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Pool safety prevails as ICC adopts ANSI-7 Suction Entrapment Avoidance Standard

On September 21, the International Code Council (ICC) voted to replace the existing pool and spa entrapment avoidance language in the International Building Code (public pools and spas) and the International Residential Code (residential pool and spas) by adopting the ANSI/APSP-7 2006 Standard for Suction Entrapment Avoidance. Hundreds of code officials from all over the country listened to testimony and voted overwhelmingly to support these changes. As a result, the ANSI/APSP-7 standard will be incorporated into the body (mandatory section) of the 2009 International Building Code (IBC) and in Appendix G of the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC), both scheduled for publication by the ICC early in 2009.

This achievement validates the action taken by the Florida Building Commission (FBC) to adopt the ANSI/APSP-7 standard into the 2007 Florida Building Code, which goes into effect March 1, 2009. Before the ANSI/APSP-7 standard was adopted into the Florida code, FBC members and code officials worked for over two years analyzing the standard for its technical merit and its enforceability. Members of the Building Officials Association of Florida were on hand

at the recent ICC hearings providing testimony and support of the ANSI/APSP-7 standard.

Dan Johnson, Swim Inc., member of Florida Swimming Pool Association and Association of Pool and Spa Professionals, said, "As a member of a very dedicated team of professionals who worked very hard for a very long time to achieve this goal, I am proud and honored to have been a part of it. My children's children will swim in safer pools because of what we have done."

In speaking with code officials from across the country, three major facts persuaded them to adopt the ANSI/APSP-7 standard into the IBC and IRC. First, the standard provides protection against all five known forms of entrapment with technically supported solutions. Second, it had already undergone a rigorous ANSI consensus approval process, the leading organization for the national consensus standards community. Third, the standard is completely consistent with the Federal Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB Act) and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) interpretations of the VGB Act.

Jennifer Hatfield, FSPA Director of Government & Public Affairs,

said, "This victory is a major step for pool and spa safety. Adoption of the standard into the IBC and IRC will provide states the means necessary to incorporate this new safety standard as Florida has done. The 2006 IBC and IRC language protected against some forms of entrapment SOME of the time, the adoption of the ANSI-7 standard will protect against all forms of entrapment ALL of the time."

The result of both the recent ICC action and 2007 FBC adoption of the ANSI/APSP-7 standard is a major improvement in pool and spa safety. The adoption of the standard strengthens the IBC, IRC, and Florida Building Code to make them more stringent than existing codes. The IBC and IRC codes will now require covers that meet the new 2007 ASME/ANSI A112.19.8 drain cover standard, as required by the VGB Act. The 2007 ASME drain cover standard requires improved fastening to prevent covers from coming loose, improved resistance to degradation from ultraviolet light and prevention of hair entrapment (the leading cause of entrapment) and evisceration. The regulation of water velocity is also achieved by the adoption of ANSI/APSP-7; this is the most important protection against hair entrapment.

The standard provides that for new construction a contractor has the option of building a pool or spa with properly configured multiple suction outlets, an unblockable suction outlet or no suction outlet at all. These options are also recognized in the VGB Act. Finally, the standard requires that whenever a drain cover is broken or missing the pool or spa must be closed to bathers. Some forms of entrapment can occur even when the circulation pump is off, approved drain covers are the ONLY way to prevent all five forms of entrapment, as there is no such thing as a backup to a broken or missing cover. The importance of covers is also recognized in section 1404 of the VGB Act and the June 18 CPSC final staff interpretation on section 1404, both of which prohibit the operation of a public pool unless 2007 ASME approved drain covers are in place.

The 2006 IBC and IRC codes provided no protection against hair entrapment, evisceration or mechanical entrapment. The 2009 IBC and IRC, along with the 2007 Florida Building Code, are now designed to prevent ALL forms of entrapment, ALL of the time. This outcome was the result of a tremendous team effort by the work of the Association of Pool

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President's Column

Where are we now?



Dominick Montanaro
FSPA President

As my term as President of the FSPA draws to a close, it seemed appropriate to reflect on the challenges and opportunities of the last several years. I pulled out my notes from our Strategic Planning session that was held February 13, 2004 with Rich Maladecki and to my surprise several items became apparent as I reviewed it. We are moving in the right direction!

- We are a stand alone organization with an active Builders and Service Councils, many educational opportunities and a strong Board and staff.

- The lack of focus on government relations was our top weakness in 2004 and is now one of our strongest attributes. The last two years have proven we are a player in the regulatory arena locally, at the state level and the national level.

- A seat on the Florida Building Commission had been identified as an opportunity and today it is a reality, and we continue to work on a license for water treatment and pool cleaning.

The economy in 2004 was good and we grew our membership, but today's scenario is different. Business as usual has been replaced with being creative, cautious and sometimes daring. We are not operating under the old rules. Your business is surviving because you are taking drastic measures to ensure its viability.

