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Why Shock? A Refresher.

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SHOCKING. YOU'VE DONE IT, your neighbor has done it, your competitor has done it. For the greenhorns, sure they've done it too and probably know it needs to be done. We hope that this brief synopsis answers the question of why it needs to be done. Also, why it needs to be done come closing season.

A daily oxidizer (typically chlorine or bromine) needs to be added to pool water to kill and inactive germs, bacteria, algae, and other pathogens. For the average pools that level is a super low amount of 2-4 ppm and spas that level should be a touch higher at 3-5 ppm. If that is all that one needed to do to take care of a pool, then pool maintenance would be super easy. With that said, a commercial pool with feed pumps and monitoring systems, upkeep is easy (another article for another day). Nevertheless, the scope of these thoughts is for residential pools and those

who aid in their upkeep.

The reality is that pools are going to be used and when pools are used, a slew of new contaminants and wastes are then introduced to the pool. Remember – people are gross! The moment these added wastes are part of the water, the waters oxidizing agent immediately starts to go after these wastes. On top of the mere introduction of these wastes, oxidizing agents will remove these wastes at different rates. For example, a quarter cup of sweat is going to breakdown quicker than the same volume of urine. Again – gross!

As the pool continues to be used, pool and air temperatures rise, and as the contaminant load from the pool being outdoors increases, the oxidizer can get quickly overwhelmed. Once the oxidizer (again, typically chlorine) level declines, the pool becomes open to the common unwanted water

conditions such as algae growth, cloudy and smelly water and worse.

Shocking (often called oxidation, the terms are often used interchangeably), in relation to recreational water care, is the cleaning of water chemically. In other words, shocking is performed to scour the water of bather wastes, outside contaminants, and more. Those contaminants could lead to poor water quality but could also lead to the formation of combined chlorine (chloramine), which may require more shock to remove.

Most who take care of rec water, their go to addition to perform this cleansing is to add a chemical that contains chlorine. Chlorinating shocks

are good choices because not only are you adding an oxidizer to the water, but you are also adding a sanitizer to the water which will knock down bacteria and algae counts. The downfall of chlorinated shocks is that they lack the ability to remove organic chloramines quickly and frequent and repeated shocks treatments can lead to the formation of undesirable disinfection byproducts.

Another option is using a shock without chlorine. It should be known that without chlorine there is no sanitizer

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ANSWER:

I understand that you have an aversion to dogs and that you felt fearful during this encounter. I know of many swimming pool service techs that have been bit by dogs, some seriously, and some carry pepper spray as a form of defense.

A pool tech can drop an account at any time if he or she is working without a long-term contract. That is probably best in this situation. Filing a claim against the customer, however, or suing her is a different matter. It isn't clear that you ever advised the customer of your fear of dogs. It will be difficult to prove she was negligent when she approached you with the dogs unless you communicated this information. Proving your damages will also be hard. You will need evidence to support your claim of emotional distress, such as bills from a therapist or psychiatrist. You said you have no plans to consult with a mental health professional.

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HELLO IPSSA NATION. I hope this finds you all doing well. Like most of you, I joined IPSSA for a couple of different reasons. One reason being the IPSSA approved insurance policy through HUB/Arrow that we all continue to have access to, which is still the best policy out there. Thanks to Ray Arouesty and his staff at Hub/Arrow, IPSSA members benefit from the most comprehensive insurance benefit package in the industry, including group general liability insurance, life insurance, and accident medical coverage.

The second reason I joined IPSSA was for the sick route coverage, now called Tech-4-Tech Coverage. As most of you know, I represent Region 11 (Florida) and luckily our Region has not had many cases of having to implement Tech-4-Tech Coverage. Recently, Paulette Hester, President of the Treasure Coast Chapter, called to inform me that one her chapter members needed to activate the Tech-4-Tech Coverage. It was a big deal, since this was the first time their chapter had to implement the Coverage within the past eleven years. I am so proud of

Paulette and her chapter for coming together to help their fellow chapter member by covering his pool route for four weeks while he was physically unable to work. To me, this is one of the greatest benefits IPSSA has to offer. The idea that a group of chapter members can pull together to help save a business of a fellow member is amazing.

At the time of this writing, I know that many of you out in California are dealing with some majorly devastating fires. Know that you are in our continued prayers. Please stay safe, things can be replaced, you and your family can not.

As always, stay safe, have fun, and wear your sunscreen. Thank you for your support.

Take care,
Todd Starner
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being introduced. Since there is a lack of a sanitizer, it is a poor choice for solving more technical or complicated problems such as algae outbreaks. In any event, chlorine free oxidizers perform a more thorough removal of wastes, which more than makes up for what it cannot do. Additionally, a negative charge to the contaminants allows filters to quickly remove what is not broken down in the water resulting in clearer water.

Though shocking pool water is a necessity for water care maintenance, the frequency of when shock is needed can be changed up with the use of other products and system supplements. Enzyme treatments is one such aid as it breaks down complicated waste structures in the

water. Having a net result of leaving the oxidizer to perform more effectively, thus less is needed overall.

Ozone, ultra-violet (UV), and other AOP systems break-down also remove unwanted wastes and contaminants from water. The addition of these secondary systems will help to limit the amount of oxidizer needed to be applied to the water. However, time is needed for these systems to perform, and sometimes time is scarce, or the water quality falls behind and pool water needs to be cleansed with shock.

Mold, algae, bacteria, viruses, and other microorganisms all linger in pool regardless of which season it is. Add heat, such as the case with hot tubs and spas, then all those water "nasties" start to grow and multiply, which then puts a demand on the amount of oxidizer needed. Sticking with spas, another element of note, added sometimes in droves to hot

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tubs and swim spas, is sweat. Hot tubs typically have a water temperature higher than the average body temperature, so the body is naturally going to sweat to help cool itself. Swim spas, should be thought of as little athletic area. When someone is using a swim spa, it should be imagined that a high intensity workout will occur, which leads the body to sweat. In all aspects these vessels will require more oxidizers than pools, relative to their size.

The inverse of heat is cold, and as water temperatures decreases the activity of these lingering water born growths and pathogens decreases. When the growth and activity decrease the overall need for oxidizers decreases as well. Just as when the pool is open, during a pools' closed period there is as equal importance in reducing and eliminating these precursors to water issues or at least keeping them under control.

As pools are winding down for the season, shocking the pool water is a must to reduce the number of contaminants in the pool. After the water is shocked contaminant loads in pool water are reduced, resulting in a freed-up disinfectant (sanitizer) to help control the other materials lingering in the water currently in or getting into the pool during the off-season. There are two different camps in what works best. On one end you have those who like to utilize chlorinated products, the other end are those utilizing non-chlorine oxidizing shocks.

