

# Santa Clara Valley IPSSA Newsletter



**Next General Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 15, 2018**

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**Dinner 5:30PM, Mtg. 6PM**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are and the year is flying by already! It wasn't much of a winter as most everyone I've spoken with have been pretty busy! Hopefully, that's a positive note for your bank accounts!

Thank you Brian from HASA and Chris from BlueRay XL for speaking at our last meeting and thank you everyone who attended!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 15 at SCP in Santa Clara, 5:30 dinner/6:00 meeting.

Reminder, Nut's & Bolts will be held on Thursday, April 19 at The Berryessa Community Center, 3050 Berryessa Road in San Jose. Supporters set up time will be from 4:30-5:30 pm and event beginning at 5:30.

It's a night for new prospects. There will be board members available to answer any questions and give out information regarding IPSSA. It's also a time for bringing anyone who may be interested in IPSSA, meeting the different manufacturers representatives and seeing the variety of products they have to help you enhance your business. This is a once a year local chapters opportunity you don't want to miss!

Nuts & Bolts is a good way to keep you updated on new products as well AND someone there to speak to personally if you have questions! There's plenty of free parking, food & surprises! Don't forget to bring your checkbook for the silent auction!

I hope nobody forgets the time change this Saturday night! Spring FORWARD your clocks!

Hope to see you again at our next IPSSA meeting and of course is April at the Nut's & Bolts!

Tom Allen



## Helping Dogs

On a recent afternoon, the swimmers included 2-year-old Daphne, a blind Belgian Malinois whose owner wanted to build her confidence and maybe start competing in dock

diving. A few pools down paddled Molly, an arthritic 12-year-old, and her lively 2-year-old sister, Phoebe, who swim in the Chesapeake Bay in summers and needed a place to keep up their water skills. Nick, a handsome 7-month-old German shepherd who is training to become a service dog for a veteran, had just finished his second-ever swim.

"He did great," said his caretaker, Robin Swope of Damascus, Md., as Darcis fed Nick treats in the small lobby outside the pool area. "He's a young, active dog, and he needs a lot of exercise. And I'm old."

Darcis, a former antiques dealer, dreamed up her business after tiring of ferrying her own Labrador retrievers to a swimming facility in Virginia that is also used for horses. She'd seen similar storefront pools offer swim lessons for kids and wondered whether she could do the same for dogs. There was some red tape but no legal barrier, and a year later, the K9 Aquatic Center was open. Swim sessions start at \$30; also on offer are 60-minute "splashing birthday" parties for up to six dogs.

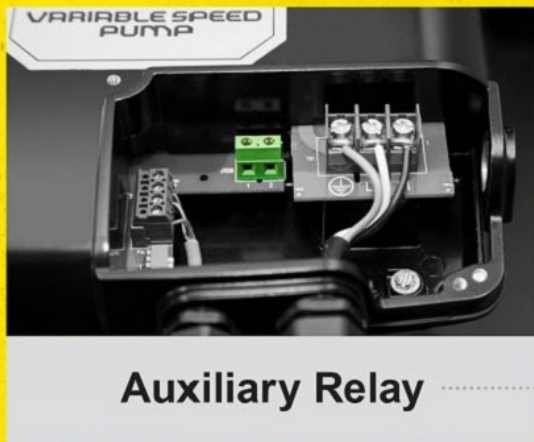
It is particularly gratifying to see how swimming helps ailing or weak dogs, Darcis said. One cancer-stricken Labrador showed up for twice-a-week sessions until her death. "She was keeping all of her energy to swim," Darcis said, tears welling in her eyes.

Dog swimming as rehabilitation can be risky if not supervised by a vet, said [Darryl Millis](#), a professor at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine who helped develop the first underwater treadmill for dogs in 1997. (Goats, a pig and even arthritic cats have since used the treadmills at the vet school's aquatic center; the latter "don't necessarily love it, but some of them do enjoy it," he said.)





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## Acid Column Theory

By Kim Skinner

Although the onBalance team debunked the Acid Column Theory in the *Journal of the Swimming Pool and Spa Industry* over twenty years ago, a debate on this topic surfaced again recently on an online forum of pool service techs.

The myth:

– If acid is poured in a concentrated area, variously referred to as a column, slug, well or cloud, the alkalinity will be drastically reduced, but the pH will not drop as much as it otherwise would.

– But if acid is “trickled in” (added) by walking it around a pool and evenly distributing it throughout the water, the pH will be preferentially lowered, with only a minor decrease of alkalinity.

The plain and simple fact of the matter is that a given amount (or “dose”) of acid added to a fixed volume of water (the pool) will result in an identical reduction of both pH and alkalinity. Every time. No matter how it is added. That’s the rule, that’s the science, and it can easily be demonstrated at poolside by anyone with a test kit.

What happens when acid is added in a concentrated fashion to a pool? Since acid is noticeably heavier than water, the acid sinks to the bottom, and flows to the lowest part of the pool. If that lowest part happens to include an operating main drain or an operating suction-side cleaner, the concentrated acid dose winds up in the circulation system.

In fact, we have performed experiments adding acid in this manner and have verified (with pH meters and probes) that this method can indeed create conditions where the pH of the water at the bottom of the pool is less than 2.5.

Although the movement of the water will eventually dilute and blend the acid into the rest of the pool, the initial contact of concentrated acid can potentially etch the plaster it touches and

attack the circulation system it flows through.

Even adding several smaller “slugs” of concentrated acid will result in this puddling of acid on the bottom – try adding dye to your acid and watch it. It’s fun – if you are not worried about etching the bottom of the pool wherever the acid flows!

Of course, etching the plaster and corrosion of the circulation components is generally considered a bad thing... yet the proposed treatment process (“slugging” the acid) *recommends* this potentially damaging treatment technique, all for the sake of a theoretical, unfounded attempt at chemistry manipulation. Even if it worked (which it doesn’t), is it worth the risk?



The picture above depicts one quart of “dye” acid being added to the deep-end of a pool with the equipment shut off. The acid puddle remained that way for more than 45 minutes.

It is time to get this nonsense laid to rest and stick to what is scientifically sound. And quit risking damage to pools in our care.

A more detailed water chemistry report which addresses this false theory can be viewed by clicking here:

[http://www.poolhelp.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/JSPSI\\_V1N2\\_pp16-30.pdf](http://www.poolhelp.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/JSPSI_V1N2_pp16-30.pdf)



Effective April 1 and running through September 7, 2018, select Pentair and Kreepy Krauly® branded Automatic Pool Cleaners will have increased consumer rebates. Effective April 1 through September 30, 2018, select Pentair and Sta-Rite branded Variable Speed and Variable Flow Pumps will have consumer rebates. All of these rebates will be posted on PentairPool.com starting April 1, 2018.

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# Nuts 'n Bolts

Thursday,  
April 19, 2018

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Meet all the major Pool & Spa Manufacturers, suppliers, builders, remodelers and many other specialists as they showcase their companies and products. Learn about new products to help you make more money!

Bring your  
check book for  
the auction

Dinner is  
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## New Location

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