbed and Problem Soils

Order your ISCA or NRCS gear here: Caps, Hats, and Polo shirts.

Fill out the form below to order new ISCA or NRCS clothing articles. A pdf of this form is also on the ISCA Home Page on the internet. Follow the links in the order form to see details about the style and color choices for each item. You may order as many styles and colors as you wish. The caps, hats and polo shirts will have the ISCA logo embroidered in one color and the NRCS logo in blue and green. The color of the ISCA logo will be coordinated to the color of the item you choose. For example, if you choose a black cap with khaki trim, the logo will probably be embroidered in khaki. The color will be at the discretion of "B & Company Designs."

Be proud of ISCA and order several styles and colors! No "extras" will be ordered, so now is the time! NRCS employees can now order what they want instead of what someone else wants them to wear.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **June 30**

If you wish to save on delivery charges, we ask that you pick up your order at one of the following locations (or make other arrangements with the contact person). If you wish, you may pay an additional fee for mail delivery. Expected delivery date is about July 15. You will receive an e-mail when the orders have arrived.

NE Illinois – Mark Bramstedt, 268 Baltrusol Ct., Yorkville, IL 630-553-0494, mbramstedt@sbcglobal.net

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SE Illinois – Zach Weber, 8048 North 1150th St., Newton, 618-783-2999, zweber@hotmail.com

SW Illinois – Sam Indorante, 708 Solitude Dr., DuQuoin, 618-967-4509, sjindorante@gmail.com

East Central Illinois – Bob McLeese, 1076 Bucks Pond Rd, Monticello, 217-621-7510, r.mcleese@yahoo.com

West Central Illinois – Bob Tegeler, 124 Joan Drive, Divernon, 217-625-7603, r.tegeler@comcast.net



Sample of mid-profile cap. To reduce costs, "illinoissoils.org" will NOT be added to the caps with this order as it was in previous orders.



Logo for left chest area of shirts or the front of hats and caps.

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Please enter the quantity, color, logo and total price for each item. Complete the form and mail with a check payable to "Illinois Soil Classifiers Association" to Mark Bramstedt, 268 Baltrusol Ct., Yorkville, IL. You may also email the form to mbramstedt@sbcglobal.net and snail mail the check to the address above. *Items are offered at our cost with no profit to ISCA or any member.* **ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 30**

Name: _____ Address _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Pick-up Location: _____

For pick-up, circle: NE, NW, SE, SW, E-Central, W-Central, or Delivery

Listed price includes embroidery costs and 7% Illinois sales tax. Add \$2.00 for tall sizes or sizes >XL. Contact Mark Bramstedt (mbramstedt@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

Specify Color, Logo (ISCA or NRCS) Size, and Quantity. To view the items, click on the link or copy and paste it into your browser. Once at the site, you may need to click the image to bring up more color options.

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Ladies Polo L500	http://www.portauthorityclothing.com/servlet/portAuthority?cat=Port-Collection&style=L500					\$24.00	
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- Send information by the last week of the month before the newsletter is scheduled to be published.
- Digital copy in Microsoft Word
- Use as little formatting (indents, bullets, charts) as possible. This increases the work to get it into Publisher. It can be done, but increases work load for the committee.

The Newsletter Committee reserves the right to make edits/ corrections deemed appropriate

Publication Schedule

- Winter (February)
- Spring (May)
- Summer (August)
- Fall (November)



The Illinois Soil Classifiers Association is an organization promoting the wise use of the soil resource. ISCA is made up of professional soil classifiers in public service, private industry, and education and includes students and others interested in preserving soil. A soil classifier maps, describes and interprets soils according to a national system of soil classification. ISCA was established in 1975 and is affiliated with the American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops, and Soils.

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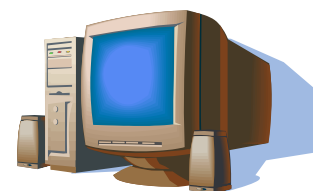
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