Using chlorinating products to close a swimming pool offer advantages. If you have non-existent chlorine levels then applying a chlorinating shock will simultaneously scourer the pool of algae, bacteria, and other contaminants, while leaving a lingering amount of chlorine for the closing period. When un-stabilized chlorines are utilized the impact to the pH is minimized.

Non-chlorine oxidizing shocks, relative to chlorine, is still an up and comer in the recreational water maintenance industry.

Since most are comfortable with chlorines abilities, most do not look at non-chlorine as an effective tool, especially when it comes to closing a pool. However, just because the product doesn't have chlorine present doesn't make it any less of an oxidizer. Non-chlorine oxidizers can scour more contaminants in the water than its chlorine predecessor. And since it doesn't contain any chlorine itself, it will not form with chlorine and possibly form any disinfection byproducts. Most importantly, its lack of chlorine is better for the long-term appearance of the pools surface. Regardless of its effectiveness as an oxidizer, a chlorine presence during the off-season is still a must. ■



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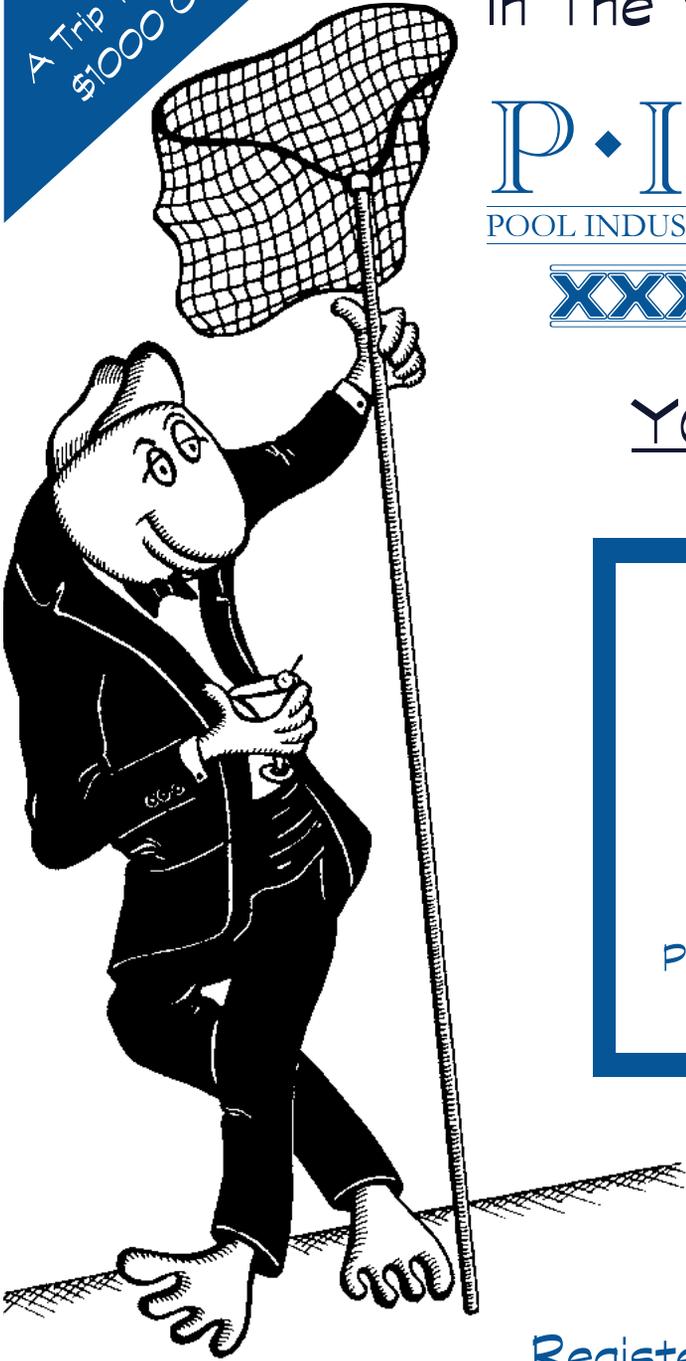
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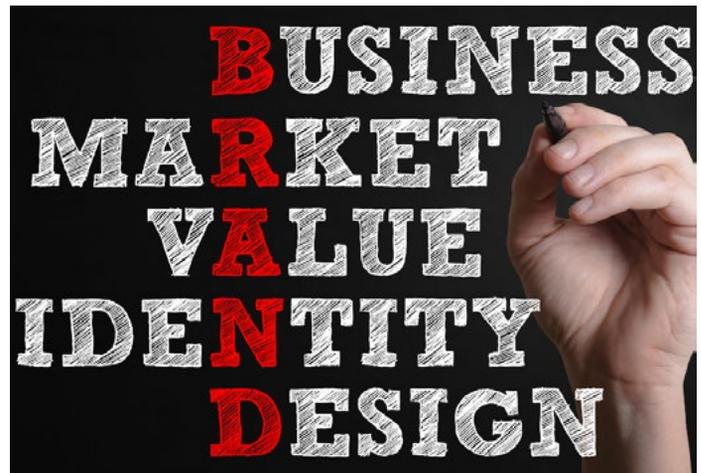
WHETHER YOU KNOW IT or not, each one of us is our own personal brand. This is especially important to keep in mind in today's noisy, digital world, where information spreads quickly and often without thought of the consequences. In this article, we'll discuss some tips for success when it comes to both personal and business branding.

Did you know that (according to a 2020 survey from the Harris Polls) 67% of employers believe that checking social media accounts is an effective way of screening potential employees? Another survey by Career Builder found that 54% of employers had actually ruled out a candidate due to something that they saw on the person's social media. You may think that you have your profile "locked down," but chances are there's more information about yourself out there in the digital world than you expect. These days, we all have a digital footprint that can be traced, and it's critically

important that the image we portray online matches our desired personal brand. The same advice goes to managing the reputation of a business.

The biggest tip for success that we can offer is to be authentic. Don't try to create a persona or a brand image online that doesn't align with who you are in the real world or the mission of your company. Be aware that everything you post could have a reaction (positive or negative), and for this reason you should always be thinking a few steps ahead. For example, think 'if I post this, then it could spark that type of reaction' and so on. This advice should be followed for both personal pages and on forums, but it's just as important for business accounts to consider. You want to maintain a consistent image across the platforms, and a consistent message as well from the business side.

This leads to our next point which is about negative posts, comments, or reviews.



