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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2011

## President's Message

The holiday season has arrived and I hope you are taking some well-deserved time away from work and are spending it with family and friends. Thanksgiving marked the beginning of the holiday season and shortly after that the Chapter held its annual holiday party on the first Saturday in December. It was a wonderful evening that may very well be the finest event the Chapter has ever held. The Admiral Baker Country Club hosted the event that began with a cocktail hour. A brief meeting followed where business was discussed, awards were distributed, gifts of appreciation were given to Committee Chairman, and the new Board of Officers was introduced. Jesse Michel provided beautiful background music throughout the evening which allowed for conversation without having to shout. A buffet dinner was served with a prime rib carving station along with many other choices. A casino night was enjoyed by everyone and the members of the Chapter received a parting gift. Attendance was good and there have never been more neckties seen at a Chapter event. It was a memorable night. Entertainment Chairman Mike Lewis is to be congratulated.

This note is my last as President of the San Diego Chapter. The last six years that I've spent on the Chapter Board have been educational, challenging, inspiring, and rewarding. Much appreciation goes to all the Committee Chairmen who have served in their capacities and have helped to improve the Chapter. Special thanks to the Board members who served with me while I was the President: Phil Gardiner, James Morketter, and Jim Bauer. This was a team effort from the beginning and we faced some difficult and challenging issues. The Board of Officers, with the help of others within the Chapter, rose to the many challenges and as a result the Chapter is in better shape than ever before. I will remain a voting member of the Board for the next two years and I am looking forward to working with the new Board members. Four years ago when this Board began its service the Continuing Education Program was initiated and enforcement of the new program became an added responsibility. Bob Reed died in a motorcycle accident in January of that year while two Sick Leave coverage efforts were being conducted,

adding to the new Board's concerns. The Chapter directory was being redesigned with a new format, new photographs, and advertisers for the first time. It was distributed late but the finished product was greatly improved. The monthly newsletter known as "The Skimmer" also got a makeover and a redesign and continues to evolve. Beginning in 2012 it will be distributed via e-mail only, saving the Chapter close to \$3500 a year. Early in the Board's first year several members independent of each other approached the Board with concerns regarding abuse of the Sick Leave Program. A revised plan was drawn up and over the course of several months and several focus group meetings with the Board and a dozen or so concerned Chapter members, a new Sick Leave Program was drafted. At that year's October mandatory meeting the new program was approved by the membership. Since IPSSA requires a general meeting be held every month, the annual dinner meeting normally held in May was moved to the historically non-meeting month of August. Each year the dinner meeting has improved and become an event that many look forward to attending. The same can be said regarding the December holiday meeting/party. It has evolved into a classy elegant affair.

The Board's tenure also saw the passing of David Courey who lost his battle with leukemia, leaving behind his wife Julie, son Jackson, and daughter Adrienne. David set the standard for Chapter Supporters. He attended most if not all general meetings. He would speak eloquently to the membership, inspiring many. When asked to do so, David would conduct seminars on a wide variety of subjects for the Chapter. He originated the summer picnic, supplying and cooking the food for everyone. David also involved himself in the Chapter's charitable events including the MS Walk, the Chapter's blood drive, and the Chapter's Child Safety and Drowning Prevention Committee, to name a few. The Board established an award in his honor two years ago. The David Courey Chapter **Supporter** Award is given to a Chapter Supporter who best exemplifies the standard set by David.

Three out of the last four B.K. Taylor award winners from our Chapter have gone on to win the award at the Regional

## Continuing Education

Just a reminder that all S. D. IPSSA members must have their 2010 -2011 forms filled out and turned in by 12/31/2011.

Submitted by Jon McArthur

level with Nobby Mandolf winning at the National level two years ago. Longtime member A.J. Wilson was honored at the 2011 October mandatory meeting. Having contributed to the Chapter and IPSSA over many years as a Committee Chairman, Board member, President, and Region 7 director, to name a few, A.J. was named an honorary member of the San Diego IPSSA Chapter.

