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Family Fun in Austin to Support APEC

On October 8, the Texas chapters of IPSSA and APSP will join forces to host a fund-raising picnic and fishing tournament in Austin, Texas, in support of the Texas Aquatic Professionals Education Council (APEC). This is similar to last year's joint fundraising effort, but with a few important changes:

- It's at the beautiful, private, tree-covered "West Lake Beach" park on Lake Austin, reserved exclusively for us.
- Will have lots more "family fun" activities, including water volleyball, sand volleyball, horseshoes, a swimming area with a sandy beach, and a playscape for the young ones.
- Will have three different fishing tournaments running in parallel: One for serious bass fisherman, one for "any big Fish," and one for children 15 and under.
- And this year, you don't need a boat! (There's

plenty of river bank and docks to fish from.)

We've also added a raffle, which gives everyone at least one chance to win a prize from one or more of our industry sponsors (and other generous businesses who want to support our industry).

"We realized we could add a lot of fun and excitement to the event with a raffle, while also raising more funds for APEC," stated Gordon Slagle, one of the event's committee members. "For every \$10 you spend, you get another raffle ticket. Plus, for every fish you catch, you get another raffle ticket." (Limit 5 fish.) Plus, additional raffle tickets are available to anyone for just \$10 each."

The tournament starts at 7:00 a.m.. The final weigh-in occurs at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served from approximately 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Come on out and have a GREAT time. (Austin is BEAUTIFUL this time of year!)

You must register for this event in advance at www.APSPAustin.org/fish

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Texas Drought Rankles Pool Professionals

INDUSTRY NEWS By Ben Thomas | 9.1.2011

Water restrictions are clamping down in Texas as the state suffers through a historic drought.

"We've got projects that are almost at the point of completion right now, but we're holding off on plastering because we can't fill them," said Kevin Sherrill, owner of Pineloch Pools in Webster, Texas.

Though each municipality enforces its own water restrictions, many have imposed limits on the gallonage a consumer can use; others have begun charging for consumption above a household's usual rate. This means that while consumers can still maintain their pool's water level, many will have to hold off on work that requires a complete drain-and-refill until after the restrictions are lifted.

"We've been telling our customers they'll have to do their renovations after the drought's over," said Tom Driscoll, presi-

dent of Cabana Pools Aquatech in Houston.

The heat has proven tough on crews as well. Many have been forced to cut down on man-hours due to temperatures, which can soar to more than 120 degrees inside a pool shell. "Jobs that used to take a week now stretch into two weeks," Sherrill said. "The guys just can't work all day — and when they can work they're moving slow."

Even the environment presents new challenges as a result of the harsh weather. Because the ground expands due to dryness, many existing installations have suffered damage.

"The ground movement is giving us cracks and leaks in pools," said Flash Rose, owner of Flash Pool Service in San Antonio. Such leaks, combined with evaporative water loss, have caused many customers to raise their water us-

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CHAPTER MEMBER MEETINGS

AUSTIN MEMBER MEETING

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

First Tuesday of the month 6:00pm

[Jim Smith](#) President 512-206-0606

[Hal Denbar](#) Vice President 512-636-8122

[Todd Swearingen](#) Secretary 512-326-4695

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

CORPUS CHRISTI MEMBER MEETING

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

First Thursday of the month 6:30pm

[Mike Baker](#) President 361-563-7665

Allen Arron Vice President 361-658-7665

[Doug Goike](#) Secretary 361-749-4853

[Michael Holzer](#) Treasurer 361-815-0936

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

[Jim Jackobsmeyer](#) President 281-474-7665

[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

[Jeremy Smith](#) President 214-695-8717

[Henry Shackley](#) Vice President 972-445-0526

[Kraig Williams](#) Secretary 972-800-2123

[Sterling Kropp](#) Treasurer 972-436-0360

RIO GRANDE MEMBER MEETING

SCP McAllen
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 Clayson](#) Secretary 210-240-3121