We are doing the same at FSPA. We are identifying the changing needs of our members and seeking opportunities to provide those services in the most economic way. The same way you modified your business plan as needed, we must do the same. We need to look outside and inside the

box to come up with a new structure to provide those services.

This is my last article as your President; two years have gone by fast. I will replace **Scott Egglefield, Mirasol Fafco Solar**, as Past President as we welcome **Alan Cooper, Alan Cooper Consulting**, as our new President. The makeup of the Executive Committee has been changed slightly by the revised bylaws. The National Vice President position has been eliminated and two At-Large Directors have been added. The rest of the Executive Committee is Vice President **Clay Andrews, Aquapool of Jacksonville, Inc.**; Treasurer **Eva Adcock, Best Pools of Brevard**; Secretary **Keith Johnson, Pool Works**; and At-Large Directors **Richard Moseley, Champagne Pools of Central Florida**, and **Pete Cocco Jr., Nautilus Pools, Inc.** I look forward to working with all of them but will miss having **Steve Bludworth, All-Pool Service & Supply, Inc.**, and **Scott Egglefield, Mirasol Fafco Solar**, as part of our crew.

I will miss my conversations with Wendy Parker as she updated me on the pressing issues of the day. Wendy truly loves her role as our Executive Director. I appreciate all the help the staff in Sarasota office has given me and the professionalism they have brought to our Association. I have enjoyed working with Kari Hebrank, FSPA lobbyist, and Jennifer Hatfield, Director of Government & Public Affairs, on the many issues we handled the last two years.

The friendships I have made since coming on the Board in January of 2000 will always be special. I thank all of you for helping make me a better person. I have enjoyed the opportunity to give back to the industry that has provided my livelihood for 30 years. I appreciate all your support and friendship and will continue to be a participant in moving the FSPA forward.

Thank you
Dominick



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Pollution Liability - do you need it?

by Debra Tomaselli, CPCU, ARM, Insurance by Ken Brown, Inc.

There are many types of pollution exposures in the pool business. Some arise from the storage and sale of bleach from tanks, others are found in the transportation of chemicals and others may occur at the jobsite. In this article, the exposures found in the storage and sale of bleach from tanks will be looked at. Owners might think they don't need extra coverage if they are selling bleach, but as one store owner learned, many do.

It was the end of the day and the owner was closing shop when a customer came in with a simple request for a gallon of bleach. Knowing the tank was nearly empty, the owner instructed the customer to "go see if he could get a gallon" from the hose located inside the store. The customer filled his container, paid for the product and left. Then the owner closed shop and went home.

When the owner returned the next morning, he had to slosh through bleach to get to the back of the store! What happened? The bleach supplier arrived that night and filled the tank. The hose, lying on the shop floor, leaked. The resulting seepage caused thousands of dollars in damage to the store, as well as the expense of a complicated cleanup effort.

Would there be coverage for this

type of claim on your policy? With a standard insurance form, there would be no coverage for this loss. While a standard form (ISO CP 00 10 04 02) typically includes limited pollutant clean-up and removal, the premises are defined as 'land or water'. On a standard form, there would be no coverage inside your premises. Many pool stores have their hoses conveniently located indoors. If this is your setup, you may need additional coverage.

Where's the coverage? An endorsement labeled "Limited Pollution Reimbursement - Your Premises Coverage - Swimming Pool Operations" (CG 71 54 12 06) extends pollution coverage right into your scheduled premises.

The endorsement, which provides \$100,000 limit with \$1,000 deductible, reimburses you for sums you are legally obligated to pay because of bodily injury or property damage from a 'pollution incident.' In addition, the form includes 'remediation expenses' that directly result from a pollution mishap; so you would be reimbursed for the cleanup required to sanitize the area and protect from further loss.

If you are unsure about what your policy covers and the exposures you face, talk to your insurance agent.

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& Spa Professionals and the Florida Swimming Pool Association, leading advocates for pool and spa safety.

Many tireless industry volunteers and staff contributed to this result including: APSP Staff, Carvin DiGiovanni; APSP code consultant, Lorraine Ross; FSPA Staff, Jennifer Hatfield; chairman of the APSP Technical Committee, Steve Barnes; chairman of the APSP In-ground Residential Standard Committee and FSPA member, Dan Johnson; and APSP counsel, Steve Getzoff. Also testifying in support of the ANSI/APSP-7 standard were several state building code officials, including representatives from both Florida and Georgia, along with the Chief of the

LA County Fire Department.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association will continue to work with contractors, building departments, and consumers to educate them about swimming pool safety. FSPA has developed training programs for code officials and industry professionals to help them learn how to implement the ANSI/APSP-7 standard. Classes are currently being taught throughout the state. In addition, consumer brochures are available that provide information about suction entrapment prevention and swimming pool safety. Training programs and informational brochures are available by contacting the Florida Swimming Pool Association at 866-930-FSPA.

