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Don Burns: In Memoriam



Many IPSSA leaders were on hand on July 11, 2009 in Newport Beach to honor Don Burns as he retired as president of SPEC. Pictured here are (from left to right) Bob Foutz Jr., David Durkin, Terry Snow, Bob Nichols, Don Burns, Bob Luedtke (in the background), Javier Payan, Chuck Gough and Jim Romanowski.

It is with great sadness that the California Pool and Spa Association announces the passing of its former Executive Director Don Burns. Don managed the Spa and Pool Industry Education Council (now known as California Pool & Spa Association or CPSA), for thirty years, serving as a dedicated champion of the pool and spa industry on all fronts. As an advocate for the pool and spa industry throughout California and beyond, Don truly understood the great impact that legislation and government affairs could have on the members that he represented.



active place in the legislative landscape in California is thanks to Don and his hard work and dedication.

“Very sad news,” said Jerry Wallace, President of CPSA. “Don Burns was a GREAT man. And that does not come close to saying enough about the man that he was. Don led the predecessor to CPSA, SPEC, from its inception until his retirement. I was fortunate to work with him for many years as a member of SPEC leadership. We quickly became friends and we still met periodically for breakfast or lunch. He was more than just a friend to me, he was a mentor...in everything! To say he will be missed is also not enough, and I don’t mean just by his family and the swimming pool industry. The world lost a GREAT man that was so much more than just an advocate for the swimming pool industry. We need more people like Don Burns in this world.”

John Norwood recalls that Don was a consummate professional in everything he did. “He was always chipper, well dressed

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El Dorado chapter trap shoot

By Mark Becker

Mark Becker is the Treasurer of the El Dorado chapter.

The El Dorado chapter held their 3rd Annual Trap Shoot at the scenic El Dorado Gun Club on February 25, 2017. Everyone had a great time and our first place winner was Roger

Jones’s team from Leisure Supply. Josh Parrott with Adams Pool Specialties was the winner of the Browning shotgun. The winning ticket was drawn by Rylee Coker so Adams generously decided to donate \$200.00 towards the hoverboard she was saving up for. We would like to

thank all of the teams that attended this year, Pentair, Adams Pool Specialties, SCP Rancho, SCP Rocklin, Leisure Supply, Hayward, HASA, Zodiac, El Dorado IPSSA, and Elk Grove IPSSA. Also, thank you Pentair, HASA, & SCP for the awesome BBQ.

Things to do in April

- Filter maintenance
- Increase filter run times

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Lance Fitzgerald wins the February Education Corner quiz

Lance Fitzgerald, member of the San Fernando Valley chapter, was selected randomly among all of the correct entries for the February Education Corner Quiz and will receive an IPSSA shoulder bag & backpack. All correct entries submitted during 2017 are eligible for a big drawing at the end of the year for more IPSSA logo items.

The correct answers for the February quiz are 1. While many sanitizer products provide benefits, only EPA-registered disinfectants are appropriate to prevent disease. A. True B. False, *the correct answer is a) true*. 2. Another word for base is alkaline. A. True B. False, *the correct answer is a) true*. 3. Pool volume is the amount of space that an object occupies and is expressed in cubic feet. A. True B. False, *the correct answer is a) true*. 4. Water samples should

be taken from the pool at the easiest or most convenient place. A. True B. False, *the correct answer is b) false*.

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Calendar of Events

- April 6** **NPC Start-Up Technician Certification Class**
Clovis, CA
mpandzic@tso.net
- May 20** **IPSSA Board of Regional Directors Meeting**
Houston Airport Marriott, Houston, Texas 10am
info@ipssa.com

Call for IPSSA Liaisons

IPSSA is putting out a call for IPSSA liaisons for APEC, CPSA, FPSIE, NPC and NSPF. If you are interested please send written notice to the IPSSA executive office, attention Amy Nijjar at anijjar@ipssa.com. All nominations must be received by May 5th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- REGION 9 – Hill Country:** Randy Davis, Alric Gonzalez ...
- REGION 10 – Redwood Empire:** Abner Sagastume ...
- REGION 12 – Dallas:** Thomas Smith... **Fort Worth:** Zephan Clevenger... **Tarrant County:** Marita Gardner.

