



The SKIMMER



San Diego Chapter Monthly Newsletter – February 2006

Next General Meeting: Feb. 15th, 2006, 7p, Kings Inn, Cardinal Room – 1333 Hotel Circle South

Blue Cards Are Due by February 15th !!!

Bring to General Meeting or mail to PO BOX Postmarked before 2/16/06

Calendar

- 2/15 General Meeting, 7 pm**
Kings Inn - Cardinal Room
- 3/1 Chapter Board 7 pm**
Location TBA
- 3/9 thru 11 Western Pool and Spa Show**
Long Beach Conv. Center
www.westernshow.com
- 3/15 General Meeting, 7 pm**
Kings Inn - Cardinal Room
- 3/18, Blood Drive 8:00 am**
Meet at DZ Akins 70th St
- 4/11, R7 Board Meeting, 7pm**
SCP Conference Room,
5648 Copley Drive, San Diego

Newest Chapter Supporters
Alternative Pool Systems
 Eric Svensson
Poolscape Unlimited
 Kirk Chapman

PRESIDENT'S BRIEFS.

Jim Bauer and I returned on Sunday from a very informative and productive time at the IPSSA Leadership Seminar in Newport Beach. We received good information which will help us to run a successful chapter.

If you attended the first meeting this year, thank-you. The meeting was completed within an hour and although some called it the "San Diego Chapter Indianapolis 500," it was not a race and we plan to continue our meetings at a brisk pace. Mark Curran is working on getting our committee reports into each Skimmer since everyone does not attend each meeting and all receive the Skimmer. Using our newsletter lets more of our members know what is going on and frees up more time for us to spend at the meetings on other topics. This chapter is not having a meeting just to follow the IPSSA bylaws and standing rules. We are a chapter that is known for its competence and is highly respected within the IPSSA

community. We will spend the time necessary to debate current topics, and open discussion is expected and desired. We are working on organizing our meetings to leave time for formal discussion during the meeting and informal discussion after.

Hopefully we will be able to accomplish these goals with your support.

Look for a Superior coupon in this Skimmer. Cut it out, sign your name, bring it to the next meeting, and we will draw one of the coupons for a fine gift from Superior. Other suppliers have shown interest in doing the same thing – more coupons, more prizes!

When you come to our next meeting meet someone new. We are a large organization, and knowing all of your fellow members not only gives you excellent contacts within the pool industry, but also gives you the
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IPSSA – San Diego Chapter - www.ipssasandiego.com/members

Board of Officers

President	Mike Gregg	619-224-3863	944 Moana Dr., San Diego CA 92106
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Secretary	Paul Grimes	619-223-4523	936 Moana Dr., San Diego CA 92106
Past President	Jim Bradbury	619-461-5316	PO BOX 19126, San Diego CA 92159

Committee Representatives

Sick Leave	Jim Hines	619-462-1309	PO BOX 19935, San Diego 92159
	Perry Mediate	619-463-0097	1609 Penasco Rd., El Cajon 92019
Continuing Educ.	John Baldwin	858-354-7946	
	Stephen Heyer	619-563-6566	
Manufacture Rebate	Jon McArthur	619-464-0211	
Insurance	Bob Fowler	619-464-6400	
Prospective Members	Bill Peck	858-673-8556	
Entertainment	Mike Anderson	619-589-8848	
	Joe Lukacik	619-561-8587	
Product Testing	Patrick Farrior	619-465-9545	
	Dale Eppard	858-571-1177	
PR/Blood D/Wtr Sfty	John Silcox	858-467-0507	
Region 7 Director	Javier Payan	619-449-1392	

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Arrow Insurance
Ray Arousty 800- 833-3433, 805-497-8600

IPSSA San Diego – Chapter Supporters (Updated 2/09/06)

Contact	Company	Address	Phone
Ray Quidort	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
Eric Svensson *** New Supporter ***	Alternative Pool Systems, Inc. Install/Repair/Srvc Auto Pool Covers	PO Box 1910 Alpine CA 91903	619 445 9798
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 Ceramic Lining for Pools & Spas	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
Aaron Temme 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
	AutoPilot & AquaCal – Salt Chlorine generators & Heat Pumps	autopilot.com aquacal.com	800-922-6246 800-786-7751
Ed Mumford	National Leak Detection – Finds leaks - Pools/Spas/Fountains/Ponds	PO BOX 624 Carlsbad CA 92018	800-652-9062 760-224-5030
Steven Kleinjan nelsonitepoolanddeck.com	Nelsonite – Easy and Affordable, Quality Pool & Deck Coatings	3150 E. Pico Bl Los Angeles CA 90023	800-544-1998 X413
John Moss poolsafe.com	Poolsafe Cover Systems – New, Service All Systems, Replacement	1200 S. Escondido Bl Escondido CA 92025	800-376-6572
Kirk Chapman *** New Supporter ***	Poolscape Unlimited – Complete Pool & Spa Renovations	10040 Vine Street Lakeside, CA 92040	619- 561-0555 619- 561-1633 FAX
Don Wall sdpooldoctor.com	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
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

