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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2009

President's Message

Once again the board of officers had the unpleasant task of addressing required disciplinary action pertaining to violations committed by members of the chapter. The board of officers has a large amount of business to accomplish on a daily basis throughout the month. Once a month, every month, the board meets in person to summarize their progress and strategize for the future. Different committee affairs are discussed, upcoming events are planned, new projects are started, etc. This business minutia is done behind the scenes to spare the general membership from having to sit through the tedious but necessary work that must be accomplished in order to ensure the chapter's success. Unfortunately, the board had to put its normal business on hold to spend two hours deciding how to discipline several members for avoidable violations.

This chapter is the best in IPSSA. The patriarchs of the pool industry here in San Diego are members of this chapter. They were responsible for forming the infrastructure of this chapter. Thankfully, these members continue to remain involved and help improve the chapter. Programs originated within the chapter, such as the Water Watcher Tag program, the Sick Leave Revisions, and the Continuing Education program, to name a few, have been adopted by other IPSSA chapters or by IPSSA itself. Which is why it is so disappointing to have to deal with the poor performance of some individual members. This organization is supposed to be made up of highly trained and experienced pool professionals. At least that's the way I've always promoted it to be.

The latest issue to pull the board away from its normal responsibilities was regarding the just finished sick leave coverage performed by the chapter. Four out of the fifty pools being covered by the chapter were returned in poor condition. This is inexcusable, embarrassing, and will not be tolerated. Whether the pool is in bad shape when coverage begins or there are mechanical problems with the pool equipment, the time must be taken

to do what is necessary to rescue the pool. If it means making extra trips within the same week or calling for assistance, the true pool professional should be capable of handling any situation. There are many members of this chapter who have well over twenty years of experience and are more than willing to help in these situations.

The sick leave program is the most important function the chapter provides for its members. When a member is in need of sick leave coverage the chapter steps in and cares for the pool route to ensure that the sick member's business survives and prospers while he or she recovers. The pools should be returned in pristine condition. The efforts of the servicing member must go above and beyond the normal to ensure that the pool is in the best condition possible. This is the true "spirit" of sick leave coverage. If the pool is in poor shape and the servicing member is losing control of the pool for whatever reason, the sick leave chairmen should be notified immediately. The sick member also should be contacted, as he or she most likely will be helpful with advice regarding that particular pool. There is plenty of help available within the chapter.

After seriously considering expelling the four members from IPSSA for their poor performance during the sick leave coverage, the board, along with the sick leave chairman, voted to fine the four members. Four other members were also fined for yellow card violations. One of the cards was turned in late and the other three were not filled out properly. Getting the cards back on time and properly filled out is imperative. The sick leave chairmen have a difficult job and it is made more difficult when the yellow card requirements are not met. The board would prefer not to have to hand down disciplinary actions. However, it has a responsibility to the membership to enforce the chapter by-laws. The board understands the significance of the sick leave program and now that the sick member is required to pay in advance for chapter sick leave coverage, the board will not tolerate poor performance by the servicing member.

Put yourself in the position of being unable to physically service your pool route. This route is your sole source of your income. It is how you pay your mortgage, put food on your table, raise your children, etc. Now, suddenly your route is placed in the hands of the chapter. You are going to expect that your fellow professional members are going to do a great job of servicing your route while you rehab. The board of officers and the sick leave chairmen expect the same.

With regards to the member who created a great deal of discussion at the June general meeting, there was disciplinary action handed down at the July board meeting. To review, the member was assigned a sick leave pool. He did not pick up the yellow card. He waited until the following week to inform the sick leave chairman that he would be unable to perform coverage due to a three week commitment that would take him out of town. The sick leave chairman stepped in and serviced the pool. Remember, you must notify the sick leave chairmen of any upcoming vacation plans well in advance. If you fail to do so and you are assigned a pool it is your responsibility to find an insured person to service the pool for you.

