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# Education is hot this summer

I would like to talk this month about one of the best benefits the Florida Swimming Pool Association has to offer. Education. We all know knowledge is power. There is no better place to get everything you need. I encourage you to take a quick visit to our website ([www.FSPACourses.com](http://www.FSPACourses.com)) to see all of the educational opportunities we have planned for the summer!

The Florida Public Pool Specialist course is a great place to start. This is our fantastic entry level course which is approved by the Florida Department of Health. As most of you know, in the state of Florida you must have a certification to clean and maintain commercial pools. The Florida Public Pool Specialist course will teach you everything you need to know. While it is not a contractor's license, it is a great first step in gaining the knowledge of our sometimes very complex public pools. The Florida Swimming Pool Association developed this class to be Florida specific. Many of the nationally recognized courses do not include the codes and requirements of Florida. We designed this course to be

the desired course amongst Florida pool professionals.

There are many reasons pool professionals utilize this course. Many service companies use it as part of the training for new hires. Many companies use it to expand the knowledge of existing staff that may not even perform duties in the field. The knowledge you can gain is universal in our industry. We have world class instructors with real world industry experience to help amplify the education experience.

This summer we have expanded the course schedule. It is being offered in Largo and Jacksonville in June. It will be in Ft. Lauderdale in July. More dates are being planned now. Check the website for a location near you. Let us know if you would like a class near you by contacting [education@FloridaPoolPro.com](mailto:education@FloridaPoolPro.com).

I wanted to mention some other educational opportunities this summer as well. We have the LP Gas Master Qualifier class which is required if you intend to work on LP gas systems. We also have the



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Summer Refresher continuing education classes in August for licensed contractors who needed the CE hours. I hope you all have a great summer and please try to make some time to learn something with us!

This month's chuckle.

What is the difference between a lawyer and God?

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# Happy summer

Happy Summer, *Florida Pool Pro*<sup>SM</sup> Readers!

June and July bring beautiful weather, and great opportunities for sun and pool fun. For the FSPA state office team, it also brings around what we call “core renewal” season for our members. Due to the way historic data falls – we have a vast majority of our members that renew their membership with us this season.

I'd love to share with you some of the reasons you should stay engaged or get reinvigorated to join the Florida Swimming Pool Association.

A major value for many of our members is our free continued education. Did you know that it isn't just the organization that is a member of the FSPA? It is EVERY SINGLE staff member of a company that belongs. This means that all team members are eligible for free continued education through the Association. This is a huge financial benefit for your business, you get all that professional development and access to maintenance of your license – FREE.

Your business is also invested in our Government Affairs program. Your membership dollars support our legislative impact and Florida Building Code impact across the state. Did you know that you

also gain access to our Senior Director of Government Affairs, Dallas Thiesen, by being a member? Dallas provides concierge support to our members should they have a regional issue with their permit/building departments, health departments, as well as code enforcement concerns. He can liaison directly with those entities and you, on your behalf, to help troubleshoot roadblocks you may face.

Again, every employee is an FSPA member – which means if you are interested in any of our councils and committees, you can reach out to let our state office team know and start participating. You do not have to be a state Board member to be engaged in any of the following opportunities: Builders Council, Service Council, Commercial Council, Government Relations Committee, Membership Committee, Education Committee, Tradeshow Committee, and more.

If the above wasn't enough, FSPA members have access to a plethora of tangible and intangible benefits, including but not limited to: discounts on specialty courses that create a path to licensure or certification in our industry, networking, business operations benefits, free access to our Everything Under the Sun<sup>SM</sup> Expo,



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charitable efforts, Chapter events, free SDS sheets, the 5 Star Impressions Google review program, discounted access to our arbitration program, access to our industry-specific insurance program through Insurance by Ken Brown (auto, workers' comp, liability and property insurance) and more.

So, when someone says, what value do I get out of my FSPA membership – you now have the answers! We hope that when those of you who renew during our core renewal hear from us this summer season, you will without question, continue to support your Florida Swimming Pool Association.

## S\*\*\* You Should Know

**Q:** With the summer heat setting in how can I protect myself and my employees from heat exhaustion and overexposure?

**A:** According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration there are several easy steps you can take to prevent heat and sun related illness or injury on the jobsite:

1. Provide water stations for hydration.
2. Provide shaded rest areas for breaks.
3. Make sure regular breaks are taken for hydration.
4. Ensure proper sunscreen use.

For more information on preventing heat related illnesses on the jobsite visit:  
<https://www.osha.gov/heat>

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

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<i>Alachua County</i>	10	20
<i>Bay County</i>	37	47
<i>Brevard County</i>	98	101
<i>Broward County</i>	125	88
<i>Calhoun County</i>	0	0
<i>Charlotte County</i>	93	139
<i>Citrus County</i>	35	21
<i>Clay County</i>	16	1
<i>Collier County</i>	241	132
<i>Dade County</i>	158	151
<i>Duval County</i>	44	43
<i>Escambia County</i>	0	22
<i>Flagler County</i>	42	35
<i>Franklin County</i>	2	5
<i>Gadsden County</i>	0	0
<i>Gulf County</i>	0	6
<i>Hernando County</i>	36	40
<i>Highlands County</i>	16	11
<i>Hillsborough County</i>	182	176
<i>Holmes County</i>	1	0
<i>Indian River County</i>	42	45
<i>Jackson County</i>	1	1
<i>Jefferson County</i>	4	0
<i>Lake County</i>	41	70
<i>Lee County</i>	303	226
<i>Leon County</i>	13	18
<i>Liberty County</i>	0	0

County Name	April 2022	April 2023
<i>Manatee County</i>	178	108
<i>Marion County</i>	36	46
<i>Martin County</i>	41	35
<i>Nassau County</i>	34	23
<i>Okaloosa County</i>	42	20
<i>Orange County</i>	115	164
<i>Osceola County</i>	58	60
<i>Palm Beach County</i>	192	165
<i>Pasco County</i>	80	101
<i>Pinellas County</i>	79	36
<i>Polk County</i>	117	82
<i>Putnam County</i>	2	2
<i>Santa Rosa County</i>	46	77
<i>Sarasota County</i>	283	135
<i>Seminole County</i>	4	4
<i>St Johns County</i>	114	99
<i>St Lucie County</i>	80	68
<i>Sumter County</i>	48	98
<i>Volusia County</i>	67	61
<i>Wakulla County</i>	5	8
<i>Walton County</i>	57	65
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# 2023 Florida Legislative Session wrap up

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



The 2023 Florida Legislative Session Legislative Session wrapped up May 5. During this session FSPA maintained an active and influential presence in the Florida Capitol. FSPA was involved in several

legislative negotiations, gaining adoption of FSPA supported amendments and further building FSPA's relationships with key policy makers in Tallahassee.

