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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2009

## President's Message

Unfortunately, this April seems to be the month for fines. Regrettably, the board had to send out fine notices to a considerable amount of members for a variety of infractions. A significant portion of the April board meeting was taken up discussing the infractions and subsequent fines. It is a shame that the board has to spend valuable time on this subject. It certainly is avoidable if the membership would follow some very simple rules and guidelines. It is uncomfortable and disappointing for the board members to have to issue fines to their fellow members.

This month alone, fine letters were sent to three members for general meeting non-attendance for the first quarter. Two members were fined for not having paid their blue card fine from the previous month. Five members were fined for not returning the yellow card following the termination of sick leave coverage within the five days required. And another member was fined for non-attendance during the first quarter even though he arrived and signed in at the March general meeting. Leaving the meeting before it has a chance to start does not constitute attending a meeting. The board doesn't want to spend its time playing the role of law enforcer or baby sitter. All of the rules that were broken and the accompanying fines were avoidable. Please pay attention to dates and deadlines. After all it is totally your responsibility and within your power to avoid the pain of having to write the chapter a check. The board would prefer to spend its time on more important subjects.

Cheers. Mark.

## Filters Available At Twenty Percent Discount

Pentair FNS Plus Diatomaceous Earth filters with backwash valves in both 48 and 60 square foot sizes along with Pentair Clean and Clear Plus Cartridge filters in the 420 square foot size are available for a short time, while the supply lasts, at San Diego Superior. Travis has been kind enough once again to store these filters at no charge until they are sold. You simply inform Jon McArthur (619-672-3760) which filter you are interested in and write a check payable to San Diego IPSSA for the correct amount which will be twenty percent less than what you would normally pay. Then simply go to San Diego Superior and pick up your filter. Having the filter delivered under this program is not included. All the money collected from the sale of these filters goes directly into the chapter's education fund. Take advantage of this opportunity and save some money before the limited number of filters are sold out.

## Dept. Environmental Health fee correction for SVRS pumps

Due to a misunderstanding (I'll leave it at that) the fee for a pump change permit from the Dept. of Environmental Health is actually \$228, not the \$117 number I have told to various people. Sorry for the confusion...

-Bill Peck

## Education Fund Increased

Thanks to the generosity of Pentair and Raypak, the chapter's education fund was increased by over twelve thousand dollars this spring, eventually sending the balance to over thirty thousand. A sincere thank you is due Jon McArthur. Through his dedication and many hours spent researching the spending records of our membership he was able to convince both Pentair and Raypak to reimburse the chapter for a percentage of the money that was spent on their products over the past year. This money is available to the general membership to help offset the costs of seminars and licensing in the quest for more education. The more knowledgeable and educated the membership is, the more professional they will appear. The more professional the membership appears, the more they can charge for their services. The more the membership charges for their services, the more successful they become.

## Prospective member report

Shawn Atkins, Christopher Pool Service, has met all the requirements of membership and will be up for a vote at the April meeting. The following people have paid their fees and are in the process of meeting various requirements: Gabriel Michel, Michels' Pool Service, Robert del Castillo, Cornerstone Pool, Mike Harris, Barrow Pool Service, Mark Middendorf, Mark's Pool Care, and Jason Cashman, Kelley's Pool & Spa.

- Bill Peck

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# General Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2009

Call to order 7:05 PM.

Pledge of allegiance Mike Gregg.

Treasurer's report Jim Bauer- We're in good shape financially. See Financial information included in this issue.

Secretary's report James Morketter- Board meeting minutes were approved.

Potential and prospective members were brought to the front of the room. Present included:

Mike Harris  
Mark Middledorf  
Shawn Adkins  
Dustin Wendt  
Robert Del Castillo  
Gabriel Michel

Jim Bradbury passed around a sign up sheet for CPR training

A reminder was given that continuing Ed. Point sheets are due at the end of this year.

Jon McArthur announced that Pentair has donated over \$8000 to use as we see fit. After a hand survey of members present, it was decided that we will purchase a variety of filter types instead of one particular model.

Mario Padilla thanked the membership for taking care of his pools while he is out sick.

Present and potential chapter supporters were brought to the front. Present included:

Gabriel Gurmilan- Abcana  
Mary-Ann Downing- Pool Safety Solutions  
Matt Castillo - SCP San Diego  
Marc Dunn - PEP El Cajon  
Roy Heine - Suntrek  
Aaron Smith - CSL Advertising  
Lori Bloom - Suntrek  
Peter Cooper - Suntrek  
Jeff from PS2000  
Don Wall - The Pool Doctor  
Kirk Chapman - Poolscape Unlimited  
Peter Gozdeck - 3-Step Billing  
Michelle Howard - Equity through Energy  
Tony Ruf - Brite Tile

Tony Ruf of Brite Tile gave a brief presentation.

