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NEXT GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2009
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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2009

President's Message

The chapter put on a terrific San Diego County Table Top Show once again this past January. Congratulations to the planning committee for putting on the best show ever. There was a record turnout of both members and vendors. With the economy being what it is and will be for some time, the construction side of the pool industry will continue to struggle. Most of the builders have come to a complete halt. As a result, the vendors are finally seeing the value of the service and repair industry. What we have known all along (the service side of the business stays consistently busy during down economic times), is finally being recognized by the manufacturers. We are their bread and butter so to speak. It is nice to see the enthusiasm growing as evidenced by the big turnout at the trade show. Hopefully they won't abandon us once the builders get rolling again.

This is the second year of the two year Continuing Education Program. Be sure to attend enough seminars to gain the ten points necessary by the end of this year to avoid losing your membership in the San Diego chapter. If you joined the chapter recently you will need to earn five points by the end of the year. The program renews January 1st, 2010 and everyone will start over. At that point you will have two years to earn the necessary points to remain in good standing with the chapter. When a new board of officers assume their positions every two years, it will mark the beginning of the next

Blue Cards Due on or before Feb. 18 General Meeting

It's that semi-annual time of the year when Blue Cards must be submitted. Please send or give your completed, legible Blue Cards to Paul Grimes. Your options are:

- Mail via US Postal Service to San Diego Chapter IPSSA PO Box 70192 San Diego, CA 92167-1192. **Must be postmarked on or before Feb. 18, 2009**
- Bring to Feb. meeting and hand to Paul Grimes.

Failure to submit a Blue Card as listed above will result in a \$50 fine.

Continuing Education Program period. There is a good possibility that the board will increase the amount of points necessary and eliminate any grace period for the year 2010. Do not fall behind and risk losing your membership. Embrace the benefit of educating yourself through the many trade seminars continuously available throughout the year.

The changes to the sick leave program that were overwhelmingly approved by the entire membership during the mandatory October meeting have been in effect since November 1st, 2008. The revisions to the by-laws have been accomplished and will be available as an insert for your by-laws folder. If there is room in the Skimmer the revisions will also be published there. If you have any questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to call me. I will be more than happy answer any of your questions.

I hope to see all of you at the February meeting. Cheers. Mark.

Region 7 Table Top Show a Huge Success

This year's San Diego County Table Top Show, held at the Four Points Sheraton, was the most successful event ever organized.

According to Jon McArthur, the show had a record attendance. More than 345 people attended and participated in the well run trade show.

The seven seminars during the morning hours were well attended and provided a wealth of valuable information, ranging from water chemistry, to plaster problem solutions, to pool/spa electrical issues, to equipment control programming.

A record number of vendors rented 72 booths with some last minute sign up companies being turned away due to the room's capacity being filled.

More than 179 IPSSA members attended, with the San Diego chapter having a record turnout of 88 members signing in for the day's event.

More money was raised for charity than any previous year. The raffle gave away almost ten thousand dollars worth of cash and prizes. Two winners received \$500 cash each. A Sta-Rite Max-E-Therm heater was given away along with assorted pumps, motors, and automatic cleaners.

Next year's event, scheduled for January 23rd, promises to be better than ever.

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General Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2009

Call to Order 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance Mike Gregg

Treasurer's Report Jim Bauer. We have over \$20,000 in our education fund. See financial info inside the Skimmer for more details.

Continuing Education. Bill Peck, Carlos Grossefinger and Jon Silcox received checks.

Secretary's Report. James Morketter. Board meeting minutes were approved.

Vice President's Report Phil Gardiner Phil has already received checks from some of our chapter supporters for 2009.

Prospective and potential new members were brought to the front of the room. Present included: Shawn Atkins, Greg Fathman, Gabriel Michel, George Mason and L.A. Isaac.

A vote was taken for Greg Fathman's membership. He was voted in.