Inevitably, at some point your business will likely encounter people who are negative, or even combative. It's important to try and address their concerns to the best of your ability, and ideally you will be able to take the conversation off-line. For example, you can ask them to DM you their contact information to discuss the details of their concern privately. When people make negative comments publicly on a business account, other followers often watch the chain to see how the business will respond. A straightforward and transparent response will gain respect from the audience, whether they choose to click "like" on the response or not. Ignoring a complaint

or negative comment can reflect poorly on the business, with some

followers inferring that the business has something to hide by not responding.

When you think about the brand image that you want to convey, try jotting down some words you'd want people to say when asked about your brand. For example, if your company's mission is to build high-end pools, some words you might write down about the desired brand image are quality, luxury, craftsmanship, reliability, and trustworthy. After you've established the type of brand image that you want, it's important to match up the content that you post and share to align with the qualities selected. Strive to remain "on brand" with what you post, how you respond to comments, and the messaging that you put out to your audience. Authenticity is key, so always stay true to your core values and mission while creating consistency around your brand. ■



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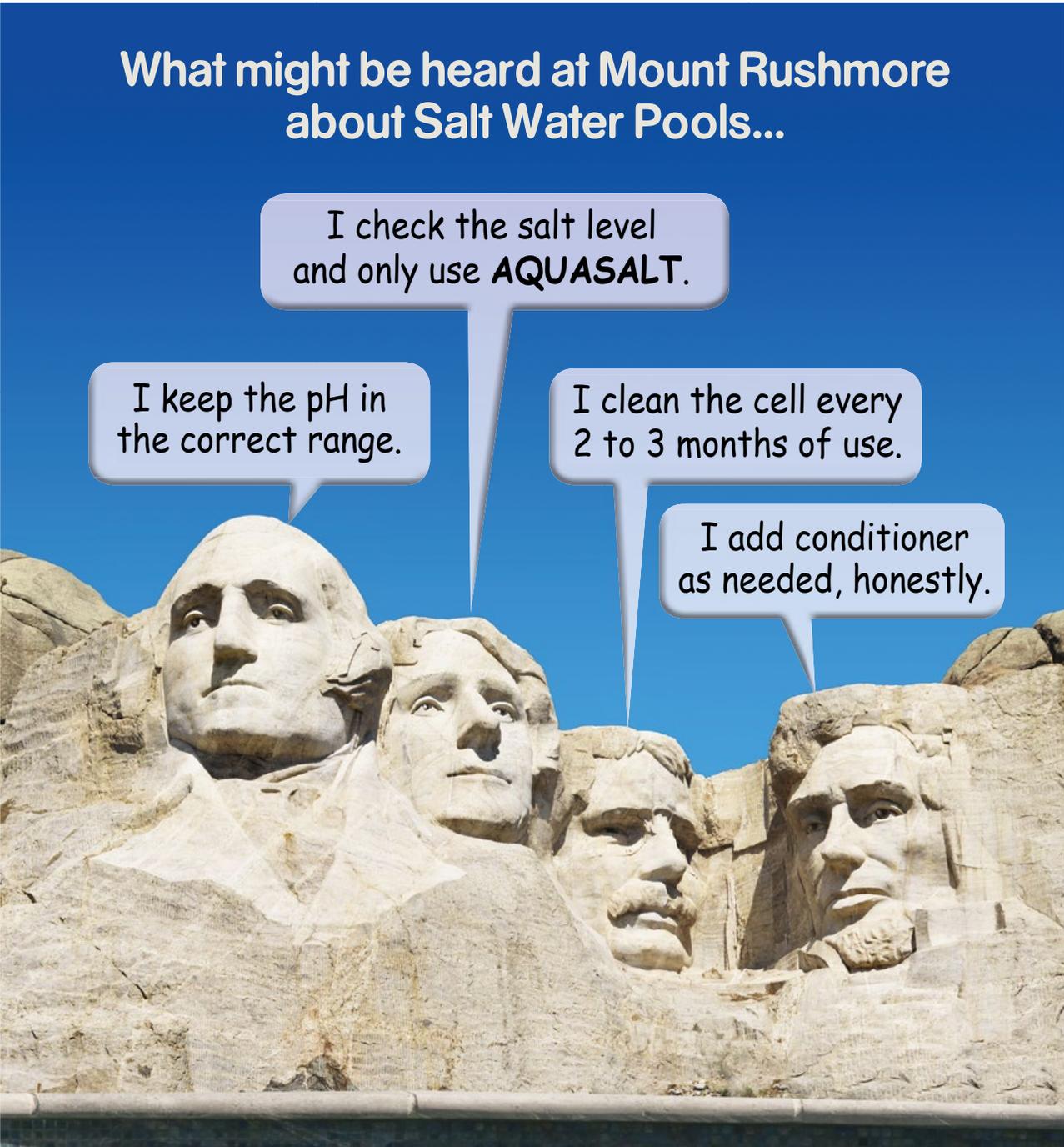
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Don't Let High Inflation Kick Your Butt

By Rudy Stankowitz, Aquatic Facility Training and Consultants

YOU CAN'T AFFORD to pay yourself and your employees more money unless you can sell more products or services or sell those items at higher prices. High inflation does not help. It makes it more difficult for a pool company because people have less money and are less likely to spend it on their swimming pools. Folks in the industry often say we are recession-proof. That mindset does nothing more than fill a pool professional's head with a false sense of security at a time when optimism bias is most detrimental. You need to take action to set yourself up to be bulletproof in the face of adversity.

The problem with high inflation is that it makes everyday business operations more difficult and expensive. If your client has to pay higher prices for everything they buy to make ends meet, they will likely spend less on discretionary purchases such as swimming pools, pool service, or even the supplies needed to successfully

DIY. This means you will have fewer customers coming into your stores or calling for estimates—especially if other companies in your area have similar prices, but better deals!

VALUE-ADDED POOL SERVICE

Establishing a marketable point of difference is vital. Think value-added service. What is something you offer that your competition does not? Make choosing your product or service above your competition a no-brainer, not by undercutting the market, but by making the service you offer worth 10 - 15% more than everyone else. It can be as simple as blowing the leaves off the pool deck at each visit or emailing a photo of the freshly cleaned swimming pool immediately following every service. Nowadays, there are a lot of great apps that can help you do just that.

Even when crying poverty, people do (for the most part) understand that they get what they pay for and don't

mind paying more if the value is there. If this is not your experience - you have the wrong customers.

Strive for greater product inclusion among your existing clientele. You already have a customer base and getting those clients on your routes who trust you to purchase additional services is a lot easier than finding more customers. Besides, standing in someone's yard is the absolute best place to close a sale on add-ons to service. If it's not you swinging the net, train your team to look for opportunities and talk it up on those backyard encounters with the pool owner. If they can't sell it, at least get them to the point where they are diligent about letting you know when those chances for additional income exist.