The member attended the July 1st board to give an explanation of his actions to the board of officers and the sick leave chairman. He expressed his sincere regret and promised not to let this happen again. He also expressed a willingness to do what he could to make up for his mistakes and remain a member of the chapter. After he was dismissed from the meeting, the board, after much discussion, decided to reprimand, fine and require the member to meet certain criteria over the next five months in order to remain a member of IPSSA. Failure to meet any step of the criteria will result in fines and/or expulsion from IPSSA. The seriousness of the sick leave program cannot be overstated.

Have a great summer and remain healthy. Cheers. Mark.

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General Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2009

Call to order 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance Mike Gregg

Treasurer's Report Jim Bauer:

We're in good shape financially. See financial report in this issue.

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

Jim Hines announced that Howard Guerrant is back to work.

Perry Mediate recognized the extended sick leave committee

Potential members were called to the front of the room. Present included:

Afshin Daradandah, Dustin Wendt, Mark Middledorf, Ernie Hale.

We voted in Dustin and Mark.

Mark Curran announced that chapter members who attend the Region 7 BORD meeting on August 1, 2009 will receive education points.

Our annual picnic will be held on August 9

Our Dinner meeting will be held on August 19

Jim Bradbury announced that the CPR class will be held on June 20. Education points will be awarded.

Chapter supporters were called to the front of the room. Present included:

Eric Svensson- Alternative Pool Systems

Lori Brumagen - Biodex

Derek Dalto - Sales link

Matt Castillo SCP San Diego

Mile Ramey - Blake Sales

Brandon Nicholas - Raypak

Peter Gozdeck - 3-Step Billing

Blanca from EZ Care products

Regina Rakowski - Nelsonite

Brandon Chase - Sunchaser

Don Wall - The Pool Doctor

Lori Bloom - Suntlet Solar

Jeff from PS2000

Tony Ruf - Brite Tile

Samantha Larimier Weiser

Pools/Save Water

Mary Ann Downing - Pool Safety Solutions

Gabriel Gurmilan - Abcana

Mark announced that the product testing committee will begin testing on the "Solar Saver Fish" product.

Jon MacArthur reminded us that we had previously tested this product.

Mike Ramey from Blake sales gave a brief presentation

Peter Gozdeck from 3-Step Billing gave a brief presentation

Lori Brumagen from Biodex gave a brief presentation

Jon MacArthur asked the board why we had not ousted the member who recently refused to take a sick pool. Mark responded that the Board is still reviewing actions regarding this matter

Chuck Gough (R7 Chairman) said that the BORD will support our chapter in any action we take in this matter.

Meeting Adjourned 8:25 PM

Raffle:

No one won the \$50, it will roll over to the July General meeting

\$25 - Jim Bradbury

\$50 Gas Card - Gary Blizzard

50# Tabs - Mike Anderson

Various members won gift cards and Padre tickets.

Board Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2009

James Morketter

Mark Curran

Mike Gregg

Paul Grimes

Jim Bauer

Phil Gardiner

Call to order 7:00 PM

We discussed the issue of a member who has committed several violations of our rules. After a brief discussion with this member, the board reached the following decision: He will attend all general meetings through the end of 2009. He will act as a greeter at these meetings. He will address the membership at the October meeting. He will pay a \$100 fine to the chapter. If these conditions are not met, this member faces additional penalties up to and including expulsion.

We also discussed the issue of four members who returned their sick pools in poor condition. These members will be fined \$100.

We discussed a member who

turned in his Yellow Card late. He will be fined \$100.

We discussed three members who failed to properly complete the back of their yellow cards. They will each be fined \$25.

Mark Curran will coordinate a meeting with our newer sick leave committee members. This meeting will be to discuss potential issues and how to deal with them.

Nominees for the 2009 BK Taylor award need to be submitted and voted on by the September 2009 general meeting.

We decided that our new sick leave policy will include a \$100 fine for any member who fails to pick up or drop off their Yellow Card.

We will have a professional photographer at our October meeting to take pictures for the 2010-2011 directory.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM.