[Frank Berlanga](#) Treasurer 210-732-7817

WAXAHACHIE MEMBER MEETING

Quality Inn & Suites
3891 S. Great Southwest Pkwy.
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

First Wednesday of the month
7:00am

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

[Larry Hutson](#) Vice President 972-617-7999

[Bob Bauer](#) Treasurer/Secretary 214-577-4843



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* Director Phil Sharp will be visiting Chapters this month

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	San Antonio's October Meeting is mandatory, there will be a \$200 fine for not attending this meeting!					1 San Antonio Picnic Frank's Place 210.846.5180
2	3 Meeting *San Antonio Mid Cities	4 Meeting * Austin	5 Meeting *Waxahachie	6 Meeting *Corpus Christi	7 Board Meeting Region 9 Austin 6pm Embassy Suites - Downtown 512.617.2574	8 APEC Fundraising Picnic & Fishing Tournament sponsored by IPSSA & APSP
9	10	11 Meeting * Houston Rio Grande Valley	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Meeting *Fort Worth	19	20 CMS * CST Meeting *Dallas	21* CPO * NPC	22 CERTIFICATION Click here for info
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween					



November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Meeting Austin	2 Meeting Waxahachie	3 Meeting Corpus Christi	4 B.O.R.D. Meeting - Nevada	5 B.O.R.D. Meeting - Nevada
6	7 Meeting San Antonio & Mid Cities	8 Meeting Houston & Rio Grande Valley	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15 Meeting Fort Worth	16	17 Meeting Dallas	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29	30			

REGION 9 NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Region 9 Meeting
4th quarter meeting
Friday October 7 Austin 6:00pm
Embassy Suites - Downtown/Town
Lake, 300 South Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas 78704
Tel: 1-512-469-9000
(Dallas – hospitality room)

Saturday October 8 APEC Fund-
raiser - Picnic and Fishing Tourna-
ment

Region 9 Executive Board

Director - [Phil Sharp](#)
210-673-2909
Treasurer - [Jason S. Lehmann](#)
817-605-0194
Secretary - [Gordon F. Slagle](#)
817-595-1167

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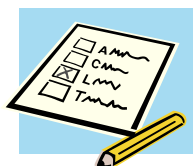
Waxahachie - [Neal Holt](#)
214-837-5884

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Several Chapters are holding elections in November for new chapter offi-
cers positions.

**CORPUS CHRISTI, FORT WORTH, HOUSTON,
MID CITIES, SAN ANTONIO**

Get Involved - YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!



CPSC's partner, the National Drowning Pre-
vention Alliance or NDPA, has been working with USA Swimming on sev-
eral projects to make swimming lessons accessible to more families and to
strengthen community aquatic centers. Both organizations work diligently to
prevent drowning incidents in all waters.

An NDPA report here, presents information that shows how this summer
has been marred by tragedy for too many families. About 416 children, 204
teenagers and 972 adults drowned nationwide.

This data comes from a report prepared by
USA Swimming's Facilities Development Director, Mick Nelson. He com-
piles the data from nationwide media reports.

USA Swimming has also developed a terrific *Aquatic Resource Manual* to
assist the many community pools whose existence is now in jeopardy due
to drastic local and state budget cuts.

See the [USA Swimming website](#) to find out more about this important pro-
gram.

I hope this information is of value to you. Please contact me if you have any
questions.

Kathleen Reilly
Pool Safely Campaign Leader U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

This message is from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission,
an independent federal regulatory agency,
located at 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814
Toll-free hotline: (800) 638-2772