The general meetings continued to improve while maintaining the one hour time frame goal the Board had set for itself. The meetings remained informative and entertaining with a wide variety of speakers over the years. Discussion from the floor during meetings was always encouraged and that was witnessed many times at many meetings as members felt much more comfortable to speak up, ask questions, and contribute to the discussions. Feedback from the membership, Chapter Supporters, Manufacturer's Representatives, Supply House Management, and guest speakers has been nothing but highly complementary. It is often stated how well our Chapter is run, how professional our Chapter is, and what a pleasure it is to attend our meetings. The Chapter's Standing Rules were later revised during the Board's two term service. With the help of several concerned members the Standing Rules were scrutinized, updated, changed, and modified then put before the membership last year at the October mandatory meeting for approval.

The best Chapter in IPSSA continues to get better and better. As Jim Bauer, our Treasurer, was often heard saying "we are in good shape financially." The Chapter certainly is and the future looks bright.

Cheers, Mark

## Message From Our Outgoing Secretary

Thank you for all your support during my time as chapter secretary. I am glad I had the opportunity to serve an organization as dedicated and professional as ours. I look forward to the years ahead and wish the best for our new board.

James Morketter

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### General Meeting 11/16/11

Call to order: 7:05 PM

Pledge of allegiance: Jim Bradbury

Treasurer's Report: Jim Bauer- We're in good shape financially.

Secretary's Report: James Morketter-

A question was raised about tabling the following issues:

1. Switching the Skimmer to an online only publication.
2. Altering our by-laws to allow for more than one Vice-President.

A discussion was held about both issues, including questions about the pros and cons of each.

A motion was made, and seconded, to change our by-laws to allow for more than one Vice-president. A vote of members present was taken, and the motion passed. A quorum of members was present, verified by a count.

The Skimmer will switch to an online only version. The board's decision was discussed by the members present. The general consensus was positive.

Vice-President's Report: Phil Gardiner- Phil announced the evening's speakers. Phil also announced that approximately half of our current chapter supporters have paid to remain supporters in 2012.

Chapter supporters, Supply house reps etc. were called to the front of the room to be recognized.

Prospective member Rick Fiori was introduced to the members.

Mark Fleming and Ken Curtis thanked the members for their sick route coverage. They also gave a brief update on their medical status.

Travis Hetzner from Oreq spoke briefly. A brief Q & A Followed.

Jon McArthur spoke regarding continuing education requirements. He also announced that January 28, 2012 will be the date of the next Table-Top Show.

Jon Rodriguez from Hayward spoke briefly. Q & A Followed.

Raffle:

No winner for the \$50 prize

\$25-Mike Harris

\$50 gas card-George Ludwig

50# Tabs -Joe Dianna

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM

Elections

Mark Curran recognized the sick leave committee and the current board members.

Mark Curran recognized and acknowledged the

nominating committee: Jon McArthur, Mark Overman, Bob Fowler, Paul Grimes, Mike Gregg, Steven Heyer, and John Silcox.

The 2011 David Courey award was awarded to Pool Surfacing 2000.

Bob Fowler thanked Mark Curran for serving as chapter president for the past 4 years.

Ballots were distributed to the members to select board members for the 2012-2013 term. The winners were:

President- Mike Anderson,  
Vice President- Joe Dianna,  
Treasurer- Pat Nieratko,  
Secretary- Matt Sweeney.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM

### Board Meeting – 11/30/2011

(December Board meeting)

Jim Bauer, Phil Gardiner, Mark

Curran, James Morketter

Call to order 7:10 PM

Mark gave an update on the status of members out on sick leave.

We reviewed a strategy for the check-in process at the installation dinner/Christmas party.

Mark will work with Paul Grimes regarding the printing of the 2012 photo directory.

