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NEW PRACTICAL POOL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS HIT THE MARKET

(STATE COLLEGE, PA) Practical Pool Management and Practical Pool Management

Plus are two new programs targeted to those who operate or manage swimming pools and attractions. Developed by aquatic safety experts Attorney Shawn DeRosa and Doctor Tom Griffiths, these courses offer a practical approach to managing aquatic facilities.

“The **Practical Pool Management** workshop is a fast-paced one-day pool operator course which highlights the **most important** topics in pool operations, maintenance and safety including circulation, filtration, chemistry, and risk management.” says Tom Griffiths, Ed.D., Director of Aquatics and Safety Officer for Athletics at Penn State University. The program is designed for pool operators who, because of the often complicated nature operating a pool, need special education and training. Ideal for those in the hotel/motel industry because of the short format, concentrated focus, and excellent resource material, **PPM** has already made a strong appearance in the market, receiving excellent ratings at its premiere at the 2004 Athletic Business Conference in Orlando, Florida.

“Those who need a more in-depth look at pool and spa operations and management,” says Shawn DeRosa of Aquatic Safety Research Group, LLC “should consider **Practical Pool Management Plus**, our two-day certification course.” DeRosa, who also teaches NRPA’s Aquatic Facility Operator course and is certified in NSPF’s Certified Pool Operator program, claims that **PPM Plus** moves beyond traditional calculations and mathematics to provide the pool operator or manager not only the basics of pool operations but also a comprehensive look at managing an

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aquatic facility. Multimedia presentations on suction entrapment and lifeguard attentiveness help set this program apart from traditional pool operator programs. First offered at IAPAA's Asian Expo in Singapore and taught at the Mexican Waterpark Association (AMPABA) conference in Aguascalientes, Mexico, **Practical Pool Management Plus** contains information on international standards for pool operations. Certification in **Practical Pool Management Plus**, for those needing to meet local or state certification or training requirements, is valid for five years.

The textbook used in both programs is *The Complete Swimming Pool Reference, Second Edition*, written by Griffiths and edited by DeRosa, also a contributing author. "The text itself is a definitive source on pool and spa operations, with thirty chapters written by authors who are considered experts in their respective fields," said Griffiths. "Why not take the pool operator course from the professionals who wrote the book?"

Information on hosting a **PPM** workshop in your state as well as information on ordering *The Complete Swimming Pool Reference, Second Edition* and Dr. Griffith's Five Minute Scanning Strategy video, is available online at aquaticsafetygroup.com.

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