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California Capitol Report

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT **CPUC Kicks Off Proceeding** to De-Carbonize Buildings **TODD STARNER**

Are Gas Pool Heaters Targeted?

By John Norwood

Director of Government Relations, California Pool & Spa Association

Many years ago, SPEC, now CPSA, was founded in part to respond to a proposed ban on gas fired pool heaters. Now, 40 years later, the swimming pool and spa industry may be facing another challenge on the same topic.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) just announced a new proceeding to examine various initiatives aimed at de-carbonizing buildings to meet California statues requiring a reduction in greenhouse gases 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, and mandating carbon neutrality by 2045 or sooner.

The Commission started this proceeding to implement SB 1744 passed last session by the California Legislature. Noting that "the electricity and heating fuels used in buildings are responsible for a quarter of California's GHG emissions and

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1. Tell us about yourself

and energy to help IPSSA and the pool and spa

industry thrive. We encourage all IPSSA members to



contribute to indoor and outdoor air pollution," SB 1477 requires the Commission to oversee the development of two new building decarbonization programs,

- Building Initiative for Low Emissions Development (BUILD)
- Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH).

In addition, another bill passed in 2018, AB 3232, requires the CEC to assess the potential for reducing GHG emissions from buildings by at least 40% below 1990 levels by

The combination of these two new statutes encouraged the CPUC to expand the scope of its proceeding to look broadly at ways it can use its authority and incentives to address de-car-Continued on page 18 ioined IPSSA in 2006.

From the first introduction to IPSSA he hit the road running. He helped formed the 2nd IPSSA Chapter in Florida. He transferred into other chapters as they were forming to teach and lead the newly elected leaders. While Florida was a part of Region 9, he never missed a regional meeting. So much involvement, Todd won the Person of the Year Award for Region 9 in 2010.

One of Todd's leadership role with IPSSA was Vice President of Manasota Florida. After the president resigned, Todd took over as president and has never looked back. In 2012, Todd became the first director of region 11 and served as the expansion chair. Todd served as vice-president then on to two terms as president of IPSSA. Todd's contributions to membership expansion is realized by the hard work and volunteer hours he applies in his region and to other regions.

Todd sits on the FSPA board to help navigate the state government's regulations.



April 2019

Terry Cowles 2019 Award Winner, Todd Starner and Isabelle Starner.

Text Message Scams – Don't Fall Prey

By Rose Smoot, IOM, CAE

IPSSA's Executive Director Have you received this type of a text? "I'll need you to make payment to a vendor as soon as possible. Let me know if you are available so I can have the beneficiary detail sent to you. STOP!! DON" T RESPOND, even it appears from someone or some entity you have relations. This is what is known as SMISHING.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) this is a new breed of identity theft scams known as "smishing." Similar to "phishing" scams authentic-looking emails that appear to be from the victim's bank, government agencies, or other well-known organizations, such as IPSSA for example. "Smishing" scams are text messages sent to mobile phones. While the risks of smishing scams are potentially devastating, the defense is simple. According to the FTC, "Just don't text back."

How the Scammer Sets the



Rose Smoot

Cybercriminals are trying to lure you into providing account information – such as a login name, password or credit card info- by tapping a link that takes you to a website. Here they can get enough information to steal your identity by just asking a few questions via text message.

Some examples of what those text messages might look like

- Dear customer, Wells Fargo needs you to verify your PIN #.
- "IRS Notice: Tax return file overdue! Click her to enter your

information to prevent being prosecuted.

- Beautiful weekend coming up, wanna go out? Julie gave me your number. Check out my profile here: [URL]
- Your entry last month has WON. Congratulations! Go to [URL] and enter your winning code -1122- to claim your \$1,000 Best Buy gift card!

How to Deal with Smishing Scam Messages

The FTC advises not to be fooled by smishing scam texts messages. Remember this:

- None of the government agencies, banks, or other legitimate businesses will ever request personal financial information via text messages.
- Take your time. Smishing scams work by creating a false sense of urgency by demanding an immediate response.
- · Never click on any links or call any phone numbers in unso licited text or email messages.

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➤ Filter Maintenance ➤ Increase Filter Run Times **➤** Check Conditioner Levels

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A Message from the President

By David Hawes

IPSSA President, Region 1 Director

Hi Everyone. Another month has flown by and we have had the unofficial start of the season. The Western Pool & Spa show has always represented the end of Winter hibernation and the beginning of Spring/Summer craziness that will occupy all of our lives for the next few months. The show was a great mix of education and exhibits showing products that we all can use. I know we all have busy schedules, but I want to encourage all of you to take advantage of these opportunities to stay on top of all things pool and spa related. One of my favorite parts of attending the show, is to reconnect with so many folks that I have gotten to know over the years (yes, a lot of years). While the pool industry has a large footprint, it is still

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very much a small family. The relationships we build while running our business tend to transcend cleaning pools and repairing heaters, to developing lifelong friendships. These are the more important things in life, and I hope you appreciate and value them. I was also able to connect with several IPSSA members and talk about our Association. I appreciate the input all of you gave me regarding how we are



doing as leaders, and the suggestions for how to improve what we Continued on page 5

No Correct February Quiz

Unfortunately, we didn't mended ranges. Answer: A. True. receive any 100% correct responses to the February Education Corner quiz. Remember to email your answers to editor@ipssa.com by the 20th of each month!

The correct answers for February were:

1. A pool is said to be "in balance" when the pH, alkalinity, calcium hardness, TDS and temperature are all with the recom-

2. The two basic things that we need to test in the water are: Answer: B. Sanitizer and water balance

3. A gallon of muriatic acid (hydrochloric acid 31.4%) is equal to how many pounds of dry acid (sodium bisulfate)? Answer: C. 10.0 (pounds)

4. Total alkalinity does not affect the speed of pH change in the water. Answer: B. False

IPSSA Logo

Education

All members who mail an entry with the correct answers will become eligible for a drawing at the end of the month for IPSSA logo gear. All correct entries will go into a year-end drawing for other IPSSA merchandise. IPSSA members are the only eligible participants and only one entry per month is permitted. Each month, the winner of the drawing will be published in The IPSSAN. Entries for this month must be received by MAY 20, 2019.

- 1. Low total alkalinity will cause the pH to be unstable.
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 2. HOBr (hypobromous acid) is the killing form of bromine.
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 3. OTO (ortho-tolidine) reagent is cancer causing according to NIOSH and OSHA.
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 4. What is the Saturation Index for the following water test results? pH 7.5, total alkalinity 120 ppm, calcium hardness 300 ppm, TDS 1100 ppm and temperature 80° F.
 - A. -0.1
 - B. +0.1
 - C. 0.00
 - D. +0.2

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IPSSA Quiz, P.O. Box 3367, Rocklin, CA 95677 Or email to: editor@ipssa.com

Entries for this month must be received by MAY 20, 2019.

Calendar of Events

April 5-7 Fishing with FPSIE (Foundation for Pool & Spa

Industry Education)

Family Campout & Fishing Derby Camanche Lake Reservoir

South Shore, 11700 Wade Lane, Valley Springs, CA Information: www.fishingwithfpsie.org

916-922-8895; info@fpsie.org

April 18 Nuts 'n Bolts - Santa Clara IPSSA Chapter's 27th

Annual Showcase / 5:00-8:30 p.m.

