



The SKIMMER



San Diego Chapter Monthly Newsletter – March 2006

Next General Meeting: March 15th, 2006, 7pm, Kings Inn, Cardinal Room – 1333 Hotel Circle South

Members/Chapter Supporters Your Personalized Directory is enclosed!

This is your only copy. Watch for future Directory updates in the Skimmer

Calendar

3/9 - 11 Western P/S Show
Long Beach Conv. Center

3/15 General Meeting, 7 pm
Kings Inn - Cardinal Room

3/18, Blood Drive 8:00 am
Meet at new location:
Antique Row Café, Lmn Grv
3521 Lemon Grove Ave

3/23, Pentair Seminar 8:30a
Scottish Rite, Mission Valley

4/5 Chapter Board 7 pm
Location TBA

4/11, R7 Board Meeting, 7p
SCP, 5648 Copley Drive, SD

PRESIDENT'S BRIEFS.

The San Diego Chapter Board invited all the presidents from the past 30 years to help us decide how to increase member's participation in chapter events and encourage members to get to know each other. The meeting was very rewarding and all presidents attended. It was encouraging to see that these guys are still active and interested in making a good chapter even better. You'll be noticing some changes in our meetings during the next year or two.

Many thanks to Paul Grimes for

putting our new member directory together. Your copy is included in the newsletter this month. These directories are expensive so treat them with care. They are for your use only and the content is not for sale or to be disseminated without the approval of individual members. The plan is to update the directory every two years to coincide with the change in the Board.

Don't forget to look for the raffle coupon in the Skimmer and to bring it to the meeting on March 15th, 7:00 PM at the King's Inn. See you all there!

Mike Gregg, President

Welcome our Newest Chapter Supporters

Blake Sales – Chris Cason
Tile Medic – Jim King

First Investors Corp. – Lisa Helm
Foundation of Health – Dr. Patrick Rardin

Pool Safety Systems - Life Saver - Mark McMahon

Directory Changes

Floyd Liftee
PO Box 179187
San Diego CA 92177
Morgan Chambers
Rancho San Diego P&S

IPSSA – San Diego Chapter - www.ipssasandiego.com/members

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President	Mike Gregg	619-224-3863	944 Moana Dr., San Diego CA 92106
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Sick Leave	Jim Hines	619-462-1309
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Continuing Education	John Baldwin	858-354-7946
	Stephen Heyer	619-563-6566
Manufacture Rebate	Jon McArthur	619-464-0211
Insurance	Bob Fowler	619-464-6400
Prospective Members	Bill Peck	858-673-8556
Entertainment	Mike Anderson	619-589-8848
	Joe Lukacik	619-561-8587
Product Testing	Patrick Farrior	619-465-9545
	Dale Eppard	858-571-1177
PR/Blood D/Wtr Sfty	John Silcox	858-467-0507
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IPSSA San Diego – Chapter Supporters (Updated 3/02/06)