A motion was raised to purchase thank-you gifts for each committee chair. Motion passed 3 yes votes, one abstained from voting.

We reviewed and edited a form letter which will be sent to each member who is risking expulsion in accordance with our continuing education policy.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM

### General meeting 12/3/11

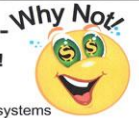
(Installation Dinner)

Call to order 7:15 PM.

Mark Curran gave an update on the condition of Nobby Madolf and Peat Burke.

Mike Lewis was acknowledged as our entertainment chair. Mark also recognized Samantha Larimier from Weiser Pools who helped with the organization of the Installation dinner/Christmas Party. She was presented with a small token of

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appreciation.

Gary Roberts was recognized and presented with a gift card for his work on the 2012 photo directory.

The 2011 David Courey Award was presented to Pool Surfacing 2000. The award included plaques given to Reid Mirvis, Mike Gersch and Krista Hudson. Reid Mirvis spoke briefly.

The 2012 board of officers were presented to the membership.

President- Mike Anderson  
Vice-President- Joe Dianna  
Treasurer- Pat Nieratko  
Secretary- Matt Sweeney

Special thanks as well as a gift card were presented to the committee chairs in appreciation for their work in 2011 and over the past several years

Pat Farrow/Dale Eppard- Product testing  
Jon McArthur/Brian Davis- Continuing education

Ron Baker/Ron Magnant/ Terry Werhly- Sick leave

Gary Sevigny- Manufacturers rebate  
John Silcox- Child safety and drowning prevention

James Morketter- Blood Drive

Mark Curran reviewed the accomplishments of each committee during the last 4 years including:

Implementation of the continuing education points program  
Restructuring the sick leave program  
Revising the standing rules  
Re-designing the Skimmer newsletter  
Improving the photo directory  
Enhancing the dinner meeting and Christmas Party

Mark acknowledged that the chapter was in a better position financially than when the current board took office 4 years ago.

Mark gave special thanks to exiting board members Jim Bauer, Phil Gardiner and James Morketter.

Mark also thanked and acknowledged certain members for their advice and input over the years- Mike Gregg, Jim Bradbury, Paul Grimes, Bill Peck, John Silcox, Steven Heyer, Jon McArthur, Bob Fowler, Mark Overman, A.J. Wilson

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM



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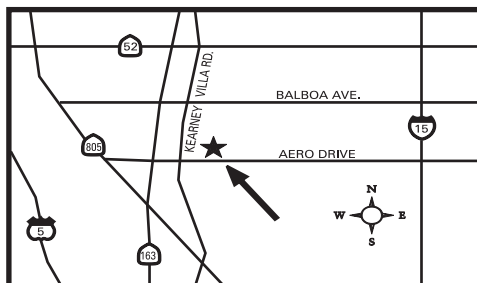
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**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2011  
9:58 AM  
**To:** onBalance

**Subject:** Why the Bicarb Start-up is Best

The following information on chemical start-ups is applicable to all newly plastered swimming pools, including quartz and pebble aggregate finishes. The first step for a superior start-up is to wait at least six hours before turning on the water to fill the pool. This was common practice in the old days. If filled too early, some plaster material dissolves from the surface, mainly in the deep end, leaving it porous and susceptible to further erosion and staining.

The second step is to fill the pool with water that has sufficient calcium, or more importantly, a high alkalinity (TA) level. The best water for new plaster should have a positive Langelier Saturation Index (LSI). Even if the tap water is balanced, it is aggressive to new fresh plaster and will remove material from the surface and negatively affect the long-term durability due to increased porosity of the surface.

Those first two steps are, for the most part, what the Bicarb Start-up program is all about. It is not any more complicated than that. Other start-up procedures, such as the Traditional start-up, do not deal with these two important steps, which may allow filling the pool too soon, and with aggressive tap water. Only afterwards when the pool is full, when the damage has already occurred, is the water treated and balanced. Far more damage can occur to a new plaster surface during filling than over the following two weeks, even if not balanced.