Scuba Pool Repair, 800 Cristich Lane, Campbell, CA Information: Fred Doering, fredoering@gmail.com

April 24 Sacramento City IPSSA Chapter

Mini Trade Show BBQ

6-8:30 p.m., Leisure Supply, 4660 Pell Drive,

Sacramento, CA 95838

Charity Golf Tournament - Supporting Combat April 26 **Wounded Veterans**

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Lincoln, CA 95648 Register: www.waterforawarrior.org

Info: Jennifer Bishop 916-257-8236

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

REGION 1 - East Bay: Dan Marcotte... Delta: Jeffrey Pellerin... Sacramento City: Michael Nelson... REGION 2 -Conejo: Victor Rodriguez... Visalia: Chio Saeteurn... REGION 5 - Orange County #9: Frank Vasquez... Orange County Pool Professionals: Alex Tkachenko... REGION 7 – San Diego East County: Louis Finger... San Diego: Kevin Harwood... **REGION 8 – East Valley:** Adam Rudolph, Jerry Handley, James Southwood... **REGION 9 – Hill Country:** Mark Cancel... **Clearlake:** Matthew Hunter... **REGION 10 – Monterey Coast:** Neil O'Laughlin... REGION 11 - Sarasota: Brian Gill.

Financial office thanks chapters with prompt payments

The Financial Office thanks the following 41 chapters, whose members all paid promptly in February before second notices were

Region 1 – East Bay, Delta, Sacramento City, West Placer, Elk

Grove, El Dorado, East Contra Costa

Region 2 – Bakersfield, Conejo

Region 3 – Santa Clarita

Region 4 – Central Los Angeles

Region 5 - Anaheim, Dana Point, North Orange County, Orange County #9, Yorba Linda, Tustin/Irvine, Orange Coast, Orange County Pool Professionals

Region 6 – Hemet, Riverside, Redlands, Temecula/Murrieta, Ontario/Rancho Cucamonga, Menifee Valley

Region 7 –Rancho del Mar

Region 8 - Western Las Vegas, Scottsdale, West Valley, Henderson

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Council Board Meeting

Submitted by Joe Lukacik

IPSSA liaison for N.C.P. Location: Washington, D.C. Highlights of the February 15th N.P.C. BOARD meeting -Washington D.C.

- Education: Yvette Gammon reported progress on the plaster start up classes - the proper way to do a start up on plaster pools. They are in the process of training more instructors.
- Membership Committee: N.P.C. continues to grow. Total members as of 2/1/2019 is 553. Since 6/1/2018 55 new members have joined. As stated earlier, I will be working with Yvette Gammon and Taylor White to aid in the promotion of N.P.C to the IPSSA BORD. This will enable us to assist in building our memberships and relationships between the two organizations.
- Marketing Committee: N.P.C. is currently updating their website. A review will be con-

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ducted on the website by the Technical Advisory Committee before releasing to the public.

• Research Committee: Lee Valenzuela (chair) indicated there won't be any more chemical testing at the Cal Poly pools. More information to come on the removal of the pools at Cal Poly.

While at the board meeting. Joe Lukacik, long standing IPSSA member and liaison, connected with Taylor White of N.P.C. Both gentlemen are going to be working together on communication channels between IPSSA and N.P.C and how to help get the message out about N.P.C to more IPSSA members. Joe Lukacik will be working with Yvette Gammon of N.P.C. on new marketing messaging strategies sometime in April.

The next scheduled N.P.C. meeting will be held in San Diego, April 11-13, which Joe Lukacik plans to attend.

Report on National Plasterers | Water Tech team takes on fitness challenge for swimsuit season

well-known Pool Blaster battery operated pool cleaners, recently decided to have a company-wide 'fitness challenge' to get ready for summer. Fitting for our industry, the goal is for everyone in the company to be ready for summer fashion, including swimsuits! With more than 99 percent participation, just about everyone at Water Tech took the challenge. Each employee created a unique goal to lose a certain number of pounds or body fat. "We combined all of our person-

Water Tech, manufacturer of al goals to set an overall company goal to be accomplished by Memorial Day weekend, for the start of the summer swim season" says Marissa Gill, Human Resources Manager for Water Tech and organizer of the fitness challenge. The fitness challenge kicked off in January of 2019 and already employees have achieved more than 70 percent of their company goal. "People are running at lunch, taking more walking breaks throughout the day and even using our products as weights to increase their muscle mass," says Guy Erlich, President of Water Tech. "It is so encouraging and hilarious seeing people 'curl' our Pool Blaster at their desks while speaking to customers on the phone!"

"Water Tech is going to kick off the summer season with a big pool party to celebrate our improved, company-wide fitness achievements," says Erlich. "Our success so far makes me confident this team is going to be ready for a summer of swimming and exercise as we are sure to achieve our fitness goals!"

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President's Message

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have. We are doing our best to make changes that help IPSSA move forward with quality benefits for all of our members. This is a challenging task at times, and our Board of Directors are working hard to meet budgets and set in place the different processes needed for sustainability. When you have a chance, thank all your volunteer leaders for their tireless work. IPSSA would not survive without their involvement and commitment to the organization.

You may be seeing some changes in the billing statements soon. Don't panic. We are trying to have our financial reports be more transparent and have your invoices reflect a more balanced look at what you pay for every month.

Our Executive Director, Rose Smoot, continues to educate your BORD on how to better execute our responsibilities. We are fortunate to have such an experienced member of our team, helping us operate IPSSA. She has an excellent staff at her disposal, and our Social Media presence has increased substantially with their help. She is committed to working on the website issues that have been expressed by so many of you, and while that project has not been completed, I want all of you to know it is one of our top priorities.

I want to encourage all of you to let us know how we can better serve you, and what improvements you would like to see in IPSSA. Each of us on the BORD operate in a bit of a bubble and at times are so involved in the small sphere we operate, that the big picture becomes a little hazy. Not

everything can be accommodated or done in an instant, but your entire BORD wants to make sure we are meeting your needs, and we welcome input. We are a large organization and sometimes it is difficult to keep a pulse on the membership, so speak up or email us and let us know. The contact information for your leaders can be found inside the back page of your IPSSAN. I also want to encourage those of you that have never got involved in a leadership role to step up. If you are noticing the same names in charge of chapters or regions, it is because there are a lot of the same people doing the leading. While there is work involved in stepping up, every volunteer that has been committed to IPSSA has found it rewarding and worth the time. Relationships are built and a sense of pride in what you accomplish as a leader are just some of the benefits. If you are thinking about jumping into the ring, contact a chapter board member or a Director. We would love to discuss it with you. It may not be easy, but nothing of value ever is. One of my favorite auotes is:

The difference between involvement and commitment is like ham and eggs. The chicken is involved; the pig is committed. There is no better feeling than doing well while you are doing good. If you really want to meet the nicest, most caring people in your field, get involved.

Stay tuned

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Hey Ray!

Answers to recent questions asked to IPSSA's insurance broker



By Ray Arouesty

Ray Arouesty is Senior Vice President of Arrow Insurance/ HUB International and IPSSA's endorsed insurance provider. He can be reached at (800) 833-3433 or ray.arouesty@hubinternational.com.

This month's question is from a member in Region 1 in Northern California.

"I'm selling my pool route and have found a buyer and signed paperwork. The deal will close at the end of the month and I'm planning on then dropping my IPSSA membership. Do you have any advice before I head for the golf course?"

Answer:

Congratulations on the sale and your plans. But before you drop your IPSSA membership consider that general liability insurance covers you only for occurrences that happen while you are insured. That's usually not a concern while you are working and are an active IPSSA member. But what if someone is entrapped or receives an electric shock in a pool after you retired and canceled your membership? You could find yourself sued and without insurance coverage for injuries from work that you did in the past. Your responsibility would not just be limited to a judgment, but for your legal defense fee as well.

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Ray Arouesty, J.D. is Senior Vice President of Arrow Insurance Service, a division of HUB International Insurance Services Inc.

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Prices for the classes range from \$19.95 to \$259, with most in the \$19.95 category. And, IPSSA members will be rebated 35% of their class fee upon completion.

Policy on IPSSA mailing list

The IPSSA general membership mailing list will not be given out to anyone including members, associate members or outside organizations. This policy has been established to protect members from possibly being placed on inappropriate and or indiscriminate lists.