Get out the vote

By Kari Hebrank, FSPA Lobbyist

Perhaps you feel the energy a national election brings, watching the news for every tidbit about the candidates, volunteering for a campaign, slapping political bumper stickers on your car or even wearing red, white and blue every day until the election. Alternatively, you could be like many Americans, just plain tired of the plethora of campaign signs dotting our roadways and the incessant droning of campaign ads sandwiched between your favorite TV shows. Whether you fall into the first or second category (or somewhere inbetween), I urge you to take a moment between now and Election Day on November 4 to cast your vote for the national, state and local candidates. (Note:Early voting begins on October 20, 2008)

Think your one vote won't make a difference? Think again. History books are full of elections won and lost by a handful of votes---congressional, state legislative, senatorial and gubernatorial races all decided by less than 1% of the vote! Other examples of close votes include the following;

- 1885---President Grover Cleveland won the election by 48.5% of the vote to Blaine's 48.2%

- 1916 ---Woodrow Wilson defeated his opponent by less than one vote per precinct in a single state.

- 1923--- One vote gave Adolf Hitler leadership of the Nazi party and eventual control of Germany.

- 1941---One vote defeated the bill to kill the draft law, three months before Pearl Harbor.

- 1948---Lyndon B. Johnson became a U.S. senator by a one vote margin.

- 1960--- One additional vote per precinct in Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey and Texas would have put Richard M. Nixon in office eight years earlier. (Nixon lost to Kennedy by 100,000 votes)

- 1976---president Carter won 297 electoral votes to squeeze by Ford's 240 votes

- 1982--- In Illinois, Governor Jim Thompson defeated Adlai Stevenson by less than 1/2 a vote per precinct

- 2000---The presidential election was decided by a 537 vote margin in Florida out of more than 6 million votes cast

With the current economic downturn, now more than ever, it is imperative that you take your civic duty seriously and cast your vote for industry-friendly, pro-business candidates. Encourage your family members, neighbors and friends to go to the polls to vote. As an employer, make sure you give your employees administrative leave on Election Day to vote. During this past year, your association's political action committee (PIPAC) has been diligently screening the candidates on issues of importance to the swimming pool and construction industry. Take time to review the list of candidates financially supported by FSPA's PIPAC during this election cycle as listed below.

Be a part of history by taking part in one of the greatest freedoms we as Americans enjoy-- the right to vote. Your vote helps choose our national and state leaders, the folks empowered to set policy for our state and country-- policy that affects your company's bottom line. Support the business-friendly candidates identified by PIPAC. Your one vote can make a difference!

State Senate Races

SD = Senate District, Rep = Republican, Dem = Democrat

- SD 3 Charlie Dean (Rep)
- SD 5 Stephen Wise (Rep)
- SD 7 Evelyn Lynn (Rep)
- SD 9 Andy Gardiner (Rep)
- SD 11 Mike Fasano (Rep)
- SD 17 JD Alexander (Rep)
- SD 23 Nancy Detert (Rep)
- SD 24 Thad Altman (Rep)
- SD 25 Jeff Atwater (Rep)
- SD 27 Dave Aronberg (Dem)
- SD 35 Dan Gelber (Dem)

State House Races

HD = House District, Rep = Republican, Dem = Democrat

- HD 1 Greg Evers (Rep)
- HD 2 Dave Murzin (Rep)
- HD 3 Clay Ford (Rep)
- HD 5 Brad Drake (Rep)
- HD 9 Peter Boulware (Rep)
- HD 10 Don Curtis (Rep)
- HD 11 Debbie Boyd (Dem)
- HD 12 Janet Adkins (Rep)
- HD 14 Mia Jones (Dem)
- HD 17 Lake Ray (Rep)