Mark Curran reminded us that currently, there is no plan to have a R7 annual picnic.

John McArthur spoke briefly regarding the Table Top Show.

Manufacturers' Rebate Gary Sevigny will be working with John on the manufacturers' rebate committee starting next year.

Mark encouraged members and supporters to solicit articles to the Skimmer.

Jim Holmes and Mike Lewis were recognized for their hard work with regard to the Christmas party.

Mark asked if any members present had used Transworld Services for collecting on money due. Three members present said that they had used it with success.

The 2010-2011 photo directory will require advertising to help offset the cost of publishing. We need 4 to 5 members to volunteer as "advertising gurus" and help solicit advertising. Interested members please contact Mark.

Chapter supporters were brought to the front. Present included:

Michelle Howard- Equity Through Energy, Mary Ann Downing - Pool Safety Solutions, Brandon Chase - Sunchaser Solar, Mark R. Lane - Pentair, Marc Dunn and Sandy - PEP El Cajon, Travis Guevara - SPP San Diego, Kirk Chapman - Poolscape Unlimited, Matt Castillo - SCP San Diego, Rebecca Quintal - Aflac

Mark R. Lane from Pentair Water gave a brief presentation. A Q and A session followed.

Sick leave. One of our members is scheduled to go out sick soon. All

Continuing Education Points Program Update

By Jon McArthur

It has come to my attention that there are some questions about the Continuing Education Program, so let me try and answer some of them.

1. All members must have 10 points by the end of 2009 or face expulsion.
2. Each member is responsible for keeping track of his or her own points. This is done on the form each member was given in 2008. If you do not have one or would like a new form call me at 619 464-0211.
3. The classes and the point value are on the back of the form.
4. This program is based on the Honor system. We do check up on most classes, but not all. Anyone caught cheating will face Board action.
5. Completed forms can be sent to me at 7564 Seneca Pl. La Mesa, Calif. 91941

members should be prepared to assume a pool if asked. Ron Baker has joined the sick leave committee. More volunteers are still needed. Contact Jim Hines or Perry Mediate for more info.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 PM.

Raffle:

No winner present for \$50. It will roll over to the February meeting.
Geoff Conradi won \$25
Kenny Childs won a \$50 gas card from SCP San Diego
Garey Blizzard won 50# Tabs form SPP San Diego
Perry Mediate won a \$100 Trader Joes gift card
Dee Eakright and Paul Grimes each won \$20 PoolCorp gift certificates.

Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2009

Phil Gardiner, Jim Bauer, Paul Grimes, Mike Gregg, Stephen Heyer, Bill Peck, Mark Curran, James Morketter

Call to Order 7:20 PM

New Members- Mark asked about the status of new member checklists. Bill Peck gave a brief report on the status of potential new members.

Directory -So far no members have come forward to help recruit advertising for our 2010-2011 photo directory.

We discussed methods of encouraging chapter supporters who have not yet paid for another year to do so.

Continuing Education Points. We discussed the impact that the mandatory 10 points requirement has had on our chapter. In the summer months we will do a survey of the membership to determine the status of

education points.

Annual Picnic - We now have a R7 picnic committee. The committee consists of:

Janice Dunn (760) 440-0916

ALLDUNN@COX.NET

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Dustin Moors (760) 509-6482

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We reviewed changes to our bylaws with regard to our sick leave coverage. Mark took notations and will ensure that the necessary changes will be made. The changes were predominantly minor.

Yellow Cards - We discussed methods for improving Yellow Cards with regard to servicing members being able to indicate on the card whether or not he/she wishes to be reimbursed.

