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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2011

President's Message

Announcements and Reminders

At both El Cajon and San Diego Superior outlets there will be large blue and white chlorine tab floaters for sale while the supply lasts. The price is only five dollars and includes tax. One hundred percent of the sale of each floater will be deposited into the Chapters' Child Safety and Drowning Prevention Fund. Cash or check only, with checks made payable to IPSSA San Diego. Stock up on several and save a few dollars while helping a good cause.

If you are planning on scheduling a vacation this autumn keep in mind the date of the Chapter's mandatory meeting, October 19th, and plan around it. This year the elections for new Chapter Board positions will be held that evening. A photographer will be attending to take portraits of members and Chapter Supporters for the new two year directory which will be published at the end of the year. Lack of attendance will result in a \$100 fine.

Speaking of fines, members are only required to attend one meeting per quarter, failure to do so will result in a \$150 fine. Missing two quarters in a row will result in expulsion from IPSSA. Signing in for a meeting and then leaving does not count towards attendance and could result in a fine if it is the only meeting signed in for in a particular quarter. Attending a meeting and forgetting to sign in also does not count toward attendance. Other Chapters in our region require stricter attendance of their members. One Chapter in particular requires its members to attend all monthly meetings and will fine a member on an escalating scale for each missed meeting.

The Sick Leave coverage for Mark Fleming (858-581-2569) continues on. If you are currently servicing a pool for Mark please continue to do a great job both in maintaining the pool and

communicating with the homeowner and Mark when necessary. The Sick Leave Chairmen and only the Sick Leave Chairmen will notify you when to stop servicing the pool account. Once you are notified to terminate coverage be sure to double check that you have filled out the yellow cards correctly and then turn them in along with any keys within the five day timeline. Failure of either of these requirements will result in a severe fine and loss of cost reimbursement privilege. Should any problems arise contact Mark and the Sick Leave Chairmen immediately. If you haven't disassembled, cleaned, and inspected the filter, please do so as soon as possible. Be sure to get authorization from Mark and any helpful tips he may have to offer before performing the cleaning service. Then be sure to bill Mark immediately so that he can remain current with his customer billing. Failure to bill for an additional service within two weeks will result in nonpayment to you. Mark's rehabilitation is coming along nicely and he is looking forward to taking over his pool route soon.

The Chapter has established a Nominating Committee made up of senior members of the Chapter, most of whom have served in one form or another on the Chapter Board or Committee Chairmanship positions, or both. Their goal is to find at least two willing and qualified members for each Board position (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and present them before the membership at the October meeting for a vote. If you are interested in finding out what would be required of you to serve on the Chapter Board, contact Jon McArthur at (619-464-6400).

The Nominating Committee is also looking for volunteers to fill Committee Chairmanships and Committee Assistant positions that will be appointed by the new President.

Cheers, Mark

Prospective Member Report

At the March General Meeting Joshua Stevens of Bahama Pool & Spa was voted into membership. Austin Gardiner was also welcomed back into the Chapter after resigning last year (in good standing).

We currently have two prospective members in process. Cynthia Wilson, Like New Pool Cleaning, will be ready for a vote at the April meeting. George Ludwig, 365 Pool Services, is still completing his requirements and will soon be ready.

Manufacturer Rebate Report

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General Meeting – 3/16/2011

Call to order 7:05 PM

Treasurer's report: Jim Bauer- We're in good shape financially. See financial info in this issue

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

Vice-President's report: Phil Gardiner- Phil announced the evening's speakers.

Chapter supporters etc. were called to the front of the room. Present included: Tony Ruf, Reed Chastang, Jim Byers, Brandon Chase, Reid Mirvis, Mike Gersch, Gabe Gurmilan, Bob Catalano, Richard Smith, Gil Khoury, Joey Chavez, Matt Castillo, John Moss, John Barba

Prospective members George Ludwig, Cynthia Wilson, Austin Gardiner and Josh Stevens were presented to the members. Josh Stevens was voted in as a new member.

Steven Heyer gave a presentation regarding chlorine tab buckets and their problems.

John Silcox gave an update on April Pools Day.

Sick Leave update- Mark Fleming was present at the meeting. He thanked everyone for their support. Mark Curran reminded everyone to clean the filters on the pools they are servicing for Mark.

Mark Curran gave a brief update on IPSSA member Kelly Halley, who was injured in a motorcycle accident in 2010.

A reminder was given to make sure you submit proper documentation when requesting education re-imburement.