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| HD 19 Mike Weinstein (Rep) | HD 82 William Snyder (Rep) |
| HD 20 Bill Proctor (Rep) | HD 83 Carl Domino (Rep) |
| HD 21 Linda Meyers (Dem) | HD 86 Maria Sachs (Dem) |
| HD 21 Charles Van Zant (Rep) | HD 87 Adam Hasner (Rep) |
| *Both HD 21 candidates represent ideals important to FSPA; therefore, PIPAC supported both candidates and we encourage you to vote for either. | |
| HD 24 Kurt Kelly (Rep) | HD 89 Mary Bradenburg (Dem) |
| HD 26 Pat Patterson (Rep) | HD 91 Ellyn Bogdanoff (Rep) |
| HD 27 Dwayne Taylor (Dem) | HD 95 Jim Waldman (Dem) |
| HD 28 Dorothy Hukill (Rep) | HD 97 Martin Kiar (Dem) |
| HD 29 Ralph Poppell (Rep) | HD 101 Matt Hudson (Rep) |
| HD 30 Ritch Workman (Rep) | HD 102 Eddy Gonzalez (Rep) |
| HD 31 John Tobia (Rep) | HD106 Richard Steinberg (Dem) |
| HD 32 Tony Sasso (Dem) | HD 107 Luis Garcia (Dem) |
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| HD 35 Dean Cannon (Rep) | HD 111 Erik Fresen (Rep) |
| HD 36 Scott Randolph (Dem) | HD 112 David Rivera (Rep) |
| HD 38 Bryan Nelson (Rep) | HD 113 Carlos Lopez-Cantera (Rep) |
| HD 40 Eric Eisnaugle (Rep) | HD 117 Julio Robaina (Rep) |
| HD 42 Marlene O'Toole (Rep) | HD 119 Juan Zapata (Rep) |
| HD 44 Robert Schenck (Rep) | HD 120 Ron Saunders (Dem) |
| HD 46 John Legg (Rep) | |
| HD 47 Kevin Ambler (Rep) | |
| HD 48 Peter Nehr (Rep) | |
| HD 49 J.P. Quinones (Rep) | |
| HD 51 Janet Long (Dem) | |
| HD 52 Bill Heller (Dem) | |
| HD 54 Jim Frishe (Rep) | |
| HD 55 Darryl Rouson (Dem) | |
| HD 56 Rachel Burgin (Rep) | |
| HD 57 Faye Culp (Rep) | |
| HD 60 Ed Homan (Rep) | |
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| HD 80 Debbie Mayfield (Rep) | |

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PIPAC also supported the following Senate and House candidates in 2008 that have been elected through no opposition or via a primary election:

- SD 13 Dennis Jones (Rep)
- SD 21 Mike Bennett
- SD 29 Chris Smith (Dem)
- SD 37 Garrett Richter (Rep)
- HD 6 Jimmy Patronis (Rep)
- HD 7 Marti Coley (Rep)
- HD 34 Chris Dorworth (Rep)
- HD 37 Scott Plakon (Rep)
- HD 41 Steve Precourt (Rep)
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FSPA member appointed to the CILB

By Jennifer Hatfield, Director of Government & Public Affairs

On October 17, Governor Charlie Crist announced several appointments to the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB), including that of FSPA member **Roy Lenois**. Roy is the owner of **Artesian Pools of East Florida** located in Port Orange. The CILB is composed of 18 members (9 Division I contractors and 9 Division II): four General Contractors ; three Building or Residential Contractors with at least one Building Contractor and one Residential Contractor; one Roofing Contractor; one Sheet Metal Contractor; one Air Conditioning Contractor; one Mechanical Contractor; one Pool Contractor; one Plumbing Contractor; one Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor; two Consumer Members; and two Building Officials of a Municipality or County. Each of these 18 members are appointed by the Governor and can serve two consecutive four-year terms or a total of 11 years. Mr. Lenois will succeed Joan Brown as the pool contractor member and his appointment is for a term beginning October 17, 2008 and ending October 31, 2011.

The CILB regulates construction contractors and their businesses and was created within the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation. To be eligible to serve, each contractor member must have been certified by the board to operate as a contractor in the category with respect to which the member is appointed, be actively engaged in the construction business, and have been so engaged for a period of not less than five consecutive years before the date of appointment. Each appointee must be a citizen and resident of the state. Meetings of the CILB are held 11 times a year in various locations across the State.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is proud to have a member of the Association appointed to this important Board. We would also like to thank all those who sent letters and made calls in support of Mr. Lenois. Congratulations Roy, we know you will serve the citizens of Florida well and we appreciate your commitment in representing your industry!

Chapter News

Check out Chapter Web sites for current information!

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Broward Chapter would like to thank all of our members that renewed! In these troubled times, thanks for sticking with us. To all of you that could not, please be assured that we are still here for you and when times get better we would love to have you back!

We had a very long summer and are back to work again. October 14 was our 64-E 9 code meeting given by **Pat Riley, Broward County Health Department**. It is always a pleasure to work with Pat, not only is she knowledgeable but also very pleasant. Thank you to everyone who came, we had over 100 people show up! There were members, non-members and members from other Chapters and it made for a great meeting.

Next month will be about ANSI/APSP-7 Suction Entrapment Avoidance Standard. Information on the time and place is yet to come. Thank you to **Don Cesarone Jr., Van Kirk and Sons, Inc.**, for offering to take this course to bring to us. There

have been a tremendous amount of questions on this issue, hopefully Don can clarify and answer some of your questions.

Until next time, be safe and win all of your bids!

Central Florida

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Tuesday, November 11 will be the last Chapter meeting for 2008 and will include a CE course that will affect how you do business in 2009! **Adam Alstott, Tropical Pools & Spas, Inc.**, and **Richard Moseley, Champagne Pools of Central Florida**, will instruct the two-hour CE course entitled "Advanced Florida Building Code: Entrapment Protection for Suction Inlets" (CILB course #0010696, two hours, FPSA d/b/a FSPA providership #0000917). This course meets the advanced module requirement. The CE course deals with the changes to the entrapment laws which go into effect March 1, 2009. These changes effect every aspect of your businesses, from retail to renovations and from builder issues to service and repair. Your company should have a representative at this meeting to carry back the information to everyone. The class will be held at the Sheraton - Downtown Orlando, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd (directly off I-4). Reservations are mandatory.