Roy Heine of Suntrek gave a brief presentation.

Gabriel Gurmilan of Abcana gave a brief presentation.

Brian Davis presented checks for education reimbursement to members who qualified.

Bill Peck spoke briefly regarding the requirement for split drain replacement in spas. A brief Q and A session followed. Stephen Heyer announced that 20 members attended the chapter hosted dinner after the 2009 Western Pool and Spa Show.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 PM

Raffle:  
\$150 Ladd Carlson  
\$25 Paul Grimes  
\$50 Gas card from SCP San Diego - Jeffery Marshall  
50# chlorine tabs from SPP San Diego - Fernando Chavez  
Padre tickets from Poolscape Unltd. - Ken Dirkse, Brian Davis  
Pool Chemicals from Abcana - Shawn Adkins, Pat Nevin  
Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM.

## Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2009

Mark Curran, Bill Peck, Phil Gardiner, Paul Grimes, Mike Gregg, Stephen Heyer, Jim Bauer, James Morketter

Call to order 7:15 PM

Jim Hines arrived briefly to review the status of yellow cards in regard to Mario Padilla's recent illness.

Jim was asked for his feedback regarding the peel off label on the back of each card. He thought it was a good system.

Mark and Bill spoke regarding the new member checklist.

Several members failed to turn in their yellow cards within 5 days of the completion of their sick route responsibility.

We reviewed the names of members who did not sign in to a general meeting during the 1st quarter 2009.

We discussed the issue of members who apparently sign in, and then leave immediately from the general meetings. One member was observed doing this, and will be fined for non-attendance. It was announced that 9 members

requested reimbursement from Mario Padilla for sick route coverage.

A vote was taken on the following issue: Should the one-year probation period for obtaining the required 10 continuing education points be eliminated? Result unanimous YES. No discussion.

It was announced that member Gary Roberts has volunteered to help solicit advertisers for our 2010-2011 member directory.

It is still not clear whether or not we will have a summer picnic this year. This may change now that Stephen Heyer graciously volunteered to be the picnic committee chairman!! (lol)

We discussed whether or not we should do something monetarily for David Courey. We decided to provide \$200 of chapter money to provide him with an in-home chef to provide a series of meals.

John Moss and Brandon Chase will be the speakers at our April general meeting.

Raypak has donated \$3870 to our education fund.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM.

Crystal Clear Pools, Inc. would like to trade El Cajon pools by Avocado, Chase, Vista Grande, Green filed for La Jolla, Clairemont, Serra Mesa, Tierrasanta pools. Average prices are between \$98 and \$140. Serviced this winter, so they are year around pools. Save gas, time, wear and tear on our trucks. Please call 619-992-9625  
Kenny Childs

## Calendar

**4/15 General Meeting 7p**

Mission Valley Resort

875 Hotel Circle North

5/2 BORD, Region 2 Morro Bay

**5/6 Chapter Board 7 pm**

Kensington Grill

**5/23, Blood Drive 8 am**

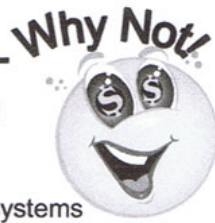
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### **Troubleshooting a Solar Pool Heating System**

From Lori Bloom, Chapter Supporter from Suntrek Industries

Since you are likely to be caring for some pools with solar pool heating systems, here are two common problems along with a check list to determine the cause.

If the pool is not getting warm enough in sunny conditions:

- The filter may be dirty or clogged – check flow strength at pool outlets
- The time clock may not be set for best sunshine times of the day
- The thermostat may be set too low (if it is an automatic system)
- Valve may be turned off – check water routing
- Pump may be weak and not pumping a sufficient volume of water
- Off-season months may require floating cover on pool to prevent nighttime heat loss
- Additional collectors may be necessary

For a new system, it generally takes three days of consistent sunny weather for the pool to reach the seasonal solar heated temperature.

If there are constant bubbles in the pool when the solar is turned on:

Every time the solar system turns on, the pump purges all the air from the system producing a large amount of bubbles in the pool which should completely subside within two minutes. If you see a constant stream of bubbles throughout the day, this indicates a problem not necessarily related to the solar. Insufficient flow through the solar collectors will draw air into the system through the vacuum breaker, as the water falls from the collectors quicker than the water is being pumped to the roof.

