

# Paint Expert Tells Six Points of Pool Saving

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**P**RE-SEASON planning on pool painting often pays big dividends in lowered operating costs. Here are six guideposts that can help you have an attractive, economically maintained pool:

1. Realize that true swimming pool paints are highly specialized coatings. They are designed especially for submersion in swimming pool water. This means they will not become water-logged and deteriorate, but withstand water-treatment chemicals and abrasion. They resist effects of the sun on exposed areas, splashing of water on these areas, and stand up strongly under winter conditions—whether the pool is left empty or full.

Furthermore, those designed for concrete pools will not be burned by the lime found in masonry; those for steel pools will protect properly against rust.

The best pool paints do these things

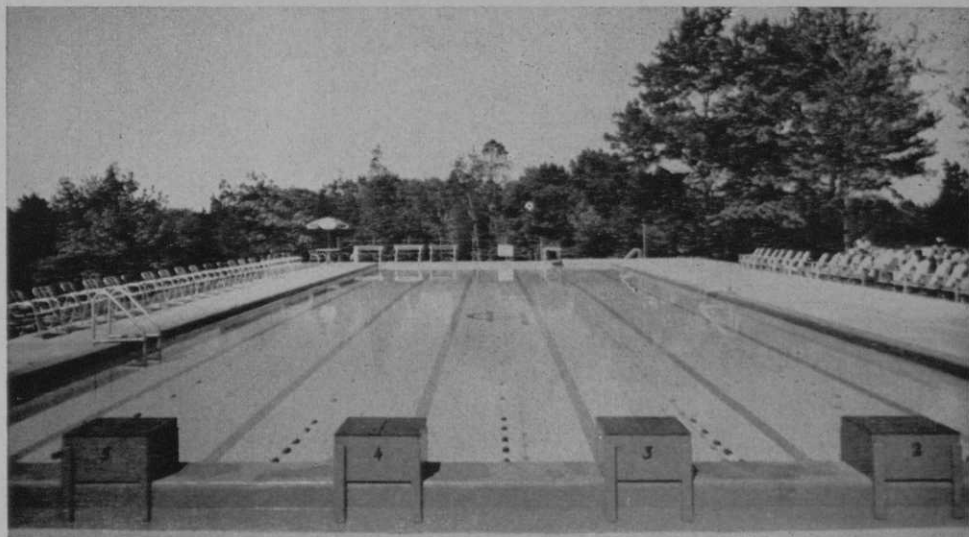
because they are the products of manufacturers who have specialized in the production of such paints for many years.

According to country club managers' and superintendents' experience, the finest of special pool paints are the chlorinated natural-rubber-base type. They hold their colors well and do not peel, blister, flake or crack because of their high resistance to the penetration of pool water.

A well-known pool paint of this type is Ramuc. It is used on country club pools all over the country, including those at Tam-O-Shanter CC, Niles, Ill.; Detroit (Mich.) GC; Montclair (N. J.) GC; Morgantown (W. Va.) G&CC; Shorehaven GC, South Norwalk, Conn.; Cedar Hill CC, Livingston, N. J.; and Lakewood CC, Denver, Colo. Ramuc is produced in chlorinated natural rubber-base grades for both concrete and steel pools and in special



Lakewood CC, Denver Colo., pool is painted with the chlorinated natural-rubber-base type paint Ramuc because it has high resistance to penetration of pool water.



The 110 ft. by 36 ft. pool of the Cedar Hill CC, Livingston, N. J. enjoyed by 225 members and friends is also a Ramuc painted pool.

types to meet unusual conditions.

A valuable handbook, giving considerable practical data on pool painting, protection and maintenance, including complete details on Ramuc, is available to clubs without charge from the Inertol Co., Inc., 480-2 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark 5, N. J.

2. Keep in mind that the best pool paints stay colorful and retain their gloss far more than one season. Many pools repainted only the second or third year. This makes such paints more economical than cheaper grades which quickly fade, become dull, peel or powder away.

3. An appealing pool, of course, attracts more members. It pays, therefore, to use a paint which will stay attractive. It's a big disappointment to find a pool losing its brightness a few weeks after painting.

4. Do you have a steel or concrete pool? Find out about specialized pool paints for each type before buying. Conditions surrounding the painting of submerged steel are different from those of submerged concrete. Investigating this difference can save your club money.

5. In reference to gloss or flat finishes, there is no question that a smooth, glossy rubber-base finish will do much to make your pool outstanding. But this is not the only advantage of using this type of paint. The gloss finish of chlorinated natural rubber-base paint is far easier to clean than the flat finish. And because dirt and algae are much less inclined to adhere to a rubber-base finish, the pool's surface stays

cleaner longer and hence requires less maintenance.

6. There are special metal coatings designed for other surfaces around your club, such as ladders and diving stands. There are also special steam and mildew-resistant coatings for locker and shower rooms, special protective and decorative coatings for masonry buildings. In addition, there are algaecides for keeping your pool water clear and free of algal deposits — further reducing your maintenance costs.

All these materials, and other coatings designed for specific surfaces, will increase the beauty of your club, make your valuable equipment last longer, and lower upkeep costs. They merit careful investigation and consideration.

### **First Course Clinic Held In Santa Cruz, Calif.**

A two-day Golf Course Planning and Operating Clinic — the first ever held — was presented at the Seventh Annual California Recreation Conference in Santa Cruz, California, on February 14-15, under the joint sponsorship of the National Golf Foundation of Chicago and the California Recreation Commission.

More than 120 community recreation leaders, from the seven state area represented at the Conference, crowded the opening session of the Clinic on Monday, February 14, presided over by chairman Arvid O. Pauly, Superintendent of Recrea-