Adjourn 10:00 PM

Calendar

2/18 General Meeting 7p

Mission Valley Resort

875 Hotel Circle North

3/4 Chapter Board 7 pm

Kensington Grill

3/12-14 Western P/S Show

Long Beach Convention

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3/21, Blood Drive 8 am

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Pentair	15-181-7750	BULKHEAD LOCKNUT TITAN CM	1	\$13.29	\$4.83
Pentair	19-102-7485	BAFFLE KIT W/SCREWS SYSTEM 3	1	\$15.45	\$4.61
Pentair	19-168-2060	NUT 1/2" HEX HEAD BRASS	4	\$4.33	\$1.42
Pentair	19-168-2110	ELEMENT SHAFT 11" BRASS	1	\$8.71	\$4.42
Pentair	19-168-2113	ELEMENT SHAFT 21" BRASS	1	\$11.18	\$5.22
Pentair	31-102-2030	1-1/2"PISTON&SHAFT,O/S(WC1101)	1	\$57.75	\$26.50
Pentair	31-181-3006	HANDLE VALVE LINK 1-1/2" BROWN	2	\$19.04	\$4.56
Pentair	31-110-2119	SCREW 6mm x 30mm S/M MPV 2"	6	\$5.43	\$0.86
T.G Bulger	19-103-3141	ELEMENT SHAFT 14 1/4	4	\$7.46	3.38
T.G Bulger	19-103-3144	ELEMENT SHAFT 23 1/2	2	\$9.27	4.34
Val-pak	31-910-1200	2"PVC,PISTON SHAFT N/S,PAC-FAB	4	\$69.04	18.46
Lights and Electrical					
Jandy	58-104-7495	POOL CTRL W/ STD POWER CENTER	1	\$418.49	\$231.26
Pentair	58-120-1312	PHOTON GEN BLACK OUT WINDOW	20	\$13.70	\$4.83
Hayward	58-605-0824	WIRELESS REMOTE DISPLAY/KEYPAD	1	\$246.46	\$152.00
Cutler-Hammer	58-934-4002	DUAL BREAKER 1 POLE 15/30 AMP	2	\$8.83	\$3.22
Cutler-Hammer	58-934-4038	2 POLE CIRCUIT BREAKER 70 AMP	2	\$18.14	\$7.14
Cleaners					
Polaris	81-192-0375	FLOAT,BLUE(165/65/160/60)BAG-2	5	\$2.88	\$1.38
Polaris	81-192-1005	TOP BLUE (180)	1	\$40.19	\$11.62
Polaris	81-192-3035	SCREW 6-32x1/2"SS PAN HEAD 5PK	25	\$0.81	\$0.44
Polaris	81-192-5010	BOTTOM HOUSING	6	\$19.01	\$7.88
Pentair	81-246-2190	WING LOCKING PLATE KIT	8	\$3.20	\$0.70
Pentair	81-432-2140	FLEXMASTER AXLE ASSY. (BULK)	13	\$1.64	\$0.55
Pumps					
Pentair	35-102-0746	BASE COVER PLATE PCD-10B	1	\$52.99	15.92
Pentair	35-215-3106	IMPELLER 3HP	1	\$39.25	11.59
US Seal	35-224-3080	SWITCH STATIONARYSCN-471	1	\$14.06	6.00
Gecko	35-402-8539	COVER REPLACEMENT KIT COMPLETE	2	\$24.50	8.98
Premier	35-451-0554	UNION 2" SLIP F/TRAP ASSEMBLY	3	\$8.08	3.27
Premier	35-451-1010	IMPELLER .5HP HI-HEAD BRASS	1	\$39.68	13.73
Val-pak	35-910-0115	BRACKET CI HYDRO PUMP PACFAB	1	\$107.23	39.73
AO Smith	35-126-9500	BASE F/SQ FL MOTOR (STA-RITE)	2	\$6.99	2.40
Heaters					
Pentair	47-127-2920	VALVE VS 820 A1211 3/4"x3/4"	1	\$237.69	92.32
Pentair	47-127-3040	WIRE II-D LOOM - MALE	1	\$25.12	9.96
Raypak	47-197-2157	HEAT EXCHANGER TUBE 1/EA R185	1	\$68.80	20.28
Raypak	47-197-6079	ORIFICE-BURNER #48	14	\$3.87	0.77
Angelus	47-555-1025	10" X 30" VENT EXT.	1	\$15.42	7.08
Angelus	47-555-2102	7" TO 8" VENT INCREASER	1	\$46.64	18.33

