



The SKIMMER



San Diego Chapter Monthly Newsletter – February 2005

Next General Meeting: Feb. 16th. 6p. Mission Valley Resort. ****Salon B**** - 875 Hotel Circle South

BLUE CARDS ARE DUE by the General Meeting 2/16/05
Bring to the meeting or mail to the Chapter PO Box to avoid a fine!

Calendar

- 2/16, General Meeting 6:00p**
Mission Valley Resort Salon B
- 3/2, Chapter Board**
Location TBA
- 3/10, 11 & 12,**
Western Pool & Spa Show
Long Beach Conv. Center
- 3/16 General Meeting 6:00p**
Mission Valley Resort,
Mission Valley
- 3/19, Blood Drive 8:00am**
Meet at DZ Akins 70th St

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- 2.) Mail to Chapter PO Box
- 3.) Mail to Paul Grimes,
936 Moana Dr SD 92106

Fine is \$25 if not received

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Our Standing Rules and IPSSA Bylaws require that Liability Insurance must cover all persons performing pool service or repairs for Members. There are three categories for Membership: 1) Regular Members 2) Family Members 3) Employee Members. Family Members include your spouse and Minor children up to age 18.

Standing Rule Article II, Section 11.1 states: "All persons hired by an IPSSA Member to perform Pool/Spa service or repairs on a full, part time or casual basis must be covered by Liability Insurance." The penalties for violating this policy are severe. For the "first time you will called to meet with the Chapter Board to explain the violation and will be fined \$250 if you are guilty. If there is a second time the fine is an automatic \$500. And if there is a third time you will be expelled from

IPSSA."

One of our Members violated our policy, appeared before the Board and was fined \$250. I think it is clear that we frown on this activity and do not enjoy taking such disciplinary action. Also, beware if you have employed your kids after they have turned 18 be sure you follow the rules and complete an Employee Application ASAP. This is your only chance to avoid a fine. Also, if you are using "sub-contractors" you must be a contractor yourself and have written evidence that the "sub-contractor" has \$1 million liability insurance.

I believe any service arrangements between IPSSA Members are okay.

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Continuing Educ.	John Baldwin	619-440-4077	
	Stephen Heyer	619-563-6566	
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Membership Entertainment	Vacant		
	Mike Anderson	619-589-8848	
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Product Testing	Patrick Farrior	619-465-9545	
	Dale Eppard	858-571-1177	
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Roberta Rohwedder 888-391-6012
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Ray Arousty 800- 833-3433, 805-497-8600

IPSSA San Diego – Chapter Supporters (Updated 2/08/05)