This year a total of 1,828 bills were filed, of which 185 were passed by the legislature. So far Governor DeSantis has signed 73 bills into law, leaving 112 bills remaining for approval or veto by the governor.

Several bills which will positively affect the Florida swimming pool and spa industry passed this session.

SB 360 by the Senate Judiciary Committee has passed and approved by Gov. DeSantis. SB 360 is a tort reform bill aimed at limiting construction defect claims by reducing the statute of limitations for latent defects claims from 10 years after the issuance of certificate of completion to seven years after the issuance of the certificate of completion. The new statute of limitations rules for latent construction defects goes into effect July 1, 2023.

HB 89 by Rep. Maggard was passed by the legislature and is waiting for approval by the governor. HB 89 restricts the ability of building officials and fire marshals to make changes to building plans once a permit has been issued unless the official can show the change is needed to comply with a requirement of the Florida Building Code.

HB 1383 by Rep. Trabulsy was passed by the legislature and is waiting for approval by the governor. HB 1383 extends expiration date of local occupational licenses that will be preempted by the

State of Florida until July 1, 2024, and directs the CILB to create several specialty licenses for trades traditionally regulated only by local governments. This bill does not affect Registered Swimming Pool and Spa Contractor's Licenses or any other swimming pool and spa contractor's license.

During this legislative session FSPA tracked several bills of interest. The final disposition of all bills that FSPA was tracking and working on is listed below.

### 2023 Bills Final Disposition

**Child Water Safety Requirements – DID NOT PASS** / SB 74 by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez / HB 1541 by Rep. Chambliss.

Requires childcare facilities that provide access to swimming pools or bathing places to have the parents or guardians of children attest in writing whether the child is able to swim or is at risk of injury or death when swimming. Requires that facilities provide U.S. Coast Guard

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# All we needed was a handshake

By Ken McKenna, Tampa Bay Pools / ken@tampabaypools.com



Remember hearing your grandfather or father brag about how "In my day, all we needed was a handshake to close a deal." We are far removed from those days. If you don't

have a contract that covers as many details as possible, you can be in for some very difficult projects. Drawings, addendums, contracts, and warranties all have to be signed and detailed to be able to protect yourself. However, other problems can begin after the job starts. The famous line, "I was told by the salesperson that I would get (fill in the blank)." The famous salesperson promise! In fairness to salespeople, there is also the other remark, "The superintendent told me they would take care of that for me."

The verbal commitments customers refer to are the trickiest to deal with for

owners. We rely on the written contract and print to build a pool and if it's not listed, they don't get it. But the reality can be that the salesperson may have been vague or actually did promise something that wasn't in writing. For these reasons, many other industries have gone to including an additional document to be signed when closing a deal. It is a statement that simply states the salesperson made no other promise other than those listed on the paperwork and are included in the deal. We have this signed by the customer before we start any pool. I dislike having to add paper, but how else do you guard against this situation?

During construction, I insist that any requests from customers be replied back to in writing, or if necessary, we obtain a signature acknowledging the change. For example, customer decides they want to keep a load of dirt from the dig. A week later they change their mind and suddenly forget they asked for this. We require our

super or the excavator to get a signature in print acknowledging the request for dirt or an email sent. Simple things like moving a door pad have come back to bite us because we didn't get a signature for the change and now the customer refers to the original drawing.

We seem to spend as much time shuffling paper as we do building the pool and our customer files are now filled with additional sign offs and copies of emails. I feel as builders, we have no choice but to protect ourselves so we don't have any grey areas when building the pool. I'm sure it's relative to how many pools you build. If you are the one who sells and supervises the pool, you probably don't run into this as often. However, for those who rely on salespeople and superintendents, it seems to come up more frequently. We live in a society now that is very litigious and unfortunately threats of lawsuit or filing complaints with BBB or the state are made.

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# Florida Swims Foundation and Every Child A Swimmer renew partnership

The Florida Swims Foundation and Every Child A Swimmer (ECAS) renewed their partnership to provide swim lessons to children throughout the state of Florida.

The two organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in February 2023 signifying the commitment of both entities to work together to teach children to swim. The collective goals of this collaboration are to prevent drowning incidents, raise awareness about water safety, and fund swim lessons for children in underserved communities.

“The partnership between the Florida Swims Foundation and Every Child A Swimmer is one that shows just how committed both of our organizations are to ensuring that children all over the state receive life-saving swim lessons free of cost,” said Ben Evans, President of the Florida Swims Foundation. “Together, our impact on the swimming literacy of our communities will make Florida and its children more resilient.”

Funds are donated through the Florida

Swims Foundation and sent to Every Child A Swimmer for a 100% donation match. Once the donations are received, ECAS allocates funds to vetted swim lesson providers throughout the state.

“It is crucial to us that every child in the state of Florida become a swimmer,” said Casey McGovern, Program Manager of Every Child A Swimmer. “It is vital in a state surrounded by water that our children continue to grow and learn in the water as well as on land to keep them not only safe, but also well-rounded.”

Since its inception, the Florida Swims Foundation has contributed more than \$260,000 to providing swim lessons throughout Florida communities. The Foundation is the 501(c)(3) arm of the Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA), a trade association for Florida’s pool and spa industry that currently holds 750 members across 16 chapters.

“It is an essential part of the Florida Swimming Pool Association’s values to provide health and safety information to all pool builders, operators, and

most importantly, users,” said Elizabeth McMurray, Executive Director of the Florida Swimming Pool Association. “We are thrilled that the Foundation and ECAS are able to continue this fruitful partnership and make a positive impact across our state.”

