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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2009

President's Message

May is Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Month. For those of us in the pool industry, every month is DPWS month. Please take the time to inspect the condition and function of child safety barriers. Such as automatic covers, safety fences, self closing gates, safety nets, alarms, perimeter fencing, etc. Speak to your clients about the importance of supervision as the swimming season approaches. Hand out water watcher tags to the appropriate households. Spread the word that I.P.S.S.A. members are concerned with child safety and that as a professional organization we work hard on preventing avoidable deaths and injuries.

The San Diego chapter's education fund was increased by approximately twelve thousand dollars this year, thanks to the efforts of Jon McArthur and the cooperation of the membership. It was suggested by the Education Committee and agreed upon by the chapter board to provide the entire membership with a one year subscription to the Service Industry News. The cost for the subscription will be funded by the Education Fund. The Education Committee will also fund product testing of the new tile cleaning solution known as SR3. The committee will determine if the product lives up to the hype of the video being shown at various wholesalers and the claims of the representative who attended the recent trade show held at San Diego Superior. In addition, the committee will obtain cyanuric acid samples and have them tested by an independent lab to determine which brands contain filler and which brands are worth purchasing.

A CPR class will be taught by Mark McFann on Saturday May 16th. The 9:00 A.M. class has twenty members already confirmed for participation. It is being held at the College Avenue Baptist Church located at 4747 College Avenue. A second class will be taught at the same time and location on Saturday June 20th. Contact Jim Bradbury for information.

The general membership meeting in August will be the annual dinner meeting.

Sick Leave Coverage To Begin Again

The chapter is being given the task of providing sick leave coverage for a member's pool accounts. The coverage is to begin Monday, May 18th. The servicing members who have been assigned a pool to service are reminded to go above and beyond the norm in providing top quality service. This is the spirit of sick leave coverage. Stay in communication with the sick member, the sick leave chairmen, or the board members with any concerns you may have with the pool account that has been assigned to you. Be sure to pick up the yellow card by May 15th to avoid a fine. And when you are notified that the coverage is terminated, be sure to turn in the yellow card, properly filled out, within five days to avoid a fine. The program is unique, no other industry has this kind of system in place. It is an invaluable asset to have. Fellow members, who could be considered competitors, are coming together to help out a fellow business owner keep his or her sole source of income from disappearing, and returning said business to the member in great condition. What a wonderful thing. All of you who have been assigned a pool to service are urged to do your best.

It is a way for the chapter to take a break during the busy summer season and provide a nice evening with a good meal for the members and the chapter supporters. This year it will be held at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse. BBQ Tri Tip, BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Dinner Rolls, and Ice Cream Sandwiches will be served. A no-host bar will be available along with a beautiful view from the outdoor patio. This enjoyable social evening counts as a general meeting with regard to quarterly attendance requirements. Rumor has it that the meeting will be worth four continuing education points.

May's general meeting will feature two guest speakers. Tracy Thornburg and Mike Rice are scheduled for presentations to the membership. We hope to see a good turnout.

Cheers. Mark.

Region 7 Table Top Show Review – Looks to 20th Anniversary in 2010

By John Silcox, Secretary

On April 27th., members of the Region 7 Table Top Show committee met to review the 2009 show and make plans for the 2010 show. Members of the committee include Jon McArthur, Bob Fowler, Ray Duchene, Al Daugherty, Peat Burke, Paul Grimes and John Silcox. Region 7 Director Chuck Gowd also attended.

The committee decided to use some of the proceeds from the raffle held at this years show for the following:

- \$ 5,000 to On Balance for continuing their research into water chemistry and its effect on pool plaster
- \$ 1,200 to HomeFront San Diego, an organization that provides help to military families in need
- up to \$ 800 to Peat Burke for acquire, maintain and transport the pool antiques collection, which is the largest in the nation

The 2010 edition of the Region 7 Table Top Show, the 20th anniversary of the show, will take place at the Four Points Sheraton on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Seminars already scheduled include Business Management by David Hawes and Water Chemistry by John Pultz. All members are encouraged to provide suggestions to the committee for other seminars. It is planned that 20th Anniversary T-shirts will be given to all show attendees next year.

