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MEMBER MEETING



Jamie Pittman with Steller Sales introduces us to Barry Driks the General Manager for "Jack's Magic".

Barry conducted an abridged "Certified Stain Specialist Program" having to do with identification and treatment of stains using Jack's Magic products. Upon completion of an open book test members will

receive certification, which will allow them to receive a 5% discount on Jack's Magic products.

Thanks, Jamie and Barry for the information that will help us all be better at our job.

Jamie Pittman – Steller Sales – 214-507-5658

Barry Driks – Jack's Magic – 727-243-8650



SAVE THE DATE!

Officer Meeting



October 4, 2010
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Member Meeting



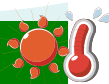
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La Playa Maya Restaurant
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Historical Facts



September 11, 2001



From the Treasurer

First off I want to send a big thank you to Jamie Pittman with Stellar Sales and Barry Driks with Jack's Magic for a great training session and stain certification class last month. If you missed it you really missed out. We also had a wonderful study session in July with Tom Sheehy and Paul Nelson. Thanks again guys you are great.

We are thinking of doing a membership drive in October at SCP and at Superior. I need volunteers to help with the setup, breakdown and socializing. If you are interested please call me for details. If you are a supporter and would like to contribute anything contact me as well.

It is getting to be that time of year that we need to start thinking of conditioning the pools and spas for fall. Filters need to be cleaned, heaters need to be tested, and pool covers may need to be repaired or prepared where occasion calls for it.

When cleaning the filters, little things you might want to have handy are pressure

gauges and main drain plugs. I don't know how many times I have gotten to a filter and the job is complete except for the pressure gauge. (frustration!) Also for DE filters, don't forget the little things like new push pull or multiport valve replacement o-rings.

This is also the time to look around the pool and be aware of the leaf and debris that may be a problem in the fall/winter season. Make any new homeowners aware of the responsibilities that they need to be doing during the season. Like emptying the skimmer and pump baskets in between visits. Also check that the freeze guard is working, by putting the temperature probe in a cup of ice water. These little things now may make an easier fall and winter season.

These are just a tip of the iceberg of things that you as the pool professional may want to be prepared for on what may be an incredible fall season. Please come to the meetings to get more tips and share them with your fellow IPSSA members. See you there.

Tina Lehmann

Ft. Worth Chapter Treasurer

POOL QUIZ

1. Bromine is not preferred in spas as a sanitizer because it does not stand up well to high temperatures.
 - a) True
 - b) False
2. When taking a water sample from a pool for testing:
 - a) The filtration pump should be on
 - b) Take the sample near the return lines
 - c) Sample the water from 18 inches below the surface
 - d) Both A and C
3. You need to raise or lower the total alkalinity in a pool or spa depending on the type of chlorine that you are using.
 - a) True
 - b) False

4. You will need to add cyanuric acid annually to your pools if you use which of the following chlorines exclusively in your pools
 - a) Trichlor
 - b) Cal hypo
 - c) Liquid
 - d) Both B and C



5. If you pour muriatic acid into a pool standing in one spot, which will you affect the most?
 - a) pH
 - b) Sanitizer
 - c) Pool plaster
 - d) Total alkalinity

Find answers on page 5



Jack Szymczak with Shymrings Pools shows off the new design of the aluminum POOL STICK. A great tool for you service guys. If you are interested, please contact Jack – 817-741-4334.



Jennifer, Keith and Brad with Hayward where at our last member meeting. Hayward has always been a great supporter of IPSSA.

August Meeting

Dan Warriner with Zodiac and Jason Lehmann our Fort Worth chapter president at our last member meeting



Our official auctioneer Greg Clark get as much as he



can for a Wholesale Distributors of Swimming Pool Supplies and Equipment donated pole – net and 50 lb. bucket of chlorine tablets.

Ed Campbell, Jet Lines' manager is our newest Fort Worth chapter supporter. Thank you Ed



HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR IPSSA

The new plans are available through CPR and enrolling now!

CPR is an Administrative Services Outsourcing organization (ASO) designed to fill gaps where HR, Risk Management, Consulting, Insurance & Wellness, and Support Services may be needed to improve the business' bottom line as well as the work-health-life balance of owners, employees, and their family members.

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The following is the link for the website.

http://www.virtualbenefitsgroup.com/VBGWebsite_files/Page2052.htm

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POOL QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. B - False
2. D - Both A and C
3. A - False
4. D - Both B and C
5. D - Total alkalinity



INDUSTRY NEWS

Manslaughter Trial Set for Pool Builder

By Rebecca Robledo | 8.5.2010

A pool builder accused of causing a 6-year-old boy's death is set to stand trial Oct. 5. In July 2007, Zachary Archer Cohn was entrapped and drowned at his Greenwich, Conn., home after his arm became stuck in a drain. The single suction outlet was located about 3 feet from the top of a spa dam wall. A year later, David Lionetti, owner of Stamford, Conn.-based Shoreline Pools, was arrested and charged with second-degree manslaughter. Authorities alleged that he purposely flouted state building codes requiring a safety

WEB TALK

If your information on the IPSSA needs to be updated don't hesitate to contact me. Please sign up for our newsletters go to www.ipssatexas.com

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Welcome New Member



Tara Berry Butts with Backyard Blues Pool Service has joined our chapter. Welcome to the team Tara.



Dave Stanat with SCP announces special deals are available to IPSSA members at the Fort Worth branch 817-595-0525

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vacuum release system on the pool. Lionetti pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison. Lionetti's attorney announced last month that the pool builder has decided to go before a judge rather than a jury.

"The issue is very emotional. It's such a horrible tragedy," said Richard Meehan, senior partner with the Bridgeport, Conn., firm Meehan Meehan & Gavin. "In a court trial rather than a jury trial, our hope is that emotion won't cloud the issue."

In 2004, Connecticut adopted the International Code Council's model codes stipulating that SVRS's should be required on all pools. But Meehan said the state didn't notify builders quickly enough.

"The change in the code was put into effect Sept. 1, 2004, but it's unclear when it was published," Meehan said. "There's some suggestion it wasn't published until the end of 2005."

The Cohns' pool was permitted in June 2005. The pool was built according to the state code immediately prior, Meehan said, and it did not require dual drains or SVRS's.

"There was not a lot of information available to people

















alerting them to what the code changes were," Meehan said. "For example, building inspectors were unaware of it. This pool had been inspected three times, and then ultimately a certificate of occupancy had been provided for this pool by the Greenwich Building Department. ... When the building inspector doesn't know about it, how does a pool company necessarily know about it?"

Meehan also plans to raise a whole other question in the hearings. "The bigger issue, which I think is really critical for [the pool] industry, is that Shoreline Pools employed over 300 people," he said. "Why is the president of this company being called to task? It's not him who necessarily designed the pool and did all the work on the pool."

Zachary Cohn's parents also filed suit against Shoreline Pools and eight other parties. But the civil trial will not take place until after the criminal proceedings. In the suit, Brian and Karen Cohn claimed that Shoreline knew the drain cover was loose.

Meehan said that isn't true. "Shoreline had sent somebody out to replace the cover when it came off, but they were never informed that it had come off a second time," he said. "Apparently it had come off the day the little boy died. But Shoreline wasn't called — nobody informed Shoreline of that."

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