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Director's Notes

I would like to congratulate all Region 7 chapters for having their 1st quarter financial reports into the Financial Office on a timely basis. Not all regions did as well.

Report from May IPSSA BORD meeting:

The next IPSSA BORD meeting will be held at the Westin San Diego on August 1. I would like to see a good turnout of members for this meeting. Come and see what the BORD does to improve the benefits of IPSSA membership and deal with the various issues we all face in the pursuit of our business.

Many of you have known **Don Burns** of SPEC for many years and may know that he is retiring this summer. What had originally been planned as a surprise party is now an open party to celebrate his retirement. It is planned for July 11 in Huntington Beach. The cost will be \$60 per person, which will include a contribution towards a gift for Don. More details will be forthcoming in The IPSSAN as they become available.

An accidental death and dismemberment (an additional \$50,000) add to your life insurance policy will be available for the extra cost of \$3.40 per month. It will, however, have to have 100% participation of your chapter in order for it to become effective.

There is frequently grumbling about the cost and necessity of having a contractor's license to clean pools. Well, guys, you have it easy. In Florida the estimated cost for a county license to clean pools is \$2,800 for books and class time. In some counties it costs \$50 to take the test, and if you clean in 2 counties, you need 2 licenses. If you are going to take a tool onto the site, you need a CPC, which is a state contractor's license, of which there are three: Service and Repair, Residential Construction, and Commercial Construction. The cost to take classes is between \$1,500 and \$2,500, and you need to have 4 years experience, college with experience, and/or 1 year experience and a 60- hour class program (add \$2,400 if you go this route). And remember, IPSSA members are required to comply with all laws and regulations in their jurisdiction. We just don't know how lucky we are!

You should all be aware that claims for accidents caused by undeclared employee members will be denied. This recently happened and cost the IPSSA member mucho dinero.

Stamp prices to go up 2 cents in May

~ By Associated Press

WASHINGTON ---- The price of a first-class stamp will rise to 44 cents May 11.

That gives plenty of time to stock up on Forever Stamps, which will continue to sell at the current 42-cent rate until the

increase occurs. They will remain valid in the future regardless of rate hikes.

... The price for each additional ounce will remain unchanged at 17-cents.

... Other changes taking effect May 11:

- Postcard stamp increases to 28 cents.
- The first ounce of a large envelope increases 5 cents to 88 cents.
- The first ounce of a parcel increases 5 cents to \$1.22.
- New international postcard and letter prices are, for one ounce, 75 cents to Canada; 79 cents to Mexico; and 98 cents elsewhere.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

<http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2009/02/10/business/z9536b0cd0b06cde18825755a0002cc26.txt>

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Calendar of Events

- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., June 24, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.
- **Don Burns (SPEC) Retirement Party**, Sat., July 11, Huntington Beach, \$60. Details to follow in The IPSSAN.
- **B.O.R.D.**, Sat., Aug. 1, Westin San Diego.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.
- **Pool Industry Expo**, Oct. 1-3, Monterey Convention Center, Monterey, California, www.poolindustryexpo.com.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 16 (a week early), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.

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