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Sachs Family Experiences Close Call

Kenan Sachs, owner of American Leak Detection, and his pregnant wife Susan had the scare of their lives last month. Their two year old son, Aaron, endured a seizure Saturday evening April 18th at their home. With no idea why it was happening, they rushed Aaron to the hospital, where doctors had to induce a coma to stop the seizure. Aaron remained in a coma for over four days while the medical staff searched for the cause of the seizure. Eventually it was determined that Aaron had a viral infection in his inner ear that was a potential threat to his brain. Once Aaron was brought out of the coma, he remained in intensive care for several more days. When he was finally released from the hospital and sent home he was heavily medicated and needed constant care and monitoring. More testing will be done in the near future to determine if there is any residual brain damage from the trauma.

Keep the Sachs family in your thoughts and prayers. And if you have had difficulty reaching Kenan during the past month please be empathetic to his situation. This is an obvious example of the importance of family over business. During this difficult time Kenan was understandably unavailable and focused solely on the welfare of his son and his pregnant wife. American Leak Detection was the last thing on his mind. Now that things have settled down and Aaron is doing better, Kenan is getting caught up with the business side of his life. He appreciates your patience and understanding.



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General Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2009

Call to Order 7:10 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Gregg

Treasurers's report James Morketter (Jim Bauer was absent) – We're in good shape financially. See financial details included in the Skimmer.

Secretary's report: James Morketter - Board meeting minutes were approved.

Vice President's report: Phil Gardiner - Prospective members were called to the front of the room. Present included: Shawn Adkins, Mark Middendorf, and Dustin Wendt.

A vote was taken on Shawn Adkin's membership. He was voted in as a new member.

Perry Mediate gave a brief talk regarding our sick leave rules. He reminded us all that it is mandatory to inform the sick leave committee of any impending vacation dates you plan on taking.

Chapter supporters current and potential were called to the front of the room. Present included: Matt Castillo - SCP San Diego Regina Rackowski –

Nelsonite Pool Coatings
Justin Robinett - Leak Terminators
Michelle Howard –

Equity Through Energy
Don Wall - The Pool Doctor
John Moss - Poolsafe
Peter Gozdeck - 3 Step Billing
Mary-Ann Downing –

Pool Safety Solutions
Derek Meere - Kid Safe Pools
Lori Bloom - Suntrek Solar
Brandon Chase - Sunchaser Solar
Derek Dalto - Sales Link
Jeff - PS2000

Jon McArthur presented a check from Raypak for \$3870 for our education fund. Jon announced that all of the Pentar filters we had for sale at a reduced rate have been sold.

Stephen Heyer reminded us to be sure and keep abreast of education opportunities via Pool and Spa News, and Service Industry news.

Michelle Howard and Adrian Donnelly of Equity Through Energy

gave a brief presentation.

John Moss of Poolsafe gave a brief presentation

Brandon Chase of Sunchaser Solar gave a brief presentation
Raffle:

There was no winner for the \$50. It will rollover to the May general meeting.

\$25 - Nelson Groff

50# tabs - Greg Coon

\$50 gas card - Rick Rowe

Padre Tickets - Jim Holmes

Meeting adjourned - 8:00 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2009

Mark Curran

James Morketter

Phil Gardiner

Jim Bauer

Mike Gregg - Paul Grimes

Stephen Heyer - Bill Peck

Greeters: Mark suggested we should expand the greeter's responsibilities. This should include watching out for members who sign in and leave immediately, or who sign in as a proxy for others. Mike Gregg will coordinate these new responsibilities with the greeters.

Product testing: Bill Peck will be sending samples of various brands of Cyanuric Acid to a testing lab to determine the purity of each.

Stephen Heyer suggested that a decision should be made regarding what to do with equipment after the product testing committee has finished with it. A brief discussion followed.

We discussed ideas for an appreciation gift for Jon McArthur due to his work toward expanding our education fund.

A vote was taken on the following subject- Should the chapter use current funds to purchase a one-year subscription to Service Industry News for all members?

The vote was a unanimous YES. We will be providing all members with a one-year subscription.

