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## President's Message

### Remembering David Courey

We found his passing to be difficult, difficult to understand, difficult to rationalize, and difficult to accept. We all thought he would win his battle with leukemia. Every time we spoke with him, he insisted he was making progress. The conversations were always positive, the doctors' reports were encouraging, yet there was always an underlying sense of uncertainty. It was a roller coaster ride of good news with a positive future and then a sudden spate of bad news of unexpected test results. This went on for a year and the San Diego pool industry held its collective breath, prayed for David's recovery, and hoped for the best. It didn't turn out the way we had hoped.

David Courey passed away on August 8th, 2009. He leaves behind Julie, a loving wife, Jackson his son, and Adrienne his daughter. He was a devoted husband and father. He set up his office in his home so he could be involved with his family's day to day life. He never missed his children's youth activities because his family came first before his business. Yet, his business flourished. Why? Because he loved what he did, he stood behind his work, he was a man of his word, and his enthusiasm for life was contagious. He was a man of integrity.

David left the restaurant business and became involved in the pool industry in the early 1990's with American Chemtech. In 1993, he started his own company, Pool Surfacing 2000, and made an immediate and long lasting impact with the San Diego pool/spa community. David's involvement with IPSSA goes back nearly 20 years. As a chapter supporter, his attendance at the San Diego chapter's general meetings is legendary. David attended more meetings than most if not all of the chapter's members. He involved himself with every activity that the San Diego chapter participated in, from the MS walk, to the chapter's Blood Drive, to the Child Safety and Drowning Prevention committee. He inspired many members of the San Diego IPSSA chapter, a chapter that is considered by most

people in the know, to be the finest chapter in all of IPSSA.

David was one of the founding members of the Region 7 picnic. It was his enthusiasm and vision that brought about the formation of a gathering of the San Diego region's pool professionals and their families to enjoy a day of fun, food and recreation during the August month. In the early days, David provided all of the food coming off the grill. He would stand behind said grill, cooking for everyone, making sure everyone was well fed. There was always a smile on his face and a good joke or a good comeback to a comment thrown his way. Laughter was part of his daily vocabulary.

On August 22nd, 2009, a memorial service was held to celebrate David Courey's life in La Jolla, California. Nearly five hundred people attended the ceremony. A true testament to how David lived his life was shown by the overwhelming outpouring of emotion by those who attended. Memorial speakers spoke of how David dedicated himself to his family, his friends, his church, his business, and community organizations. The presiding minister reminded us that "David was a good man, a really good man."

And that he was. How many of you will have five hundred people show up at your funeral?

Live your life well.

Do your best whether or not anyone is watching. Cheers, Mark

### September General Meeting

This Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM the San Diego chapter will hold its monthly general meeting. B.K. Taylor award nominations will be accepted and read before the membership. After which a vote will take place and a winner will be announced. The winner will receive \$500.00 and will be presented with the gift at the October general meeting. The winning B.K. Taylor recipient will be in the running for the Region 7 B.K. Taylor award. The Region 7 award will be decided on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, one week after our general meeting.

In addition, there will be guest speakers and other important information discussed. See you there.

## October General Meeting Mandatory

A reminder to all members, on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, the San Diego chapter will hold its annual mandatory general meeting. This year elections will take place for a new President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, the new chapter directory will be published at the end of the year and distributed to all members and chapter supporters in January. Therefore a photographer will be at the meeting to photograph members and supporters for the new directory. If you want to update your photo or you are not happy with the current picture, please arrive at 6:30 PM to help expedite the process. All members and chapter supporters will be asked to verify all contact information to make sure the two year directory has accurate information. Due to the large number of attending members and supporters, please arrive early to help expedite the lengthy check-in process. We will need extra greeters to help with the check-in tables so we can start the meeting on time. Members who fail to attend will be fined the standard \$150.00. See you there.

## Special Board Meeting This Wednesday

Immediately following the September general meeting a board meeting will be held to discuss and possibly decide what the chapter is going to do for David Courey's family. The meeting will be run by the current President, attended by the current board, past Presidents, past board members, current and past committee chairmen, and any member who is interested in observing and/or giving input.

