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ATTENTION IPSSA MEMBERS

Attention all IPSSA Ft Worth members, just a reminder that the July meeting is not a mandatory meeting. We will be holding a study group for the Appliance Installers Test at La Playa Maya from 6:30 p.m. until it is over. We would like all of the members and employee members to attend. Please bring your NEC 2008 book and labels. The meeting and dinner will be

sponsored by Hayward Pool Products, thank you again Hayward for your continued support. We hope to see all of you there.



Tina Lehmann

Fort Worth Chapter Treasurer

FALLFEST FAMILY FUN DAY

SEPTEMBER 25TH 11AM - 4PM

GEORGE BUSH PARK
PAVILION 3

HOUSTON TEXAS

Jim Jacobsmeyer president of the Houston Chapter invites all members to come down to Houston with your family and have some fun with other IPSSA members. There is food and drink, games and prizes, Representative from various manufacturers have some tables set up. There is a magician for the children, just lots of fun, so if you can, check it out for yourself.



★★ Summer Tips ★★

- Wear sun screen
- Wear hats and other protective clothing
- Drink lots of water



SAVE THE DATE!

Officer Meeting



August 2, 2010

Call Jason for location
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Member Meeting

July 20th 6:30pm



La Playa Maya Restaurant
1540 N. Main Street, Fort Worth
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July 4, 2010 Independence Day



- 1861 Congress authorizes paper money
- 1955 Disneyland opens its doors in rural Orange County
- 1962 Senate rejects medicare for the aged
- 1968 Revolt in Iraq
- 1975 Apollo 18 & Soyuz 19 make first US/USSR linkup in space
- 1980 Ronald Reagan formally accepts Republican nomination for president

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Thank you, contact me with any questions

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IPSSA/ APSP First "Statewide Fishing Tournament" Fundraiser is a great success!

On Saturday, June 5, the Texas chapters of IPSSA and APSP combined forces to host their first ever "statewide fishing tournament" fundraiser. Proceeds from the event exceeded \$2300, and benefited APEC (Aquatic Professionals Education Council), the Texas lobbying group for pool industry professionals.

Why a fishing tournament? "All of the local chapters have golf tournaments," stated Steve French, owner of Travis pool covers, and the committee leader who pulled the event together. "This was a great way to reach other chapter members -like me- who would rather fish than play golf."

A total of 29 teams competed for "largest bass catch" and "largest fish," plus other prizes totaling more than \$18,000. Grand prize was a complete equipment set from Zodiac, valued at nearly \$10,000. Greg Smith (a.k.a "The Swimming Man") and fishing partner JR Waldrop walked away with first prize by landing a 4.27 pound bass. They also picked up a \$500 prize with a 9.6 pound carp which cinched the "largest fish" contest.

Results of both contests are posted online at <http://apspreion3.org/APSP03/1002/298/inside.aspx>.

The vast majority of the prizes were donated by the following industry suppliers and manufacturers throughout the state of Texas:

ZODIAC: A complete equipment set, valued at \$9235

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Tech Tips

SCALE BUILDUP

Of course the short quick answer is that the customer is using the spa a lot, and the water balance has been significantly altered, causing it to scale along the tile line. While that may be part of the answer, I'm not sure that's a complete answer.

I have quite a cross-section of pools -- from new ones, to older ones -- and a lot of them have pool/spa combos. On the older pools, I'd expect that if there was scale build up on the spa tile, there would also be scale on the pool tile, but that's often not the case.

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Time Clock Safety

By Walt Ransom

One of the relatively small things I've encountered in my years of servicing pools is actually quite dangerous. I have come across countless Intermatic time clocks with the insulator shield missing or deteriorated to nothing. I always carry several extra shields with me and put them on in a flash whenever I see

them missing. It would be very easy for someone to get hurt or killed if they accidentally touched the live wires exposed when the insulator is gone. You can even make a little spare change selling them, but the benefit is enormous. Be sure to tell the homeowner you changed it out and why so you'll get the "hero points" in their eyes.



POOL QUIZ



1. Bromine levels should be lower than chlorine in both pools and spas.

- a) True
- b) False

2. Cyanuric acid levels should generally be kept between:

- a) 200-150 ppm
- b) 100-150 ppm
- c) 30-80 ppm
- d) 0-20 ppm

3. The ammonia and nitrogen compounds that combine with chlorine to form chloramines in a swimming pool or spa come from our bodies in the form of what?

- a) Saliva and sweat

- b) Urine and fecal matter
- c) Both A and B
- d) None of the above

4. pH levels above 7.8 can cause what?

