



# The Skimmer

GENERAL MEETING  
APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2013  
MISSION VALLEY RESORT  
875 HOTEL CIRCLE

APRIL SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER 2013

## President's Message

Greetings, be sure to check out the details in this month's Skimmer for the pre-meeting (5:00 - 6:30 PM) Hayward seminar. You can earn some education points and some pointers on getting you salt systems in shape for the swim season. We will also have a guest speaker give us information on the changing health insurance climate during the membership meeting.

In general, things are going swimmingly in our chapter.

We currently have no one out on sick leave (knock on wood and take care of yourselves), three prospective members in the pipeline and financially we are in good shape. April Pool Days are underway, offering opportunities to get involved in your community and spread the word on water safety. At the very least, be sure to pass along IPSSA Water Watcher materials to your customers as the swim season begins. The board is also accepting nominations for

this year's matching funds charitable contribution. Please submit a brief written suggestion to any board member for consideration. Please note: we would like to target a swimming pool related benefactor for the 2013 campaign.

I look forward to seeing you at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The board also encourages you to participate with your questions, comments and ideas. Be heard!!

Mike Anderson

**Guest Speaker** – Jim Robeson will talk about Obama Care and how it will affect you.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Upcoming classes -

John Rodriguez of Hayward present a class on Salt Chlorine Generators  
This Hayward seminar is from 5pm to 6:30pm, April 17, 2013, (right before the General Meeting) Mission Valley Resort 875 Hotel Circle

### Education Reimbursements -

Local Classes (San Diego County) 75% class cost.  
SoCal Area 100% class/show cost+\$50 for expenses.

Outside So Cal 100% class/show cost+ \$200 for expenses.

Contractor License - 100% of non-recurring expenses such as application test fees, fingerprinting charge etc., up to \$1000.

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### Members who have completed approved classes and received 10 points.

Paul Grimes	Bob Fowler
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Mark Curran	Jim Bauer
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John Silcox	Afshin Daradeh
Dee Eakright	George Ludwig
Joe Hiel	Tom Richardson
Bill Peck	Philip Gardiner
James Morketter	Jack Pena
Nelson Groff	Jon McArthur
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## Ask the All Stars

Our panel of experts is ready, willing and able to answer questions in their fields of expertise. Use the contact info below or say hello at the next general meeting.



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### General Meeting – 3/20/2013

Call to order: 7:10PM

Pledge of allegiance- John Rumble

#### Officer Reports

**Secretary Report** – 7:07PM, Minutes approved from March 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Matt talked about the new Chapter Supporter Evaluation form and the new Skimmer advertisement prices that will go into effect June 1<sup>st</sup>. The financial report in the Skimmer was changed by splitting up the general fund, education fund and sick leave fund.

**Treasurer Report** – Pat Nieratko reported that we are doing very well financially.

**New Members** – Jon Silcox introduced 3 prospective members Adam Haynes, Charles Sherrell and Israel Ramirez. Jon talked about extra Car Magnets being available.

**Manufacture Rebate** - Gary Sevigny spoke about Pentair filters being available soon. 75% will be DE FNS Plus and 25% clean and clear cartridge filters.

**Continuing Education** – Jon McArthur reminded everybody there is only 7 months left to earn your 10 points.

Ron Baker talked about possibly having a CPR class to earn points for Continuing Education.

Stephen Heyer talked about Western Pool and Spa Show and encouraged more members to attend next year.

**Blood Drive/ Water Safety** – James Morketter talked about April Pools events kicking off April 6<sup>th</sup> and May is Drowning

Prevention Month.

50 Water Watcher tags are free and available.

**Entertainment Committee** – Jeff Marshall mentioned a possible harbor cruise instead of the picnic. Suggestions from the members are most welcomed. Mark Curran introduced guest speaker Derek Dalto. Derek talked about Robotic Cleaners being cheap and energy efficient. Price drop from \$425- \$225 on Aqua products turbo and jet lines. Products will only be sold at distribution centers not online.

Mark Curran introduced the next guest speaker, Justin Stortz, of AER Technologies. Justin talked about Board repairs at low prices with a free diagnostic and 20% off for IPSSA Members.