Education re-imbusement checks: Any member who is due a check for education reimbursement will be notified prior to the next general meeting. Those members who are due checks MUST

ATTEND THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THEIR CHECK. In addition, all documentation for education re-imbusement must be completed in full and received by the Continuing Ed. Committee before the Board Meeting date of a particular month in order for a check to be issued at that month's general meeting.

The product testing committee will be evaluating SR3 calcium remover.

Howard Guerrant will be going out on sick leave effective May 18, 2009. Yellow cards will be available for pick-up beginning May 11, 2009 at San Diego Superior.

All fines due the chapter from members have been paid in full.

A.J. Wilson and Janice Dunn are currently working on getting a Summer Picnic together.

A discussion about the reasons why prospective members do not follow through on membership requirements was held.

Mark Curran presented menu options for our August dinner meeting.

Mike Gregg offered suggestions for helping to improve the general meetings.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM.

Calendar

5/20 General Meeting 7pm

Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle North

5/23, Blood Drive 8 am

Antique Row Café,
Lemon Grove
3521 Lemon Grove Av

6/3 Chapter Board 7 pm

Kensington Grill

6/24 R7 Board Meeting 7 pm

SCP Conference Room
5648 Copley Dr 858-467-9495

8/1 BORD, Rgn 2 Westin San Diego

Future Board Meetings:

6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2

Future General Meetings:

6/17, 7/15, 8/19 Dinner, 9/16,
10/21 Mandatory, 11/18

Future R7 Board Meetings:

(All 7pm SCP): 6/24, 9/23, 12/16

MAY IS NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH

This is an opportunity for us to share important water safety information with our customers. Here are a few things we can do:

- Send a Water Watcher tag and water safety brochure to our customers. (50 free tags & brochures are available from the IPSSA executive office)
- Conduct a safety inspection of our customer's pools and/or spas with specific attention to gates that don't close and latch automatically, missing or loose drain or wall vacuum covers and unlocked spa covers
- Include a "safety reminder" in our billing with reference to web sites that contain additional information such as www.waterwatcher.org, www.usa.safekids.org, and www.apsp.org.

Remember, in most cases, we know more about the pool and spa than our customer does. They depend on us to help keep them safe. This is an opportunity for us to help prevent accidents and remind our customers that they are receiving professional service.

Chapter Supporter Mary Ann Downing

Pool Safety Solutions and Katchakid Sales Executive provides the following information on drowning

May is Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Month, thanks to IPSSA's John Silcox, Javier Payan, Phil Gardner and Gabe for attending April Pools Day Events.

May 17th is Splash for Cash at the Aqua Pros swim school at 4635 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. join the fun with a pancake breakfast and swim event that raises cash for swim lessons for Children with Autism.

May 30th-Saturday 9-11am, meet Bob Lyons, inventor of Safety Turtle Personal Immersion Alarm and Gate/Door Alarm at Pacific Paradise Pool & Spa Store, Cass St. in Pacific Beach. Call Brian at 858.361.9303.

The CDC released the 2006 stats recently, not exactly good news on the drowning deaths...California is the highest in the country, but the numbers are down below the highs in 2005.

CA Drowning Deaths									
Age in Years	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
0	8	9	11	6	4	6	5	4	
Age 1	36	26	33	22	20	26	40	16	
Age 2	24	20	24	17	22	15	26	27	
3	5	16	4	14	9	9	9	11	
4	6	9	7	7	1	7	6	8	
.Annual Total	79	80	79	66	56	63	86	66	509

EDUCATION CORNER, by Stephen Heyer

Just before the 'summer season' is about to start and the pace picks up, take a moment and think long term. Right after the summer ends a slight bit of apprehension may intrude when thinking about the dreaded "10 points". The Ed. Comm. would like to help by trying to alert the members to educational opportunities when we learn about them. You can help as well by letting Brian Davis, Bill Peck or Stephen Heyer know about them enough ahead of time and we can put the info. in the Skimmer. In the meantime we will do our best to get you as much information as we can so you can take advantage of any seminars that come our way.

