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Over the years I have read many articles on the success of businesses that give back in volunteer time, mentoring, and financial support to programs that affect their industry or communities. Some businesses even get their employees' families involved, and the dividends that paid off from that involvement both to their business and to them personally was amazing. Besides the "feel good" aspect of giving, they noticed more empathy and understanding of different perspectives from their employees, which directly benefited their business as this became the culture in the workplace. The new activities create new skill sets from managing resources and people to how to develop new connections socially and in business. All the while having your company recognized as a community or industry leader. We all can't always

give financially, but volunteering time and knowledge is just as valuable, sometimes more valuable. Get involved wherever you can.

At a chapter level we can reach out to newer members and companies and offer ideas, solutions and knowledge, making your company a resource on what the FSPA can do to help their business grow. This is so very crucial to the development and success of our industry. We are an industry that is primarily self-taught. I constantly reflect back on the dozens of folks from all parts of our industry who have taken time to help me and the people I work with grow and learn. Make sure to make time to give back something each and every day!

Here is your chuckle...

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first hole has a huge water hazard just before the green.

Moses hits first. His ball is headed directly for the water. He holds up his hands and the water parts and his ball rolls right up to the green.

Jesus hits next. His ball is headed right for the water. He holds up his hands and his ball rolls right across the water and on to the green.



Don Ball
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The old man goes last. He hits his ball and it is going right into the water. Just then a fish jumps out of the water and eats his golf ball. An eagle then grabs the fish out of the water and flies away. A lightning strike then hits a tree that falls and hits the eagle causing it to drop the fish. The fish lands on the green and coughs up the golf ball that rolls into the hole for a hole in one.

As the three head back to the carts, Jesus says to Moses, "This is the last time I invite dad to golf with us."

S*** You Should Know

Q: Are my subcontractors required to have their own license, separate from mine, to work on my jobs?

A: No, under Senate Bill 222, which took effect on July 1, 2022, swimming pool and spa subcontractors no longer need to have a specialty subcontracting license. However, subcontractors must be working under the supervision of a CPC or RP swimming pool and spa contractor who is ultimately responsible for the jobsite and the work being performed.

FSPA worked with the Florida State Legislature to pass SB 222 during the 2022 Florida Legislative Session.

If you have any questions, please contact FSPA Sr. Director of Government Affairs Dallas Thiesen at 941-952-9293 or at Dallas@FloridaPoolPro.com.

Florida's summer heat

Happy August, *Florida Pool Pro*SM Readers!

How are you coping with Florida's summer heat? I know it is hot enough that I am wishing for a chiller for our residential pool! Florida has actually been experiencing record high temperatures this year, which poses a serious and sometimes dangerous challenge for those of us in our industry working outdoors. Here are some recommendations from the Red Cross to keep your team safe during extreme weather conditions:

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol as they are dehydrating by nature. If you can, choose drinks with electrolyte replacement and drink plenty even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors as they absorb the sun's rays.

- Take breaks as needed when outside, seeking shade or air conditioning. If you can, schedule work before 1:00 p.m. or after 3:00 p.m. avoiding the hottest parts of the day.
- Take cool showers or hose down to cool off.
- If you have symptoms of heat exhaustion or more severe heat stroke such as muscle cramps, headache, nausea or dizziness – seek immediate assistance.

Speaking of summertime, don't forget that our FSPA Summer Refresher education event is happening on August 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. here at your FSPA T.E.C. Center in Sarasota, Florida. You can learn more at FSPACourses.com. Members are FREE and the non-member price is \$150 for a day full of classes required for your license renewal. We hope to see you there!



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| <i>Broward County</i> | 96 | 73 |
| <i>Calhoun County</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Charlotte County</i> | 128 | 100 |
| <i>Citrus County</i> | 27 | 26 |
| <i>Clay County</i> | 23 | 1 |
| <i>Collier County</i> | 139 | 163 |
| <i>Dade County</i> | 153 | 126 |
| <i>Duval County</i> | 46 | 51 |
| <i>Escambia County</i> | 0 | 12 |
| <i>Flagler County</i> | 31 | 30 |
| <i>Franklin County</i> | 0 | 2 |
| <i>Gadsden County</i> | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Gulf County</i> | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Hernando County</i> | 35 | 10 |
| <i>Highlands County</i> | 10 | 6 |
| <i>Hillsborough County</i> | 167 | 136 |
| <i>Holmes County</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Indian River County</i> | 41 | 47 |
| <i>Jackson County</i> | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Jefferson County</i> | 0 | 2 |
| <i>Lake County</i> | 50 | 40 |
| <i>Lee County</i> | 284 | 177 |
| <i>Leon County</i> | 16 | 24 |
| <i>Liberty County</i> | 1 | 0 |