Effective immediately, all Central Florida Chapter meetings will have a member fee and a non-member fee. There will also be an additional \$5 fee if your company requests an invoice for the meeting. The member fee (payable at the door by check or cash) for the November 11 meeting is \$40 for dinner and the certificate for the CE course. If a member is attending for dinner and no CE certificate, the fee is \$30. Non-members will be charged \$50 for dinner and CE certificate and \$40 for dinner with no certificate.

The Chapter encourages the surrounding FSPA Chapters (Polk, North Central, East Central and Space Coast) to also attend this event. The next time this class will be available is at the Orlando Pool & Spa Show (formerly known as the Florida Pool and Spa Show) in February. Your business may have some prep work to do prior to the March 1, 2009 enforcement of the new laws. Please RSVP to the Chapter office by November 7.

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Many thanks to **Connie Sue Centrella, HornerXpress**, for her CE course presentation at the October membership meeting. Our next Chapter membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at the Elk's Club, 20225 Kenilworth, Port Charlotte. The meeting will feature a two-hour CE course. **Vivian Cardarelli, HornerXpress**, will be our guest speaker. For more information, or to make a dinner reservation, please contact the Chapter.

Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Chapter slate of officers. Our President: **Kris Peterson, True Blue Pool Supply**; Vice President: **Fred Terhune, Howard's Pool World**; and Secretary/Treasurer: **Sam Baublitz, The Baby Safe Company**. Our directors are: **Colin McTigue, Fulton Pools**; **Pete Cocarro, Nautilus Pools**; **Gary Hendrickson, The Gorman Company**; and **Kathie Hendrickson, Mr. Marcite**.

The Chapter holiday party will be held on Thursday, December 4 at Visani's Restaurant and Comedy Club. Don't miss it!

East Central Florida

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Following our October meeting at the Halifax River Yacht Club, the ECF Chapter is sailing on down the river to our Deck Down Under in Port Orange for our November dinner/meeting and CE course. Slated for Thursday, November 20, the evening will begin with the first meeting of the new Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Following the dinner and Chapter meeting, a one-hour CE course will be offered at 8:00 p.m. **Jonathan Parker, CSP, ARM**, will teach "Workplace Safety" (CILB course #0006954, meets workplace safety requirement, FPSA d/b/a FSPA providership #0000917). This will be the last Chapter get-together until the new year.

At the September meeting, the ECF Chapter Board of Directors named the chairman of the Chapter Builders Council, **Wes Haigh, Guaranteed Pools**, as "Director of the Year." Congratulations, Wes!

Florida Gulf Coast

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The November Chapter membership meeting will be held on Monday, November 10 at the Paseo Village Center, 11611 Paseo Grande Boulevard, Fort Myers. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will feature **Dan Johnson, Swim, Inc.**, as our guest speaker. He will be teaching the two-hour CE course "Advanced Florida Building Code: Entrapment Protection for Suction Inlets" (CILB course #0010596, two hours, FPSA d/b/a FSPA providership #0000917). As always, proper photo ID is required per CILB rules.

Florida West Coast

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The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, November 4 at Belleair Pool Supply, 1702 West Bay Drive, Largo. Remember, any Chapter member can sit on the Board of Directors and every member is encouraged to attend Board meetings. Our Board of Directors meetings are usually scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month, but please call the office if you plan to attend.

The Chapter sponsored three local teams, Countryside High, Northeast High and Palm Harbor University High, for the FSPA High School Invitational Swimming and Diving Meet in Orlando.

The Annual Tampa Bay Pool Industry Table Top Event was held on Tuesday, October 28 at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. There will be more to follow on this event in next month's issue.

Please call the office with your ideas for Chapter meetings and programs.

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Thanks to **John Barnett, Manatee County Building Official**, for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with Chapter members in regards to confronting unlicensed activity in Manatee County. Another topic discussed at the October meeting was working with our members to help solve problems between the pool industry and the building department.

Our next Chapter membership meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13. The topic of discussion will include the State/Chapter Partnership Agreement. This is an

important meeting for all members to attend.

Due to the busy holiday season, there will be no Chapter meetings scheduled during the month of December.

North Central Florida

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The Chapter had a Board meeting October 8 at Carmichael's in Ocala which included reports about the state Board meeting in September, a discussion about building to ANSI-7 and discussion about the Partnership Agreement with FSPA. **Tom Bush, Fun State Pools, Inc.**, went over

some last minute items for the golf tournament and reported that the tournament participation is down just like the economy. We are looking at a 50 percent decrease in participation from sponsors and players from last year, but still planning on having plenty of fun. **Connie Loring, SCP**, was our guest speaker on collections and members learned about notice-to-owners and liens. Thank you Connie for your time.