Jon McArthur spoke regarding the nominating committee and the upcoming

WPSS.

Mark Curran gave info regarding the chapter dinner at the WPSS. The chapter will reimburse members up to \$30 for dinner expenses at the WPSS.

James Morketter took a "roll call" of members who needed to attend tonight's meeting to avoid missing a quarter.

Gary Sevigny announced that manufacturer's rebate filters are available. Details are in the Skimmer.

John Moss from Pool Safe spoke briefly. A Q and A followed.

Joey Chavez and Richard Smith from Blue Moon Pools spoke. Q and A followed. Raffle:

No winner for the \$50 prize

\$25 Carlos Grosselfinger

50# tabs Kenny Childs

\$50 Gas card Dee Eakright

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM

Board Meeting – 3/31/2011 (April)

Mark Curran, Bill Peck, Phil Gardiner, Jon McArthur, Jim Bauer, James Morketter.

Jon McArthur spoke regarding the nominating committee's progress. They will meet prior to the April general meeting. They will discuss potential nominees for board and committee positions. The board agreed to pay for this dinner.

Bill Peck gave us an update on potential members. Austin Gardiner is progressing well, Cynthia Wilson will be eligible for a vote at the April meeting. George Ludwig is not yet ready for a vote.

Fine letters have been sent to members who did not attend a meeting in the 1st quarter 2011, including two members who

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signed in and left the March meeting early.

James Morketter suggested that we require our chapter supporters to carry \$1 Million of liability where applicable.

Phil Gardiner announced that our speakers for the April general meeting will be Amanda Johnson from Aquasalt and Todd Wilson from Easy Care Products.

Mark Curran announced that the region 7 board will match the \$500 for life jackets that IPSSA inc. funded.

The board agreed that two members who were excused from attending the March meeting will be required to attend two consecutive general meetings (April and May) to avoid a fine. These members had not attended the January or February meetings.

We are looking at the advantages of moving the chapter PO Box to a more central location in Mission Valley. Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM.

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Calendar

4/20 General Meeting 7pm Future 5/18, 6/15

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle N.

4/28 & 29 Certified Pool Operators (CPO)

SCP San Diego – 5648 Copley Drive

Also another course offered 6/2 & 3

5/4 Chapter Board: Future 6/1, 7/6, 8/3

7 pm Kensington Grill

5/21, Blood Drive 8 am

Antique Row Café, Lemon Grove

3521 Lemon Grove Av

6/22 Region 7 Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

SCP Conf. Room 5648 Copley Dr SD



Region 7 Review

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

April 2011

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IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7 Regular Board Meeting SCP Conf. Rm, SD, CA Wed., March 23, 2011 Minutes Highlights

Attendance – **Chuck Gough**, R7 Dir., Clsbd; **Dan Ruiz**, R7 Treas, SD E. Cty; **Peter Gozdeck**, R7 Billing Agent; **Dustin Moors**, R7 Secy, Clsbd VP; **David Talbot**, Clsbd Pres; **Matt Hughes**, Esc Pres; **Brian Lindlar**, N. Cty Coastal VP; **Lance Clifton**, Rncho Del Mar Pres; **Jerry Billuni**, Rncho Del Mar; **Mark Curran**, SD Pres; **Bill Peck**, SD; **John Silcox**, SD; **Joe Lukacik**, SD E. Cty; **Nancy Gillespie**, Recording Secy.

Not Represented – SD Metro.

Minutes – *Motion* by **Brian Lindlar**, seconded by **Lance Clifton**, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the 3/15/10 meeting as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Dan Ruiz – total income 1/1/11 – 3/12/11, including fines and dues, was \$1,042.12. General Fund has \$2,723.91, Emergency Fund \$3,964.16, and Money Market \$8,642.04, for total current assets of \$15,330.11. By *unanimous consent*, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Chapter Reports

Carlsbad David Talbot:

- 1) One new chapter supporter.
- 2) April meeting at PEP/Vista branch for their "buy night", which gives discounts on all items purchased that night.
- 3) Membership – 1 old member returned.

Escondido Matt Hughes:

- 1) April meeting will be at Superior.
- 2) Charity auction at May meeting for National Ataxia Foundation. Donations so far include a Jandy 2 HP pump, Pentair salt system, Pool Shark, and a basketball game. Chapter is paying for a power center for the salt system.
- 3) Membership – lost a few (one quit, one retired), gained a few.
- 4) Stipend status – Officers (except for **Hughes**) accept a \$50/month stipend.