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84-965-1212	50# 1" TABS BROMINE	3	163.54	\$105.46
84-965-1312	1 QT SUN ALGAECIDE 60% 12/CS	24**	13.11	\$10.08
84-965-1332	1 QT SUN ALGAECIDE 30% 12/CS	324*	4.80	\$4.55
84-965-1360	1 QT SCALE & METAL CONTROL II 12/CS	267**	6.90	\$5.79
84-965-1410	25# 1" TABS BROMINE	1	81.00	\$56.44
84-965-1422	3# SUN PH MINUS / DRY ACID 12/CS	276**	2.99	\$2.71
84-965-1440	2 OZ SPA SHOCK OXY-SHOCK (EA) 160/CS	3920***	0.96	\$0.50
84-965-1446	1# PH INCREASER 12/CS	96***	1.67	\$1.00
84-965-1448	PH DECREASER 1# 24/CS	192***	1.46	\$1.00
84-965-1450	X-TRA BLUE CLARIFIER 1PT 24/CS	336***	2.60	\$1.00
84-965-1572	1 PT DEFOAMER 12/CS	16	3.99	\$3.90
84-965-1598	1# LITHIUM SHOCK SUN BURN 35 (EA) 24/CS	192	4.14	\$3.85
84-965-1698	1 PT POLI-GLOSS 12/CS	216*	3.41	\$1.00
84-965-1710	PH INCREASER 2# 12/CS	23*	2.48	\$2.34
84-965-3320	20.125# SUN 3" TABLETS	21**	45.00	\$42.37
84-965-3350	50# SUN 3" TABLETS (WRAPPED)	44	100.30	\$93.89
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84-965-8006	6# CONDITIONER (STABILIZER) 4/CS	183**	10.54	\$9.99
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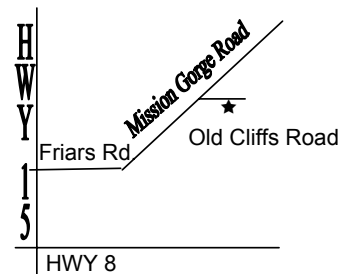
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80-192-0145	POLARIS 170 RAPTOR SUCTION CLEANER	62	\$190.00	\$145.00
80-192-1350	POLARIS 140/150 SUCTION CLEANER	17	\$275.83	\$135.00
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84-980-0112	EXTREME CLEAN POWDER, 12 OZ.	2230	\$6.65	\$3.00
84-980-0124	EXTREME CLEAN POWDER, 24 OZ.	586	\$12.00	\$6.00
90-123-2076	FUNSHINE NEPTUNE CHILD SWIM MASK	24	\$4.25	\$1.88
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SPEC GETS OK FOR UNLICENSED PENALTY BILL RETRY Assemblyman Mike Eng (D-Monterey Park) has approved SPEC's request that he reintroduce legislation this year to significantly increase criminal penalties for persons convicted of contracting without state licenses. It is expected that Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo will again co-sponsor the measure. Also supporting the bill will be the Contractors State License Board (CSLB). The measure, AB 2412, passed both Houses of the Legislature last year and received only one "no" vote in the long process. However, despite signaling early on that he would sign the measure, Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed it, along with 130 others, to "punish" the Legislature for not passing a state budget.

SPEC's CEO Don Burns and General Counsel Peter Conlin will meet tomorrow with Assemblyman Eng's legislative staff to re-draft the measure for quick introduction. "We are asking that the bill have an Urgency Clause," Burns said today. "While such measures require a 2/3rds vote of both Houses," he noted, "they go into effect as soon as signed by the Governor rather than on the following January 1st. The only reason the law is not in effect today is because of unrelated budget games. We anticipate no opposition in the Legislature, so we will push hard and fast for much needed penalty hikes for criminal contractors."