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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.

Financial office thanks chapters with prompt payments

- The Financial Office thanks the following 36 chapters, whose members all paid promptly in February before second notices were required:
- Region 1 – Delta, East Bay, East Contra Costa, El Dorado, Gold Country, Modesto Central Valley, Tracy
 - Region 3 – Diamond Bar, Santa Clarita
 - Region 4 – South Bay
 - Region 5 – Central Orange County, Dana Point, Mission Viejo, North Orange County, OCPP, Orange County #9, Saddleback, Surf City, Tustin/Irvine
 - Region 6 – Corona, Hemet
 - Region 7 – Carlsbad, North County Coastal, Rancho Del Mar
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1. A pool is said to be "in balance" when the pH, alkalinity, calcium hardness, TDS and temperature are all within the recommended ranges.
 - A. True
 - B. False
2. The two basic things that we need to test in the water are:
 - A. pH and chlorine
 - B. Sanitizer and water balance
 - C. chlorine and alkalinity
 - D. sanitizer and pH
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 - A. True
 - B. False
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 - C. 10 to 12
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Call the financial office (888-391-6012) if you are not sure whether or not your Beneficiary Designation Form has been filed. If not, or if you want to change your beneficiary, you can download the form from the Members Portal on www.ipssa.com.

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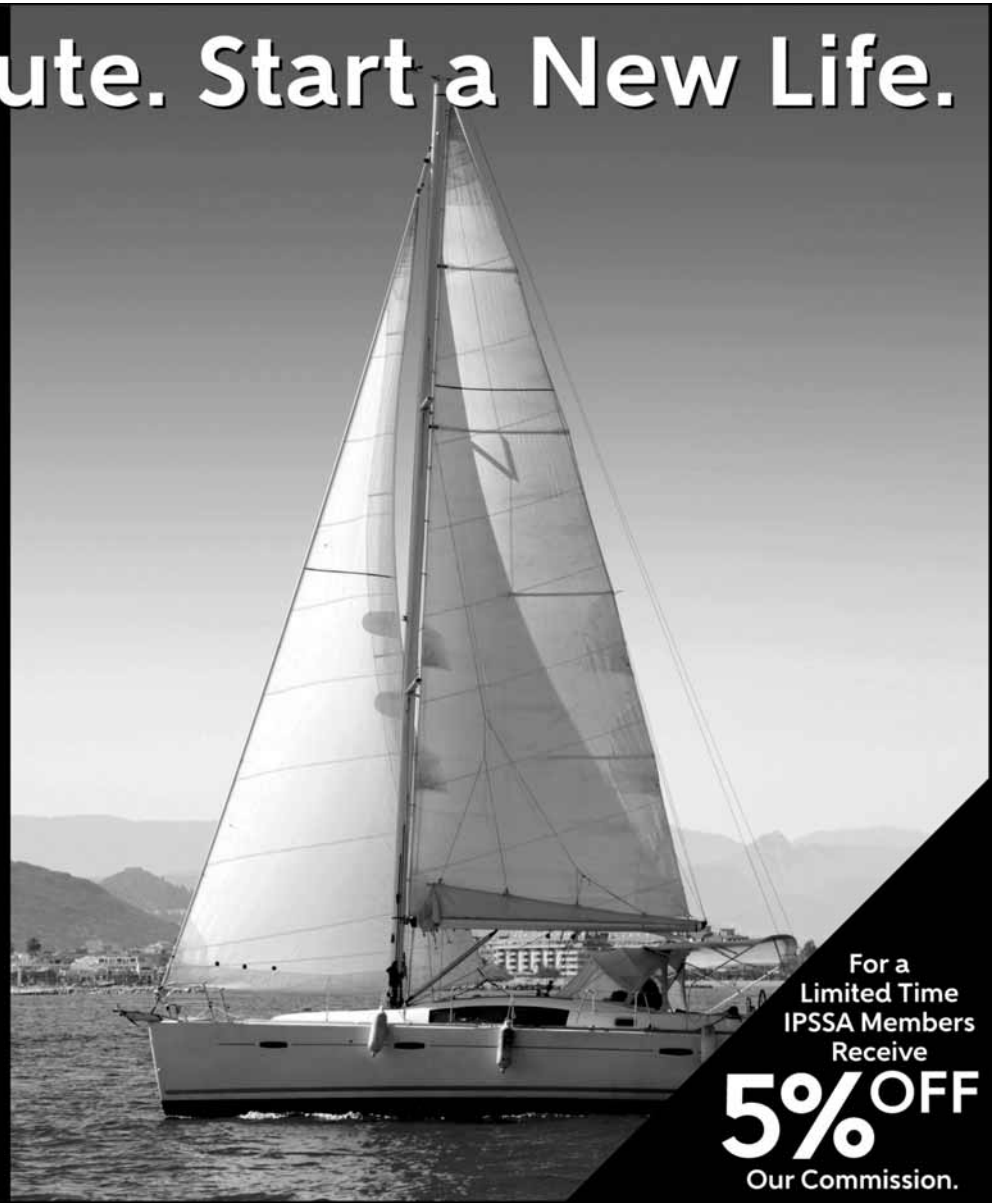
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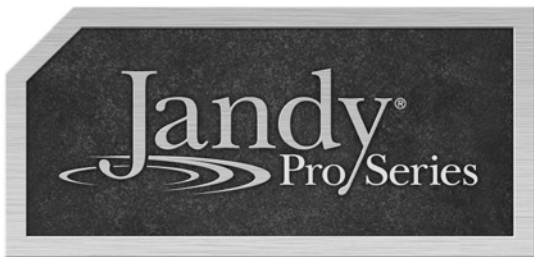