The following is the science on how and why the Bicarb start-up method protects the plaster.

When water and pool plaster is mixed together before applying, most of the hardening plaster is comprised of calcium silicates and aluminates, and about 15 to 20 percent is calcium hydroxide. Calcium silicates and aluminates are the hardest components, but calcium hydroxide is softer, slightly soluble, and a weaker component of pool plaster. In fact,

calcium hydroxide can be dissolved by typical balanced pool water. The LSI is applicable to calcium carbonate, not calcium hydroxide.

This is exactly why tap water that does not have a positive LSI is not suited for new fresh pool plaster. As much as 30 pounds of calcium hydroxide and other pool plaster material can be dissolved from the plaster surface of a 20,000 gallon pool, depending on the severity of the plastering and aggressive tap water conditions. The calcium hardness of the pool water can sometimes increase 100 to 200 ppm.

It is the dissolved calcium hydroxide that becomes "plaster dust" (in the pool) as much of it is transformed into insoluble calcium carbonate by the pool water. The amount of plaster dust formed can indicate how much material has been lost from the pool plaster surface. The more material that is lost, the more porous and rougher the plaster surface is (as seen under magnification), the less durable it is, and the more likely dirt, iron, and copper will stick to the surface as time passes. And months later, when the plaster surface looks aged, and dull, and discolored, no one will suspect it was due to the improper or ineffective start-up program the pool received. Whoever is maintaining the pool will be blamed for the negative change in appearance.

A Bicarb start-up prevents the loss of calcium hydroxide from the plaster, which preserves a dense (non-porous) surface, and no plaster dust forms. Instead, it converts calcium hydroxide WITHIN the plaster surface into calcium carbonate, creating a harder, denser, smoother, and more durable surface. And there is no increase of calcium hardness in the pool water. The Bicarb start-up program helps prevent the pH from rising above 8.4, which generally happens in new plaster pools, and is a common battle to control the pH when filled with average tap water. It does this by adding sufficient alkalinity (TA) to the tap water before filling, so that it is not aggressive to new plaster. Low alkalinity water creates two problems; it can dissolve calcium hydroxide from the plaster, then the high pH (12.4) calcium hydroxide dominates the pH of the pool water causing it to rise very quickly and very high (sometimes as

high as 10.5). A minimum of 200 ppm of TA is required for proper pH control and buffering, and a higher TA may be needed if the calcium content of the tap water is low.



The above pictured pool/spa combo, featuring black plaster, was set up as a Bicarb start-up. You can see the barrel and hoses in the background. When we came back, the pool was crystal clear, but the spa looked like it was full of milk (especially once we brushed it!). The homeowner had come home and decided to fill the spa using non-bicarbonate tap water. What a difference!

The Bicarb start-up allows for fewer visits to control the pH. There is a reduced need for intensive brushing. Because the plaster surface is smoother and more durable, it stands up better to future acid washes and dirt and mineral stains are easier to remove. Dark colored plaster stays darker and does not become blotchy or lighter in color. Long-term esthetics is definitely improved. Acid start-ups can be one reason for colored plaster and quartz finishes becoming blotchy and lighter in color.

Of course, many will assume that scale will develop because of the high alkalinity level (having a positive LSI). But if the Bicarb program is done correctly, scale doesn't form. For over 10 years, many pool plasterers and service techs report having great success with the Bicarb start-up method. The entire pool plastering industry should adopt this start-up program to ensure quality and durable pool plaster.

