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NEXT GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2009
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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2009

President's Message

Heads up everybody! Big meeting coming up! The annual mandatory meeting is this Wednesday. To avoid having the meeting start late, please arrive between 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM. It is going to take a while to check everyone in. Over one hundred and fifty people are expected to attend. Be prepared for more than the typical sign in procedure. All members and chapter supporters will be required to verify and confirm their contact information for the upcoming new directory. This will include proof reading their addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, height, and weight. In addition, as has been traditional for many years, all members who have been voted in to the chapter within the past twelve months must wear a dress to the meeting, regardless of sex. A photographer will be on the premises to photograph everyone for the new directory being published at the end of this year, this includes chapter supporters.

There is much to be accomplished during this meeting. Elections for the San Diego Chapter Board for the next two year term will be the priority for this meeting. Nominations for the Board positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be taken and a vote will determine who will serve for the next two years and continue to improve the chapter and maintain the chapter's reputation as the finest in all of IPSSA. So consider volunteering for a Board position or nominate someone you think will dedicate his or herself to making the chapter better. In addition, a Sick Leave refresher course will be held in lieu of a guest speaker. If you have questions regarding the Sick Leave program, please come prepared with those questions, the Board and the Sick Leave chairmen want to clarify any confusion or curiosity you might have, so as to avoid any problems with upcoming Sick Leave coverage's.

There will be an announcement regarding the official action by the chapter regarding David Courey and his family. Awards will be given out to deserving individuals. Prospective members will be introduced. Chapter supporters will be introduced. A raffle will follow and hopefully we will be done by 8:00 PM (if you arrive early). Cheers. Mark.

October General Meeting Mandatory Attendance

A reminder to all members, on Wednesday, October 21st, 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.

NOTE: Be sure to know or bring your member information to the October Meeting to verify and/or correct your directory listing.

Jon McArthur Donates 10th Gallon of Blood

At the Sept 19, 2009 Chapter Blood Drive Jon McArthur reached a milestone of 10 gallons of blood donated at the San Diego Blood Bank. Nine donors and former Blood Drive chair, John Silcox attended the blood drive to donate, celebrate Jon's achievement and donate in honor of former blood donor David Courey.

Collection to be taken for David Courey's family

At this month's mandatory meeting there will be a collection taken to help fund the Courey family summer trip to June Lake. While there, David's wife Julie and David's children Jackson and Adrienne will spread David's ashes. The June Lake area was a regular trip for the Courey family over the years. Having the chapter's members graciously donate to this memorable trip will leave a lasting imprint with the Courey family. Please bring some cash to help make this chapter donation a substantial one. Checks can be made payable to Julie Courey.



Attention all IPSSA San Diego members

Chapter Members who are currently enrolled in PEP's Choice Rewards Program – **you are getting close!** As of October 12, 2009, you are approximately \$8758 away from the chapter's 2009 1st step goal of \$83,000. The \$8758 figure is not concrete and is subject to change. If the chapter meets their goal by October 31, 2009, your points become live and you will be able to redeem your points with over 350 retailers of your choice! If you meet your 2nd step goal of \$166,000 by October 31, 2009, your points will double!! The redemption period starts October 1, 2009 and ends December 31, 2009. We thank you and appreciate your business. For a copy of the official rules please contact your Customer Service Representative, Sandee Aragon at saragon@poolelectrical.com or 760-477-1477.

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General Meeting Minutes September 16, 2009

Call to order 7:10 PM
Pledge of allegiance Mike Gregg.
Treasurer's Report: Jim Bauer-
We're in good shape financially. Jim
handed out checks to select members.

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

Vice President's Report: Phil
Gardiner- Phil Introduced tonight's
guest speakers.

Prospective members were called
to the front of the room. Present
included: Ryan Donnelly, Daniel
Nicholas, David Lipe, and Matthew
Wannamaker.

Jon McArthur spoke briefly
regarding continuing education forms.
He will announce the names of
members who have met the 10 point
requirement at the October meeting.

Nominations were taken for the
2009 B.K. Taylor award. Jon McArthur
was nominated and overwhelmingly
voted as the winner.

Chapter supporters, manufacturer's
reps and supply house reps were
called to the front of the room.
Present included:

Lori Bloom, Matt Castillo, Brandon
Chase, Kristal Cavender, Justin
Robinett, Don Wall, Marc Dunn, Tony
Ruf, Kevin Wallace, Jeff Belgau

Kevin Wallace from Underwater
unlimited gave a brief presentation

Jon Rodriguez from Hayward gave
a brief presentation

Mike Gray Gave a brief
presentation

Raffle: No one won the \$50 prize.
It will roll over to the October meeting.