N County Coastal Brian Lindlar:

- 1) All is going well.
- 2) Chapter supporters – 5 at last meeting.

Rancho Del Mar Lance Clifton:

- 1) Membership – same.
- 2) Chapter is pretty low key.

San Diego Mark Curran:

- 1) Membership – one new, one old member coming back, a few prospects.
- 2) Water Safety – **John Silcox** is organizing an event for April 1, will provide details.
- 3) Sick leave – A member with cancer has been on sick leave eight months and will probably be out a few more months.
- 4) Western Pool and Spa Show 3/31 – 4/2. This year the traditional Fri. evening dinner will be limited to members, with the chapter paying \$30 per diner.
- 5) Election of officers in October. A nominating committee has been formed.
- 6) Chapter supporters – chapter has about 30 to 40, plus a few new ones.
- 7) Manufacturers rebate will be about \$8,000 this year. Funds go towards chapter continuing education pay for members to go to seminars, shows, etc.
- 8) Chlorine tabs (leaky tab bucket lids) – a member is researching results of water getting in some of the 50-lb buckets. Potential for getting blasted with gas when you open a bucket. Share with your chapters. Any comments, contact **Stephen Heyer**, 619-563-6566, poolboy54@cox.net.

SD East County Joe Lukacik:

- 1) Membership – one quit, two new members.
- 2) Chapter supporters – working on getting more.

SD Metro No report

R7 Director's Report

1) Water Safety – Will attend Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium in Colorado April 14-15 sponsored by National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA).

2) Water Safety Research – Florida and Texas are the two worst states for drowning incidents. A Florida study found that the categories of people most at risk are: **a)** Asians – not a swimming culture, **b)** those with a criminal record, **c)** Hispanics – incidents of children drowning in buckets of water used for mopping floors.

3) From Feb. B.O.R.D. – **a)** Pentair – Pentair's new PIP program for IPSSA members could provide IPSSA with up to \$20,000 for education/research. Hayward will continue their program. **b)** Taxes – Existing policy on chapters that do not file tax data by the deadline will be enforced. But the good news is: IPSSA will be distributing \$40/member in May to all chapters that have *all* their tax data in on time – not just 1st quarter 2011, but *all!*

As this will be several hundred dollars per chapter, suggest you donate some or all to SPEC, your favorite charity or your membership. **c)** Census 12/31/10 3,661. **d)** All bylaws ballot measures passed.

e) Region directories will be published in house this year. Contact R8 Director **Kurt Schuster** (602-488-7335, badgerpool@yahoo.com). In the past the R7 directory was done by Kelly Inc. at no cost; they made their money on ad sales. **f)** Original IPSSA protocol and final NPIRC report for protocol 1 and a FAQ section have been posted to the IPSSA website. **g)** \$7,500 has been approved for development of a second protocol. Comments, contact **Lance Sada** (951-837-6322, npircipssa@verizon.com), IPSSA liaison to the NPIRC. **h)** SPEC has a program for service technicians for \$9/mo. This is cheap for all that SPEC does for our industry. **i)** Director **Dave Durkin** announced that the National Electrical Code now requires all pumps/motors installed after 1/1/11 have GFCI protection. California has adopted this code, and it is expected other states will follow. No retrofit. Durkin is writing a manual. Suggest you inform customers with new pumps/motors; look at it as an opportunity to make additional money.

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Unfinished Business

1) Attendance at R7 mtgs – Some people are not following R7 Standing Rules, which require that each chapter have one rep at each R7 meeting. Any chapter not having at least one rep present is subject to fine. Better for your chapter if both reps attend to give you double voting power.

2) Missed R7 mtg fines – **Peter Gozdeck** handles the fines, but late fees are not specified in the Rules. *Motion* by **Bill Peck**, seconded by **Mark Curran** and carried unanimously that, effective with the April 1 billing, fines are due within 30 days of the date of the invoice; penalty for not paying by the deadline is \$2 per day until the fine is paid. *Motion* by **Mark Curran**, seconded by **Brian Lindlar** and carried unanimously to approve **Gough** revising the Rules as discussed.

3) R7 special mtgs – Per the Rules, special mtgs may be called by the R7 Director, notice to be given by e-mail and phone at least 48 hrs. prior to special mtg. There have been complaints. **Gough** suggests telling him if you plan to be out of town; if a special meeting is scheduled, he can then contact your designate to attend. Also, make sure **Gillespie** has your latest contact information for R7 Officers List; some have not responded to numerous requests for updates.