For the specifics steps on the Bicarb start-up go to:  
[http://www.poolhelp.com/handouts/oB\\_Bicarb%20Startup%20Method%20Handout.pdf](http://www.poolhelp.com/handouts/oB_Bicarb%20Startup%20Method%20Handout.pdf)

**UPDATE: 11/9/11 Construction Coalition Meeting REPORT**

The Construction Enforcement Coalition, of which SPEC is a member, held its latest meeting Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition to approximately 50 attendees representing construction industry and labor groups, the following agency chiefs were in attendance to present the status of implementation of the Labor Enforcement Task Force and field questions: Christine Baker, Acting Director, Department of Industrial Relations(DIR); Simon Ramsubhag, Underground Operations Chief, Employee Development Department (EDD); David Fogt, Enforcement Chief, Contractor State License Board (CSLB); and Eric Weirich and Rick Plein, Fraud Division, Department of Insurance (DOI).

Acting Director of DIR, Christine Baker, was the first agency chief to speak. She provided updates on a number of important steps the agency is taking to enhance enforcement efforts. Baker reported the Governor has endorsed the reorganization of the Economic and Employment Enforcement Coalition (EEEC) unit. The unit will retain the same number of enforcement personnel from multiple agencies, but will be under the DIR, not Labor & Workforce Development Agency (LWDA). It will be renamed the Labor Enforcement Task Force (LETF). It will be streamlining its efforts to more quickly target flagrant violators in its targeted industries, and construction is one at the top of the list to address.

For all enforcement agencies, database improvements are underway so that there will be more interagency data shared. Memorandums of Understanding are being inventoried with a view to being re-written to allow faster interaction between agencies. DIR will be participating in the Automated Collection Enhancement System (ACES) database of EDD in the future. There is a careful evaluation of what enforcement personnel are needed with a partial lifting of the hiring freeze, so that 150 to 200 enforcement personnel can be hired after the first of the year, with a high priority going to the Department of Occupational Health and Safety (DOSH or Cal/OSHA) and the Division of Labor Standards and Enforcement (DLSE, Labor Commissioner). The new Compliance Monitoring Unit will be hiring 60 personnel in the near future to enforce public works projects. Baker indicated that she would appreciate input as to the mission statement for the Labor Enforcement Taskforce. Baker also provided an example of how the DIR is interacting with EDD and the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau. 1500 companies were identified as having questionable coverage based on their payrolls; after review, 469 were referred for investigation. 80 companies wound up having insurance already, while approximately 100 were given citations. The DIR plans to be more focused and more comprehensive in their enforcement efforts.

David Fogt (CSLB) noted that there are 487 positions at the CSLB, and only 432 are currently filled; 29 of those needing to be filled are in enforcement. He also said CSLB is working with the State Fund to prioritize data to catch violators; and in a recent sampling of roofing contractors in the Chico area, 32 of 65 roofing contractors had minimum premium policies (no reported payroll), while five had small premium policies (small reported payroll). CSLB is also working with building departments to identify violators.

Simon Ramsubhag (EDD) expressed his concern for business owners losing out to cheaters and discussed their 2012 agency plan, committing 75% of his resources to this construction effort next year. He also described working in cooperation with CLSB and specific trades; HVAC, Landscapers, Roofing, and the Pool Plastering industry. He gave an example of how out of 167 roofing licenses in Pleasanton, only 37 were legitimate. Pleasanton is now requiring the contract amount and number of employees before issuing a permit.

Rick Plein (DOI Fraud Division) discussed their hiring and training programs for new enforcement personnel, and said they are moving forward with and expressed their commitment to collaborative efforts with other agencies. DOI currently has 170 premium fraud investigations going, with over \$100 million in premium in question. He also noted that there is a new public complaint form, much simpler than the complicated complaint form that is turned into DOI from insurers. Eric Weirich, DOI Fraud Division advised that currently 95% of premium fraud referrals come from insurers, and it is hoped this new form will lead to more investigations. This form may be accessed by clicking the link: [Online Insurance Reporting Form to the Department of Insurance](#)

Completed Online Insurance Reporting Forms are to be mailed to the following address:  
California Department of Insurance  
Enforcement Branch Headquarters Intake Unit  
9342 Tech Center Drive, Ste. 100  
Sacramento, CA 95826  
California Insurance Code Section 1879.5, no person shall be subject to civil liability for filing a good faith report of suspected insurance fraud to the Department of Insurance.

