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## MAY - SAFETY MONTH - THE ADA COMING OUR WAY

The American with Disabilities Act is requiring that certain public and private pools and spas be made more accessible. The mandate went into effect March 15, 2011. All new construction after this date must comply immediately. Existing pools have until March 15, 2012 to bring their facilities into full compliance.

The two primary means of compliance are - a sloped entry or a pool lift. Hotels, motels, public pools, fitness and sport clubs, country clubs, high schools and universities are required to comply. Apartments are not. As with any Federal mandate (think Virginia Graeme Baker)



there are very specific installation requirements.

As with V.G.B., most facilities will wait until the last minute then scramble to comply. For those of us that deal with this type of customer the opportunity starts now to educate ourselves and our customers about this fast approaching deadline. Additional insurance (available through Arrow) will probably be required to do this type of work. Opportunity is knocking!

Gordon F. Slagle  
Region 9 Secretary

Sharayah Hunt and Bob Kroelinger of SCP Fort Worth, show the pool lift from Inter Fab. There are several types available from different manufacturers.

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### Pool Safety Tips



1. Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, tub, bucket or ocean. There is no substitute for adult supervision.
2. Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
3. The home should be isolated from the pool with a fence at least 60" tall, with a self-closing, self-latching gate. The gate should open away from the pool, and should never be propped open.
4. Doors and windows should be alarmed to alert adults when opened. Doors should be self-closing and self-latching.
5. Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.
6. Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone, and can call for help if needed.
7. Learn CPR and rescue breathing.

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AUSTIN MEMBER MEETING

Austin Energy Building  
721 Barton Spring Rd.# TLC130  
Austin, TX 78704

First Tuesday of the month 6:00pm

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[Rick Beaubouef](#) Treasurer 512-466-9672

CORPUS CHRISTI MEMBER MEETING

Island Italian Restaurant  
15370 S. Padre Island Dr.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Third Tuesday of the month 6:30pm

[Mike Baker](#) President 361-563-7665  
Allen Arron Vice President 361-658-7665  
[Doug Goike](#) Secretary 361-749-4853  
[Brian Doggett](#) Treasurer 361-949-8899

DALLAS MEMBER MEETING

SCP-Plano Training Center,  
1212 10th Street  
Plano, TX

See calendar page 5:30pm

[Eustaquio Portillo](#) President 214-325-6746  
[Bill Winter](#) Vice President 972-523-0537  
[Sean Ralls](#) Secretary 972-849-0746  
[Lorna MacDougall](#) Treasurer 972-222-4105

FORT WORTH MEMBER MEETING

La Playa Maya Restaurant  
1540 N. Main Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76106

Third Tuesday of the month 6:30pm

[Jason S. Lehmann](#)- President 817-605-0194  
[Greg Clark](#) Vice President 817-453-1302  
[Ken Hamilton](#) Secretary 817-268-8438  
[Tina Lehmann](#) Treasurer 817-991-0555

HOUSTON MEMBER MEETING

Fuddruckers  
2475 Kirkwood  
Houston, TX

Second Tuesday of the month  
7:00pm  
Board Meeting preceding

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[David Queen](#) Vice President 281-807-5442  
[Sterling Jones](#) Secretary 281-256-6630  
[Doug Dinkins](#) Treasurer 281-531-8757

MID CITIES MEMBER MEETING

SCP Carrollton  
2107 Hutton Dr.,  
Carrollton, TX 75006

First Monday of the month 7:00pm

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[Kraig Williams](#) Secretary 972-800-2123  
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1201 W. Warren Street  
Rio Grande Valley

Second Tuesday of the month  
6:30pm

[Humberto Garces](#) President 956-867-7194  
Ron Long Vice President 830-246-2788  
[Johnny Schultz](#) Treasurer 830-253-1222

SAN ANTONIO MEETING

Clear Springs Restaurant  
606 Afton Oaks  
San Antonio, TX

First Monday of the month  
Officers Meeting @ 6:00 pm  
Chapter Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
Attendance is taken @ 7:00 pm