4) Fines, appeals process – Sometimes an appeal to a fine comes months later. *Motion* by **Mark Curran**, seconded by **Lance Clifton**, and carried unanimously that, effective with the April 1 billing, the appeals process for any fine is as follows: chapter pays fine by the due date, adding a note that they plan to appeal. Chapter appeals to the Board; if Board approves the appeal, chapter will get a refund. Any chapter that does not pay the \$250 fine by the due date loses the right to appeal.

5) **Joe Lukacik** thanked the Board for the money to help with expenses related to the loss of his son, **Bryson**.

New Business

1) Matching Funds, life vests – **John Silcox**, SD chapter, is organizing fairs in April for Pool Safety Month in SD, Claremont, Coronado, Chula Vista, Santee, San Marcos, and Escondido noon to 3:00 to encourage kids to swim and educate the community on water safety. He will distribute life vests at these events to be kept at community pools. These vests are not the ugly, bulky orange vests that we are familiar with, but more streamlined (1 pound each) and in more appealing colors, with different colors for different sizes. Navy SEALS will be on hand to demonstrate how to put the vests on. By doing these events we educate the

community, get a good feeling, and maybe get recognition in the community. For liability reasons **Ray Arouesty** discouraged putting the IPSSA logo on the vests. **Lindlar** questioned the safety of the vests. The vests cost \$25 each. *Motion* by **Mark Curran**, seconded by **Lance Clifton** and carried (NO **Brian Lindlar**) to approve matching funds from IPSSA Inc. of \$500 for life vests to match the \$500 donation from SD chapter.

2) R7 2011 Budget – **Gough** presented budget and said it is not balanced, partly because he uses **Gillespie's** professional services more and more and partly because part of **Gillespie's** 2009 services were paid in 2010. Saved over \$650 last year by changing banks. \$1,720.91, Board account; \$3,964.16, Emergency Fund; \$8,641.92 in Money Market, totaling \$14,326.99. *Motion* by **Bill Peck**, seconded by **Brian Lindlar** and carried to approve the R7 2011 Budget as presented and make up the deficit from the Money Market account.

3) N. Cty Coastal – **Gough** said chapter does not pay fines or submit tax data on time and did not deposit a check. Mgmt at chapter is not up to snuff. He suggested **Lindlar** remind the chapter of the \$40/member IPSSA will be distributing in May to all chapters that have their tax data in on time, as that should be good motivation to submit the tax data. **Curran** asked what effect that chapter will have on the tax status of other chapters and suggested they need to get up to speed or get disbanded. **Lindlar** will follow up.

Good of the Order

1) IPSSA protocol – **Lukacik** asked why R7 does not have a rep on NPIRC Council. **Gough** said Council does not run the research and does not have any say.

2) R7 Table Top – **Lukacik** reported that he got a call from **Sue Cramer** at IPSSA Inc. asking about the status of R7 Table Top; he suggested renaming it just "Table Top". **Gough** stated that it is an independent subcommittee of the Region. **Curran** pointed out that R7 Treasurer should not be involved in the finances of Table Top; he will have **Bob Fowler** call Cramer.

Adjournment

1) Reminders from Director – a) appoint a second rep from your chapter for R7 meetings. b) start thinking about **Gough's** replacement. Nominations will be accepted at the June meeting for the election at the September meeting.

2) Thanks again for attending and participating tonight.

3) Next R7 meeting – Wed., 6/22/11.

4) Adjourned 8:59 p.m.

Calendar of Events

- **Western Pool and Spa Show**, Mar. 31-April 2, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA. www.westernshow.com
- **Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium**, April 14-15, workshops April 16-17. National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA), Antlers Hilton, Colorado Springs, CO. <http://www.ndpa.org/home/>
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., June 22, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conf. Rm (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., SD. Nominations accepted for Sept. election of new R7 officers.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conf. Rm (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., SD. Elect new R7 officers.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 21 (one week earlier due to Christmas), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conf. Rm. (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., SD.