| County Name | June 2022 | June 2023 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Manatee County</i> | 133 | 116 |
| <i>Marion County</i> | 38 | 21 |
| <i>Martin County</i> | 37 | 20 |
| <i>Nassau County</i> | 23 | 20 |
| <i>Okaloosa County</i> | 38 | 14 |
| <i>Orange County</i> | 145 | 112 |
| <i>Osceola County</i> | 77 | 46 |
| <i>Palm Beach County</i> | 193 | 198 |
| <i>Pasco County</i> | 97 | 70 |
| <i>Pinellas County</i> | 66 | 49 |
| <i>Polk County</i> | 91 | 90 |
| <i>Putnam County</i> | 5 | 4 |
| <i>Santa Rosa County</i> | 0 | 8 |
| <i>Sarasota County</i> | 175 | 142 |
| <i>Seminole County</i> | 4 | 13 |
| <i>St Johns County</i> | 106 | 102 |
| <i>St Lucie County</i> | 66 | 60 |
| <i>Sumter County</i> | 68 | 37 |
| <i>Volusia County</i> | 57 | 44 |
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Gearing up for the 2024 legislative session

By Dallas Thisen, FSPA Sr. Dir. of Government Affairs / dallas@FloridaPoolPro.com



The 2023 Florida Legislative Session ended only three months ago and FSPA is running full steam ahead preparing for the 2024 Florida Legislative Session. The 2023

Legislative session was a very tame session for the swimming pool and spa industry but provided FSPA's government affairs team with many opportunities to deepen relationships with legislators and their staff and prepare the ground for FSPA's next big legislative pushes.

In 2024, FSPA will be undertaking two major legislative initiatives. First, FSPA will be working to update and clarify the scope of work for swimming pool and spa

contractor licenses in the Florida Statutes. The scope of work for these licenses have not been updated in more than 30 years and are in dire need of updating. This initiative is the result of years of work by the FSPA Scope of Work Taskforce and FSPA staff to hone in on changes and updates necessary to ensure the Florida Statutes are working for the swimming pool and spa industry and your clients. The revisions being proposed will not expand or contract the swimming pool contractor's scope of work but rather modernize and clarify the scope of work in ways that will help prevent conflicts in interpretation with code officials.

FSPA will also be pursuing a change to the Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act. Under the current law, any pool alarm used for compliance with the act must be placed into the pool. The requirement that an alarm must be placed in the pool

has limited innovation and the use of emerging technologies in the swimming pool safety device space. This update will not eliminate any current options available for compliance, but instead will expand the options available to consumers.

The FSPA government affairs team has been working closely with legislators and staff to bring these issues forward for the 2024 legislative session and FSPA has already had several meetings in the Capitol in preparation for the next legislative session. The 2024 session starts January 7, 2024.

If you would like to be involved in the FSPA policy making process or have any question or concerns about public policy issues, please reach out to FSPA Sr. Dir. of Government Affairs, Dallas Thisen, at Dallas@FloridaPoolPro.com.

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Pump sizing and safety

By John Garner, Sr., Pools by John Garner / garnerpools@comcast.net



Have you been paying attention? Since July 2021, Federal Energy Legislation has been in effect regulating pool, spa and water feature pumps. Pumps that we have used for many

years are no longer legal and no longer manufactured for sale in the United States. The Department of Energy (DOE) has new laws regulating swimming pool and spa pumps. The DOE has classified these pumps as DPPP (Dedicated Purpose Pool Pumps).

Under DOE regulations newly manufactured pumps from 1 HP up to 5 HP must be variable-speed pumps. Single speed pumps less than 1 HP are legal. There are many things to be considered when sizing pumps for new construction and replacement pumps on existing pools under the new regulation.

The horsepower rating that most of us are familiar with, such as full-rated and up-rated HP, along with service factors, are no longer to be the norm. The new

variable-speed pumps will be given a weighted energy factor or WEF. This factor must meet the new guidelines. If not, it cannot be sold in the United States. This factor is a measure of gallons per watt hour. Obviously the higher the gallons per watt hour, the more efficient the pump.

The total dynamic head of the system is already a large factor in the design of a new pool and should be considered in selecting any pump. Single-speed motor replacements on existing pools are no longer allowed. We should have learned a long time ago that bigger is not better when it comes to pool pumps. Many builders sold larger pumps as a sales tactic without considering TDH and flow velocity. TDH and pipe size along with suction outlet flow rating should be calculated when replacing pumps on existing pools.