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pool without it

(and water)

IPSSA Education Fund

The IPSSA Board of Regional Directors unanimously approved the new guidelines for the IPSSA Education (formally Scholarship) Fund, January 17, 2019. IPSSA Education Committee is charged with identifying educational needs at various industry trade shows.

The IPSSA Education Fund – Advancing Professional Training and Education in the Swimming Pool and Spa Industry

The Independent Pool and Spa Service Association (IPSSA), established in 1988, was formed to promote educational opportunities and provide business resources to its membership.

Scholarships through the IPSSA Education Fund are available to all self-employed swimming pool/spa service technicians in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, and Texas. Based on the group class setting.

Funding is provided for qualified group classes through the IPSSA Education Fund. Those taking qualified group class will receive a DISCOUNTED ENROLLMENT FEE BASED ON A SUBSIDY PROVIDED BY THE FUND. The following classes qualify, but are not limited to, under these guidelines:

- Certified Pool Operators (CPO)
- Aquatics Facility Operator (AFO)
- Contractor license schools
- And whatever other courses the committee deems appropriate

Qualified group classes may be offered at INDUSTRY TRADE SHOWS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: The Desert, Orlando, PIE and Southwest Trade Shows.

If you have any questions about the program, please inquire info@ipssa.com or call 888-360-9505. Press 6

Mission Statement: IPSSA Scholarship [Education] Fund is to advance professional training and education of the Self-Employed Swimming Pool and Spa Service and Repair Professional by subsidizing group classes that will expand his/her knowledge of their profession.

Pentair offers incentive program for IPSSA

By Steve Zorn

Steve Zorn is California regional sales manager for Pentair.

All of us at Pentair Aquatic Systems appreciate the support of the IPSSA membership. We are pleased to offer IPSSA a rebate incentive based on the individual product purchases of each member.

Pentair will reimburse IPSSA one dollar (\$1.00) for each whole good that a member purchases throughout the year. The listing of qualifying whole goods are the same that are listed in Pentair's PIP program, but basically pumps, filters, heaters, heat pumps, cleaners, automation systems, IntelliChlor and colored lights

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ipating distributors purchase details, or direct from the member purchases for the rebate accumulation.

If a member does not register, their purchases will not qualify and cannot be added later.

The Pentair Incentive Program dates reflect purchases made from October 1 thru September 30, 2019.

This program does not affect

any member purchases that may also currently be individually enrolled in our PIP program.

If dealers have any questions

If dealers have any questions regarding the program, please have them dial 800-693-0171 and speak with their Program Coordinator.

Dick Nichols, IPSSA's past Region 10 director, commented, "This partnership is a perfect match between the largest swimming pool service organization and the largest manufacturer of pool products. The funds generated will be used for IPSSA's continuing education and research programs."



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What You Need-Where You Need It When You Need It

Richard asks:

1) How many times have you heard the public say they have a salt pool, no chlorine? They are still called alternative chlorine systems. Very misleading by our industry.

John Bokor responds:

All the time! My favorite comment is when the customer walks into the pool store and says "I have a salt pool, cause I'm allergic to chlorine.

I agree that "alternative chlorine systems" is misleading.

Though it is frustrating at times, as an industry, we must continue to educate pool owners about Chlorine Generators (NOT salt generators- they do not make salt) and what their job is. Water balance, oxidizing swimmer/ organic waste, the prevention of de-plating issues, corrosion, and scaling issues that can take place

because of how the device works. Things like: non-chlorine oxidizers, sacrificial anodes, and the addition of borate can be huge assets for the salt pool owner. It's up to us (the industry professionals) not the Google box or a smart phone to relay this message to pool owners.

Richard asks:

Are you noticing that conditioner neutralizers are affecting test methods but not necessarily removing the conditioners?

John Bokor responds:

This question is still up for considerable debate. I have yet to find a sustained CYA reduction with the use of these products. More practical field testing needs to be done. I will say that there are chlorine tablets and shocks

industry.

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that contain less, or no CYA, that will decrease, or not contribute the rise of CYA. The methods I know of that are proven for CYA removal (like RO) can be extremely expensive. Dilution, or water removal still seems to be the most cost effective method for removing/ reducing CYA for most pool owners.

John Bokor is Regional Sales Manager for Haviland Pool and Spa. He also is an industry speaker and YouTube channel

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A Reflection: 30 Years of Experience, 30 Years in Business

By Dirk 'Steve' Holcomb

President, Water Savers Company

As I was recently paying our Associate Membership dues for the 30th consecutive time, I was asked to reflect on our thirty years in the Business of Leak Testing and Repair of Pool & Spa Leaks and the changes we have seen over three decades.

The Swimming Pool Industry that we are all part of has many areas of expertise and specific trades. From the Engineers that draw the plans, to the builders that build the pools and the contractors that do the decks, the steel, the excavation, the plumbing, electrical, surface, tile and so on. Then, of course, we have the service companies, repair companies, and so on. Oh, I must not forget the suppliers that build the equipment and all else.

Leak Testing is a niche and typically falls into the service category. It is a given that over time all pools and spas will leak and present performance issues. Hopefully, this does not occur

when a pool or spa is new. Generally, problems become more frequent as the pool ages. It is also a given that the more complex a pool or spa is, the more likely problems will develop.

Let us turn back the clock, and bear with me as I paint a little background on how I started and how the current Leak Testing Niche developed: I started out cleaning pools in Palm Springs in the mid 1970's. Lots of very early pools in Palm Springs, and now that I look back on it, I think most of the pools, I cleaned, leaked or at least had performance issues. I may be exaggerating, but lots of pools with lots of problems. American Leak Detection was founded by Dick Rennick and started out with their franchise system in Palm Springs, testing houses, and various plumbing systems and then started with testing pools and spas for leaks.

As far as I know, American Leak Detection was the first, of any large-scale Companies specializing in Leak Testing, certainly in Southern California. There may have been others, but they helped launch a specialized field which has in turn inspired other companies to eventually help build an Industry which has provided thousands of jobs and, of course, provided countless help to Pool & Spa owners. True Pioneers, our hats should tip to American Leak Detection.

The early days were interesting, the equipment was in its infancy. I can remember getting up early and cleaning the rust from the plugs for the day's work ahead. Most of the early test products came over from the plumbing Industry. Lance Anderson had been making plugs for testing radiators and made some of the early plugs for the Leak Testing of Pools and Spas.

I started Water Savers Company in 1989. Several years later, I started making my own plugs for our company, and sevother Leak Testing eral Companies asked me for some, and that is when we started Starlight Manufacturing with our own plugs and test supplies, which we continue to sell to many Leak Testing Professionals all over the Country.

Testing the pools in the early days was routine. We had simple pools and spas, return lines, skimmer lines, structure etc. In the 1970's, the pool & spa combination style pools really took off. The flow control valves at first, were gate valves, then Ortega style valves and finally the Jandy style that we have today. One thing I think changed for sure is the complexity of pools. Today, it seems like the pools and spas are getting very complex. In the

beginning, testing a few lines, checking the light and structure could be done in a routine and speedy fashion. Today, we have pools with multiple pumps, features, pebble surfaces and so on. Just looking at a pebble surface pool for cracks is not enough. Sometimes the cracks can be almost invisible. You must really dive into the pool and carefully look, even then it is easy to miss something. Lots of calls today concern performance issues. Spas above pools: "Why is the spa dropping down?", "Is it a leak or because of valve issues?" These are sometimes not that easy to figure out. Then we have the age factor. Here in Southern California, we still have lots of pools with old copper plumbing, especially older apartment buildings. Convincing an owner that replacing the copper with PVC, is the best option can be difficult. But I have seen copper plumbing repaired multiple times in multiple areas over the years, in a quest to save a buck.

In the early days, pagers were used to reach us in the field. Your pager would go off and then you needed to run and find a pay phone. Early cell phones, as we old timers remember, were large and not something you could carry in your pocket like today. Most of the time we used answering services, who would page us or whom we could call a few times a day to get messages. Of course, most (all?) companies today have smart phones. Just this year, I finally bit the bullet and turned in my old flip phone for a smart phone. Just had to do it, I guess...

