



# The SKIMMER



## San Diego Chapter Monthly Newsletter – November 2004

General Meeting: Nov. 17th, 6p. Mission Valley Resort, Mission Room – Mission Valley, 875 Hotel Circle

**NEW MEETING TIME 6:00 p. m. EFFECTIVE NOV.- MAR.**  
**LAST GENERAL MEETING OF THE QUARTER**

### Calendar

- 11/9-11 Aqua Conf/Expo**  
Las Vegas
- 11/17 General Meeting**  
**New Meeting Time**  
**6:00 pm** Mission Valley  
Resort, Mission Valley
- 11/20, Blood Drive**  
8:00am:DZ Akins 70th St
- 12/1, Chapter Board**  
Location TBA
- 12/1-3 Intl Pool/Spa Expo**  
Las Vegas
- 12/17, Annual**  
**Installation Dinner**  
Admiral Baker,  
Mission Gorge

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Tom Richardson has a doctor's release to return to work on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Members servicing his pools should be getting a call soon to stop service and promptly return Yellow Cards. PLEASE continue service until contacted by the Jim or Perry.

I was very pleased with the October General Meeting turnout on October 20<sup>th</sup>, even though it was a mandatory meeting and all were required to attend. Paul took a picture and sent it to the IPSSAN and we may see it there in the next issue. There were eight members that were excused from attendance for legitimate reasons. I understand Fine Notices have been sent out to those that did not attend. Sorry, it is now too late to offer any excuses for non-attendance.

A lot was accomplished at the Meeting. Foremost was the approval of the Standing Rules/Sick Leave Plan revisions

recommended by the Standing Rules Committee. By a very close vote we also approved the return to having our Fall/Winter General Meetings start at 6:00 PM. This will affect the November through March Meetings. The remaining Meetings will continue to start at 7:00 PM. If you are unhappy with this outcome you can only blame yourselves for leaving early or bugging out to the Bar. I can assure you this did not go unnoticed and action will be taken at the next mandatory meeting to discourage this conduct.

Paul Grimes was nominated and approved as our B. K. Taylor Award Winner this year. Congratulations to Paul for receiving this most important recognition from our Chapter. He is most deserving of this Award for his dedication to IPSSA, for serving as Secretary for two terms, for participating on several vital Committees including Standing  
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## IPSSA San Diego – Chapter Supporters (Updated 10/27/04)

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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
Kenan Sachs americanleakdetection.com	<b>American Leak Detection</b> Electronic Leak Detection & Repair	10601 Tierrasanta Bl #G PMB #196, SD CA 92124	619-233-LEAK(5325) 858-650-0046 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	501 West Lone Cactus Phoenix AZ 80527	623-582-2400,623-582-2405 fax 800-617-3477
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Leigh O'Brien poolspacare.com	<b>Advantis Technologies</b> - Applied Biochemists, Blue Devil Chemicals		800-258-4442,619-661-1818fax 888-452-7678 X358
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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
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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

**NOTE: NEW WINTER STARTING TIME of 6 PM for GENERAL MEETINGS**

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Rules and Safety, and for creating and maintaining our Website. There were many additional contributions mentioned in his nomination form. Paul has certainly been an asset to our Chapter and I don't remember him ever missing a meeting or failing to complete an assigned task in a most satisfactory manner. Thanks too are given to Geoff Conradi who recommended Paul and took the time to complete the write-up.

Paul was our nominee for the Regional B.K. Taylor Award as well. Bill and I attended the Regional Board Meeting on Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>. The Regional Board voted and by the closest margin selected Bert Vexland, a Member of the San Diego Metro Chapter since 1996, as the Regional Winner. We extend our Congratulations to Bert for his contributions to IPSSA, the Metro Chapter and to the Alpine Community.

All Members are encouraged to attend our next General Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. This is our last General Meeting for the year. Since there is No Meeting in December and the Annual Dinner Meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> does not count towards attendance requirements, this is your last chance to attend a Meeting in the fourth quarter. Therefore, be advised, that if you did not attend the October Meeting for ANY reason, excused or otherwise, you must attend the November meeting to avoid a QUARTERLY FINE of \$150.00. Add to that a Mandatory October Meeting fine and you're talking a total of possibly \$250.00.

Remember too, that the **November Meeting will start at 6:00 PM.**

For the good of the order,  
Jim Bradbury

**General Meeting-Oct 20, 2004**

**Called to Order: 7:07 p.m.**

61 members and 9 guests signed in.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introduction of Guests**

*Chapter Supporters David Courey of PS 2000, Kenan Sachs of American Leak Detection, Eric Lovig of Nu Way Spa*

*Covers, Billy Howse of Watermaid, Bill Krause of CeRam-Kote, and David of Abcana Industries. Guests, Doug Katton of LeakTerminators, Juhli Boyes of SCP, Gary Roberts, Joe Schaeffer and prospective members Bryce Jansen and Joe Lukacheck. A few Chapter supporters and guests briefly mentioned their products and services.*

**Secretary's Report**

Paul advised we would have the sign-in after the break. Did anyone find the error in the Skimmer (wrong date)? Pick up your Chapter Information Sheets at the break. Minutes were approved. 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-**

2 perspective members including Bryce Janson who is in process.