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# General Meeting Minutes

## August 19, 2009

### Annual Dinner Meeting

Call to order 8:05 PM  
Greeters recognized.  
Entertainment co-chairs Mike Lewis and Jim Holmes recognized for organizing the dinner.

July Board meeting minutes were approved by the President due to the fact that there were no questions or concerns.

Ernie Hale and Afshin Darandeh were voted in as new members.

Region 7 Director Chuck Gough presented Paul Grimes with a plaque honoring Paul as the 2008 B.K. Taylor Award winner.

Raffle: No winner for the \$50, it will roll over to the next meeting in September.

Jim Bradbury won 50# of tabs from Superior Pool Products

Mike Van Meegeren won a \$50 gas card from SCP San Diego.

Meeting Adjourned 9:15 PM

## Board Meeting Minutes

### September 2, 2009

Jim Bauer, Phil Gardiner, Paul Grimes. Mike Gregg, Gary Roberts, Mark Curran, James Morketter

Call to order: 7:15 PM

Gary Roberts gave us the current status of confirmed and potential advertisers for our 2010-2011 photo directory.

Fines- We reviewed the status of unpaid fines due by our members. After review, one member's Yellow Card violation fine was removed.

We agreed to double the existing fines on three of our members who did not attend a meeting in 2Q 2009, and have not yet paid the current fine.

Another member will have his fine doubled for failure to turn in a Blue Card by the due date.

We discussed possible nominees for the B.K. Taylor award

Phil Gardiner announced that John Rodriguez, Lori Brumagen, Mark Larimier and Luke Weiser are possible speakers at our September meeting.

At our October mandatory meeting, we will have a photographer taking pictures for our photo directory. The photographer will start taking pictures at 6:15 PM.

We discussed the upcoming

chapter elections and exchanged ideas for who should be recognized for service to our chapter during the past year.

We also discussed ideas for a suitable way to honor David Courey at the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 PM.

### Prospective Member Report

At the August general meeting we voted in two new members: Afshin Darandeh, Executive Pool Service and Ernie Hale, Ernie's Pool Service. Afshin's membership started Sept 1st. Due to an unexpected paperwork glitch Ernie's membership will not start until Oct. 1st.

No one is actively pursuing membership at the moment. We have maybe three guys who started but got too busy so when things cool off maybe they will resume.

### BILLING PROCEDURES:

Dues invoices will be issued on the 20th of the preceding month. If a dues payment is not received in the financial office by the 15th of the month, a \$25 fine will be assessed to that member and a ten-day notice will be mailed that membership and insurance will be cancelled if dues are not paid by the last day of that month. If the dues payment is postmarked on or before the 10th of the month, the \$25 fine will be reversed. In addition, the Financial Office has the authority to waive one late fee per calendar year per member.

Bill Peck

### Note on PoolServicePros.com.

Hopefully you all know that we have a referral website where your company is listed for Pool Service and Repair based on the Zip Codes you circled on your current Blue Card.

Many members have told me they get phone calls and have gained accounts from this site.

The site is optional and if you are not looking for new business at all or are looking to leave certain Zip Codes you serve, please contact Paul Grimes and he'll update your information.

The goal of Pool Service Pros.com is to offer the public up-to-date listings of our member/ professionals who are actively looking for new clients. If the Zip Codes are wrong or you're not interested in new business, then the value of the site is diminished.

Paul Grimes

**Mary Ann Downing and daughter Michaela are raising money in the Swim for Life Foundation Mile Ocean Swim**

***Please support us and donate to the Swim for Life Foundation drowning prevention education program.***

***Thanks!***

My daughter, Michaela and I will be swimming a mile in the ocean on Sun. Sept 20, to raise money for the Swim for Life Foundation's drowning prevention efforts. The Swim for Life Foundation is the key sponsor of the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, and the SAFER3 program is a world class education program for parents and children to learn about water safety. Please help us support their efforts in drowning prevention.

So, we ask that you please sponsor us with a \$5 (or more) donation per mile. Any donation will help, and your encouragement would be appreciated. If you can join us, please come and swim or cheer us on...if you would like to participate in your own local pool...swim a mile, and send a donation to the Swim for Life Foundation. Thanks everyone!