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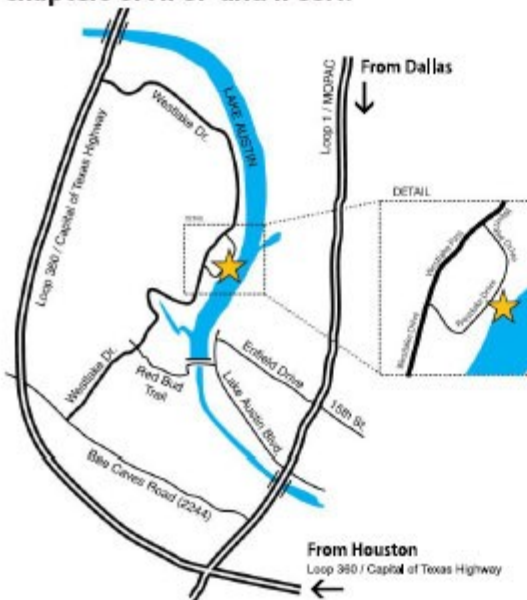


2011 APEC Fundraising Picnic and Fishing Tournament

Join us for a fun-filled day at beautiful Westlake Beach on Lake Austin

- "Largest Bass", "Largest Fish", and "Youth Fishing" contests
- Swimming, Fishing, Volleyball, Horseshoes, and MUCH MORE!
- Lunch and beverages included!

Brought to you by Our Generous Industry Suppliers and other sponsors, and the Texas chapters of APSP and IPSSA.



Saturday, October 8, 2011

Westlake Beach, 2509 Westlake Dr., Austin, TX

Check In: 7:00 a.m.
Weigh-in: 2:00 p.m.



Westlake Beach is a **private park** on Lake Austin. We have the entire park **reserved exclusively** for this **event**. Perfect for families and pool-industry professionals to enjoy a day at the lake. This facility includes **beach volleyball, water volleyball, Frisbee area, a roped swimming area (with a sand beach!), horseshoe pits, covered picnic tables, barbeque grills, boat slips, and a huge pavilion for the contest weigh-in.**

Must register on-line at www.APSPAustin.org/fish.

Cost is \$50 per adult, \$20 per youth (15 years and under).

"Picnic-Only" is \$10 (Picnic is FREE for Contestants).

Proceeds benefit the Texas APEC organization.



You must register for this event in advance at www.APSPAustin.org/fish

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Swimming Summer Drownings

'Snapshot' Paints a Tragic Picture

About 416 children, 204 teenagers and 972 adults drowned nationwide this summer according to tracked media reports released by the National Drowning Prevention Alliance. FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

August 31, 2011—While most families will hold fond memories of the fun they had at the pool or beach this summer, at least 1,592 families will remember the summer of 2011 with deep sorrow as the time when their loved one drowned. “This summer was marred by tragedy for too many families,” says Mick Nelson, facilities development director at USA Swimming, Colorado Springs, Colo., who has tracked drowning news reports since 2008. At least 416 children, ages 12 and younger; 204 teenagers, ages 13 to 19 and 972 adults were reported to have drowned according to news reports gathered from May 1 through August 26. Nearly 84 percent of all reported drownings involved males. Among the reported drownings of children, 286—nearly 70 percent—were younger than 5 and about 70 percent of the drownings for this age group occurred in a swimming pool or spa. About 70 percent of these young drowning victims were boys. About 1,180 drownings occurred in natural water such as lakes, rivers, oceans, ponds and ditches according to Nelson. The majority of these victims were teenagers and adults. He notes that alcohol was mentioned in 57 percent of adult drowning news reports—a 17 percent increase over previous years. However, he states this increase could be due to more detailed incident reporting. States with the highest number of reported drowning incidents include: Texas, 140; California, 115; Florida, 90, Michigan, 79, New York, 57 and Pennsylvania, 63. “I hope these figures serve as a wake-up call for state and local governments to take a hard look at creating, improving and enforcing swimming pool barrier codes,” says Nadina Riggsbee, founder of the Drowning Prevention Foundation in Benicia, California. Her two-year-old daughter, Samira, drowned and one-year-old son, JJ, suffered permanent, profound brain damage after they fell into her in-ground pool in 1978, while their babysitter was in the bathroom. “While in-ground swimming pools continue to pose a serious drowning risk to young children, a growing number are drowning in portable pools. Little kids can fall in when they reach over the pool’s pliable sidewall,” says Riggsbee. “So it’s just as important to completely enclose those with a fence as any other pool.” This summer the American Academy of Pediatrics published a study of child drownings in portable pools in which the authors conclude that portable pools pose a “significant risk” to children, particularly those under age 5.

