



# The SKIMMER



## San Diego Chapter Monthly Newsletter – June 2004

General Meeting: June 16th, 7p, Mission Valley Resort, Mission Room – Mission Valley, 875 Hotel Circle

**Gen. Meeting 6/16/04 – Last of the Quarter, Don't get Fined – Special Raffle (Page 3)  
Thanks to BIODEX, American Leak, PS 2000, Brite Tile, Sunchaser and  
Suntrek for contributions to our Annual Dinner Meeting**

### Calendar

- 6/10, NSPI Chapter Mtg**  
RSVP (800) 875-7059
- 6/16, General Meeting**  
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- 7/7, Chapter Board**  
7 p.m. Location TBA
- 7/21, General Meeting**  
7:00 pm Msn Vly Rst, MV
- 7/24, Blood Drive**  
8:00am: DZ Akins 70<sup>th</sup> St
- 7/27 Region 7 Board Mtg.**  
7pm Filippi's in Poway
- 8/7, B.O.R.D Meeting**  
Long Beach
- 8/8, Region 7 Picnic**  
DeAnzaCove, Mission Bay
- 9/4, Padres vs. Rockies**  
7 p.m. For Tickets see or  
call Mike Anderson

**NOTE: The Quality Resort has been renamed the Mission Valley Resort. Our Meetings will be as scheduled**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The May General Meeting at Filippi's was a great success. We had a good turnout and a good time of socializing. Chapter Supporters making contributions to this event were **BIODEX; AMERICAN LEAK DETECTION; POOL SURFACING 2000; BRITE TILE; SUNCHASER SOLAR; and SUNTREK SOLAR.** Please say THANK YOU to each of these companies by giving them referrals and by using their products.

We recognized the retirement of two long term Members, **Bob Benton** and **Peat Burke**. Award Plaques were presented to both even though Bob could not make the meeting. I will deliver this to Bob's home in Carlsbad in the near future.

Now a word about Peat. Peat is responsible for more of our Chapter Members getting into the Pool Service Business than anyone else. Peat has done it all. From servicing pools, (he had 1,000 pools on service at one time) to building pools and receiving design awards, to operating two Retail Stores, to installing over 3,000 solar systems, installing thousands of pool covers and doing pool inspections. He has served as our Chapter President and as our Chapter Advisor for many years and saved us many claims. He also served as the IPSSA Inc. liaison with the Plasterer's Council and did a great job of communicating and informing IPSSA Members about plaster problems, reasons, solutions, and terminology. He did a lot to improve communications with this related organization. Peat says he really is going to retire (and has made plans to do some traveling). We wish Peat and Arleen the very best in the future. (continued on page 3)

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## IPSSA San Diego – Chapter Supporters (Updated 4/10/04)