#### Raffle –

\$100 –Jon Rumble

\$25 – Patrick Nevin

50lbs Tabs (Superior) – Paul Grimes

50lbs Tabs (Abcana) – Brian Davis

Derek Dalto raffled off a net and light.

Meeting adjourned 8:44PM.

### Board Meeting – 04/03/2013

Call to order: 7:14PM.

**Attendance:** Mike Anderson, Joe Dianna, Patrick Nieratko, Matt Sweeney and Mark Curran.

#### Officer Reports

**Treasurer Report** – Pat Nieratko received a check for the fine issued to a member for not turning in his blue card on time.

**Secretary Report** – Matt Sweeney happily announced that all members attended at least one meeting first quarter and no fines will be issued. A negative Chapter Supporter Evaluation form was turned in and reviewed by the Board.

**Vice President** – Joe Dianna talked about which Chapter Supporters are current with their dues and who is delinquent. The guest speaker for the general meeting is Jim Robeson. Jim will speak about Obama Care and how it will affect you.

Mike talked about John Rodriguez of Hayward presenting a class on Salt Chlorine Generators before the general meeting. Attending this will earn 2 points for Continuing Education.

At the Region 7 meeting the \$5,000 accidental back yard coverage was removed from our Chapter.

Mike mentioned possible TV time advertisement but would cost \$10,000.

Meeting adjourned 8:31PM.

## Calendar

04/17 **General Meeting 7pm:** Next: 05/15, 06/19 Mission Valley Resort

04/03 **Chapter Board Meeting 7PM:** Next: 05/01, 06/05

New Location - **Il Postino**  
3959 30<sup>th</sup> St. San Diego, CA

John Rodriguez of **Hayward** to present a class on **Salt Chlorine Generators**

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**From:** Kim Skinner [mailto:kimskinner@rfburst.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 7:24 AM

**To:** onBalance

**Subject:** The Acid Column Myth

Although onBalance debunked the Acid Column Myth in the *Journal of the Swimming Pool and Spa Industry* many years ago, we still regularly get asked in our trade show chemistry classes about its validity. We would like to recount what the myth is, why it is wrong, why following the practice could damage your pools (costing you money).

The myth:

- If acid is poured in a concentrated area, variously referred to as a column, slug, well or cloud, the alkalinity will be drastically reduced, but the pH will not drop as much as it otherwise would.
- And that if acid is added by walking it around a pool and evenly distributing it throughout the water, the pH will be preferentially lowered, with only a minor decrease of alkalinity.

The plain and simple fact of the matter is that a given amount (or “dose”) of acid added to a fixed volume of water (the pool) will result in an identical reduction of both pH and alkalinity. Every time. No matter how it is added. That’s the rule, that’s science, and it can easily be demonstrated at poolside by anyone with a test kit. The only real chemical difference between the two addition methods is the time required for the acid to blend throughout the entire pool.

Now – what really happens when acid is added in a concentrated fashion to a pool? Since acid is noticeably heavier than water, the acid sinks to the bottom, and flows to the lowest part of the pool. If that lowest part happens to include an operating main drain or an operating suction-side cleaner, the concentrated acid dose winds up in the circulation system.

In fact, we have performed experiments adding acid in this manner and have verified that this method can indeed create conditions where the pH of the water at the bottom of the pool is less than 2.5.

Although the movement of the water will eventually dilute and blend the acid into the rest of the pool, the initial contact of concentrated acid can potentially etch the plaster it touches, and attack the circulation system it flows through. Even adding several smaller “slugs” of concentrated acid will result in this puddling of acid on the bottom

– try adding dye to your acid and watch it. Its fun – as long as you are not worried about uniformly etching the bottom of the pool!

Of course, etching the plaster and eating the components of the circulation system is generally considered a bad thing... yet the proposed treatment process (“slugging” the acid) *recommends* this potentially damaging treatment technique, all for the sake of a theoretical, unfounded attempt at chemistry manipulation. Even if it worked (which it doesn’t), would it be worth the risk?