You can find more information on the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act on our Web site at <http://www.poolsafety.gov>

'CPSC 2.0' Launches Product Safety Agency into Social Media -- Learn more at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml09/09346.html>

* blog, OnSafety at www.cpsc.gov/onsafety

* YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/uscpsc>

* Twitter at <http://twitter.com/OnSafety>

* See photos on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscpsc>



Summer 2011 U.S. Drowning Snapshot

Source: Media reports, gathered from sources including AP, Google, MSN, Alta Vista and local newspapers. Information gathered by Mick Nelson, Facilities Development Director, USA Swimming. Snapshot prepared by the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (www.ndpa.org) in conjunction with the CPSC's Pool Safety Campaign (www.poolsafety.gov). Statistics reflect media reports, and may not include all drownings in the time period.

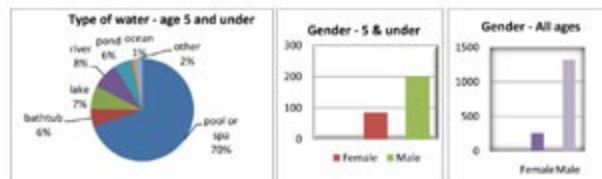
Between 5/1/11 and 8/26/11, a total of 1,592 drowning were reported by the media. Key findings:

- There were 416 child (12 and under) drownings reported nationwide during this time period
- Of these, 286 were ages 5 and under
- 204 were in the 13 – 19 age bracket
- For drownings in the 5 and under age group, 70% were male.
- Of all those who drowned, including all ages, 83.5% were male.

National Trouble Spots: (30 or more drownings reported in the media 5/1/11 – 8/26/11). Per the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, states with high numbers of pool drownings should focus on improving barrier laws and enforcement, and promoting supervision and swimming lessons. States with high numbers of open water drownings can reduce these numbers by focusing on promoting and/or providing access to swimming lessons, and through providing lifeguards at lakes and oceans.

STATE	Total	Pools	Open water	Tubs & other	STATE	Total	Pools	Open water	Tubs & other
Alabama	34	7	25	1	Missouri	39	13	26	
Arizona	35	26	8	1	North Carolina	43	30	33	
California	115*	34	77	4	New York	67	9	58	
Florida	90	41	47	2	Ohio	56	17	36	3
Georgia	55	16	38	1	Oklahoma	37	4	32	1
Illinois	49	10	38	1	Pennsylvania	63	20	42	1
Indiana	54	17	36	1	Tennessee	49	9	40	
Massachusetts	31	10	21		Texas	140	42	97	1
Maryland	30	7	21	2	Washington	35	4	30	1
Michigan	79	9	64	6	Wisconsin	37	4	32	1
Minnesota	39	9	30						

*excluding murder/suicides
Note that above figures represent media reports from 5/1/11 through 8/26/11, and may not reflect all drownings in the period.



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SEPTEMBER QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Which of the following will raise total alkalinity?
 c) Both A and B
 a) Soda ash
 b) Sodium bicarbonate
2. Ionizers only deal with:
 c) Algae and bacteria
3. The killing form of chlorine is called:
 a) Hypochlorous acid
4. The pH of the water determines how much hypobromous acid and hypobromite ions are produced.
 a) True
5. According to the book, what is the key to water balance?
 b) Total alkalinity



NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER APSP FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

**CMS * CST * CPO * NPC
CERTIFICATION
October 20-23, 2011**

**The Edge Training Facility
SCP Plano, 1212 E. 10th St., Plano, TX
Registration Deadline is October 10, 2011**

***APSP Certified Maintenance Specialist**
(formerly known as Tech I)

***APSP Certified Service Technician**
(formerly known as Tech II)

***NSPF Certified Pool Operator**

*Go to www.apspnorthtexas.org
for details & registration
or contact Randa Nelson at 214 707-2650

NPC Start-Up Certification

National Plasterers Council details & registration – www.npconline.org
Or contact Sharon email vcisharon@comcast.net
or 941 766-0634

NOTICE: CMS & CST classes WILL NOT be offered at the Southwest Pool and Spa Show held March 1-3, 2012 in San Antonio.

