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INTERNET SUPPORT

The message board system and email continue to be an extremely effective support tool. For those of you who have not currently logged into the clients section of our web site we encourage you to do so.

As many of you noticed we sent out various emails throughout the support season this year. These emails contained vital update and patch information.

In addition to update information we also send out links for program downloads. Clients with programs like Client Comparison, Taxbase, 706, 709, and 990 were sent email notification with the download links as soon as they where finished.

If you have changed your email please change it on our web site so we can keep you in the loop on programs and changes. If you have questions about what email address we have in our database, feel free to send us an email to support@taxwaresystems.com and we can verify your email information. If you have not registered for a login at www.taxwaresystems.com then we don't have your email address.

WINTAX 1040 IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH WIN98

During the tax season we had a couple of clients trying to run Wintax on the Windows 98 operating system. Four or five years ago the IRS converted the e-file transmission to a secure Telnet system. With this change they stopped supporting Windows 98 unless you went through a major configuration change. The next tax season Taxware decided to no longer support Wintax 1040 on Windows 98. Wintax has grown to the point where trying to support it under Windows 98 or earlier than Windows 2000 service pack four isn't possible.

UPCOMING TAX SEMINARS

We would love to put a name to a face. If you are attending any of the following seminars make sure you come by the exhibit hall and say hello.

- CSEA - Las Vegas May 18-23
- IRS - Las Vegas July 7-8
- IRS - San Diego July 14-15
- IRS - Orlando August 4-5
- IRS - Dallas September 8-9
- NATP - Reno July 20-21
- FTB\IRS - Should have dates soon.
- Taxware - Annual Seminar (dates to be announced)

ENHANCEMENTS

Our goal is to consistently make the software better. We are adding to the software on a continual basis. Here are some of the major additions that we are hoping to get into the system for the upcoming 2009 tax year.

- ✓ **Tax Reports** In addition to Taxbase, we are adding a lot of ready to print reports right into Wintax. The existing Tax Reports screen is going to go through a major overhaul, and the reports themselves will be faster, with a cleaner look, and expanded export capabilities.

- ✓ **MeF** (IRS's Modernized electronic filing system) In the next couple of years the IRS is going to be phasing in a new file format for electronic filing. This is going to be behind the scenes and transparent to you. After they work the kinks out, file transmission and acknowledgments should become more fluid and faster. Full implementation of the 1040 MeF system is probably a few years away but we are getting geared up now.

- ✓ **Corporation Electronic Filing** has been piloted this year with test transmissions and internal testing for the 2008 filing system. If everything continues to test well, we should be able to make this available for the 2009 filing season.

- ✓ **Wintax Letter Formatter** We are pulling the existing letter formatter and replacing it with a new drag and drop style formatter. We are excited about the user interface and think you will really like the ease of setting the fields and font controls.

- ✓ **ELFTracking** Towards the end of the tax season we introduced the first version of the new ELFTracking system. We hope you all were able to take a look and utilize this new tool.   As mentioned when we released it, this was just the starting point. In the 2009 season returns will automatically be added to the tracker, filters have been added to make finding returns extremely easy, and some additional reports will be added. Tracking for up to three different states per e-filed return is also added.

- ✓ **TWOfficeManager** This office management database system was added, and released on a limited basis, last year. This program is designed to help multiple offices communicate tax return data easily. Keeping returns flowing from satellite offices to the main office for transmission, viewing and quality control. There will be more detail coming about this program when its available for official release.

WEBINARS AND TRAINING VIDEO'S

We are going to start holding monthly webinars. These are primarily to help new clients and prospective clients get used to the programs, but also show how to use some of the office management tools and other functions built into Wintax. If you would like to attend a webinar send us an e-mail with the month you would like to attend and we will get back to you as soon as the date is finalized for that month.

In addition to the webinars, over the summer we are going to develop Internet viewable program training. Currently we have the quick Wintax tutorial overview. Next we will be adding an expanded return walk through, a depreciation with Wintax integration video, and a getting approved for electronic filing video. Check the video page of our website in about a month and they will start being posted.

We hope you had a great tax season,

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