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THE POWER OF A DOLLAR

We all know that a dollar doesn't go near as far as it used to. (and it is probably going to get a lot worse) One way that a dollar can make a difference is when it is put together with many more dollars. Pool Corp (SCP) is trying to help us all out by collecting one dollar a month from its customers in Texas for A.P.E.C. This makes more paperwork for them (at no cost to any of us). This money is collected for A.P.E.C. which is

our (all pool guys - builders, service and retail) liaison with the TDLR. However, about 70% of us are refusing to pay this "buck" a month. Apparently, there is still a misconception that A.P.E.C. is promoting and encouraging this licensing and regulation mess. They are not! They are our voice of reason in helping to shape the process so we all get hurt as little as possible and have some type of input in the writing of this legislation. Without A.P.E.C. lobbyist working on our side instead of having R.A.I.L. we just

wouldn't be able to do any type of electrical work. How would you like having to call an electrician every time you changed out a motor, heater, controller, etc.??? So get involved – pay your "buck" and contribute directly to A.P.E.C. If nothing else you have a right to complain about all of this if you are trying to do something about it. If you do not contribute your really don't have that right. Think about it. It's only \$1 a month and its tax deductible.

Splash (Gordon Slagle)
IPSSA Region 9 Secretary

Save the Date!

Officer Meeting

May 3, 2010
Call Jason for location
waterconnection@att.net



Member Meeting

May 18th 6:30pm

La Playa Maya
Restaurant
1540 N. Main Street,
Fort Worth, TX 76106
[click here for map](#)



Other Upcoming Events

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo
May 9th - Mother's Day
May 31st - Memorial Day



BUT EVERYONE DOES IT THIS WAY!

Currently there is a lawsuit against an IPSSA member from someone that stepped into an open skimmer. The lid was removed, as was the basket, while the member was vacuuming the pool. He had run the vacuum hose through the skimmer throat. We've all done it – it takes an extra minute to put the cover back on and then have to remove it again to disconnect the vacuum hose and replace the basket and put the lid back on. Besides what kind of a ----

steps into an open hole, what was this person doing by the pool while it was being serviced? Anyway, it did happen and now the "injured" person is suing. Just something to think about, saving a minute can sometimes cost you a bunch of time and money. Don't count on other people having any common sense or personal responsibility!

SPLASH

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APRIL MEETING

SUPPORTERS PRESENT

Hayward – Keith Coy and Anthony Marinani spoke about the “on command” and “E-Command 4” automation controls.



Zodiac – Dan Warriner



SCP – Dave Stanat, Billy Ferguson and Danny Smith.

Continental Research Corp. – Alan Chilton



Raypak – Jon Gartner



TOM SHEEHY – Crystal Clear Custom Pools – spoke to us about the R.A.I.L. test. He passed it on the second try, some suggestions he made: study the pool section, bonding and grounding are very important, the motor table and stove table in regard to wire size and amperage.

Most important was his suggestion that if you fail the test you should retake it as soon as possible, while everything is fresh in your mind.

Thanks Tom for sharing the info and congratulations on passing your test!

The TDLR website has a “Appliance Installers most Frequently asked Question page” that may offer some good insight.



APEC UPDATE



Will Ainsworth informed us that residential appliance installers license did not exclude working on equipment in commercial locations. It is ok for now to do so. However, certain parties are trying to change this. This points out once again how important it is to support APEC. www.apectexas.org



1. The National Spa and Pool Institute recommends that the cyanuric acid level be kept between?
 - a. 10-30ppm
 - b. 30-60ppm
 - c. 50-70ppm
 - d. 70-100ppm
2. Copper ions will algae growth in spas?
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. pH rises when you add.
 - a. Soda Ash
 - b. Liquid chlorine
 - c. Calcium hypo
 - d. All the above

POOL QUIZ

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4. Which mineral is the most abundant in a concrete pool and is the one most likely to be dissolved by corrosive water?
 - a. Zinc
 - b. Magnesium
 - c. Aluminum
5. A chlorine generator produces chlorine mixture of water what?
 - a. Calcium
 - b. Hypochlorite
 - c. Sodium
 - d. Salt