In 2022 alone, Every Child A Swimmer awarded \$550,000 to provide swim lessons to children from low-income families. ECAS is the fundraising arm of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF), whose mission is to ensure that every child in the world is educated and trained in water safety.

Those interested in donating to the partnership should contact the Florida Swims Foundation by calling 941-952-9293 or by visiting FloridaSwims.org. All funds donated through the Foundation will be matched by Every Child A Swimmer to then be allocated to vetted swim lesson providers throughout the state.



## 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, 2023 and September 4, 2023.

The Sales tax holiday included entrance into to ***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

# Future Builders of America Summit

Rick Howard and Richard Moseley volunteered their time to teach at the annual Future Builders of America (FBA) Summit in May. They were able to teach 80 high school students about the pool industry, plumbing, construction, and automation. Thank you for being active in workforce development!



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Type II or III personal flotation devices for children unable to swim or at risk of death or injury from swimming when near or interacting with public bathing places or swimming pools. Swim schools are exempt from these requirements. *Status:* SB 74 Died in Health Policy / HB 1541 Died in Children, Families, & Seniors Subcommittee.

**Water Safety – DID NOT PASS** / SB 84 by Sen. Rodriguez.

Requiring a state park to have a certified lifeguard on duty at designated swimming areas within the park during certain timeframes; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to install a water rescue station at each designated swimming area; requiring comprehensive age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate 9-12 instruction on water safety, etc. *Status:* SB 84 Died in Education Pre-K-12.

**Statute of Limitations for Claims on Improvements to Real Property – PASSED and SIGNED** by governor / SB 360 by Judiciary Committee / HB 85 by Regulatory Reform Subcommittee.

Specifies that the statute of limitations for claims based on improvements to real property starts at the issuance of certificate of occupancy, certificate of completion, or date of abandonment of the project whichever is earliest. The statute of limitations is set for four (4) years generally but limits latent claims based on defect not immediately discoverable at the time of completion to seven (7) years. *Status:* SB 360 PASSED and SIGNED by governor 4/13/2023 / HB 85 Laid on the Table. Substituted for SB360.

**Residential Building Permits – DID NOT PASS** / SB 682 by Sen. DiCeglie / HB 671 by Rep. Esposito.

Requires local building departments to reduce building permit fees by 75% if a contractor or homeowner elects to use private provider plan review. Reduces the amount of time in which a building department must notify a permit applicant of deficiencies in the application from 10 days to three days. *Status:* SB 682 Died in Community Affairs / HB 671 Died in Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee.

**Building Permit Applications to Local Governments – DID NOT PASS** / HB 765 by Rep. Roth.

Revises the electronic permit application requirements to include mobile submissions, requires building departments to notice upcoming expiration of permits, requires local governments to list all available permits and necessary documents for permits on their website. *Status:* HB 765 Died in Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee.

**Building Construction – PASSED** / SB 512 by Sen. Hooper / HB 89 by Rep. Maggard.

Prohibits building officials from making substantive changes to building plans after permit has been issued; provides exceptions; requires building officials to provide certain information to contractors and property owners; provides that building officials are subject to disciplinary action for failure to meet the information requirements.

The bill originally revised the definition of term "class A air-conditioning contractor" to include an expanded electrical scope of work but that provision was removed before final passage of the bill. *Status:* SB 512 Laid on the table, refer to HB 89 / HB 89 Passed House and Senate Ordered Enrolled 5/3/2023. **Awaiting Approval from Governor.**

**Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – PASSED** / SB 1150 by Sen. Ingoglia / HB 1307 by Rep. McClure.

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# Tort reform legislation effective immediately

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Recently Gov. Ron DeSantis quickly signed a bill containing sweeping limits on lawsuits (HB 837).

The tort bill is a priority for DeSantis, Senate President Passidomo and House Speaker

Renner.

“Florida has been considered a judicial hellhole for far too long and we are desperately in need of legal reform that brings us more in line with the rest of the country,” DeSantis said in a statement on the bill signing. “I am proud to sign this legislation to protect Floridians, safeguard our economy and attract more investment in our state.”

“The vast majority of attorneys work very hard to provide sound legal representation for Floridians in these difficult circumstances,” Passidomo added.

“Unfortunately, there are a few bad actors who are in the business to draw out civil cases as long as possible, collecting more and more fees from insurance companies. Litigation drives up the basic costs of goods and services for everyone across all areas of industry and commerce. Under the leadership of Gov. DeSantis, we have taken many steps to help keep Florida affordable for growing families and seniors. This legislation further those efforts striking the right balance and protect the rights of Floridians who suffer a loss, while at the same time safeguarding everyone else against the hidden costs of prolonged litigation.”

The bill makes substantive changes to how lawsuits are filed and litigated in the state, all but eliminating the longstanding statute that allows a policyholder who successfully sues their insurance company to recoup their attorney fees.

The state’s recent legal reforms have singularly focused on the property crisis; however, HB 837 more broadly addresses

litigation abuses impacting the business and insurance community. The new laws that immediately became effective with the governor’s signature address:

- **Transparency in Damages:** Requires juries to base damages awards on the actual cost of medical treatment instead of inflated bills.
- **Third-Party Bad Faith:** Encourages settlements and discourages litigation by requiring third parties to cooperate in good faith and allowing insurers to pay the lesser of policy limits or the demand within 120 days after receiving actual notice of a claim accompanied by sufficient evidence. It also reverses Florida Supreme Court rulings that have led to ordinary negligence being deemed as bad faith.
- **Modified Comparative Liability:** Promotes personal responsibility by stating that a party that is more than 50 percent at fault for their own injuries may not recover damages from other minimally-at-fault parties but exempts

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medical malpractice claims from this new threshold.