Guest Rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Express, 700 East Central Parkway, Plano, TX 75074. Please call them direct, 972 881-1881, and ask for the NTC rate of \$75.00 a night plus tax (hot breakfast included).



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Other Contacts & Titles:	
Email:	
Website:	
Business Phone Number(s):	
Cell Phone (name of contact):	
Fax Number:	
Mailing Address :	Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Shipping Address:	Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IP SSA Chapter Name	
City, State	
Chapter President	

Type of Pools:	Brand:
<input type="checkbox"/> Inground <input type="checkbox"/> Aboveground	<input type="checkbox"/> Pentair Pool Products <input type="checkbox"/> Sta-rite

Type of Business:
<input type="checkbox"/> Builder <input type="checkbox"/> Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Refinisher <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Pool Materials Used:
What type of pool materials do you use: <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Gunite <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl Liner

I purchase from the following Distributors: Name: _____ Acct #: _____ Name: _____ Acct #: _____ Name: _____ Acct #: _____ Name: _____ Acct #: _____	<table border="1"> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Rebate Rules</th> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentair will reimburse IPSSA National one dollar (\$1.00) for each whole good that a member purchases throughout the year. The listing of qualifying whole goods are the same that are listed in Pentair's PIP program, but basically pumps, filters, heaters, heat pumps, cleaners, automation systems, Intellichlor and colored lights. The maximum total payout to IPSSA will be \$20,000 per year on an annualized basis for all its members participating. To enroll in this IPSSA National rebate and ensure the education fund receives credit for your purchases, please fax this enrollment to 866-741-4051/ATTENTION: IPSSA REBATE. Once we receive your form, you will be enrolled in the IPSSA National Rebate Program. • If you have any questions regarding this rebate, please call the Marketing Team at 800-693-0171 or email to rewards@pentair.com • Each member must register individually on the Pentair- IPSSA Incentive Rebate Registration Form. This will allow us to electronically collect and monitor member purchases for the rebate accumulation. If a member does not register, their purchases will not qualify and cannot be added later. Should the National rebate be in effect going forward, the participants will be rolled over into the next year. </td> </tr> </table>	Rebate Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentair will reimburse IPSSA National one dollar (\$1.00) for each whole good that a member purchases throughout the year. The listing of qualifying whole goods are the same that are listed in Pentair's PIP program, but basically pumps, filters, heaters, heat pumps, cleaners, automation systems, Intellichlor and colored lights. The maximum total payout to IPSSA will be \$20,000 per year on an annualized basis for all its members participating. To enroll in this IPSSA National rebate and ensure the education fund receives credit for your purchases, please fax this enrollment to 866-741-4051/ATTENTION: IPSSA REBATE. Once we receive your form, you will be enrolled in the IPSSA National Rebate Program. • If you have any questions regarding this rebate, please call the Marketing Team at 800-693-0171 or email to rewards@pentair.com • Each member must register individually on the Pentair- IPSSA Incentive Rebate Registration Form. This will allow us to electronically collect and monitor member purchases for the rebate accumulation. If a member does not register, their purchases will not qualify and cannot be added later. Should the National rebate be in effect going forward, the participants will be rolled over into the next year.
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New Member Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Get your advertising listed today contact

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One on one relationship with vendors when attending our monthly membership meetings.

Website advertising for your pool & spa business.

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IPSSA Tech I, Tech II and Master training publications.

Professionalism. Leadership. IPSSA members are greatly respected amongst their peers in the pool & spa industry.

Community outreach programs.

