

THE GASMAN COMETH

The following is taken from a letter published in the SUR in English newspaper:

“It appears that over the years, warnings regarding gas technicians, have been presented in some newspapers. I hope this is done regularly as the problem persists.

According to the office of Consumers in Vélez-Málaga, there is a pile of “denuncias” against one particular company and/or its technicians who seem to be particularly preying on the old and/or infirm.

Our area around Alcaucin has been recently visited by technicians who we later found to be authorised. Nonetheless, we were suspicious when they came despite the fact they had seemingly correct personal and company documents. They insisted in very forceful terms that we were obliged to permit their entry. Despite my husbands protestations that perhaps they could return another day, one barged through the gate with his toolbox while the other went to the neighbours. The one who stayed, a very aggressive fellow, proceeded to check all our “butano” installations, despite our asking for at least an estimate first (denied).

He completed the work and presented us with a bill for 259 Euros.

When we later visited the Town Hall we were told that the prices charged were at least three times the norm.

We feel very foolish, but we hope to reduce the numbers of other victims with this letter.”

Patricia Broadhead.

POOL NEWS

The Multiport Valve.

The Multiport valve controls the water flow around your filtration and heating system of your pool.

It is truly a clever piece of equipment. It has been around for over 50 years. The original valves were made of cast iron and rubber.

Many of the valves used in Spain are in several languages, most have either Spanish or English and several other languages. For those of you with only Spanish and other languages here is a translation and position for you.

12 o'clock	Filtration	Filtracion	Filtrazione	Filtracao
2 o'clock	Waste	Desagve	Svuotamento	Esgoto
4 o'clock	Closed	Cerrado	Chiuso	Fechado
6 o'clock	Backwash	Lavado	Controlavaggio	Lavagem
8 o'clock	Circulation	Circulacion	Circolazione del lacqua	Circulacao
10 o'clock	Rinse	Enjuague	Risciacquo	Enxagvar

Filtration

This is the normal running position for your pool, and the position used for general and light vacuuming.

Waste

This position is for pumping water from the pool without taking it through the filter. It is used to vacuum the pool when the floor and walls are extremely dirty, or if the pool water level needs to be lowered.

Closed

This position is used when stripping the system down for repair of pipe work. The pump should never be turned on when the multiport valve is in this position.

Backwash

This reverses the flow of water through the filter and is used to clean the trapped dirt in the filter sand and pumps the water away from the pool. This should be used when the pressure gauge on the filter goes above 2 atmospheres.

Circulation

This is used to circulate the water without it passing through the filter.

Rinse

After back washing the filter, this position must be used to settle the sand back down. This ensures that the sand and any particles of dirt not removed are not put back into the pool.

A little tip for you, if you can save the backwash/rinse water in a 50 gallon garden water butt, it can be used for watering the garden. Before using to water your plants just check that the chlorine has evaporated off. Do not use if you have a salt system installed.

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