In the area of product testing, we have one product we are set to begin testing by the time you read this. A scale remover. More on this as it happens. Another test in the planning stages is the testing by a lab of various chemicals used in the business. If any members have a suggestion or two for products to test, you could benefit by getting that particular item at a discount. Talk to any of the Education Committee members for a more detailed account.

See you at the Chapter Meeting!

Mark Your Calendars for Our New August Dinner (General) Meeting

Admiral Baker Club – August 19, 2009 – Great Menu – More info to Come!



Region 7 Review

A monthly publication for the members of IPSSA, Inc. – Region 7

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Director's Notes

I would like to congratulate all Region 7 chapters for having their 1st quarter financial reports into the Financial Office on a timely basis. Not all regions did as well.

Report from May IPSSA BORD meeting:

The next IPSSA BORD meeting will be held at the Westin San Diego on August 1. I would like to see a good turnout of members for this meeting. Come and see what the BORD does to improve the benefits of IPSSA membership and deal with the various issues we all face in the pursuit of our business.

Many of you have known **Don Burns** of SPEC for many years and may know that he is retiring this summer. What had originally been planned as a surprise party is now an open party to celebrate his retirement. It is planned for July 11 in Huntington Beach. The cost will be \$60 per person, which will include a contribution towards a gift for Don. More details will be forthcoming in The IPSSAN as they become available.

An accidental death and dismemberment (an additional \$50,000) add to your life insurance policy will be available for the extra cost of \$3.40 per month. It will, however, have to have 100% participation of your chapter in order for it to become effective.

There is frequently grumbling about the cost and necessity of having a contractor's license to clean pools. Well, guys, you have it easy. In Florida the estimated cost for a county license to clean pools is \$2,800 for books and class time. In some counties it costs \$50 to take the test, and if you clean in 2 counties, you need 2 licenses. If you are going to take a tool onto the site, you need a CPC, which is a state contractor's license, of which there are three: Service and Repair, Residential Construction, and Commercial Construction. The cost to take classes is between \$1,500 and \$2,500, and you need to have 4 years experience, college with experience, and/or 1 year experience and a 60- hour class program (add \$2,400 if you go this route). And remember, IPSSA members are required to comply with all laws and regulations in their jurisdiction. We just don't know how lucky we are!

You should all be aware that claims for accidents caused by undeclared employee members will be denied. This recently happened and cost the IPSSA member mucho dinero.

Stamp prices to go up 2 cents in May

~ By Associated Press

WASHINGTON ---- The price of a first-class stamp will rise to 44 cents May 11.

That gives plenty of time to stock up on Forever Stamps, which will continue to sell at the current 42-cent rate until the

increase occurs. They will remain valid in the future regardless of rate hikes.

... The price for each additional ounce will remain unchanged at 17-cents.

... Other changes taking effect May 11:

- Postcard stamp increases to 28 cents.
- The first ounce of a large envelope increases 5 cents to 88 cents.
- The first ounce of a parcel increases 5 cents to \$1.22.
- New international postcard and letter prices are, for one ounce, 75 cents to Canada; 79 cents to Mexico; and 98 cents elsewhere.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

<http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2009/02/10/business/z9536b0cd0b06cde18825755a0002cc26.txt>

Calculate postage: <http://www.usps.com>

Calendar of Events

- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., June 24, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.
- **Don Burns (SPEC) Retirement Party**, Sat., July 11, Huntington Beach, \$60. Details to follow in The IPSSAN.
- **B.O.R.D.**, Sat., Aug. 1, Westin San Diego.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.
- **Pool Industry Expo**, Oct. 1-3, Monterey Convention Center; Monterey, California, www.poolindustryexpo.com.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 16 (a week early), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.

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New Product Announcement
IntelliComm® II Adapter

May 7, 2009



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H1N1 (Swine Flu) and Swimming Pools

What is it?

Swine Flu, or more correctly called H1N1, is a strain of influenza virus which causes respiratory disease in humans. Government officials would like the public to call it H1N1 because calling it "swine flu" suggests a problem with pork products. No U.S. pigs have been affected. Human-to-human transmission of H1N1 virus can occur. This is thought to occur in the same way as seasonal flu occurs in people, which is mainly person-to-person transmission through coughing or sneezing of people infected with the influenza virus. People may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

What can I do to stay healthy?