- **Contingency Risk Multiplier:** In 2017, the Florida Supreme Court rejected the federal standard that attorney fee multipliers should only be applied in “rare and exceptional” circumstances, ruling instead that multipliers could be applied in almost any case. This bill restores the award to only rare and exceptional circumstances.
- **One-Way Attorney Fees:** Reverses the system that incentivizes attorneys to bring frivolous lawsuits by limiting the recovery of one-way attorney fees to only named insureds or named beneficiaries who are successful in a declaratory judgment action seeking a determination of coverage against an insurer that denied coverage. (New language on declaratory judgment actions does not apply to property insurance cases).
- **Statute of Limitations:** Reduces the statute of limitations for negligence cases from four years to two years.
- **Premises Liability:** Provides that in a premises liability case against a property owner when a criminal act of a third party caused the injury, the fault of all persons who contributed to the injury must be considered. It also provides liability protection for multifamily residential properties that implement specific security requirements.

“Thank you, Gov. DeSantis, for signing transformational legislation to end lawsuit abuse,” Renner said.

“This legislation prevents frivolous lawsuits and allows good claims to move forward. These reforms make our economy more competitive and Florida more affordable for our citizens and businesses. Thank you to House sponsors Tommy Gregory and Tom Fabricio for your leadership on this bill.”

It was the first bill of the 2023 Legislative Session that DeSantis signed. While the governor often calls a press conference to sign legislation, this bill was signed without any fanfare.

But Reps. Fabricio and Gregory, who sponsored the House bill signed by the governor, both attended Friday’s closed-door ceremony to sign the measure.

“The reforms Gov. DeSantis signed into law returns Florida’s tort system to fundamental American judicial principles that the most responsible pay for the

damages they caused and trusts juries to fairly decide cases,” Gregory said.

Added Fabricio, “This legislation brings balance to the system and protects the legal rights of Floridians to access to the courts while reducing the number of frivolous lawsuits.”

Sen. Travis Hutson, who sponsored the Senate version of the bill, also released a statement. “For too long Florida families have shouldered the hidden cost of lawsuit abuse as Florida’s litigation environment has cost jobs and driven up the cost of goods and services,” Hutson said.

“This legislation contains the most meaningful and robust reforms in decades, making numerous changes to Florida’s arduous civil system that will provide transparency to jurors, shorten the time people toil away in civil court, and eliminate unfair practices that bad actors have abused.”

The bill was championed by insurance and business lobbyists and was opposed by the Florida Justice Association (FJA), which represents the state’s trial lawyers. Curry Pajcic, President of the Florida Justice Association, hammered the legislation in a Friday statement.

“The new law does nothing to protect Floridians and everything to protect the profits of billionaire insurance corporations,” Pajcic said. “The process by which the sweeping reforms were considered was concerning to the FJA and our members, as well as numerous other parties who publicly opposed the bill at every committee stop in the process.”

Prior to the bill becoming law, the

Florida Chamber of Commerce announced it had launched a legal defense fund, anticipating the FJA will challenge the new law in court.

Florida Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mark Wilson said in a prepared release that the “personal injury lawyer industry has habitually used the courts to undo the work and intent of the Legislature and the citizens of Florida those elected officials represent.”

“This is evidenced by legal challenges to several of the most impactful recent legal reforms in Florida — from workers’ comp to medical malpractice to the repeal of joint and several liability and others — which all faced legal delays upon being signed into law,” he added.

Over the past few weeks, representatives from the broader business community testified in support of the reforms and highlighted the impacts of frivolous litigation. Some plaintiff attorneys used every tactic in an attempt (unsuccessfully) to pare down the legislation. Once all hope was lost, many of the same attorneys headed home to file as many lawsuits as possible. As reported by the Insurance Journal, Morgan and Morgan stated they would have filed 25,000 lawsuits by the time the bill became law.

As with most legal reforms, the impacts of the legislation may not be felt immediately, but the state took a massive leap forward by rooting out frivolous litigation that has negatively impacted Florida’s businesses and consumers for decades.

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Revises the definitions of “Category I liquefied petroleum gas dealer” and “Category V LP gas installer” to include the design of LP and natural gas systems. Revises penalties for theft of LP Gas. *Status:* SB 1150 Laid on the table refer to HB 1307 / HB 1307 Passed House and Senate. Ordered Enrolled 4/28/2023. **Awaiting Approval from governor.**

**Interstate-Mobility and Universal-Recognition Occupational Licensing Act** – **DID NOT PASS** / SB 1364 by Sen. Collins / SB 1366 by Sen. Collins / HB 1333 by Rep. Koster.

Requires DBPR Licensing Boards to recognize equivalent out of state occupation licenses for Florida occupational licensing. Allows the board to determine license equivalency via rule. With an amendment by FSPA all applicants for a swimming pool and spa contractor license under this bill must take the appropriate swimming pool trades exam. *Status:* SB 1364 Died on Senate Calendar / SB 1366 Died on Senate Calendar / HB 1333 Died on House Calendar.

**Local Occupational Licensing Act** – **PASSED** / SB 1584 by Sen. Perry / SB 1570 by Sen. Hooper / HB 1625 by Rep. Mooney / HB 1383 by Rep. Trabulsky.

Extends the local licensing preemption effective date to July 1, 2024 and requires the CILB to establish certain state specialty licenses by July 1, 2024. Will not affect swimming pool and spa contractor licenses. *Status:* SB 1584 Died in Committee / SB 1570 Laid on the table refer to HB 1383 / HB 1625 Died In Committee / HB 1383 Passed House and Senate. Ordered Enrolled 5/1/2023. **Awaiting Approval from governor.**

If you have any questions on these bills or other government affairs issues, please reach out to FSPA Senior Director of Government Affairs Dallas Thiesen at Dallas@FloridaPoolPro.com.

# All we needed was a handshake

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And we could write a book on the goggle review threat. The only thing we have to combat this is to document everything we can so there is no doubt as to what the customer is buying.

I will share a few tips that have come my way. Have your contract reviewed every few years by a contract attorney to make sure it is up to current contract law and lien requirements. Make sure if you use arbitration that it follows the current format for the Arbitration you have selected. Review all documents that either a customer signs or you hand out on a yearly basis. Bottom line, protect yourself as best as you can or it may cost you money.