Don't worry about the influx of YouTube jockeys and Amazon junkies. When forced to tighten their belts, some people will look for cheaper methods of pool care. Don't waste your time or energy. You will be second-guessed, nickel, and dimed to the point of heightened pissitivity, and it's not worth the aggravation. These people are not your customers.

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While you can't control the economy or what happens in Washington, DC, there are things you can do to limit your business's exposure to high inflation.

- Use fixed-price contracts when possible. This will help ensure your costs remain stable and predictable, even if prices rise.
- Limit the use of credit (and be sure to pay off balances each month). If you rely on credit cards for cash flow instead of an emergency fund, then

as inflation increases, so will the interest rate on those balances—making it harder for you to manage expenses and profitably grow your company over time.

- Keep an eye on inventory levels with periodic checks against sales goals; this allows for proactive reordering before prices go up later this year when new models hit the market--or if demand picks up unexpectedly after a competitor closes their doors.
- Increase your pool technicians' observational skills by including awareness training. Your techs are your eyes and ears in the field. If there are opportunities at a customer pool, they need to be able to identify them as they arise.
- Look for candidates that view education as ongoing when making hiring decisions. The best employees you can have will be perpetual students in swimming pool education.

If at all possible, lock in your supply costs at current levels. Early buys are a great way to go about this. Instead of purchasing several weeks' worth of product at a time, if you have the means and the warehouse space, you

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can order a quantity that has you set for several months and at a heavily discounted rate. But don't get all buck nutty with the items your customers will consider to be luxuries. Remember, they are feeling the crunch and will likely be sticking to the must-haves and things, such as specialty chems, that can aid in stretching their chemical supplies.

Be careful about taking in too much or too little product; if you grotesquely overload yourself, you may still be sitting on a stockpile come Labor Day weekend. If you order too lightly, there's the potential you'll face even higher pricing when it's time to reorder—you'll have to raise your rates again mid-season.

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- It is time for strategic pricing changes if you've

been pricing your service at one price point for years and suddenly see inflation eating up most of your profit margin.

- Don't forget this after the economy chills out. If you implement a policy of yearly price increases based on regular inflation increases, you will be in a much better position next time the schmutz hits the impeller.

As always, keep an eye on trends and take the necessary steps to ensure your business stays profitable. ■

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By Rose Smoot, IOM, CAE, IPSSA Executive Director

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If you prefer in-person education, IPSSA supports professional growth through

its local chapters. Chapter membership provides tremendous opportunities for gaining the wisdom/experience of your peers and other related industry professionals. A member can get local hands-on training at no cost through classes sponsored by leading industry manufacturers. Examples of industry classes include technical training on gas heaters, Wifi Diagnostics, variable speed pumps, chlorine usage, and other relevant pool service and repair.

IPSSA also has a Water Chemistry Certification course. The course material includes IPSSA's Basic Training Manual-1, written by Robert Lowry. Upon passing the exam, you receive a certification that demonstrates your proficiency at maintaining swimming pool water. This is a great way to demonstrate your knowledge to your customer.

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Maximizing Revenue Year-Round with a Marketing Plan

By Bryce Sirrine, Owner, Beyond Pool Cleaning, Skimmer Ambassador



AS WE HEAD INTO FALL, it's a good time to start thinking about marketing for the off-season and beyond. If you're just getting started, marketing to existing customers is a great place to start. You likely already have their contact information, and they may not understand the full suite of services you offer. This is especially true if you offer ancillary services or seasonal services outside of pool service and repair. We know of many pool pros who offer power washing and holiday light installation, for example.

Some Pool Service Software, like Skimmer's built-in broadcast and service email capabilities, give us an easy way to upsell equipment (think variable speed pumps or pool heaters), ask for referral business, and add on treatments and services. You can include extra information in the regular Service Emails that contain photos and chemical readings, or you can make use of the Broadcast Email feature to email all of your active customers. If you aren't a Skimmer user, you may consider using a third-party email service like Constant Contact or Mailchimp.

Emails aren't just for upselling. Highlight your expertise as a pool pro and set yourself apart from your competition by including life-saving tips from a reputable organization like the American Red Cross during Swim Safety Month in May. If you're expecting a hard freeze, you may want to include a link to an article with tips on how to minimize and prevent damage to pools, pipes, plants,

and pets. You can also use these emails to remind your customers when you'll be closed down for holidays.

Need some examples? Here's a sample outline!

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Testing/recommendations for pool draining
- Variable speed pumps to help you save

MARCH/APRIL

- Preventative Maintenance 25% off filter cleaning
- Schedule pool openings

MAY/JUNE

- Swim Safety Month
- PoolRx unit install promo

JULY/AUGUST

- Pool closings refer-a-neighbor and get \$50 off your service
- Pool Heaters info/push

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- Power washing
- Holiday light installation
- Closed for the holidays reminder w/dates

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- Closed for the holidays reminder
- Tips on what to do in the event of a freeze

We know the services you offer may vary, but we hope these examples are helpful. Referral reminders can be included in every email you send out, and they're a good way to stay top of mind. We ask for referrals in our Service Emails we send out from Skimmer.

With a little creativity and some time put aside, a

marketing plan can help you stay organized and help you increase your bottom line. Plus, it can help provide value to your customers that set you apart

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Stories from the Field

Automatic Pool Cover Provides Escape from Life-Threatening Situation

“When I arrived, my client walked me to the pool cover and explained the most amazing story about a car driving over their pool cover.”



WHEN POOL PROFESSIONALS recommend and install automatic pool covers for their customers, they know these covers are safety covers that prevent children and pets from entering an unattended pool and potentially drowning. But rarely do they think the cover might prevent an automobile from falling into the pool! However, that was exactly what happened to Brad Lovins, owner of Lovins Select Pool and Spa company in Columbus, Indiana, who installed an automatic pool cover on a 20 x 44 rectangle pool.

It all started when Brad Lovins received a text from his client, Dr. Barrett, who asked him to come by their house because there had been an “incident” and the

automatic pool cover should be inspected. “When I arrived, my client walked me to the pool cover and explained the most amazing story about a car driving over their pool cover,” explained Lovins. “First of all, it’s important to understand that this pool is not anywhere near the street, which makes how it all happened a bit of a mystery,” says Lovins. It turns out that in the middle of the night, the driver of the car came up the neighbor’s driveway, turned around in that driveway, then drove across the yard, and off into the pool, came out the pool, hit the diving board, destroyed the diving board, then drove down over the hill into a creek below. “What’s really incredible is that if

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they had not spun the tires on the wall cap, it would not have torn up the cover at all," explains Lovins. It appears that when the car was trying to get out of the pool, they spun the tires and that spinning put a small hole in the cover. "It's especially amazing to think that this mid-size-SUV Chevrolet car

must have sunk down with the cover, before re-emerging and continuing to drive into the field and creek beyond the house."