Pool Safety Tips

1. Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, tub, bucket or ocean. There is no substitute for adult supervision.
2. Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
3. The home should be isolated from the pool with a fence at least 60" tall, with a self-closing, self-latching gate. The gate should open away from the pool, and should never be propped open.
4. Doors and windows should be alarmed to alert adults when opened. Doors should be self-closing and self-latching.
5. Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.
6. Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone, and can call for help if needed.
7. Learn CPR and rescue breathing.
8. Keep a life-saving ring, shepherd's hook and CPR instructions mounted at poolside.
9. Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
10. Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
10. If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count.
11. Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
12. Don't use floating chlorine dispensers that look like toys.
13. Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards, and emphasize the need for constant supervision.
14. Responsibilities of pool ownership include ensuring children in the home learn to swim, and that adults know CPR.
15. Do not consider children "drownproof" because they've had swimming lessons. http://www.ndpa.org/home/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=20

From: Kim Skinner, onBalance [mailto:kimskinner@rburst.com] ,
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 8:46 AM
Subject: NPC Start-up Certification Program

The National Plasterers Council's start-up certification program raises questions on several fronts.

It is confusing and alarming that the NPC's (new plaster pool) start-up program promotes a negative Saturation Index, as low as -0.7. Three years ago, the NPC declared that any negative SI causes plaster problems and is not to be allowed, and they know that new plaster is weak and more vulnerable to aggressive water than 30-day cured plaster. So what is going on?

The NPC says that the NPIRC assisted in developing their startup program. Where is the study that documents their start-up program (similar to the "traditional") as best for plaster pools? According to NPIRC's Phase 2 (2004-2005) study, the "acid" startup was deemed superior to the "traditional" start-up. (Obviously the study was flawed). Phase 3 (2005-2006) resulted in conflicting and inconclusive data.

Why wasn't the "Bicarb" start-up method included in their study? The NPC knows that there are plasterers and service techs that have used the "Bicarb" startup with success for over ten years. The NPC knows that a joint experiment with them in 1998 showed that the Bicarb startup was superior and protected the plaster finish better than other start-ups methods.

Curiously, the NPC has stated that while the Bicarb start-up method may be good for plaster, it isn't practical for pool owners to perform. Perhaps, but shouldn't service techs be certified on the best start-up program? Shouldn't plasterers contract with pool owners to have a service tech perform the Bicarb startup on their new plaster jobs? Give service techs work, do what's best for plaster finishes, and don't leave it up to pool owners.

The NPC has been campaigning on the importance of preserving and protecting their product, so will they teach their members that aggressive fill (tap) water is more detrimental to plaster during the time the water is actually filling up the pool than during the 30 days that follow?

Will the NPC teach that plaster needs to harden for 6 to 8 hours before being filled with water, and that the pool should be tented in hot and dry conditions?

Will the NPC teach that "plaster dust" in new pools is likely a sign of improper plastering practices or aggressive fill water? Will the NPC establish the policy that plasterers are responsible to test the tap water, and if found to be aggressive, compound it before using it to fill the pool? Quality and properly cured plaster together with appropriate fill water does not create plaster dust.

Will the NPC stop teaching that gray mottling discoloration, white spotting, flaking, delamination, and craze cracking are related to low-calcium and/or low-alkalinity fill water, and that they actually have nothing to do with startup chemistry or subsequent chemistry?

The NPC should promote best practices, and be upfront with the pool industry by answering these questions.

From: Kim Skinner, onBalance [mailto:kimskinner@rburst.com] ,
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 11:14 AM
Subject: When Should Salt Be Added

Although salt water has been used successfully for some time in cured plaster pools, there doesn't seem to be much scientific documentation on the effects salt may have (detrimental or not) on new plaster when it is still curing. There seems to be some consensus to wait 30 days before adding salt, yet some say it is okay to add salt within a couple of days of filling the pool. So who is right?

To answer that question, let's take a look first at what happens in the initial days and weeks of a new plaster surface. When plaster is applied and a new pool is filled, the cement portion of the new, hardened pool plaster contains about 10 to 15% calcium hydroxide, the rest being primarily calcium silicates, aluminates and carbonates. These latter products are more durable and relatively insoluble in water.

On the other hand, calcium hydroxide, having a pH of about 12, is softer, somewhat soluble, and can be dissolved from a plaster surface even by typical balanced tap water. Indeed, the Saturation Index that we are all so familiar with as a maintenance tool to protect calcium carbonate is not even applicable to fresh plaster (i.e., less than a few weeks old), because the pH that would be neutral to calcium hydroxide would need to be about 10!

This is why the pH of the water in a freshly filled pool usually rises noticeably as soon as the pool is being filled. High pH calcium hydroxide dissolves into the water, shooting its pH up. Once the new plaster surface is carbonated (which means the calcium hydroxide is converted to calcium carbonate) this process stops.