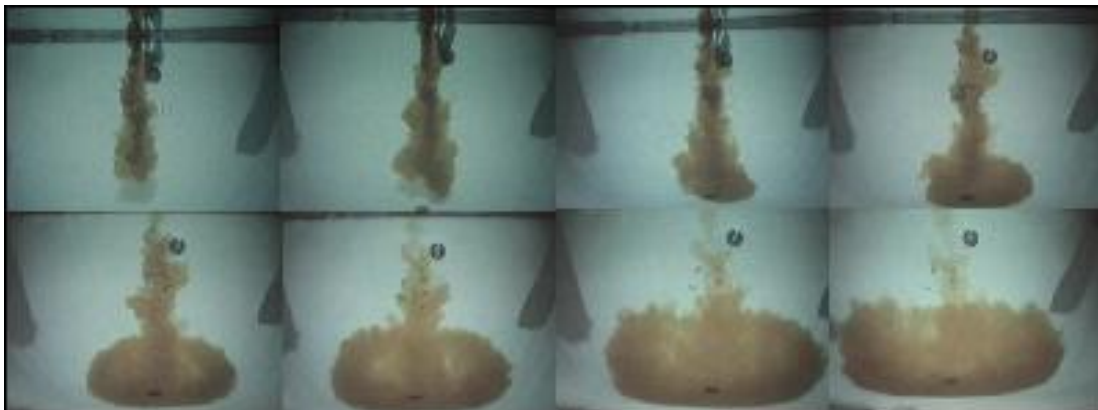
What is the right way? The best way to manually add acid to a pool is to pre-dilute the acid and to add it by “walking” it around the perimeter of the pool, pouring it evenly, close to the surface, and slowly enough to minimize splashing. When added in this fashion, the acid blends throughout the pool water faster, and the pool is protected from low pH.

In pools treated with the acid dilution and distribution method, the lowest pH levels measured next to the plaster were in the 7.1-7.2 range. (Repeat – once the acid addition was blended throughout the water, the end-result pH and total alkalinity reduction was identical, no matter how the acid was added.)

It is time to get this nonsense laid to rest, and stick to what is scientifically sound and that we all *know* works. And quit risking damage to pools in our care.

A more detailed water chemistry report on this topic (by onBalance) can be viewed by clicking below.

[http://www.poolhelp.com/JSPSI\\_V1N2\\_16-30\\_AcidColumn.pdf](http://www.poolhelp.com/JSPSI_V1N2_16-30_AcidColumn.pdf)



The picture above depicts two quarts of “dyed” acid being added to the deep-end of a pool and with the equipment shut off. The acid puddle remained that way for more than 30 minutes.



# San Diego Chapter Financial Report – March 1– 31, 2013

## General Fund

Income Description		Expense Description	
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	21,499.79	SPEC	300.00
Dues Collected by IPSSA		Door Prizes / Raffle	250.00
Member Fines		Entertainment Expenses	
Chapter Supporter Dues	2,100.00	Board Meeting	222.60
Directory Advertising		General Meeting	
Newsletter Advertising Income		Office Expense	
New Member	150.00	Phone Expenses	48.26
Fund Raising		Postage & Copies Expenses	
		Awards (Plaques)	
		Legal & Professional	100.00
		Online Dep. Detail & Images	3.00
		Quarterly Payment	620.50
<b>Total Income in Month</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses in Month</b>	<b>1,590.36</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>		<b>22,205.43</b>	

## Education Fund

Income Description		Expense Description	
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	19,848.01	Continuing Education	456.41
Rebate Program (PEP/Pentair/Raypak)			
Total CD Interest	.50		
<b>Total Income in Month</b>	<b>.50</b>	<b>Total Expenses in Month</b>	<b>456.41</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>		<b>19,392.10</b>	

## Sick Leave Fund

Income Description		Expense Description	
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	100.00	Members paid Sick Leave Coverage #1	
Sick Leave Coverage #1		Members paid Sick Leave Coverage #2	
Sick Leave Coverage #2		Sick Member Reimbursed #1	
Sick Leave Coverage #3		Sick Member Reimbursed # 2	
<b>Total Income in Month</b>		<b>Total Expense in Month</b>	
<b>Combined Total</b>		<b>100.00</b>	



# County of San Diego

## Commercial Swimming Pool Seminar

### "Staying Connected - Pool Safety and Maintenance"

Presented by the California Environmental Health Association Southwest Chapter

In coordination with the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health,  
Food and Housing Division

**May 30, 2013**

County of San Diego Operations Center

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For more information, contact Jescel Esteban at (858) 694-3744 or  
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#### Dear Members and Supporters