**Chapter Supporters**

Bill reported that we had four renewals and that CeRam-Kote (Bill Krause) had joined as a Chapter Supporter. Bill Krause briefly mentioned his product that has been applied on 5 pools in San Diego.

**Speakers** – Billy Howse made a presentation on his Watermaid chlorine salt generator, which works at high concentrations and is easy to service. He offered an off-season special of 11 units for the price of 10. He offered a \$40 salt tester, free with your first generator purchase. Bill Peck advised there are handouts at the back table, including SDG&E rebate materials.

After the break, Dean Beaton of PBS Pool Products spoke of his products, 1.) skimmer plug that can shut off flow for dual skimmers, 2.) emergency shutoff switch with alarm and 3.) emergency shutoff sign.

**President's Report**

Jim congratulated Brian Ahern, Louis Annibali, Ron Baker, Nick Castillo, Jim Bauer, Jeff Kwierrga and Michael Lewis for all passing the Water Chemistry test and thanked Bill Peck for administering. Jim asked for nominations for the BK Taylor Memorial Award. Geoff Conradi nominated Paul Grimes. Jim read Geoff's nomination paperwork and Paul was approved as the winner and nominee for the Region 7 BK Taylor Award.

Region 7 Director Javier Payan spoke about BORD and Region 7. He said the BORD is working well and the next meeting is Nov. 6 in Van Nuys. IPSSA is the largest service group in the industry and will be represented

at upcoming shows with a booth. IPSSA is looking toward affiliate members who reside out of our territory. Javier pointed out that the Plaster's manual is being pulled for revision and that there seems to be an understanding between plasters and service at this time. Javier mentioned the 2 year-old who had drown and underscored the importance of WaterWatcher tags.

There will be a Bylaw change proposed at the next meeting regarding term limits on BORD members. Javier will support R7 consensus. Jim thanked Javier for attending.

Jim Bradbury reported that Peat Burke is doing better after his quadruple bypass and a bout of pneumonia. David of Abcana reported that Ray Quidort had a serious staph infection in July and is still recovering in a nursing home. He will have surgery again.

David also reported that Abcana is forced to raise chlorine prices due to a significant increase in the price of caustic soda. – they will continue to have the lowest prices in San Diego.

Jim Bradbury read many of the proposed changes to the Standing Rules and Sick Leave Program. The changes were approved (with minor corrections).

Jon McArthur brought up the timing of meetings in Winter months. After discussion, a motion passed to move the General Meetings to 6pm between Nov. and Mar., EFFECTIVE NOV. 2004.

Jim read the names of those who had not signed in and will be fined by missing the mandatory meeting.

Juhli of SCP handed out a survey regarding the R7 Picnic, looking for input to improve/change the picnic. The next NSPI meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Randy Duke of the National Plaster Council will speak. Juhli stated that SCP sells spas.

**Committee Reports**

**Sick Leave**

Jim and Perry reported that points haven't changed since the last report. Tom Richardson is to be released by the doctor soon, but keep working until told to stop. John Chadwick will be out about 4 weeks with cracked ribs and assignments have been made for about 35 pools. Yellow cards were at Superior and those not picked up are here tonight.

Jim read a letter from Tom Richardson, who said he had never charged for chemicals when he did sick leave and is paying a lot of extra medical bills for his

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**San Diego Chapter Financial Report – October 1 – October 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.	8966.99		Bank charges		
Savings Acct. (Educ.)	6874.03	15,841.02	Education		
			Guy Muto & SPEC	200.00	
Cash Receipts			Donation		
Dues collected by IPSSA	1803.00		Door prizes Raffle	75.00	
Dues Collected directly			Hall Rental	275.00	
Chapter Supporters	812.50		Newsletter		
Initiation fees			Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Interest earned			Meeting expense:		
Rebate Program			- General		
Install. Dinner/Dance			- Chapter Board	100.00	
Picnic			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Standing Rules Committee		
Fines: - H2O Chemistry			Office expense: Printing/Copies		
- Mandatory meeting			Phone	18.97	
- Attendance	300.00		Postage & Copies		
- Blue Card	25.00		Business cards & name tags		
New Member			Social Activities		
			- Entertainment		
			- Get Well Gifts (P. Burke/Ray Quidort)	126.05	
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast		
Water Safety Committee Income			- Other (Rebate Program)		
Total Income in Month		2940.50	Total Expenses in Month		895.02
			Cash on Hand (Ending Balance)		-----
			Checking Acct.	11012.47	
			Savings Acct. (Educ)	6874.03	17866.50