Since dissolved calcium hydroxide also converts to calcium carbonate in the pool water, this is the source of so-called "plaster dust" in new plaster pools. When undergoing a traditional start-up process, carbonation of the surface usually lasts about 1½ to 2 weeks... which is why new plaster dust is generated for that long – and then stops. At that time the pH becomes more stable in the pool, since new hydroxide is no longer being dissolved into the pool water.

The onBalance team decided to conduct an experiment in a laboratory setting to determine what effects salt may have on fresh plaster and on the curing process. The following are the details and results of our simple experiment.

On Day 1, four good quality plaster coupons were formed and allowed to harden.

On Day 2 the coupons were placed into four separate water tanks. The water in all four tanks were balanced to the same parameters; Temp – 70°F, pH – 7.6, TA – 160 ppm, CH – 200 ppm. The tanks were

capped to slow down carbon dioxide out-gassing. (When water loses CO₂, the pH rises with no change in TA).

Day 3, after 24 hours in water, the pH of the water was recorded and in all four tanks the pH rose to 8.4, indicating that some hydroxide from the plaster surface had been dissolved away and into solution. (Note that this occurred even in balanced water).

Then Tanks 3 and 4 had 3000 ppm of salt added. Acid was then added to all water tanks to lower the pH to 7.6.

On Day 4, the pH in Tanks 1 and 2 rose slightly to 7.7. But in Tanks 3 and 4, the pH had risen much higher to 8.6, indicating a significant effect on the plaster surface material. Acid was added to Tanks 3 and 4 to lower the pH back to 7.6.

On Day 5, the pH in Tanks 1 and 2 was 7.8, but in Tanks 3 and 4 the pH rose to 8.4. Again, the pH raised more in the Tanks that had the salt added. Acid was added again to all Tanks and lowered to pH 7.6.

On Day 6, the pH in Tanks 1 and 2 was 7.7, but in Tanks 3 and 4 the pH was 8.2. The pH was not adjusted downward.

On Day 11, the pH in Tanks 1 and 2 was 7.8; the pH in Tanks 3 and 4 was 8.4. At this time, 3000 ppm of salt was added to Tank 2.

On Day 17, the pH of Tank 1 was 7.8; the pH of Tank 2 was 8.0, the pH of Tank 3 and 4 was still at 8.4. This data shows that the salt added to Tank 2 after 11 days had a slight effect on the plaster coupon in comparison to Tank 1. The pH in all tanks were lowered to 7.7.

On Day 21, the pH of all tanks was identical at 7.8.

The results obtained suggest that adding 3000 ppm of salt does indeed have a negative effect even on good quality plaster if added at startup and up through the first two or three weeks. When salt is added to water containing fresh plaster coupons, the pH of the water began to increase significantly (higher than normal). This indicates a possible loss of calcium hydroxide from the plaster surface is occurring. This also is likely to cause an increase in the porosity of the plaster finish, which weakens and ages the surface prematurely.

The data also indicate that the negative effect of salt on new plaster only lasts about three weeks. As mentioned above, this is because a new plaster surface becomes carbonated; meaning that any calcium hydroxide (on the plaster surface) that is not dissolved and converted to water hardness and/or plaster dust is slowly being converted into calcium carbonate during the first three to four weeks of being filled with balanced tap water. This conversion creates a more protective and more durable plaster finish. It appears that once the plaster surface has been sufficiently and properly carbonated, 3000 ppm of salt does not have the same negative effect.

Our experiment used well-made plaster coupons, which received proper curing, and positive Saturation Index water. If, in the field, proper plastering practices are not followed closely, which results in a lower quality finish, more time may be needed before salt should be added. It appears that

the recommendation to wait 30 days before adding any salt is appropriate for plaster pools, including quartz and pebble pools.

Experiments were conducted by the National Pool Industry Research Center (NPIRC) at Cal Poly on "Salt Pools" during Phase 2 (2004-2005). Unfortunately, the results were inconclusive and not supported with reliable data. It is our understanding that additional experiments on salt pools have been performed by the NPIRC during Phase 4 (2006-2007) and Phase 5 (2007-2008), but those reports haven't been made available to the industry yet by the NPC.

SPEC Establishes Legislative Agenda For 2011 - March 22, 2011

The California Spa and Pool Industry Education Council legislative committee met recently to establish its 2011 legislative agenda. All regular bill introductions for the 2011 segment of the 2011-12 legislative session are now complete. Only urgency or budget bills can be introduced now that the bill introduction deadline has passed. Until now, the legislature has been preoccupied with the state budget deficit and negotiations with Governor Brown to reach some type of compromise in time for a tax extension proposal to appear on a June special election ballot. Soon legislative policy committee hearings will begin and legislators will take action on the hundreds of pending bills.