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Thank you to all who attended the Chapter Meeting at **AquaChamps Swim School** on May 17; especially to **Dan Vawter** and **Mary Jackson, AquaChamps**, for sponsoring/hosting the meeting. They welcomed Morgan from the Department of Health who gave an informative presentation on water safety and drowning prevention. This meeting was in honor of May being National Water Safety Month. Thank you to all who attended. Please view Facebook for pictures from this meeting.

Speaking of **AquaChamps Swim School, Dan Vawter** and **Mary Jackson** were awarded a Proclamation by the City of Oakland Park for Water Safety Month. They were also featured on CBS4 News. Thank you for sharing all the great things you are doing with Every Child a Swimmer and drowning prevention in the area!

If you want to sponsor a meeting – please contact volunteer President **Don Cesarone III, Aquatic Consulting Engineers, Inc.**, at [dmcesarone@gmail.com](mailto:dmcesarone@gmail.com) or [FSPABroward@floridapoolpro.com](mailto:FSPABroward@floridapoolpro.com) for more details. As always, we ask that the program be educational in format and that you help our members learn more about your business and ways to support one another. The annual sponsorship support helps the Chapter Board of Directors to run the Chapter, donating to important programs like the Florida Swims Foundation, Every Child a Swimmer, PIPAC, the FSPA Scholarship Fund and much more. Thank you for your interest!

Thank you to our 2023 Annual Sponsors! Title sponsors: **AquaCal, Fluidra, HornerXpress, Lo-Chlor,**



*Broward Chapter members Dan Vawter and Mary Jackson, AquaChamps Swim School was presented a Proclamation by the City of Oakland Park for Water Safety Month. They were also featured on CBS4 News.*

*The Broward Chapter held a swimming prevention event at AquaChamps.*



**Pentair, and StoneHardscapes.** Gold sponsors: **Pool Corp.** and **SGM.** Silver sponsors: **Proline Distributors.**

Welcome, new members! Thank you to the new members who have seen our growing Chapter. Members, please be sure to introduce yourself and to make these new members feel welcome. Our Chapter is on a role and we want to keep the momentum going. **Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center, Seacrest Pools, and Pinch A Penny #141.**

Save the date for these upcoming events: June 21 - Axe Throwing! August 16 - Building code presentation by Dallas Thiesen from the state office at the **HornerXpress** Education Room - thanks to our Board Member **Dave Faerman, Aquatic Consulting Engineers.** October 18 - Tabletop tentative date. December 1 - Havana Casino Nights Holiday Party.

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

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

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Thank you, Jason Nokk, Gas Training Services, for teaching our members and guests on the LP Gas Chapter 527 Class.

And thank you **HornerXpress** for providing the perfect space to hold the class.

Mark your calendar! **HornerXpress** presents the 6<sup>th</sup> 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: **HornerXpress, National Pool Route Sales, Premier Pools of Central Florida, and Water Creations.** This is just the start in our pursuit to raise money for education and safety around water, with an emphasis to provide swim lessons through the Florida Swims Foundation. Sponsorships are available. Interested in donating an auction item? Contact Sonja for more information.

The next Chapter Board meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend, is Wednesday, June 14 at noon via zoom (meeting ID: 698 085 1212 / password: 1234). 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.

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April 18 at Pioneers Pizza our FSPA Senior Director of Government Affairs, Dallas Thiesen, was available to assist members with local permitting, inspection, scope of work, and other local building and ordinance issues that arise in the course of business. We questioned, discussed and learned! Thank you, Dallas!

On May 6, **Better Pools and Spas** presented the Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament at Heron Creek Country Club. Thank you to the following sponsors for making this event take place: **Aqua Leak Detection, Barb's Pool Service, Better Pools & Spas, Brenntag, Built Right Pool Heaters, Century, Diamond Brite, Gorman, Hayward, HornerXpress, IPSSA, Just Against Children Drowning, Ledge Lounger, Lo-Chlor, National Pool Route Sales, Nautilus Pools, Odyssey**

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On June 14 be ready to listen to Dallas Theisen, FSPA Senior Director of Government Affairs, on Alternative Dispute Resolution (CILB course #0007785, 1 hr, meets business practices requirements, Florida Pool & Spa Association d/b/a Florida Swimming Pool Association CILB Providership #0000917) at the FSPA T.E.C. Center. Watch your inbox for details.

Save the date! July 18 at Wings and Rings in North Port at 6:00 p.m., Scott Bartlett will join us to give us the scoop on **Jack's Magic**. This is free to FSPA members and \$20 for non-members.

The next Board meeting, which all

*The Charlotte Harbor Chapter held a meeting and Q&A on regulatory topics with Senior Director of Government Affairs Dallas Theisen.*



*First place team in the Charlotte Harbor Chapter's Golf Tournament!*



*Second place team in the Charlotte Harbor Chapter's Golf Tournament!*



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OR Monday, November 13 / 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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### 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

members are encouraged to attend, will be at 5:00 p.m. on June 14 at Pioneers Pizza, 4560 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte.

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.

## East Central Florida

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Thank you so much to our volunteer co-chairs for the Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament, **Kerry Tait, Insurance by Ken Brown, and Keith Quint, Gorman Company**. We had the most support to date for this event, thank you to all who supported! We appreciate how the East Central Florida Chapter always picks up momentum year after year through those who continue to support! Thank you to all! Please visit our Facebook page to see pictures from the Tournament to share on your pages! Remember to tag our Chapter.

Teams: **AquaCal, Florida Stucco, Hayward, HornerXpress, Insurance by Ken Brown, Pentair, Raypak / WEK,**

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Golfers: **Wayne's Solar, Spa Electronics, and Red Rhino**.

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Volunteers: **Tara Hennig, HornerXpres; Candice Lucas, Lo-Chlor; Holly Waldhauer, Waldhauer & Son; Holly Waldhauer, Mermaid Lagoons; Dennis Brooks, Denise Brooks and Chase Brooks, Cypress Creek Outdoors; Lisa, East Coast Pools, and Diane, StoneHardscapes**.

Donated items for raffle / auction / prizes: **Gorman Company, Callan Group, Keith Quint, Outriggers Tiki Bar & Grille, and Speedway Photo Lab**.