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Justine Lee Pesicka Memorial Foundation

By John Dixon

John Dixon is the Region 6 Director.

California State Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez of the 67th Assembly District met for coffee on March 17th with Jodi Pesicka, from the Justine Lee Pesicka Memorial Foundation, and John Dixon, IPSSA Region 6 Director. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss water safety awareness and drowning prevention.

Jodi Pesicka's daughter had a near drowning on 8 August 1990 and subsequently passed away from her injuries on 16 October 2013. Soon after, Jodi, and her friend Toni Rousseau, created the Justine Lee Pesicka Memorial Foundation to memorialize her daughter's death. The mission of the foundation is to provide lifesaving swim lessons to children whose parents cannot afford them. It will



Left to right: Jodi Pesicka, Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez, and John Dixon.

also help families with financial needs to provide the critical care and equipment for their children that insurance will not cover.

The Justine Lee Pesicka Memorial Foundation has initiated a Water Safety Awareness 5K-1K Run-Walk in Wildomar, CA, and

hopes that it will become an annual event. The 5K-1K Run-Walk will take place at the Marna O'Brien Park at 20505 Palomar St. on 29 April 2017 at 8am. IPSSA Region 6 will participate by promoting water safety and drowning prevention at a booth at the event. Water safety coloring books will be

passed out to the children and water watcher tags will be given to adults.

Assemblywoman Melendez said she would be happy to help support Jodi's foundation and promote the 5K-1K Run-Walk by posting the event on her Facebook page.

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According to a recent CDC report, pool and hot tub inspection data from 16 reporting jurisdic-

tions across the United States at various aquatic venues indicated that 12.3% of inspections resulted in immediate closure because of the seriousness of identified violations. Violations regarding the following issues are frequently identified: Free Chlorine level (11.9% of inspections), proper pH level (14.9%), other water chemistry (12.5%). Currently, only 68% of U.S. local public health agencies regulate, inspect, or license public aquatic facilities, and not all facilities require a certified operator on staff.¹

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and friendly but also well prepared and organized as he fought to represent his clients. He was a model to many in our business and will be sorely missed."

