



Fong Ranch Residential Pool, Kelowna B.C.

Earning Valley Pool & Spa (and Skip Phillips) a Masters of Design award in 2010, the Fong ranch pool was a true labor of love. This simultaneously sensuous and geometrical pool reflects—literally and figuratively—the vast Okanagan skies and the lines of the main house. Hard angles drop water into infinity, curved lines of concrete create warmth. The water sits high, while barstools and tanning bays sink low out of sightlines. And the black bottom pool creates a perfect mirror for stunning surroundings, and the owner’s wedding, for which it had to be ready.

Client: Gary Fong, celebrated wedding photographer, entrepreneur, inventor, standup bassist

Challenges: The team dug through 12 feet of unstable fill before hitting native soils. The pool and decking then needed a system of retaining walls for support, as well as massive amounts of engineered fill to be compacted, tested and placed. Excavation findings (and the engineering team) drove unforeseen process changes without additional time.

- Particulars:**
- » 113,000 liter pool
 - » Curved bar with both swim-up and patio-based stools
 - » 60 feet of vanishing edge
 - » Sunken, flooded 7’x10’ tanning bay, and an underground bunker for equipment
 - » Insulated pool walls and plumbing protect the components and save on heat
 - » Suggested design refinements mid-process to highlight the vanishing edge from 2nd floor windows as well as from the yard



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