[Flash Rose](#) President 210-494-9784  
[Randy Keefe](#) Vice President 210-519-7901  
[Becky Clayton](#) Secretary 210-240-3121  
[Frank Berlanga](#) Treasurer 210-732-7817

WAXAHACHIE MEMBER MEETING

SCP Grand Prairie  
1909 Great Southwest Pkwy  
Waxahachie, TX

First Wednesday of the month  
7:00am

[Neal Holt](#) President 972-617-9877  
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# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Member Meeting Mid Cities & San Antonio	3 Member Meeting Austin	4 Member Meeting Waxahachie	5	6	7
8 <b>Mother's Day</b> 	9	10 Member Meeting Houston & Rio Grande Valley	11	12	13 Florida— BORD Meeting	14 Florida— BORD Meeting
15 Florida— BORD Meeting	16	17 Member Meeting Corpus Christi & Fort Worth	18	19 <b>Water Safety Event 8:00am until 12:00pm details on pg. 6</b>	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Member Meeting Dallas	27	28
29	30 <b>Memorial Day</b> 	31				



## 2011 Dallas Chapter Meetings

We have now finalized the monthly Chapter meetings for the first 6 months of 2011.

### May 26, 2011

### June 23, 2011

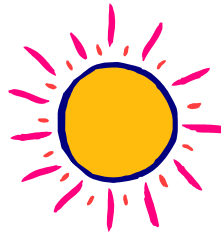
The meetings are at the EDGE-SCP Training Center in Plano. The meet and greet starts at 5:30PM with dinner and the official meeting starts at 6:30PM. If you are not able to attend, please call one of the chapter officers to let us know. See you there!



*Lorna MacDougall*  
Dallas Chapter Treasurer



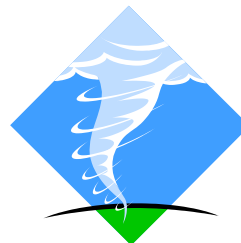
## Springtime in Texas is never boring



One day it is 92 and the next 59. There is plenty of hail storms and then nothing but sunburn. Not to mention all of the pollen and high winds. Well when we are not soaking wet, being blown into the pools, or slathering on the sunscreen, there are the calls pouring in from customers we haven't heard from in months with "my pool is a little green". I predict this summer is going to be a long hot one.

The weather is hard on our pools and our bodies. I hope all of you are hydrating and taking good care of yourselves. A little care everyday will make a difference. Good luck to all of us out there and I hope it's a profitable venture for all of us.

Tina Lehmann  
Fort Worth Chapter



## REGION 9 NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Region 9 Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting July 8,9,10 San Antonio, (Houston – hospitality room)

4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting October 14,15,16 Dallas (State Fair). (Dallas – hospitality room)

### Region 9 Executive Board

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San Antonio - [Flash Rose](#)

210-494-9784

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214-837-5884

### 2011 IPSSA Texas Elections - Step up - Make a Difference

At our Region 9 meeting earlier this last month letters of intent to run for Region 9 Director were received from Jim Jacobsmyer and Jason S. Lehmann.

During our July Region 9 meeting in San Antonio we will accept additional nominations. At our October Region 9 meeting in Dallas (think State Fair of Texas) we will elect our new Region 9 Director. Secretary and treasurer positions will be filled in February. If you have the time, the interest and the drive to help move Texas Ipssa forward think about what you can contribute.



STEP UP! HAVE FUN!