Safety is a huge concern on all pools especially when it comes to suction outlets. There are many different size variable-speed pumps on the market and it is not a "one size fits all" for pools.

Many people in the industry have replaced existing pools' pumps with a 3 HP variable-speed pump that can easily exceed the safe flow rate on smaller

plumbing and suction outlets. Only pumps meeting the requirements of a secured system should be used if they are capable of moving more water than the suction outlet and piping is rated for.

With the regulations, we must ensure replacement pumps meet all codes, not just simply reduce the flow on the pump and hope no one turns the pump up to max flow or RPM.

TDH measurements need to be taken with the skimmer off, the filter clean, and pressure side valves in the open position. The system TDH can be determined at the pump drain plugs with a vacuum gauge at the suction side strainer plug and a pressure gauge at the volute drain plug.

Vacuum reading x 1.13 pressure reading x 2.31 = TOTAL = TDH or measure with flow meter accurate to +/- 10% and installed to manufacturer's specifications.

Compare the TDH to the manufacturer pump curve to determine flow rate for suction outlets and piping.

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Chemistry controllers in a nutshell

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If you are not already aware, chemistry controllers are required for any new commercial spa built in Florida, and when a spa has a significant remodel performed.

Beginning with the new changes to the commercial code, which take effect December 31, 2023, this requirement will be implemented on newly built commercial pools as well.

Since your chemistry controller sales are bound to increase, it is important to recognize exactly what chemistry controllers are and the options available. As an industry, we need to be prepared to guide commercial properties to the machine that is right for them.

Chemistry controllers, also known as ORP feeders at their core, turn “dumb” machines into “smart” machines. In the case of a pool using liquid chlorine and acid as the primary chemicals to manage the sanitizer and the ph, these two chemicals must be put in the pool automatically, as opposed to by hand. In the case above, you would use a chemical feed pump to accomplish that. When I say they are “dumb” machines, I mean they only dispense the chemicals into the pool when someone has programmed them to, usually to come on a certain number of minutes per hour. The chemical feed pump does not test the pool water to see if it may need more, less, or none at all. When you connect these same feed pumps to a chemistry controller, the controller measures sanitizer and ph through a probe and dispenses the chemical to a preset number the pool professional pre-

programmed it to balance the pool.

In the case of sanitizer, it measures the ORP, or oxidation reduction potential of the water. Unlike a reading of parts per million, it gives a number based on the strength of the sanitizer, not the quantity of sanitizer. In Florida, pools are required to have a ORP reading of between 700 and 850. It is important to note these factors. If a chemistry controller test for ORP, it is still required to do a PPM test for the sanitizer. Secondly, there is really not a formula that correlates PPM to ORP. Lastly, an ORP reading is affected by many more factors that what a PPM reading states. Some of these factors can include sun vs. shade, and the ph being too high or too low. It is truly a circumstance of PPM reading being quantity and the ORP reading being quality of the sanitizer.

With this in mind, what type of chemistry controller is best for a commercial

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Unlocking the advantages: Join the FSPA

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Who is the FSPA? Why should you be a member? Most importantly, why does it matter to your customers? FSPA was founded in 1970 and has a legacy of education and consumer

protection in the pool industry.

The FSPA offers an array of professional development and educational opportunities that cater to the ever-evolving needs of pool contractors. Engaging in seminars and certification programs allows contractors to continuously refine their skills and stay on top of industry trends. By embracing lifelong learning, I am able to infuse my work with fresh ideas, cutting edge techniques and innovative solutions, appealing to more discerning clients.

Membership provides pool contractors with invaluable networking avenues

and collaboration opportunities. The FSPA network is vibrant and cultivates collaboration, encouraging the exchange of ideas and fostering partnerships that fuel growth and innovation within my company and within the industry. By actively participating in this ecosystem, pool service contractors can invigorate their business and beat the status quo.

Through the 16 statewide chapters, the FSPA's collective voice represents the interests of pool contractors across the state, championing industry-forward policies that resonate with the consumer and contractor alike. By joining forces with the association, through advocacy and active engagement, service pros can actively participate in shaping policies and regulations that foster sustainability and safety within the industry.

Membership in the FSPA serves as a powerful testament to your commitment to professionalism, quality, and customer satisfaction. For consumers seeking pool

professionals, the association's stamp of approval can be a beacon of trustworthiness and credibility. Since joining the FSPA, I feel that I have positioned myself as an industry leader which in turn fosters greater confidence and a competitive edge in the market.

