

Santa Clara Valley IPSSA Newsletter



Next General Membership Meeting
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Roundtable Pizza, 1400 W. Campbell Ave, Campbell
 Dinner 6:00PM, Mtg. 7:00PM

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President's Message

Just like that, summer is over and soon we'll be setting the clocks back. The older we get, the quicker time goes by. Summer rush is over, it's time to get to those repairs and filter cleans we have been putting off.

Gas prices in California are running over \$2.50 a gallon higher than the rest of the country and I'm hoping you have either increased your monthly service charge or done what I did this summer, added a surcharge to your bill. Here is what mine says;

"Temporary surcharge to offset higher than usual gasoline prices (will be eliminated when gas prices return to \$4.00 / gallon)" and it is \$10 per month. I have received zero push back on this and it has added \$550.00 in revenue to cover for those higher gas prices.

I want to thank all of you of our members who have been covering John Juleson's pools while he battles cancer. John has notified Nigel that he intends to retire and not return to pool service. He and his brother Bob are arranging for the breakup of his business. Could you please contact Bob Juleson (408)223-2613 to let him know if you would be interested in adding the pools you are servicing to your route or if you know of anyone who might be interested in adding pools. Good luck John, we're sure you will be successful in your fight.

As we near year end, it is time for Chapter elections. The current Board has been serving continuously since January, 2019. When the pandemic hit, we agreed to continue for another term because we knew it would not be fair to bring in a new Board at that time. To be honest with you, we are burned out. It is time for some new blood to come in with some new ideas to re-energize our Chapter.

All positions are open, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. None of these positions take more than an hour or two each month and the rewards are many. If you are a new Member, you owe it to yourself to step up and help out. If you are an older member, you have received a lot from this organization over the

years, so please step up. If you have already been on the Board before, maybe you are even semi-retired, come give us your experience. If you own a large pool company that has a number of employee members with our chapter, then you should feel obligated to step up.

I can't overstate this enough, without some volunteers, this group will be rudderless come January 1st . Please feel free to call me with any questions at 408-685-8078.

Our October member meeting will again be held at Roundtable Pizza, 1400 W. Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA on Thursday, October 20th at 6 PM. We have a private room, so we can allow our sponsors a few minutes of our time, but these meetings are about our members connecting with each other. Bring the family, we will buy the pizza and soft drinks and they sell beer, which you can buy on your own. I promise the meeting will be short, food will be plenty and who knows, you just might make a new friend.

We're asking all our chapter sponsors to please attend as well. If you have a new product to introduce, please give us a 5 minute preview of it and if possible, bring along some handouts and business cards to hand out.

Mark it on your calendar please and stay safe,



'A Great Experience'

French swimmers praise mandatory wetsuit rule as swimming pool cuts heating.

Swimmers at the Nogent Nautique Aquatic Center must now wear wetsuits as water dips to 19C/66.2 F. - Copyright REUTERS/Lucien Libert

By Angela Symons with Reuters • Updated: 10/10/2022

With the price of gas soaring, swimming pools across France are turning down the heat.

One suburban Paris outdoor pool has turned off the heating altogether and made wetsuits compulsory for swimmers.

Before Russia's war on Ukraine sent gas prices soaring, the Olympic-size open-air pool in Nogent-sur-Marne was warmed to a comfortable 26°C/ 78.8 F. Now, the temperature hovers around a chilly 19°C/66 F. Many bathers had already taken to using wetsuits. But from October, the pool made them compulsory, to prevent medical emergencies among people not used to swimming in cold water.

Why are swimming pools in France turning off the heat?

Nogent Nautique pool manager Adrien Nougot says the centre had decided to stop heating the 50-metre outdoor pool on 15 May for financial reasons. The French government this week announced plans to cut energy consumption by 10 per cent over the next two years, compared to 2019 levels.

There are no compulsory measures, but swimming pool operators have been asked to reduce water temperatures by 1°C/33.8 F, while municipalities and companies have been asked to cut energy use where possible.

In Nogent, lifeguard Guy Dalpayrat said the centre would try to keep the pool open as long as possible, probably until the temperature drops below 15°C/59 F.

A poolside sign showed the outdoor pool temperature was 19°C/66F, compared to 28 °C/82.4 F in the indoor 25-metre/82 FT pool.

Swimmers can still practice their favorite sport. I think that is a good solution.

On a crisp and sunny autumn day, 63-year-old swimmer Muriel Goldberg said she did not mind the wetsuit at all. "It's pure happiness. Honestly, the wetsuit is a great experience. I had never worn one before, I thought it would have an impact on movement but not at all. On the contrary, it's nice and fresh, we feel much better after training in a wetsuit in cold water than when it's heated," she says.

A few diehards were doing laps in wetsuits and nobody complained. Better a cold pool than a closed pool, says Nicolas Lioret, 48.

"Swimmers can still practice their favorite sport. I think that is a good solution," he says.



It's Tough To Substitute For Gas Heaters

By Marcelle Dibrell

Are gas fired heaters becoming a thing of the past? Recent decarbonization codes — laws aimed at reducing the country's carbon footprint — may result in the eventual demise of this pool and spa industry staple.

For the past several years, many municipalities have passed codes that prohibit the inclusion of gas lines in new construction. So, gas pool and spa heaters, not to mention gas-fueled fire pits and outdoor kitchens, may become obsolete in many regions of the country, and sooner than expected.

Recently, legislation has been enacted that may accelerate that possibility on both a national level and in two particular states. This August, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 was approved by Congress and signed by President Biden, and it is said to represent the largest investment in climate action in U.S. history. Congress has allocated nearly \$370 billion over the next years to scale up renewable energy production and drive substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The legislation invests in a variety of strategies, including low-carbon technologies, tax credits to promote electric vehicles, incentivizing rooftop solar panels, and funding for other consumer programs, including those that encourage the use of heat pumps, which are energy saving.

Meanwhile, in Massachusetts, a climate change bill designed to meet a goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 was approved this July. The bill's broad details include, among many other items, allowing 10 cities and towns to require fossil-fuel-free new construction, as long as each community first meets the 10% affordable housing target set by state law.

And an increasing number of cities in both Northern and Southern California have adopted Title 24 REACH codes — which require all-electric new construction projects with no gas appliances or gas plumbing. This September, the state has passed an array of environmental bills, including a suite of ambitious climate measures that have been opposed by the California Pool and Spa Association.

These bills will:

- Codify a statewide carbon neutrality goal.
- Increase the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal.
- Establish setbacks for new oil and gas production wells.
- Establish carbon capture regulation.

According to the CPSA, these proposals will “also accelerate issues relative to decarbonization that bans

the use of natural gas appliances for swimming pool and spa heaters, fire pits, outdoor kitchens, and water features.”

Currently, while there are alternate technologies available for pool heating, such as heat pumps and solar, there is really no acceptable substitute for a gas heater when it comes to the pool and spa combination, common in so many backyards.

An electric heater is another option that some may consider to heat up the spa. It has a heating element like one on an electric stove or in a domestic hot water tank at home. While it sounds efficient, in reality it can cost six or seven times as much as a heat pump to run.

And although there are heat pumps that are able to bring spa water up to the desired temperature, most still work at their optimum efficiency when the ambient temperature is about 60 °F or above.

But for areas that experience a lot of seasonal variation, unfortunately, the gas heater remains the best way to quickly bring spa water up to temperature.

So until the technology evolves to a higher level of sophistication, a ban on gas pool and spa heaters is tantamount to banning winter use of the pool spa combo, except for those with deep pockets. [In this issue of Service Industry News, we take a closer look at some of the more common heating options.](#)

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