- Check the filter pressure with the solar off, and then check the pressure with the solar on. It is common for the filter pressure to raise 8-10 lbs when pumping water to the collectors.
- If the pressure is high (30 lbs or more) and does not increase with the solar on, the filter needs cleaning.
- If the pressure is abnormally low (10 lbs or less) and does not rise when the solar is activated, check the pool skimmer and pump basket for debris. If there are no restrictions, your pump may be too weak and may need to be replaced.
- If the filter pressure is normal with the solar off and increases 15 lbs or more with the solar activated, the solar collectors may be clogged with debris due to a break in the filter grid. In this case, first have your filter dismantled and repaired. Then contact your installer or Suntrek Industries for servicing a clogged system.

Suntrek Industries services all solar pool heating systems. If you need help, please contact Lori Bloom at our San Marcos office 760-891-9092.

## Research on Water Regulations and Prices

There's been a lot of talk about water shortages, water rationing and price increases lately. While this is a major concern, the fact is that currently water is not planned to be rationed and swimming pools should not create an imminent problem in this environment of declining reserves.

### Evaporation:

All bodies of water evaporate. Evaporation is based on the square feet of surface and increases with higher ambient temperatures, higher water temperature, lower humidity and higher winds. From my research, evaporation can be higher if the pool temperature is higher than the air temperature, meaning a heated pool or night conditions have higher evaporation.

It's hard to estimate evaporation for the average pool, but we've been told that anything from ½ inch to 1 ½ inches per week seems reasonable in San Diego. More than 1½ inches and there may be a leak, which can waste thousands of gallons and should be repaired.

For an average 15 foot by 30 foot backyard pool, evaporation would range between 140 to 420 gallons per week. Based on today's rate for water in the City of San Diego of \$2.80 to \$3.40 per unit (748 gallons per unit), this would cost between \$0.50 and \$2.00 per week. Even with rumored increases of up to a 40% increase of water rates, higher evaporation should not exceed \$3.00 per week.

### Water Rates:

We all know rates have increased and will continue to increase. However, only roughly a third of the average water/sewer bill is actually based on water used.

Average single-family monthly bill (your use may be higher than the below)

City says average home uses 14 Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF) of Water per month and 9 HCF of that returns to the sewer system)

Base Water Fee	33.04	
<b>14 HCF of water @ \$2.795/ea</b>	<b>39.13</b>	<b>34.8% of total cost</b>
Sewer Base Fee	10.14	
9 HCF of sewer return @ \$ 3.34 ea	30.06	
Total	112.37	

What you can control:

- 1.) The sewer return rate is calculated by the total water you use in a four month winter period. It is assumed that irrigation is lowest during the winter, which means most water used is returned into the sewer. The City then allocates your portion of total citywide sewer costs based on how much water you have used vs. other homeowners and allocates the total cost. We recommend minimal irrigation during the winter and recommend against draining and refilling pools during the winter.
- 2.) Limit draining of pools and spas. Be sure the pool will not pop out of the ground due to a high water table
- 3.) If you believe you have a pool leak, contact us so that we can recommend a leak detection company to find and repair your leak.
- 4.) Keep in mind that heating the pool, especially during cold weather increases evaporation.
- 5.) You can invest in a pool cover. Covers that stop evaporation are solar bubble covers and vinyl safety covers. Covers can reduce evaporation by 80%.
- 6.) Note that studies have shown that pool evaporation is equal or lower than watering needs of a lawn covering the same area as the pool and adjacent 3 foot wide deck.

Paul Grimes, Aquaiwise Concepts

## In 2009, fat is out in chardonnay

By ROBERT WHITLEY April 8, 2009

Wine lovers looking for trends in 2009 need look no further than their next glass of chardonnay. The fat, oily butterballs are out. Minerality, with more reserved fruit tones, is in. A couple of the chardonnays I am reviewing this week are a case in point.

Sonoma-Cutrer's 2007 Russian River Ranches Chardonnay could well be the prototype for the coming wave. The RRR, as we'll call it for purposes of brevity, is the bottom tier of chardonnay at Sonoma-Cutrer. Winemakers typically look upon their bottom-level chardonnay as a vehicle of mass appeal and produce a wine that is soft, fruity and voluptuous, and meant to be consumed within minutes of purchase.

Sonoma-Cutrer's Terry Adams refuses to make that compromise. Consequently, the RRR, which costs about \$23, is a serious wine, with all of the minerality and structure you might find in a precious bottle of meursault at three or four times the price. And you could accidentally lose it in your makeshift wine cellar in the garage (honestly, I have done that) only to find it a year or two later and discover that your wine has actually improved with bottle age.