The next Chapter Meeting is Tuesday, June 13 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Join **Tim Sprinkle, Pentair**, at Houligans, 1725 W International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, to hear the latest and greatest out of their company. As we all know, this is always a great presentation, and we are thankful for the continued support from Tim

and his team!

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Houligans, 1725 W International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, unless otherwise stated. Dinner cost is on you 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. The Chapter Board has decided to go with a hybrid approach to this year's meetings and events. If you want to sponsor or volunteer for 2023, please let Di know! We appreciate your continued support!

Mark your calendars: June 13 - Presentation by **Pentair**, July 11 – Enjoy the summer - no meeting, August 8 - Tabletop & Auction in Palm Coast (chairs: **Holly Waldhauer, Dennis Brooks, and Chris Hall**), September 12 – **Kerry Tait** with **Insurance by Ken Brown** teaching a course, October 10 – Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Aqua Comfort hosted by **Gorman Company**, November 14 – Presentation by **Jack's Magic**, and December 8 – Holiday Party / Casino Night (also checking on Thursday, December 12 so please save the dates).

Please like our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/FSPAEastCentralChapter](http://www.facebook.com/FSPAEastCentralChapter) and our Instagram [@FSPAEastCentralChapter](https://www.instagram.com/FSPAEastCentralChapter). Thank you for your continued support!

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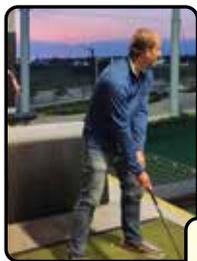
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## Florida Gulf Coast

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The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter had their first Topgolf event on Wednesday, May 10. It was a fun night, with good food and fun conversations. Everyone blew off a little steam hitting golf balls and some of the guys even brought their own clubs! This event would not have been possible without our generous sponsors: **Aquatic Pool Repair, ClearBlue Ionizer, Florida Water Products, HornerXpress, Lo-Chlor, Sapphire Pools of Florida,** and



*The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter had a great time at Topgolf! (Below) Jason Looper, Azure Pool & Deck Design taking a swing.*



*The Built Right Pool Heater crew at the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Topgolf event. (Below) Matt Ward, Spartan Pool Service, and Mark Sauro, Lo-Chlor.*



**Symbiont Service Corp.** Thank you to the companies that sponsored and those who attended!

For our Chapter meeting in June, we will meet at Famous Dave's, Fort Myers. The meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. **Hayward** is sponsoring the meeting. We will be discussing Hayward XE pumps, Omni automation, Hayward gas heaters and S3 salt systems, and new products such as Hayward Water Bowls and J&J brand LED pool/spa lighting. The **Hayward** sales rep and technical manager will be at the meeting for training and to answer questions. There will also be a raffle for some great Hayward products, so please plan to join us!

If you haven't already, please like and follow our Facebook page at "FSPA FL Gulf Coast" to keep up with upcoming meetings and events.

## Florida West Coast

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The Chapter Board met Tuesday, May 2 at The Bayou Club, Largo. Thank you to David Oxley for sponsoring the lunch. Thank you also to FSPA Executive Director Elizabeth McMurray for being our guest. The next Chapter Board of Directors meeting will be held at noon Tuesday, June 6 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.

The Florida West Coast Chapter held its 2023 Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 13 at Lansbrook Golf Club, Palm Harbor. We had 130 golfers!

The Chapter would like to thank the sponsors and volunteers who helped make this event such a success. Premier Sponsors: **Lo-Chlor, National Pool Route Sales, and Raypak/Rheem/WEK & Associates.** We would also like to thank our Hole Sponsors and those who donated door prizes: **AquaCal / AutoPilot, Aquaworx USA, Century Electric Motors, Ian Ferguson - Gorman Company**

**Clearwater, Florida Leak Locators, Fluidra/Jandy, Fresh Finish Pools, Gorman Company Largo, Port Richey and St. Pete, Gulfstream Heat Pumps, Hayward Pool Products, Insurance by Ken Brown, Jack's Magic Products, Pentair, Pinch A Penny Hudson, Pinellas Aquatic Consulting and Education, Rick's Pool Service, Solar Solutions, Solar Source, and The Pool Works of Florida.** Finally, we would like to thank our volunteers: **Cathie Alderman, Taylor Andersen, Don Ball, Tim Converse, Rick Howard** and especially **Alex Fletcher** and **David Oxley** for co-chairing the event. Congratulations to the team from Hayward for placing first in the tournament. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event such a success!

Celebrate Independence Day with a



*The Florida West Coast Chapter held its Annual Golf Tournament in May. (Above) Cathie Alderman, Rick Howard, Tim Converse, Malinda Howard, Taylor Andersen and Don Ball.*



*First place Hayward team: Ted Doering, Justin Butler, Justin Bischof, and Chad Schoenfeld.*



Night at the Ball Park! Join the Florida West Coast Chapter on Tuesday, July 4 at BayCare Ballpark in Clearwater in the Big Shark Café. Come watch the Clearwater Threshers play the Palm Beach Cardinals in a covered, Club Level group area with padded seats. The gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the game starts at 6:30 p.m. Included in the admission cost of \$25 per adults (ages 13 and up) and \$20 per child (ages 5-12) is 2 ½ hours (5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) of all-you-care-to-eat ball park favorites and more! Post-game fireworks show included! Call Malinda at 727-638-6072 for ticket information.

Applications are now available for the Margaret M. Brown Scholarship Fund of the Florida Swims Foundation. Dependents of owners/employees of Florida Swimming Pool Association member companies are eligible to receive money for college! Download the application from the FSPA website for full details and information. All materials are due by June 30, 2023, for the 2023-24 academic year.

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The Greater Miami Chapter is excited to announce that we are back in business, up and running, off to the races! Last month the elected officers were as follows:

President David Griffiths, Insurance by Ken Brown; Vice President and Treasurer Andy Kaner, Aquatic Consultants, Inc.; Secretary David Michener, Pool Centurion Group; Director At-Large Erik Wiborg, Villfoss Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Pinch A Penny store #112; and Director At-Large Phil Wiseman, American Leak Detection.