When I started, coming from a service background, I don't remember any, or hardly, any cracks in pools. Over the years we have seen lots of situations. This is just a wild guess, but I think I am seeing more cracks in pools and structure issues today. Lots of customers want the pool fixed-so cracks don't happen again. However, convincing a customer that there is no guarantee that cracks won't reappear is the honest, but difficult thing, to do. Repair of cracked pools and structure issues has almost become a sub-specialty trade of the leak testing niche. I have seen brand new pools crack. In the old days, I don't remember ever talking to a Civil Engineer who knew anything about pool problems. However, today, it is important that the customer have some type of access to an academically trained professional.

Thirty years ago, I cannot recall getting calls from real estate agents, asking for a pool inspection. Typically, today, we field at least one call a week from realtors, asking to have a pool inspected. It is not my place to advise my fellow Pool Industry Professionals on what to do; however, just remember the Liability factors involved in evaluating a pool-or inspection-as the realtors like to call it and putting your findings in writing.

Any of us that have a few employees, or a sizable company has had rough days, and of course rough customers. Independent Pool Professional can be independent and of course opinionated. In the old days, if you had a

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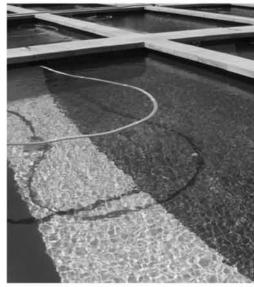
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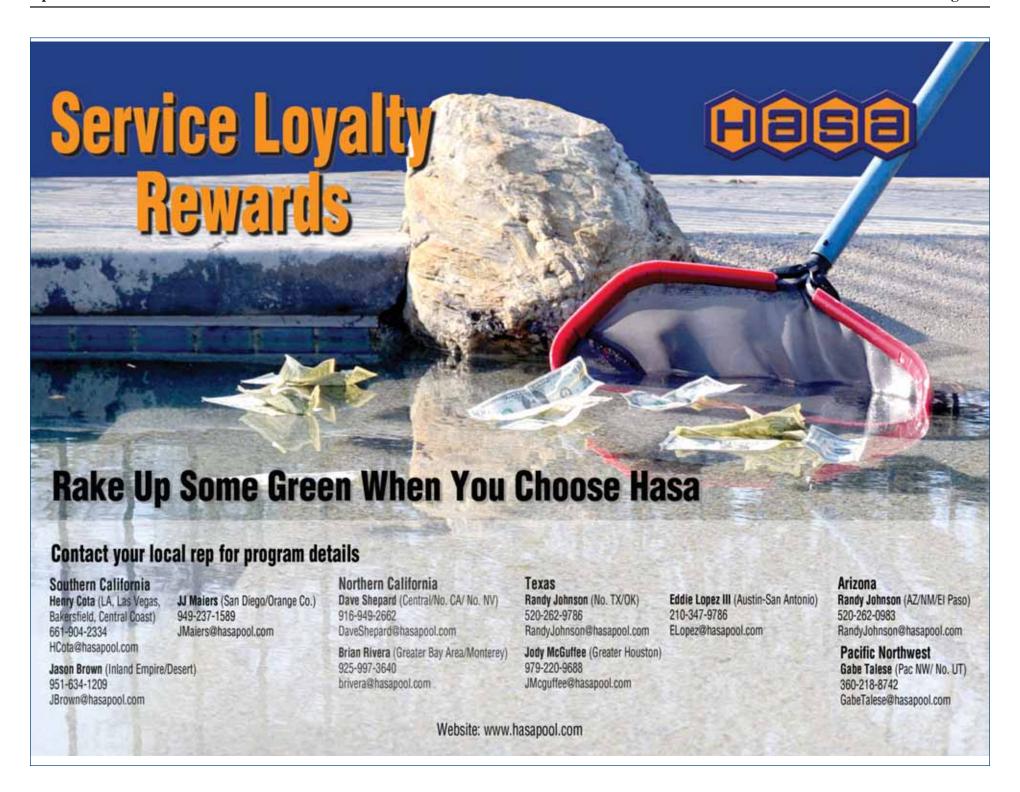




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REGION 1



David Hawes Region 1 **Northern California**

David grew up in Newark, CA, where he started his pool company at age 10, servicing pools on his bicycle. His parents

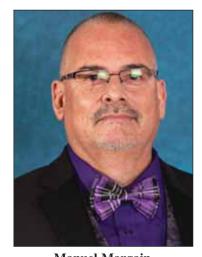
ran a Retail Store for many years. His company grew to service 1000 pools with 2 locations. He has helped many employees start their own pool service business. He has operated his current business in Dublin CA for the past 20 yrs. He received his BS degree in Finance and Accounting and worked at HP as a corporate accountant for 6 months, while servicing pools on the week end. "I would look out my office at HP and think, I would rather be outside." He is a nationally recognized speaker and delivers business seminars throughout the country at pool related venues. He has been married for 37 years to wife Paulette, who he met when they were both 13 yrs. old.

Has a son and a daughter, and 3 Grandchildren. He has been a member of IPSSA since inception and served as the Director of Region 1 and CFO in 1992-1993. President of IPSSA 2018/2019. He has been a chapter officer almost his entire tenure in the organization. Hobbies include fishing in Alaska, dirt bike riding, and vacationing in Hawaii. Currently live in Folsom, CA. Looking forward to being IPSSA's President this year.

Region 1 has eleven chapters: Capital Valley, Delta, East Bay, East Contra Costa, El Dorado, Elk Grove, Gold Country, Modesto Central Valley, Sacramento City, Tracy and West Placer.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

REGION 2



Manuel Margain Region 2 Central California

Manuel is in his third term on the IPSSA BORD. He is the CFO of IPSSA and Chair of the Finance Committee. He also serves on the Education and Entertainment Committees.

Manuel states "I'm here to move IPSSA forward! This is what we all as "IPSSA" members

His region has eight chapters: Bakersfield, Central Coast, Conejo, Conejo Valley, Fresno, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Visalia.



REGION 3

Terry grew up in West Covina CA and now lives in Upland CA with his wife of 39 years, Barbara. He has two children Kyle and Kristen and two grandchildren Jacob and Sage. Terry started working for a pool service company in 1973 at the age of 18 and went on to start his own pool service business in 1981. He holds a California Contractor Licenses C-53 & C61-D35 and a certified technician license with Los Angeles Health Dept.

This is Terry's fourth term on the BORD. Terry states, "I believe I'm only one to do this." He was a member of the first IPSSA BORD in 1988-1989 and then again in 2004 through 2007. A member of the San Gabriel Valley chapter since 1982, he was also awarded the Terry Cowles Award in 2010.

"As the Legislative & Regulation Chair, my goal is to continue to promote the IPSSA name and its brand to the Aquatics Industry and to the consumers who use our services and products. That way IPSSA can help promote more business to our members, which will show the value of being an IPSSA member" said Terry.

Region 3 is made up of seven Antelope Valley, chapters: Diamond Bar, Foothill, San Fernando Metro, San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley and Santa Clarita Valley.