Contact	Company	Address	Phone
Robin Benitez	<b>Abcana Industries</b> - Wholesale Pool Chemicals - Pickup & Delivery	545 W. Bradley Ave El Cajon CA 92020	619-444-9900 619-444-9804fax
Terry Van Arsdale advancedsurfacer.com	<b>Advanced Surface Restoration</b> Decks/Patios resurface, waterproof	2404 Deerpark Dr San Diego CA 92110	760-724-6666, 619-276-4444 619-274-6444 FAX
Kenny Lawson	<b>ALLTEC Pools</b> – Underwater specialist -rebar, cracks, light repair	1619 Hillcrest Ln Fallbrook CA 92028	760-731-9998
Daniel Charland americanleakdetection.com	<b>American Leak Detection</b> Electronic Leak Detection & Repair	864 N Second PMB #173 El Cajon CA 92021	619-233-LEAK(5325) 619-442-6551 fax
Mark Quintero	<b>Aquatic Renovation</b> – Complete Renovations – plaster, tile, decks	8518 Hubbles Ln Santee CA 92071	619-447-0707,619-562-1642fax 619-896-8921 pager
Lori Brumagen bio-dex.com	<b>BIODEX</b> – Superior Line of Pool and /Spa Chemical Products	7720 E. Redford Rd Scottsdale AZ 85260	480-991-3477 480-991-5777 fax
Richard Smith	<b>Blue Moon Pools</b> – Plaster, tile, coping, brick/concrete, equip, plmbg	8606 Argent St. "H" Santee CA 92071	619-258-7665 619-258-6383fax
Tony Ruf	<b>BriteTile Pool/Spa Remodeling</b> Calcium removal, tile, deck-o-seal	PO BOX 99536 San Diego CA 92169	619-260-1896
Tom Cox gardnerpoolplastering.com	<b>Gardner Pool Plastering</b> –Quality Plastering/Remodels since 1969	801 Gable Way El Cajon CA 92020	619-593-8880 619-593-8886fax
Mike Rice hallmarkpools.com	<b>Hallmark Pools And Spas</b> Custom Pool Builder/Remodeler	12580 Stowe Dr Poway CA 92064	858-391-3434,858-674-2405fax 858-674-7676store
Leigh O'Brien poolspacare.com	<b>Advantis Technologies</b> - Applied Biochemists, Blue Devil Chemicals		800-258-4442,619-661-1818fax 888-452-7678 X358
Ray J. Vendetti mutualofomaha.com	<b>Mutual of Omaha</b> – Products for Education, Retirement, Insurance	1011Camino del Rio So. San Diego CA 92108	619-260-5551 858-260-3601fax
Michael Mamula	<b>National Leak Detection</b> – Finds leaks - Pools/Spas/Fountains/Ponds	PO BOX 624 Carlsbad CA 92018	760-931-8108
Steven Kleinjan nelsonitepoolanddeck.com	<b>Nelsonite</b> – Easy and Affordable, Quality Pool & Deck Coatings	3150 E. Pico Bl Los Angeles CA 90023	800-544-1998 X413
Eric Lovig nuwayspacovers.com	<b>Nu Way Spa Products</b> Quality Spa Covers and Lifters	PO BOX 1547 Lakeside CA 92040	619-665-5056 619-938-9772fax
Fred Walker poolsafe.com	<b>Poolsafe Cover Systems</b> – New, Service All Systems, Replacement	1200 S. Escondido Bl Escondido CA 92025	800-376-6572
David Courey poolsurfacing2000.com	<b>Pool Surfacing 2000</b> – Exclusive 5 Stage Fiberglass Laminate process	8606 Argent St, Unit C Santee CA 92071	858-273-9398 858-273-2729fax
Mark Lane aosmithmotors.com	<b>AO Smith/Century Motors</b> – All Copper, Standard & High Efficiency	26212 Dimension Dr#220 Lake Forest CA 92630	949-583-2984 800-543-9450 X2718
Aida Velazquez sdge.com	<b>SDG&amp;E</b> – Rebate Partner with IPSSA to lower energy use & cost	8335 Century Park Ct San Diego CA 92123	858-654-6401
Stacey McIntosh sonenergy.com	<b>Son Energy, Inc.</b> - Solar Pool Heating – referral program	550 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Escondido CA 92025	760-738-4066, 877-407-6527 760-738-8602 Fax
Brandon Chase	<b>Sunchaser, Inc.</b> Solar and Water Heating Specialist	10367 Palm Row Dr Lakeside CA 92040	619-390-5287
Jim Mahoney suntrek.net	<b>Suntrek Solar</b> – Thermal-Solar Pool Heaters	120 N. Pacific #E-6 San Marcos CA 92069	800-292-7648 760-598-7185 fax/pager
Kevin Wallace	<b>Underwater Unlimitd</b> –Rust spots, Rebar, Cracks, Drain replacement	281½ Hillcrest Dr. Encinitas CA 92024	800-247-8393 760-632-1822
Billy Howse Watermaid-sd.com	<b>Watermaid</b> – Salt water systems, increase profits/customer satisfaction	6161 El Cajon Bl #520 San Diego CA 92115	619-583-2357

**Correction:**

**Please update Leif Leloup’s phone number on the Chapter information sheet to 858-274-8808**

## Special Raffle at June meeting - Superior donated "Start-Up Kit" – test kit, pole, vac head, vac hose, 98# tabs, 24" brush - \$317 wholesale value

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The parade of Member's requiring Sick Leave assistance continues. **Tom Richardson** is going out for a while just as **John Nichol** is back on the job. Thank you for your support of the Members needing your help. They really appreciate your help! But we have had more complaints about the quality of the service. This should not happen. Remember the pools you take on should receive the same high quality service you are performing on your own pools. If you get an algae problem treat it and follow through to get rid of it. Also making routine repairs is a good idea.