As with last year's proposal, this year's bill will increase the maximum potential fine for first time offenders from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and/or up to six months imprisonment. Second violators will face maximum fines of the greater of 20% of the price of the contract, 20% of the aggregate payments made to the unlicensed contractors or \$5,000, whichever is greater. A second offender could also be jailed for no less than 90 days. Third and subsequent convictions will be punishable by both a fine and imprisonment. Fines will be no less than \$5,000 and no greater than \$10,000, 20% of the contract price or 20% of the aggregate payments made to the unlicensed contractor, whichever is greater. Residency in the county jail will be available for not less than 90 days or more than one year. The bill will also require the court to order the unlicensed contractor to make restitution to all persons who made payments to the individual.

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS SAY TAX INCREASES ARE ON THE TABLE Last week Republican leaders in the Legislature said that they were open to possible tax increases in order to break the crippling budget impasse facing California. After a year of refusing to consider any possible revenue increases, the announcement last week may signal a breakthrough in budget negotiations between Republicans, Democrats and the Governor. One tax area of great importance to SPEC members is the possibility of imposing a sales tax on services. Pool service companies would immediately feel the impact. Should a sales tax be applied to accounting, legal services, and the like, every business would be forced to increase prices accordingly. SPEC has opposed such proposals in the past and will be in the forefront of opponents as budget negotiations proceed. Small businesses obviously are the most vulnerable to negative impacts of cost increases, especially in the present economy.

OWNER-BUILDER PERMIT APPLICANTS MUST SIGN WARNING DOCUMENTS With the enactment last year of SPEC-supported legislation, all applicants for owner-builder building permits must today sign several documents under penalty of perjury that they will not hire unlicensed "consultants" to manage their home improvement projects. They must also read and sign off on a multi-page form warning them of the serious legal liabilities they face when acting as their own swimming pool or other home improvement contractor. The individual claiming an owner-builder exemption for a building permit must make the application in person. No more can "consultants" obtain such permits.

The California Building Officials' association (CALBO) has provided each local building department in the state of a set of model forms that meet the state's new law. If SPEC members would like to have a copy of the newly required owner-builder permit application forms, just send us an e-mail request (spec@calspec.org).

VGB ACT CAUSING MAJOR CONFUSION FOR PUBLIC POOL OPERATORS There arguably has never been a legislative measure enacted in this country that has caused more chaos than the Virginia Graeme Baker Act passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in 2007 which went into effect this past December 19th. With enforcement assigned to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) there are still applicability questions unanswered by that agency. The Act provides that every public swimming pool and spa shall be equipped with dual main drains with approved drain covers. If not, to then public pools nation-wide are required to have other specified substitute systems designed to prevent entrapment. It is doubtful that anyone in this industry is unaware of the VGB Act and its conflicts, confusions and costs. A great many hotels, apartment complexes, swim clubs, YMCA facilities, etc., etc. have already closed down. Without state legislation take over enforcement responsibilities, there is no enforcement system in California and many other states. Of course, if there should be an entrapment in a non-compliant public pool, enforcement would certainly appear right behind the ambulance. So rather than run such a risk, pools are closing. Los Angeles County's Environmental Health Director, with no enforcement authority, has issued an order for all 17,000 public pools under his jurisdiction to empty their pools and wait for the year or so it could take for county inspectors to check them all out. Considering that California is in a drought that is likely to produce pool and spa restrictions later this year, L.A. County has reportedly pulled back from its water-wasting campaign of emptying public pools. Nevertheless it marches ahead without benefit of clergy, attempting to enforce the unenforceable. The federal act does not impose any mandates on residential pools.