Mike Geremia, Past President of CPSA, added, "Don did things the right way every time so he never had to look over his shoulder but he was also a good man, caring and understanding. We are all going to miss him personally and I know that our industry is where we are today because of him."

The CPSA would like to extend its condolences and well wishes to his wife, Peggy, and the family and friends of Don Burns. The industry owes more than can be stated to him, and it is hoped that others can take inspiration from his hard work and integrity.

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Hey Ray!

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Ray Arouesty is President of Arrow Insurance Service and IPSSA's endorsed insurance provider. He can be reached at (800) 833-3433 or ray@arrowinsuranceservice.com

This month's question is from a member in the Conejo chapter.

Question:

I've been servicing a residential pool now for years. The spa main drain cover is missing and the elderly homeowner says that she can't afford to have me replace it. She says no one ever uses the

spa anyway. I'm concerned and would like your advice.

Answer:

I realize that most pools have at least a few issues. Some issues, however, are so dangerous that you must consider dropping the account unless the problem is fixed. I put three types of hazards into this category - hazards that are likely to cause injury, death or significant property damage. These would include electrical issues as with a faulty pool light, pool heaters that have improper venting and missing

main drain covers.

You should explain to your customer the serious entrapment risk associated with a missing spa main drain cover and how she could be legally responsible even for an injury to a trespasser using the spa without her permission. You have two choices if she refuses to authorize a repair: provide your service as a gift or drop the account. If you choose the latter make sure to explain in writing the reason for your decision. Send the letter certified and keep a copy.

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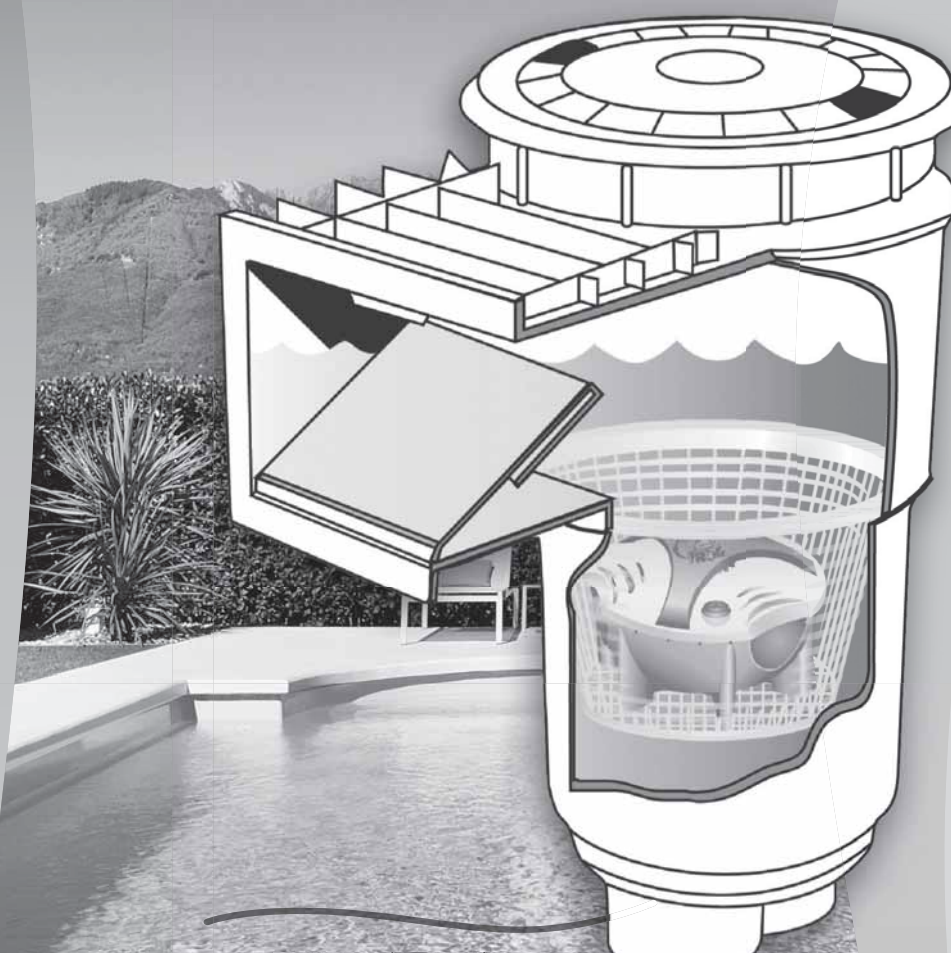
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An overview of vinyl liner stains and solutions