NOTE: SDG&E Rebate Phone number 800-644-6133

Blue Cards are due by the February General meeting (2/15/06)
Cards must be received by Paul Grimes or postmarked by 2/15/06 to avoid a fine
Give Blue Cards to Paul Grimes 2/15 meeting or mail to our new Chapter PO Box
IPSSA San Diego Chapter – PO Box 70192 - San Diego CA 92167-1192

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opportunity to know someone who may do a sick leave pool for you some day.
See you on the 15th.

Mike Gregg, President

General Meeting-Jan 18, 2006

Kings Inn – Mission Valley

Called to Order: 7:09 p.m.

54 members signed in and at least 16 guests were in attendance.

Introduction of Guests

Chapter Supporters: Bill Krause of CerRam-Kote, Ray Quidort of Abcana Industires, David Courey of Pool Surfacing 2000, Michele of American Leak Detection and Brandon Chase of SunChaser Solar. Also attending were Region 7 Director Javier Payan, Don Bolin of Lifesaver Pool, Lisa Helm of First Investor Corp., Eric Svensson of Alternative Pool Systems and prospective members Carlos Grosselfinger, Morgan Chambers, Rodger Weaver, Steve Johnson, Robert Gibson, Nick Nathan and Heang Tea.

Ray Quidort wanted to thank the Chapter for the cards and well wishes he received during his health challenges. Ray advised that chemical prices may stabilize this year after huge increases.

Regional Director Javier Payan was in attendance and awarded Bill Peck the Region 7 B.K.Taylor Memorial Award. Javier also made a presentation to Michele of American Leak Detection and also recognized Juhli Shelby, Mike Anderson and Ladd Carlson for their help with the Region 7 Picnic.

Vice President's Report – Mark Curran

Prospective members-

Rodger Weaver of Rodger Pool and Spa was voted in as a member. Others, including Rod Miller, are in the membership process.

Chapter Supporters

Mark is using several techniques to encourage an increase in the number of Chapter Supporters.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Bauer

We're in good shape financially and the approved report is in the Skimmer. Jim Bauer is working with former Treasurer Geoff Conradi in the transition.

Secretary's Report – Paul Grimes

Minutes were approved. No correspondence received. Paul advised that the Chapter PO Box has been changed to PO Box 70192,

San Diego CA 92167-1192. Blue Cards are due by the February General Meeting and must be mailed to the Chapter PO Box or handed to Paul Grimes to avoid a fine.

President's Report – Mike Gregg

Mike announced that most committee chairs are staying in their positions. Mike moved directly to Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Sick Leave

Blue cards are due by the February General meeting. Send them to the Chapter PO Box or hand to Paul Grimes. If you farm out your sick pools to another person, that person must be a Chapter member. Perry has blank Yellow Cards. Loren Jarvis is out and members need to continue servicing his pools until advised by the Sick Leave committee to stop. Thanks to Loren for leaving his pools in good shape. Perry passed out a report with member points.

Continuing Education

Stephen Heyer and John Baldwin reported. The Region 7 Table Top show is coming and has good educational opportunities. Superior Pool Products has a stamped concrete training opportunity on Feb. 7 at the Old Cliffs Rd. branch.

The committee has several applications for reimbursement and there is more money available to help you get educated. We still have salt units at a reduced price as part of our program. Brandon Chase will supply results of his own Goldline installation.

Those attending the CPR classes included the following members, (spouse and family members in some cases)

Mike Gregg, Paul Grimes, Perry Mediate, Baron Ortiz, AJ Wilson, John Silcox and Phil Gardiner.

Manufacturer's Rebate

Jon McArthur announced the Region 7 Table Top Show this Saturday and needs volunteers all day to load/unload, man tables, etc.

Jon advised he has applications for the Western Pool and Spa Show (March 9-11) where Jon and Bob will do their acid wash seminar. There are good deals at the show with coupons, etc. If you attend a dinner Friday night, the Chapter will cover the cost.