Contact Mary Ann for information or to donate – 858- 603-2260.

## Calendar

### 9/16 General Meeting 7pm

Mission Valley Resort  
875 Hotel Circle North

### 9/19, Blood Drive 8 am

Antique Row Café,  
Lemon Grove  
3521 Lemon Grove Av

### 9/23 Region 7 Board Meeting 7 pm

SCP Conference Room  
5648 Copley Dr 858-467-9495

### 10/1-3 Pool Industry Expo

Monterey CA

### 10/7 Chapter Board 7 pm

Kensington Grill

### 10/21 General Meeting 7pm

**Mandatory Meeting**  
Mission Valley Resort  
875 Hotel Circle North

### 11/10-11 Western Pool/Spa Show

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### Future Board Meetings:

10/7, 11/4, 12/2

### Future General Meetings:

9/16, 10/21 Mandatory, 11/18

### Future R7 Board Meetings:

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





# Region 7 Review

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

September 2009

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- There will be a motion to rename the R7 picnic in honor of **David Courey**.

Thanks for your cooperation in dealing with the earlier start time. If you have other items for the agenda, please advise.

R7 Picnic: Congratulations to **A.J. Wilson**, the Picnic Committee, and volunteers for the fantastic job they did on resurrecting the R7 Picnic. In my humble opinion it was the best ever.

*Chuck Gough*

**From:** Paul Grimes  
**To:** [aquawise@cox.net](mailto:aquawise@cox.net)  
**Sent:** Sat., Aug. 08, 2009 12:42 pm  
**Subject:** Note from Mark Curran on David Courey

August 8, 2009

Fellow members and supporters,

It is with tremendous sadness that I am informing you of the passing of **David Courey**. He succumbed to his year-plus battle with leukemia this morning at 2:00 a.m. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Julie, their children, their extended family, and their friends.

As most of you know, David was a long time chapter supporter. He involved himself in our chapter so much that he was thought of as an actual member. He attended every general meeting. He presented seminars on a range of topics. He participated in many of our charitable events (child safety and drowning prevention, MS walks, and the blood drives, to name a few). He organized the R7 picnic along with Julie Selby and stood behind the grill cooking all day.

David had a passion for life that was genuine and contagious. You couldn't help but feel energized and inspired just by being in his presence. He lived his life by doing the right thing, whether anyone was looking or not. He was a man of integrity. He'll be deeply missed.

**Mark T. Curran**  
SD IPSSA President

Editor's Note: As of 9/9/09 the Guest Book for David Courey was at <http://www.legacy.com/gb2/default.aspx?bookID=5648013421160>

## Director's Notes

### ALERT

R7 September 23 meeting: Please note the change in time -- **6:30 p.m.** This is necessary due to the length of the agenda.

- There is an appeal from a member of the San Diego Chapter to fines that were levied for sick route violations.
- There will be nominations for and election of the Regional Director for 2010-2012.
- There will be nominations for and election of The B.K. Taylor Memorial Award recipient. Nominations will only be accepted on the nomination forms handed out at the June Region meeting. If you have misplaced your form, please call/e-mail and I will see that you get a new one. It would be helpful if you could bring 14 copies of your completed form to expedite the process.

## Calendar of Events

- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 23, **6:30** 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](http://www.poolindustryexpo.com).
- **B.O.R.D.**, Nov. 6-7, combined planning/B.O.R.D. meeting, Manhattan Beach Marriot.
- **Xtreme Education**, Nov 10-11. Register at [www.westernshow.com](http://www.westernshow.com).
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 16 (a week early), 7:00 p.m., SCP.

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## Homeowners take the plunge, bury their pools - Water, maintenance costs drive demolitions



By David Hasemyer, Union-Tribune Staff Writer, 2:00 a.m. July 26, 2009

Bill Stults of James Construction Cleanup Inc. (left) marked where drainage holes could be punched into a pool being demolished in La Mesa. "I'm getting calls all of the time, sometimes three or four a day," Stults said. (Photos - John Gibbins / Union-Tribune)



More and more county homeowners are filling in their backyard pools, work that costs between \$5,000 and \$12,000.