Contact	Company	Address	Phone
Ray Quidort	Abcana Industries - Wholesale Pool Chemicals - Pickup & Delivery	545 W. Bradley Ave El Cajon CA 92020	619-444-9900 619-444-9804fax
Terry Van Arsdale advancedsurfacers.com	Advanced Surface Restoration Decks/Patios resurface, waterproof	2404 Deerpark Dr San Diego CA 92110	760-724-6666, 619-276-4444 619-274-6444 FAX
Kenny Lawson	ALLTEC Pools – Underwater specialist -rebar, cracks, light repair	1619 Hillcrest Ln Fallbrook CA 92028	760-731-9998
Eric Svensson	Alternative Pool Systems, Inc. Install/Repair/Srvc Auto Pool Covers	PO Box 1910 Alpine CA 91903	619 445 9798
Kenan Sachs americanleakdetection.com	American Leak Detection Electronic Leak Detection & Repair	10601 Tierrasanta Bl #G PMB #196, SD CA 92124	619-233-LEAK(5325) 858-650-0046 fax
Mark Quintero	Aquatic Renovation – 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	BIODEX – 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
Chris Cason blakesales.net	Blake Sales – Represents quality pool/spa manufacturers products	4775 Via Colorado Oceanside CA 92056	760-622-9620
Tony Ruf britetile.com	BriteTile Pool/Spa Remodeling Calcium removal, tile, deck-o-seal	PO BOX 99536 San Diego CA 92169	619-260-1896
Bill Kraus ceram-kote.com	CeRam-Kote Ceramic Lining for Pools & Spas	8580 Nottingham Pl La Jolla CA 92037	858-550-9611,858-453-2806 fax 858-775-8382 cell
Lisa Helm firstinvestors.com	First Investors Corp.	5473 Kearny Villa Rd Suite 310 SD CA 92123	858-650-6830 858-650-6914 fax
Dr. Patrick Rardin	Foundation of Health Family Chiropractic Center	2667 Caminito Del Rio South #103 SD CA 92108	619-295-5030 619-295-7636 fax
Tom Cox gardnerpoolplastering.com	Gardner Pool Plastering –Quality Plastering/Remodels since 1969	801 Gable Way El Cajon CA 92020	619-593-8880 619-593-8886fax
Aaron Temme hallmarkpools.com	Hallmark Pools And Spas Custom Pool Builder/Remodeler	12580 Stowe Dr Poway CA 92064	858-391-3434,858-674-2405 fax 858-674-7676store
Leigh O'Brien poolspace.com	Advantis Technologies - Applied Biochemists, Blue Devil Chemicals		800-258-4442,619-661-1818 fax 888-452-7678 X358
	AutoPilot & AquaCal – Salt Chlorine generators & Heat Pumps	autopilot.com aquacal.com	800-922-6246 800-786-7751
Ed Mumford	National Leak Detection – Finds leaks - Pools/Spas/Fountains/Ponds	PO BOX 624 Carlsbad CA 92018	800-652-9062 760-224-5030
Steven Kleinjan nelsonitepoolanddeck.com	Nelsonite – Easy and Affordable, Quality Pool & Deck Coatings	3150 E. Pico Bl Los Angeles CA 90023	800-544-1998 X413
John Moss poolsafe.com	Poolsafe Cover Systems – New, Service All Systems, Replacement	1200 S. Escondido Bl Escondido CA 92025	800-376-6572
Mark McMahon kidsafepool.com	Pool Safety Systems-Life Saver Safety Fences, Covers, Products	937 Serra Way Costa Mesa CA 92626	888-655-SAFE (7233) 714-751-1988 Fax
Kirk Chapman	Poolscape Unlimited – Complete Pool & Spa Renovations	10040 Vine Street Lakeside, CA 92040	619- 561-0555 619- 561-1633 FAX
Don Wall sdpooldoctor.com	The Pool Doctor - Construction, Renovation, Remodel, Repair	1532 Roble Grande Ln. Alpine, CA 91901	619-445-4977 fax 619-445-4345
David Courey poolsurfacing2000.com	Pool Surfacing 2000 – Exclusive 5 Stage Fiberglass Laminate process	104 Richardson Ave El Cajon CA 92020	858-273-9398 858-273-2729fax
Julie Lawson sonenergy.com	Son Energy, Inc. - Solar Pool Heating – referral program	550 W. 6 th Ave. Escondido CA 92025	760-738-4066, 877-407-6527 760-738-8602 Fax
Brandon Chase	SunChaser, Inc. Solar and Water Heating Specialist	10367 Palm Row Dr Lakeside CA 92040	619-390-5287
Jim Mahoney suntrek.net	Suntrek Solar – Thermal-Solar Pool Heaters	120 N. Pacific #E-6 San Marcos CA 92069	800-292-7648 760-598-7185 fax/pager
Jim King tilemedic@earthlink.net	Tile Medic – Tile/coping repair, Expn cutting/caulking, Skimmers, Light niches	9531 Oak Grove Dr Descanso 91916	619-445-1034 619-445-1050 Fax
Kevin Wallace	Underwater Unlimitd –Rust spots, Rebar, Cracks, Drain replacement	281½ Hillcrest Dr. Encinitas CA 92024	800-247-8393 760-632-1822

NOTE: To improve General Meeting flow and allow for interaction following shorter meetings, more information, including committee reports (page 4) and new business will be printed in the Skimmer. Much of the necessary business covered during the General Meeting in the past, will now be covered during the Board Meetings. Please read the Skimmer more thoroughly, attend General meetings and be prepared for interaction with members, Chapter Supporters and guests.

Your Chapter Board
General Meeting-Feb 15, 2006
Kings Inn – Mission Valley
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
57 members signed in and at least 23 guests were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance
Early Bird Raffle

Those who had signed in at 7:00pm were in the Early Bird Raffle, which was two bottles of wine courtesy of American Leak Detection.

Introduction of Guests

Chapter Supporters: David Courey of Pool Surfacing 2000, Kenan Sachs of American Leak Detection, Brandon Chase of SunChaser Solar, Tony Ruf of BriteTile, Eric Svensson of Alternative Pool Systems, Karl Hamberg of Son Energy and Don Wall of the Pool Doctor. Also attending were prospective Chapter Supporters Dr. Patrick Rardin of Foundation of Health Chiropractic, Lisa Helm of First Investor Corp., Don of LifeSaver and Jim King of Tile Medic. Others included David Ogren and Brett DeVanna of SCP, Pete of Xtreme Clean, Morgan Burdick of Jandy, Steve Schonberg of Zodiac Pool Care, Travis Guevara of Superior Pool Products and Chuck Conti of Polaris plus prospective members Carlos Grosselfinger, Morgan Chambers, Steve Kincaid, Steven Johnson and Robert Gibson. Chapter Supporters came to the front of the meeting room and introduced themselves.

