

# Local company wins awards for dramatic pools

**F**or its amazing “vanishing edge” and “hidden cover” pools, Valley Pool and Spa of Kelowna has won five international awards.

Owner Gene Brown picked up the three gold and one silver awards at the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals conference in Las Vegas recently and another gold at the Aqua Magazine Awards.

A black-tiled lakeshore pool won gold at both the association and Aqua awards.

Another gold was for a vanishing edge pool built into the side of a mountain 20 feet off the ground.

The third, a lakeside vanishing edge pool overcame unstable soil conditions and also scored the owners a hidden 700-square-foot storage and mechanical room underneath the pool.

The final silver award was for a pool with an automatic cover hidden under a deck at one end of the pool.

All tracks and access panels for the remote control system are also hidden.



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installed to allow standard ski lifts to carry the chairs uphill.

“It is an example of how a college is part of applied innovation in this country,” said college engineering professor Iain Cameron.

“It’s great to teach students that they have a role to play now and later, as technologists, in innovation.”



*Photos contributed*

**Above: Valley Pool and Spa won two awards for this dramatic black tile pool at an Okanagan lakeshore home. Below: Valley Pool and Spa won another international award for this aptly named vanishing edge pool at another lakeshore home.**

