Tarrant County Chapter’s Community Outreach

IPSSA Tarrant County will be holding an open house for all pool professionals and interested parties during our October chapter meeting on Tuesday the 9th beginning at 7p.m. The dinner meeting will be held at the Dixie House Cafe in Euless, TX. We will be raffling off door prizes during our dinner meeting and one lucky winner will be awarded the grand prize which is a 4 day 3 night stay in a 3 bedroom, 2 bath, full kitchen beach house located in Surfside, TX. The house will sleep 12 and has an unobstructed view of the ocean. A short walk and your toes are in the water! Tickets for the drawing(s) are $10.00 ea or 6 for $50.00 and all proceeds will go to funding community outreach plans we will announce in early 2013. Tickets for the event are available from any chapter member, the usual pool products distributors or you can contact the Chapter President, Dave Boyd at 817-235-5654 for more information. Someone is going to get a great long weekend vacation! It may as well be you! So get your ticket(s) and come for a fun and informative night. If you’re thinking about joining IPSSA we will be happy to explain member benefits and answer all your questions.

Thanks,
Dave Boyd
IPSSA Tarrant County

LAST CHANCE FOR YOUR RANGER TICKETETS!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
“SEPTEMBER 25, 2012” Texas Rangers tickets available from the Fort Worth Chapter at a minimal price, the location will be great, you will have an air conditioned area to cool off in and have some snacks at the same time, and the seats will be under the overhang at the Texas Ranger stadium in Arlington.

So if anyone is interested to get tickets for yourself and your spouse and/or friends, please contact the Fort Worth Chapter at 817-991-0555

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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
Ben Goslin Vice President 361-442-6187
Wade Deshazer Secretary 361-658-8581
Michael Holzer Treasurer 361-815-0936

DALLAS MEMBER MEETING

SCP-Plano Training Center,
1212 10th Street
Plano, TX 75074
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
Tina Lehmann Vice President 817-991-0555
Tony Martinez Secretary 817-825-6684
John Powers Treasurer 817-453-5426

HOUSTON MEMBER MEETING

Fuddruckers
2475 Kirkwood
Houston, TX
Second Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
Board Meeting preceding
Rita Jacobsmeyer President 281-808-9730
David Queen Vice President 281-807-5442
Will Caudle Secretary 281-345-9656
Doug Dinkins Treasurer 281-794-6644

MID CITIES MEMBER MEETING

SCP Carrolton
2107 Hutton Dr.,
Carrolton, 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/Treasurer 972-800-2123

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
Phil Sharp President 210-673-2909
Randy Keefe Vice President 210-519-7901
Becky Clayson Secretary 210-240-3121
Frank Berlanga Treasurer 210-732-7817

TARRANT COUNTY MEMBER MEETING

Dixie House Café
2051 Airport Fwy
Euless, TX 76040
Second Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
Dave Boyd President 817-235-5654
Will Ainsworth Vice President 817-987-8580
Tara Butts Secretary 817-851-8150
Monica Morris Treasurer 817-733-4285

WAXAHACHIE MEMBER MEETING

Quality Inn & Suites
3891 S. Great Southwest Pkwy.
Grand Prairie, TX 75052
Second 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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**September Flower “Aster”**

The hidden message of the Birth Flower, the aster, so favored during the Victorian era was “Take care of yourself for me”.

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SCP Fort Worth has Hotdog day every Friday from 11:00am - 1:00pm please go take the time to have some lunch with SCP and Zodiac. Great Hotdog’s!! Dave Stanat will be cooking them up for you.

**October Flower “Calendula”**

The brilliant and unusual calendula represents October birthdays because its broad, colorful flowers follow the path of the sun throughout the day, soaking up all remaining sunlight left in Autumn. October birthdays are also known for being warm, receptive people who are easy going and easy to talk to. Celebrate their one of a kind beauty with the one of a kind calendula.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CPR Course from Red Cross 
watch for details

Region 9 Meeting 
October 13-14 San Antonio

Region 9 Executive 
Board

Director - Jim Jacobsmeyer 
281-474-7665

Secretary - Phil Sharp 
210-673-2909

Treasurer - Jason S. Lehmann 
817-605-0194

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Waxahachie - Neal Holt 
214-837-5884

Fort Worth Chapter’s Project Continues

We are moving right along with the David Llewellyn project. The hole was dug and the chaos we all love began. They put in the rebar and plumbing quickly. Also the equipment pad and all the electrical, before long the pool will be full of water and ready for a party!! We are proud of all of the support we received for this project. They include SCP, Pentair, Hayward, Natural Chemistry, Stellar Sales, Matronics, H2O Gyms and Raypak. The Fort Worth Chapter would also like to thank all the individuals that participated in the Primo Grill give-away, that made this project for our IPPSA member with MS possible, a great BIG THANK YOU! More pictures and updates to come next month.

Tina Lehmann 
Fort Worth Chapter VP

Nominations for the Dallas Chapter Officers Elections

According to our Dallas Chapter Standing Rules:
Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be taken at the September meeting. Absentee ballots will be available at the September meeting and must be received by the Chapter (24) hours before the election in order to be counted. Only regular members will be able to vote. The voting will be done by written ballot at the November members’ meeting.