Calendar

7/15 General Meeting 7pm

Mission Valley Resort

875 Hotel Circle North

7/18, Blood Drive 8 am

Antique Row Café,

Lemon Grove

3521 Lemon Grove Av

8/1 BORD, Rgn 2 Westin San Diego

8/5 Chapter Board 7 pm

Kensington Grill

8/9 Region 7 Picnic 10am - 3pm

Admiral Baker Club—more info soon

8/19 General Meeting 7pm

Annual Dinner Meeting

Admiral Baker Club

9/23 R7 Board Meeting 7 pm

SCP Conference Room

5648 Copley Dr 858-467-9495

10/1-3 Pool Industry Expo

Monterey CA

Future Board Meetings:

8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2

Future General Meetings:

7/15, 8/19 Dinner, 9/16,

10/21 Mandatory, 11/18

Future R7 Board Meetings:

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

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

	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	10,900.03	15,464.94	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		10,887.34	Bank charges		
Total	10,900.03	22,900.52	Continuing Education		401.24
Combined total	37,247.31		SPEC	200.00	
Cash Receipts			Awards		
Dues collected by IPSSA	2,088.00		Door prizes Raffle	25.00	
Newsletter Advertisement			Newsletter	194.77	
Chapter Supporters			Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Member fines	250.00		Meeting expense:		
Interest earned		10.71	- General meeting	435.02	
Rebate Program			- Western P&S Dinner		
CD Interest			- Chapter Board	460.89	
Water Chemistry book sales			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			-		
Fines: -			Office expense: Print (Yellow Cards)		
			Phone	19.08	
			Postage & Copies	119.47	
			Mileage		
New Member	150.00		- Deposit December Dinner		
Skimmer inserts			- Sick Leave		
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast	43.82	
Directory sales			Total Expenses in Month	5,598.77	401.24
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	11,791.26	15,063.07
Total Income in Month	2,488.00	10.71	CD & Savings		10,892.40
			Total	11,791.26	25,955.47
			Combined Total	37,746.73	

Prospective Member Report

Mark Middledorf, Mark's Pool Care, and Dustin Wendt, Aqua Tech Pool Service, were voted in at the June meeting. Congratulations to our newest members!

No prospective members will be ready for a vote at the July meeting. The following people are at various stages of the membership process: Ernie Hale, Ernie's Pool Service, Afshin Darandeh, Executive Pool & Spa, Gabriel Michel, Michels' Pool Service, Jason Cashman, Kelley's Pool & Spa, and Robert Del Castillo, Cornerstone Pool.

Attention New Members!

If you have not yet received Yellow Cards please see Bill Peck for a supply of the New Improved Yellow Card. Members with EMPLOYEES:

CORRECTION: The fax number in the June newsletter was incorrect! Sorry!

If you hire a new employee or replace one you need to fill out an "Employee Membership Application" form. This form is available on our website (ipssasandiego.com, click "members", "Links-Rules-Forms" then "Employee Application"). After completing it you can fax it to the IPSSA Financial Office at 888-391-6203. PLEASE NOTE: NO chapter signatures or approvals are required

B. K. Taylor Nominations

It's not too early to think about nominate deserving members for the B. K. Taylor Memorial Award. We need to select a Chapter winner at the September meeting to be eligible for the Region 7 B. K. Taylor Award.

Nomination forms will be available at the July General meeting and at www.ipssasandiego.com.

IPSSA San Diego Chapter Education Reimbursements

- Local classes (San Diego County): 75% of class cost
- So Cal area: 100% of class/show cost + \$50 for expenses
- Outside So Cal: 100% of class/show cost + \$200 for expenses
- Must provide proof of attendance in addition to proof of payment (to collect the extra cash)
- Submit claim for reimbursement within 30 days of attendance or completion
- Contractors License: 100% of non-recurring expenses (classes, application/test fees, fingerprint charge) up to \$1,000 max
- Submit claim for reimbursement within 30 days of attendance or completion.

Blue Cards Due July 15

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.

- Via US Postal Service to San Diego Chapter IPSSA PO Box 70192 San Diego, CA 92167-1192. **Must be postmarked on or before July 15, 2009**
- Bring to July. meeting and hand to Paul Grimes.