A brief board meeting regarding
ways we could honor David Courey
was held immediately following the
general meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes October 7, 2009

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

Call to order 7:25 PM

Previous fines- All Blue Card and
Sick leave fines have been paid. We
still have two unpaid fines for other
reasons.

We discussed members who did
not sign in during the Third quarter
2009. One member was excused due
to a medical condition, and a pre-
meeting phone call to the President.

We discussed members who have

requested to be excused from the
October mandatory meeting.

We discussed the case of a member
who appealed his fine for sick route
coverage violations to the R7 Board.
This appeal was rejected by the board.
He must pay his fine, or resign, by
October 30, 2009 or face expulsion from
Ipsa.

We discussed the status of
advertising for the 2010-2011 photo
directory.

Bill Peck discussed issues regarding
prospective members.

We went over strategy ideas for
making the October mandatory meeting
go as smoothly as possible.

Chapter Supporter Kevin Wallace has
graciously lent his vacation rental condo
on Kauai to our chapter to be used as
we see fit. We decided to auction off the
use of this condo with the proceeds
going to child safety and drowning
prevention.

We discussed the possibility of
devoting one hour prior to the November
meeting for an education seminar worth
one point.

Adjourn 9:30 PM

Kevin Wallace Donates Kauai Condo

Kevin Wallace, owner of Underwater
Unlimited and a long time chapter
supporter, has generously donated a six
night stay at his luxurious condo on
Poipu beach on the Hawaiian island of
Kauai.

The six consecutive night stay would
normally run \$195.00 to \$215.00 per
night. The chapter will take bids through
the end of October via e-mail to
mtcurran@cox.net or 619-579-1720.

The bidding will start at \$500.00. All
of the money from the winning bid will go
to the Child Safety and Drowning
Prevention Fund. To view this beautiful
condo and its location visit the websites
listed below. You can google "#305
Kuhio Shores".

Or visit

www.flickr.com/photos/305kuhiohores

www.kuhio-shores.com/KS305.html
<http://oceanfrontpoipucondo.com>

There are no black out dates, the
condo is available throughout the year
on a first come first serve reservation
system through the Wallace family.
Check out the photos on the websites, it
really is a fabulous place. And your
money goes to a very important cause,
thanks to Kevin.

Jon McArthur Honored with Region 7 B.K. Taylor Award

At the September Region 7 Board
meeting, Jon was awarded the Regional
B.K. Taylor award.

Congratulations Jon!

Mark your calendar everybody

Christmas Party

Friday, December 4th.

MCRD Bay View Restaurant

Henderson Room

6:00PM to 11:00 PM

Full Buffet Dinner

Entertainment

Prizes

Men: Jackets recommended -
ties optional.

Women: Cocktail attire.

Calendar

10/21 General Meeting 7pm
Mandatory Meeting

Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle North

11/4 Chapter Board 7 pm

Kensington Grill

11/10-11 Western Pool/Spa Show
'Xtreme Education'

Long Beach Conv. Center
www.westernshow.com

11/18 General Meeting 7pm

Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle North

11/21, Blood Drive 8 am

Antique Row Café,

Lemon Grove

3521 Lemon Grove Av

12/16 Region 7 Board Meeting 7 pm

SCP Conference Room

5648 Copley Dr 858-467-9495

1/21 20th Annual Region 7 Table Top

Four Points Sheraton, 8110 Aero Dr

Future Board Meetings:

11/4, 12/2 - 2010: 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7

Future General Meetings:

10/21 Mandatory, 11/18, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18

Future R7 Board Meetings:

(All 7pm SCP): 12/16

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

	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	12,188.73	15,316.63	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		10,905.15	Bank charges		
Total	12,188.73	26,221.78	Continuing Education		
Combined total	38,416.51		SPEC		
Cash Receipts			Awards		
Dues collected by IPSSA	2,073.00		Door prizes Raffle	25.00	
Newsletter Advertisement			Newsletter	356.16	
Chapter Supporters	1,000.00		Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Member fines	650.00		Meeting expense:		
Interest earned		7.14	- General meeting	476.04	
Rebate Program			- Western P&S Dinner		
CD Interest			- Chapter Board	477.85	
Water Chemistry book sales			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			-		
Fines: -			Office expense: Print (Yellow Cards)		
			Phone	18.70	
			Postage & Copies		
			Mileage		
New Member			- Deposit December Dinner		
Skimmer inserts			- Sick Leave		
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast	163.56	
Directory sales			Total Expenses in Month	1,617.36	0.00
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	14,294.37	15,317.28
Total Income in Month	3,723.00	7.14	CD & Savings		10,911.64
			Total	14,294.37	26,228.92
			Combined Total	40,523.29	