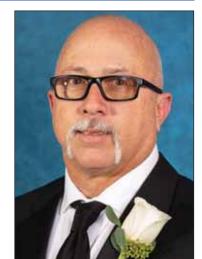


Terry Snow Region 3 **North Los Angeles County**

REGION 4

Adam was born and raised in Southern California. He traveled and lived in other states as a teenager but was happy to return to the South Bay. At the age of 21, he borrowed money to buy a truck and a route of 50 pools and three spas and chose the company name Paradise Pools. In 1989 he joined IPSSA and then he got his Los Angeles County Health Dept License. He then got his C61-D35 and CPO. Adam married Lara in 1994 and they had two daughters, Jordin and Kyler. Also, in 1994, Adam and Jason Briggs became business partners. Adam served on the Chapter Board a couple of times but said, "I never really got involved." In 2006 Adam was asked if he would be the Regional Director, he then agreed and asked, "okay, what do I do?" Chapter President Brad Jones said, "just go to the meetings and report back" Adam said, "My first BORD meeting, I was nervous, but I knew I could and would learn from those guys." Adam served on the BORD from 2007-2013. He believes that being on the BORD and working with the other directors really benefitted him and the





Adam Morley Region 4 **South Los Angeles County**

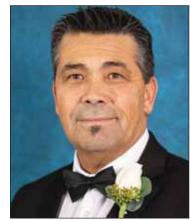
business. In 2017 Jason Briggs, the Regional 4 Director needed to step down for military duties, so Adam volunteered again. "IPSSA is a volunteer association, it cannot exist without it's members volunteering." Adam encourages and challenges members to volunteer and participate. "You will learn more about your trade, IPSSA and meet some great people from across our country. Always remember, "it's another day in PARADISE."

Region 4 has five chapters: Central Los Angeles, East Long Beach, South Bay, Westside, and Whittier.

REGION 5



pace movie scene, Michael settled down to the care free life of own commercial pool business



Michael Black Region 5 **Orange County**

After several years of the fast a pool man. Little did he know it's not that care free! Having his since 1990 he joined IPSSA soon after. Michael has been the Orange Coast Chapter President since 2013 never regretting his involvement with the members of his chapter. Michael said, "They're a great group of guys and they always pitch in when necessary." He has now stepped to the plate as Regional Director for Region 5 and hopes he'll make his chapter proud.

Mike's region is in Orange County, California, where there are twelve chapters: Anaheim, Central Orange County, Dana Point, Mission Viejo, North Orange County, Orange Coast, Orange County #9, Orange County Pool Professionals, Southwest, Surf City, Tustin/Irvine, and Yorba Linda.

REGION 6

John Dixon was born in Baltimore, MD while his father finished medical school at George Washington University. When his father finished school his family moved to Corona, CA and that's where he grew up. His first experience with the pool industry was taking care of the family pool and became intrigued with water chemistry. That's when he really started learning about pools.

After high school, he attended Cal Poly Pomona and found aeronautical engineering to be his new interest and flying to be one of his passions. He earned his private pilot license and would fly to school while practicing aerobatics.

In 1981, he was employed by the

navy at the NSWC where he worked for 25 years as a civil servant. His specific task was a performance analysis engineer for the navy's weapon systems. It consisted of collecting telemetry and analyzing it to reconstruct the exercises he was tasked to cover. It was primarily a desk job, in a cubical, with some travel. He looked forward to traveling to the various places that would get him out of the confining space of the office. It also groomed him for his pool business.

While working for the navy, he met his soul mate, Robin. They have been married for decades. They moved to Murrieta, CA, to a new home and built another pool where he became the pool guy again, along

with some of the neighbors. They raised three children, their two girls graduated from the UC school system and are happily married living on opposite sides of the country. And their son still lives with them and is attending college; his interest is in engineering.

John started his pool business in 2005 where he was fortunate enough to be mentored by Jack Delaney, a fellow pilot and friend. Jack, a member of IPSSA, persuaded him to join the outstanding brotherhood of professionals. He has been a member of the Temecula/Murrieta Chapter for 12 years. He was elected Secretary for the chapter and has been in that position for the last 8 years. He has enjoyed working with



John Dixon Region 6 **Inland Empire**

some of the best pool service professionals and builders in the industry in our community of the Inland Empire. John thoroughly enjoys working outdoors on his own schedule and is grateful to be able to help his community and his clients. He is also grateful for the quality time he has had to spend with his son, Jacob, and to be his mentor.

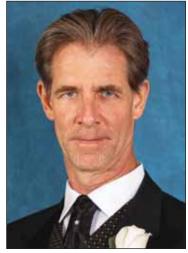
John is excited to represent Region 6 during 2018-2019. His plan is to grow the Inland Empire stronger and make IPSSA known in his community. Region 6 includes the Hemet, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Riverside, Redlands, Temecula/Murrieta, Ontario/Rancho Cucamonga, Corona, and Menifee Valley chapters.

REGION 7

Michael Harris spent most of his childhood growing up in San Diego, CA. After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1983, he moved back to San Diego and worked in medical manufacturing companies for over 15 years in Quality Assurance Engineering throughout San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico. After surviving his company's third merger acquisition, Michael decided to make a career change to the financial industry. Though it was rewarding helping people get out of debt, invest, and properly insure families, he continued to search for other opportunities to create and own his own business.

In the early 2000s, Michael began his adventure in the pool industry by helping his father inlaw who is a 30-year veteran of the industry. As his father inlaw's health declined, he continued to help while he acquired and built his own business. Soon, the pool industry became his primary focus and business of choice, serving both commercial and residential customers. He incorporated his business in 2015.

Michael became an IPSSA member in 2009, has served on



Michael Harris Region 7 San Diego County

the San Diego Chapter Board as a Vice President, President, and is now serving as Region 7 Director. He currently holds a C-61/D35 State Contractors license and is a Certified Pool Operator.

Michael and his wife of 32 years, Tammy, have a son, Jacob, and daughter, Alexandra, who are both college graduates.

Region 7 includes Carlsbad, Escondido, North County Coastal, Rancho Del Mar, San Diego, San Diego East County and San Diego Metro.

REGION 8

Mike was born in Columbus Ohio and moved to Dallas Texas in 1978. While working on two master's degrees at the Dallas Theological Seminary, he needed a part time job so decided to work for a local pool service company. A year later he bought the company and formed Sparkling Water Pool Service, hiring students from the school to perform weekly cleaning service.

Eight years later, Mike moved to the Chicago area and formed Aqua Service, focusing on weekly maintenance and repairs as well as building Foxx in ground swimming pools. In 1993, Mike moved to the Phoenix Arizona area forming Mountainside Pool & Spa, LLC where Mike has built his company doing weekly maintenance, repairs, pool remodeling, and new pool construction, holding general contracting licenses in both residential and commercial areas.

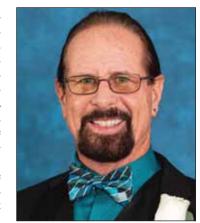
That year Mike joined the local IPSSA Chapter, the East

Valley Chapter and has been a member since. Mike has served on the chapter board three times, one term as the Treasurer and then two consecutive terms as their President. Mike also has served on the Region 8 IPSSA Desert Pool and Spa Show board and in charge of marketing for the past seven years and now is serving as its Director.

Mike is in his third term as the Region 8 Director which includes the following chapters: East Valley, North Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tucson, West Valley, and Western Las Vegas. Mike serves as the IPSS Vice-President.

Mike is married to Chris, who has always been a very important part of the pool business and his role in IPSSA. Mike and Chris have 6 children and 14 grandchildren. All of the kids have been part of the pool business throughout the years.

Mike's passion is to make IPSSA's presence more apparent



Mike Lee Region 8 Arizona, Nevada

in the local communities and to reach out to other men and woman in the pool industry making the great benefits that IPSSA has to offer realized. Mike believes that we can accomplish most of this at the chapter level, as he was able to add 27 new members to his chapter in 4

REGION 10

Stan is excited about serving for the first time on the IPSSA BORD. He is serving a two-year term.

Region 10 is in the San Francisco/San Jose Bay Area, with 7 chapters: Fremont, Mid-Peninsula, Monterey Coast, Redwood Empire, Santa Clara Valley, Silicon Valley and Tri-Valley.