### ORDER YOU IPSSA TRAINING MANUALS

YOU CAN ORDER THESE TRAINING MANUALS ONLINE AT [WWW.IPSSA.COM](http://WWW.IPSSA.COM) OR CONTACT YOUR NEAREST CHAPTER

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  - c. Non-member price is \$49.95
  - d. Workbook price is \$12.95
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  - b. Workbook price is \$6.95
  - c. Non-member price is \$39.95
  - d. Workbook price is \$12.95
3. IPSSA Intermediate Training Manual – Part 1 Chemicals
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  - b. Workbook price is \$6.95
  - c. Non-member price is \$49.95
  - d. Workbook price is \$12.95
4. IPSSA Continuing Education Series – Pool Chlorination Facts
  - a. Member price is \$ 24.95
  - b. Non-member price is \$ 29.95





Jon Gartner from Raypak, speaker at the Fort Worth member meeting, passing out the "Tool Box2" quick reference guide for Raypak heaters.

## FORT WORTH CHAPTER MEETING

For over 30 years I've been doing service work of one type or another, from heating and a/c, apartment maintenance, to weapons systems for the navy. One thing they all had in common was you always had a technical manual to work from. It wasn't until I got into doing swimming pools that that all came to a screeching halt. It was very strange that the pool builder would buy 100 -200 sets of one manufactures equipment, use it on the pools they put in, I would start them up, find a problem, and not have a tech manual to go by. You would hear even stranger comments from the manufactures reps, the heater is too new the manuals haven't been put out yet, or you will need to wait until the next tech class we are putting on. It might even be why there has always been a divide between the builders and the service companies. Running the service side of the business I really didn't care about the trips to Maui at the end of the year, I just wanted to know what to do if the product had a problem. I know all manufactures have service reps, some are good and some are great, but when the phone rings and the customer just spent 50 to 100 thousand dollars building the pool with your company it's you they want answers from, and they are pretty easy answers they want, what do you think might be the problem and when will it be fixed. Even being a Ipssa member doesn't mean you will get much more info, most of the sales reps come to the meeting and give you sales literature, not service info, I've always had a easy thought to making a buy of new equipment, have I heard any problems in the field about this product? Can I get tech info if there is? And are there prices comparable to the other product.? Well I have to say I was completely floored at the last Ft Worth chapter meeting, Jon Gartner with Rapak handed out a little book. It was water proof, small enough to fit in my glove box, and it tells you everything about heaters, from the install, inside or outside, proper gas pipe sizing, pressures from each pipe size, then it goes over the error codes and what to do with each code, then Jon went into the book, going over each page telling us what we should do for every heater install or just his product. In the past two years my equipment sales have not been what they were 4 years ago, but with business picking up and with Jon never even attempting a sales pitch he has Certified Pools as a future customer. Thank you Jon and the rest of the team at Raypak.

Lance Rust  
Fort Worth Chapter



## ONLINE TESTING



The IPSSA Water Chemistry Certification Exam is based on IPSSA's Basic Training Manual-Part 1. We have training manuals and workbooks available so you can get yourself prepared.

Contact us at [info@ipssatexas.com](mailto:info@ipssatexas.com)

The exam is offered on-line at no cost.

To take the exam on-line, write to [exam@ipssa.com](mailto:exam@ipssa.com) or call 888-360-9505 to obtain a log-in ID and password. When requesting a log-in ID and password, we will need your full name, company name, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and the name of the chapter you wish to join.

You will receive your log-in ID and password no later than the next business day.

The IPSSA Water Chemistry Certification Exam contains 50 questions.

You may refer to your copy of the IPSSA Basic Training Manual-Part 1 when taking the exam, but you only have 60 minutes in which to complete it.

During the 60 minutes you can go back and change answers. You will not be able to answer any questions after your 60 minutes expire.

You must get 90% or more of the questions right in order to pass. After you have completed the exam on-line, you will be notified of the results immediately.