By Terry Arko

Terry Arko has more than 30 years of experience in the swimming pool and spa industry, working in service, repair, retail sales, chemical manufacturing, customer service, sales and product development. A certified pool operator (CPO) and CPO Instructor through the National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF), he is currently a Water Specialist for NC

Brands and can be reached at terry@ncbrands.com .

Vinyl liner pools continue to be one of the preferred pool construction methods for many reasons, including ease of maintenance. For example, it's much harder to get algae to grow on vinyl, than on plaster. However, even the highest quality vinyl pool liner is subject to staining and discoloration. Improper water bal-

ance, water treatments and specific types of debris can cause persistent maintenance nightmares, most notably staining on vinyl surfaces. Here is a brief overview of typical staining causes to help pool professionals deal with these persistent vinyl liner maintenance challenges.

Black Staining

What's going on when black stains appear on a vinyl liner, is it

algae or something else?

The answer is it could be either stains from metals or algae. There are some simple ways to tell the difference.

Black Staining from Metals: Copper, Iron and Manganese can precipitate out of solution resulting in stains on the pool liner. These stains are generally black, brown or gray in color. The metals may be introduced into the pool

via the fill water or from improper pH causing corrosion of pipes or heaters. The presence of metal staining can be confirmed by treating a small portion of the stained area with a vitamin C tablet. If the stain is lifted by this treatment, the staining is a result of metal. The remainder of the stains can be treated in a similar manner using a citric acid stain lifter. If not, the stain is likely due to an organic source such as black algae. Once the metal stains are lifted a metal sequestering product should be used to prevent further staining.

Black Staining from Algae: Black algae appear as a series of small black spots on the pool liner. They are very tenacious organisms with a chlorine resistant coating that require a number of steps to remove. In vinyl liner pools the black algae will usually appear at the seams, near the steps on the ladder railings or around light rings. Black Algae typically doesn't grow on the smoother vinyl walls or floor. Black algae must first be brushed with a nylon brush. Reduce the pH to minimum 7.2 to increase the effectiveness of the chlorine. Then, super-chlorinate the pool (normally to 10 ppm free available chlorine) and add a dose of a quaternary (quat) type algicide. Be sure to bring pH back to more neutral 7.4 range to prevent liner wrinkling.

Mold on vinyl pool liners

What if stains are still present after treating for metals and black algae?

Another type of grey/black colored stain can occur as a result of microorganism growth on the back-side of the liner. These microorganisms can produce dyes that are soluble in the plasticizers used to make the vinyl liner pliable. The microbial dye wicks through the liner creating an unsightly, irregular shaped blotch. The stains can be diminished on the pool side through super chlorination, for a period of time, but will re-appear since the stain originates from the back side of the liner. A polyethylene barrier between the walls and Floor of the pool, and the vinyl liner, provides a barrier to staining from these types of organisms.

Pink Stains

There is a pink growth in places throughout the pool. What is that?

Pink blotches, can appear on liners of all colors, including white, mainly caused by an indelible pink dye excreted from bacterial micro-organisms. The dye is highly soluble in the plasticizers used of pool liners, so it can easily migrate through the entire thickness of the liner.