However, there is a good source of information on the VGB Act, at least until the CPSC comes up with something new. Athletic Business produced a "Webinar" two weeks ago with Scott Wolfson, Deputy Director of Public Affairs, CPSC, and Shawn DeRosa, attorney with DeRosa Aquatic Consulting. This 60 minute audio presentation can be heard on your computer. If you or your customers have concerns with this act just go to the Internet and enter: www.athleticbusiness.com/webinars. Scroll to the second offering, and click on this "Webinar" after turning up your speakers.

REPAIR CONTRACTORS LICENSED TO SPLIT MAIN DRAINS Questions have arisen regarding the licenses required for splitting public pool single main drains to satisfy the dual main drain provisions in the VHB Act. After discussions with CSLB's top officials, SPEC has been informed that contractors with C53 and C61D35 licenses are licensed to change a single main drain to a dual drain system where the single is retrofitted with two drains separated by three feet, hydraulically balanced and fitted with compliant covers.

MOTOR REPLACEMENTS MUST COMPLY WITH STATE'S TITLE 20 California's Energy Commission last month adopted new energy efficiency standards for pool and spa pumps and motors. The Title 20, California Code of Regulations, changes followed some 10 months of public comments and recommendations. The more significant changes will affect sale of pool pumps and motors. Filtration pumps now sold in California must have the capacity of operating at two or more speeds. The earlier regulation failed to specify whether this requirement included replacement motors within its scope. The new language clearly includes replacement motors. The provision also defines capacity as total horsepower (the product nameplate hp and service factor). These changes will go into effect January 1, 2010.

Still to be clarified by the Commission is a definition of capacity as total horsepower in the current language. Any clarification would be effective immediately and require new 3/4hp pumps, which generally have a 1.25 total hp, to be sold as two-, multi- or variable-speed for filtration applications.

Come support the American Red Cross and help us make San Diego America's Most Prepared Community!

More than 2,100 people received free training at last year's CPR Saturday

What: Our 18th Annual CPR Saturday - Free Adult CPR certification for participants who successfully complete the training also featuring a Children's Learning Area (ages 5 to 11).

When: Saturday, March 14, 2009. Sessions begin at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your desired session start time.

Where: Golden Hall at the San Diego Concourse, 202 C Street at B Street and 3rd Avenue

There is no advance registration required for this event! Simply come to the class you intend to take and registration will take place then (arriving half an hour early is strongly recommended).

This year's CPR Saturday program:

- Free Adult CPR training/certification: all ages
- An American Red Cross blood drive
- Wear comfortable clothing
- Children ages 5-11 can participate in the Children's Area while their parents are being trained. Otherwise, childcare is not provided.
- No cost for training, but donations are accepted
- Blood Drive on-site
- Check in at least 30 minutes prior to session
- Each session is about 3-1/2 hours long
- Easily accessible by transit (Bus Stop: Broadway at 3rd Street Civic Center Trolley Station)
- Limited reduced rate parking available
- More information at www.sdarc.org (Programs and Services link, then CPR Saturday).

Serene+ The Noise Isolation Device for Swimming Pool Pumps

Cost-effective, easy-to-assemble, noise isolation devices for swimming pool pumps to resolve the common, 75% - 90% sound reduction. Now Available Wholesale
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Serene+, to market. Our mission is to provide cost-effective, easy-to-assemble, noise isolation devices for swimming pool pumps to resolve the common, high-frequency noise produced by impeller cavitations.