Since algae and its treatment is a hot topic and challenge these days we may have a "Blue Ribbon Committee" address and discuss this at our next General Meeting. You can share your experiences and learn what others are doing to solve the problems.

The local NSPI Chapter has an interesting Meeting Topic on June 10 on "*Why Do Swimming Pools Crack?*" This features **Ron Lacher** an expert in the field. You need to RSVP (800) 875-7059. For the good of the order,

Jim Bradbury

### General Meeting-May 19, 2004 Annual Dinner Meeting Filippi's Pizza Grotto Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

47 members and 4 guests signed in.

#### Introduction of Guests

*David Courey of PS 2000, Brandon Chase of SunChaser Solar, Daniel Charland of American Leak Detection and Bill Kraus of CeramKote.*

Jim Bradbury advised the meeting would be brief so we can enjoy the pizza.

#### Secretary's Report

Minutes were approved. Paul asked that everyone sign in and to pick up some IPSSA door hangers from the table. No correspondence received.

#### Treasurer's Report

We're in good shape financially and the approved report is in the Skimmer.

#### Vice President's Report

**Prospective members-  
Chapter Supporters –**

**Speakers –** Tonight – none – Bill asked members to take Stormwater and

SDG&E information from the display table.

#### President's Report

Jim Bradbury thanked and recognized the Chapter Supporters who donated to the evening's dinner – **BIODEX, AMERICAN LEAK DETECTION, POOL SURFACING 2000, BRITE TILE, SUNCHASER SOLAR and SUNTREK SOLAR.** The membership gave these contributors a round of applause.

Region 7 Board Meeting was attended by Jim Bradbury and Bill Peck.,

A "Special Session" was conducted regarding an account that was lost by a member under the Sick Leave Program.

The member was heard at the meeting under IPSSA and Chapter regulations. The account was lost after the pool developed algae and the owner hired another company as it appeared the pool was not being serviced. The member has had problems with two previous sick route coverage assignments.

Through the Special Session, it was found that the servicing member turned the pool over to an employee after two weeks. It was also revealed that the member's 3 pool service employees were not employee members as required. After discussion, the Board voted to expel the member. This situation highlights that members need to follow Sick Leave Policy when servicing pools and Chapter Standing Rules in regards to employee members.

The Water Chemistry test will be given before the June Board meeting. The test now has security measures that include faxing the completed test for grading by IPSSA (results known within 72 hours).

Jon McArthur reported for the Water Safety Committee that there is a fair to attend at Poway's Fire Station this Saturday from 11 to 3. Committee members are requested to take a shift.

John Silcox and Javier Payan will be on Channel 7/39 Friday at 6:15 am to discuss drowning prevention and our WaterWatcher Program.

Jim Bradbury advised the membership that Peat Burke and Bob Benton are both retiring. Peat and Bob were both instrumental in Jim's business startup as they have been with many others. They also provided substantial service to the Chapter over the years.

Jim read the text from the plaques he had produced for Bob and Peat. He then

presented Peat with his plaque and will deliver Bob's.

John Baldwin won the raffle opportunity to purchase a Navigator at 80% of wholesale cost.

#### Committee Reports

##### Sick Leave

John Nichol is to be back to work the first week of June.

##### Entertainment / Membership

##### Insurance (Chapter Advisor)

##### Water Safety/Public Relations/

##### Blood Drive / Product Testing

##### Manufacturer's Rebate

Jon McArthur has self-addressed envelopes for members to send invoices to him.

##### Continuing Education

Stephen Heyer handed out checks to Brian Davis, AJ Wilson (his wife Cynthia took a class), Ken Lamborn and Gregorio Sanchez for educational program reimbursements.

Stephen advised that an application is necessary, find one in the Skimmer or on the website. One application per class. Stephen stated he raised his rates and no one has complained.

Stephen mentioned that he's found that SCP and SPP are sporadically out of parts and hopefully they will improve their stocking situation.

Stephen mentioned there is an upcoming CPO course and the City of SD has a medical plan for companies with City of San Diego business licenses.

##### Tech Tips

Bob Miller suggested that all of us would look more professional wearing shirts with company logos.