**Need Education Points? - Xtreme Education Produced by the Western Pool and Spa Show
November 10-11, 2009 – Long Beach Convention Center
Two four hour sessions per day of Xtreme Education
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SPEC ALERT

SPEC Reports on Two New Bills Related to Workers' Compensation Awaiting Action by Governor Schwarzenegger

Sacramento, Calif./September 23, 2009 - Pool and spa professionals and their customers will be able to easily check on whether their contractors or competitors maintain workers' compensation insurance in force if Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signs legislation pending on his desk.

[AB 483](#) (Buchanan), sponsored by the AFL-CIO, would require the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau (WCIRB) to establish an internet Web site that identifies whether an employer is insured for workers' compensation insurance. "The purpose of the bill is to more easily allow employees, customers and competitors to obtain information on whether businesses they work for, do business with or compete against, have workers' compensation coverage in force," explains John Norwood, President and CEO of SPEC. "This is both an enforcement tool and safety issue and is supported by SPEC as part of our efforts to battle the cash economy."

The Web site would be available to the public at no cost. A customer or competitor would simply submit an inquiry for coverage information concerning a specified employer. The system, which is based on information maintained by the WCIRB and the state Office of Self-Insurance, would provide the name and contact information of the insurer providing workers' compensation for the employer on the date of the inquiry. The AFL-CIO indicates that 33 other states have implemented similar systems.

On a related issue, a bill to substantially increase penalties for failure to purchase workers' compensation insurance failed to make it through the California Legislature before this year's session adjourned on September 11th; however, it may pass when legislators return to Sacramento in October for a special session on water issues.

[SB 313](#) (DeSaulnier) would increase the penalty for failure to purchase workers' compensation insurance from \$1,000 to \$1,500 dollars and restructures the existing penalty assessment to \$1,000 per employee or twice the amount of what the workers' compensation premium would have been during the period the employer was uninsured. The bill was sponsored by Small Business California to provide increased enforcement of the requirement on employers to purchase insurance coverage. Current penalties are ineffective as they are less than the cost of workers' compensation insurance.

SB 313 easily passed all committees and floor votes, but was held up on the final night of the legislative session when Republican legislators in the Senate decided to withhold votes on all bills requiring a two-thirds vote. SB 313 required a two-thirds vote because it contains an appropriation. Legislators are scheduled to return to the Capitol in early October when they may consider the two dozen bills that failed in the same manner.

SPEC Announces Alliance with Small Business California Pool and Spa Industry Members will benefit from collaborative efforts on legislative and regulatory issues.

Sacramento, Calif. /September 29, 2009 – John Norwood, President & CEO of SPEC, the California Spa & Pool Industry Education Council, announced today a strategic alliance with Small Business California (SBC). The purpose of the alliance is to share information on legislative and regulatory issues affecting small businesses in California. In addition, the alliance will help the two organizations coordinate efforts in support of legislation introduced. Furthermore, it is anticipated this alliance will help relieve the administrative and regulatory burdens through opposition to bills that adversely affect small business.

[Small Business California](#) is a proactive nonpartisan business advocacy organization whose agenda is to create a better environment for California's 3.2 million small businesses. The association's focus is on government reforms benefiting small business in the areas of healthcare, workers' compensation, workforce development, government regulation, energy, and access to capital.

"This alliance is a perfect fit for SPEC," Mr. Norwood remarked. "It is especially important now to identify and work in coordination with other organizations that share the economic interests of our members. Government is getting larger and more complex. In order to effectively influence legislative and regulatory decisions, numbers make a difference. We need to grow our own constituency by adding new members in legislative districts throughout California while aligning SPEC with other similarly situated organizations," he added. The board of directors of SPEC will be aggressively looking to expand such alliances with other groups representing builders, retailers, and chemical and service professionals.