Contact	Company	Address	Phone
Robin Benitez	Abcana Industries - Wholesale Pool Chemicals - Pickup & Delivery	545 W. Bradley Ave El Cajon CA 92020	619-444-9900 619-444-9804fax
Terry Van Arsdale advancedsurfacer.com	Advanced Surface Restoration Decks/Patios resurface, waterproof	2404 Deerpark Dr San Diego CA 92110	760-724-6666, 619-276-4444 619-274-6444 FAX
Kenny Lawson	ALLTEC Pools – Underwater specialist -rebar, cracks, light repair	1619 Hillcrest Ln Fallbrook CA 92028	760-731-9998
Kenan Sachs americanleakdetection.com	American Leak Detection Electronic Leak Detection & Repair	10601 Tierrasanta Bl #G PMB #196, SD CA 92124	619-233-LEAK(5325) 858-650-0046 fax
Mark Quintero	Aquatic Renovation – Complete Renovations – plaster, tile, decks	8518 Hubbles Ln Santee CA 92071	619-447-0707,619-562-1642fax 619-896-8921 pager
Lori Brumagen bio-dex.com	BIODEX – Superior Line of Pool and /Spa Chemical Products	501 West Lone Cactus Phoenix AZ 80527	623-582-2400,623-582-2405 fax 800-617-3477
Tony Ruf britetile.com	BriteTile Pool/Spa Remodeling Calcium removal, tile, deck-o-seal	PO BOX 99536 San Diego CA 92169	619-260-1896
Bill Kraus ceram-kote.com	CeRam-Kote Coatings Encapsulating Ceramic Shell coating	8580 Nottingham Pl La Jolla CA 92037	858-550-9611,858-453-2806 fax 858-775-8382 cell
Tom Cox gardnerpoolplastering.com	Gardner Pool Plastering –Quality Plastering/Remodels since 1969	801 Gable Way El Cajon CA 92020	619-593-8880 619-593-8886fax
Mike Rice hallmarkpools.com	Hallmark Pools And Spas Custom Pool Builder/Remodeler	12580 Stowe Dr Poway CA 92064	858-391-3434,858-674-2405fax 858-674-7676store
Leigh O'Brien poolspace.com	Advantis Technologies - Applied Biochemists, Blue Devil Chemicals		800-258-4442,619-661-1818fax 888-452-7678 X358
Mark Lane Marklane@cox.net	AutoPilot & AquaCal – Salt Chlorine generators and Heat Pumps	27758 Santa Margarita Pkwy, Ste #192 Mission Viejo, CA 92691	949-254-8959 (cell) 949-305-3956 (Fax)
Michael Mamula	National Leak Detection – Finds leaks - Pools/Spas/Fountains/Ponds	PO BOX 624 Carlsbad CA 92018	760-931-8108
Steven Kleinjan nelsonitepoolanddeck.com	Nelsonite – Easy and Affordable, Quality Pool & Deck Coatings	3150 E. Pico Bl Los Angeles CA 90023	800-544-1998 X413
Eric Lovig nuwayspacovers.com	Nu Way Spa Products Quality Spa Covers and Lifters	PO BOX 1547 Lakeside CA 92040	619-665-5056 619-938-9772fax
Fred Walker poolsafe.com	Poolsafe Cover Systems – New, Service All Systems, Replacement	1200 S. Escondido Bl Escondido CA 92025	800-376-6572
Don Wall -New Supporter-	The Pool Doctor - Construction, Renovation, Remodel, Repair	1532 Roble Grande Ln. Alpine, CA 91901	619-445-4977 fax 619-445-4345
David Courey poolsurfacing2000.com	Pool Surfacing 2000 – Exclusive 5 Stage Fiberglass Laminate process	104 Richardson Ave El Cajon CA 92020	858-273-9398 858-273-2729fax
aosmithmotors.com	AO Smith/Century Motors – All Copper, Standard & High Efficiency	26212 Dimension Dr#220 Lake Forest CA 92630	949-583-2984 800-543-9450 X2718
Julie Lawson sonenergy.com	Son Energy, Inc. - Solar Pool Heating – referral program	550 W. 6 th Ave. Escondido CA 92025	760-738-4066, 877-407-6527 760-738-8602 Fax
Brandon Chase	Sunchaser, Inc. Solar and Water Heating Specialist	10367 Palm Row Dr Lakeside CA 92040	619-390-5287
Jim Mahoney suntrek.net	Suntrek Solar – Thermal-Solar Pool Heaters	120 N. Pacific #E-6 San Marcos CA 92069	800-292-7648 760-598-7185 fax/pager
Kevin Wallace	Underwater Unlimitd –Rust spots, Rebar, Cracks, Drain replacement	281½ Hillcrest Dr. Encinitas CA 92024	800-247-8393 760-632-1822
Billy Howse Watermaid-sd.com	Watermaid – Salt water systems, increase profits/customer satisfaction	6161 El Cajon Bl #520 San Diego CA 92115	619-583-2357

REMEMBER: GENERAL MEETINGS START AT 6PM UNTIL APRIL

February Speakers: Consumer DVD presentation on Plaster by (SCP), Suntrek Solar, promotion of Western Show and other upcoming seminars. Also, Jandy Laars.

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you supply will be used to update the information on our Web site. After Paul has updated the Web site he will forward the cards to the Sick Leave Committee. And please be sure the all information is complete, accurate, clear, legible, and sign the form.

I am working on the 2005 Budget and will be informing each Committee Chairman the amount they will have to conduct their responsibilities. Any personal expenses they have conducting IPSSA business should be reported by using the IPPSA expense form for reimbursement. It was recommended and I agreed that we should combine the Continuing Education and Product Testing Committees since they work so closely together. Greater emphasis will be given to educational topics to avoid claims.

The order of the General Meeting Agenda is also being revised a bit to try to gain efficiency and improve the flow of the Meeting. We have noticed that some Members are leaving the Meeting to visit the bar. Some come back and some don't. Some have been bringing their brew back to the Meeting. I prefer that this not be done and if it persists we will take action to prohibit all alcohol from the Meeting room. The sign-in time will fluctuate from Meeting to Meeting so you will not know when it is. It may be the very last thing we do before the raffle. If your number is called and you signed in but you are not there you may be fined for leaving early. Your cooperation is appreciated.