The FSPA has also equipped me with a plethora of resources designed to help keep my company at the forefront of the industry through access to industry publications, research materials and educational content taught by pool pros with decades of experience. 365 Pools can tap into the latest advancements in technology, design, and sustainability practices. This wealth of knowledge empowers me to deliver contemporary pool solutions that resonate with my customers. Additionally, the association provides support services, including legal alternatives through its arbitration program, and has been a huge help to me in navigating the complexities

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The partnership between Amerisure Insurance, FSPA and Insurance by Ken Brown has spanned multiple decades. Beyond Ken Brown

authoring the first pool pop insurance form, or founding of the scholarship program, or the annual financial donations to FSPA, there has been a very unique group dividend in place for many years where members have the opportunity to earn a return on their insurance premiums.

To be eligible for the dividend, a member of the FSPA must be insured with Amerisure insurance through Insurance by Ken Brown. The dividend is not guaranteed, and it is based on the underwriting profitability of the group as a whole.

For the year 2022 the underwriting profit resulted in a dividend distribution of \$500,000 which will be distributed soon. The percentage of the dividend to a particular member depends on two factors:

1. The underwriting profitability of the business as it stands on its own
2. The percentage of premium paid by a member to the whole (more premium paid = larger dividend)

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over the past several years which we have never seen before.

The increase in litigation we have experienced here in Florida has been a wrecking ball for the insurance industry and has hugely impacted all of our rates and premiums. The losses are easier to accept when there's a large investment return for the carriers, but that has not been the case in recent years.

We can all be hopeful that the new Florida 2023 Tort Reform Law will help with the litigation moving forward. However, that will undoubtedly take years as there are 100,000+ recently filed lawsuits throughout the Florida court system right now under the "old" rules and laws.

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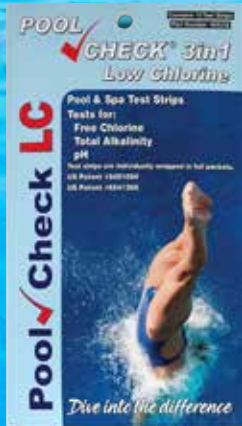
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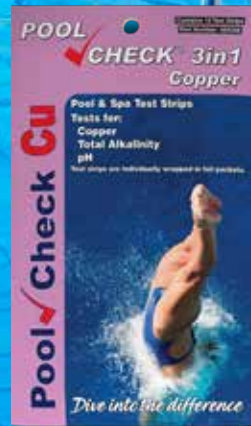
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Chemistry controllers in a nutshell

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swimming pool or spa? That is a question that really can only be answered by you and your customers. A pool company can purchase a chemistry controller for as little as around \$1,000 or pay as much as \$10,000. The price difference alone tells us there are many features available on controllers, and want, or need, of those features goes a long way in determining which controller to purchase.

The most basic machines only test for one type of sanitizer and ph manager and the machine can only be read when you stand right in front of it and it gives the readings. There are very few features to these units and no options past what you can look at onsite. As the price goes up, the features go up. A new feature, that almost every manufacturer offers as an option, is wifi or ethernet, which allows the pool company or property to look at these readings remotely via a cell phone or computer. Some units even allow you to store the readings or print out the reading. There are controllers that give both a PPM reading in addition to ORP. Although this is a good feature, in most cases it does not relieve the responsibility of manual tests. The technology of chemistry controllers grows every year and the information that is available is growing. Units that can be adjusted remotely are already available as well as units that can test for other products you put in the water such as salt, alkalinity, and the temperature of the water.

There are also companies that basically can manage the pool water "remotely" through the controller. This service is very exciting and can alert the property to equipment breakdowns or changes in flow and allow you to manage pump speed or salt levels for chlorine generators, to name a few. And by the way, they can also give you the ph reading and ORP reading, which of course is the original purpose.

The world of chemistry controllers is a very exciting and growing technology, and to stay ahead of property owners and managers, we all need to stay up to speed, and as always, offer the right product for the job.

As always, good selling, and always be a student of your profession.

Unlocking the advantages: Join the FSPA

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of a dynamic industry.

Being a member of the FSPA has infused my career enabling me to embrace professional development, expand networks and advocate at the state level. By harnessing these advantages, I have been able to establish myself as an industry leader who caters to the evolving demands of and preferences of the dynamo that is the swimming pool industry. Join the FSPA, you won't regret it.



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Broward

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The Broward Chapter had its 1st Annual Axe Throwing Network Event at the Axe Throwing Society in Pompano Beach on June 21. More than 40 people attended from more than 16 member companies.