The dye on the surface can be bleached by chlorine; however, more can migrate back to the surface. If the liner is replaced, all contaminated materials must be removed and the entire pool shell (Floor and walls) must be disinfected with a liquid chlorine spray or other suitable disinfectant. A barrier layer; either a plastic sheet, or a coating of some kind should be applied directly to the pool shell.

Pool Tar

The vinyl surface seems to change and feel sticky. What's going on?

Pentair offers incentive program for IPSSA

By Steve Zorn

Steve Zorn is California regional sales manager for Pentair.

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The National Swimming Pool Foundation® (NSPF®), has recommendations to improve water and air quality by reducing urine in pools. A few small changes by coaches, parents, and facility managers can prevent pee in the pool. After all, the swimmers, parents, and coaches have the most to gain since they are the ones who are exposed to the water and breathing the air.

Just because one report suggests we should fear urine in the pool, people of all ages should continue to enjoy the wonder of water. Immersion and water activity can reduce lower-back pain, blood pressure, and arthritis symptoms, and improve mental and physical health. Recent science has shown that even the sight of water can improve one's mood.

First, everyone from swim coaches to parents should encourage showers and bathroom breaks before entering the water. It is important to recognize that being submerged in water stimulates the body to create more urine. There are other simple solutions that coaches, parents, and facility managers can incorporate that reduce pee in the pool.

Swim Coaches should require a bathroom break 30-60 minutes into the practice. For example, it takes about 40 minutes in the water for a person to feel the need to urinate. A short break that bor-



ders this time frame will reduce peeing in the pool.

Parents who frequent water parks, public pools, or backyard pools should schedule an "out of

pool" time for a snack, sunscreen, and a bathroom break every 30-60 minutes.

Facility Managers should consider two ways to prevent pee in

the pool. First, schedule short breaks to encourage people to exit the water. For example, a 10-minute "adult only" swim time or an out-of-pool activity every hour encourages people to exit the pool and use the bathroom. Second, post signage that suggests using the bathroom and showering before getting into the pool.

Air quality can also be improved upon for indoor facilities when we keep urine out of the water. What's more, everyone from children to masters can gain the benefits of one of the most fun and healthy activities. When coaches, parents, and facility managers make small changes, the water we enjoy and air we breathe is healthier, safer, and better.

