

Water Watcher



JULY 2011

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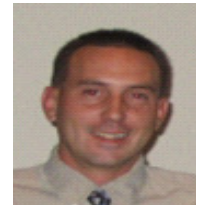
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President's Message



Snakes! This year it seems that several pool service techs have been seeing a larger quantity of rattle snakes by the equipment or even in the skimmers. Over the years I have serviced swimming pools that I have had to remove snakes from the skimmers. It is easy to forget, but every time you empty a skimmer basket make sure to look first for any snakes. More often than not they are already dead, but sometimes they would jump up at you or go back down in the skimmer basket and wait. Now what? I normally grab them

with a big pair of channel locks and throw it over the fence and let the neighbor deal with it. (Just kidding!) If it is a rattler snake I normally end up killing the poor thing and dispose of it. I'm not a big fan of rattle snakes they are just a pest to me. If it is a harmless snake I just let it go in a field. I also tell the home owner to watch out for any other signs of snakes. Snakes can be discouraged by dogs and cats, but make sure the dog or cat food is put up and not left out. Left out food can attract mice and mice = snake food.

Keeping the yard clean, maintained, and the equipment pad clean will also help remove any hiding places for the snakes. Removing hiding places such as wood piles, leaves, and vegetation will help remove mice which will also remove snake food.

'Til next time,
"Keep It Clear"

Scott Houseman,
President

Santa's Second Annual Summer Getaway

Christmas comes early for those that like to get a little dirty...

So here's the skinny

Who - The Capital Valley Chapter of IPSSA

What - Camping (Fish, Boat, Hike & Typical Outdoor Shenanigans)

When - September 16th & 17th

Where - Sly Park

Why - To have some much deserved fun, of course!

Suggestions for group activities can be sent to Linda Eggers at linda@deepbluepool.com

All other camping inquires can be sent to Jack Emlay at jjemlay@comcast.net or by phone at (530) 644-7750.



Campout Reservation Form

Reservations must be received no later than August 26, 2011

Name: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

___ Number of Children 13 and under (\$15 for weekend) (Children under 5 FREE)

___ Number of Adults (\$30 for weekend)

___ Number of Vehicles

___ Number of Tents

___ Number of Trailers _____ Length of Trailer

Make check payable to Capital Valley IPSSA

Mail voucher with payment to
Santa's Summer Getaway
c/o Shaleen Stevenson
5228 Wagon Way
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

News you will want to use right away!

Mileage Increase to 55.5 cents per mile

The Internal Revenue Service announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2011. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and other purposes. The rate will increase to 55.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2011. This is an increase of 4.5 cents from the 51 cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2011.

Sales Tax Decrease by 1%

Effective July 1, 2011, the statewide sales and use tax rate will decrease lowering the statewide base tax rate from 8.25 to 7.25 percent, unless the Legislature extends the tax rate increase before July 1, 2011. In areas where there are voter-approved district taxes, the total tax rate related to sales and purchases will be the statewide base tax rate of 7.25 percent plus the applicable district tax. Please check the Board of Equalization's website for any updates.

www.boe.ca.gov

Suggestions for this year's Christmas Party can be sent to
Larry Hughes at 916-715-4688

Need a Vacation? How about a little extra cash?

IPSSA Stimulus Package

**\$40.00 Cash Refund for all that were members as of
December 31, 2010.**

**Money will be handed out to each member at the
August 3, 2011 meeting.**

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 me at jneronde@yahoo.com and I will be sure to add you to the list.

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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.