Lastly, it was announced that the Senate Industrial Relations Committee was going to conduct a hearing on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Small Business and the Underground Economy. In addition to planned testimony from the state's enforcement agencies, including the CSLB, CDI, ADD, and DIR, the committee is inviting trade associations representing the construction industry to attend and testify. SPEC will be on hand for this hearing. December 2, 2011

**SPEC Reaches Agreement on Title 24 Pool Regs - 12/2/ 2011**

"SPEC has reached an agreement on the pending public swimming pool and water park regulations," announced John Norwood, President of SPEC. "It has been a long

process but it is important that new building standards be adopted that will protect the public by modernizing the California Codes," stated Norwood.

SPEC has been working on these proposed new building standards since early in 2011. A committee of some of the State's leading designers and builders of public pools and water parks was appointed from among SPEC members and others who volunteered their talents. The committee developed over 100 pages of comments designed to make certain that the proposed new building standards reflected modern technology and building practices.

In the administrative hearing process this summer the Department of Public Health accepted the majority of SPEC's suggestions; however, members of SPEC's committee were not satisfied as they believed the department failed to address some important issues due to time pressures. The committee felt that these issues should not be pushed aside another 20 years before the code was again updated. As a result, SPEC opposed the approval of the proposed new building standards at an October hearing before the California Building Standards Commission. The Building Standards Commission agreed with SPEC and sent the regulations back for further study. However, Chairwoman Anna Caballero requested that the department convene a stakeholders meeting to try to develop a compromise. Caballero indicated that if the interested parties come to agreement she would schedule the regulations for another hearing in January.

A stakeholders meeting was scheduled for mid-November. SPEC was represented by Mike Geremia, Bill Rowley, Dave Peterson and Peter Conlin. SPEC proposed seven items for inclusion in the regulations. What emerged from the stakeholders meeting was an agreement to include four of the SPEC items in the current regulations and agreed to work on the other issues raised by SPEC in the 2013/2014 code upgrade cycle. The Department also agreed to work with SPEC on issues that might require the Health and Safety Code to be amended by legislation in the 2012 legislative session.

As a result of the compromise, SPEC agreed to support the adoption of the Title 24 proposed public pool and water park regulations at the January meeting of the California Building Standards Commission. "This is a good result," stated Mike Geremia, President of Geremia Pools and Chairman of SPEC. "I think we now have a good working relationship with the Department of Public Health and I expect that this will truly result in benefits for pool safety and for the members of SPEC."

Thanks and appreciation go to Dave Peterson of WaterShapes Consulting, Mike Geremia of Geremia Pools, Bill Rowley of Rowley International, Bruce Dunn of Mission Pools and Ken Hart of Aquatic Technologies who worked so hard as a subcommittee to put the final touches on the SPEC submission and attend the meetings and conference calls with the Department of Public Health.



# Region 7 Review

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## Director's Notes

### Region 7 Quarterly Report

#### R7 Notes:

First let me wish everyone a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**Reminder:** On December 21 we will have the last Region 7 Board Meeting for the current board. A new board led by **Joe Lukacik** will take over after the Installation Weekend in February. This (December) meeting will be a joint board meeting, as the elected officers for 2012-2014 will be electing a secretary and treasurer (from among the new board) for that term. Remember that each chapter is expected to have their president and another elected representative at this meeting. The representative should have been elected for the same two year term as the other chapter officers.