For the good of the order,

Jim Bradbury

General Meeting-Jan 19, 2005

Called to Order: 6:14 p.m.

44 members and 8 guests signed in.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guests

Chapter Supporters: Bill Krause of CerRam Kote, David Courey of Pool

Surfacing 2000, Mark Quintero of Aquatic Renovation and new Chapter Supporter Don Wall of the Pool Doctor. Also attending were Gene Kneely of Speers and incoming transfer member Kenny Childs

Secretary's Report

Minutes were approved.

No correspondence received.

Paul advised that Blue Cards are now to be mailed to the Chapter PO Box or handed to Paul at the February General meeting to avoid a fine.

Treasurer's Report

We're in good shape financially and the approved report is in the Skimmer.

Vice President's Report

Prospective members-

Kenny Childs is in the transfer process to our chapter from East County.

Water Chemistry Test

Bill advised that Laval Walker, Terry Wendt and John Mehki will take the test at the February Board meeting.

Chapter Supporters

Bill reported there are several renewals and welcomed and introduced Don Wall of the Pool Doctor as our newest Chapter supporter. Don, (President of the East County Chapter), offers pool construction, renovation, remodeling and repair.

Speakers – Don Wall briefly described his business, The Pool Doctor, which provides all types of pool renovation and construction. Gene Kneely of Speers PVC and Solvents gave a short seminar on how to glue PVC fittings. In general, have a clean cut, remove burrs, check the fit, add primer, glue and twist ¼ turn, hold 15 seconds, wipe excess glue and wait for curing process. Speers provides CPVC and Ball Valves as well.

President's Report

Jim moved directly to Committee Reports to allow time for the Sick Leave discussion..

Committee Reports

Sick Leave

Perry passed out a report with member points. With Chadwick back, this is the first month in a long time without

someone out sick.

Perry stated that most of the problems with the program could be fixed with the use of "Common Sense". The program is set up as emergency coverage, so elective surgery should be planned in advance with Yellow Cards completed and pools in good shape before transferring into the program.

Mark Quintero suggested we develop a service agreement that explains what pool service includes and excludes.

Water Safety/Public Relations/ Blood Drive

John Silcox provided a report showing Chapter blood donors. Thanks to our donors for donating 40 units in 2004 and we urge others to join. The next opportunity is this Sat at 8:00am at DZ Akins for a free breakfast.

Water Safety: John received "Close the Pool Gate, Save a Child's Life" bumper stickers and handed them out to members. The Water Safety Committee was to meet after the General meeting.

Entertainment

Ladd had no report this evening.

Membership

Insurance (Chapter Advisor)

Product Testing

Manufacturer's Rebate

Continuing Education

Stephen Heyer reported that the Pool Buster battery operated vacuum can get corroded connection if water gets into it. Use caution, the unit is fragile. The last issue of the Service Industry News had 2005 seminars listed Stephen handed reimbursement checks to Bill Peck for attending NSPI and Jon McArthur for the Aqua Show. The Table Top show attendance was pretty good.

NSPI is now APSP (Association of Pool & Spa Professionals).

Sick Leave Discussion

Jim Bradbury wanted to bring this issue to discussion as 5 members

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San Diego Chapter Financial Report – January 1 – January 31, 2005

	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)			Cash Disbursements		
Checking Acct.	3814.11		Bank charges		
Savings Acct. (Educ.)	6883.54	10,697.65	Education	390.90	
			Guy Muto & SPEC	200.00	
Cash Receipts			Donation		
Dues collected by IPSSA*	555.00		Door prizes Raffle	25.00	
Dues Collected directly			Hall Rental	300.00	
Chapter Supporters	1479.00		Newsletter	1056.02	
Initiation fees			Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Interest earned			Meeting expense:		
Rebate Program			- General		
Install. Dinner/Dance			- Chapter Board	104.84	
Picnic			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Standing Rules Committee		
Fines: - H2O Chemistry			Office expense: Printing/Copies	67.75	
- Mandatory meeting	150.00		Phone	18.41	
- Attendance			Postage & Copies		
- Blue Card			Business cards & name tags		
New Member	126.00		Social Activities		
			- Entertainment (Installation Dinner)	168.79	
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Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast		
Water Safety Committee Income	60.00		- Other (Rebate Program)		
Total Income in Month		2370.00	Total Expenses in Month		2431.71
			Cash on Hand (Ending Balance)		-----
			Checking Acct.	3752.40	
* Includes Benevolent fund paymt			Savings Acct. (Educ)	6883.54	10635.94

CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND APPLICATION

Member Name: _____ **Date** _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Course/Seminar/Program: _____

Course/Seminar/Program Date: _____ **Cost: \$** _____

Note: The Education Committee Chairperson (ECC) must receive Application within 30 days of course completion. Receipt or proof of attendance must be submitted to ECC before reimbursement will be made.