Networking while having fun was the theme of the night, in addition to making donations to the Florida Swims Foundation. The food was sponsored by **Aquatic Consulting Engineers**.

The FSPA Florida Public Pool Specialist Certification will be held July 21-22 at **HornerXpress** in Fort Lauderdale. We look forward to new certificates being issued in Broward County.

August 16 the Chapter is offering an advanced module CE course on pool updates for free at **HornerXpress** – Fort Lauderdale. Please RSVP to FSPABroward@FloridaPoolPro.com.



Broward Chapter held an Axe Throwing Networking Event in June and had a great time.



(Above) Rafael Del Pilar. (Left) David Faerman's bullseye. (Below) Scott Taggart's bullseye.



We are too excited to wait...the Chapter table top has been moved to September with more information to come. Stay up to date on our social media pages.

Thank you sponsors and members for your continued support of the growing Broward Chapter!

Please like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FSPABroward and our Instagram @FSPABrowardChapter.

Central Florida

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Join us August 29, exactly one month before our Casino Night, for a member appreciation Cheers and Beers Night at Hourglass Brewery, 480 S Ronald Reagan, Blvd. #1020. First beer is on us! Prost!

The FSPASwim Meet is back in Orlando! It will be at the Rosen Aquatic Center. Please sign up to volunteer for September 29-30 at www.FSPASwimMeet.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark your calendar! **HornerXpress** presents the 6th Annual Casino Night and Silent Auction on September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Dubsread Country Club. Thank you to our sponsors so far: **FWP, Gulfstream Heat Pump, HornerXpress, National Pool Route Sales, Performance Link, Premier Pools of Central Florida, SCP, Vak Pak, and Water Creations**. This is just the start in our pursuit to raise money for education and safety around water, with an emphasis on providing swim lessons through the Florida Swims Foundation. Sponsorships are available. Interested in donating an auction item? Contact Sonja for more information.

The next Board meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend, is Tuesday, August 1 at 12:00 p.m. via Teams. Meeting ID: 216 295 698 392; passcode: PTyXWG. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Your 2023 Directors are working on exciting and educational events. Please let us hear from you with any suggestions for speakers or events. If you haven't already, please like our Facebook page at FSPA Central Florida Chapter to keep up with upcoming events and meetings

Charlotte Harbor

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The Chapter would like to welcome **Just Against Children Drowning** as our newest Chapter members. We are excited to have you be a part of our chapter!

Breaking News! Our former Chapter President, Nicki Pressley-Rice, is now the FSPA Membership Development Manager! Congrats, Nicki! You will fit right in! Welcome to **Billy Freyer, Better Pools and Spas**, who is filling in as Chapter president.

Thank you, Scott, for teaching our members last month the benefits of **Jack's Magic!** It was a hit!

Save the date for September 15-16. The FSPA state office is hosting the state Board meeting at the Lido Beach Resort. If you haven't been before, we highly encourage it. You will see how the FSPA works for you and the pool industry behind the scenes. Come for an hour or two, a day or both – we will be happy to see you!

Mark your calendar for October 18 for another CE class, Workers' Compensation Update (CILB #0611498, meets workers' comp requirement, 1 hr., Florida Pool & Spa Association d/b/a Florida Swimming Pool Association, CILB providership #0000917). Watch your inbox for more information.

The Board will not meet in August; enjoy your summer!

The next Chapter Board meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend, is Tuesday, September 19 at 8:00 a.m. via Teams. Meeting ID is 222 887 911 124; passcode is 6KGRWK.

Your 2023 Board is working on exciting and educational events. Please let us hear from you with any suggestions for speakers or events. If you haven't already, please like our Facebook page at FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter to keep up with upcoming events and meetings.

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East Central Florida

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Thank you so much to **Kerry Tait, Insurance by Ken Brown**, for sponsoring and hosting the next Chapter meeting which is Tuesday, August 8. Kerry will be providing a CE credit on safety. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this next meeting!

It's that time of year again to host our Annual Chapter Silent Auction, which will be online and in person. In our eighth year, we are hoping to raise even more funds than the last to support education/scholarships, PIPAC, swim lessons and Chapter functions. Save the date! Be sure to mark down Tuesday, September 12 on your calendars; this is typically the largest meeting of the year and you can bid on great items at great prices! Members always save at this event so please plan on attending. To donate an item, please email Diane with the following: Item description, item value, and delivery information. Thank you so much for your continued support!

The Chapter welcomes longtime member **Built Right Pool Heaters, LLC** to our Chapter. They have added our Chapter to their membership!