The reasons: Pools can lose thousands of gallons of water a month through evaporation and cost \$200 a month or more to maintain. Some owners just grow tired of them.

The result: Probably a wash. Water savings likely will be offset by losses from new pools. The effect on property values is negligible.

The clatter of a jackhammer and puffs of dust wafting from the bottom of Elliott Allen's empty pool signaled a noisy end to his backyard swimming pool.

A demolition crew was busy using a small tractor to punch holes in the bottom in preparation for filling it with dirt.

Allen is among a growing number of people across San Diego County who have decided to do away with their backyard pools, choosing to replace the Southern California icons with putting greens, patios, artificial turf or drought-tolerant plants, known as xeriscaping.

"It wasn't getting any use and had become the proverbial money pit to keep up," said Allen, who estimated he was spending \$200 a month for water, electricity and maintenance.

So Allen turned to Bill Stults, owner of James Construction Cleanup Inc., to transform his swimming hole into a backyard landscaped with artificial turf, decorative rocks, cactus and a small bubbling fountain.

For Stults, business is booming. He said he is filling about two pools a week, a number consistent with work being done by other contractors in the county.

"I'm getting calls all of the time, sometimes three or four a day," Stults said.

He and the other contractors say clients offer a variety of reasons for replacing their pools, work that costs between \$5,000-\$12,000.

Some cite the water crisis. Others say they can't afford the increasing maintenance costs, especially for older pools. Others say they have simply tired of the pool and want a yard.

Although building departments do not keep statistics on the number of pool removals, many building officials countywide say they are seeing a slow and steady increase in the number being removed and expect the trend to continue. Demolition companies report as much as a 30 percent increase in pool removals since the first of the year.

In the city of San Diego, building inspectors are monitoring the progress of 28 residential pool removals. That's an indicator that pool demolition has become a practical choice for people dealing with the water shortage and tough economic times, said Lynda Pfeifer, a spokeswoman for the Development Services Department.

Nationwide, the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals has detected a moderate increase in the number of pools being covered, though new pool construction far outpaces pool removals, said Kirstin Pires, the association's director of communications.

Pires said the biggest increase in pool removals noted by the association is in the regions where real estate prices have been hit hardest and the economy continues to struggle, places where "people can't take care of their pools anymore."

It was the water crisis that led Valley Center resident Mike Smith to get rid of the pool at the rental home he owns.

By his calculations he was pouring nearly 2,000 gallons a week into the pool, precious water lost mostly to evaporation. Smith said it was tough to turn on the spigot during a Stage 2 water alert that demanded 8 percent conservation.

"I decided the cheapest, less headache thing to do was to fill the pool," he said.

Smith hopes to save close to \$75 a month on his water bill now that he's got a basketball half-court and children's play area where the pool used to be.

William Rose, water conservation program executive for the San Diego County Water Authority, said evaporation alone sucks between 10,000 and 15,000 gallons a year from an average-size pool, the same amount of water used in a month by an averaged-sized family.

"That's a significant amount, and it doesn't account for the cannonball factor," he said.

In Escondido, most people seeking a permit to remove a pool are those who have recently bought a home in foreclosure and owned by a bank, said Joe Russo, assistant director of the city's building department.

With foreclosure homes, Russo said, banks generally drain pools because they are too expensive to maintain. Then, when the new owners move in they decide not to refill the pool, he said.

Real estate agents say an in-ground pool can make a home more attractive but isn't necessarily a selling point. Where some buyers see a cool place to spend hot days, others see nothing but liability and a drain on their bank accounts.

"We've always considered them to be neutral," San Diego Realtor Kris Berg said.

Demolition permits are required in cities and unincorporated parts of the county, but some officials worry that pools are being filled in without meeting the safety standards imposed by the permits.

The two most important requirements are removing the electrical connections for pool lights and breaking holes in the bottom to allow for drainage, said Clay Westling, a senior structural engineer for San Diego County. The sides and much of the bottom of the pools can be left in place, but if those two conditions are not met, a filled-in pool has the potential of becoming an electrically charged, swampy bog, Westling said.