Water Safety/Public Relations/ Blood Drive

John Silcox announced that the Water Safety Committee attended 8 community events where drowning prevention materials were handed out. This year,

we will have Water Watcher tags and brochures available. Five committee members took Red Cross training to lead water safety presentations. John had water safety articles published and the Regional Table Top show will have a water safety seminar. 2006 will have more events to allow us to build water safety awareness. Started years ago to help a pool industry person in need, the Blood Drive continues to cover the Chapter. In 2005, we donated 47 pints and the donors were: John Baldwin, Terry Bussard, David Courey, Dee Eakright, Bob Fowler, Thomas Graham, Mark Lucas, Ron Magant, Jon McArthur, James Morketter, Bill Peck, Terry Wehrly and Jeff Waters. Thanks to those who donated and to others, please join us. This month's Blood Drive was last Saturday as the normal date conflicted with the Table Top Show. Next date will be March 18.

Entertainment

Mike Gregg sadly announced that Ladd Carlson advised today that he was selling his business for health reasons. Ladd, who has had problems with diabetes, has been a real asset to the Chapter and was a Co-Chair on the Entertainment Committee. We wish Ladd the best of luck and all of us in the Chapter will miss him.

For member information, Ladd has 50 quality accounts to sell in Pacific Beach and La Jolla.

Joe Lukacik, who has stepped up to the plate to take over for Ladd on the Entertainment Committee, stated that this year's Holiday party will be at the Bali Hai on Shelter Island.

Speaker – David Courey of Pool Surfacing 2000 gave the membership a brief preview of his Region 7 Table Top seminar on business success. Attend the Table Top for the full seminar.

Past President Jim Bradbury has awards left from the Installation Dinner Dance for those who were not in attendance. Joe Reid, who has subsequently retired, was presented an award for his salt generator seminar. His son-in-law, Michael Votrian accepted the award. Jim also recognized Jim Bauer of the Membership committee, Stephen Heyer of Continuing Education and Past Treasurer Geoff Conradi

Insurance (Chapter Advisor)

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San Diego Chapter Financial Report – January 1 – January 31, 2006

	<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.	2,660.46		Bank charges		
Savings Acct. (Educ.) / Total	10,678.15	13,338.61	Education		
			Guy Muto & SPEC	300.00	
Cash Receipts			Chapter PO Box Annual Rent	50.00	
Dues collected by IPSSA	1,850.00		Door prizes Raffle	75.00	
Dues Collected directly			Hall Rental		
Chapter Supporters	3,500.00		Newsletter	351.81	
Initiation fees			Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Interest earned			Meeting expense:		
Rebate Program			- General	188.88	
Chapt. Supporter Dinner Donations			- Chapter Board (paid after 1/31)		
Picnic			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Water Safety Committee		
Fines: - H2O Chemistry			Office expense: Printing/Copies	156.22	
- Mandatory meeting			Phone (paid after 1/31)		
- Sick coverage fine			Postage & Copies	351.05	
- Blue Card			Business cards & name tags		
New Member			Social Activities		
			- Entertain (Installation room deposit)	500.00	
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast	67.70	
Water Safety Committee Income			- Fund transfer checking to savings*		
Total Income in Month		5,350.00	Total Expenses in Month		2,140.66
			Cash on Hand (Ending Balance)		-----
			Checking Acct.	5,869.80	
			Savings Acct. (Education) / Total	10,541.89	16,411.69

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)</p> <p>Product Testing Unfinished Business Old Business New Business Good of the Order</p> <p>Bob Fowler talked about the rate hikes in chemicals, 67% in chlorine in a single year. He has increased service prices 15% and offers clients the opportunity to pay for 11 months in advance and get a year's service. Bob uses the advanced payments to buy chemicals in bulk. Those who provide good service will retain</p>	<p>customers regardless of rate increases.</p> <p>Raffle</p> <p>Louis Parrella, \$50 door prize, Baron Ortiz, \$25 prize.</p> <p>Raffle donations included wine from American Leak Detection, scooters from Abcana and a bucket of tabs from SPP.</p> <p>Mike Gregg advised the members to read the Skimmer. It might be worthwhile for your pocketbook.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned: approximately 8:05pm, when significant member, chapter supporter and guest</p>	<p>interaction began.</p> <p>Board Meeting February 2, 2006</p> <p>McGregors Grill East of Qualcomm Stadium.</p> <p>Called to Order: 7:34 p.m.</p> <p>Attending - Mike Gregg, Mark Curran, Jim Bauer, Paul Grimes, Jim Bradbury and Bill Peck.</p> <p>Status of Officers</p> <p>President Mike Gregg began the meeting asking for the status of our new Board. Past President Jim Bradbury has worked hard on the</p> <p>(Continued on Page 5)</p>
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2006 Budget and passed it to Mike for review, discussion and implementation.