"Small businesses in California are being choked by burdensome government regulations and poorly conceived legislation," explained Norwood. "Legislators have a tendency to talk a good game about creating jobs and encouraging business growth. Unfortunately, their actions do not produce the desired result. Instead, additional mandates on business and an overall increase in the tax burden on businesses to feed other state programs are undermining the ability of small business to survive. The fact of the matter is that small business is the engine of the California economy." Scott Hauge, President of SBC, indicated there are approximately 3.2 million small businesses in California. "An average of one job loss for each of these businesses results in over 3 million more California citizens unemployed," said Hauge. This is over 20% of all jobs in California. We have to do more to make legislators realize the contribution of this segment of the California economy," he concluded.

SPEC Supported Bills Are In Danger of Being Vetoed By Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Sacramento, Calif. /October 7, 2009 – The ongoing stalemate between legislators and Governor Schwarzenegger over water legislation threatens the fate of SPEC-supported bills and much more. The Governor has until this Sunday at midnight to sign or veto approximately 700 bills legislators sent to him before they recessed for the year - almost one month ago.

Normally, the Governor would have acted on many of these bills. However, there has been virtually no movement by the Governor to act on bills over the last three weeks. This inaction has fueled Capitol rumors that the bills are being held hostage by the Governor to force the legislature to develop a compromise on the critical issue of solving the state's water conservation and distribution system, and to return to Sacramento to deal with special legislative sessions on taxes and education.

Those rumors were confirmed this week when legislative leaders met privately with the Governor specifically on the issue of pending legislation and water. Reportedly, tempers flared between Senate Republican Leader Dennis Hollingsworth and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg over the fate of some 20 bills on the Senate Floor where Republicans refused to cast the votes necessary for the bills to pass by the required two-thirds vote. In addition, the Governor made it clear he was withholding action on bills on his desk until the legislature sent him a compromise on water legislation.

At this point no one is sure who will blink first. It would almost be impossible to get both houses of the legislature to return to Sacramento before the Sunday deadline. At risk for SPEC are: [AB 1020](#) (Emmerson & Ma) - VGB state implementation bill; [AB 370](#) (Eng) - CSLB sponsored bill to increase penalties on unlicensed contractors; [AB 483](#) (Buchanan) - to establish a public database to check whether an employer or contractor carries workers' compensation insurance; and, [SB 313](#) (DeSaulnier) - which would substantially increase penalties on employers who fail to purchase workers' compensation insurance.

About SPEC

SPEC, the California Spa & Pool Industry Education Council, serves as the statewide public policy representative for the pool and spa industry. We advocate on behalf of industry interests before the California Legislature and state and local regulatory agencies, and for individual members dealing with enforcement issues. Working daily on the industry's behalf, we have an unmatched track record in successfully negotiating and fighting against unreasonable and costly legislation and for enforcement of unlicensed contractor laws. SPEC promotes the highest standards of professional conduct in pool construction, service and repair, and seeks to educate the public on the proper maintenance and safe use of swimming pools and spas/hot tubs. For over 40 years, SPEC has been the only organization registered to lobby at the State Capitol on behalf of the pool and spa industry. We are a non-profit organization, funded by membership donations. For more information on SPEC and legislation we are watching, visit www.calspec.org or call 916-447447-4113.

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Young Wines Require Time, Patience

Robert Whitley, UT columnist

The readers always write, and sometimes they deserve an answer in print — for the answer addresses a larger point of interest to all who seek to unravel the mystery of wine.

Josh Cohn responded to a recent column that attempted to explain what appear to be, to the naked eye, inconsistent results from the nation's wine competitions. Say, for example, the same wine that won a gold medal in San Francisco didn't win a medal in Los Angeles, but won gold again in San Diego.

Said Josh:

"Thanks for the article on wine inconsistency. An idea for a follow-up: Why should anyone buy wine if it is so inconsistent? Or, should we be returning a lot of wine for refunds?"

"On a separate but related note, I have definitely found some [wines](#) to be much more consistent performers than others. I don't have much of an explanation, let alone a good handle on which wines seem to perform more consistently."

To Josh I would say the only good reason to return a wine for a refund would be if he found the wine to be defective. That's generally not the case when a wine medals at one competition but not at another. And that's generally not the case when a person finds one bottle of the same wine to be better, or perhaps not as memorable, when tasted weeks apart.