Legislators have introduced over 2,200 bills to be heard in 2011. SPEC has reviewed all the bill introductions to look for those that might have some impact on the swimming pool and spa industry. Many of the bills introduced so far have been introduced as placeholders. Such bills usually make a non-substantive change in a particular area of the law with the intent that the bill will be amended at a later date to more fully address the target subject matter. Of the current bill introductions SPEC has identified 58 bills of interest that will be monitored. The SPEC legislative committee reviewed these bills and established positions on each. These positions range from simply monitor to degrees of support or opposition. In addition to individual bills, SPEC has been monitoring legislative budget proposals and is a founding member of the Construction Industry Enforcement Coalition. Activities in all of these areas are included in the make-up of SPEC's legislative agenda for 2011.

SPEC Legislative Agenda for 2011 is as follows:

- 1) Support efforts of the Construction Industry Enforcement Coalition to increase, coordinate and adequately fund the activities of various state agencies to go after non licensed and non compliant contractors. This includes the appointment of a cabinet level enforcement czar to help coordinate the activities of all the state agencies with responsibilities to enforce the states wage, safety and business tax laws;
- 2) Oppose budget proposals to extend the state sales tax to the service industry. Oppose a mandatory withholding of any portion of estimated taxes on fees paid to

independent contractors;

3) Support legislation, AB 397 (Monning) to require contractors who claim a workers' compensation exemption on the CSLB website to recertify each year that they do not have any employees. Support a number of bills aimed at reducing the regulatory burden on California small businesses by requiring state agencies to eliminate duplicative regulations, sunset existing regulations, seek legislative approval of certain regulations, and requiring a true economic analysis of the cost of compliance before such regulations are promulgated.

"SPEC's legislative agenda as set forth above is meant to be a broad outline of the association's goals and objectives for 2011," explained John Norwood, President of SPEC. "The playing field is always changing in Sacramento. Challenges emanating from either or both houses of the legislature or one of the many regulatory agencies can alter the priorities and the goals for the year," noted Norwood.

SPEC Supported Legislation Passes Key Assembly Committee - March 24, 2011

The Assembly Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee heard AB 397 this past Tuesday, March 22nd.

AB 397 is a measure co-authored by Assemblymen Bill Monning (D-Santa Cruz) and Bill Berryhill (R-Stockton). The bill would require, at the time of renewal, all active licensees of the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) who claim an exemption for workers' compensation insurance on file to recertify the exemption. Under the provisions of the bill, each such licensee would be required to complete a recertification statement on the license renewal form, under penalty of perjury, or to provide a current and valid Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance or Certificate of Self-Insurance, whichever is applicable. License renewal would not be allowed unless the licensee meets the above requirements.

SPEC has worked with the co-authors and the Construction Enforcement Coalition, a group representing construction industry trade associations, labor and state agencies that have been working to address issues in the underground economy and with non-compliant contractors.

At the hearing, SPEC President John A. Norwood testified in support of the bill stating that "the biggest threat to legitimate contractors in California is the underground economy. AB 397 aims to target those contractors cheating the system by not obtaining workers' compensation insurance."

AB 397 was also supported by the Contractors State License Board, the California Fence Contractors' Association, Golden State Builders Exchanges and many others.

The bill passed with a vote of 9-0. AB 397 will be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Quick Action by SPEC Blocks New Building Standards Proposal – Mar.25, 2011

On Monday March 21st SPEC became aware that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) had recently submitted 130 pages of new building standards for commercial swimming pools and water parks to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC). Even more alarming was that these proposed new building standards were slated to be heard before the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to the CBSC on Thursday, March 24th.

Fortunately for the industry, the chairman of the advisory committee, who works for the California Building Industry Association, put in a call to SPEC to inquire whether SPEC and/or our members were consulted by the Department of Public Health in the development of the new building standards. SPEC President, John Norwood conducted a quick survey of a number of large commercial swimming pool and water park builders and design firms. These were the leading firms in California that design and build these type of facilities throughout the state. All responded that the Department had not be in contact with them regarding development of new building standards.