Paul Grimes passed around a backwash valve that had been removed from a FNS filter – the plunger had been placed at the wrong end of the valve so that the pool filtered OK, but due to the up-side-down offset of pipes, the backwash process just flowed water out the backwash line, not removing any debris from the filter.

Abel Morales gave a moving speech regarding the saving of his son's life.

While on vacation in Mexico, his son choked on a piece of meat and his knowledge of CPR & the Heimlich Maneuver saved his life. While everyone else was shocked, Abel used the Heimlich

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**San Diego Chapter Financial Report – May. 1 – May 31, 2004**

	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)			Cash Disbursements		
Checking Acct.	4678.43		Bank charges		
Savings Acct. (Educ.)	4266.80	8945.23	Education	349.00	
			Guy Muto & SPEC	200.00	
Cash Receipts			Donation		
Dues collected by IPSSA	1855.00		Door prizes Raffle	25.00	
Dues Collected directly			Hall Rental		
Chapter Supporters	1250.00		Newsletter	530.03	
Initiation fees			Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Interest earned			Meeting expense:		
Rebate Program			- General	541.99	
Install. Dinner/Dance			- Chapter Board	130.19	
Picnic			- Regional Dues	494.40	
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Standing Rules Committee	131.42	
Fines: - H2O Chemistry			Office expense: Printing/Copies		
- Mandatory meeting			Phone	19.46	
- Attendance			Postage & Copies	41.65	
- Blue Card			Business cards & name tags		
New Member			Social Activities		
General Meeting Dinner	1075.00		- Entertainment (Padre ticket sales)	(672.00)	
Donations			- Awards	62.39	
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast		
Water Safety Committee Income	220.00		- Other (Water Safety Committee)	125.00	
Total Income in Month		4400.00	Total Expenses in Month		2078.53
			Cash on Hand (Ending Balance)		-----
			Checking Acct.	6999.90	
			Savings Acct. (Educ)	4266.80	11266.70

**CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND APPLICATION**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course/Seminar/Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course/Seminar/Program Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: The Education Committee Chairperson (ECC) must receive Application within 30 days of course completion. Receipt or proof of attendance must be submitted to ECC before reimbursement will be made.**

<p>(continued from page 3)  Meneuver and used his finger to hook out debris. His son was purple and had not been breathing for 2.5 minutes – if the Heimlich had failed, his next step was to cut his throat to let air in the windpipe. His son is “A OK”.  Debbie Griswold told members she uses #20 sand for Deck-o-Seal. She sits on a skateboard while applying Deck-o-Seal.  <b>Unfinished/Old/New Business</b>  <b>Good of the Order</b>  <b>Raffle</b></p>	<p>Rick Farr won the \$50 door prize, but was not present, so it will roll over.  Paul Williams, \$25  Meeting adjourned: 9:15pm  .  <b>Board Meeting – June 3, 2004</b>  <b>Called to Order: 7:20 p.m.</b>  Attending -, Jim Bradbury, Bill Peck, Geoff Conradi, Paul Grimes and John Nichol.  <b>Secretary's Report</b>  Paul wanted to thank the Board for moving the meeting to Thursday so he</p>	<p>could attend his daughter’s Senior Awards Program.  No correspondence received. Paul advised that he had sent the membership committee a list of members who must attend in June or be fined. Paul will meet with the Sick Leave Committee to ensure we have the correct membership roster.  <hr/> <b>Treasurer’s Report</b>  We’re in good shape financially. Geoff advised that we lost the value of 8Padre  (continued on page 5)</p>
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tickets, but they were donated to worthy organizations at the last minute. Geoff mentioned again the support we received by Chapter Supporters contributing to the May dinner meeting.

**Vice President's Report**

**Prospective Members:**

Bill Peck reported we have one potential new member.

**Chapter Supporters:**

Renewal notices went out in the mail and we are waiting for renewal checks.

**Speakers:**

The Health Department will speak at a later date. SDG&E will speak for 5 minutes. Bill Kraus of CeramKote (ceramic pool resurfacing) will speak. We will have a panel of members speak on

algae prevention and control.

**President's Report**

Jim mentioned the contributions from the several companies who funded the cost of the May dinner meeting.

Rumor has it that Rick Farr may retire.