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

What actions should pool operators take at their aquatic facility?

Currently there is no evidence suggesting inactivating the H1N1 virus would be different than other flu viruses. Therefore, continuing to maintain the pool water within the recommended levels for pH and disinfectants should inactivate the viruses. Vomit incidences should be treated the same as always, follow guidelines on the attachment.

<http://www.nspf.org/Documents/cdarticles/cdcbloodandvomit.pdf>

Viruses are transmitted in areas outside of pool water and other surfaces such as restrooms, door handles, and chairs. Follow CDC recommendations of 10% bleach solution to wipe these and other features down.

This service is provided to you at no charge by [County of San Diego](#).

Acid spill forces hundreds from Denver hospital, school

Nearly 500 people -- including students with serious breathing problems -- were evacuated from a Denver, Colorado, hospital and an affiliated school to escape the fumes from a hydrochloric acid spill, according to fire and school officials. Of those evacuated, at least 35 adults and children were taken to other hospitals to be treated for respiratory irritation, said Lt. Phil Champagne of the Denver Fire Department.

The spill happened at an indoor pool of the Kunsberg School, a learning facility for children with breathing problems who cannot attend a regular school, according to school spokesman William Allstetter.

The Kunsberg School, which teaches kindergarten through eighth grade, is affiliated with the adjacent National Jewish Health, a medical facility that specializes in treating patients with breathing disorders.

A pool worker reported two 15-gallon drums of hydrochloric acid spilled into the pool during routine maintenance early Monday, according to Champagne. The acid came into contact with bleach, and the interaction created hazardous fumes that spread throughout the campus through a series of interconnected tunnels.

None of the 35 injuries are considered life-threatening. The workers closest to the spill reportedly suffered the worst irritation, according to the fire department spokesman.

The Kunsberg School is in a building separate from the hospital, but the two facilities are connected through the tunnels, Allstetter said. He said an estimated 400 staff members and 92 children were evacuated as a precaution. Students were taken to the Denver Fire Department headquarters where their parents could pick them up, Champagne said.

Classes are expected to resume on Tuesday, according to Allstetter. Fire officials believe the ventilation system and underground tunnels connecting the campus buildings contributed to the fast spread of the irritant.

ON WINE: Clos du Val sets standard for cab

By Robert Whitley, May 13, 2009

Of all the characteristics aficionados revere in fine wine, consistency over multiple vintages is at the top of the list. This is what inspires Bordeaux collectors, for example, to purchase wine from the same chateau year after year despite the vagaries of nature.

A handful of California producers enjoy similar loyalty, largely because they have performed at a high level over an extended period without succumbing to the fads of the day, which often leave a winery hopelessly out of touch when the pendulum swings in the other direction.

Clos du Val, situated along the Silverado Trail in the Napa Valley's Stag's Leap District, was instantly at the forefront of American wine when Frenchman John Goelet hired another Frenchman, Bernard Portet, to establish a foothold in California in 1970.

Their first wine was a 1972 cabernet sauvignon. Old-timers will remember that a Clos du Val cabernet was among the contestants at the original "Judgment of Paris," the famous tasting in which California wines triumphed over pedigreed French wines in a blind tasting before a panel of French experts.

The Clos du Val cab didn't win the first time around, but on the 10th anniversary of the 1976 tasting, it prevailed in a rematch of the original Paris tasting. All the more remarkable is the string of successful vintages over three decades.

Goelet and Portet have been joined at the hip since that first California vintage, with Portet overseeing Goelet's global wine portfolio. The day-to-day operations have been handled these past 10 years by winemaker John Clews. Unless you had signed up for the winery newsletter long ago, you

most likely wouldn't know anything had changed.

Clos du Val cabernet today is the same elegant Napa Valley cab that it was in the heyday of Portet. This is consistency in the face of a clamor for ever more robust, jammy, powerful Napa Valley cabernets. To hear Clews tell it, the Clos du Val team never blinked.