There are a limited number of times you can take the exam with the same log-in ID and password

## San Antonio Water Safety Event

**WATER SAFETY EVENT** San Antonio IPSSA chapter along with Associated Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP) Aquatic Professionals Education Council (APEC), South Central Pool Supply (Pool Corp) Superior pool products (Pool Corp) and many other hard working people are planning our **2nd Annual Water Safety Event for May 19, 2011 starting at 8:00 am until 12:00 pm At YMCA Pool complex 9606 Bandera Rd. San Antonio, TX 78250.**

Events in planning stages are Josh Davis Olympic gold medalists in swimming (was absolutely an exceptional speaker last year) 75 4th grade students from Baskin Elementary school in San Antonio, possibly Senator Leticia Van De Putte (we are working with people from her office) San Antonio Fire Rescue Squad, Texas Parks and Wildlife, YMCA lifeguard presentation and swim lesson program information, we are hoping for media coverage, pizza at lunch for the kids. This is still in the planning stage at this time and looks to be a great success for promoting water safety in and with our industry, can always use more volunteers for this event

please contact me if you are available to help out at the event or wanting to attend. This will be memorable event for all.



Flash Rose  
IPSSA San Antonio Chapter President

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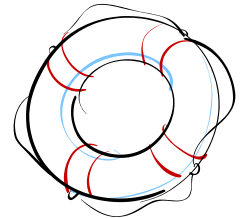
**North Texas: Chris Colbert**  
214-632-3006

**PHOS free**

## Pool Safety Tips

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8. Keep a life-saving ring, shepherd's hook and CPR instructions mounted at poolside.
9. Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
10. Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
11. If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count.
12. Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
13. Don't use floating chlorine dispensers that look like toys.
14. Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards, and emphasize the need for constant supervision.
15. Responsibilities of pool ownership include ensuring children in the home learn to swim, and that adults know CPR.
16. Do not consider children "drownproof" because they've had swimming lessons.



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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Cindy Conner 5/3     | Evangelina Garcia 5/16  |
| Daniel Escobar 5/20  | Vincent Griffin 5/17    |
| Michael Fischnar 5/2 | Fernando Martinez 5/30  |
| Phil Sharp 5/2       | Fidel Pacheco 5/7       |
| Raul Urgarte 5/17    | Alberto Romero 5/1      |
| Eric Bentley 5/29    | Nick Verburgt 5/10      |
| John Crow Jr. 5/15   | Micheal Buchhorn 5/30   |
| Bruce Goldston 5/6   | Brent Jerome 5/21       |
| David Johnson 5/19   | Lance Rust 5/5          |
| Ryan Wilson 5/6      | Michael Baker 5/6       |
| Bob Anderson 5/1     | Faye Denard-Austin 5/31 |
| Greg Butler 5/17     | April Doggett 5/30      |
| Juan Golunga 5/19    | Keith May 5/2           |
| Welcome Edwards 5/4  | Jay Nance 5/1           |
| Wesley Jones 5/17    | Andrew Wilson 5/19      |
| Rickey Viliness 5/4  | Johnny Schulz 5/28      |
| Clark Collier 5/21   | Matthew Brouwer 5/16    |
| Doug Dinkins 5/16    | Brian Cichon 5/3        |
|                      | Thomas Spann 5/16       |

## “What were they Thinking?”



Found this electrical conduit repair on the pool equipment of a house that is for sale, must have been a pool service professional because they had Polaris booster pump hose to fix it.

Submitted by Flash Rose - San Antonio



Strong smell of chlorine and tabs don't dissolve, can you spot the problem?

Found this at a new customers house, the pool was about two years old already.

Submitted by Flash Rose - San Antonio

## APRIL QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Which of the following metals are the main types found in ionizers?  
b) Copper and silver
2. The test solution OTO is classified as a carcinogen and has been shown to cause cancer in laboratory studies.  
a) True
3. Which type of chlorine is considered the most dangerous to use?  
d) Gas
4. Which type of chlorine causes the acid level to rise in pool and spa water?  
c) Both Sodium dichlor and Trichlor
5. DPD tests for sanitizer and can be affected by:  
d) All - Ozone - Iodine - High copper levels



[Click here for last month issue](#)

## “What were they Thinking?”

We have all run into those situations that are just so outrageous, funny or just plain stupid that they warrant a photo - doesn't just have to do with all the “creative” plumbing or equipment layouts we have seen. If you have a contribution of interest just let Ingrid know at: [ipahl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ipahl@sbcglobal.net)