It is the nature of the beast that wines change over time. Each individual bottle is an environment unto itself, and one bottle may evolve at a different pace than another bottle of the same wine. How much [fruit](#) character or depth and complexity or finesse a wine shows over multiple tastings can fluctuate, and that may in turn have a negative or positive impact on the perception of elegance and balance. When a wine's fruit is subdued, for whatever reason, a wine can seem to have an overabundance of tannin or acid, or both in the case of red wines. As a wine matures, its personality becomes less volatile. Red wines lose color and the tannins subside. White wines darken and often flesh out. Primary fruit aromas will give way to secondary aromas and flavors. Once at their peak, truly great wines tend to hold on for some time before quality and pleasure begin to diminish. I have had Bordeaux from the 1950s in the 1970s and found them to be outstanding. I have tasted those same Bordeaux from the 1950s in recent years and found them to be stunning. Yet I would venture to say all of those wonderful old Bordeaux were likely undrinkable at three, four or five years of age.

Returning them for a refund would not have been very smart. Good wines only require one thing, besides a corkscrew and a decent glass.

Patience, dear Josh, patience!

BEST BUYS

Wines are rated on a 100-point scale. Wines are chosen for review because they represent outstanding quality or [value](#).

Cruz 2006 'Andina' Malbec, Argentina (\$19) — An absolutely stunning Argentine malbec for the money, Cruz Andina impresses visually first, with an inky purple hue as it splashes into the glass. The palate is voluptuous, showing layers of blueberry and blackberry fruit, licorice and spice with firm structure. This lip-smacking red seals the deal with a long, sensuous finish. Rating: 92.

Gascon 2008 Malbec, Argentina (\$14) — Another good example of why financially strapped Americans are now infatuated with Argentine malbec. The Gascon is a mass-produced malbec that nevertheless delivers the essentials of quality: good intensity of fruit, balance, complexity and great aftertaste. Never mind that it's not a blockbuster; it tastes really good with spicy berry fruit aromas, and it comes at an [affordable price](#). Two yums up! Rating: 88.

Elsa Bianchi 2008 Syrah, Argentina (\$9) — Another solid value red from Bianchi, the '08 'Elsa' Syrah offers fresh, ripe berry aromas, hints of spice, good backbone and a smooth finish. It is very nice for the price. Rating: 85.

TASTING NOTES

Far Niente 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$125) — Bigger and more forward than is typical of Far Niente, the '06 is a reflection of the long, cool growing season with its long "hang time" and evolved flavors.

Cassis and spice on the nose are the hook, followed by layers of blueberry and blackberry notes that are beautifully complemented by hints of mocha and black licorice. Tannins are firm but smooth, and the finish is a lingering time bomb of flavor. Enjoyable now, but it is also an excellent candidate for the cellar. Rating: 96.

Robert Mondavi 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Napa Valley (\$135) — The Mondavi reserve cabernet has been one of the Napa Valley's most important red wines since the late Robert Mondavi first produced it in the late 1960s. Nothing's changed. This is a blockbuster, loaded with dense aromas of blackcurrant, blackberry and black cherry, briary tannins and remarkable length. It's a big wine and likely won't show its best for another five to 10 years. Powerful, but well balanced, a wine for the ages. If you buy it, be patient! Rating: 96.

Vina Robles 2007 'Jardine' Petite Sirah, Paso Robles (\$26) — One sip and I promise you will be ready to throw a leg of lamb on the barbie! This is a big, ripe, petite sirah fruit bomb that cries out for red meat or savory cheese. Intense aromas of blackberry and spice on the nose are mirrored on the palate. The tannins are sweet and smooth, and the finish lingers. It's yummy stuff, though not everyone's cup of tea at 15.4 stated percent of alcohol. Rating: 92.

Visit Robert Whitley on the Web at whitleyonwine.com; send e-mail to whitleyonwine@yahoo.com.

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 – Aug 1-31, 2009

	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	11,995.43	16,057.95	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		10,898.67	Bank charges		
Total	11,995.43	26,956.62	Continuing Education		554.50
Combined total	38,952.05		SPEC	200.00	
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		Total Expenses in Month	3,382.20	554.50
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	12,188.73	15,336.63
Total Income in Month	3,388.00	7.16	CD & Savings		10,905.15
			Total	12,188.73	26,241.78
			Combined Total	38,410.51	



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

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

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

H. Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Company Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

B. Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE REQUIRED _____ DATE _____

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**San Diego Chapter
Independent Pool & Spa
Service Association
PO BOX 70192
San Diego CA 92167-1192
www.ipssasandiego.com/members**

Oct. 21 meeting 7pm
Attendance Mandatory:
Board Elections
2010 Directory Photos
Sick Leave Mini-Seminar
Suggest early check-in



Next General Meeting
Oct. 21, 2009 – 7 p.m.
Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle South
Mission Valley, south of I-8
1/4 mile west of SR 163

