

# Water Watcher

AUGUST 2014

Mark your calendar!

## CHAPTER MEETINGS:

**Wednesday  
August 6, 2014**  
6:30 Dinner  
7:00 Meeting  
VFW Hall  
8990 Kruitof Way,  
Fair Oaks, 95628

## UPCOMING:

**September 3, 2014**

Camping Trip  
**Sept. 12-14, 2014**

**October 1, 2014**

**November 5, 2014**

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## President's Message

I hope everybody had a great 4th of July, and have found a way to stay cool even with the lack of water and the triple digit temperatures. Northern California has become more of a dry arid desert as of lately. This has been a brutal month with the heat we nearly had 8 consecutive 100+ degree days this month. Folsom lake is now so low the Marina has been emptied of boats and the entire lake is under a five mile an hour speed limit. Our lakes and rivers are very low on water, and use will soon be restricted on most. So people will be turning back to their pools for use to stay cool.

On a Monday about three weeks ago, I received a phone call from a gentleman looking for some help with the local water district. He was instructed that before he attempts any work on his pool that required draining and refilling, he was to hire a pool construction company to draft a letter on his behalf in regards to why he was draining his pool, before they would allow him to continue the work. The water district is only keeping these letters on file, for reasons they won't explain. But I find it interesting that they are requiring their customers to furnish these letters before proceeding with the work. In the past three weeks I have received more phone calls from customers in the Fair Oaks Water District requesting the same letters to be furnished. These customers have been told by two of the local retail pool stores in the area that they need to drain their entire pool to fix water chemistry issues. I agree in some circumstances that some pools need to be completely drained to fix chemistry issues, especially if the chemistry can hurt the pool plaster finish, the equipment, or humans or animals. Other fixes should be tried first, before they recommend replacing all the water in a swimming pool, during such a severe drought season. Major clean ups as well as replaster remodeling will require draining. But pools with clear water and algae issues can have treatments done in most cases to rectify and prevent these problems.

I have personally found that cleaning or replacing filters or filter cartridges, installing mineral packs such as Pool RX or Frog Packs, brushing, and making sure equipment run times are running long enough, pools have done really well recovering from their issues. Even the ones with high chemical readings of conditioner, TDS, and nitrates. High Phosphates and a lack of free chlorine can both be treated and fixed without draining by using phosphate removers and non-chlorine shock (O2 shock). You need to try everything you can to avoid draining pools at this point. Customers have been told they will be fined for wasting wa-

ter or fined for over usage. I'm sure you can understand why they will call their local water company when they are told to drain their pool. Don't think for one minute that you can't also get fined for wasting water. If you send water down a storm drain you can be reported. So if you are a company that cleans your customers filter cartridges or grids curbside letting the water flow down the gutter, watch out. Some of the water districts are actually hiring water cops to drive around and ticket people wasting water. The media is asking people to report their neighbors so they can get live footage of people wasting water. It seems crazy but this will probably get worse. We have months until we may see rain and snow that will hopefully end this drought. Hopefully our state government can figure out how to manage our states water better. Do your part to conserve and work with your customers and educate them how they can save water. Fix the equipment leaks, fix the leaker pools and install pool covers or at least use the pool cover in a bottle products. Make sure autofill devices are working properly and are not continuously running. The smallest of fixes can make the biggest difference.

**Attention:** School starts for most kids in this area August 14th. Keep an eye out and drive careful in school zones, and residential neighborhoods. Children walking to and from school are even more distracted these days with cell phones, portable gaming systems, and MP3 players. We all need to be super cautious, and drive careful.

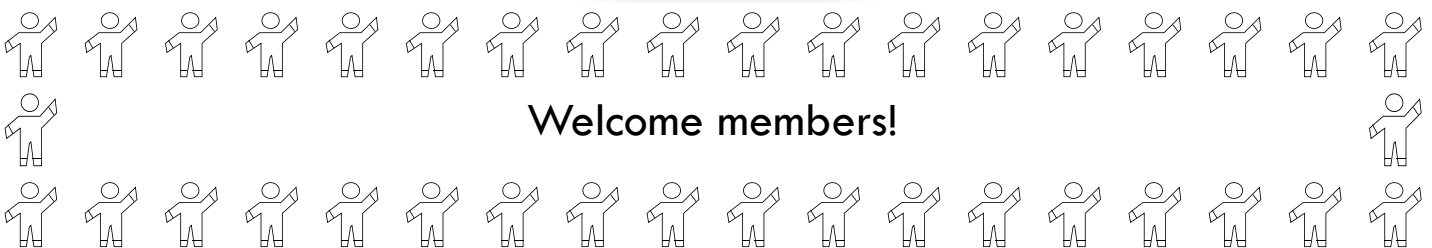
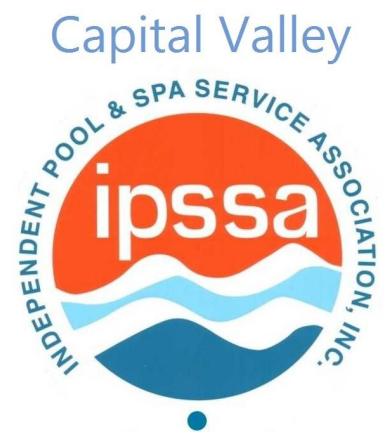
Summer is not over for Capital Valley IPSSA, we have our annual camping trip September 12th, 13th, & 14TH. Don't miss all the fun this has become the premier event for our chapter each year. We are really looking forward to the festivities this year. Please show your support and attend this event. You can come for the day on Friday or Saturday, or stay and camp Friday through Sunday. Please contact Shaleen Stevenson with Hot Water Works to make arrangements. Please see the application and contact info for the camping trip in this newsletter. We will have several of our chapter supporters there, and more to do than we can do in a weekend. A great time is waiting for you and your family. We really hope to see you there.