To the IPSSA San Diego Members,

I would like to thank those of you that already purchase from PEP and would like to extend an open invitation to all of your members to give us a try in 2009. PEP has two locations in San Diego County to help serve your needs: one is located in El Cajon and the other in Vista. We at PEP pride ourselves on excellent customer service with competitive pricing. We also offer our Choice Rewards Program to anyone that purchases from PEP. What does our Choice Rewards Program have to offer, well let me take a few minutes to explain. The first thing needed to participate in our program is to have an account and make purchases from PEP, second take a few minutes to enroll online @ www.pool electrical.com. It takes only a few minutes and doesn't cost you anything extra, that's right it's FREE! In a nut shell for every dollar you spend with PEP you will get a point and points add up faster than most people realize because during the year PEP will offer double points on selected items and special promotions which earn even more points. These points are redeemable online through our CRP (Choice Rewards Program) web site at more than 350 different merchandisers! But wait that's not all we also have an Association Partnering Program which gives you the opportunity to "DOUBLE" your points. That's right I said DOUBLE your points, in order to do this all you have to do is have your chapter participate in our program. This entails giving us a list of your members and PEP will monitor the rest. The way to "DOUBLE" your points is that as a chapter you will be assigned an obtainable goal and after that chapter goal is hit, everyone's individual points are doubled! It also entitles the chapter to a special "kick-off" buying event at our branch. We need to just set a specific date and PEP will provide food, extended hours and extra discounts to your chapter during the special event! The discounts include 10% on parts, 5% on chemicals & cleaning equipment and 2% off all major equipment and yes all purchases made that night count towards the chapter goal and individual points! You can also earn 500 "free" points with our Bounty Program by referring a fellow chapter member to set up an account with PEP. Once the "new" customer makes his first purchase both members will get 500 "Bounty



Pool Association Partner Program

2009 PEP Choice Rewards



Independent Pool & Spa Service Association, Inc.



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Choice Rewards*: Participants earn Program points simply by purchasing product from PEP. The standard Program is one dollar spent earns one Choice Rewards point. Points are never lost; if your goal is not met, your Points rollover to the next year. You redeem points for anything you desire. Over 350 retailers participate: Best-Buy, Olive Garden, Target, L.L. Bean, Royal Caribbean Cruises, etc.

Participation: Each member of the association who wishes to participate with the PEP Choice Rewards Program must sign up individually to be a member of the Choice Rewards Program; you are not automatically enrolled.



Doubling Choice Rewards: PEP offers to your pool association an “honorary membership” in the PEP Choice Rewards Program. This “membership” allows all association member purchases to be combined to potentially double your personal Choice Rewards Points. After your Association joins the Program, and meets the assigned purchase qualification, your Rewards Points will be doubled. All purchases from January 1, 2009, will be doubled!



Qualification: The association is assigned a purchase goal for 2009. The goal is calculated by adding together all member PEP purchases for 2008 and adding 10%; if this amount is less than \$200,000 then the goal is \$200,000. If the 2008 combined purchases are greater than \$200,000 the 2009 goal is 2008 purchases plus 10%. After 2009 purchases reach the assigned goal all the members Choice Rewards Points are doubled. Doubling is for all purchases in 2009. New goals are assigned each year.



Association Bonus: Once per year PEP will sponsor an association meeting; PEP will provide food, beverage, and a place to meet. At that meeting PEP will allow extra discounts on service related items:

- Parts: 10%
- Chemicals & Whole Goods: 5%
- Major Equipment: 2%



All purchases at this meeting count towards both the association goal, and your personal goal.

*Visit PoolElectrical.com to view PEP Choice Rewards Program Official Rules

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Bring In Your Buddy To Any
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Earn 500 Choice Rewards Points

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This Offer Is For New Customers Only.

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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. Give/mail to Education Committee Chairs – Stephen Heyer 4434 34th St San Diego, CA 92116-3389 or Brian Davis 8070 La Jolla Shores Dr. #421 La Jolla, CA 92037