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

POOL INDUSTRY EXPO

Coming up on October 1st thru the 3rd is the Pool Industry Expo in beautiful Monterey CA. This could be your end of summer chance to get your education points and have a vacation at the same time.

Take just 5 seminars while in Monterey and get all of the points needed (10pt.) for the current term. The current term ends Dec. 31, 2009.

As usual, the chapter will reimburse you for the complete cost of the seminars and also cover \$200.00 of your expenses.

REMEMBER - RECIEPTS ARE REQUIRED FOR BOTH THE SEMINARS AND THE EXPENSE!!!

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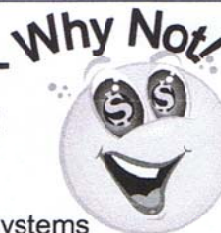
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IPSSA Region 7 Annual Picnic 2009

Sunday, August 9 - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Food Service: 12 noon - 2 p.m.

Admiral Baker Picnic Area, Mission Gorge

Theme: "Something for Everyone" Entertainment: Music

Jumper, 2 Playgrounds, Crafts, Kid's Games

Horseshoes, Shuffleboard, Basketball, Volleyball

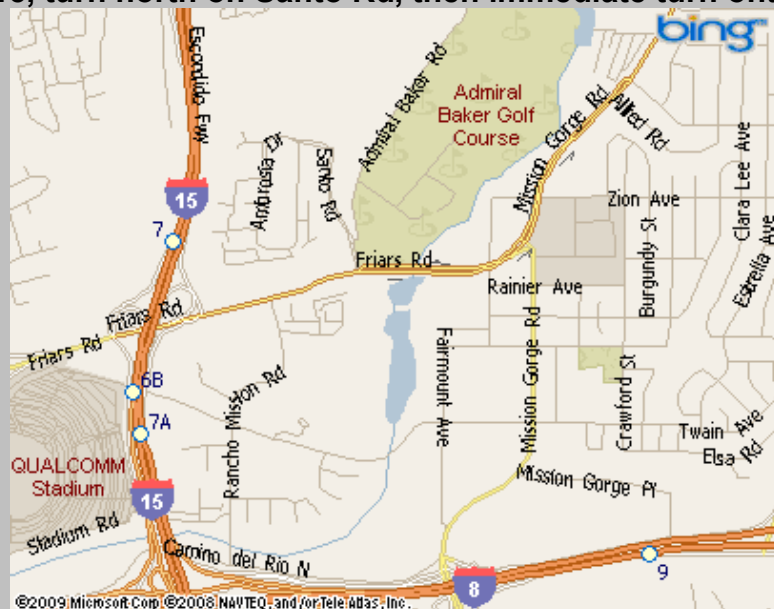
- All members who attend will get a free T-shirt (while supplies last)
- Opportunity Drawings every hour on the hour!

Come early for more chances to win!

- There will be a Silent Auction to benefit the IPSSA Emergency Fund. This is an opportunity to get a great deal and support a good cause!

Don't forget your checkbook or cash!

Region 7 Picnic and August Dinner Meeting both at Admiral Baker Club
Friars Rd east of I-15, turn north on Santo Rd, then immediate turn onto Admiral Baker Rd.



Mark your calendar for the Annual Chapter Dinner Meeting
August 19, 2009 – Admiral Baker Clubhouse
Limited Chapter Business – Great Food and Fun!

Menu

BBQ Tri Tip	BBQ Chicken
Potato Salad	Coleslaw
Baked Beans	Corn on the Cob
Dinner Rolls with butter	
Punch (No Host Bar)	
Ice Cream Sandwiches	

A look at wines the aficionados are taking home

By Robert Whitley, July 8, 2009

I am intimately involved with an annual charity wine tasting in my city, among other things orchestrating the sale of donated cases of wine.

There are a number of wine aficionados who attend regularly and purchase a significant volume of wine, and I'm always curious to see what they're after. These are folks who appreciate fine wine and maintain superb cellars stocked with expensive collectibles.