Mike advised that the training session at the BORD meeting Feb. 4, 2006 should be a good one. Mike and Jim Bauer are required to attend (Paul Grimes will also attend).

Vice President **Mark Curran** explained that he is working hard to recruit Chapter Supporters. Bill Peck did a great job in converting all renewals to January, which is reflected in the Financial Report. Mark will be working in several ways to increase Chapter Supporters with a lofty goal of doubling the number. Everyone can help by approaching quality companies to become Chapter Supporters. We encourage our Chapter Supporters to attend meetings and we will help in getting information to the membership.

Mark will be receiving Committee Reports for inclusion in the Skimmer, which will save time at the General Meetings for more discussion and networking between members, Chapter Supporters and guests..

Treasurer **Jim Bauer** said we were in good shape financially and he's working with Geoff Conradi on the transition. Jim is hoping to do our banking on-line. Due to the transition, Jim received bank statements late and the January Board meeting expense and January phone bill will be reflected in the February Financial Report. The chapter phone number will be transferred to Mike Gregg and it will now be posted on our web site.

Bill Peck is continuing his fine work with prospective members as the New Member Committee Chairman. Thank you, Bill for staying on, which will help Mark Curran concentrate on Chapter Supporters and other issues.

Secretary **Paul Grimes**, into his third term, will do what it takes to support the new Board and the new concepts that are being developed. The Skimmer will probably get larger and reading it will become more important. ***Make sure you look for coupons and tips that might be in your financial interest and bring your Skimmers to the meeting.***

The Board discussed the quicker pace of the General Meetings under a new format that will allow more time for discussion after Chapter business. The business portion will be shortened

Winter '06 Info card Changes

John Baldwin, phone 858-354-7946
Add new members: Rodger Weaver
Rodger's Pool & Spa 619-300-3103
Gary Roberts, Spectrum Pools
619-920-4688

and more information put in the Skimmer. We will work to encourage interaction and exchange of information between members, supporters and guests.

We are grateful that Bob Fowler will continue to provide the Good of the Order, which is always valuable and to-the-point.

Chapter Photo Directory

After discussion it was decided to print the directory with color photos. The directory will have a defined two year run and be replaced with the advent of each new Board. Paul Grimes is putting the directory together and will get final bids within a few weeks. It was decided to forgo advertising in this issue so that it can get to press as soon as possible. Of course the directory will include Chapter Supporters along with numerous pages of other valuable information in a handy format.

Standing Rules/Sick Leave Plan

The updated Standing Rules are under final review by Mike Gregg after a review by Jim Bradbury. Jim is now reviewing the Sick Leave Plan updates and will also pass them on to Mike before being published.

2006 Budget

The Board adopted a 2006 budget, roughly equal to our 2005 experience. Jim Bradbury placed the last several years' results for comparison to help in developing 2006 numbers. Several copies of the Budget will be available at the General Meeting for member review.

Blue Cards Due

Blue cards are due at or before the February 15th General Meeting. The Blue cards can be mailed to the Chapter PO Box or handed to Paul Grimes at the meeting. Perry Mediate and Jim Hines do not accept Blue Cards. Paul updates Chapter files and member Zip Code information on our referral web site poolservicepros.com

Committee Reports - None Unfinished/Old/New Business -None Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Vice President's Comments On General Meetings

With the beginning of the New Year we are directing the Chapter, with new methods and philosophies, toward similar goals of past board members. With this new approach to the General Meetings, we want to see our membership grow. We want to see our members become more educated, professional, and successful. We want our members to get to know each other better and tap into the incredible wealth of knowledge and experience that currently exists within our chapter.

The San Diego Chapter is known to be the finest and most innovative in IPSSA. Our chapter's strength and reputation in IPSSA is a direct result of the collection of our Chapter Supporters who fill a vital role in our industry. These individuals and companies provide service and expertise beyond what we, the members, can do or have time to do. It is important and valuable to realize the benefits the chapter members and supporters offer each other. By keeping the formal part of the General Meeting to 45 minutes or less, we're confident that this will allow for plenty of time for members, supporters and manufacturers' representatives to mingle, inquire, learn, network, educate, discuss current jobs, etc.

We believe everyone reads the monthly newsletter. Therefore we will be putting more information, including committee reports (see Page 6) and new business, into the Skimmer. Much of the necessary business covered during the General Meeting in the past, will now be covered during the Board Meetings instead. Those discussions will be consolidated and the highlights will be presented in the Skimmer and summarized at the General Meetings. We are confident that this new approach will enable our membership to take advantage of the opportunities available at the General Meetings.

Mark Curran, V.P.