On March 24th, SPEC President John Norwood appeared before the CBSC advisory committee. As a result of concerns expressed on behalf of SPEC, the advisory committee recommended that it hold the proposed new building standards for further study. Chairman Bob Raymer suggested strongly that the Department of Public Health work with SPEC, the California Association of Building Officials and local government organizations to develop new building standards that could be supported by the industry. Discussions with the Department after the hearing resulted in a request that SPEC form a "working group" that could begin meetings with the Department and other interested parties to to work toward an agreed upon submission.

Unfortunately, the situation with respect to the development of these building standards is not atypical. There are easily over 100 state and local agencies that could develop regulations, ordinances and building standards that could adversely affect the swimming pool, spa and water park industry and SPEC members. The California Legislature reviews some 3,000 bills per year. Since each of these bills are amended on an average of four times apiece, there are some 12,000 bills per year that SPEC has to monitor to ensure that a new bill will not adversely affect its members. SPEC shows up every day to work on behalf of its members. "Fortunately, SPEC members understand that the industry has to treat government as its unwanted business partner," noted Norwood. "The resources spent to support trade associations like SPEC come back many times over by defeating burdensome legislation and regulations that would otherwise cost the industry wasted time and money. The challenge is to increase SPEC's membership so the entire industry shoulders some of the cost."

Water Awareness in Residential Neighborhoods



APRIL POOLS DAY

Kicks off

May is Drowning Prevention Month

FREE!!!

Learn how to keep children safe around swimming pools - it could save the life of a child you know and love!

Saturday April 2

**City of San Marcos: Las Posas Pool - 1387 West Borden Road
1 - 4 pm (760) 744-9000**

Saturday April 16

**City of Chula Vista: Parkway Pool - 385 Park Way
12 - 3 pm (619) 691-5088**

Saturday April 23

**City of Coronado Aquatic Complex - 1845 Strand Way
1 - 5 pm (619) 522-2464**

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**City of Escondido: Washington Park Pool - 501 North Rose St
9 am - 12 pm (760) 839-4382**

Saturday April 30

**Aqua Pros Swim School (Clairemont) - 4636 Clairemont Mesa Blvd
1 - 3 pm (619) 209-2990**

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**City of Santee: Cameron Family YMCA - 10123 Riverwalk Drive
12 - 3 pm (619) 449-9622**

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**La Mesa Municipal Pool - 5100 Memorial Drive
12 - 3 pm (619) 667-1494**

Activities include: Free Swim lessons; Free Recreational Swim; Swim with a Navy SEAL; Water Safety/CPR presentations; Infant Swim Lesson Demonstration; Fire Department Rescue Demonstrations; and more. Activities vary by site so be sure to contact each agency for a complete description of their event.



CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND APPLICATION

Member Name: _____ Date _____

Company Name: _____

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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 Chair – Brian Davis 8070 La Jolla Shores Dr. #421 La Jolla, CA 92037

San Diego Chapter Financial Report – March 1-31, 2011					
	General	Education	Expense Description	General	Education
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	19,338.48	8,705.87	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		14,129.47	Bank charges		
Total	19,338.48	22,835.34	Continuing Education		570.00
Combined total	42,173.82		SPE C Donation	400.00	
Cash Receipts			New member refund (Lipe)	100.00	
Dues collected by IPSSA	1,902.00		Door prizes Raffle	25.00	
Newsletter Advertisement			Newsletter	200.00	
Chapter Supporters –	600.00		Legal/Professional Computer consulting		
Member fines	150.00		Meeting expense		
Interest earned		1.18	- Chapter Board	320.08	
Rebate Program			- General meeting (Dinner)	476.08	
CD Interest			- Hall Rental	333.73	
Member payment			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Water Watcher Program		
Fines: -			Office expense:		
			Phone	20.63	
			Postage & Copies		
			Mileage		
New Member			- SD Aquatic (life vests)		500.00
Education Fund			- IRS payment	0.23	
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast		
Directory sales			Total Expenses in Month	1,875.75	1,070.00
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	18,769.43	8,982.35
Total Income in Month	2,652.00	1.18	CD & Savings		14,129.47
			Total	18,769.43	23,111.82
			Combined Total	41,881.25	



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 April 2011 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
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Must place your coupon in the drawing.
Must be present to win!

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Company Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

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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
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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
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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	

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**General Meeting
April 20, 7pm
Mission Valley Resort**
Speakers:
• Todd Wilson:
EasyCare Pooltec
• Robert Fox: Contractor's
State License Services



**Next General Meeting
April 20, 2011 – 7 p.m.
Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle South
Mission Valley, south of I-8
1/4 mile west of SR 163**