IPSSA members get big discounts at preferred distributors, so much so that as little as a 50-route pool company will save enough to cover the costs of your local IPSSA dues for the year. You'll enjoy liability insurance coverage and the opportunity to learn from top pool professionals in the industry. Prospective customers will be able to look you up on the Internet and see that you are qualified to service their pools. State licensing and insurance are required here in Texas. Are you ready? IPSSA members are. We provide sick route coverage and death benefits as well. Interested? Join the largest swimming pool service organization in the country. Unlike most liability insurance policies, ours actually covers you to do pool work. How about Hazmat and mold coverage? You're covered as an IPSSA member. You know you're interested. Go to our website and look around www.ipssatexas.com Come to our next meeting. Location and phone number are posted on our website and in this newsletter. The application fee to join IPSSA is \$216. "Test-drive" us by attending three consecutive monthly meetings, pass our chemical test, and after a one on one interview with a chapter officer you're submitted for approval by the membership. Manufacturer warranty centers are also encouraged to become members.



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SCP Plano

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San Antonio, TX 78216
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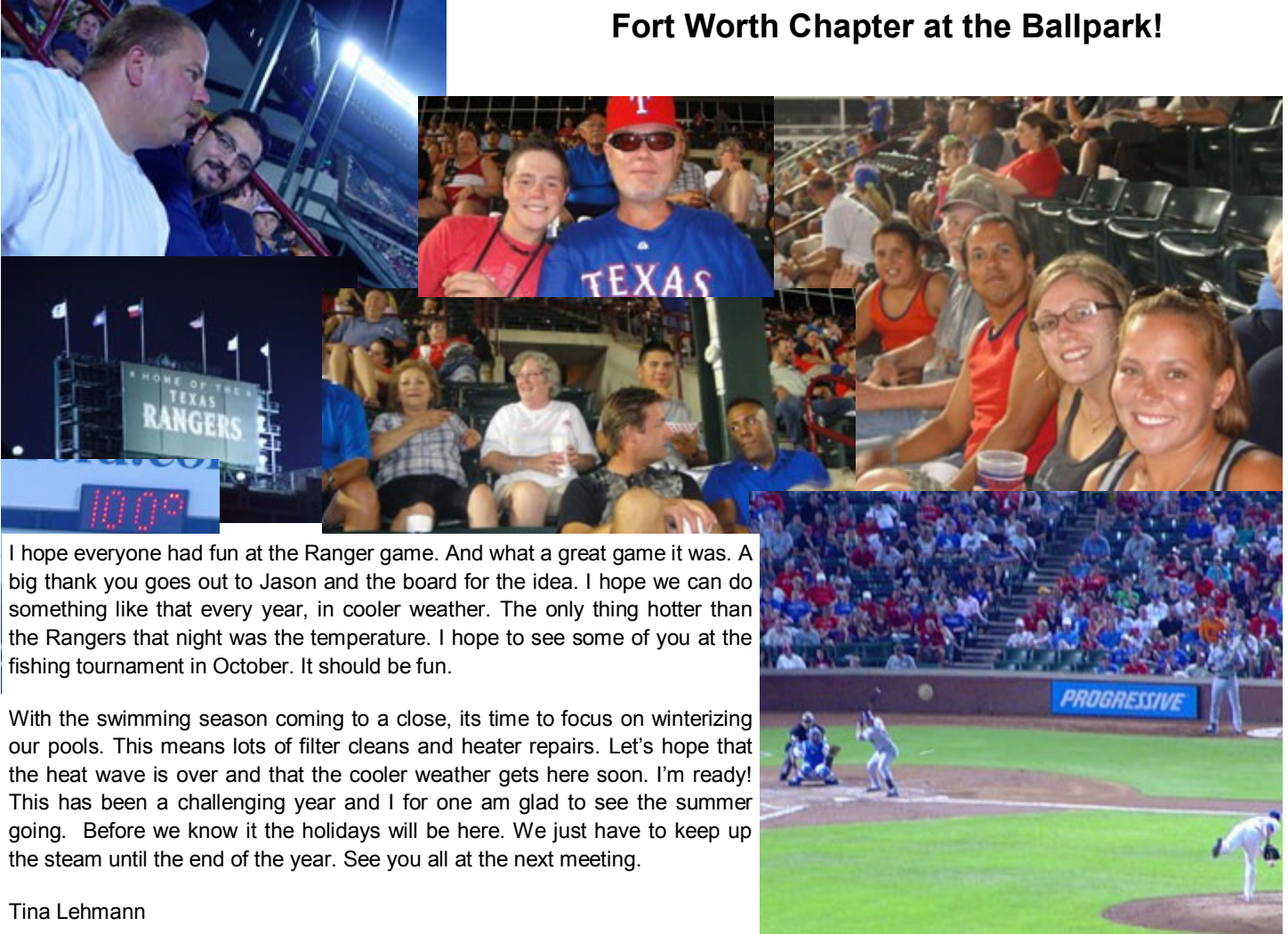
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I hope everyone had fun at the Ranger game. And what a great game it was. A big thank you goes out to Jason and the board for the idea. I hope we can do something like that every year, in cooler weather. The only thing hotter than the Rangers that night was the temperature. I hope to see some of you at the fishing tournament in October. It should be fun.

