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MONTHLY MESSAGE

Rain, hail and an earthquake! Does this mean more April Showers? Mother Nature is keeping the pool industry guessing.

The 10 day forecast says clear and temperatures up to 84. One thing for sure, the swimming season is here, at least that is what I hear from my customers!

So what time is it? It is Nuts 'n Bolts Time! This month's meeting is a time to support our vendors, learn about new products and make connections, networking!

This is the meeting to ask vendors about their products, how to fine tune them and share your experiences. Not to mention sharing with your peers.

Nuts 'n Bolts will be at The Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Rd., San Jose. Setup time is 4:30 to 5:30pm and the event starts at 5:30pm.

Nuts "N" Bolts is always busy, vendors sharing, pool techs exploring and lets not forget the auction. Bring your check books.

See you Thursday. Joe is in charge of the menu for the event, let him know how much we appreciate him. If you think you can get there early, offer to help, the board can always use another hand.

Missing this event is like not buying conditioner!



The Berryessa Community Center

3050 Berryessa Road Time: Setup 4:30-5:30, Starts: 5:30PM

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The Future for Chlorine And pH Recommendations

By Kim Skimmer

It is likely that the long-time pool industry's recommended parameters for chlorine and pH levels will be changing.

The current range of 1 to 4 ppm for chlorine will likely be raised when pool water contains cyanuric acid (CYA), and the pH range will be broadened beyond the current limited range of 7.2 to 7.8.

The reason that this will happen is because of a new understanding of the science of stabilized pool water.

Some years ago, Richard Falk (known as Chemgeek on pool forums) began writing about the relationship between CYA, Chlorine, and pH. Richard Falk communicated that information to the Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code (CMAHC) that adopts standards for public and commercial pools. As a result, two years ago the CMAHC formed an Ad-Hoc committee with chemists and other knowledgeable industry members to study that topic.

As a result, at the recent World Aquatic Health Conference in October, Richard Falk, representing the CMAHC committee, presented scientific data regarding CYA/ chlorine/pH equilibrium relationships, including bacterial kill rates, DBP's, and other factors affecting pool sanitizing by chlorine when CYA is present.

To summarize the presentation, the CMAHC suggests a higher minimum amount of chlorine to be maintain based on the amount of CYA present in pool water. At 40 ppm of CYA, the minimum chlorine level should be 2 ppm, and at a CYA level of 90 ppm, the minimum chlorine level should be 4.5 ppm.

It should be noted that the CMAHC is aware of the EPA's chlorine regulation minimum of 1 ppm and maximum of 4 ppm. However, the CMAHC believes that higher chlorine levels are necessary to achieve safer and healthier pool water. Also mentioned was that a higher pH (above 7.8) does not adversely affect chlorine efficacy (killing power) when CYA is present.

It was clear from statements made by CMAHC and CDC representatives that standards should be adjusted as science becomes better understood. They also emphasized that flexibility in standards are needed (when scientifically supported) to allow more effective water maintenance.

At some point, the CMAHC and CDC will probably present this science to the EPA in hopes that higher chlorine levels will be adopted when CYA is present. And a broader pH range (due to applicable science) may be forthcoming also.

For a simplified summary of the science regarding Chlorine/pH Efficacy when CYA is present in pool water, see this link: http://www.poolhelp.com/home/onbalance-research/onbalance-research/the-true-science-about-ph-chlorine-efficacy/

Dr. Stan Pickens (Ph.D. and water chemistry consultant) has also written a very detailed and scientific paper on "Relative Effects of Chlorine and pH on Disinfection" which will also be available to read.





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