The incident apparently ended when the car nose-dived into the nearby creek. It turns out that the driver was disoriented. "In fact, none of us even realized the driver

was still in the car when we showed up to inspect the cover," explained Lovins. "When the police showed up to do their report, they didn't arrest the driver, they just took her home and had the car pulled out of the creek." The driver had spent the night in their car in the creek and had avoided drowning in

a swimming pool.

The inspection showed that the cover was still functional. "We were shocked the cover was still working," said Lovins. "No issues with the cover, just a gouge in the coping and a small hole in the cover.

It turns out that the pool
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Off the Deep End

Pool Bob's Hydro-eclectic Musings

NET INCOME

Tis the season when falling leaves blanket the pools with hours of "joy" for us pool technicians and it is the time when our thankful clients most value our net worth. However, skimming and raking lots of leaves and debris may be hazardous to your musculoskeletal health. Our IPSSA insurance guru, Ray Arouesty, tells us the rotator cuff injury is the most common injury for a pool tech. 4 to 5 pounds of wet leaves in a net, multiplied by 8+ feet of a telescoping pole, can create a great amount of torque on the shoulder joint and muscles, as well as the upper, middle and

lower back.

My chiropractor advises me to keep my shoulders back and chest out (just like mom always said) and to keep my head upright and between my shoulders. Our arms are designed to do all the moving, but try to keep your elbows down and in. Keep your hands below your head. Don't stretch out too far or lean over to get one more leaf. Extend the pole as needed, otherwise keep it retracted and mostly balanced in your hands. Use a smaller net (18" or less) and empty it often. The giant nets are for giants. Pushing and pull the leaves into the net, with

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graceful serpentine movements, always flowing water over the submerged leading edge of the net and in one forward direction, smoothly. Avoid jerking motions or pushing and pulling too hard. Smooth is fast enough. Think Dances with Pools, not Splash and Dash.

Maybe, someday, we'll all be thankful when a new skimmer is made with a basket the size of a 5-gallon tab bucket. In the meantime, be careful not to cause repetitive strain injuries or net profit harm.

WINTER EYES

It's beginning to look a lot like winter. While traveling

last month, I had a chance to see how northern states, with "seasons", winterize their pools. The "above grounders" pull the cork and take 'em apart. The "in grounders" drain 'em and put a mesh safety cover over the

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hole. I've read the northeastern pools have to purge the pipes and pour in anti-freeze and maybe float inner tubes or logs in the pool to keep the pool glaciers from cracking the waterline tile. I'm thankful, in California (and likely those IPSSA members in Florida too) winterizing, to most of us, means, flipping the heater switch off or leaving the bubble cover on the roller until spring.

MERCI' BEAUCOUP - THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The heater manufacturers are very thankful and greatly appreciate when pool technicians read all of the manual before installing, servicing or repairing their pool heaters, pumps and filters. Some pool heater installation and operating manuals have instructions in English and French. I guess a few pool heaters are also sold in France and probably the Seychelle

Islands and perhaps some in Canada (eh?). Working on a heater recently, I flipped the manual pages from English to French and quickly learned a few French words. Customer translates to Clientele (client). Heater (boiler) is Chauff. Pool is Piscene. A pool heater operator translates to Chauffeur de Piscene. If I had a pool service, in New Orleans, surely, it would be called, The Pool Chauffeur, oui?

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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.

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owner didn't hear anything during the night. They didn't even notice the car in the creek. But it was their routine to wake up each

morning, open the automatic pool cover and that was when they noticed a black mark and hole in the cover and then they looked over and saw the car in the distance.

"The homeowner was very, very grateful that the car was not in the bottom of their pool," noted Lovins. "And that auto cover probably saved that woman's life."

Lovins called the manufacturer, Automatic Pool Covers to tell them the story and was very impressed that Automatic Pool Covers sent a new cover and all the necessary parts such that a new cover was installed within 6 days. "Our company is so happy we work with an install automatic pool safety covers by Automatic Pool Covers in Westfield, Indiana," says Lovins. They are a great group of people and make a great product, that we know really do save lives." ■

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- **Education Committee**
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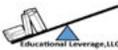
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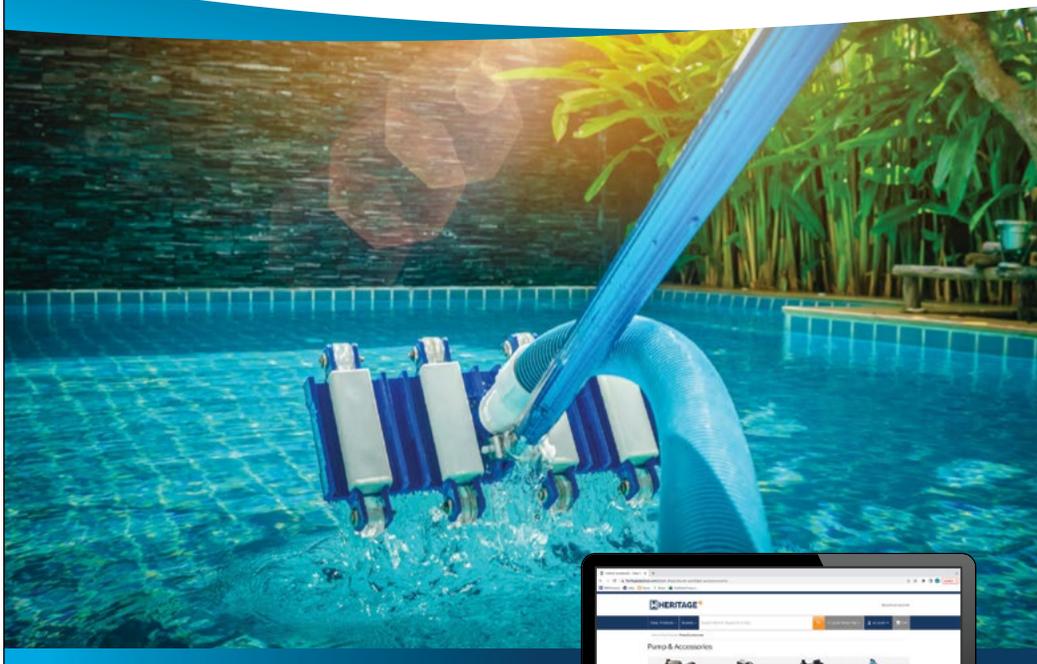
Manager for Letro Products, as well as work in construction management and sales for Blue Haven and Riverbend Pools. Most recently Jones managed buying group sales for Florida Water Products.

