



# Region 7 Review

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## IPSSA, INC. REGION 7

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### Director's Corner

IPSSA expansion - Exciting things are happening. From Wed., 2/22 through Sat., 2/25 Ray Arouesty, Vicki Lester, Jerry Houseman (R1), Jim Romanowski (R5), and I had an IPSSA booth at the Florida '06 Pool & Spa Show in Orlando Florida.

Attendees showed a huge, unbelievable amount of interest in IPSSA - it was really cool! The IPSSA benefits that we are accustomed to and maybe take for granted apparently impressed attendees. Manufacturers were even bringing people over to our booth. Three chapters had already been in the works in Florida, and by the end of the show there were three more!

Hayward Pool Products - IPSSA's goal is to have 5,000 members by the end of the year. If we meet that goal, Hayward will donate a full equipment set worth \$5,000 to the chapter who brings in the most new members or employees. Other manufacturers want to do something similar.

Chem tests - I will issue the new water chem exams to the chapters. Throw out your old exams or turn them in to me.

R7 meeting location - As you may recall, Juhli Selbi, sales rep for SCP, spearheaded the R7 annual picnic last year and again

this year and was responsible for generating record-breaking donations for the picnic. She has now offered SCP's conference room for R7 board meetings and training. The conference room would give us more privacy than a restaurant. So let's give the conference room a try for our April 11 R7 meeting.

IPSSA insurance rates will rise \$2 per month effective April 2006.

Water Safety - Water Watcher tags and safety brochures are available to IPSSA members free of charge for the first 50 sets on a first-come-first-served basis. Additional pieces can be purchased at the cost of \$35 for a package of 50 tags and \$10 for a package of 50 brochures, plus shipping and handling. Order through the IPSSA exec. office ([ipssamail@aol.com](mailto:ipssamail@aol.com) or 888-360-9595).

### Contractors State License Board "Blitzes" Unlicensed Operators

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) conducted a series of intensive stings and sweeps in five areas of the State during the week of February 6-10. Word about the *California Blitz* went out to well over two million Californians who read about it in local newspapers or saw stories on television.

The five locations targeted by the Board's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) for undercover stings included: Elk Grove (Sacramento County), Napa, Santa Cruz, Bakersfield and Redondo Beach (Los Angeles County). Local law enforcement was enthusiastically cooperative in these joint operations,

which resulted in 123 legal actions against suspected illegal operators.

The CSLB, the Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) and the Employment Development Department (EDD) focus on going after those participating in California's huge illegal underground economy. Partner teams sweep through construction sites, checking for unlicensed activity; interviewing workers, managers, owners, and safety officers; and checking the businesses' paperwork, paying particular attention to employees who are being paid under the table.

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## Calendar of Events

- **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Pool & Spa Show**, Thurs., March 9 – Sat., March 11, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA.  
[Westernshow@aol.com](mailto:Westernshow@aol.com).  
Show Info 800-787-7727,  
Exhibitor Info 800-746-9772,  
[www.westernshow.com](http://www.westernshow.com).
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., April 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m., **New Location:** SCP Conference Room, 5648 Copley Drive, San Diego (858-467-9495).
- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Fri., May 5, Hilton Austin, Austin, TX. Contact IPSSA executive office, [ipssamail@aol.com](mailto:ipssamail@aol.com) or 888-360-9505.