General Comments

David Courey advised that he's had several calls regarding stains in fiberglass pools. The proper way to remove stains is to apply Stain Treat spotting bags and then use a plaster Stain Eraser. Bottles of Stain Treat can be used on a regular basis, understanding that it's more effective with a low chlorine reading. Jim King (now a Chapter Supporter),

advised that his company does tile and coping repair, skimmer installation, and caulking.

There was displeasure with elimination of the BORD minutes from the IPSAAN. The Minutes are not posted on the IPSSA.com website either; instead Minutes must currently be requested from Vicki Lester.

There was some discussion regarding the announcement in the Feb. Skimmer about the potential Chapter boat, wine club and other clubs of interest.

Secretary's Report – Paul Grimes

Minutes were approved. No correspondence received. Mike thanked Paul for his work on the Skimmer, Blue Cards and Member Directory.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Bauer

We're in good shape financially and the approved report is in the Skimmer. Jim Bauer is moving toward more on-line banking with Wells Fargo.

Sick Leave

Blue cards are due tonight – give them to Paul Grimes.

Loren Jarvis will be out until at least March 14th, when he sees the doctor.

Prospective members-

Carlos Grosselfinger of Aqua Pros Pool & Spa and Morgan Chambers of Rancho San Diego Pool & Spa were voted in as members.

V. P. - Chapter Supporters

Mark has added several Chapter Supporters since joining the Board and mentioned the critical importance of Chapter Supporters to the success of our outstanding Chapter.

President's Report – Mike Gregg

Mike spoke about our color Photo Directory and passed out a draft version. The Directories will probably be included with the March Skimmer mailing. Thanks to Paul Grimes for putting it together. Mike passed out copies of the 2006 Budget for member review.

Mike mentioned that our updated Standing Rules and Sick Leave Program are in final review and should be going to the printers very soon.

Continuing Education

Stephen Heyer had Education reimbursement checks for Patrick Nevin, Baron Ortiz, Bill Peck and Bob Reed. Stephen announced with sadness that the wife of Jimmy the mechanic who spoke a couple on months ago has been diagnosed with 2nd stage pancreatic cancer.

John Silcox made a motion that passed

to reimburse all attendees for the seminar program at the Western Pool and Spa Show.

Manufacturer's Rebate
Water Safety/Public Relations/ Blood Drive
Entertainment

Vice President's Report

Mark Curran introduced our speaker **Speaker** – As the meeting was running longer than expected, Lisa Helm was able to speak briefly about her investment services and will be offered more time at a future meeting.

Insurance (Chapter Advisor)

Product Testing

Unfinished Business

Old Business - New Business

Good of the Order

Raffle

Gregorio Sanchez, \$50 door prize (not present, so it will roll over), Fernando Chavez, \$25 prize, Mike Gregg, 50# bucket of Superior tabs, Russ Hargrove, Pool Shark from SCP, Jim King, Polaris from San Diego Superior and AJ Wilson won a Baracuda. Meeting adjourned: approximately 8:10pm, when significant member, chapter supporter and guest interaction began.

Board Meeting March 1, 2006

Guadalajara in Old Town

Called to Order: 7:40 p.m.

Attending - Mike Gregg, Mark Curran, Jim Bauer, Paul Grimes and Jim Bradbury.

Mike started the meeting by discussing the special gathering of former Presidents to kick around ideas on our Annual Year end party.

The general agreement at the special meeting was to keep the December party, but trim some costs (especially on the non-Installation years) so the Board can utilize funds to improve member participation at General meeting and other events. The Board will look into some type of food at our October mandatory meeting.

Other ideas to increase member interaction were discussed, like having rotating greeters, and peel-off name tags.

The photo Directory was discussed and Paul Grimes passed around final mock-up copies. The directory was going to press in time to make the March Skimmer mailing. The directory will have member's names inside and

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San Diego Chapter Financial Report – February 1 – February 28, 2006 *(Feb checks will post on Mar report)					
	<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.	4,579.05		Bank charges		
Savings Acct. (Educ.) / Total	10,396.11	14,975.16	Education	595.00	
			Guy Muto & SPEC	*	
Cash Receipts			IPSSA Leadership Seminar	1018.30	
Dues collected by IPSSA	1,966.00		Door prizes Raffle	25.00	
Dues Collected directly			Hall Rental	*	
Chapter Supporters	1,600.00		Newsletter		
Initiation fees	782.00		Legal/Professional Computer consulting	*	
Interest earned			Meeting expense:		
Rebate Program			- General		
Chapt. Supporter Dinner Donations			- Chapter Board (Jan & Feb 06)	256.01	
Picnic			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Water Safety Committee		
Fines: - H2O Chemistry			Office expense: Printing/Copies		
- Mandatory meeting			Phone (Jan & Feb 06)	37.10	
- Sick coverage fine			Postage & Copies		
- Blue Card			Business cards & name tags		
New Member			Member reinstate refund	100.00	
			- Entertainment		
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast		
Water Safety Committee Income			- Fund transfer: savings to checking	152.50	
Total Income in Month		4,348.00	Total Expenses in Month		2,031.41
			Cash on Hand (Ending Balance)		-----
			Checking Acct.	5,138.54	
			Savings Acct. (Education) / Total	10,396.11	15,534.65

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.