"We are very pleased to have Jeff join our team," says Thomas Vessiere, National Sales Director for Ultimate Water. "Jeff brings deep experience, industry knowledge, and strong relationships that will be especially helpful as the demand for the Chlorine Genie grows exponentially in our industry."

Having sold and designed pool water sanitation systems for many years, Jones is very enthusiastic about being a part of the growing success of the Chlorine Genie. "The design and functionality of the Chlorine Genie makes it an ideal product for our industry and is especially welcome right now as builders, retailers and service professionals grapple with the most efficient way to continuously produce chlorine safely, cost effectively and immediately for their customers," explains Jones.

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FICTION vs. FACT

1. Membership in IPSSA means you have to participate in the IPSSA Insurance Program through Arrow/HUB Insurance Service.

FACT: Membership in IPSSA requires you to have general liability insurance with a minimum of \$1Mil limit. Proof of insurance must be provided upon acceptance of membership.

2. As a new member of IPSSA you must pass the IPSSA Water Chemistry Exam immediately.

FACT: A new member has up to one year to pass the IPSSA Water Chemistry Exam or may provide a certificate of training from one of the following courses: IPSSA Water Chemistry Exam, Professional Pool & Spa Operator (PPSO), Pool Chemistry Certified Residential (PCCR), Certified Pool Operator (CPO), LA County Health Department License, Florida Registered/Certified Pool and Spa Exam. Each Chapter can accept alternate certification or still require IPSSA Water Chemistry to be passed. All proof of alternate certification must be sent to IPSSA National by the Chapter President, not the Member.

3. As a prospective member you must attend three meetings before acceptance of membership.

FACT: That is not IPSSA National Policy, chapters do have the authority to adopt meeting requirements for their prospective members.

4. Chapters must learn how to file insurance claims.

FACT: Chapters are not required to file an insurance claim. Individual members should be responsible for filing and contacting their insurance broker.

5. IPSSA National and Chapter dues include insurance fees.

FACT: Your membership dues

(formerly known as fees) do not include insurance or any service fees.

6. Members pay a reinstatement fee.

FACT: IPSSA National does not charge a reinstatement fee. The only time member is charged a fee by IPSSA National is for returned checks.

7. IPSSA National collects fines for chapters on individual members.

FACT: Chapters and regions are responsible for collecting fines to individual members.

8. Chapters can buy gift cards or hand out cash to chapter members from dues, chapter support and/or manufacturer rebate programs.

FACT: Chapters may not expend any Chapter funds for general gifts for chapter members (including their families, employees, and designates); distribution of excess revenues of the Chapter; payment of business expenses of Chapter members (including most insurance) unless approved in advance and in writing by the IPSSA Board of Regional Directors.

9. IPSSA doesn't contact or call me when I haven't paid my dues.

FACT: Multiple emails are sent out during the month noted "IPSSA Membership Past Due - First Notice/Second Notice." If we don't receive payment by the end of the month a cancellation notice is sent out to the member and we alert Arrow Insurance if you are enrolled.

10. IPSSA won't let me rejoin after I've been canceled for membership.

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Capital Valley (Sacramento)
First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
VFW 8990 Kruihof Way, Fair Oaks
President: [Jason Hilton](mailto:Jason.Hilton@capitalvalleypools.com), 916-224-3113

Delta (Stockton)
Third Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
The Elks Lodge
19071 N. Lower Sacramento Rd.
Woodbridge
President: [Rick Plath](mailto:Rick.Plath@deltapools.com), 209-456-1605

East Bay
Third Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Drive Pleasant Hill
President: [Katrina Pedersen](mailto:Katrina.Pedersen@eastbaypools.com)
925-289-9231

East Contra Costa
Fourth Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
La Fuente Mexican Restaurant
642 1st Street, Brentwood
President: [Kirk Olsen](mailto:Kirk.Olsen@eastcontracostapools.com)

El Dorado
Second Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Shingle Springs Community Center
4440 S. Shingle Road, Shingle Springs
President: [Shawn Panico](mailto:Shawn.Panico@eldoradochapters.com), 916-201-6245

Elk Grove
Second Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Logan's Roadhouse
9105 W. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove
President: [Jerry Marquardsen](mailto:Jerry.Marquardsen@elkgrovecap.org)

Gold Country
First Monday, 6:00 p.m.
2515 Grass Valley Hwy., Auburn
President: [Alex Tobiasz](mailto:Alex.Tobiasz@goldcountrypools.com), 916-759-8028

Modesto Central Valley
Third Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Mi Casa
624 N. Golden State Boulevard
Turlock, CA 95380
President: [Albert Camarillo](mailto:Albert.Camarillo@modestocentralvalleypools.com), 209-628-2717

Sacramento City
Fourth Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Plaza Hofbrau
2500 Watt Avenue, Sacramento
President: [Derin Schroeder](mailto:Derin.Schroeder@sacramentocitypools.com), 916-367-9934

Tracy
Fourth Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
Perko's Cafe
1321 W. 11th Street, Tracy
President: [Beau Hoff](mailto:Beau.Hoff@tracypools.com)

West Placer
First Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Strikes Bowling Alley
5681 Lonetree Blvd., Rocklin
President: [Bryan Soto](mailto:Bryan.Soto@westplacerpools.com), 916-258-5114

REGION 2 Central California
Beau Braisher, Director
661-332-4952 | braisherpools@gmail.com

Bakersfield
First Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Rusty's Pizza

6675 Ming Ave., Bakersfield
President: [Trevor Smith](mailto:Trevor.Smith@centralcoastpools.com), 661-472-5288

Central Coast
Second Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Nino's Grill, Templeton
President: [Matt Mazzo](mailto:Matt.Mazzo@centralcoastpools.com), 805-614-3114

Conejo
Second Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Alpha Water Systems
725 Cochran Street #A, Simi Valley
President: [Dennis Van Sloten](mailto:Dennis.VanSloten@conejopools.com), 805-813-6154

Conejo Valley
Second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Superior Pool Products
1200 Lawrence Drive #400, Newbury Park
President: [Michael Flanagan](mailto:Michael.Flanagan@conejovalleypools.com), 805-444-7960

Fresno
Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Roundtable Pizza
First & Bullard, Fresno
President: [Vernon Daley](mailto:Vernon.Daley@fresnopools.com), 559-960-2427

Santa Barbara
Second Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Rusty's Pizza Parlor
232 W. Carrillo (downtown), Santa Barbara
President: [Joe Burich](mailto:Joe.Burich@santabarbarapools.com), 805-451-1963

Ventura
Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Poinsettia Pavilion
3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura
President: [James Eubanks](mailto:James.Eubanks@venturapools.com), 805-889-5977