Below is a list of the responsibilities for each office.

President: The President shall serve as Chairperson or Moderator of the Chapter Board of Officers and Chapter Membership Meetings and otherwise provide the general leadership to the Chapter Board of Officers.

Vice President: The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President.

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all Chapter Board of Officers and Chapter Membership Meetings, correspondence of the Chapter, contracts and formal documents, send all notices of meetings required herein, maintain a current roll of the chapter members and perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office of Secretary.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall make payment only for bills properly approved by the Chapter Board of Officers, keep a record of all financial transaction, maintain the depository accounts of the chapter and perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office of Treasurer.

Your help is needed! The Dallas Chapter wants to continue moving forward and it needs the commitment of men and/or women in order to succeed. Be thinking now about who you would like to see as an officer. Plan to come to the September meeting so you can voice your nomination. If you have additional questions concerning the voting procedures do not hesitate to contact Eustaquio Portillo or one of the other board members.
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IPSSA Tarrant County

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IPSSA Tarrant County

Back to School!
School is starting, remember to slow down and stay off the phone while driving in a school zone.

Manufacturers and distributors recognize that as an organization, IPSSA Texas, on a monthly basis, keeps its members updated, informed and trained on the newest products. As IPSSA grows, so will public recognition and as public recognition grows so will quality companies joining IPSSA all over Texas.

Jim Jacobsmeier
Region 9 Director

IPSSA Texas Now 2 Regions

South remains Region 9. North becomes Region 12. Our goal is to double our membership in the next 18 months.

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WAYS FOR MEMBERS TO HELP YOUR CHAPTER

Please remember to request your Water Watcher Tags and swimming safety brochure, write to info@ipssa.com

If you don’t have a use for them please turn them over to your chapter board to be used for safety events.

THANK YOU
## Convenient Locations in Oklahoma & Texas to serve you!

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b) Trichlor
c) Both B and C

3. The pH of trichlor is approximately?
a) 2—3
b) 4—5
c) 6—7

4. What should you expect to see at an unusually high level if you have a chlorine generator on a pool?
a) Total dissolved solids
b) Chlorine residuals

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Finding the Fault

A tripping GFCI may point to a variety of problems and tracking them down takes some technical know-how

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When it comes to spa service calls, one of the most common is a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) that won’t stop tripping.

And more than perhaps any other spa component, a tripped GFCI can point to a whole host of problems. The GFCI acts like a guard, detecting any electricity that’s escaping into an improper part of the circuit, and interrupting the escape attempt.

Whatever the cause of the escaped electrical current, the only way to find the solution is to work through the circuit, testing each connection until the problem becomes clear.

Here, we walk through a service call in which a damaged heater coil was overloading the circuit and tripping the GFCI - and use this example to demonstrate the general principles of GFCI detective work on a spa.

1. Turn on the spa and note when the GFCI trips. If it only takes a few seconds, there’s likely a break in the circuit, which means that the GFCI is detecting a ground fault.

2. The most common cause of a tripping GFCI is a faulty heater, so disconnect all lead wires to the heater, then try resetting the GFCI. If it doesn’t trip at this point, the problem was isolated to the heater. If the GFCI still trips, reattach the lead wires, then begin disconnecting each individual component one-by-one, and repeat this step.

3. If it’s not possible to isolate the problem in the above way, the next step is to remove the cover. Inspect the interior of the GFCI for signs of corrosion, loose wires or other obvious problems.
4. In this case, the heating element is compromised, which is allowing electricity to come into direct contact with the water. The next step is to disconnect the heater from the GFCI, which removes it from the circuit. Then remove the old heater coil and install a new one, making sure no part of the new coil is in direct contact with the outer metal.

5. Whether the problem turned out to be a heater or some other component, the wrap-up is the same: Reconnect all disconnected wires — remembering to properly ground the GFCI — and open all valves that were closed. Then reset the breaker and start the spa again. If the spa runs without tripping the GFCI, the job is complete.
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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) 0.5 - 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

Blame it on the Pool Guy
Protecting Yourself Before the Lawsuit

Service techs often ask how they can protect themselves before their customer makes a claim. Although it is difficult to defend a tech for damages he actually created, the following methods can provide a real ammunition for damages caused by another:

1. Keep a log including your weekly readings for sanitizer, pH, total alkalinity and calcium hardness. Your log will provide a valuable defense for claims that improper water chemistry resulted in plaster and equipment damage, as well as for claims that an inadequate level of sanitizer caused an illness;

2. Make a sketch of every new pool you take on account. The drawing should include areas of the pool displaying existing etching or stained plaster, delamination and/or calcification. This drawing should be dated and signed by your customer. You will be glad to have this drawing if your customer later decides to blame you for the damage.

3. Have a written service agreement with each customer outlining the frequency of service and what you will be providing. Items outside of routine maintenance, such as filter cleaning and heater maintenance should be listed as excluded services.

4. Never fill water without leaving your truck keys on the hose bib. Water claims often exceed $10,000, and in some cases are over $100,000. You won't have an overfill claim if you follow this rule.

Your likelihood of success in a dispute will be far increased by following these few simple techniques.

Raymond Arouesty