The Chapter will be seated and recognized at the June state Board of Directors Meeting!

The Chapter had its first official Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, May 10 in Miami and is planning its first Chapter Meeting for members in September, 2023. An announcement of details will follow soon.

If you have any friends, business contacts or associates who would like to learn more and get involved please let us know by calling or emailing as listed in the Chapter header above!

## Manasota

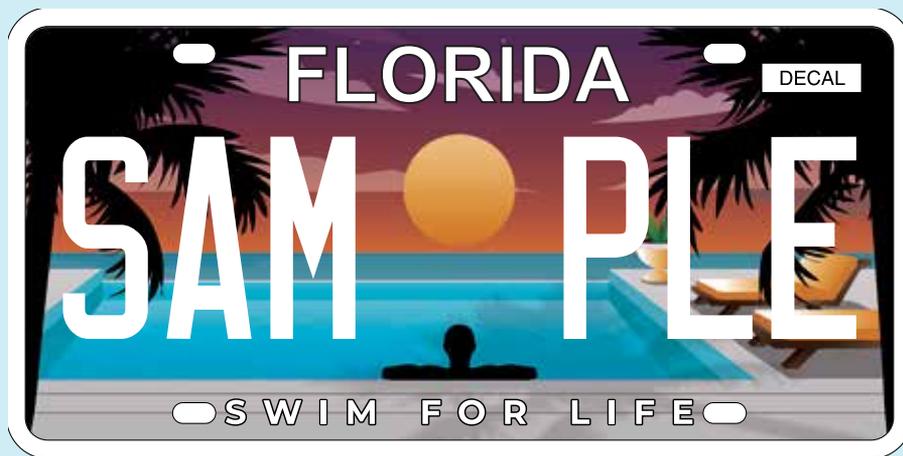
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On April 29, **Pool Corp** presented our annual golf tournament at Legacy Golf Club. Thank you to our sponsors who helped make this event such a success: **Aqua Leak Detection, Ben Brown Insurance, Better Pools & Spas, Built Right Pool Heaters, Century, Diamond Brite, FWP, Galaxy Pools, Gorman, Hayward, HornerXpress, IPSSA, Kimes Engineering, Ledge Lounger, Lo-Chlor, Mirasol Solar, National Pool Route Sales, New Dawn Electric, Odyssey Mfg, Pentair, Performance Link, Premix Marbletite, Red Rhino, SCP, Signet**

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## Pools, Sparkling Kleen, Stenner Pumps, Universal White Cement.

We look forward to seeing you on June 23 at IPSSA's tabletop at the Shriners on Beneva. It will be from 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please stop by the FSPA booth to say hello!

Mark your calendar for August 15 at 6:00 p.m. for our Cheers and Beers night at 3 Keys Brewery in Bradenton. Prost!

The next Chapter Board Meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend, will be Tuesday, June 13 at 11:45 a.m. at the FSPA T.E.C. Center, 2555 Porter Lake Dr., Sarasota.

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.



(Above) First place team!  
(Left) Second place team!



The Manasota Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament was a great event!



Last place team was recognized too!



## North Central Florida

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Save the date for July 19 for a CE class, Can I do that? Swimming Pool License Scopes of Work & Limitations (CILB course #0613681, meets Laws and Rules requirement, 1 hr., Florida Pool & Spa Association d/b/a Florida Swimming Pool Association CILB providership #0000917) with Dallas Theisen, FSPA Senior Director of Government Affairs, at **SCP Ocala**. Watch your inbox for details soon.

Tubing the Ichetucknee River with the FSPA! Sounds fun, doesn't it? Mark your calendar for 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 Florida Swims Foundation!

The next Chapter Board meeting, which all members are encouraged to attend, is June 14 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom (meeting ID: 698 085 1212 / password: 1234). 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 summer! The Northeast Florida Chapter had its Annual Golf Tournament on April 21 at Cimarrone Golf & Country Club. Since we were there last year the club had been sold and the new owners were making some amazing improvements. Can't wait to see what next year will look like! It was a picture perfect day for golfing! The event went smoothly and everyone had a great time. A big thank you for the following that helped make this year a huge success: **A&A Manufacturing/Pentair,**

**AquaCal / AutoPilot, Blue Haven Pools & Spas, Candi Moorman, David Pruette's Electrical Services, Eagle Pools, Fluidra, Gorman Company, Gorman - St. Augustine, Hayward Pool Products, HornerXpress, Insurance by Ken Brown, Janice Ellis, Jennifer Landregan, Lo-Chlor, IRM Payroll, Oasis Enclosures, Pentair, PES, Pools by John Garner, Pools by John Clarkson, Raypak, Ring Power Corp., SCP Distributors, SGM, Speck Pumps, Surfside Pools, USI Insurance, Tier 1 Pools, and Vak Pak Commercial.**

Thank you to our lunch sponsor: **HornerXpress - Jacksonville**. Thank you to our raffle sponsors: **AquaCal, Eagle Pools, IRM Payroll and Pools by John Garner**. Thank you to **Gorman Company - St. Augustine** and **Oasis Enclosures** for being the beverage cart sponsors! Thank you to Brent White, Suncrete Shotcrete, for being a Hole in One Sponsor. Brent sat under his tent to see if anyone would win the \$25,000 grand prize – no winners this year! Brent was also handing out ice cold beers! Thank you to **Tim Sprinkle** and **Doug Van Horn** with **Pentair** for setting up their tent for a Par 3 for one lucky golfer to win a Pentair VS pump! Thank you to the following who donated for our silent auction items: **A&A Manufacturing/Pentair, Lo-Chlor, Fluidra, Gorman Company, Gorman - St. Augustine, SCP Distributors, Hayward, Pentair, USI Insurance, David Pruette's Electrical Services, Speck Pumps, and StoneHardscapes.**

Congratulations to our winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place team – Suncrete Shotcrete consisting of Chris Wagner, Chris Todd, Jason McGowan, and Vince Lafolette (first time playing in tournament!); 2<sup>nd</sup> place team – **Pruette Electrical**, consisting of Cho Roberts, Shawn Meinke, Justin Knapp, and Brian Gustavson; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team – **AquaCal**, consisting of Mike Firesheets, Dean Baker, John Eaton and Zach Chirco. Congratulations to **James Connelly, Paragon Pools**, who won the chipping pool contest and the YETI cooler donated by Ring Power.