Visalia
Third Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Amigo's Cantina
5113 W. Walnut Avenue, Visalia
President: [John Cossey, Jr.](mailto:John.Cossey@visaliapools.com), 559-380-8886

REGION 3 Northern L.A. County, California
Eric Nielson, Director
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Antelope
Second Monday, 6:00 p.m.
SCP Antelope Valley
4514 Runway Drive, Lancaster
President: [Steven Polovina](mailto:Steven.Polovina@antelopepools.com), 661-236-6095

Diamond Bar
First Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
PEP 563 W. Terrace Drive, San Dimas
President: [Robert L. Betts](mailto:Robert.L.Betts@diamondbarpools.com), 626-757-6707

Foothill
Third Thursday, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
849 Foothill Blvd. #4, La Canada
President: [Jay Laughrey](mailto:Jay.Laughrey@foothillpools.com), 818-957-5298

San Fernando Valley
Third Wednesday via Zoom
President: [Ivan Vance](mailto:Ivan.Vance@sanfernandovalleypools.com), 818-376-8541

San Fernando Valley Metro
First Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Canoga Bowl
20122 Vanowen, Canoga Park
President: [Eric Nielson](mailto:Eric.Nielson@sanfernandovalleymetro.com), 818-710-1628

San Gabriel Valley
Second Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

PEP 1862 Business Center Drive, Duarte
President: [Ron Hopwood](mailto:Ron.Hopwood@sanclaritavalleypools.com), 626-806-4670

Santa Clarita Valley
First Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Vincenzo's Pizza
24504 1/2 Lyons Avenue, Newhall
President: [Glen Batista](mailto:Glen.Batista@santaclaritavalleypools.com)

REGION 4 South L.A. County, California
Adam Morley, Director
310-493-3565 | adam@paradisepools.biz

Central Los Angeles
Second Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Han Woo Ri Presbyterian Church
1932 S. 10th Ave, Los Angeles
President: [Fred Choi](mailto:Fred.Choi@centrallosangelespools.com), 213-598-0078

East Long Beach
Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Ecco's Pizza
2123 N Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach
President: [James Burkhalter](mailto:James.Burkhalter@eastlongbeachpools.com), 562-305-6929

South Bay
Second Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall
412 S. Camino Real, Redondo Beach
President: [Rick Morris](mailto:Rick.Morris@southbaypools.com), 310-755-5279

West Side
Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
American Legion Hall
5309 S. Sepulveda, Culver City
President: [Richard Okamoto](mailto:Richard.Okamoto@westsidepools.com), 310-927-2411

Whittier
First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Superior Pool Products Santa Fe Springs
President: [Albert Navarro](mailto:Albert.Navarro@whittierpools.com), 562-927-6757

REGION 5 Orange County, California
Michael Denham, Director
714-891-6180 | denhampools@gmail.com

Anaheim
Third Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Roundtable Pizza
12829 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove
President: [Cal Pratt](mailto:Cal.Pratt@anaheimpools.com), 949-230-7462

Central Orange County
Last Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Coco's Restaurant
14971 Holt Avenue, Tustin
President: [Jeff Steinker](mailto:Jeff.Steinker@centralorangecountypools.com), 949-586-4860

Dana Point
Second Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Coco's Restaurant
Crown Valley at I-5, Dana Point
President: [Cliff Gross](mailto:Cliff.Gross@danapointpools.com), 949-587-9773

Mission Viejo
1st Tuesday of every month, 6:00 pm
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
President: [Chris Dodds](mailto:Chris.Dodds@missionviejopools.com), 949-683-6076

Orange Coast
Last Monday, 5:00pm
Roundtable Pizza on Adams and Beach
President: [Rob Manqus](mailto:Rob.Manqus@orangecoastpools.com), 714-318-1254

Orange County Pool Professionals
Last Monday, 6:00 p.m.
Claim Jumper (Banquet Room)
18050 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley

President: [Jim Romanowski](mailto:Jim.Romanowski@orangecountypoolprofessionals.com), 714-404-2550

Southwest
First Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
ABC Pools
10560 Los Alamitos Boulevard, Los Alamitos
President: [Brian Bembry](mailto:Brian.Bembry@southwestpools.com), 714-995-8211

Surf City
Third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Superior Pool Products
10865 Kalama River, Fountain Valley
President: [Frank Malavar](mailto:Frank.Malavar@surfcitypools.com), 714-960-3558

Tustin/Irvine
Second Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
PSC Waterline Technologies
220 N. Santiago Street, Santa Ana
President: [Rich Foley](mailto:Rich.Foley@tustinirvinepools.com), 714-974-1514

Yorba Linda
First Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.
(Please verify meeting time with president)
Lampost Pizza
21480 Yorba Linda Blvd #D, Yorba Linda
President: [David Hartson](mailto:David.Hartson@yorbalindapools.com), 714-306-4864

REGION 6 Inland Empire, California
John Dixon, Director
951-316-1675
waterwhisperer1@verizon.net

Corona
Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Marie Callenders
160 E. Rincon St (at Main St), Corona
President: [Ernie Machado](mailto:Ernie.Machado@coronapools.com), 951-264-7464

Hemet
Third Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Megabite's Pizza
1153 S. State Street, Hemet
President: [Kenneth Campbell](mailto:Kenneth.Campbell@hemetpools.com), 951-733-4330

Menifee Valley
First Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
My Buddies Pizza
2503 E. Lakeshore Drive #A Lake, Elsinore
President: [Renee Marier](mailto:Renee.Marier@menifeevalleypools.com), 951-285-9672

Ontario/Rancho Cucamonga
Second Tuesday, 7:00 pm.
Location varies. Please contact chapter president for more info.
President: [Ron Goodwin](mailto:Ron.Goodwin@ontariopools.com), 909-989-0406

Palm Desert
Third Thursday, 6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
(Please verify meeting time with president)
Sloan's, 81539 US Hwy 111, Indio
President: [Gary Kauber](mailto:Gary.Kauber@palmdesertpools.com), 760-702-5865

Palm Springs
First Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
Superior 5700 Indian Springs Rd.
Palm Springs
President: [Jim Elliott](mailto:Jim.Elliott@palm Springspools.com), 760-413-0463

Redlands
Second Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Hickory Ranch
32971 Yucaipa Boulevard, Yucaipa
President: [Bill Brooks](mailto:Bill.Brooks@redlandspools.com), 909-553-5780

Riverside
First Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

Cask N Clever
1333 University Ave., Riverside
President: [Scott Zahn](#)
951-966-0592

Temecula/Murrietta

Third Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Pat & Oscar's
29375 Rancho California Road, Temecula
President: [Scott Peterson](#), 951-255-4175