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 members are expected to hold onto their individual copies.
 Blue Card fines were discussed as several members did not make the deadline. Two members sent their cards to Jim Hines, which has not been the policy for about a year. They were forgiven their fine, but will not be in the future. Others who missed the deadline were all fined \$25 per Chapter regulations. It should be noted that Blue Cards are essential to the Chapter: 1.) Maintains a current Blue Card on file, 2.) Provides the secretary with updated member information, 3.)

Provides Paul Grimes with up-to-date Zip code information for our referral website poolservicepros.com
 The May dinner meeting is coming up soon and the Entertainment Committee will be looking at locations.
Committee Reports - None
 Unfinished/Old/New Business –None
 Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m
. Latest Committee Reports
Sick Leave – Jim Hines
 Jim reports that Loren Jarvis will be seeing the doctor 3/14. We should have more information at the

General meeting on 3/15.
Product Testing – Pat Farrior
Prospective Member Chair
 Chair Bill Peck has advised that we have 4 prospective members in process, of which none are ready for a vote this month
Public Relations, Water Safety - Blood Drive – John Silcox
Blood Drive The next chapter blood drive breakfast will is Sat., March 18th. A new location for the breakfast will be the Antique Row Cafe located at 3521 Lemon Grove Ave in Lemon Grove. Any chapter member or chapter supporter, and their family members are welcomed
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to attend the 8 AM breakfast, which will be followed by a blood donation at the El Cajon branch of the San Diego Blood Bank. Anyone wishing to donate blood but unable to attend the breakfast, is encouraged to donate to any San Diego Blood Bank location, or at any San Diego Bloodmobile.

Water Safety The below article recently appeared in the *U-T*:

Alert driver reunites tot & mother
Shirin Peyman's morning commute from Rancho Penasquitos took a detour yesterday when she spotted a 3-year old boy walking along Cuca Street all by himself. He was wearing navy blue pajamas with booties. Peyman drove a few more blocks, but something told her to turn around. She's glad she did. "I was scared for the baby", said Peyman, 55. She drove back, parked her car and looked around. She didn't see anyone other than the boy with blond hair and blue eyes. He kept saying: "Where's my mama ? Where's my mama ?"

Peyman, a teacher, call 911 three times but was connected to voice mail for the California Highway Patrol each time she said. "That was absolutely crazy" Peyman said, "so I decided to take him to a police station". After answering some questions, she turned the boy over to San Diego officers at the Northeastern Division. Just before 11 a.m., about two hours after Peyman first saw the toddler, his mom dialed 911. She frantically told dispatchers her baby somehow

opened a sliding glass door in their new apartment and walked off while she was asleep. San Diego police Sgt. Dan Hattler said the woman's story checked out and the toddler showed no signs of abuse or neglect. The two were reunited.

So what does this story have to do with water safety ??? Well, what if instead of walking along the street, the little boy had walked into a neighbor's yard through an open or unlatched gate and fallen into their swimming pool? Might this story have had a different ending?

Possibly, but the point is that we, as the backyard pool professionals have a responsibility and moral obligation to notify our customers of existing, or potential safety hazards. If you notice pool gates or property gates that are not self-closing and self-latching or have been propped open, please notify your customer and follow-up if it is not corrected by your next visit. Your customer will appreciate your concern for the safety of their children or others that may come into their yard. And as a constant reminder, pick up a

CLOSE THE POOL GATE - SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE bumper sticker for your truck at this month's meeting.

Entertainment- Mike Anderson

No report, but will work with any decision on our Holiday party and any additional entertainment ideas.

Manufacturers Rebate

Jon McArthur has no report.

Continuing Education -

Stephen Heyer will have a report at the General meeting after the Western Pool & Spa Show.

From the March Region7 News
Be Aware and within the Law

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.

Javier's Region 7 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 or 888-360-9595).



**San Diego
Superior Pool Products
4737 Old Cliffs Rd.
619-283-2066**

Monthly drawing

50 pound bucket of 3 inch Jumbo Tabs

Bring your Skimmer to the March General Meeting

Must place your copy of this coupon in the drawing.

Must be present to win!