Although the annual sale includes its fair share of cellar-worthy wines, the theme this year seemed to be high-quality everyday wines for summer: inexpensive and easy drinking white, red and rosé wines that can satisfy even the most demanding palate. With that in mind, I've identified a number of cringe-free wines of this type in the \$8 to \$15 price range, perfect for summer entertaining.

ROSÉ

- Don Ernesto 2008 Vin Gris Rosé, Napa Valley (\$14) – Bright red-fruited aromas dominate, with a pleasingly long finish.
- Red Guitar 2007 Rosé Old Vine, Spain (\$12) – From the Navarra region in northeast Spain that is highly regarded for its lovely rosé wines.

WHITE

- Ancient Peaks 2007 Sauvignon Blanc, Paso Robles (\$12) – A wonderful quaffer from one of the newbie wineries in the booming Paso Robles region of California's Central Coast.
- Bonterra 2007 Chardonnay, Mendocino County (\$14) – Made from organic grapes, Bonterra's Chardonnay is made in a fresh, mouthwatering style without too much oak.
- Brancott 2008 Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand (\$12) – For those who love the crisp, pungent style of New Zealand's Marlborough region, the Brancott is a classic.
- Clayhouse 2008 Adobe White, Paso Robles (\$14) – This budding powerhouse of a winery specializes in the Rhône grape varieties, and everything it produces has a touch of class that far exceeds the price on the bottle.
- Concannon 2008 Sauvignon Blanc, Central Coast (\$10) – This is another easy-drinking quaffer of a sauvignon blanc from one of California's most consistent “value” wineries.
- Cycles Gladiator 2008 Chardonnay, Central Coast (\$10) – Monterey County's Hahn Family Wines makes this delicious chard that can compete with wine at twice the price. Juicy and luscious, without a dominant oak influence. That means it's all about the fruit.
- Fetzer 2008 Valley Oaks Chardonnay (\$8) – You can find this wine virtually everywhere in the United States, but despite the voluminous production numbers, quality is remarkably consistent.
- Husch 2008 Chenin Blanc, Mendocino (\$11) – If you love bright, racy fruit this Chenin's for you.
- Jacob's Creek 2008 Chardonnay, Australia (\$8) – I always wonder how these Aussie wineries get such nice quality in the bottle at such a reasonable price when you know the shipping costs from Australia have to be dicey these days.
- Little Black Dress 2007 Pinot Grigio, Italy (\$13) – OK, it's a goofy name with a goofy looking bottle. Don't be deceived, the wine is first rate.
- Matua Valley 2008 Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand (\$13) – Might well be the greatest value in New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc.
- Montecillo 2008 Albariño “Verdamar,” Spain (\$14) – From Spain's Rias Baixas district, this Albariño is made by the great Rioja house of Montecillo, and the quality shows.
- Tapena 2007 Verdejo, Spain (\$10) – Although the great Verdejos of Spain are typically found in Rueda, there is a growing movement to plant this exceptional grape variety throughout Spain. This one's from the Tierra de Castilla in the La Mancha region of Central Spain and it's a winner at the price.

LIGHT RED

- Angove's 2007 Shiraz-Viognier, Australia (\$11) – This is a typical blend in France's Côte Rôtie, but Angove's version is lighter and much more accessible when young.
- Banfi 2006 Centine, Italy (\$13) – It would be a stretch to call this a Super Tuscan because it's meant to be a light quaffing wine. Mission accomplished. So maybe we'll call it a baby super Tuscan.
- Dancing Bull 2007 Zinfandel, California (\$10) – Zins are “light” in the sense that they're generally not over-oaked, and place an emphasis on purity of fruit. Dancing Bull is in fact a lighter style in zin, but with delicious flavors that work nicely with barbecued meats.
- Five Rivers 2007 Pinot Noir, California (\$14) – Pinot noir is tricky, and good pinot at a low price is even more of a challenge, but Five Rivers is more than up to the test.
- Hayman & Hill 2007 Reserve Selection Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands (\$15) – I wasn't overly impressed when this winery made its debut several years back, but it appears to have hit its stride and consistently delivers exceptional quality in this price range.
- Kenwood 2006 Zinfandel, Sonoma County (\$14) – I've been doing this a long time and can honestly say I've never tasted a bad wine from Kenwood. This Sonoma winery makes a number of high-end, expensive wines, but also excels at this price point.
- Stoneleigh 2007 Pinot Noir, New Zealand (\$15) – There's a lot more to New Zealand wine than sauvignon blanc, and this one comes in from the fashionable Marlborough district at an attractive price.
- Trinity Oaks 2007 Pinot Noir, California (\$8) – This wine's made by the Trinchero family of Sutter Home fame and they manage to achieve a number of economies of scale due to the size of their operation. But they always have an eye on quality and there may not be a better \$8 Pinot on the planet.
- Vaza 2004 Rioja Crianza, Spain (\$15) – The modest price of Rioja continues to amaze me. This Crianza is a beauty and perfect for summer barbecues.