Stan Phillips Region 10 Northern California

REGION 9



Becky Clayson Region 9 Texas South

Becky Clayson was born in Dutch John Utah in 1962. She moved around when she was a child due to her father being a construction worker. Becky went to high school in Kennedy Texas and had her first child the year

she should have graduated. When her children went to school, she started back to school. Becky got her associates degree in business technology from San Antonio College in 1990 and started B & R Pool & Spa Service in the spring of 1991. She joined IPSSA shortly thereafter. Becky states, "I have been the chapter secretary more years than I can recall and have been president of the chapter twice. As Regional Director I hope to lead South Texas to new heights with more brotherhood and professionalism."

Becky will be serving on the Marketing & Communication, Membership Program Committees

Region 9 includes the Austin, Clearlake, Corpus Christi, Hill Country, Houston, North Austin, North Houston, San Antonio and West Houston Chapters.

REGION 12

Neal was born in Fort Worth Texas and raised in Clarksville TX. He now lives in Waxahachie, TX.

He started with Interstate Brand right out of high school and was with them for 16.5 years as a sales manager. He went through a buy out and ended up in the pool business.

He is happily married to his wife Wendy. They have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

He started as a Dallas IPSSA member and helped start the Mid-Cities chapter. After Mid-Cities was up and running he then started the Waxahachie chapter. He was the President for three terms and the Secretary of Region 12 for two terms. He is also the Treasurer of APEC.

Region 12 includes the Dallas, Fort Worth, Mid-Cites,



Neal Holt Region 12 Texas North

Tarrant County, and Waxahachie chapters.

REGION 11

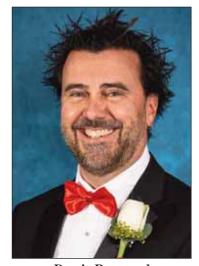
Derric was born in Winter Park Florida many years ago. He attended Trinity Prep, Lake Brantley High and Seminole State College. He has lived in Florida his whole life and loved every minute of it.

He has been President and Treasurer of the Osceola Chapter and Region Treasurer since starting Florida with Todd Starner in

He started in the pool industry in 2000 after many years of owning a surf shop and one hard year of selling cars. He decided the auto business was not for him. He went in business with another pool professional and after one year decided to go out on his own.

At that same time, he met his beautiful wife Libby and had four amazing kids. The two young ones Remington (13) and Pierce (12) travel with them always. His wife Libby is also busy as an Elementary School Principal. Derric said "I am very proud of my wife! She and my kids are the very best thing that has happened to me!"

Derric has done just about everything in the pool business



Derric Raymond Region 11 Florida, Georgia

and traveled for jobs throughout Florida and the Caribbean. He is excited about being a Regional Director for IPSSA and will bring his experience to the association.

Derric Raymond represents the Gold Coast, Manasota, Osceola, Sarasota, Treasure Coast and Venice chapters in Florida and the North Georgia chapter.

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The Purple Haze

By Chris Marcano

Natural Chemistry/ NC **Brands**

Now that the very long winter is finally ending, pool owners are looking forward to pulling off their covers.

One of the strangest experiences a pool owner can have is to discover upon opening that the pool has a purple crystal-like stain on its surface. Service professionals have known about this phenomenon for years, and commonly refer to it as the Purple Haze.

The Purple Haze is not, contrary to popular belief, an organic

problem is actually the result of improperly balanced water chemistry combined with a mineral issue. The purple staining is caused when the pool water has formed something called copper

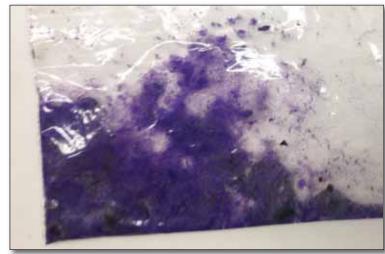
Copper cyanurate occurs when excessive levels of cyanuric acid combine with non-chelated copper that is present in the water. This problem is most common in pools that have cyanuric acid levels measuring above 100ppm.

This previously rare phenomenon seems to be on the increase these days. The use of cheaper, at pool closing (which are typically sold at mass merchants) appears to be a major reason for the spike.

Ironically, colder water like we have in the spring aids the reaction between the copper and cyanuric acid to form these purple crystals. Copper cyanurate is not easily scraped, scrubbed or removed.

Dealing with a **PURPLE POOL**

If you do have to deal with a purple pool, there are steps to correct the problem. The first step is to lower the cyanuric acid level



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30ppm by performing a partial

important to follow the advice from a trusted pool professional for this step. When you lower the CYA levels by partially draining and refilling, you also happen to be reducing the copper levels in the water as long as your source water does not contain copper. This is a good time to add a non-phosphate metal control product to deal with the copper that still remains. Once the CYA levels are in line, adjustments need to be made to the pool water's pH and total alkalinity.

It is possible, through normal stain removal procedures, to eventually remove the stains, but typically it requires three times the normal amount of traditional stain removal chemicals and a lot of time.

The 3Ps— **Prevent Purple Pool**

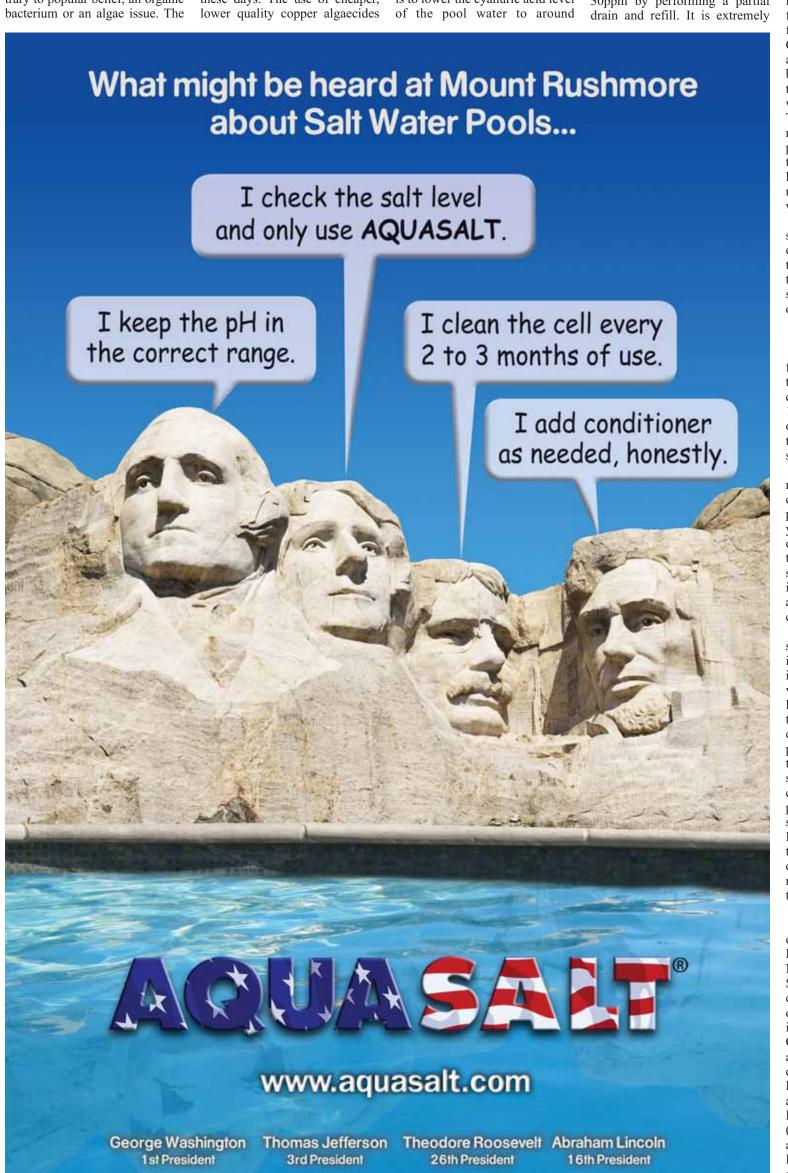
Prevention is truly the preferred method for dealing with the Purple Haze. Keeping the cyanuric acid levels below 100ppm (and ideally in the recommended 30-50ppm range) is the first step of prevention you should consider.