There were no nominations by petition presented at the meeting or by the deadline of October 15 and the new officers are: **Randy Taylor, HornerXpress**, President; **Connie Ripley, Pools by Ripley, Inc.**, Vice President; **Larry Losciale, Easy Modern Living, Inc.**, Treasurer; and **Tom Bush, Fun State Pools, Inc.**, Secretary.

The date for the November meeting has been changed to allow **Dan Johnson, Swim, Inc.**, to teach the advanced CE course on suction entrapment avoidance. The new date is November 19 and the meeting will be at Napolitano's in Gainesville.

Northeast Florida

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Important Chapter meeting – November 13. We have a number of important Chapter and state issues to present, including an update on the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act, ANSI-7 compliance, the

Chapter/ State Partnership Agreement and a one hour CE Course with **Mark Gordon, HornerXpress**, ("Pool and Spa Solutions in Chemistry", CILB course #0007821, one hour, HornerXpress providership #004-0001103).

We have a great relationship with our building departments and have partnered to solve some of the challenges contractors are having. Contact Mitch Brooks if you have any questions.

Northwest Florida

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No news this month.

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Congratulations to the 2009 Chapter Board of Directors: President – **Jim Stevens, FI Pool Tech**; Vice President – **Kim Allert, Southern Pool Plasterers**; Secretary – **Scott Kaufman, Proline Distributors**; and Treasurer – **Lisa Galan, Fountain Blue Pool Service**. Directors: **Dave Ballard, Horizon Pool & Patio**; **Steve Lumerman, Team Horner**; **Bill Peterson, American Leak Detection**; **Mike Shirey, Clear Pools**

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Maintenance; Dan Welsh, Proline Distributors; and Steve Hackl, Hackl Pool Construction Co. State Directors: **Jim Stevens, Kim Allert and Steve Hackl, and alternates - Mike Shirey and Dan Welsh.**

Don't forget the awesome Holiday Picnic, November 2. Call the Chapter office for details or visit the Chapter Web page at www.FloridaPoolPro.com/industry/chapters.

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Polk County

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Judy Williams, SCP – Lakeland Branch Manager, was the driving force in organizing one of the most informative and possibly life saving meetings on safe handling and transportation of hazardous materials. Chapter members were encouraged to bring their work trucks to this special program entitled "is your truck the bomb." **Ken and Derek Brown, Insurance By Ken Brown**, explained which type of insurance covers an accident or a spill. Ken stressed that new insurance is available to pool companies for minimal cost. Be sure to check if your insurance policy covers your company for transportation of

hazardous chemicals. One small spill could put you out of business without the proper insurance.

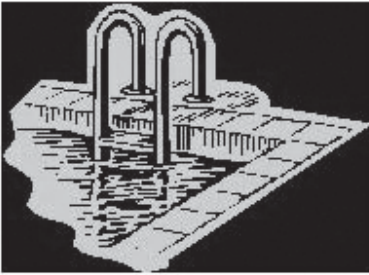
Don Girvan, Pro Team, spoke about the different chemicals that most pool professionals use on a daily basis and how dangerous even small amounts of some chemicals can be if not handled properly. He spoke about the packaging of chemicals and what to look for to be sure the package is safe before you open it. He encouraged everyone to make sure they always rotate inventory by putting the newest products in the back. Don led the whole group to the parking lot to inspect **Keith Johnson's, Pool Works**, truck and show what is necessary to carry on each truck and proper placement of those chemicals within the truck. Not only is proper placement of the chemicals important, but it could be life saving. If proper regulations are not followed, your trucks really

could be like a bomb! Always read labels. Make all your employees aware of the chemicals they are handling. All companies need to have a safety program in place with regularly scheduled meetings.

Dan Bartel, Chief HAZMAT Officer Polk County Fire Department, went over what to do in case of a spill or vehicle accident. He reviewed the proper procedure for reporting a spill and what to do in case of emergency. Bottomline, you must have an MSDS book in the truck naming every chemical you are carrying and if an accident occurs, this should automatically be passed on to the Fire Department as soon as they arrive at the scene. The fines for not having this information are monumental. When you receive a shipment from the distribution center, be sure an MSDS sheet is accompanying the shipment and the proper sheet is put into a book to be carried in the vehicle.