- a) Scale
- b) Chlorine to be less effective
- c) Irritation to swimmers
- d) All of the above

5. Trichlor is used for superchlorination because it dissolves so quickly.

- a) True
- b) False

Find answers on page 5

Tech Tips - continued

SCALE BUILDUP – continued

I also have newer pool/spa combos – which I hate to admit – have begun to show some scale on the spa tile, even though the water balance has been correct 90% of the time. But those too do not have any buildup along the pool tile.

Scale buildup we're told, happens for a variety of reasons: water hardness, poor/ inconsistent water balance, excessive mineral deposits, heavy vegetation, bather load, continual high heat, plus a few things that I can't think of. But all of these affect the water for both the pool and the spa. So why is scale showing up in just the spa?

After a lot of thought, my answer is the water level. Most of my pools don't have an auto-fill system. So naturally as the water level goes up and down in the pool, there is no scale deposit line because the water line constantly changes.

But, even as the water line changes in the pool, the water in the spa is always at the same level regardless of how much water is in the pool. (All of my pools have a spa by-pass or a three-way valve that allows the return water to constantly fill the spa.) If the system runs a long time the scale line may be above the level of the overflow. If the system only runs a relatively short time then the scale line is at the overflow point (or slightly below)

The moral of the story is two-fold: first, your spa tile scale line is the first clue that your water may not be as balanced as you think; second, scale can happen in the best cared for pools and scale in the spa can be an early sign of buildup, so brush that tile regularly!

This tech tip by S. Maurice Krumrey originally appeared in the August 2003 issue of the Santa Clara Valley chapter newsletter.

ARE PHOSPHATES ROBBING YOUR CHLORINE?

By Larry Rice

I had been having trouble with a pool maintenance account's water balance, or, more exactly, no matter how much chlorine I added, the next week it would have none. I was adding two to four gallons of liquid, six three-inch tabs, plus had the homeowner adding two gallons between my visits per week. If a week became very hot and the pool was used, it would start to turn green by my next visit. I tried everything. The pH was also becoming a problem (dropping) that compounded the problem. All the other parameters were good, or so I thought.

Then, I remembered a four-gallon case of a phosphate remover (that I purchased about four years earlier from General) was still sitting on a shelf. The deal when I bought it was buy a case and get a phosphate test kit free. Back then, the test kit for phosphate was a little complicated; now a test strip is available. I tested the water, and it had a level of 600 to 800 ppm of phosphate. Normal would be zero, but 0-100 ppm is in an OK range.

The catch is that, after adding the remover, you need to run the filter for 24 to 48 hours and then clean the filter. But, it worked, and pH is back to normal, and I almost always have a chlorine reading on the next visit without the owner's help. Even the water sparkles, "as it should be."

Larry Rice is a member of the IPSSA Delta chapter.



**IPSSA/APSP First "Statewide Fishing Tournament"
Fundraiser is a great success! - continued**

- TEXAS BOAT WORLD:** \$1500 off any 2009 Bass Cat, Triton, or Stingray boat left in inventory
- SUNDEK:** Visa gift cards totaling \$1000
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- CUSTOM CRETE:** Two gift cards, valued at \$150
- DICK'S SPORTING GOODS:** two \$25 gift cards, valued at \$50

The officiation of the event was managed by Jeff Cook and his team of volunteers from the **Faith Anglers Network**. The awards ceremony was handled by Phil Sharp, IPSSA President and Region 9 Director, and Brett Abbott, President of APSP Austin. Food was provided by volunteers from SCP and Superior of Austin. Many other volunteers contributed to the success of the event.

"I'm thrilled with the success of the event," stated Sharp. "It's a great park, we had a great turnout, and everyone agreed they wanted to do this again next year. But we'll probably do it in September, when our members aren't so busy, and the weather's not quite so hot."

WEB TALK

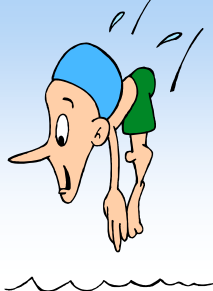
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POOL QUIZ ANSWERS:

- 1.) B
- 2.) C
- 3.) C
- 4.) D
- 5.) B



**NOT IN ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE
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Ken Hamilton - KensPoolRepair@aol.com

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IPSSA President and Region 9 Director Phil Sharp presents Ryan Eugene Pisseri with a \$ 1,000.00 scholarship.



Jasmine Dionne Guess received the other \$ 1,000.00 scholarship from Region 9 Director Phil Sharp.



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Dwight D. Eisenhower



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