May is the Na-

Pools are about to open

the best time to make

and ready to jump in.

opening a pool for the

would be uneven decks

and or deck chipping,

deck drains chipped or

non working, hand rails

in steps loose or not in-

and buoy, make sure all

the safety signs are

ance with Virginia

Graeme-Baker Act.

(This act requires split

suction plumbing and

proper covers to match

secondary anti entrap-

pump flow rates and/or a

ment device) Pool lights

and their GFCI's should

they are in good working

order. Pool lights should

be check to make sure

posted, inspections of

hazards to evaluate

sure your pools are safe



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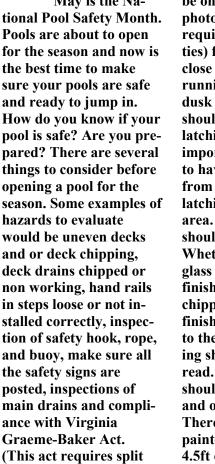
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be on a time clock or photo cell. Pool lights are required (in most counties) from dusk to pool close time. I recommend running pool lights from dusk to dawn. Pool gates should be self closing and latching. This is really important! No one wants to have a child drown from an open or non latching gate to the pool area. Pool interior should be checked. Whether the pool is fiberglass or plaster the pool finish should not have chipping or scaling, the finish should be smooth to the touch. Depth marking should be clear to read. Depth markers should be in waterline tile and on deck or coping. There should be a tile (or painted) line in pool at 4.5ft depth across the bottom of pool where the pool starts to slope to the deep end of the pool. Pool clarity is also extremely important. If you can't see the main drain the pool is not safe. All public pool should be tested and adjust chemi-



proper chemical balance every day. Keeping a chemical log is also important to maintain good records. Pool equipment should be in good working order. This means filter should be cleaned, pumps and chlorinators should be serviced and make sure the flow rate is correct. Public pools should have a complete water turnover in 360 minutes. This means if the pool is 50,000 gallons the flow rate should be a minimum of 139 gallons per minute. Some older pools may not be able to achieve this flow rate depending on plumbing size installed when pool was built.

'Til next time, "Keep It Clear"

Scott Houseman, **President**



Bob Kendrick Memorial Fund.

Many of you knew Bob Kendrick who worked at SCP. Bob was in the pool business for many years and was always an invaluable and willing source of information. He was the kind of guy that you could call and say "Hey, I have this pool that has this weird thing-a-magig on a whatchacmacallit and I need to replace it. Do you know what it is?" Often he could tell you what the part was, when it was originally manufactured and what to replace it with. And somehow he never made you feel stupid for asking the question.

Unfortunately, Bob suffered a fatal heart attack last week. He will be sorely missed, not only at SCP but throughout the industry.

Capital Valley IPSSA is proud to sponsor the Bob Kendrick Memorial Fund. George Stevenson and Jack Emlay will both be available to accept your donations (cash or check made out to Capital Valley IPSSA) at the May tabletop. You can also make donations at SCP.



MEMBERS ONLY DRAWING



Tom Plicza was the winner of the \$100 April drawing. Remember, you must be *present* to win.

If you are not present you will not win! There is no carry over to the next meeting. So come to the meeting, learn something from the guest speaker and maybe even win a little cold hard cash!!

Santa's 2nd Annual Summer Getaway

Christmas comes early for those that like to get a little dirty...

Save the dates!
September 16th & 17th

Keep your eye on the Water Watcher for more details next month...



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