All meetings are held on the second



The East Central Florida Chapter thanks the Waldhauers for their support of our recent golf tournament.



East Central Florida President Keith Quint thanks everyone for attending the 4th Annual Golf Tournament.

Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. located at Houligans, 1725 W International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, unless otherwise stated. The cost of dinner cost is paid individually at these meetings. Future members – the Chapter would like to buy your first dinner with us to get to know everyone. Guests are welcome to attend two meetings prior to joining. Your Board has decided to go with a hybrid approach to this year's meetings and events.

If you want to sponsor or volunteer for 2024, please let Di know today as we are starting to book out next year! We appreciate your continued support!

Mark your calendars! August 8 is **Kerry Tait, Insurance by Ken Brown**, teaching a CE course; September 12 is the Tabletop & Auction in Palm Coast (chairs: **Holly Waldhauer, Dennis Brooks, and Chris Hall**); October 10 is a behind-the-scenes tour of Aqua Comfort hosted by **Gorman Company**; November 14 is a presentation by **Jack's Magic**; and December 8 or December 12 will be the Holiday Party / Casino Night – **Larry Drumb** is working on getting all the details secured. Thank you so much, Larry!

Please like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FSPAEastCentralChapter and our Instagram [@FSPAEastCentralChapter](https://www.instagram.com/FSPAEastCentralChapter).

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Florida Gulf Coast

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It has been a busy summer for the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter! In June, **Hayward** sponsored the Chapter meeting and we learned more about Hayward pumps, salt systems and heaters. Thank you to **Brian Coleman** for presenting, providing us information and answering troubleshooting questions.

In July we held an Axe Throwing Event at Lumber Axe Whiskey Bar & Grill in Fort Myers. It was a fun night filled with throwing axes, food and networking. Thank you to our amazing sponsors – Title Sponsor: **Fluidra**; Lane Sponsors: **Sapphire Pools of Florida, Inc.** and **Symbiont Service**

Corp.; Food/Drink Sponsors: **Aquatic Pool Repair, Florida Water Products, HornerXpress** and **Sapphire Pools of Florida, Inc.** The proceeds from this event are going to the Margaret M. Brown Scholarship Fund.

This month we will be honoring our members with a Cheers & Beers Member Night on Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. The first drink is on the Chapter! Watch your email for more information. We hope you will join us!

The Summer Refresher education event is Thursday, August 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the FSPA T.E.C. Center, 2555 Porter Lake Dr., Ste. 106, Sarasota. Registration is required by August 3. If you need continuing education credits this is the place to come! It is free for members! You can find more information online at www.FSPACourses.com.

Mark your calendar for our September meeting which will be held at Famous Dave's BBQ in Fort Myers on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. **Symbiont Service Corp** will be hosting this meeting and more details will follow.



The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter held an axe throwing event in July.



Florida West Coast

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The Chapter celebrated Independence Day with a night at the ballpark on Tuesday, July 4 at BayCare Ballpark in Clearwater. Pool professionals, their families, and friends enjoyed an all-you-care-to-eat buffet in the Big Shark Café while watching the Clearwater Threshers defeat the Palm Beach Cardinals. The game was followed by an outstanding fireworks show. Thank you to everyone who came out to join us for an evening of food, fun and fireworks!

The Chapter Board met Tuesday, July 11 at Queen's Pizza in Clearwater. Thank you to **Alex Fletcher** and **AquaWorx** for sponsoring the lunch. The next Chapter



The Florida West Coast Chapter had a great night at the ballpark on July 4 with food, friends and fireworks.



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FSPA Member: \$200 \ Non-member: \$250

LP Gas Laws & Rules

Thursday, August 16 / 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (4hrs)

OR Thursday, October 12 / 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

FSPA Member: \$200 \ Non-member: \$250



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Board of Directors meeting is at noon Tuesday, August 1 at Queen's Pizza, 1834 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater. Our Board of Directors meetings are usually scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month. All Chapter members are welcome to attend. We are always interested in hearing your ideas for Chapter meetings and programs.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Florida West Coast Chapter's 26th Annual Pool Industry Tabletop Event on Tuesday, October 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Ruth Eckerd Hall – Great Room, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater. We will have an exciting mixture of pool industry displays, food, drinks and prizes. All suppliers and vendors should make plans to display their products at this popular event that is always well attended by pool industry professionals. Reserve your spot by Tuesday, October 3. Call or e-mail the Chapter office today for exhibitor registration information.

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No news this month.

Manasota

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This summer has been action packed full of swim lessons for kids at the Palmetto Youth Center and RL Taylor Community Center Summer Camp. They are learning the love of water and swimming!