## Welcome to the Texas Legislative Update

# APEC Files Bills to Clarify Limited Licensing Law in Texas

Posted on [March 15, 2011](#) by [admin](#)

On Friday, March 11, 2011, Republican Senator Brian Birdwell (Granbury) and Republican House Representative Allen Fletcher (Tomball) filed legislation to clarify the commercial/residential aspect of the newly enacted (2009) limited licensing law for pool maintenance contractors. The bill are listed below and deserve the full support of all APEC, IPSSA and APSP members.

[SB 1630](#) by Birdwell, Relating to the regulation of residential appliance installation under the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act.

[HB 3382](#) by Fletcher, Relating to the regulation of residential appliance installation under the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act.

Other bills APEC is monitoring include:

[HB 673](#) by Parker, Relating to the production and use of an instructional video on recreational water safety.

[HB 883](#) by Alvarado, Relating to minimum efficiency standards for certain products.

[SB 457](#) by Ellis, Relating to minimum efficiency standards for certain products.

[SB 710](#) by Van De Putte, Relating to the disclosure of a hazardous drain in a swimming pool or spa by a seller of residential real property.

[SB 770](#) by Davis, Wendy, Relating to designating April as Water Safety Awareness Month.

[SB 771](#) Davis, Wendy, Relating to swimming pool safety alarms for certain single-family homes.

Of the above bills, APEC lobbyists are working with APSP to modify the energy efficiency legislation. As it relates to safety legislation, limited licensing enhancements and safety awareness your APEC Texas lobby team is moving forward to secure bill sponsors, craft amendments to legislation, and rally support for each of our important initiatives!

## [Pool Professionals Testify](#)

Posted on [April 7, 2011](#) by [admin](#)

On Wednesday **March 30th** the **Senate Committee on Business and Commerce** held a hearing on a large number of licensing bills including **SB 1630**, the bill designed to remedy the commercial restriction placed upon pool professionals by **TDLR** in late 2010.

The Independent Electrical Contractors of Texas, the AFL-CIO and the following individuals provided oral testimony on March 30<sup>th</sup>:

- Doug Dinkins – APEC
- Scott Waldo – APSP
- Phil Sharp – IPSSA
- Jim Smith – Aquaman Pools and Spas
- Bob Standling – Hayward
- Electrician – Blue Gray Electric of Houston

On Tuesday, **April 5, 2011**, the **House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedure** heard **HB 3382** as the House companion to **SB 1630**. APEC and the following partners were present to support this important piece of legislation:

- Doug Dinkins – APEC
- Jim Smith – Aquaman Pools and Spas
- Hal Dunbar – APEC
- Kevin Tucker – H2O Gym
- Phil Sharp – IPSSA

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## Correction of an Article written in our February issue



"Making a Dream come True"

Rita Jacobsmeyer was the leading instrument of getting a new prosthetic leg for the father of Army specialist Pedro Antonio Maldonado, who was killed in Afghanistan on April 29th 2011.

Rita Jacobsmeyer has always been a vital part of the Houston chapter. She is the main organizer of a lot of events in her Ipssa chapter.

Ingrid Slagle  
Editor

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1. One bacteria in a spa can become more than one million (depending o the bacteria) in only one hour.

- a) True
- b) False

2. pH will drop if you add:

- a) Acid
- b) Trichlor
- c) Bromine tabs
- d) All of the above



3. Bromamines, unlike chloramines, are not a problem in a pool or spa.

- a) True
- b) False

*“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”*

*Albert Einstein, physicist*

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## POOL QUIZ

4. One quart of muriatic acid is equal to how many pounds of dry acid?

- a) 1
- b) 1.5
- c) 2.5
- d) 4

5. Muriatic acid is made from:

- a) Sulfuric acid
- b) Cyanuric acid
- c) Hydrochloric acid
- d) None of the above



Find answers in the next issue