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Excerpts from Region 7 Review

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Director's Notes

Reminders:

- **Don Burns (SPEC) Retirement Party**, July 11, 2009.
- **Region 7 Picnic**, August 9, 2009.
- **2009 R7 Directory** was distributed at the June 24 R7 Board meeting. Additional PDF copies are available to IPSSA members only; e-mail request to patkelley1@mac.com.

IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7 Regular Board Mtg Minutes SCP Conf. Rm, San Diego, CA Wed., June 24, 2009 Attendance

Chuck Gough, R7 Dir., Carlsbad; **Jordan Nelson**, R7 Treasurer, N Cty Coastal Pres; **Peter Gozdeck**, R7 Billing Agent; **David Talbot**, Carlsbad Pres; **Brian Lindlar**, N. Cty Coastal VP; **Joshua McKee**, Rancho Del Mar; **G. Wamsley**, Rancho Del Mar; **Mark T. Curran**, SD Pres; **Bill Peck**, San Diego; **A. J. Wilson**, SD, Picnic Committee Pres; **Dick Allen**, SD East Cty Pres; **Robert West**, SD East Cty; **Ray Duchene**, SD Metro; **Nancy Gillespie**, Recording Secretary. Gough introduced special guest **A. J. Wilson**, San Diego chapter. Wilson was a past R7 Director and is now R7 Picnic Committee president.

Not Present/Represented
Escondido

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Brian Lindlar, seconded by Dave Talbot, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Jordan Nelson, R7 Treasurer, reported that total income January 1 through June 19, 2009, including fines and dues, was \$2,037.93. Expenses were \$2,807.69. As of June 19, 2009, checking account balance was \$4,039.91; CD #1, \$3,267.56; CD #2, \$5,240.46; Emergency Fund, \$9,144.73 (of which \$5,246.86 is Picnic funds); Savings, \$508.11; for a total current assets of \$21,692.66. Picnic Funds had been put in the Emergency Fund but will be moved into a separate Picnic Fund. Nelson is still trying to straighten out the finances from the previous treasurer; he printed all statements for all accounts for the past year but could not get copies of deposits. West suggested paying whatever it costs to get copies from the bank of all checks. Peck requested a copy of the financial report. **Gough** said IPSSA Inc. requires a yearly financial statement; he will write an explanation outlining the problems due to the past treasurer's bookkeeping.

Motion was made by **Brian Lindlar**, seconded by **Dick Allen**, and carried (**ABSTAIN Bill Peck**) to approve the Treasurer's Report as reported.

Chapter Reports

Carlsbad **David Talbot:**

- 1) Everything is normal.
- 2) Membership – no new members.
- 3) Termination – had to terminate a member who had not attended since 2006; member had been on auto pay for two years so still got insurance.

Escondido N/R

N County Coastal **Jordan Nelson:**

- 1) Chapter meeting was held at PCP last month; attendees received 1% discount and free pizza.
- 2) A mandatory meeting was held recently, with good turnout.

- 3) Attendance – a member was recently terminated for non-attendance.

Rancho Del Mar **Joshua McKee:**

- 1) It's business as usual.
- 2) Membership – steady growth, about one new member per month.