#### ***What You Need To Know To Get Your Salt Pools Ready For Summer!!***

Our Education Committee has arranged for:

**John Rodriguez of Hayward to present a class on Salt Chlorine Generators**

**This Hayward seminar is from 5pm to 6:30pm, April 17, 2013, (right before the General Meeting)**

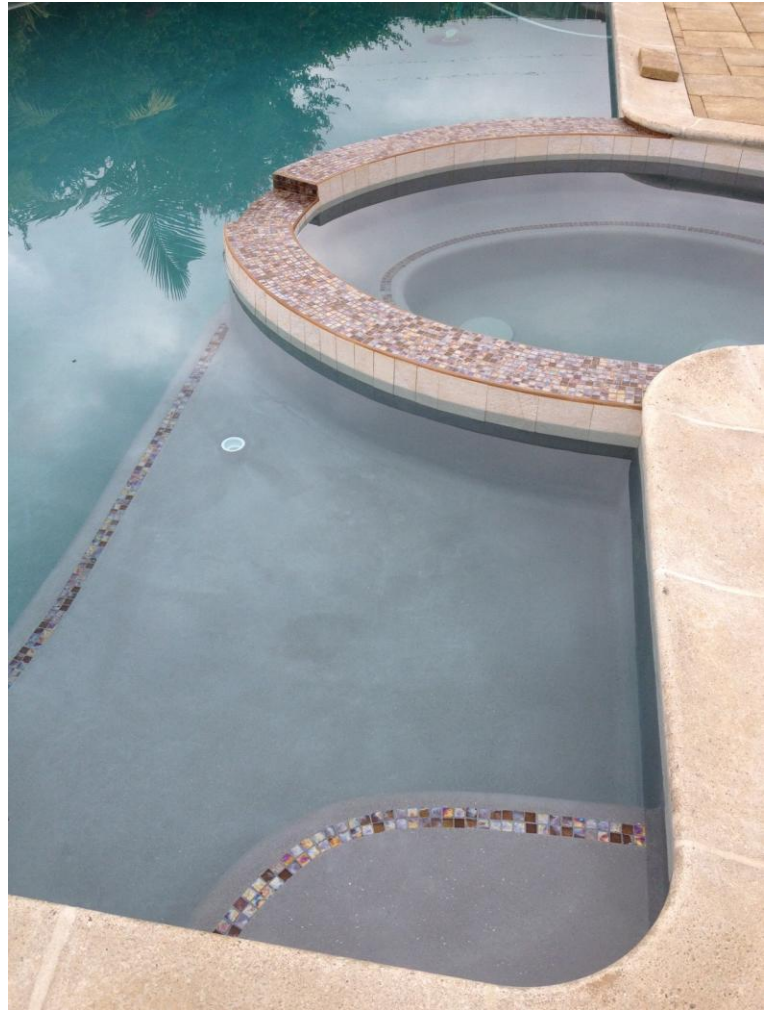
**Members will earn 2 Education Point for attending this informative seminar.**

**See you there,**

## Poolscape Unlimited Inc. – Remodel of the Month- November

Poolscape Unlimited, Inc. prides itself on many years of a solid reputation and excellent customer service and satisfaction. Our latest customer, Mrs. S commented: "Thank you for everything Kirk. You and your workers did a fantastic job! I am so pleased and will be happy to refer you to my friends." Check out the transformation which included new plaster, tile and a spa and bench reconfiguration.



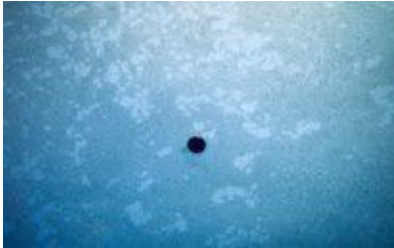




**Poolscapes Unlimited has a great referral program, if you have any customers with remodel needs have them contact us for a free estimate, and make sure they mention your company name! (619) 561-0555**

**From:** Kim Skinner [mailto:kimskinner@rfburst.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013 7:38 AM  
**To:** onBalance  
**Subject:** White Spotting of New Pool Plaster

The problem of plaster spotting has been an ongoing puzzle and controversy in the swimming pool industry for over three decades. The generally round, smooth-yet-unsightly white soft spots in new plaster pools have long been a source of contention among pool plasterers and pool chemical service firms, each blaming the other for the phenomenon.