REGION 7 San Diego County, California

[waterwatcher.org](#)
Michael Harris, Director
619-395-6700
mike@barrowpoolservice.com

Escondido

Third Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Call for location
President: [Bruce Smith](#), 760-741-3960

North County Coastal

Third Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Five Suits Brewing
2575 Pioneer Ave., Unit 104
Vista, CA 92081
President: [Aden Dunne](#), 760-801-5526

Rancho Del Mar

Third Monday, 5:30 p.m.
12840 Carmel Country Rd.
San Diego, CA 92130
President: [Ed Finney](#), 858-750-8842

San Diego

Third Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Admiral Baker Clubhouse
2400 Admiral Baker Road, San Diego
President: [Ken Dirkse](#), 858-271-7665

San Diego East County

Third Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Superior Pool Products
1973 Friendship Drive, El Cajon
President: [Marc Impastato](#)
619-270-6617

San Diego Metro

Fourth Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
Sammy's Wood Fired Pizza
8555 Fletcher Pkwy, La Mesa
President: [Bert Vexland](#), 619-445-7887

REGION 8 Arizona and Nevada

Bill Goossen, Director
602-531-0035 | goosse-man@cox.net

East Valley (Phoenix)

Third Thursday, 6:00 p.m. MST
Pool Electrical Products - Tempe
In the back parking lot
1245 W Geneva Dr Tempe, AZ 85282
President: [Angela Clark](#), 480-489-2577

North Phoenix

Third Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
SCP
18201 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ
President: [Stillman Brown](#), 623-229-3494

Southeast Valley

Second Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Superior Pool Products
7330 S. Atwood, Mesa, AZ
President: [Jerry Handley](#), 480-440-2888

Tucson

Third Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Social & 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
No meetings in August & December
Horizon Pool & Spa Parts
3120 East Medina Rd., Tucson, AZ
President: [Robert Lewis](#), 520-349-1111

West Valley

Third Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Cloud Supply
1100 N. Eliseo Felix Way, Avondale, AZ
President: [David Nielsen](#), 623-850-2924

Western Las Vegas

First Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Vietnam Vets Hall
6424 W. Cheyenne, Las Vegas, NV
President: [Linda Cross](#), 702-524-8453

REGION 9 Texas South

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Rick Beaubouef, Director
512-266-6592 | rick.easypools@gmail.com

Austin

First Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Red Robin
5601 Brodie Lane, Sunset Valley
President: [Mark Mastropietro](#)
512-550-1100

Clearlake

Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Rudy's BBQ
21361 Gulf Fwy Webster
President: [David Potts](#), 208-887-6486

Corpus Christi

First Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
SCP in Corpus Christi
President: [Michelle Wilkinson](#)
209-604-6460

Hill Country

Third Tuesday
Tj's Burgers
259 TX-337 Loop, New Braunfels
President: [Jascha Wood](#), 512-216-7663

Houston

Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Pappy's Café
12313 Katy Frwy., Houston
President: [David Queen](#), 281-807-5442

North Austin

Second Wednesday
Casa Chapala
9041 Research Blvd. #100, Austin
President: [Thomas Long](#), 512-293-7831

North Houston

Third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
La Cocina de Roberto
3126 Sawdust Road
Spring, TX 77373
President: [Stephen Titone](#), 281-773-8643

San Antonio

First Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Longhorn Café
17625 Blanco Road, San Antonio
President: [Jorge Martinez](#), 210-549-7665

West Houston

First Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Spring Creek Barbeque
21000 Katy Freeway, Katy, Texas
President: [Bill Williams](#), 832-593-6299

REGION 10 Bay Area South, California

Gary Heath, Director
510-223-7537 | gary@thepooldoctors.com

Fremont

Second Monday, via Zoom
All Members/Guests (Jan-July)
Board Officers (Aug-Dec)
PIN: 823 5019 6796
P/W: BluePools1
President: [Bruce Barrios](#), 510-750-2866

Marin and Sonoma County

Third Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Lucchesi Park Petaluma Community
Center 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma
President: [Darrell O'Neal](#), 707-217-1546

Mid-Peninsula

Last Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Superior Pool Products
2692 Middlefield Road, Redwood City
President: [Thurlough Cunningham](#)
650-868-9310

Monterey Coast

Fourth Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
85 Nelson Street, Ste.201, Watsonville
President: [Terry Page](#), 831-297-2215

Santa Clara Valley

Third Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
SCP
2036 Martin Ave Santa Clara
President: [Fred Doering](#), 408-685-8078

Silicon Valley

Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
Armadillo Willy's
1031 N. San Antonio Rd.
Los Altos, Ca. 94022
President: [David Guslani](#), 650-333-1351

Tri-Valley

Second Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
(No meetings in July and August)
Location varies. Please contact chapter
president for more info.
President: [Ken Yecny](#), 925-371-4521

REGION 11 Florida and Georgia

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Todd Starnier, Director
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tstarnier@tampabayrr.com

Gold Coast (Ft. Lauderdale area)

Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Wings Plus
9880 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs, FL
President: [Ana Labosky](#), 954-224-7733
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President: [Ana Labosky](#)

North Georgia

First Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Please contact chapter president for
meeting location and directions.
President: TBD

Osceola (Orlando/Kissimmee)

Second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Fat Boy's Restaurant
2512 13th Street, St. Cloud, FL
President: [Diane Fowler](#), 407-460-6680

Port Charlotte

Fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo Wings & Rings
1081 W. Price Blvd., North Port, FL
President: [Raymond Kurilavicius](#),
941-743-2010

Sarasota (Sarasota and Manatee Counties)

First Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Gecko's Grill & Pub
351 N Cattlemen Rd. North of Fruitville
Rd., Sarasota, FL
President: [Marvin McMahan](#)
941-356-7751

Treasure Coast

Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Duffy's Sports Bar
6431 SE Federal Hwy Stuart, FL
President: [Paulette Hester](#), 772-485-5489

REGION 12 Texas North

[ipssatexas.com](#)
Casey Gardener, Director
469-835-5674
service@noworriespoolcare.com

Dallas

Fourth Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Senor Chachote Cantina & Grill
7602 N Jupiter Rd, Garland
President: [Travis Coleman](#), 214-799-7739

Fort Worth

Third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
La Playa Maya Restaurant
1540 N Main Street, Fort Worth
President: [Tina Carmona](#), 817-991-0555

Mid-Cities DFW

First Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Sports Garden DFW
1850 E. Belt Line Rd, Coppell
President: [Stephanie Gardner](#)
469-835-5674

Tarrant County

First Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
El Chico's Cafe
7621 Baker Blvd., Richland Hills
President: [Jason Wilson](#), 817-366-1200

Waxahachie

Second Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.
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