A native of Rhodesia who fell in love with wine while going to college in Cape Town, South Africa, Clews developed a European sensibility in his taste for wine. And despite the fact that he took his enology training at the University of California Davis, Clews never bought into the "fruit bomb" mentality after the fashion of cult winemakers such as Helen Turley.

"With cabs I love the cooler growing region where you can actually get (the taste of) herbs," Clews said as I joined him for a tasting on a recent visit to the Napa Valley. "That's the beauty of bordeaux. The wines are not particularly powerful, but they are elegant. They have good balance and you can age them."

After we had conversed for a few minutes, it was easy to see that in Clews, Clos du Val found continuity of style, a man who would continue to eschew grapes ripened into raisins and the sweet, high-alcohol wines for which the Napa Valley is now infamous. Clews scoffs at the conventional wisdom that drives current taste.

"You don't need a particularly good vineyard to get grapes ripe and make alcohol," he correctly notes. "You could go to Lodi and do that."

What Clews sees as his mission as a winemaker is to strike the perfect balance between acid, alcohol and fruit, crafting wines that exhibit complexity of aroma and texture with exquisite balance. Those were the themes Bernard Portet struck with the first vintage of Clos du Val in

1972, and they are just as valid today.

For others in the wine industry it is a track record to envy. For those who simply enjoy a good wine and don't want to think too hard about it, Clos du Val is a wine to buy. You will never have to wonder whether a Clos du Val is any good. It is, and for a very long time.

Tasting Notes

Wines are rated on a 100-point scale.

■**Clos du Val 2007 Chardonnay, Carneros (\$24):** The Carneros vineyards are the backbone of Clos du Val's chardonnay program. This complex wine delivers fresh acidity and minerality, with aromas of honey, citrus and passion fruit. Lingering in the background is a hint of brioche.

Rating: 91

■**Clos du Val 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$32):** The basic Clos du Val cabernet is beautifully balanced, with aromas of red fruit and dried herbs, and a long finish. This is an elegant Napa cab very much in the understated Bordeaux style.

Rating: 89

■**Clos du Val 2007 Pinot Noir, Carneros (\$30):** Well-balanced and earthy, with a subtle leafy character, this is a California pinot noir that is completely French in style. Generous fruit aromas of raspberry and strawberry abound.

Rating: 89

ON WINE: The price is right for award-winning whites

By Robert Whitley, April 15, 2009

Most wine enthusiasts would agree there's almost nothing better in the wine experience than uncorking a great bottle at an unbelievable price.

It doesn't happen as often as you might think, largely because so many consumers fall into the trap of equating price with quality. Too often the more expensive wine is perceived to be the better wine. That's why all commercial wine competitions make their judges taste "blind" when evaluating wines for medals.

That simply means the wine entries are coded and delivered to the judges in stemware identified only by a sticker with the matching code, so those behind the scenes will know which wine to assign any award. Judges know neither the producer of a wine being evaluated nor the price.

I have found over the nearly 20 years that I have been presiding as director over various wine competitions that these events are among my greatest resources for reliably identifying value wines. If I needed to be reminded of that, the results of the recent Monterey Wine Competition drove the point home.

As I scan the list of gold-medal winners that the Monterey judges nominated for best of show, I'm particularly stunned by the prices on the nine wines in the white category: All retail for less than \$20. The winner was the lovely off-dry 2007 Ventana Vineyards Riesling from Arroyo Seco at \$18. This juicy, well-balanced California riesling also won best-of-show white at the San Francisco Chronicle wine competition earlier this year.

It's a fabulous wine and modestly priced. And though the Ventana riesling was the clear winner, there really wasn't a clunker in the bunch.

New York's Goose Watch Winery took second-place in the vote for best white with an aromatic 2007 Traminette (\$13) from the Finger Lakes region, and Kendall-Jackson's 2007 Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay (\$14) placed third.

Three well-priced sauvignon blancs also generated considerable support among the judges. One of them was the pungent 2008 Starborough Sauvignon Blanc (\$13) from Marlborough, New Zealand. The other two, the 2008 Fallbrook Winery Reserve Sauvignon Blanc (\$16) from Monterey County and the 2007 Clayhouse Sauvignon Blanc (\$14) from Paso Robles, are more in the California style (meaning riper, rounder and less green around the edges) but just as appealing.