Of course, you could simply pop the cork tonight and enjoy it, because a great wine is a great wine no matter when you decide to drink it. The other bottom-tier chardonnay I am recommending is Silverado's 2007 Napa County Chardonnay, which retails for about the same price as the RRR. While I preferred the Sonoma-Cutrer, Silverado's Napa County Chardonnay impressed me with its restrained fruit and judicious use of oak.

Silverado was once known for its butterball chardonnays. It even produced a butterball sauvignon blanc (by adding a large percentage of

buttery chardonnay to the blend) once upon a time. The fact that Silverado has dialed it back on the ripeness of fruit, the amount of oak and level of alcohol is a sign of the times.

Even its more expensive Vineburg Vineyard Chardonnay is a model of the new restraint being utilized by winemakers throughout California, Washington and Oregon.

Those of you who may love the fat, buttery, oaky chardonnays need not worry, though. Rombauer and ZD are still in the game, and so long as there remains a demand for that style of wine, someone will make it.

What I celebrate is that wine enthusiasts now have options without having to resort to the expense of buying white burgundy from France. Lately I have been drinking quite a bit of premier cru chablis, which runs me about \$45 a bottle. The RRR and Silverado Napa County are half that, and they're just as good.

I can do the math.

### Tasting Notes

Wines are rated on a 100-point scale.

Sonoma-Cutrer 2007 Russian River Ranches Chardonnay, Russian River Valley (\$23): This may be the most misunderstood chardonnay made in California. Because it's the least expensive of the Sonoma-Cutrer chardonnay options, it comes with the presumption of easy drinkability for early consumption. You could do that, and most everyone does. But the Sonoma-Cutrer Russian River Ranches Chardonnay is one of the greatest values I can think of in cellar-worthy California chardonnay. This vintage offers the aroma of fresh lemon custard and brioche, backed up with terse acidity and a lovely hint of minerality that speaks to its class and breeding. You could drink this wine and enjoy it tonight, but it really does need another year or

two, or three, in the bottle to show its best.

Rating: 90

Silverado Vineyards 2007 Miller Ranch Sauvignon Blanc, Yountville (\$20): I can remember a time when Silverado blended chardonnay with its sauvignon blanc and had one of the fattest, most oily sauvignon blancs produced in the Napa Valley. No more. The Miller Ranch is primarily sauvignon blanc, along with a bit of semillon (the traditional white Bordeaux blend), and the mouth feel and aroma profile are a dramatic departure from those old Silverado sauvignon blancs. The '07 Miller Ranch offers flavors of lemon and grapefruit, with a subtle hint of dried herbs. And it's crisp and refreshing, too.

Rating: 90

Sonoma-Cutrer 2006 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast (\$25): Lovely notes of lemon creme and pear combine with an intense minerality that is rare for California chardonnay. This is a well-made chard that is still young, but with tremendous potential to flesh out and develop additional complexities over the next three to five years. Rating: 90

Silverado Vineyards 2007 Chardonnay, Napa County (\$23): We have been begging California chardonnay producers to make wines that are more food-friendly, and it seems the pleas have been heeded. The '07 Napa County chardonnay from Silverado is crisp and dry chardonnay, loaded with intense fruit aroma without being fat or oily. This is a well-balanced chardonnay in every respect, exhibiting aromas of apple, pear and lemon and well-measured oak.

Rating: 88

Visit Robert Whitley on the Web at [whitleyonwine.com](http://whitleyonwine.com); send e-mail to

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## Getting Randomly Picked To Make Half-Court Shots Now Best Way To Earn Living

WASHINGTON—A new study released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Tuesday confirmed that the most dependable source of income for American workers in the current economic climate is to win a novelty contest in which one must successfully shoot a basketball from half-court. "After factoring in the odds of your ticket number being called while attending a game, the median dollar value awarded, and the athletic ability of the average American citizen, and cross-referencing these data with employment forecasts and current job-security indices, we have determined that half-court shooting contests are currently the most effective way to support a family of four," the report read in part. "While this may seem like dire news, keep in mind that the consolation prize for missing the shot usually includes a food item from the concession stand." The report cited several other possible methods of securing a livelihood, including 50-50 raffles, lotto scratch-offs, and inventing YouTube. *The Onion*

## U.N. Acquires Nuclear Weapon

NEW YORK—The United Nations, a highly organized governing body bent on world peace, has obtained a nuclear warhead and intends to use the dangerous device to pursue its radical human rights agenda, sources reported Monday.