San Diego **Mark Curran:**

- 1) Membership continues to grow; three to four people in the process of joining.
- 2) The new chapter directory recently came out. It is published every two years. Each member and chapter supporter gets one free; additional copies are \$5 each.

- 3) Annual chapter dinner will be held the third Wednesday of August for members and sponsors. It is free and is a way to thank sponsors. It counts as a meeting.

- 4) A CPR class is scheduled for members, spouses, and sponsors.

- 5) Scholarship Account has \$30,000 for education. The chapter used funds to purchase subscriptions for all members to Service Industry News.

- 6) Sick leave – one member out for one month. Chapter is following its new sick leave guidelines. Chapter revised its yellow Sick Leave card.

SD East County **Dick Allen:**

- 1) Things are going well. It appears all chapter officers and chairs will run again.

- 2) Chapter follows Robert's Rules of Order and has a time limit on how long a person may speak.

- 3) Chapter picnic will be good, with about 91 people attending. It will be held at Santee Lake.

SD Metro **Ray Duchene:**

- 1) Membership – one new member last month, one pending.

- 2) Sick leave – chapter wants to make the guidelines stricter. San Diego is helping out immensely.

R7 Director's Report

- 1) Attendance – **Gough** pointed out that IPSSA Inc. does not allow for blackout months. Tonight's R7 attendees discussed their chapter fines for non-attendance: a) Carlsbad – \$35 for first violation per year, then \$50, then \$75; one fine maximum per quarter. b) San Diego – \$150; minimum attendance is one meeting

per quarter. Holiday Party does not count as a meeting; August dinner counts as a meeting. Non-attendance two quarters in a row results in expulsion.

2) R7 By-laws – Gough said he wrote those years ago but cannot find them. He has checked with past R7 directors, and no one has them. Gough will rewrite.

3) R7 Election – R7 nominations and election will be held in September at the next R7 meeting. Gough said this Board is much more proactive than when he last served 11 or 12 years ago. His two-year term went quickly; he is not sure he will run again. Duties for R7 Director include quarterly R7 meetings, quarterly B.O.R.D. meetings and fall planning session, chapter visitations, and travel. He spends probably two to three hours per week on IPSSA business.

4) IPSSA Inc. By-laws amendments, proposed – a) *remove the requirement that chapter president approval is needed to reinstate members ousted for non-payment of dues.* Feedback included: i) president should have input, as he/she should know who is up to date with dues. ii) give president three or so days to respond; if no response, member is back in. iii) require input from entire chapter board. Gough pointed out that the fine is \$50 for non-payment of dues, but the fee is waived if member goes on auto payment. b) *establish an appeal process for prospective members who meet all requirements but do not get voted in as an IPSSA member.* Gough suggested that could leave IPSSA open to a discrimination suit. Perhaps prospect could appeal to the chapter board, then the region board, with no further option. Feedback was that having an appeal process in place gives the perception that the prospect can have his day in court. c) *proposal for a veterans status member category* – defined as a 10-year membership in IPSSA. Such member would be allowed to be an IPSSA member, even if his income from pool service activity dropped below

50.1%. Discussion centered on availability for sick route coverage and definition of income. Consensus seemed to be against proposal due to sick leave concerns. Nearly unanimous support for definition of income as “earned income” as defined by the IRS. Social Security and prior pensions do not count as income.

Unfinished Business

1) Picnic Committee – **A. J. Wilson**, Picnic Committee president, reported that the Annual R7 Picnic will be Sunday, August 9, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Admiral Baker Picnic Area, Mission Gorge. The picnic had grown too commercial, but this year it is moving back to a family-oriented event. There will be events for the kids, a band, BBQ, something sure to please everyone, thus the theme “Something for Everyone”. He expects 400 people.

The budget is \$15,000 for this picnic – for food, drinks, facility, entertainment, promotion and gifts – and it is nice to know there is money in the budget, although we started with less than \$5,000. The chapters will not be charged this year. He is preparing a flyer explaining the different levels of sponsors. The website is www.ipssapicnicregion7.com.