## B. K. Taylor Nominations

We will select a Chapter winner at the September meeting to be eligible for the Region 7 B K. Taylor Award. Please complete a form if you would like to nominate a member for this award.

A Nomination form is in this Skimmer. They will also be at the Sept Meeting and on [www.ipssasandiego.com](http://www.ipssasandiego.com).

## 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 on Dec. 30t, 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!!! Simply submit the required paper work within 30days and enjoy the benefits of being in the best chapter in all of IPSSA!

## From the County of San Diego

Dear Pool Safety Partner:

Recently an advocacy group ([www.inmothersarms.com](http://www.inmothersarms.com)) sent a letter to some of our public pool operators regarding compliance with the Federal VGB Pool & Spa Safety Act. The letter references the County of San Diego (FHD) and mentions pool violations, closures, and/or fines. The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) Food & Housing Division (FHD) is not affiliated with this group and did not advocate nor endorse this letter. If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact the sender of this letter directly. If you have any questions regarding the VGB Act, please contact us at (619) 338-2379 or [FHDUTYEH@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:FHDUTYEH@sdcounty.ca.gov)

## Thanks to You All - San Diego Table Top Swimming Pool Memorabilia

Thanks for making the San Diego Table Top the largest collection of memorabilia in the United States. It's because of so many like you giving us your old items, then we can show the new people to the industry how equipment has changed. If any of these items are lost or sold for scrap, they are gone forever.

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**2010 is our 20<sup>th</sup> year for the Table Top Show and Seminars, with many special things happening. You will be able to see all of our memorabilia; which is twice the size of last year. Big thanks again, Peat Burke**

## 2010-2011 Directory Needs Advertisers

The San Diego IPSSA chapter is preparing to publish its two year Directory this fall. Like before, it will have color photographs of all the members and all the chapter supporters. Inexpensive advertising space is available for all members and chapter supporters. The directory will be in the hands of members and supporters for two years. Please take advantage of this very economical opportunity to reach potential customers and help support the chapter. Contact Gary Roberts for more information at 619-920-4688. The deadline is fast approaching.

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# On Wine: A look at wines the aficionados are taking home

By Robert Whitley, 2:00 a.m. 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.

Visit Robert Whitley on the Web at [whitleyonwine.com](http://whitleyonwine.com); send e-mail to [whitleyonwine@yahoo.com](mailto:whitleyonwine@yahoo.com).

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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 – Aug 1-31, 2009

	General	Education	Expense Description	General	Education
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	11,995.43	16,057.95	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		10,898.67	Bank charges		
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,995.43</b>	<b>26,956.62</b>	Continuing Education		554.50
<b>Combined total</b>	<b>38,952.05</b>		<b>SPEC</b>	<b>200.00</b>	
Cash Receipts			Awards		
Dues collected by IPSSA	2,088.00		Door prizes Raffle	25.00	
Newsletter Advertisement			Newsletter		
Chapter Supporters			Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Member fines	500.00		Meeting expense:		
Interest earned		7.16	- General meeting	2,500.00	
Rebate Program			- Western P&S Dinner		
CD Interest			- Chapter Board	538.30	
Water Chemistry book sales			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Water Watcher Program		
Fines: -			Office expense:		
			Phone	18.90	
			Postage & Copies		
			Mileage		
New Member			- Product Testing		
Skimmer inserts			-		
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast		
Directory advertising	800.00		<b>Total Expenses in Month</b>	<b>3,382.20</b>	<b>554.50</b>
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	12,188.73	15,336.63
<b>Total Income in Month</b>	<b>3,388.00</b>	<b>7.16</b>	CD & Savings		10,905.15
			<b>Total</b>	<b>12,188.73</b>	<b>26,241.78</b>
			<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>38,410.51</b>	



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92067 - Rancho S Fe	92117 - Clairemont	92105 - City Heights	91914 - Eastlake	91945 - Lemon Grove
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92091 - Morgan Run	92120 - Grantville	92107 - Ocean Bch/PL	91932 - Imperial Bch	91978 - Rancho SD
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**Speakers:**

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Lori Brumagen -BIODEX



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