The August Chapter Meeting will be with Nic Benny from Jandy, Zodiac, & Polaris. Nic always gives us a great presentation that always provides us some good information and education on their products. They will also be providing us with dinner. We didn't have a meeting last month so I hope everybody can make it to this meeting.

HAVE FUN, GO CAMPING!!!

"Keep up the good work"

Sincerely,  
Gregg Simon  
President Capital Valley IPSSA Chapter  
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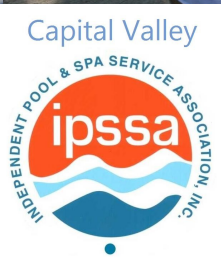
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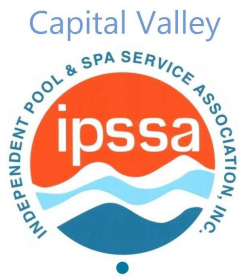
# Santa's Summer Getaway is the place to be this September!!



Families will enjoy crafts, games, great food, campfire, and all kinds of outdoor fun!







Presents  
**the 5th Annual  
 Santa's Summer Getaway**

**Sly Park Recreation Area  
 September 12 - 14, 2014**

**Registration Form**

**Dates:** Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon, September 12 - 14, 2014

**Place:** Sly Park Rec. Area, Group Site #5, 4771 Sly Park Rd., Pollock Pines (off Hwy 50 & Sly Park Rd)

**Price:** \$35.00/per adult (age 14 & over) ~ \$15.00/per child (age 5-13) ~ Under 5 years, free

**What you get:** Camping for 2 nights, breakfast on Saturday & Sunday mornings. Dinner and dessert on Friday and Saturday nights, crafts for the kids, campfires, swimming, horseshoes and many recreational activities.



***Featuring Pinewood Derby on Saturday***

Official Pinewood Derby Car Kits available: Contact George Stevenson (916) 863-1700 or [hotwaterworks@hotmail.com](mailto:hotwaterworks@hotmail.com) for purchase and more info.

**Camping Space is Limited! Submit your Registration Form ASAP!! Send in Registration Form by (9/2/14) - No Refunds**

Need More Info: General Info: Jack Emlay at [jjemlay@comcast.net](mailto:jjemlay@comcast.net)  
 Reservations: Shaleen Stevenson at [hotwaterworks@hotmail.com](mailto:hotwaterworks@hotmail.com)  
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Names of all campers: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Free T-Shirt for every registered & paid camper by: 8/26/14** **List Quantity:** Adult Sizes: Sm \_\_\_\_\_ Med \_\_\_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_ Child Sizes: 18-20 \_\_\_\_\_ 14-16 \_\_\_\_\_ 10-12 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Adult t-shirt sizes available in tank tops: Please make a note with "T" above size)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults @ \$35.00 each - Saturday use only \$20.00 each  
 \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children Ages 5 - 13 @ \$15.00 each - Saturday use only \$10.00 each  
 \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children under 5 years of age, FREE  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I'll be in a trailer (Length: \_\_\_\_\_ ft.) I'll be in a tent: How many tents and size? \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable To: Capital Valley IPSSA & mail with Registration Form to:  
 Shaleen Stevenson, 5228 Wagon Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628**

## Volunteers Needed!!

### MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

Capital Valley IPSSA Chapter is looking for a new volunteer for the Membership Chairperson role. Membership is a very important function for our chapter.

Some duties include, managing incoming member applications and membership packages, signing in members and guests at meetings and events and helping our chapter attract new members. If interested please contact Gregg Simon, Chapter President. 916-879-6923 For more information (details about what the job may include) please contact Linda Eggers. THANK YOU for your support!

### SICK ROUTE CHAIRPERSON

Sick Route needs a fill-in chairperson for the next few months. Please contact Gregg Simon if you can fill this short term need. Thank you for your help!

### WRITERS

**Share your knowledge!** Here is your chance to help educate the pool community. Send me your article or photos to be in the next Water Watcher. [contactus@pollywogpools.com](mailto:contactus@pollywogpools.com)

### -Classifieds-

This section is for members who would like to advertise the selling or buying of their pools, looking for sub-contractors, selling pool related stuff, buying pool related stuff, etc... ([contactus@pollywogpools.com](mailto:contactus@pollywogpools.com) to submit your classified ad)



## Capital Valley IPSSA Chapter Meeting

Wednesday August 6, 2014

6:30 Dinner provided by Zodiac  
7-9pm Meeting

Featuring  
**Zodiac Jandy Polaris  
Nic Benny**

VFW Hall - 8990 Kruitof Way,  
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## SICK ROUTE

**Thank you for your support!**

If you have any questions please contact

Karl Eggers  
Sick Route Chairman  
916-521-7168

## Have information to include?

Want to write an article, submit pictures, or have news to share?

Please send it to  
[contactus@pollywogpools.com](mailto:contactus@pollywogpools.com)  
by the 20th to be included next month.

We are always looking for industry news, event, stories, and pictures.

Want to help with this or many other volunteer positions?  
Contact one of our Board Members or Committee Chairmen today!

## Capital Valley IPSSA Chapter



## Insurance Membership Education Networking Friendship

Newsletters are being sent out via e-mail!  
If you do not receive a newsletter via e-mail its because the IPSSA financial office does not have your e-mail address. Please e-mail [contactus@pollywogpools.com](mailto:contactus@pollywogpools.com) to be added to the list.

[www.cvipssa.com](http://www.cvipssa.com)

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## Capital Valley Chapter Membership Information

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## Thank you from Capital Valley IPSSA Chapter!

### Please get to know our Chapter Supporters

**They are here to help you be your best!**

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