

Mark your calendar!

**Next Chapter
Event:**

February 4th

Thornburg

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

**Upcoming Meetings
& Events:**

March 4th

HASA

April 1st

Pentair

May

**CVIPSSA
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Water Watcher

February 2026

Featured Speaker



Kirk Wissbaum, with Thornburg Enterprises, has been in the industry since 1978. He started his own retail and service and repair company in 1983, which he sold in 1990 to start his sales rep career.

Kirk will be covering some of the following information: Orenda and LSI, Frog's new pool service product line, Easyway Descaler and sealers, and MadiMack's new products with a focus on pumps.

Kirk will provide dinner.

Kirk Wissbaum

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IPSSA Education Fund Revisions

Under the revised program benefit, applications can be reimbursed up to **\$500**; with one reimbursement approved in a calendar year. In accordance with these guidelines, the following classes qualify (not exclusive):

- Industry Trade Show education offerings
- Professional Certifications: Certified Pool Operator (CPO) and Aquatics Facility Operator (AFO)
- Contractor license schools
- Manufacturer-sponsored courses
- College-level courses in: Bookkeeping, accounting, computers, and chemistry
- Trade-school courses in: Plumbing, electrical, and mechanical

The individual application packet must be received within 90 days of successful course completion. Individuals that received a discount on a class sponsored by IPSSA are not eligible for a Scholarship for the same class. Eligible individuals may download the application from ipssa.com or email info@ipssa.com. Applications are reviewed quarterly by the Education Fund Committee. For more information, please inquire at info@ipssa.com or call 888-360-9505 x 2.

Beneficiary Forms

One of the benefits we receive as an IPSSA member is a \$50,000 life insurance policy, if you have Arrow/HUB insurance, which is paid to our beneficiaries. However, you must designate your beneficiaries. According to our chapter's membership roster, one-third of our members have **not** designated their beneficiaries. Please protect your family and complete your Beneficiary Designation form. This benefit is only available to the members that use Arrow as their liability insurance company.

Punxsutawney Phil says 6 more weeks of winter



The Classic Bucket Test: A Simple Way to Check for Pool Leaks

Hello IPSSA Members,

As a seasoned professional in the leak detection industry with decades of experience, I am proud to support pool associations like IPSSA. Education is key to keeping our members ahead of the industry curve, enabling better service to pool owners and strengthening the shared commitment we've built over the years.

This month, let's start with a foundational tool: the classic Bucket Test. Developed nearly 40 years ago by American Leak Detection, this reliable method remains the go-to DIY check for distinguishing normal evaporation from actual water loss due to a leak. It's quick, cost-free, and empowers pool owners to make informed decisions.

Here's how to perform the Bucket Test:

1. Bring the pool water to its normal operating level.
2. Turn off the auto-fill, if the pool has one.
3. Fill a five-gallon bucket with pool water.
4. Place the bucket on a pool step (to keep the water temperature in the bucket consistent with the pool water temp). Ensure the bucket is immersed in the pool water by at least 5 inches.
5. Mark the water level on the inside of the bucket (this measures evaporation only).
6. Shut off the pump and mark the pool water level on the outside of the bucket (this measures evaporation plus any potential leak).
7. Resume normal pool operation (pump on, as usual).
8. After exactly 24 hours, compare the two water levels. If the pool water level (outside mark) has dropped more than the bucket's water level (inside mark), there is likely a leak in the pool. If the levels are the same, only normal evaporation has occurred.

Tips for accurate results:

- Normal average evaporation is approximately 1/4 inch in 24 hours (though this varies with weather, humidity, wind, and temperature).
- In cases of rain, strong winds, or inconclusive results, repeat the test under clearer conditions.
- The test is invalid after 24 hours due to accumulating variables.
- For added insight, run a second version with all equipment turned off to isolate if the loss ties to plumbing versus the pool structure.

This straightforward test often saves time and builds trust with clients by ruling out leaks early or confirming when professional help is needed.

I attend monthly IPSSA meetings and am always available to answer your leak-related questions. Our team of experienced leak technicians and supportive office staff stands ready to handle any client leak needs with precision and care.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, and stay tuned for more practical articles in the coming months.

Best regards,

Monte Routon - American Leak Detection Sacramento - Owner/President



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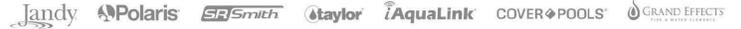
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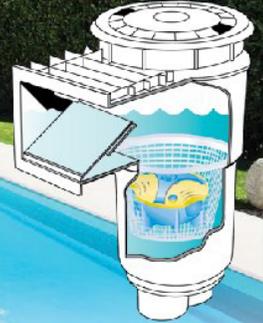
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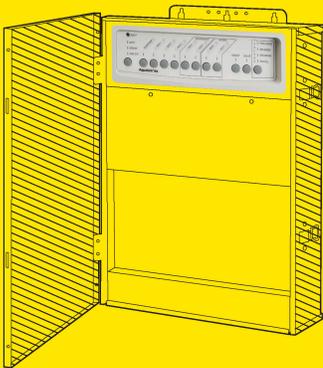
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			CVIPSSA Meeting			
			Board Meeting			
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March

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			CVIPSSA Meeting			
			Board Meeting			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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