News of the nuclear weapon first surfaced late last week when the United Nation's own watchdog group, the International Atomic Energy Agency, released startling new satellite photos of the uranium-based device. Shortly thereafter, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon issued a short and brazen list of demands, calling on all nations to "bow down at once to social progress."

"Tremble before the awesome might of this cooperative assembly of appointed representatives," said Ban, boldly holding a stack of diplomatic resolutions in his hand.

"At last, when the United Nations calls for the development of more sustainable agricultural practices, the world at large will listen."

Added Ban, "We will no longer be ignored."

The warhead, an Oralloy U-235 thermonuclear detonator encased in a long-range ballistic missile, is believed to be currently housed beneath the parking lot of the U.N. complex in New York. According to Pentagon officials, it is likely that the United Nations has already tested the weapon, and may in fact be prepared to deploy it if its demands for global harmony are not met.

"All efforts are being made to engage this nationless threat in diplomatic talks, but so far, they remain uncooperative," U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff said. "However, I can assure you that the United States will not be pushed around. We will not be bullied into limiting our carbon-dioxide emissions or honoring the conditions established by the Geneva Conventions. The United States will not bend."

Speaking at a press conference Tuesday, President Bush echoed Chertoff's sentiments.

"This rogue group of unbiased mediators will not be tolerated," said Bush, who has promised to continue his eight-year pledge not to negotiate with the United Nations under any circumstances. "If the U.N. thinks it can force the world to appreciate the equality of all people and their right to live free of poverty, hunger, and inhumane treatment, I say to them, 'Bring it on.'"

While no country has admitted to selling enriched uranium to the United Nations, experts claimed that acquiring the necessary materials was probably fairly easy, as the U.N.'s own Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty has been largely disregarded since being signed in 1968.

"The Russians, the Israelis, a rogue Pakistani arms trader—there are plenty of people out there who could have done it," said Katherine Boushie, a world politics professor at Columbia University. "After all, who

knows better than the United Nations where someone can find nukes? They've spent years watching nation after nation illegally stockpile arms. Might have been what pissed them off, actually."

Despite outspoken concerns from many nations, including North Korea, Iran, and Serbia, Secretary-General Ban has assured the international community that the U.N.'s nuclear arsenal will only be used for deterrent purposes. Chief among these is deterring other countries from thinking they can sign a chemical weapons ban and then act like the whole thing never happened, and coming to the U.N. only when it's convenient or profitable for them to do so.

"I will say this as clearly as I can, so you all can hear me," said Ban, his finger hovering inches away from the small red button on his podium. "Either attend the next Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, or prepare to suffer the consequences."

Many, however, refuse to be intimidated by the peacekeeping organization's threats.

"They're bluffing," Secretary of Defense Robert Gates said. "The United Nations is still 15 years away from a nuclear bomb. Hell, they're 20 years away from achieving universal primary school education, and knowing them, they'll probably focus on that first." *The Onion*

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	General	Education	Expense Description	General	Education
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	7,005.04	9,863.02	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		10,853.46	Bank charges		
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,005.04</b>	<b>20,716.48</b>	Continuing Education		285.00
<b>Combined total</b>	<b>27,721.52</b>		<b>SPEC</b>	<b>200.00</b>	
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			<b>Awards</b>		
Dues collected by IPSSA	2,071.00		Door prizes Raffle	175.00	
Newsletter Advertisement			Newsletter		
Chapter Supporters	3,000.00		Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Member payment	150.00		Meeting expense:		
Interest earned		9.49	- General meeting	471.71	
Rebate Program		850.00	- Western P&S Dinner		853.42
CD Interest			- Chapter Board	372.72	
Water Chemistry book sales			- Regional Dues		
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- PO Box annual rent		
Fines: -			Office expense: Printing/Copies	51.51	
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			Postage & Copies		
			Mileage		
New Member	150.00		- Deposit December Dinner	1,000.00	
Skimmer inserts			- Sick Leave		
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast		
Directory sales			<b>Total Expenses in Month</b>	<b>2,370.94</b>	<b>1,138.42</b>
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	10,428.43	9,171.68
<b>Total Income in Month</b>	<b>5,371.00</b>	<b>859.49</b>	CD & Savings		10,862.54
			<b>Total</b>	<b>10,428.43</b>	<b>20,034.22</b>
			<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>30,462.65</b>	



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April 15, 7 pm**

Speakers:  
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Brandon Chase



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