#### Notes from Nov. 5 BORD meeting:

1. The September membership census stands at 3,629.
2. **Bob Nichols** selected to receive the Terry Cowles Award.
3. California corporate law allows for multiple vice presidents (of interest to the San Diego Chapter).
4. \$25,000 received from the Hayward coupon rebate program.
5. The similar Pentair program is underutilized. Encourage your members to utilize this program!!
5. Consideration is being given to changing the August 2012 BORD Meeting to Region 2 and the November 2012 Meeting to Region 7.
6. New location is being considered for the 2013 Leadership Seminar.
7. Region 11 is now a regular Region (no longer a probationary region).
8. New Chapters:  
Western Las Vegas (R8)  
Sarasota (R11)  
Treasure Coast (R11) – tentative approval pending submission of necessary paperwork
9. Chapters at large (as a concept) is being researched and considered.
10. Region Directories will be available at the 2012 Leadership Seminar.
11. IPSSA has entered into an exclusive endorsement agreement with Arrow Insurance.
12. Bylaws Committee will look at the wording of the requirement concerning employee members/ member on the new member application form.

## Calendar of Events

- **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.
- **R7 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Table Top**, Sat., **Jan. 28, 2012**, 9:00 – 4:00 p.m., Four Points Sheraton, 8110 Aero Dr., SD, [www.region7tabletop.com](http://www.region7tabletop.com)
- **BORD**, Fri., **Feb. 3**, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. [info@IPSSA.com](mailto:info@IPSSA.com)
- **IPSSA Leadership Seminar, Banquet**, Sat., **Feb. 4**, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. [info@IPSSA.com](mailto:info@IPSSA.com).
- **National Drowning Prevention Symposium**, **March 7-9**, Hyatt Mission Bay, San Diego. [www.ndpa.org](http://www.ndpa.org)
- **Western Pool and Spa Show**, **March 15-17**, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA. 800-787-7727, [www.westernshow.com](http://www.westernshow.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 Chair – Brian Davis 8070 La Jolla Shores Dr. #421 La Jolla, CA 92037**

## San Diego Chapter Financial Report November 1-30, 2011

	General	Education	Expense Description	General	Education
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	32,109.29	9,277.45	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		14,122.42	Bank charges		
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,109.29</b>	<b>23,409.87</b>	Continuing Education		1,265.00
<b>Combined total</b>	<b>55,519.16</b>		S. P. E. C, donation	200.00	
Cash Receipts			Nominating Committee		
Dues collected by IPSSA	1,934.00		Door prizes Raffle	25.00	
Newsletter Advertisement			Newsletter	230.30	
Chapter Supporters	1800.00		Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Member fines	150.00		Meeting expense		
Interest earned			- Chapter Board	423.52	
Rebate Program (Pentair Filters)			- General meeting	471.71	
CD Interest		0.88	- Picnic		
Member payment			- Regional Dues		
Other H2O Watcher Tags			- BK Taylor Award		
Fines: -			Office expense:		
			Phone	20.64	
			Postage & Copies		
			Mileage		
New Member			Awards (Plaques)	230.03	
Education Fund			- Service Industry News		2,310.00
Child Safety			- Blood Drive Breakfast	135.03	
Directory Advertising			<b>Total Expenses in Month</b>	<b>1,836.23</b>	<b>3575.00</b>
Picnic			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	34,157.09	5,701.57
<b>Total Income in Month</b>	<b>3,884.00</b>	<b>0.88</b>	CD & Savings		14,134.18
			<b>Total</b>	<b>34,157.09</b>	<b>19,835.75</b>
			<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>53,992.84</b>	

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## Calendar

### 1/4 Chapter Board:

7 pm Kensington Grill  
Future 2/1, 3/7

### 1/18 General Meeting 7pm

Future: 2/15, 3/21

### 1/21, Blood Drive 8 am

Antique Row Café, Lemon  
Grv -3521 Lemon Grove Av

### 1/28 Region 7 Table Top

Show

Sheraton Four Points

Aero Dr

Seminars & Show

See enclosed flyer

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**General Meeting  
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7 pm**  
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**Region 7 Table Top  
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**Next General Meeting  
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