Jim mentioned a potential "Mentor Program" that was once considered (Escondido has a good program). Paul Grimes will forward to Jim a mentor program packet that was developed years ago by Jim and Jon McArthur.

Superior is donating a "Start-Up Kit" for our June raffle. It's \$317 (wholesale) worth of equipment which includes a test kit, 8-16' pole, 98# tabs, #214 vac head, 24" wall brush and 1.5" X 50' hose. **The kit will be won by one member in June.**

The Region 7 Picnic Committee is

meeting this evening.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Sick Leave**

John Nicol is back and Tom Richardson is going out soon.

**Manufacturers Rebate**

**Entertainment**

Padres tickets are still available for the Sep. 4<sup>th</sup> game. Contact Mike Anderson.

**Blood Drive**

Saturday, July 24. Meet at DZ Akins, (I-8 at 70<sup>th</sup> Street) at 8:00 a.m. - free breakfast.

**Water Safety Committee**

**Continuing Education**

No Other Reports

**Unfinished/Old Business**

**New Business**

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 pm

**Excerpts from the June 2004 Region 7 Newsletter**

**Director's Corner, by Javier Payan, Region 7 Director**

Water Safety – Fri., 5/21 at 6:00 a.m. **John Silcox** of San Diego Chapter and I were on KNSD TV morning news. KNSD gave us three minutes of studio time to promote the IPSSA water safety program, tags, and brochure. It was a lot of fun and another way to get the word out about water safety and what IPSSA is doing. As a reminder, the San Diego chapter's web site, [www.waterwatcher.org](http://www.waterwatcher.org), has more information on the Water Watcher program.

R7 Picnic – Picnic Committee met Thurs., 6/3. Plans are coming along for the 8/8 picnic.

Emergency Fund – Keep in mind we need to build up the Emergency Fund; it is depleted from numerous donations we gave to fire victims last October. The Silent Auction held every year at the R7 picnic is the primary source of money for the Emergency Fund, so please support the Auction. Let us know about any donations you have for the Auction, whether they be gently used pool equipment, gift certificates, whatever. Also, we need a volunteer to organize the Auction. *MANY THANKS* to **Rick Bishop** of Escondido chapter, who handled this for a number of years.

R7 Directory – **AJ Wilson**, NSPI rep and owner of Like New Pool, had put a super-human amount of time and effort into taking digital pictures of R7 members. Now we're looking for volunteers to continue this project. This will be discussed at the next R7 meeting.

B.O.R.D – The B.O.R.D. met 5/15 in Sacramento. A summary of the minutes will be in an upcoming issue of The IPSSAN. As part of its Strategic Plan to encourage the growth of IPSSA here and in Florida, the B.O.R.D. discussed the possibility of advertising in Aqua magazine and Pool & Spa News to bring national attention to IPSSA.

Chem test – Two members of Carlsbad chapter – **Paul Bogden** and **Andrew Newcomb** – recently passed the chem test. Congrats!

**How to Protect Yourself**

The best way to prevent melanomas is to keep away from ultraviolet (UV) radiation – from the sun, sunlamps or tanning booths – especially if you are prone to irregular moles.

If you're outdoors and it's sunny...

- Avoid exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Wear long sleeves, long pants, and a hat with a wide brim.
- Use a lotion, cream, or gel that contains sunscreen with a sun-protection factor (SPF) of at least 30. The label should read "broad-spectrum coverage." The higher the SPF, the more protection it provides.
- Protect your eyes. Melanoma can develop in eye pigment cells. Wear sunglasses with ultraviolet-absorbing lenses.

**How to Protect Your Eyes This Summer**

You've been warned to wear sunscreen to protect against skin cancer, but two of our most vulnerable organs often go unprotected: our eyes. Not wearing sunglasses is the biggest mistake people make, say ophthalmologists. Sunlight may cause cataracts and macular degeneration – leading causes of blindness among the elderly. Even cheap glasses work, as long as they block 99% to 100% of UV rays. Broad-brimmed hats also help, and don't forget hats and glasses for kids. Swimming goggles and safety goggles can prevent eye injuries during active months outside. (If you get something in your eye, never rub it: Use an eyewash.) Blows and cuts to the eye often require medical attention, so never apply pressure when you use a bandage or ice pack for first aid. To learn more, visit [www.dryeye.com](http://www.dryeye.com) on the Web.

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