



Capital Valley IPSSA

Water Watcher



President's Message

Rain days! We have had lots of them this past month. I know a lot of pool service companies do less work on the pools when it is raining. Understandable we can't see the bottom of the pool when it is raining, but the baskets and pool sweep bags should still be checked and cleaned. It's also important to at least check the PH and Chlorine. With all the rain and wind there is a lot of debris getting in the pools that will affect the chemicals and could turn the pool green in a hurry if your chemicals are border

line. You might even what to check the Phosphate levels after the storms to make sure the levels have not risen from the storms and debris. If you wait too long, you will spend more money than you should to keep the pool chemicals maintained.

Now that you have flown through the pools you have extra time to prepare for the spring. Four key things to start working on would be

1. Define how you are going to advertise this year and plan to build your service.

2. Map out the filter cleans for the season so that all your filters are done by May.

3. Fill out your sick route card and send them in to Rob Casebolt. (They are late already.)

Last but not least

4. Make sure you finish your taxes. They are due April 15th.

'Til next time,
"Keep it Clear"
Scott Houseman,
President

February 2010

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SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY
PENTAIR

(Perfect Attendance Awards)

MARCH

You & Your Customer
By George Stevenson

APRIL

PENTAIR
(Catered Dinner)



PIZZA PROVIDED BY
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DETECTION

Pizza @ 6:30 pm
Meeting
7:00-9:00 pm



Poolman's 5th Annual Fishing Derby

"Bass, Beer and Basketball"

Collin's Lake - March 19-21, 2010

Contact Lorne Early at (916) 284-9774 for details about this event.

CPO Courses are coming soon!

Contact George or Shaleen Stevenson of Hot Water Works for dates and details. George or Shaleen can be reached at (916) 863-1700.

February Fun Fact Corner

- ♦ Women purchase 85% of all valentines
- ♦ The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day
- ♦ The oldest surviving love poem to date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians, inventors of writing, around 3500 B.C
- ♦ Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, an "Improvement in Telegraphy", on Valentine's Day, 1876.
- ♦ Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentines Day candy box in the late 1800s

Compliments of

<http://www.stvalentinesday.org/valentines-day-fun-fact.html>

Avoid Draining Pools During the Rainy Season

By Ray Arouesty

During this rainy season of the year, members should be aware of the increased likelihood of a pool or spa lifting out of the ground following water draining. A popped pool is a condition caused by the upward pressure of water below the shell of a pool or spa. This pressure increases as the water table level rises during rain, and an empty pool shell thus becomes more subject to lifting from the ground. There is often a fine balance between the upward force exerted by hydrostatic pressure and the downward force from the weight of the pool shell and the water. Draining a 40,000 gallon pool removes approximately



320,000 pounds of weight, and this reduction is often enough to cause the pool to lift. The damages following a popped pool are always costly and usually involve demolition of the old shell and construction of a new pool. We have seen some claims exceed \$75,000 as replacement of the pool shell often involves damage to existing landscape, walls and pool decking. The trend toward elaborate backyard mini-water parks makes the potential damages much higher in the future. Pool service techs with requests to drain a pool this winter should educate their customers of the risk involved with pool draining. A pool drain release form is available at www.arrowinsuranceservice.com, but we still recommend not draining pools at this time of year.



Your sick route summary cards were due by January 31, 2010. If you have not turned them in you will be fined \$100.00 on February 15, 2010. The next fine for not turning them in will be assessed on March 15, 2010 for \$200.00. Take a couple minutes to fill out the card and save yourself a bundle in Chapter fines.

You may check the Capital Valley IPSSA website at www.cvipssa.com to verify your summary card has been received.



MEMBERS ONLY DRAWING



There was no winner at the January Chapter Meeting.
\$100.00 will be up for grabs on February 3, 2010 at the Chapter Meeting
Remember, you must be *present* to win.



May Table Top is just around the corner...

Karam Singh has volunteered to organize this event but he needs your help. Please contact Karam at (916) 952-3408 to help with planning this important event!

Vendors please contact Jerry Houseman at (916) 638-4100 to schedule classes.



Warning! Falling Trees!!

During this harsh weather season remember to watch yourself carefully.

Larry Hughes the Vice-President of Capital Valley IPSSA was very lucky when this tree fell right where he had been standing two minutes previously.

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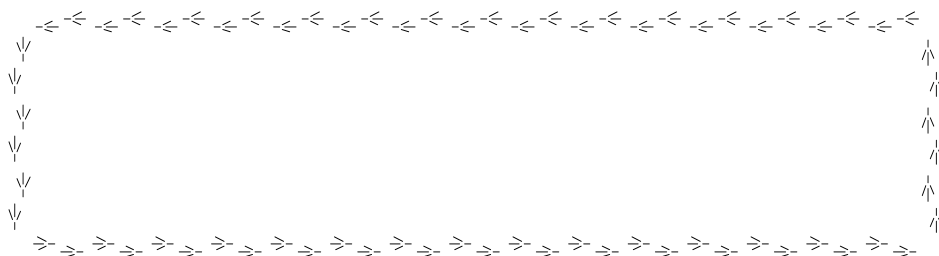
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If you are a Chapter Supporter and are interested in submitting monthly articles, or news, please e-mail info and artwork to Jennifer Neronde at jneronde@yahoo.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month for the following months issue. Thank you.