REGION 9 MEETING



Phil Sharp announcing two scholarships



Region 9 second quarter meeting San Antonio



Phil Sharp our IPSSA President and Region 9 Director celebrates a birthday at the BORD meeting with wife Susan



Phil Sharp presents Doug Dinkins (Houston Chapter) with a \$ 500.00 check for APEC at the April Region 9 meeting



IPSSA BORD meeting May 1, 2010



BORD on board on the San Antonio River

ONLINE TESTING

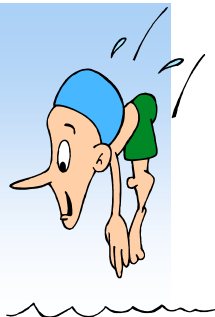


The IPSSA Water Chemistry Certification Exam is based on IPSSA's Basic Training Manual-Part 1. We have training manuals and workbooks available so you can get yourself prepared. Contact us at info@ipssafortworth.com The exam is offered on-line at no cost. To take the exam on-line, write to exam@ipssa.com or call 888-360-9505 to obtain a log-in ID and password.

- When requesting a log-in ID and password, we will need your full name, company name, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and the name of the chapter you wish to join (if known).
- You will receive your log-in ID and password no later than the next business day.
- The IPSSA Water Chemistry Certification Exam contains 50 questions.
- You may refer to your copy of the IPSSA Basic Training Manual-Part 1 when taking the exam, but you only have 60 minutes in which to complete it.
- During the 60 minutes you can go back and change answers. You will not be able to answer any questions after your 60 minutes expire.
- You must get 90% or more of the questions right in order to pass. After you have completed the exam on-line, you will be notified of the results immediately.
- There are a limited number of times you can take the exam with the same log-in ID and password.

POOL QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. c – 50-70ppm
2. a – true
3. c – all the above
4. d – calcium
5. d - salt



NOT IN ATTENDANCE FOR April MEMBER MEETING:

Carefree Pool Service, Aqua Blue Pool Service, Robbie Rogers Swimming Pool Repairs, and Alpine Pool Service

Please call Ken Hamilton at 817 283-2468 if you have any questions.

Standing Rules, Article VII Section B, allows just one absence per calendar quarter, but never two consecutive absences, even in adjacent quarters.

Ken Hamilton - KensPoolRepair@aol.com
Fort Worth Chapter Secretary

WEB TALK



If your information on the IPSSA websites (that includes IPSSA Texas) needs to be updated don't hesitate to contact me.

If you need help with your own website just give me a call or email me, I'll be glad to help you!

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Let me know when there is an event coming up that should be brought to everyone's attention

Ingrid

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IPSSA goes to Washington D.C.

On March 31, 2010 IPSSA Board President Phil Sharp and Outreach Committee member Bob Nichols at the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Pool and Spa Safety Campaign Partner Summit represented IPSSA and the pool service industry.

IPSSA was one of the specific invitees to this summit kicking off a nationwide pool and spa safety campaign scheduled to begin May 2010. The campaign is the result of collaboration with CPSC and Widmeyer Communications, drawing in such organizations as APSP, National Drowning Prevention Alliance, Red Cross, NSPF, Home Safety Council and more than ten other national safety organizations.

IPSSA's specific invitation to this summit meeting is a tribute to IPSSA's efforts in pool and spa safety. Community safety fairs and our sponsorship of the NDPA, along with our involvement in the VGB Pool & Spa Safety Act education are just a few the items that have been successful for IPSSA's safety program.

Widmeyer Communications has developed a timeline for this project that provides for materials development through April 2010, and beginning campaign activities and outreach from May to November. The public safety campaign will be focused on achieving one specific goal, a reduction in drowning and entrapment deaths in pools and spas in the United States.

This campaign will offer IPSSA members the opportunity to participate in a national effort of a magnitude that has never been seen in the industry. By utilizing the resources of the many organizations involved at the summit meeting this CPSC project has all the potential to make a true difference in preventing pool and spa tragedies.

As more information becomes available we will forward it to your Regional Director and Chapter Presidents.



Phil Sharp IPSSA President, Assistant Director of CPSC and Bob Nichols

NATIONWIDE POOL & SPA SAFETY MONTH

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