Congratulations to Tim Elliott, Pool Pros, for winning the Pentair VS pump donated by **Tim Sprinkle** and **Doug VanHorn** with **Pentair** for being closest to the pin on Hole #11 – a remarkable 4'3". Each year **Dan Lovett, Florida Stucco,**



The Northeast Florida Chapter had a fun fundraising event, their Annual Golf Tournament.

(Above) First place - team Suncrete Shotcrete. (Below) Second place - team Pruette Electrical.



(Left) Third Place - team AquaCal / AutoPilot.

raises money for our Chapter by having his own Closest-to-the-Pin contest and provides his own prize. This year's winner was **Bobby Kegley, Oasis Enclosures**. Congratulations to **Connor McGown, Fluidra**, for winning the 50/50 pot! He took home \$300.

We really want to say thank you to the many volunteers who help every year and make such a difference – we appreciate each and every one of you: **Brian and Amy Curts, Susan Landregan, Jennifer Landregan, Bill Hodgkins, Candi Moorman, Cliff McDonald, Paul Roth, and John and Debi Garner**. Sometimes it is easy to lose sight of the big picture but we are the many faces of our Chapter and just a simple smile, a hug and a laugh came make all the difference to someone. We hope all our golfers felt welcomed and appreciated.

All funds raised will stay local and help to make an impact to prevent childhood drownings.

We had a two hour CE credit class on May 10 sponsored by **Fluidra**. Thank you to **Rocco Russo** and **Connor McGown** for presenting an outstanding CE class. We had more than 50 people in attendance and ended up with standing room only!

The upcoming state Board of Directors meeting will be held June 9-10 at the iconic Don Cesar on beautiful St. Pete Beach! Hope to see you there.

Our upcoming Chapter meetings follow: June 14 – TBD; July 12 – **Dave Pruette, Pruette Electrical**; August – TBD; September 13 – Lo-Chlor and AquaCal;

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October 6 – Oktoberfest at Speck Pumps and celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary; October 27 – Annual Skeet Shooting; and 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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No news this month.

## Space Coast

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Your Space Coast Chapter Board members will be attending the state Board Meeting in June. Please come to our next meeting at Niki's Family Restaurant, 6947 N Wickham Road, Melbourne. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15 and breakfast is free. We can hear all about the upcoming issues that not only affect us individually, but our industry as a whole. Please make sure to thank **Brett Scully, Vero Pool**, for sponsoring these breakfast meetings.

## Tampa Bay

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The Tampa Board Members would like to thank everyone who participated in and helped with our Annual Golf Tournament. We hope everyone had a good time.

A special thanks to The Eagles Golf Club. We would also like to thank our sponsors! Eagle Sponsors: **FWP** and **Pool Corp**.

Birdie Sponsors: **NPRS, Hayward, Odyssey Manufacturing, Gorman Co., and Horner**. Par Sponsors: **Jack's Magic, Tampa Bay Pools, Insurance by Ken Brown, and Pool Troopers**.

Thank you to **Ken Moyer, Mindy Grimming, and Toni Masse** for volunteering and helping before, during and after the tournament.

Save the date! Friday, November 3 is the Tampa Bay Chapter's Annual Skeet Shoot at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, 10514 Ehren Cutoff Land O' Lakes. More details will be available soon. Please email Michelle if you have any questions or are interested in attending/sponsoring.

Monthly Chapter meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

All members are welcome to attend and provide any information/feedback to help improve our Chapter.

If you need assistance from us, please email questions to the address listed above.



The Tampa Bay Chapter held its Annual Golf Tournament!



Highest score!



# CALENDAR

## June 2023

- 6 FSPA Florida West Coast Chapter Board Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Queen's Pizza, 1834 N. Belcher Rd., Clearwater
- 9-10 **FSPA State Board of Directors Meeting**  
Don CeSar, St. Pete Beach
- 13 FSPA East Central Florida Chapter Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Houligans, 1725 W International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach
- 13 FSPA Manasota Chapter Board Meeting  
11:45 a.m.  
FSPA T.E.C. Center, 2555 Porter Lake Dr., Ste. 104, Sarasota
- 14 FSPA Central Florida Chapter Board Meeting  
12:00 p.m. via zoom (ID 698 085 1212, password 1234)
- 14 FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter  
5:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m. CE Course on dispute resolution  
Pioneer Pizza, Port Charlotte
- 14 FSPA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Famous Dave's, 12128 S Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers
- 14 FSPA Northeast Florida Chapter Meeting
- 14 FSPA North Central Florida Chapter Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. zoom call (ID 698 085 1212 / password 1234)
- 14 FSPA Tampa Bay Chapter Meeting  
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 21 FSPA Broward Chapter Axe Throwing
- 17 & 24 **Florida Public Pool Specialist Certification Course**  
Sat. 7/17 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. / Sat. 7/24 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
The Pool Works of Florida, 9191 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Largo
- 22-24 **Florida Public Pool Specialist Certification Course**  
Thurs. and Fri. 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. / Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
8608 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL

## July 2023

- 4 FSPA Florida West Coast Chapter Night at the Ballpark  
6:30 p.m. BayCare Ballpark, Clearwater
- 7 **LP Gas FL Fuel Gas Code**  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. FSPA T.E.C. Center, 2555 Porter Lake Dr., Ste. 104
- 11 FSPA Florida West Coast Chapter Board Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Queen's Pizza, 1834 N. Belcher Rd., Clearwater
- 12 FSPA Northeast Florida Chapter Meeting
- 18 FSPA Charlotte Harbor Chapter  
5:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Chapter Meeting  
Wings and Rings, North Port
- 19 FSPA North Central Florida Chapter  
5:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Chapter Meeting  
SCP - Ocala
- 21-22 **Florida Public Pool Specialist Certification Course**  
Fri., 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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