San Diego Chapter Financial Report – Jan 1-31, 2009

	General	Education	Expense Description	General	Education
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	3,134.31	11,754.61	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		10,833.38	Bank charges	10.00	
Total	3,134.31	22,587.99	Continuing Education		1,892.50
Combined total	25,722.30		SPEC	200.00	
Cash Receipts			Awards (Plaques)	53.12	
Dues collected by IPSSA	2037.00		Door prizes Raffle	25.00	
Newsletter Advertisement			Newsletter	385.85	
Chapter Supporters			Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Member payment			Meeting expense:		
Interest earned		10.51	- General meeting	471.70	
Rebate Program			-		
CD Interest			- Chapter Board	458.54	
Water Chemistry book sales			- Regional Dues	336.00	
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- PO Box annual rent	58.00	
Fines: -			Office expense: Printing/Copies		
			Phone	18.68	
			Postage & Copies	84.00	
			Mileage	47.74	
New Member					
Skimmer inserts			- Sick Leave		
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast	34.48	
Directory sales			Total Expenses in Month	2,073.11	1,892.50
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	2,898.20	9,862.58
Total Income in Month	2,037.00	10.51	CD & Savings		10,843.42
			Total	2,898.20	20,707.00
			Combined Total	23,605.20	



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 February 2009 General Meeting
Must place your coupon in the drawing.
Must be present to win!



SCP San Diego
5648 Copley Dr
858-467-9495

Monthly drawing
\$50 Shell Gas Card
Bring your Skimmer
to the February 2009 General Meeting
Must place your coupon in the drawing.
Must be present to win!

BLUE CARD - SAN DIEGO IPSSA (Fill form completely) Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____ H.Phone:() _____

H. Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Company Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

B. Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

B.Phone:() _____ Pager:() _____ Cellular:() _____

CIRCLE ZIP CODES THAT YOU SERVICE (Mail cards to Chapter PO Box or give to Paul Grimes)

<u>NORTH CITY</u>	<u>METRO NORTH</u>	<u>METRO SOUTH</u>	<u>SOUTH BAY</u>	<u>EASTCOUNTY</u>
92007 - Cardiff	92037 - La Jolla	92101 - Downtown	91902 - Bonita	91901 - Alpine
92014 - Del Mar	92108 - Mission Valley	92102 - Golden Hill	91910 - Chula Vista	91935 - Jamul
92024 - Encinitas	92109 - Pacific Beach	92103 - Hilerst/MsnHl	91911 - Chula Vista	91941 - La Mesa
92064 - Poway	92111 - Clairemont	92104 - North Park	91913 - Chula Vista	91942 - La Mesa
92067 - Rancho S Fe	92117 - Clairemont	92105 - City Heights	91914 - Eastlake	91945 - Lemon Grove
92075 - Solana Beach	92119 - San Carlos	92106 - Pt. Loma	91915 - Eastlake	91977 - Spring Valley
92091 - Morgan Run	92120 - Grantville	92107 - Ocean Bch/PL	91932 - Imperial Bch	91978 - Rancho SD
92121 - Sorrento Valey	92122 - Univ. City	92110 - Midway/O.T.	91950 - National City	92019 - El Cajon
92126 - Mira Mesa	92123 - Mission Village	92113 - Logan Heights	92118 - Coronado	92020 - El Cajon
92127 - Rancho Berndo	92124 - Tierrasanta	92114 - Encanto	92154 - Otay Mesa	92021 - El Cajon
92128 - Rancho Berndo		92115 - Rolando	92173 - San Ysidro	92040 - Lakeside
92129 - Penasquitos		92116 - Normal Hgts		92071 - Santee
92130 - Carmel Valley		92139 - Paradise Hills		
92131 - Scripps Ranch	poolservicepros.com listings are by your Zip codes.		DO NOT list me for referrals on www.poolservicepros.com	

I, the undersigned, waive any and all claims against IPSSA, Inc, IPSSA Management Company, IPSSA Chapters and/or its individual members, arising out of my participation in the IPSSA Sick Leave Program, including, but not limited to claims for lost income resulting from improper maintenance performed by IPSSA members. I have read and understand the standing rules for the Sick Leave Program and agree to participate in that program.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED _____ DATE _____

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**Next General Meeting
February 18, 2009 – 7 p.m.
Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle South
Mission Valley, south of I-8
1/4 mile west of SR 163**

