

## ***POOL NEWS***

### **General Pool Tips**

- 1) Many pools have an automatic pool filling unit that look like the normal skimmer lid. Underneath is a float level device that keeps the water at the correct level. However if you have a leak in the pool or pipe work you may not even know it, as the level will not drop. Turn off this unit every few weeks and see what difference it makes to the water level. If the level drops drastically over and above the normal evaporation rate (1mm per hour in summer) you may have a leak. Get it checked out.
- 2) Shower off suntan oils and or sun bloc before using the pool. The oil base will clog the sand filter, line your pipes and put an oily scum line at the water level.
- 3) To remove scum lines use Aqua Fuerta; make sure you are wearing gloves and eye protection. Rinse off with pool water.
- 4) To reduce the PH level of your pool water use Dry Acid, normally sold as PH minus, do not use Aqua Fuerta as this will eat away at the grout between your mosaics if used regularly and the mosaics will eventually come loose. It might save a few bob to use Aqua Fuerta, but eventually it will cost you a lot more. Constant use of Aqua Fuerta in your pool will build up and it is a nasty chemical to swim in.
- 5) I have noticed when visiting many local pools that the owners have been told to keep the main drain or skimmer valves partly open or closed. This is wrong they should all be fully open when filtering normally.
- 6) If your pump lid is difficult to remove, buy some Vaseline from the local chemist and coat the threads and 'O' seals. Makes life so much easier. Do not use any other lubricant, as some will cause plastics to crack.
- 7) Why use a pool cleaning service, when you can do it yourself. A "one to one" poolside 'teach in' to learn the workings of your pool can save you loads of Euros, (a good way to save money in the current financial climate). Give me a ring.
- 8) Fed up with chlorine in your pool, why not try Bacquacil (Newacil) originally an ICI product. We used it in the UK for many years with great success. A few pools locally are now using it with success.
- 9) Brushing walls and steps regularly especially around underwater lights keeps the pool in good condition. Get into the pool with the brush, keeps you cool this time of year and is much easier.

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