Wilson said he was responsible for consolidating chapter picnics into the region picnic. He is honored to have been in the pool business for 20 years. There is no organization like IPSSA.

Curran noted that Wilson’s enthusiasm is obvious. Wilson is one of the most valuable members of San Diego chapter among many valuable members. It would be nice if all would come to the picnic. **Dick Allen** said that some in his chapter had stopped going to the R7 picnic because it had gotten too commercial. **West** added that Wilson got him excited about the picnic, so he will now promote it.

New Business

1) 2009 R7 Directory was distributed.

2) B. K. Taylor Memorial Award nomination forms were distributed. In 1995 R7 initiated the Pool Technician of the Year Award. In 1997 the award was renamed the B. K. Taylor Memorial Award in honor of **B. K. Taylor**, a longtime outstanding member of the San Diego chapter who passed away May 19, 1997. Nominations should be brought to the September R7 Board meeting.

3) Don Burns, SPEC, is retiring after many years. He is a great gentleman, and he has done a lot for us. His retirement party will be held Sat., July 11, in Newport Beach. Tickets can be purchased for \$60 at www.ipssa.com. Sponsors are needed to pay for the party and help pay for SPEC work. *Motion* was made by **Dick Allen**, seconded by **Robert West**, and carried unanimously to approve a donation of \$500 to SPEC, which entitles R7 to two tickets to the event and recognition in the program. Because Gough had already purchased his tickets, he suggested that **Javier Payan**, past R7 director, be offered the tickets. *Motion* was made by Dick Allen, seconded by Robert West, and carried unanimously to call for the vote. *Motion* was made by Dick Allen, seconded by Robert West, and carried unanimously to invite Javier Payan to use the two tickets to Don Burns’ retirement party; Payan will inform R7 later who will use the second ticket.

4) Revised Yellow Sick Leave card – **Bill Peck** announced that San Diego chapter recently revised its Yellow Card. A status of account section was added to the back that the person covering pools must complete or be fined. You may purchase Yellow Cards for 5¢ each.

5) Sponsors – **West** said he had a potential sponsor for R7. **Curran** said there are different levels of sponsorship and suggested that for a cost of \$630 the potential sponsor become an associate member of IPSSA Inc.

6) Next R7 meeting Wed. 9/23/09.

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 – May 1-31, 2009

	General	Education	Expense Description	General	Education
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	10,529.09	12,027.92	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		10,872.60	Bank charges		
Total	10,529.09	22,900.52	Continuing Education		2,145.02
Combined total	33,430.21		SPEC	200.00	
Cash Receipts			Awards		
Dues collected by IPSSA	2,066.00		Door prizes Raffle	125.00	
Newsletter Advertisement			Newsletter	378.65	
Chapter Supporters	607.00		Legal/Professional Computer consulting	200.00	
Member fines	200.00		Meeting expense:		
Interest earned		10.30	- General meeting	476.09	
Rebate Program		5,582.00	- Western P&S Dinner		
CD Interest			- Chapter Board	439.90	
Water Chemistry book sales			- Regional Dues	429.00	
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Water Watcher Display Rack	25.38	
Fines: -			Office expense: Print (Yellow Cards)	378.24	
			Phone	18.88	
			Postage & Copies	96.12	
			Mileage		
New Member	300.00		- Deposit December Dinner		
Skimmer inserts	25.00		- Sick Leave		
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast	60.92	
Directory sales			Total Expenses in Month	2,828.18	2,145.02
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	10,900.03	15,464.94
Total Income in Month	3,198.00	5,592.30	CD & Savings		10,882.34
			Total	10,900.03	26,347.28
			Combined Total	37,247.31	



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 July 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 July 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 Hgths		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
July 15, 7 pm**

**Blue Cards Due by
July 15th. Give to
Paul Grimes or mail
to Chapter PO Box**



**Next General Meeting
July 15, 2009 – 7 p.m.
Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle South
Mission Valley, south of I-8
1/4 mile west of SR 163**