A huge round of applause to IPSSA Sarasota for raising \$5,000 for the Florida Swims Foundation and the Every Child



The Manasota Chapter at the IPSSA table top event where IPSSA raised \$5,000 for the Florida Swims Foundation.



Free swim lessons are in full swing in the Manasota Chapter at the Lincoln Park Aquatic Center (pictured above) and RL Taylor (pictured below).



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Submit your exhibit space contract now to save your spot in line for assignments!



*As reported in post-show attendee evaluation

a Swimmer program at their tabletop last month. Also, thank you to those that stopped by our booth to say hello and sign up to become a member!

Hope to see you on August 15 at 6:00 p.m. for our Cheers and Beers night at 3 Keys in Bradenton. First beer is on us! Prost!

Save the date for September 15-16. The FSPA state office is hosting the state Board meeting at the Lido Beach Resort. If you haven't been before, we highly encourage it. You will see how the FSPA works for you and the pool industry behind the scenes. Come for an hour or two, a day or both – we will be happy to see you!

The 9th Annual Pig Roast will be held October 7 at 3:00 p.m. at the Sarasota Farm Bureau. Thank you **FWP** and **Ben Brown Insurance** for stepping up to the plate early to be sponsors! None of our events can happen without all of you! If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donating a raffle prize, please let Sonja know.

The next Chapter Board meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend, is Tuesday, August 15 at 5:00 p.m. at 3 Keys Brewing, 2505 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton.

Your 2023 Board is working on exciting and educational events. Please let us hear from you with any suggestions for speakers or events. If you haven't already, please like our Facebook page at FSPA Manasota Chapter to keep up with upcoming events and meetings.

North Central Florida

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The Chapter would like to welcome **HornerXpress** Gainesville as our newest Chapter members. We are excited to have you be a part of our Chapter!

Thank you, Dallas Thiesen, for teaching our members a CE course on scope of work.

Have you signed up? There is still time! Tubing the Ichetucknee River with the FSPA! Sounds fun, doesn't it? Join us

on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a family-friendly tubing day, lunch, refreshments and a silent auction benefiting the Florida Swims Foundation! Thank you **FWP**, **HornerXpress**, and **Pool Corp** for sponsoring this event and a 'big cheers' to **BackyardExpo** for being our adult beverage sponsor! If you would like to donate an auction item, please contact Sonja.

The next Chapter Board meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend, is September 20 at 7:00 p.m. via Teams. Meeting ID: 294 960 314 634; passcode: Ct6nTV. We look forward to seeing you on the call.

Your 2023 Board is working on exciting and educational events. Please let us hear from you with any suggestions for speakers or events. If you haven't already, please like our Facebook page at FSPA North Central Chapter to keep up with upcoming events and meetings.

Northeast Florida

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Happy dog days of summer! Whew – it's HOT!

We had a two hour CE credit class on July 12 on swimming pool electrical taught by **Dave Pruette, Pruette Electrical Services**. We had more than 40 people in attendance and tried a new place, a Brazilian Steakhouse which was much enjoyed by everyone!

We will not have a Chapter meeting



David Pruette taught a CE course on pool electrical in the Northeast Florida Chapter.



in August. The Chapter Board will meet to start planning for 2024. Let us know if you are interested in serving!

The annual FSPA Swim Meet is back in Orlando this year! The meet will be held September 29-30. Volunteers will be needed. Please let us know if you are able to help.

Many of our members were generous enough to make one and two year commitments to PIPAC. Please make sure you have paid your commitment!

The Florida Swims license plates are now available for pre-order. What a great way to help prevent childhood drownings! Order now for all your vehicles. Find information and restrictions at www.SwimforLifeFlorida.org.

Here are our upcoming Chapter meetings: August – no Chapter meeting; Board only. September 13 – **LoChlor** and **AquaCal**. October 6 – Oktoberfest at **Speck Pumps** and celebrating their 40th anniversary. October 27 – annual Skeet Shoot. December 6 – annual Table Top.

As always, this is your Chapter – make the most of it by attending meetings and participating in the events. Speak up if there are things you want to see us doing, let us know! We are always looking for new ideas and we would really like to see some new people interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

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The Space Coast Chapter would like to welcome new member for our Chapter, **HornerXpress**. Of course this name will sound very familiar to everyone but they have added an additional location

membership in our Chapter!

Please come to our next meeting at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 17 and welcome them to our Chapter at Niki's Family Restaurant, 6947 N Wickham Road, Melbourne. Please make sure to thank **Cory Napoli** and **Brett Scully** of **Vero Pool** for sponsoring the breakfast at these meetings. We always have great food and lively conversation and we are gone by 9:00 a.m. Please join us.