You should also consider reducing the amount of stabilized chlorine that you use during the pool season if you tend to see your cyanuric acid levels end up on the higher side. The best way to do this is by using alternative shocking products that will not increase your stabilizer level such as calcium hypochlorite or liquid

Avoiding the use of inexpensive copper algaecides at closing is also a must. Copper algaecide is a fantastic off-season algae prevention product when it is properly formulated. If you are encountering this problem because your customer used a lesser grade copper algaecide, remind that customer that pool professionals stock versions of copper algaecides that are designed to provide protection against unintended staining like copper cyanurate. It's important to remind your customers that some mass merchant copper-based algaecides are nothing more than stains waiting to happen.

About the author:

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The purpose of the lesson? Provide kids and parents exposure to life-saving water safety skills and build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning. Program organizers are working to connect the dots between the real

risk of childhood drowning and the need for basic water competency skills and crucial parental supervision to keep kids safe in and around the water. Research shows:

• The problem is life threatening for children: Per the World Health Organization, drowning is third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death, accounting for 7 percent of all injury-related deaths. In the U.S., drowning remains the leading cause of injury related death for children ages 1-4, and the second leading cause for children under 14.

 Many lack basic swimming skills: In 2014, a survey completed by the American Red Cross found more than half of all Americans

(54 percent) either can't swim or don't have all of the basic swimming skills.

• Parents don't recognize supervision is key: According to a 2016 Safe Kids Worldwide report, despite the fact that lack of supervision played a role in the majority of drowning deaths, less than half of parents (49 percent) indicate they remain within arms' reach of their child in the water.

However, there is reason to hope. Since the WLSL event launched in 2010, the Swimming Lessons Save LivesTM message has been shared with more than a billion people. Now in its 10th year, program organizers anticipate more than 600 facilities will host a WLSL event in more than 20 countries. Register WLSL.org.

About The World's Largest Swimming LessonTM

WLSL was created as a platform to build awareness about the fundamental importance of teaching children to swim to prevent drowning. Each year, WLSL events provide more than 20,000 man hours of water safety training in a single day. Since its inception, more than 278,000 children and adults in close to 50 countries have participated in WLSL lessons.

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SCE 2019 Consumer Instant Rebate

Mtg. March 5, 2018

By Bob Nichols

IPSSA Diamond Bar chapter
Late February 2019, we
became aware of the Southern
California Edison 2019 consumer instant rebate program and
that the rebate program did not
include Truck and Toolbox
multi-speed pump installers, as it
had in the past.

Upon learning of the situation, Terry Snow, Chairman of the IPSSA Government Relations committee contacted local members of the committee in order to form a plan to protest the exemption of qualified retail installers to participate in the instant rebate program.

We drafted an email to the director of SCE that handles the SCE rebate program. SCE responded rapidly with an invita-



From left to right: Fred Manno – Hayward; Terry Snow – IPSSA; Jerry Wallace – CPSA; Mike Giddens – Zodiac; Bob Nichols – IPSSA; Ron Newman – Pentair; Robert Rankin – PoolCorp; Aaron Grimes – Pentair; Larry Tabizon – Edison

tion for IPSSA to form a delegation of stakeholders to meet and discuss our concerns with the 2019 rebate program.

On Tuesday, March 5th, we met with SCE personnel at their

Rosemead facility. Present at the meeting were invited manufacturer representatives from Hayward, Pentair and Zodiac. Pool Corp was present to offer distribution support to IPSSA.

Jerry Wallace from CPSA was invited and attended as well.

After some Q&A, the delegation got right to business in an all-out effort to convince SCE that the qualified retail pump installer must be included if their rebate program, if it is to be as successful as the CPUC expects it to be in 2019. SCE director, Larry Tabizon, managed the meeting in a professional problem-solving manner with a great deal of success.

For the most part, SCE was not fully aware as to how the swimming pool retail business is organized. The delegation worked hard to outline how product moves from manufacturer to consumer. We felt confident that SCE now understands just how important the Truck and Toolbox retailer is to the success of multispeed pump installation.

There was some discussion on the SCE's website market-place and, we, for the most part came away from the table will little expectation that this platform will change. But there may be some improvements that will assist the SCE certified installer

in participating in the rebate program. Incidentally, the market-place platform is on all California IOU websites.

Everyone in the delegation had a great deal to offer SCE in support of IPSSA's effort to convince them to include Truck and Toolbox retail installers in the program.

As of this writing, we are waiting for SCE to digest the vast amount of information presented to them and come to a final decision on improvement of their 2019 Instant Rebate program.

On a personal note, this was the first time that all bodies of the industry have combined their efforts since the 2009 IPSSA Energy Conference. I am hopeful that at some point there can be a delegation of manufacturing, distribution, retail and service that can come together from time to time and discuss industry issues on a level playing field. Honestly discussing the state of the industry as a group working to inform, teach, protect and improve our chosen field can only be to everyone's benefit.

Southern California Edison Responds to the IPSSA Delegation!

SCE responded to the IPSSA delegation, formally by letter. SCE's response:

Pool Industry Leaders,

We would like to thank you for visiting our offices on March 5th to discuss the Pool Pump rebates. First and foremost we would like to clearly state: We have heard you and understand the concerns, and nature of the Pool Pump Industry.

Prior to our meeting on March 5th we conducted additional in-person, on-site, phone, internet, regulatory and state research. We also received and took into consideration thousands of concerns, recommendations, and opinions of multiple pool industry stakeholders including: Pool Pump Equipment Manufactures, Pool Maintenance Pump Pool Technicians, Pump Industry Associations, Pool Pump Retailers (Big and Small), Pump Installers, Distributors, Pool Owners, and many more.

SCE has evaluated the feedback and considered multiple approaches to the existing rebate delivery model that is currently approved by California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in our engineering workpapers.

In order to balance our goals of improving customer satisfaction, meeting CPUC regulations/mandates and continuing to support energy efficiency of Variable Speed Pool Pumps, SCE confirms the following:

- SCE will continue offering \$200 midstream rebates for Variable Speed Pumps purchased through authorized retailers.
- The midstream approach will continue to remain open to any retailers that meet the requirements in our contract. Contracts can be obtained by emailing Rebates@sce.com.
- SCE will look to employ measures that support the Pool Pump industry such as:
- o Providing customers with helpful Pool industry facts on www.sce.com/rebates and the SCE Marketplace, including:
 - 1. Safety benefits of proper-

ly installing a pool pump. Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGBA).

- 2. Information to help customers understand Pool Pumps are not a plug and play type of product.
- 3. Inform customers who are looking to self-replace their pool pumps to, instead, consider having the equipment installed by a professional.
- 4. Providing customers with a Return on Investment Calculator: https://www.energystar.gov/sites/default/files/ass et/document/Pool%20Pump%2 0Calculator.xlsx.
- 5. Providing links for customer to find Trained Pool Professionals/Installers/Dealers:
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- e. California Pool & Spa Association (CPSA): https:// thecpsa.org/member-directory/.
- f. Foundation for Pool & Spa Industry Professionals (FPSIE): https://www.fpsie.org/consumer/graduates-2/.
- 6. Inform customers that having their Variable Speed Pool Pump Installed by a Professional comes with the following benefits:
- a. Your Variable speed Pool Pump will operate at its most efficient potential.
- b. Your Variable Speed Pool Pump will last longer.
- c. Professional installers offer longer warranties (Sometimes 2 or 3 years).