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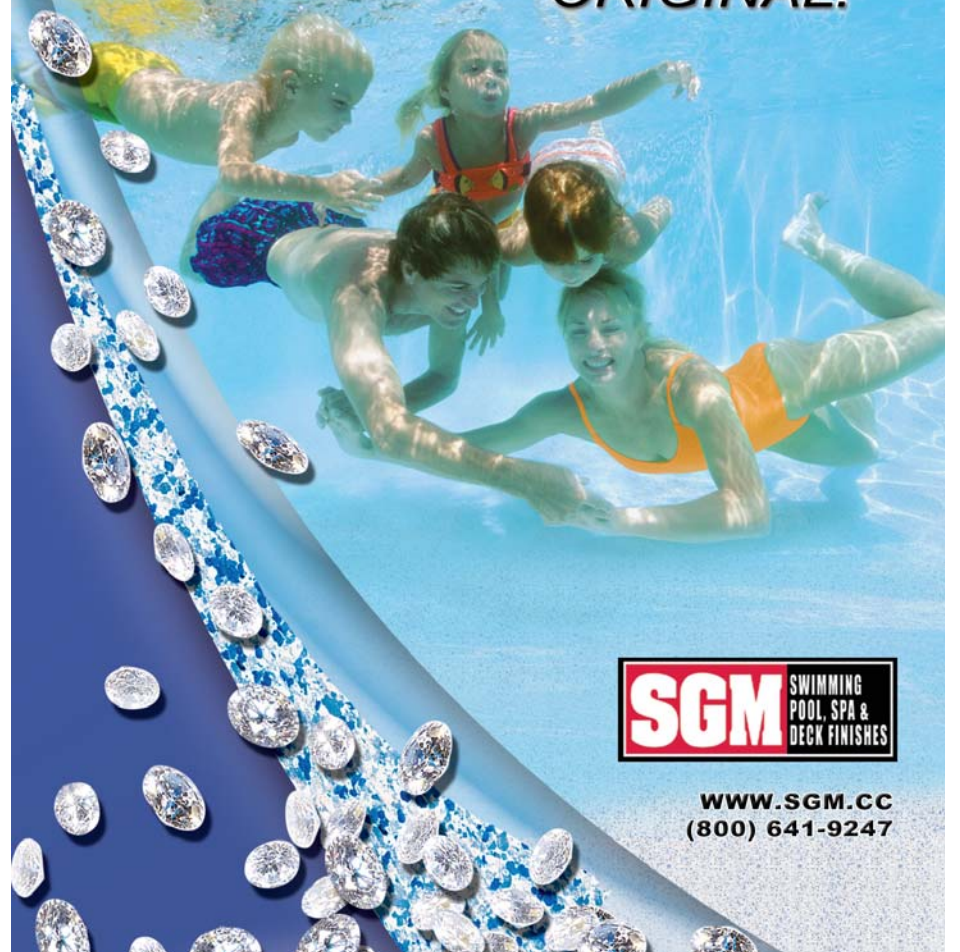
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Michele Green, Florida Sunrise Pools & Spas of Polk County, Inc., awarded **Keith Johnson, Pool Works**, with special recognition as the former Chapter President. Keith served as Chapter President for 2007-2008 and has done an incredible job in promoting the FSPA as well as initiating excellent programs during his tenure. He has worked tirelessly on member retention and recruiting and has been an excellent ambassador for the Polk Chapter on a state level. Keith has been nominated to step up to the State Executive Committee as the Secretary of the FSPA.

There are no regularly scheduled Chapter meetings in November or December. The Chapter members have been invited by the FSPA Central Florida Chapter to join with them on November 11 to take the two-hour CE course entitled "Advanced Florida Building Code: Entrapment Protection for Suction Inlets" (CILB course #0010696, two hours, FSPA d/b/a FSPA providership #0000917). This course meets the advanced module requirement. RSVP to the Chapter office by November 7.

Your newly elected Board will be meeting in both November and December. Watch your newsletters for where and when and as always, all members are encouraged to participate in Board meetings. This is

your Chapter and your Board wants to provide programs and events to enhance your business.

Space Coast

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The Space Coast Chapter's Builders Council and Service Council will not meet this month. The Board of Directors will meet at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 13 at the Executive Directors home.

Our Annual Golf Classic will be held on Sunday, November 2 at The Majors Golf Club.

Remember that we will be having our Christmas Party on December 6 this year, so plan now to attend.

Tampa Bay

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The next Chapter Board meeting will be Thursday, November 6 at 11:30 a.m. at GrillSmith, 14311 N. Dale Mabry (Carrollwood), Tampa. All Members and non-members are welcome to attend and see what we do.

We had a great turn out for our dinner/class meeting on Thursday, October 9. A thanks to all who attended and especially **Rich Tarricone, Pebble Tec**, who gave

a class presentation. The class touched on the basics of getting a new or remodeled pool shell ready to receive an aggregate finish. It was a fun course with many do and don't photos which also visually taught the results of doing things improperly and the implications. We hope everyone received some extra knowledge and information from this presentation. Please feel free to contact him if you have any further questions on his presentation. If there is anyone else who would like to present at one of our meetings in the future, please contact Karen to set something up.