<p>(Continued from page 3) were out sick in 2004. Tonight's discussion is to solicit ideas, complaints and problems in an effort to improve this important program. Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get your Yellow cards up-to-date. • Sick member and servicing member should make all efforts to contact the customer verbally. • Elective surgery should be scheduled in advance for a smooth 	<p>transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave your pools in good shape so the customer won't quit. • If the pool is bad or has inoperative equipment contact the Sick Committee. • Suggestion for cards in the timer boxes to verify servicing. (not supported by members present) • The Sick Committee is busy, do what you can to solve the problem. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications are key to the program's success. • Doctor's notes required to start and stop coverage. • We are protecting another member's business. • Don't rely on rumors. • Chemicals can be charged to the sick member after 4 weeks. • You must declare employees. • Blue cards now go to Paul, (Continued on page 5)
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Grimes or mail to the Chapter PO Box. They are to be completely filled out and legible.

- Answering machines should broadcast the company name.
- Copy the Yellow cards (front and back) of pools you service to verify service.

Paul Grimes read his potential changes to the Sick Leave Policy. Tom Gharib made a motion to include the proposals in the February Skimmer.

Unfinished Business

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Order

Raffle

Joseph Lerma, \$50 door prize (not present and will roll over to February)..

Ladd Carlson, \$25

Meeting adjourned: approximately 8:30pm

Board Meeting-Feb. 02, 2005

Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Filippi's, Kearney Mesa.

Attending - Jim Bradbury, Geoff Conradi, Paul Grimes, Jim Hines, Perry Mediate and Tom Richardson.

Secretary's Report

Paul advised that Blue Cards have been coming in at a slow rate. He will provide something on the front of the February Skimmer that advised the member that his card has or has not been received.

Treasurer's Report

Geoff advised that Bill brought in a

lot of money from Chapter Supporter renewals. The Benevolent Fund payment was taken out of our January electronic transfer from IPSSA. The 2005 budget is in process based on experience from actual 2004 figures as a guide. President Bradbury will be doing the initial review.

Vice President's Report

Bill Peck: advised that Kenny Childs of the East County chapter had been interviewed and passed the chapter test for transfer to our chapter. Bill received 3 Chapter Supporter checks and 3 or 4 more are enroute.

President's Report

Jim will be working on the 2005 budget which will use 2004 figures to help formulate 2005 numbers. Jim will write a memo to all committees asking for a 2004 report, accomplishments and 2005 projections.

Jim ordered updated "Policies and Procedures".

Jim read from the IPSSA insurance claims report. Most are stupid mistakes and the report will be forwarded to Bob Fowler.

The Entertainment Committee will be asked to pursue Chapter Supporters for financial support of our May Dinner meeting. Those who donate will get time to promote their business.

.Jim is to advise IPSSA that the backside of our Yellow Cards provides vital information. The request will be to have the back page become IPSSA policy.

At the January General Meeting Paul Grimes proposed several changes to the Sick Leave Policy and a motion to provide these in the February Skimmer was made by Tom Gharib and approved.

However, after discussion of several other potential changes, President Bradbury decided to take these and other potential changes discussed this evening in front of the Standing Rules Committee for review. If you have additional proposals, please forward them to Jim or Paul Grimes.

Discussion of Sick Leave Coverage for Tom Richardson:

The Board was joined by the Sick Leave Committee and Tom Richardson to discuss problems with coverage for Tom's shoulder surgery and long recovery. Jim Hines outlined some of the problems including late Yellow cards, poor condition of pools and an uninsured employee of Tom's.

After the discussion, Tom was excused for Board discussion. The Board saw Tom's willingness to increase participation in the Chapter. He was fined the maximum for a first offense of not covering an employee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

Unfinished/Old/New Business

Meeting adjourned: 10:45pm.

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