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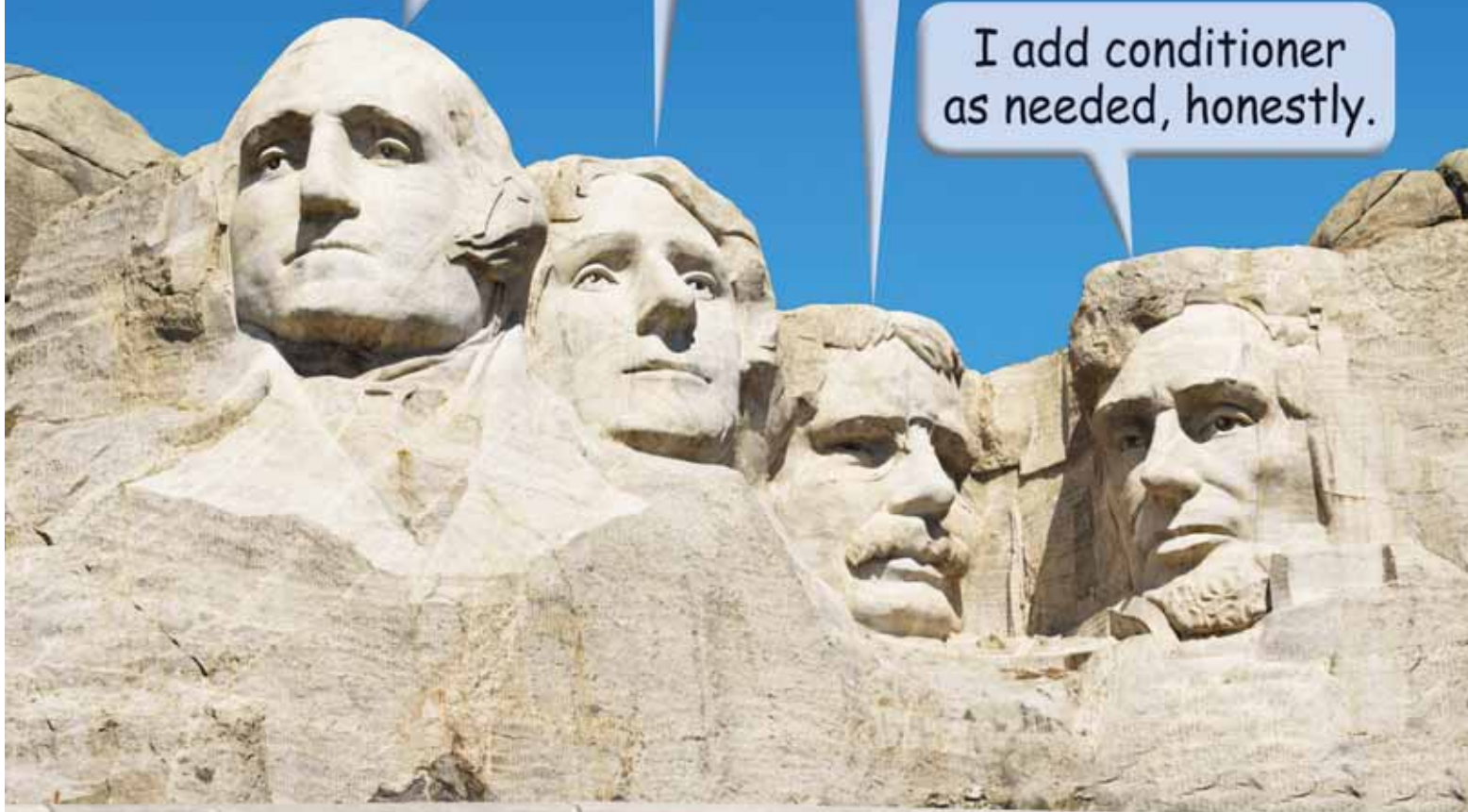
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The Purple Haze



By Chris Marcano

Chris Marcano is with Natural Chemistry/ NC Brands.

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self-latching gates; ask your neighbors to do the same at their pools.
 3. Never leave a child unattended 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 require-

ments, 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.

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Vinyl liner stains and solutions

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Sticky substances, referred to as 'pool tar' can coat parts of vinyl pool liners. This is caused by an interaction of quaternary ammonium compounds (quats) used in some algaecides. Also, decaying organic material such as leaves, grass and insects. Always dilute algaecides before using and wait 24 hours before shocking.

Chemical Staining

What other chemicals can cause problems in a vinyl liner pool?

Any chemical can damage a pool liner if it is not allowed to circulate sufficiently. Chlorine, can settle in the deep end of the pool and bleach the liner if the pool does not have proper circulation.

Vinyl liner colors such as white, turquoise, light blue, grey are less likely to show the effects of bleaching from chlorine whereas medium or darker blue pattern designs show the effects of bleaching immediately. Pool liners exposed to high concentrations of trichloroisocyanurate stabilized chlorine can easily cause bleaching in a period as short as 6 to 24 hours. The best rule of thumb here is to always dilute any chemical in a bucket of water and add in the deep end of the pool in front of the return line for best dispersion.

Organic debris left on vinyl surfaces can also cause staining and bleaching. This happens after the pool is closed when debris accumulates over several months. When the pool is opened, debris should not be allowed to stay on surfaces for long, especially in the corners. Citric acid stain lifters can be effective at removing organic stains from vinyl liners.

Wrinkling and Stretching

What is going on when the liners seem to stretch or wrinkle?

