

# Water Watcher

FEBRUARY 2012



February 1, 2012  
8990 Kruitof Way,  
Fair Oaks, 95628

Dinner  
6:30 pm  
Meeting  
7:00 to 9:00 pm

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

February  
TBA

March  
TBA

April  
TBA

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## President's Message



The rainy season is finally here. Make sure your set up and ready.

- Do all necessary vehicle maintenance. Tire tread and p.s.i. checks, fluids changed or checked, wiper blades replaced, and brakes checked.
- Make sure chemical storage of dry & liquid chems are moisture tight in trucks sheds side yards and garages. The added moisture in the air can cause most chems to activate especially if they make direct contact with water.
- Check to insure all of your customers' pools and equipment are protected. Electrical boxes, timers and controls should be closed and weather tight, some may require weather stripping replacement. All equipment should have bonding wire connected to it, and properly grounded. Flex conduit needs to be connected and water tight, not cracked loose or disconnected. All G.F.C.I., junction boxes, fiber optic control boxes, aux. outlets should be closed and rain tight. Replace outdoor outlet or G.F.C.I. covers with the proper plastic bubble type covers, which allow for plugs to be connected under a water tight door. Make sure all

of those covers are closed.

- Inspect all G.F.C.I. circuits associated with pool/spa lights, pumps, aux. lights or plugs, for functionality. Test with test buttons located on G.F.C.I. outlets and breakers, or with outlet testing tool. These tools also test outlets and G.F.C.I. circuits for proper wiring.
- Equipment pads should be clean and free of debris, and checked for drainage issues. Pumps do not like to run under water.
- Some pools are prone to flooding and it's necessary to take steps to prevent this from happening each year. Use hay bails, sand bags, water bags, or dikes to divert run off away from pools. Clear yard drains and deck drains of obstructions. Keep up with notifying customers of when there pools need to be drained of rain water. Wear proper clothing for the elements and good shoes or boots, with good tread.

If we keep up with a yearly routine of checking these items, we keep ourselves and our customers safe from harm, and extra expenses. Customers can't ignore safety repairs so don't be afraid

to charge for any of the above mentioned repairs or safety diagnosis. Stay safe, and drive careful.

We are still looking for chairmen and volunteers to join our board & committees. We have the May table top coming up & are starting our search for volunteers and ideas. Please let us know if you're interested in helping with either. Volunteer sign ups will be going out for the May table top.

Don't forget Sick Route summary cards are due. Fines will be enforced in February and will increase each month afterwards until your Sick Route summary card is received. Please verify that your card has been received by the sick route committee.

"Keep up the good work"  
Sincerely, Gregg Simon  
Capital Valley I.P.S.S.A. President

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**Larry Hughes the Vice President of our Chapter would like to thank the members, chapter supporters and the volunteers that helped make the Christmas Party possible.**

**The Sherriff's Toy Project benefited from this years party with \$3500 in cash plus lots of bikes with helmets and a table full of toys! So an extra thank you from all the children that had a Merry Christmas because of our chapter's efforts!**

**March 15 - 17, 2012  
Annual Western Pool and Spa Show**

With attendance topping 10,000, the Annual Western Pool & Spa Show has become one of the premier pool and spa industry trade shows in the United States. Yet it still remains faithful to it's original purpose - to educate and train pool and spa service technicians and the trade while giving manufacturers and distributors the opportunity to reach this very specific and influential portion of the swimming pool and spa industry

For more detail check out  
**[www.westernshow.com](http://www.westernshow.com)**

## Sick Route Highlights

- ◆ On February 1, 2012 a fine of \$100 will be levied against **any** member who has not completed and returned the card by that date.
- ◆ On March 1, 2012 an additional fine of \$200 will be levied against **any** member who has not completed and returned the card by that date.
- ◆ On April 1, 2012 an additional fine of \$300 will be levied against **any** member who has not completed and returned the card by that date.
- ◆ If you don't fill out and return this card, you will NOT have sick route coverage for your pools.
- ◆ If you don't fill out and return this card, you can be assigned to sick route coverage ANYWHERE in the coverage area, regardless of where or if you have pools.
- ◆ Those who do not fill out and return the cards will be at the top of the list for coverage of sick route pools.
- ◆ If you do not fill out and return the card, you are eligible for expulsion from Capital Valley IPSSA.

**Starting April 1, 2012  
there will be new coverage  
included with the Arrow  
Insurance Business Plan.  
More details to follow in  
the March 2012 newsletter  
so stay tuned...**

## **Super Congratulations to Region 11**

**The Chapter's in Florida  
and Georgia have been voted  
in as a full Region and will  
be recognized at the Annual  
Leadership meeting in New-  
port Beach**

## **~Classified Section~**

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...  
(send an email to [jneronde@yahoo.com](mailto:jneronde@yahoo.com) to include your classified ad)

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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**Chapter Supporters if your name is not on this list and you believe it should be please contact our program chairman Jerry Houseman at (916) 638-4100.**

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.