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2009 General Meetings

1st Tuesday of the month
Dark January and July

November through April, 7 PM
May through October, 7:30 PM

**Canoga Park Bowl
Courtyard Room
20122 Vanowen Street
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**Next Meeting
7:00 PM, Tuesday
March 3**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2009 is off and running! The economy has everybody strapped up tight. New rules and regulations like the Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act and Title 20 have everybody searching for answers. But, if we settle down and are patient, when finalized, these policies and procedures will mean money making opportunities for all of us.

I've added a new page to our website (www.sfvmetro.com) about the VGB Pool and Spa Safety Act and hopefully by the time you read this, I will have a page for Title 20. On the VGB Act page you will find a link to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's latest updates, and a link to an excellent web cast. The hour-long web cast is sponsored by Hayward and Aquatics International and covers just about everything you need to know about the VGB Act. (You must fill out the registration form to view the web cast.) Remember that these policies are still evolving and changing; keep checking back before you start any work in this area. If you plan on doing this type of work, I highly recommend you do a lot of research and have all your bases covered.

We had a very busy February chapter meeting. We had several manufacture reps present at the meeting, all with very good information. SCP and SPPI have joined forces and put together a great incentive plan for the chapter along with terrific specials on products and goods. Paul Kamachi from EasyCare products introduced us to a new chemical that is supposed to help us save time on start-ups. Dan Weaver from US Seals spoke about the importance of using the correct pump seal for different applications. Alan from Aqua Chlor briefly went over some very important information about the VGB Pool and Spa Safety Act. All this before we even started any chapter business!

As we discussed at the meeting, Ray and I will be completing our last term as President and Vice President of our chapter. Hopefully Ray will come to his senses and run for President at our next election in November. If anybody would like to run or volunteer to join the board, please notify a current board member. The board puts together activities, charity events and educational opportunities for the chapter. It's time to step up, guys!

Jeff Steinbach, our Activity Chairman, has put together our overnight fishing trip for this year. We are chartering a boat called the Mirage out of Port Hueneme Sportfishing on Sunday, July 26th through Monday, July 27th. Look for details in this newsletter. Make sure you call Jeff immediately at (818) 887-5009 to reserve your spot; this trip will fill up fast!

Drive safely and I'll see you at the meeting.
Dave

SFV Metro Chapter IPSSA

Overnight Fishing trip

Departure: July 26, 2009

10 PM Sunday

Return: July 27, 2009

Aprox. 5 PM Monday

Boat: Mirage (Charter)

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Call Jeff Steinbach to reserve your spot at (818) 887-5009.

Chapter members pay \$70.00 each.

Guests pay \$140.00 each

Make checks or money orders payable to SFV Metro IPPSA.

(This trip is limited load - only 20 spots available)

So don't wait call Jeff now! Space is limited!

Target fish will be White Sea Bass, Yellowtail, Halibut, Lingcod & Rock fish.

**Please Bring Your Sick Cards To The Next Meeting To Show Farshid
That You Have Filled Them Out
This is voluntary for now but will become mandatory shortly!**

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

2-3-09

Meeting called to order 7:17 PM at the Canoga Park Bowl.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Dave Lopez, President
Ray Leduc, Vice President
Bill Jackson, Secretary
Mike Sidoti, Treasurer
None Absent

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Farshid Enteghami, Sick Route
Mike Sidoti, Sick Route Inspector
Alfredo Hernandez, Attendance & Membership
Jeff Steinbach, Social Activities
Saul Krochmal, Sergeant at Arms
Steinbach Absent

SPONSORS PRESENT: Bob Ellis, Environmental Solar;; Alain Francois, Spear; Russell Burke, Hayward; Art Grimmitt, Pentair; Dick Flynn, TechServ; Danny Cervantez, SCP; Mark Owens, Sta Rite; Dave, Chris, Adrian, SPPI; Ole Ellingson, Aqua Creations; Alba Coral, PEP.

Sponsors give short talk.

GUESTS: Jack from DE Trapp; Dan Weaver, U.S. Seal; Paul Kamacki, Easy Care; Derek Nellmapius, Pool RX.
Guests introduce their products.

CHAPTER BUSINESS AND REPORTS:

DAVE LOPEZ, President: New Business: (1) Elections for Chapter Board positions will take place in November. We are setting up an Election committee. If you or someone you know would like to run please let us know. We are trying to get Ray Leduc to become President. (2) We have been discussing a point system to encourage members to contribute volunteer hours, this would include Board positions and charity work. You will get Sick Route points for each hour you volunteer. We will present this for a vote next month. (3) **Motion by Steve Slee, 2nd by unk, that when members go out sick they must present to the Sick Route Chairman both their "sick cards" and A list of all customers, so as to make the Chairman's job easier. PASSED by a show of hands.** (4) We had a discussion at the last Board Meeting about password protecting the Sick Route Policies and Procedures and the Standing Rules. After a discussion it is decided by the Membership that this is unnecessary. (5) Charity work for the year is in the planning stages. (6) Darrin King suggests that we put the Newsletter on line to save mailing and printing costs. We will experiment with implementing this idea soon.. (7) Attendance at the picnic has been low, it costs around \$1000, and it is a huge amount of work. For these reasons we will be looking for an activity to replace it, keeping families in mind. If you have any ideas let us know. **Old Business:** (1) Gary Provolt, who we made a collection for when he lost his house in the Merek fire, is in attendance and thanks us for our help. (2) Graeme Baker Act is discussed by Alain Francois.

RAY LEDUC, Vice President: Be careful when your customer has an insurance company repairman work on your pool. I had a pump removed from on of my pools which voided the "three pieces of equipment" warranty. Have your customer tell the repairman to leave all old equipment on the job.

MIKE SIDOTI, Treasurer: Reads report, attached.

JEFF STEINBACH, Social Activities: Is absent, but Dave Lopez says he is working on the years activities.

BILL JACKSON, Secretary: Minutes accepted as printed in the newsletter.

SAUL KROCHMAL, Sgt. At Arms: None.

ALFREDO HERNANDEZ, Attendance: Remember it is the employers responsibility to make sure his guys show up at the meetings.

FARSHID ENTEGHAMI, Sick Pool Chairman: No one is out. Bring your Sick Cards in for me to see.

ADJOURN at 9:25 PM.

Bill Jackson, Secretary

Jeff Thiery is the winner of the \$50 chapter check but is not here so the money will roll over until the next meeting. The check will be \$250 next meeting.

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