Wrinkles in properly-sized vinyl pool liners develop as the liner absorbs water. Excessive water absorption is a result of high levels of chlorine or bromine. If sanitizer levels are allowed to remain five times higher than normal excessive water can be absorbed. Proper water chemistry is essential to maintain liner integrity. Wrinkling is caused by changes in the liner stability due to an acidic environment. Large, single doses of hydrochloric (muriatic) acid can damage vinyl liners.

To avoid stretching and wrinkling, chlorine levels should not remain higher than 3 ppm for an extended period. Bromine levels should not exceed 4 ppm. Peak chlorine levels of 5 ppm -10 ppm from super-chlorination should return to 2-3 ppm by natural dissipation.

The pH of pool water must be maintained at the highest practicable level. A range of 7.4-7.8 is

desirable. Acidic levels (below 7.0) must be avoided. To minimize pH fluctuation, total alkalinity should be controlled at 100-150 ppm.

What can be done when the pool is closed to prevent liner staining?

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The purple haze

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formed something called copper cyanurate.

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,

lower quality copper algaecides 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 cor-

rect the problem. The first step is to lower the cyanuric acid level of the pool water to around 30ppm by performing a partial drain and refill. It is extremely 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

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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 pre-

ferred 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 chlorine.

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.

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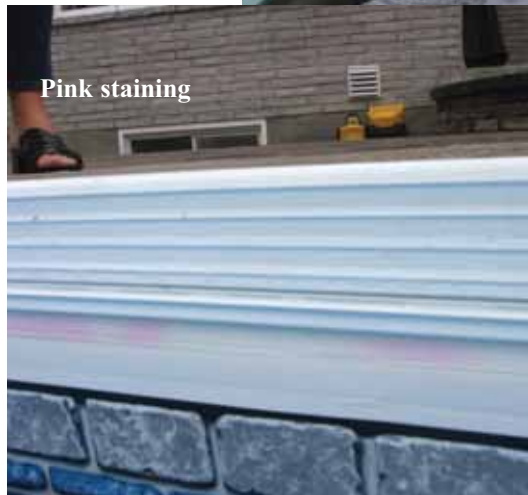
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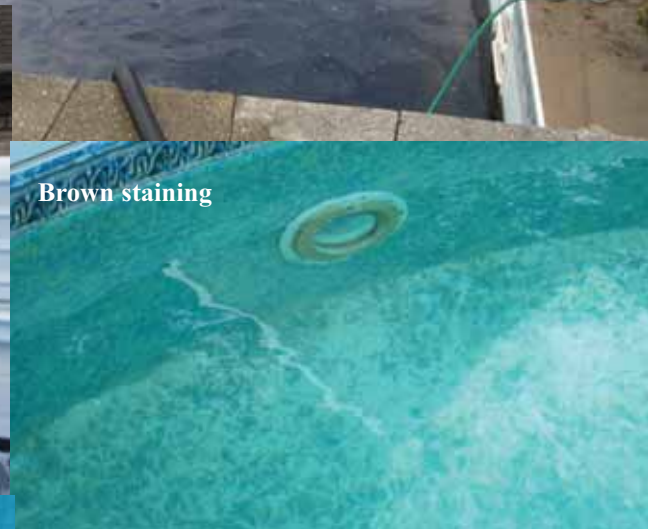
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Black mold under liner

Vinyl liner stains and solutions

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son will be to prevent any stain causing debris from entering and staying on the liner for a length of time. A cover that seals around the pool perimeter should be used to prevent the accumulation of organic debris such as leaves and insects. There are closing kits for vinyl pools which include chlorine shock, algaecide and a metal sequestering treatment. At opening pools should be thoroughly cleaned of any debris, test for water balance and phosphates. An enzyme based start-up product can help deal with contaminants along with bringing the sanitizer level back. Proper closing and start-up techniques can ensure a clean and stain free liner throughout the pool season.

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