Tampa Bay

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The Tampa Bay Chapter will be hosting its monthly Board/membership meeting Wednesday August 9 at 4:30 p.m. at Zydeco Beer Werks in Ybor City. We

host our monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month (September 13, October 11 and November 8), so please join us this month or at a future meeting. In December we plan to do a local happy hour. Stay tuned for details as we are still in the planning stages.

Coming up in November is our Annual Clay Shoot! Save the date and plan to come out and join us Friday November 3 at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays. This will be a great time to have fun shooting clays at the various stations throughout the beautiful grounds of Tampa Bay Sporting Clay, mingle with the other industry professionals in the local area, and have some delicious BBQ.

Always feel free to contact our Chapter President **Ryan Roby** (ryan.robby@hajoca.com or 941-400-3346) or our Chapter Vice President **Jackson Reeves** (jreeves@odysseymanufacturing.com or 813-508-8767) if you have any questions or concerns.

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No news this month.

For additional information about any of the events or meetings listed in the Chapter News, please contact the chapter staff listed at the top of each Chapter's News.

Sales tax exemption on residential pool supplies for the summer

The Florida Legislature approved a massive summer recreational sales tax holiday called the **“Freedom Summer Sales Tax Holiday”** as part of the State of Florida Budget. The Freedom Summer Sales Tax Holiday gives Floridians a sales tax break on recreation and entertainment products and events entrances purchased between May 29 and September 4, 2023.

The Sales tax holiday includes entrance into **state parks, concerts, entertainment venues and retail sales including outdoor supplies, boating supplies, and residential pool supplies.**

Sales tax will not be charged for residential pool and spa replacement parts, nets, filters, lights, and covers with a sales price of \$100 or less and residential pool and spa chemicals purchased by an individual with a price of \$150 or less.

If you have any questions, please contact FSPA Sr. Dir. Government Affairs, Dallas Thiesen, at Dallas@FloridaPoolPro.com

CALENDAR

August 2023

- 1 FSPA Central Florida Chapter Board Meeting
12:00 p.m. via Teams (ID 216 295 698 392, password PTyXWG)
- 1 FSPA Florida West Coast Chapter Board Meeting
12:00 p.m. Queen's Pizza, 1834 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater
- 8 FSPA East Central Florida CE Course
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Houligan's, 1725 W International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach
- 9 FSPA Tampa Bay Chapter Meeting
4:30 p.m. Zydeco Beer Werks, Ybor City
- 12 FSPA North Central Florida Chapter's Tubing the Ichetucknee
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 15 FSPA Manasota Chapter
5:00 p.m. Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Cheers and Beers
3 Keys Brewing, 2505 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton
- 16 FSPA Broward Chapter Meeting and CE Course
HornerXpress Education Room
- 16 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter's Cheers & Beers Member
Appreciation Night
6:30 p.m.
- 16 **LP Gas Laws & Rules**
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. FSPA T.E.C. Center, 2555 Porter Lake Dr., Ste. 104
- 17 **FSPA Summer Refresher Education**
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. FSPA T.E.C. Center, 2555 Porter Lake Dr., Ste. 104
- 25-26 **Florida Public Pool Specialist Certification Course**
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (one hour lunch break)
FSPA T.E.C. Center, 2555 Porter Lake Dr., Ste. 104, Sarasota
- 29 FSPA Central Florida Chapter Cheers and Beers Member Night
6:00 p.m. Hourglass Brewery, Longwood

September 2023

- 5 FSPA Florida West Coast Chapter Board Meeting
12:00 p.m. Queen's Pizza, 1834 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater
- 6 **LP Gas Master Qualifier and/or Exam Prep**
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. FSPA T.E.C. Center, 2555 Porter Lake Dr., Ste. 104
- 12 FSPA East Central Florida Chapter Table Top & Auction
Palm Coast
- 13 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting
6:30 p.m. Famous Dave's BBQ, 12128 S. Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers
- 13 FSPA Tampa Bay Chapter Meeting
- 15-16 **FSPA State Committee Meetings and Board Meeting**
Lido Beach Resort, 700 Benjamin Franklin Dr., Sarasota, FL 34236
- 19 FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter Board Meeting
8:00 a.m. via Teams (ID 222 887 911 124, passcode 6KGRWK)
- 20 FSPA North Central Florida Chapter Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. via Teams (ID 294 960 314 634, passcode Ct6nTV)

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