Anyone interested in joining the new Wine Tasting Club please see Bob Fowler after the General Meeting

Anyone interested in starting a club of special interest please see the Board members.

Interest in a fishing club has been expressed. The Board is looking into purchasing a multi-purpose boat (Ocean/lake).

Committee Reports

Sick Leave – Jim Hines

Jim reports that he spoke with Loren Jarvis on February 1. Loren is starting rehabilitation Feb.1 and is expected to be back to work in six weeks.

Product Testing – Pat Farrior
Coming Soon!

A very interesting report on a powerful, practical and cost effective Solar Powered Pool Filtration Pump. This system is capable of operating a filter, pool sweep, and a 2 story solar system for six to ten hours a day. You won't want to miss this information, so be sure to check the Skimmer for updates.

Prospective Member Chair

Chair Bill Peck has information for our prospective members. "Prospective members should sign in on the bottom of the Guest sign in sheet at EACH meeting and see Bill Peck, Prospective Member chairman before leaving. If you need study help for the Water Chemistry Certification test call him. Remember you must attend three meetings IN A ROW. Remember you must attend three CONSECUTIVE meetings."

Press Relations, Water Safety - Blood Drive – John Silcox

Blood Driver The next scheduled breakfast/blood drive is Saturday, March 18th. Perspective donors will meet for breakfast at 8 AM at the Antique Row Cafe in Lemon Grove located at 3521 Lemon Grove Ave. Members not able to make the breakfast are encouraged to donate blood at any time with the San Diego Blood Bank.

In 2005 our Chapter donated 47pints of blood by 19 individuals: John Baldwin, Terry Bussard, Eric Bussard, Mary Clifford, David Courey, Albert Daugherty, Cheryl Daugherty, Dee Eakright, Bob Fowler, Michael Fowler, Tom Graham, Janice Lloyd, Eric Lovig, Deborah Lucus, Ron Magnant, Jon McArthur, Sean McGarry, Beverly Morisako, James Morketter, Bill Peck, John Silcox, Jeff Waters, Solvig Waters and Terry Wehrly

Water Safety: Committee members met prior to the January meeting to discuss activities for 2006. Committee members will be attending several community safety-related events to distribute Water Watcher tags and water safety brochures. The first scheduled event is the Day of the Child, April 22nd.in Chula Vista. The committee will also be working with Safe Kids Coalition on a drowning prevention event and will be giving a presentation at the next Region 7 meeting to get members from other chapters involved in the program. Members are reminded that they can obtain 50 Water Watcher tags and water safety brochures from the IPSSA executive office at no charge by calling (888) 360-9505 or email at ipssamail@aol.com. Committee chairman John Silcox recently attended the National Drowning Prevention Symposium in Fort Myers, FL. The 2-day program was attended by more than 200 people from all over the U.S.

Presentations were made by individuals across a wide spectrum of organizations medical centers, aquatics safety groups, fire departments, child injury prevention groups and swimming schools. The seminars included presentations covering swimming pools, open bodies of water and drowning prevention programs.

Entertainment – Joe Lukacik

No report, Joe's been under the weather.

Manufacturers Rebate

Jon McArthur has no new rebate information.

Continuing Education – Stephen Heyer

MONEY: People who get it for getting smart- Bob Reed: Contractors lic; Patrick Nevin; WPSS '05; Baron Ortiz Goldline Controls; Bill Peck Goldline Controls, Sta-Rite and Raypack Heaters.

Congrat's for increasing your Professional Qualifications. Get your check for any reimbursements at the next chapter meeting.

Happening: 28th Annual Western P& S Show in Long Beach, March 9th, 10th, & 11th, 2006.

First 5 Chapter members with proof of attending the seminars: COMPLETE reimbursement of seminar costs. The Chapter will also Host a Dinner for those MEMBERS attending the seminars or trade show. A truly fine feast has been enjoyed by many members during the last several WPSS's. Call me @ 619.563.6566, here or up in Long Beach, to let me know if you'll be joining us for chow.

Also coming up: National Plasters Council Meeting on Feb. 13-15th in Florida. The Ed. Comm. is looking for feedback; service tips, discussion topics, etc. Why, you could even ask us QUESTIONS!!! Don't know if we can answer 'em but heck- ask anyway.

This Months Service Hint: We have it from normally non-verifiably impeachable sources – the infamous "Myth Busters", that traveling down the HI-Way WITHOUT your tailgate installed uses more gas than with it installed and in the up & locked closed position. Something else to ponder-it could be hazardous to you or the public if something - anything - comes out of the bed of your truck and into traffic.

Till next Month GET SMART
Stephen



**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 February General Meeting

Must place your copy of this coupon in the drawing.

Must be present to win!