Prices were higher among the 10 wines nominated for best red, but even the most expensive (the 2006 Keating Malbec from the new Rockpile appellation in Sonoma County) came in under \$50.

The winning red was the delicious 2006 Barnard Griffin Reserve Merlot from Washington's Columbia Valley at \$35. Aficionados have long known that Washington is some of the finest terroir in America for the merlot grape, and this Barnard Griffin reserve hammers home that point. To see so many judges absolutely gaga over a merlot was a wonder.

Ventana finished second in the vote for best red of the competition with its 2006 Rubystone (\$18) from the estate vineyard in Arroyo Seco. This Rhone-style blend was a real find for me when I discovered the previous vintage last year, so I was pleased to see the latest release do so well.

Rubystone is unusual for a California Rhone-style blend given that it's not syrah-based. The workhorse here is the under-appreciated grenache grape, which gives the wine a spicy kick and loads of juicy red fruit.

The third-place red was another

value wine from California's Central Coast, the 2006 Robert Hall Cabernet Sauvignon (\$18) from Paso Robles. Robert Hall is perhaps the most underrated winery in the booming Paso Robles district, so its success is no fluke. The Robert Hall wines are consistently high in quality and always reasonably priced.

And zinfandel lovers will be happy to know the judges uncovered a wonderful zin from Lodi, the 2006 Mettler "Epicenter" Zinfandel, made from old vines, at \$19. I found this wine very appealing because it exhibited the spicy, brambly aromas I look for in a zinfandel without the overt sweetness and alcoholic kick of most modern zinfandels.

The Old World was well represented in the best-of-show red category, too, with the Valdubon 2003 Ribera del Duero Reserva (\$24) from Spain making a strong showing. This wine continues to exhibit youthful tannins and begs for more cellar aging, but the price is remarkable given the quality.

Dessert wines turned out to be the redoubt of the most expensive wines, as Navarro's 2007 "Cluster Select" Late Harvest Riesling (\$59) took honors in that category.

One of the more amazing stories of the dessert-wine round of voting was the presence of Rancho de Philo's Triple Cream Sherry (\$35) from Rancho Cucamonga. This wine is incredibly consistent and has been voted best dessert wine at the Monterey Competition twice in previous years.

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San Diego Chapter Financial Report – Apr 1-30, 2009

	General	Education	Expense Description	General	Education
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	9,171.68	10,428.43	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		10,862.59	Bank charges		
Total	9,171.68	21,291.04	Continuing Education		1,546.00
Combined total	30,462.65		SPEC	200.00	
Cash Receipts			Awards		
Dues collected by IPSSA	2,071.00		Door prizes Raffle		
Newsletter Advertisement			Newsletter		
Chapter Supporters	300.00		Legal/Professional Computer consulting		
Member fines	150.00		Meeting expense:		
Interest earned		10.55	- General meeting	435.02	
Rebate Program		2,945.00	- Western P&S Dinner		
CD Interest			- Chapter Board	497.18	
Water Chemistry book sales			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Donation City of Chula Vista	140.00	
Fines: -			Office expense: Printing/Copies	21.75	
			Phone	37.19	
			Postage & Copies		
			Mileage		
New Member	150.00		- Deposit December Dinner		
Skimmer inserts			- Sick Leave		
Water Watcher tags	19.00		- Blood Drive Breakfast		
Directory sales			Total Expenses in Month	1,3331.14	1,546.00
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	10,529.69	12,027.92
Total Income in Month	2,690.00	2,955.55	CD & Savings		10,872.60
			Total	10,529.69	22,900.52
			Combined Total	33,340.21	



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50 pound bucket of 3 inch Jumbo Tabs
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92091 - Morgan Run	92120 - Grantville	92107 - Ocean Bch/PL	91932 - Imperial Bch	91978 - Rancho SD
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May 20, 7 pm
Speakers:
Tracy Thornburg
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May 20, 2009 – 7 p.m.
Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle South
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