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Olympic Pools Captures Award in Regional Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Competition

Shakopee, MN, Feb 19, 2009 - In a competition that invited entries from pool builders in 10 states, Olympic Pools received a *Silver Award* in the Residential Vinyl Lined, 450 square feet or less, in the 2008 Annual Awards of Excellence competition conducted by the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP), Region 5.

The awards competition is open to members of the Association in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Entries are solicited in October and November each year, and the winners were announced in February.

The owners wanted a pool that would be suitable for their children's play activities as well as a source for relaxing and entertaining. Working closely with Todd Irvine, landscape architect with Keenan and Sveiven, Olympic Pools built a beautiful pool that made the maximum use of a limited space due to an adjacent drainage easement. Special consideration had to be made in the construction to insure that ground water was kept away the sides and bottom of the sounding soil. The pool was built on a base of gravel that incorporated a drain line to a sump pump to remove excess ground water from around the pool.

In lieu of a traditional large single light, four small, flush mounted, LED lights were used on one side of the pool to provide even light distribution and a range of potential colors for the pool. A light colored liner without a water line tile pattern was chosen to provide a very clean and classic look to the pool. To avoid the use of an in wall ladder and deck railings, a swim out was incorporated into the deep end.

For fun and family activities, the owners selected a removable basketball hoop and LED lighted Laminar Jets. The jets provide an aesthetically pleasing water feature for both swimming, listening and entertaining.

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals is an industry trade association with over 4,000 members, including swimming pool builders, pool service companies, retailers, distributors and manufacturers. The Association promulgates design and construction standards that are approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). It also offers the industry extensive training programs leading to certification in swimming pool building and service.

Olympic Pools, has been designing, building, servicing and renovating custom pools since 1983.