Lastly, we spent a great deal of time evaluating the proposal offered by Robert Rankin: Midstream through distribution. Unfortunately, this approach is

- not possible to implement through a California utility for the following reasons:
- Energy Efficiency (EE) Rebates are funded by SCE Rate Payer Funds.
- SCE is mandated by the CPUC to implement cost effective programs using Rate Payer Funds.
- EE rebates are meant to incentivize customers towards purchasing a more efficient product that they were not originally intending to purchase. These types of customers are known as Eligible Participants.
- EE Rebates are NOT meant to cover costs for customers who were already intending to purchase a variable speed pool pumps. These types of customers are known as Freeriders.
- By implementing rebates through distributors, SCE would be paying rebates for both free riders and eligible participants.
- According to the retailers we spoke to Retailers do not buy from distributors, they buy directly from manufacturers.
- Cost effectiveness does not solely focus on costs. There are 30 other variables. The Total Resource Cost (TRC) of the Variable Speed pool pump is .7. That means for every dollar spent on rebating variable speed pool pumps, SCE customers lose .30 cents.
- Whether we rebate 10 or 10 Million pool pumps, the measure TRC will remain at .7. A higher volume of rebates for a .7 TRC measure does not improve cost effectiveness.

Other proposals included completely eliminating the rebate all together. SCE believes the variable speed pool pump offers a great deal of energy and money saving benefits to customers, so for 2019 we will not be sunsetting the measure like all other California IOU's have done in the past. We will continue to support the pool industry any way possible within our regulatory guidelines.

Thank you for all your frank

Larry Tabizon, MBA, PMP

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IPSSA CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association, Inc., I will utilize my professional knowledge and skilled practical workmanship in providing quality customer service. To that end, it will be my responsibility to keep informed of developments in the pool and spa industry including new techniques and product applications.



My second obligation will be to the members of IPSSA by giving them any professional assistance they may need including sick route coverage. With respect to sick route coverage, I will treat sick route clientele with professionalism and respect, and will not solicit the business of a sick route client while providing sick route coverage.

My final responsibility will be to my community and its citizens. I will strive to communicate the necessity for pool safety and other issues of importance to pool and spa owners.

In these ways, I will promote the ideals and objective of the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association, Inc.

Calling all IPSSA Regular Members!

IPSSA is recruiting for volunteers to serve on the IPSSA BORD committees.

The committees meet four times a year through video or conference call. With this format very little time is taken away from your business or family.

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The committees are as follows:

· Marketing and Communications - designs and implements strategies for promoting IPSSA by continuously strengthening its brand and developing web, social media, and print materials (including the IPSSAN). MCC's objec-

disagreement with a customer,

generally, that was the end of it.

Not necessarily, now. It is differ-

ent with the advent of social

media. Once an angry customer

goes online, the disagreement is

on the record forever. So as times

change, we need to be aware of

the social media potentials and

remain the same: the challenges

of getting paid, the customer that

wants everything done well and

cheap, the employee issues, the

Insurance, tax issues. Those

Of course, some things

pitfalls.

A Reflection

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tive will be to execute a comprehensive marketing and communications strategy which clearly presents IPSSA's mission and its

- · Legislation and Regulationdevelops and implements strategies to ensure that the association's public policies and government affairs activities are fully addressed and communicated.
- Membership Program promotes and facilitates the recruitment and continuity of IPSSA members.
- Education provides advice to the BORD on the strategic directions and development of the educational activities of IPSSA

things don't change. All these

things can be a challenge, but

1989 to now, IPPSA has grown,

the pool Industry has grown, the

complexity of pools and spas

have grown, the internet and

smart phones are essential tools.

Our company has matured.

Although I am often called an

expert, I still feel like just a pool

guy that always loved pools,

liked the Industry and made

wonderful friends over the years.

I want to continue to work every

day, learn, and try to set an

example on workmanship and

Comparing the changes from

nothing that is new.

and public awareness to the community.

Important information about the BORD Committees:

Please submit your email intent with your name, and committee you wish to serve by September 30, 2018. For those that are already serving on a committee please submit your email intent. At the Fall BORD meeting, committees for the following year will be composed, considering the volunteers that responded to the open call identified by the BORD. An email will go out to those selected as soon as the BORD has made their decision. Those wishing to volunteer may

making an "honest dollar". I

once was told many years ago,

when I was just starting out, that

I would never get rich in the pool

industry, but I would make an

honest living. Well, I don't con-

sider myself rich, but I am a

heck of a lot better off than I was

when I was sleeping on a

friend's couch, dead broke, over

forty years ago in Palm Springs.

Until one day I picked up a pole

and started to clean my first

pool. It has been wonderful

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the last 30 years.

select one-committee to serve. Committees may have no more than eight to serve on a committee. If interested, please submit your name right away. If you are not selected for the committee of choice, please know that committees change through out the year and we will keep your name on

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Pool Safely's Top 10 Tips to stay safer around the pool or spa

- 1. Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim.
- 2. Install a four-foot or taller fence around the entire perimeter of the pool and use self-closing and self-latching gates; ask your neighbors to do the same at their pools.
 - 3. Never leave a child unattend-

ed in or near a pool or spa and always watch your children closely around all bodies of water.

4. Designate a Water Watcher to supervise children in the pool or spa. This person should not be reading, texting, using a smart phone or be otherwise distracted.

Adults can take turns being a Water Watcher.

- 5. If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first.
- 6. Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- 7. Ensure any public pool and spa you use has drain covers that comply with federal safety requirements, and, if you do not know, ask the pool manager if the facility complies with the "VGB Act."
- 8. Learn how to perform CPR on children and adults, and update those skills regularly.
- 9. Install and use a lockable safety cover on your spa.
- 10. Have lifesaving equipment such as a life ring, float or fiberglass reaching pole available and accessible.

Pool Safely, a national public education campaign supporting the requirements of Section 1407 of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, works with partners around the country to reduce fatal child drownings, nonfatal drownings and entrapment incidents in swimming pools and

spas. Parents, caregivers and the media are encouraged to visit: PoolSafely.gov or @PoolSafely on Twitter for vital safety information regarding the prevention of child drownings in and around pools and

Text Message Scams

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- Don't respond in any way to smishing messages, even to ask the sender to leave you alone. Responding verifies that your phone number is active, which tells the scammer to keep trying.
- Delete the message from your
- Report the suspect message to your cell phone service carrier's spam/scam text reporting number or general customer service num-

Anti-malware("malicious software") exists for mobile devices. Many of which can detect and stop smishing attempt. This serves as an extra line of defense from these types, but you must still exercise common sense.

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California Capitol Report

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bonization of buildings, rather than greening California's energy system by improving energy efficiency and demand management, expanding renewable and low-carbon electricity generation, and reducing emissions from natural gas.

Initially, all large natural gas corporations regulated by the Commission, as well as the large investor-owned electric distribution utilities, will be the principle players in this proceeding. However, this rule-making is intended to be very broad and will look at numerous alternatives, including coordinating changes to building standards under Title 20 and 24, both of which cover swimming pools and spas to some extent. It is expected that this proceeding will take up to 36 months to complete.

it is likely that anything affecting gas heaters for pools and spas would come in the way of requiring utility companies to provide financial incentives for the purchase and installation of more efficient gas heaters, hybrid, or electric heaters pool

CPSA will be monitoring these proceedings for any adverse effects on the swimming pool and spa industry. We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more. We are here to serve your needs.

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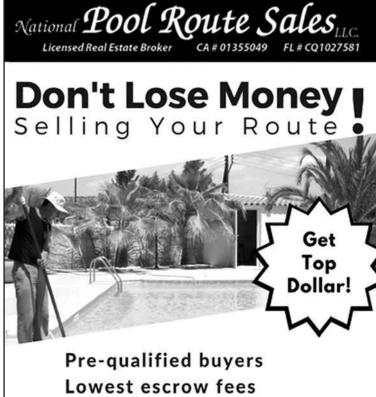
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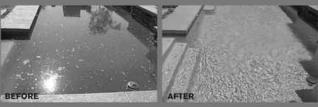


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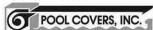
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