The FSPA is a great association that provides many member benefits to you all, and we really need your support. Please get involved! We would also like to thank the following members and non-members for their participation: **Joel Gray, Hayward Pool Products; Tim Converse, Solar Solutions; Jim Rex, Solar Source; Dick Abare, Algae Busters; Sean & Darren Jones, Southern Pools; Allen Jones, B.A. Jones Excavating; Andrew Whiting, Devin Cahn Associates; Dan FiFe, Smith Pool Supplies; Cathie Alderman & Kelly Jordan, HornerXpress; Debbie & Chuck Hale, Hale Marcite; Paul Pignataro, Apollo Pool Care; and Michael Turinsky, Blue Sky Pools, Inc.**

We look forward to seeing you all again at our next meeting Wednesday, November 12. We will be having

guest speaker **Ken Gregory, Holland Pools**, lead an open forum discussion addressing such issues as pool safety, pool covers, 64E-9, new products and ANSI-7.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for a meeting please feel free to contact Karen at the Chapter office.

Treasure Coast

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Our November Board meeting date has been changed to November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Josef's At the Saints, 2601 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port Saint Lucie. To make reservations call 772-263-2653. Also, our December Board meeting has been changed to December 11. Please come and join us for a great time. Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

For additional information about any of the events or meetings listed in the Chapter News, please contact the Executive Director listed at the top of each Chapter's News. Event meeting and information can also be found in Chapter newsletters sent to members and available at local distributors.

The Scoop on Service

Housing meltdown: Avoiding pitfalls and recognizing opportunities

By Rob Sanger, Galaxy Pools

During a recent state Service Council meeting in Sarasota, a well intentioned suggestion was presented. It was asserted that the FSPA should somehow get involved as a "community outreach" gesture by offering to make existing abandoned pools safer. That idea was quickly dismissed because this action, as well intended as it was, would leave the association open to litigation if someone (mainly unsupervised children) were to be injured or heaven forbid killed. A saying comes to mind "no good deed goes unpunished", especially when lawyers get involved!

Now with that being said, there are ways that individual service companies can get involved to help local communities with abandoned pools and at the same time make good contacts. With the massive amounts of foreclosures in the state of Florida there are many pools that are not being maintained and are a hazard to health and safety. The real problem is the ownership is still with the borrower until it is officially foreclosed upon by the bank. This makes it almost impossible for a service company to get involved unless they can get the bank or real estate company to cover the costs, and more importantly, the liability of a swimming pool at a house

where nobody resides and an injury or drowning of neighborhood children could occur.

After the foreclosure, when the bank or real estate company has assumed the liability, I offer some ideas:

1. Contact the lender and offer a cut rate to clean up the pool so there are no mosquitoes, and offer a multi-tiered service from just chemical to full service. This gives them the option of prevention or putting it on the market looking good.

2. Contact both the DOH and code enforcement and let them know you are there to help and ask them to contact you when they get reports of bad pools.

3. Contact as many real estate agencies as possible and let them know you are available to assist with the pools during these trying times.

Excellent contacts can be made in real estate, banking, code enforcement and the DOH. Reaching out to these groups will allow you to assist your community and generate more clients at the same time. Additionally, by cultivating these relationships during pressing times, you are more likely to be thought of when our economy inevitably improves.

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November 2008

- 2 FSPA Space Coast Chapter Annual Golf Classic
The Majors Golf Club
- 2 FSPA Palm Beach Chapter Holiday Picnic
Noon - 6:00 p.m.
FOP Lodge 350, 885 62nd Drive North, West Palm Beach
- 6 FSPA Tampa Bay Chapter Board Meeting
11:30 a.m. GrillSmith, 14311 N. Dale Mabry (Carrollwood), Tampa
- 10 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting
- 11 FSPA Central Florida Chapter Elections and CE Course
Sheraton - Downtown Orlando
- 12 FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter Meeting
- 13 FSPA Northeast Florida Chapter
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Chapter Meeting
Baymeadows Holiday Inn
- 13 FSPA Manasota Chapter Meeting
- 13 FSPA Space Coast Chapter Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. Executive Director's home
- 19 FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter Board Meeting
- 19 FSPA North Central Florida Chapter
6:30 p.m. Board/ Member Meeting
7:00 p.m. CE Course
Napolitano's, 606 NW 75th St., Gainesville
- 20 FSPA Treasure Coast
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Chapter Meeting

- 20 FSPA East Central Florida Chapter
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting (new board!)
7:00 p.m. Chapter Dinner and Meeting
8:00 p.m. CE Course
- 24 FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter Board Meeting

December 2008

- 4 FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter Holiday Party
- 5 FSPA Treasure Coast Chapter Board Meeting, Member Meeting and Annual Social
- 6 FSPA Space Coast Chapter Holiday Party
- 10 FSPA North Central Florida Chapter Annual Christmas Party/ Social
Ocala
- 11 FSPA Northeast Florida Chapter
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Chapter Meeting
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- 14 FSPA North Central Florida Chapter Board/ Member Meeting
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