



Region 7 Review

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER: This Review is being prepared by me since I am still waiting to receive the mailing list and other pertinent information from our last Newsletter/Recording Secretary. I just returned yesterday from the BORD meeting in Las Vegas. You will be receiving the minutes, but I would like to highlight a few of the important decisions made. The proposal to require water chemistry certification for all employees was withdrawn. The locations for the remaining BORD meetings for this year were determined and will be San Francisco on August 10th, and Palm Desert on November 9th. I encourage you to attend these meetings, especially the one in Palm Desert as it is within driving distance. Ray Arouesty, of Arrow Insurance reported that arbitration failed on a \$3million drowning suit in Phoenix and will probably go to trial, and finally, the BORD is going to formally object to NSPI's article equating pool plastering problems to water chemistry. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you next month on the 23rd at Eva's Cantina.

INDUSTRY OPPOSES DOUBLE BARRIER LAW: Legislation now pending in the State Senate would require double barriers on all residential swimming pools. This law would require retrofitting of all existing pools whenever a home with a pool is sold, renovated or remodeled. The costs of a house with a pool will increase by many thousands of dollars, as will the costs of rehabbing an existing pool. SPEC is vigorously opposing this legislation and asking us to call, write or e-mail Dede Alpert who is our Senator from San Diego. Her phone number is: (916) 445-2952 and her e-mail address is: senator.alpert@sen.ca.gov.

HOLMBLY KILLS DROWNING: Accidental drowning caused the death of a boy whose body was found in the pool of a mansion two days after he was reported missing. The boy, who could not swim was last seen alive at an afternoon pool party and was reported missing when his parents came to pick him up. At the BORD meeting, Eric Nielson, Region 3 Director, reported that he serviced a pool near the mansion. The pool was an old painted pool and there were reports of a pool man whom Eric believes was not a member of IPSSA. The paint on the pool had chalked so much that the bottom could not be seen, so the boy lay in the bottom of the pool for two days before his body was discovered. Had there been an adult at the party with a Water Watcher Badge, this tragedy would have never happened. The family of the boy is already suing the owner of the pool and this points to the potential liability all of us have in servicing our own pools.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

R7 Board meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 7:00 pm - Eva's Cantina, 6690 Mission Gorge Road, (619)284-5874. (Thomas Guide 1249 J-5)

BORD meeting: Saturday, August 10- Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco

R7 Picnic: Sunday August 18th - Mission Bay - Theme: Stars and Stripes Forever