With the swimming season coming to a close, its time to focus on winterizing our pools. This means lots of filter cleans and heater repairs. Let's hope that the heat wave is over and that the cooler weather gets here soon. I'm ready! This has been a challenging year and I for one am glad to see the summer going. Before we know it the holidays will be here. We just have to keep up the steam until the end of the year. See you all at the next meeting.

Tina Lehmann

Texas Drought Rankles Pool Professionals

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age, which may be worsening the problem even further. Texas is no stranger to hot, dry weather — a severe drought struck many areas of the state in 2009, and the infamous “’50s drought” spanned nearly a decade. But in terms of temperature and precipitation, this summer has already surpassed all others on record.

“This is above and beyond any previous drought,” said Daryl Slusher, assistant director of environment and conservation at the Austin Water Authority. “Water inflow into our lakes is lower even than during the ’50s drought. Rainfall is lower than the driest year of that drought.”

This year’s temperatures also have been breaking records — in many areas, they’ve remained over 100 degrees for weeks on end.

During some previous droughts, city authorities prohibited any new pool construction — and though no one’s threatened such restrictions yet, pool industry advocacy groups such as the As-

sociation of Pool & Spa Professionals and the Aquatic Professionals Education Council are gearing up to head off any such potential crackdowns.

“We at APSP and APEC are getting together, to try to let the city councils know how many lives they’d be affecting if they completely shut us down,” said Scott Waldo, president of Platinum Pools, a *Pool & Spa News* Top Builder in Houston. Waldo maintains that a prohibition on building pools would eliminate approximately 20,000 jobs in the Houston area alone.

The good news is that the oppressive heat and dryness seems to have boosted consumers’ enthusiasm for owning a pool. “Since this drought has gone on, I’ve had more people calling in to get me to follow up on leads than ever before,” said Charles Wise, owner of Wise Pools, LLP, in Houston. “People have actually been calling in to make appointments for me to come out and give them quotes.”

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POOL QUIZ

1 Which type of chlorine has the highest pH?

- a) Liquid
- b) Trichlor
- c) Gas
- d) Cal hypo

2. Muriatic acid is the name given to 31% sulfuric acid.

- a) True
- b) False

3. To lower total alkalinity you add:

- a) Sodium sesquicarbonate
- b) Soda ash
- c) Lithium hypo
- d) Acid



4. The National Spa and Pool Institute states that the free available chlorine level in a pool should be between:

- a) .5—1.5 ppm
- b) 1.0—2.0 ppm
- c) 1.0—3.0 ppm
- d) 2.0—4.0 ppm

5. Adding cyanuric acid will not affect the total alkalinity in a pool or spa.

- a) True
- b) False

Find answers in the next issue