**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 Recovery and physical therapy. <b>Entertainment / Membership Insurance (Chapter Advisor)</b> Bob Fowler advised we have a new liability carrier. See the IPSSAN for information. <b>Water Safety/Public Relations/ Blood Drive</b> John Silcox reported that there were 2,000 or 3,000 people at the El Cajon Fire Department fair, where we handed out WaterWatcher tags and brochures. John passed around a signup sheet for members to join the Water Safety Committee. The next Blood drive is Saturday 11/20</p>	<p>8:00 AM at DZ Akins <b>Product Testing</b> Pat Farior said there was a written report on the Pool Buster battery operated spa vacuum. He showed off a solar pool pump, which is operated 80 to 90% by solar power, but is very expensive to install (requires solar collectors). <b>Manufacturer's Rebate</b> Jon McArthur thanked those who sent in authorizations to have rebate information released by the supply houses. The Pentair rebate form is complete for the year. <b>Continuing Education</b></p>	<p>Stephen Heyer reported that Mark Lucas liked the service cart and Gil Alarcon will take it next for a month. Stephen mentioned he was fined for DE discharge down the storm drain conveyance system (commonly known as the gutter) <b>Unfinished/Old Business</b> <b>New Business</b> <b>Good of the Order</b> Bob Fowler deferred his report to next month due to tonight's lengthy meeting. <b>Raffle</b> Patrick Schultheis \$50 door prize Terry Wehrly, \$25 Meeting adjourned: 9:30pm</p>
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**Board Meeting-Nov 03, 2004**

**Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.**

Filippi's Clairemont Mesa

Attending - Jim Bradbury, Bill Peck, Geoff Conradi, John Nichol and Paul Grimes.

**Secretary's Report**

Paul thanks Jim Bradbury for inserting the minutes of tonight's meeting (which he will forward by e-mail later tonight) into the November Skimmer and mailing as Paul is leaving for a 10 day vacation in the morning.

**Treasurer's Report**

On the Financial report, Geoff noted the "gifts" category was for plants purchased for Peat Burke and Ray Quidort while they were recovering from illness.

We had 8 members fined for missing the October mandatory meeting and Geoff is expected to receive checks by the end of the week.

We are in good shape financially.

**Vice President's Report**

Bill reported that we have one prospective member in progress, 2 who are expected to apply and 1 former members thinking about re-joining.

The November meeting is to feature the Better Business Bureau plus maybe more speakers Bill is trying to line up.

Bill had no report on Chapter Supporter activity.

**President's Report**

Jim advised that Peat Burke sent a

thank you card and the Board passed it around to read. Peat is coming along slowly, but getting better.

Jim reviewed with the Board the draft President's Message (see page one), which highlights our Mandatory General meeting, 8 excused members and Paul Grimes BK Taylor nomination at the Region 7 Board. Paul did not receive the Regional Award.

Jim additionally excused 2 members from the October meeting who were flooded out. Tim Decker was also excused for preparing to stop the rainstorm from damaging his home. Former member Joe Schaeffer looks interested in rejoining our Chapter. Jim is advising Joe through a letter that he will need to make up back dues, pay normal fees and pass the Water Chemistry test.

Former member Joe Lucachek is being advised that he can rejoin by paying normal fees and meeting with the Board.

Jim reported that Jim Hines has received a letter from Tom Richardson's doctor and he should be back to work now. Thanks to the many members who did sick plan service for 5 months.

There was a discussion regarding Sick Leave coverage and questions will be addressed to improve the plan, coverage and responsibilities.

Jim and Bill attended the Region 7 Board meeting where Jim advised the

R7 Board of our Chapter's activities: updating Standing Rules and Sick Leave Program, our ongoing involvement in the Water Safety Committee, Chapter Blood Drive, CPR courses and Product testing. It appears clarification may be needed regarding the Water Chemistry test and some claiming there is a grandfather clause.

BORD update:

IPSSA's legal council has been changed.

The R7 Board voted to support a potential amendment that would allow BORD members to succeed themselves. Our Chapter voted against the proposal.

The BORD is involved with the National Plasterer's Council testing facility and has allocated \$5,000 to the project.

The potential Regional Directory was discussed. The photo inclusive directory may not be produced. Jim showed the R7 Board our Chapter Information sheet as a potential template for Chapter directories. The Benevolent Fund has nearly \$40,000, of which \$28,000 is available.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**None**

**Unfinished/Old/New Business**

Meeting adjourned: 9:57 pm.