Over the course of the past year, On Balance undertook a project to provide additional proof as to the cause. A one year old spotted pool in Los Angeles was inspected by both an onBalance partner and by the NPC Technical Advisor. Both had produced written opinions on the pool in question, with the former implicating defective plastering workmanship and the latter implicating aggressive water chemistry.

At that point, onBalance drained the pool, and with representatives of the trade press, service members, and pool plasterers present, core sampled the pool, obtaining dozens of cores from a local area of a spotted pool wall. These samples were sent to four different cement failure-analysis laboratories for petrographic examination. Results have been obtained from Construction Technologies Laboratories (a subsidiary of the Portland Cement Association), the RJ Lee Group, Riverbend Petrographics, and Wiss, Janney, Elstner. Would they find consensus when independently analyzing plaster cores containing white spots from the same pool?

All four labs have now submitted reports on their analysis. Here is a summary of their findings:

- The pool plaster contained more than 3 percent calcium chloride dehydrate, which is detrimental. (The allowable maximum is two percent, and zero for colored plaster).
- The whitish spots were smooth to the touch, but under a microscope, the spots were shown to be porous, permeable, structurally weak and soft, with an abundance of micro-cracking and a high water-to-cement ratio.
- The depth of the micro-cracking and porosity within the spots went as deep as 5 mm (.2 in. or 3/16<sup>th</sup>) and with a diameter of 15 mm (.6 in.)

- The unaffected surface (cement paste) surrounding the spots was dense, hard, and smooth, and did not have a high water-to-cement ratio, the porosity, or the micro-cracking found in the spotted area.
- There was no evidence of aggressive water (relative to calcium carbonate) causing the spots. The surface surrounding the spots was not etched, but instead had been “carbonated” which provided further evidence that the surface had not been etched by aggressive water.
- The adding of water during plaster finishing (troweling) causes excess porosity and micro-cracking within the spots. This in turn, provides an avenue (breach) for pool water to penetrate deeper into the plaster matrix and access soluble compounds (calcium hydroxide and calcium chloride) causing continued degradation, leaching (not etching), re-distribution, and loss of plaster material.

As indicated above, improper water chemistry did not cause the white spotting. In fact, balanced pool water – and even water with a positive LSI value – will not stop this process from happening to a defective plaster surface. And depending on the severity of the plastering mistakes, spotting may occur within a week of filling with water, but usually a few months later.

While white spotting is somewhat visible in white plaster pools, it becomes more unsightly when the surrounding surface is off-white and slightly gray due to excess calcium chloride being added to the plaster mix. And since the spots are more porous than the surrounding plaster, it can also absorb copper or iron and become aqua or brown instead of white. Spotting is especially visible and objectionable when it occurs in dark colored plaster and colored quartz pools.

White spots have a smooth, yet porous surface. This is due to the loss of two soluble plaster components (calcium chloride and calcium hydroxide, which comprise of about 15 – 20 percent of the cement) interspersed throughout the more durable materials. This results in a weakened, soft, and self-deteriorating surface. Porosity, and subsequent carbonation, creates a lighter (whiter) color in contrast to the surrounding denser, smooth, and unaffected plaster surface.

By comparison, aggressive water attacks and removes most plaster compounds from a dense and smooth surface, thereby causing a uniformly etched and roughened surface, similar to fine sandpaper, and with no significant change in color. As is known, when dark colored plaster pools are given various types of acid treatments, they do not turn white, nor do they spot.

The plastering industry has no study that proves aggressive water causes random white spotting on quality pool plaster. There seems to be little doubt that the cause of plaster spotting has been discovered, analyzed, identified, and documented.

# CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND APPLICATION

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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## Chapter Supporter Evaluation

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Supporter: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Job Completion \_\_\_\_\_

	YES	NO
Does The Chapter Supporter or Staff Answer Your Calls Promptly?	_____	_____
Does The Chapter Supporter Contact Your Customer Promptly?	_____	_____
Does The Chapter Supporter Behave In A Professional Manner?	_____	_____
Does The Chapter Supporter Present Themselves Professionally?	_____	_____
Does The Chapter Supporter Clean Up After Themselves?	_____	_____
Does The Chapter Supporter Follow Up On Work Gone Wrong?	_____	_____
Does The Chapter Supporter Perform Quality Work?	_____	_____
Is Your Customer Happy With The Service Performed?	_____	_____
Would You Refer This Chapter Supporter again?	_____	_____
Does the Chapter Supporter Give Referral Checks	_____	_____

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Negative Feedback: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SPEC

March 21, 2013

## **SPEC Supports Bills to Combat the Underground Economy**

The SPEC Legislative Committee has reviewed the bills introduced for this Legislative session and determined the SPEC bill package for 2013. These bills cover a wide variety of topics ranging from the underground economy, minimum wage increases, and recycled water use. SPEC will be supporting 12 bills, opposing 3, and carefully watching 17 others.

SPEC has already proactively begun work in support of four bills sponsored by the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) to combat the underground economy, enforce against unlicensed contractors, and maintain consumer safety and confidence. Three bills being authored by Senator Bill Monning, include: SB 261, 262, and 263. These bills will improve the CSLB's ability to pursue legal and administrative recourse against violators of the Business and Professions code, e.g. unlicensed contractors. The fourth bill, AB 993, authored by Assembly Member Eric Linder will prohibit an arbitrator from enforcing specific performance of a contract between a contractor and a consumer. AB 993 ensures that a consumer does not have to endure prolonging an already strained contractor-consumer relationship and will also still receive adequate remedies.

Additionally, SPEC will be supporting one other underground economy bill, SB 270, authored by Senator Alex Padilla. SB 270 will ensure that, to the extent feasible, the Department of Insurance and the Labor Enforcement Task Force will coordinate their law enforcement activities and exchange information to better find and crack down on employers who violate wage, hour and safety laws by illegally hiring workers.

SPEC continues to see positive results in conjunction with the work we have performed in the State Capitol. Just last week in California 80 people were taken into custody for operating without a license. Some of the offenders of this statewide crackdown included pool contractors.

The Contractors State License Board's (CSLB), Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT), partnered with local police in Orange, Lawndale, San Bernardino, Chico, Oakdale and Bakersfield to set-up sting operations. Undercover agents posed as homeowners seeking bids from contractors for various work such as painting, electrical work, landscaping, masonry and swimming pool maintenance. Most of those caught without a license had advertised their services on Craigslist. Allegedly, because of the sting, among the violators 78 are facing misdemeanor charges for contracting without a license, 57 may also be charged with illegal advertising, 24 may be charged with requesting an excessive down payment, and 17 were issued stop orders. If convicted of misdemeanor contracting without a license, the penalty would be up

to six months in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

“These bills continue to build on the good work that SPEC has done with the Construction Enforcement Coalition, the CSLB and various other state agencies charged with enforcing California's licensing, insurance, wage and tax laws,” said John Norwood, President of SPEC.

## **About SPEC**

SPEC, the California Spa & Pool Industry Education Council, serves as the statewide public policy representative for the pool, spa, and hot tub 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, spas, and hot tubs. For nearly 40 years, SPEC has been the only organization registered to lobby at the State Capitol on behalf of the pool, spa, and hot tub industry. SPEC is funded by membership donations. For more information on SPEC and legislation we are watching, visit [www.calspec.org](http://www.calspec.org), or call 916-447-4113.



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### **Prospective member -**

There are presently 3 prospective members in process:

Adam Haynes (Aloha Pool & Spa Service) - Adam has submitted all of his paperwork and has been attending meetings since October 2012. We are awaiting the date of his one year of experience (June 4, 2013) after which he will be attending the June Board meeting for his interview and exam.

Charles Sherrell (Anytime Pool & Spa Service) - Charles attended his second consecutive meeting in March. He has submitted his paperwork, which is being reviewed by John Baldwin who will be seeing Charles through the membership process.

Israel Ramirez - (employee of Like New Pool Cleaning) Israel attended his first meeting in March. He was given information about the membership process and will be completing the required paperwork for the April meeting. Bernie Mirelez will be guiding Israel through the membership process.

**New Member committee chairman - John Silcox**

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

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**Next General Meeting  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 7 p.m.  
Mission Valley Resort  
875 Hotel Circle South  
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1/4 mile west of SR 163**

