

Santa Clara Valley IPSSA Newsletter



**Next General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2017**

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**San Jose Club House:
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6:30 pm

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, if you haven't come to the monthly meetings in awhile, your missing a lot of good information and enjoyable meals. Just a reminder and encouragement to attend our next meeting this Thursday, October 19th.

I hope everyone has had a great and busy season as well as having a wonderful summer. We definitely know things will be slowing down as the weather is changing. It's getting colder out side in the morning. The sun is setting earlier and Halloween is upon us.

Daylight savings is November 5, so don't forget to change your clocks at that time. But as the season changes, the pools will still need to be maintained. This is the good news for us!

We want to thank S.C.P Santa Clara as they have opened their doors to our chapter for having our monthly meetings. We will be making this move and holding our first meeting there in November. This will be helpful to our chapter financially. So please remember to go to S.C.P Santa Clara for the November 16th chapter meeting.

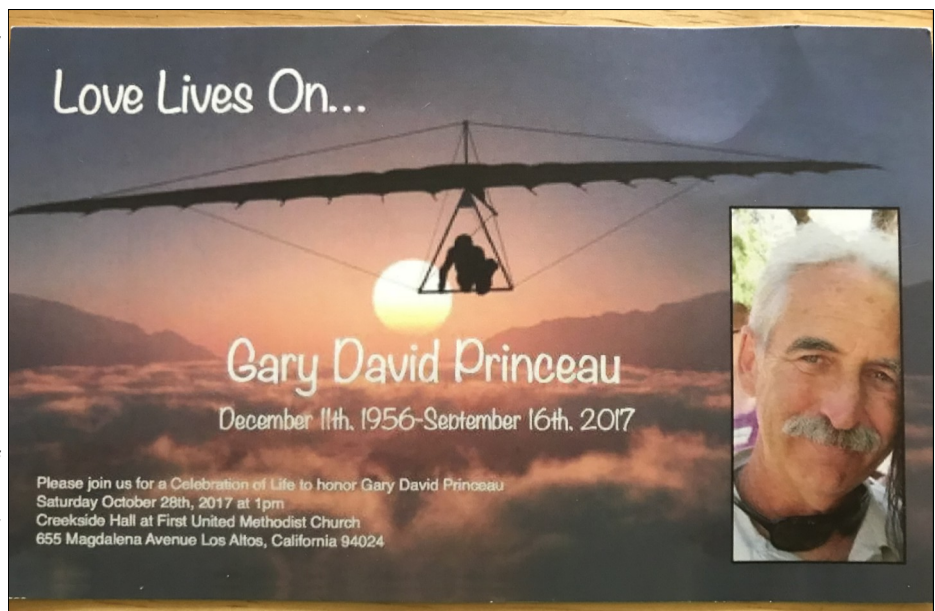
If you haven't heard yet, sadly our chapter has lost a good man this month. Gary Princeau passed on September 16, 2017.

Through the last year you guys have been of great help in taking care of Gary's pools. He was very appreciative of everyone who was servicing pools for him. Sadly, shortly after his return to work, cleaning his pools the cancer returned.

Tom Allen
President

**Santa Clara Valley
IPSSA Meetings
Moving To SCP
Starting
November 16th**

SCP
2036 Martin Ave.
Santa Clara
95011



*Gayle Princeau has invited everyone to join them for a celebration of life for Gary. Saturday, October 28th, 2017 at 1pm
Creekside Hall at First United Methodist Church
655 Magdalena Avenue Los Altos, CA., 94024*

SO YOU WANT TO WORK ON SWIMMING POOLS

So you are considering a career in the pool and spa industry...congratulations. Working on swimming pools might not be as hard, or as glorious, as earning a ticket to Valhalla, but there are going to be some interesting challenges that you encounter along the way to be sure. You do not need to be an actual Viking to work on pools...but it would probably help.

Of course everyone would work in the pool and spa industry if they could, however, the demanding nature of the job and work environment precludes many of the weaker members of society from being able take part. Before any person can be employed in the pool and spa industry they need to be sure that they do not have any sensitivities or phobias which may prevent them from doing their day to day jobs effectively. Consider the following common problems that pool and spa workers need to deal with daily:

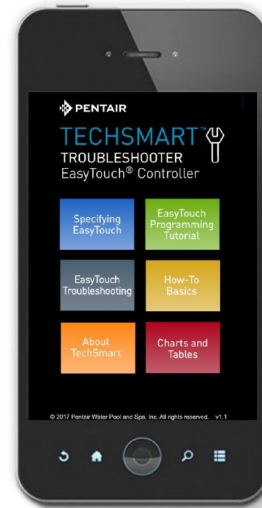
BEES & HORNETS



I once was working with a group of new employees doing some basic swimming pool orientation. A bee flew into the area where we were working and one person in the group simply melted down. Before the bee was even near where they were standing they began flailing recklessly and pacing back and forth. They lasted perhaps two more seconds more before abandoning any attempt to hold it together and physically ran out of the back yard while ducking and swinging their arms wildly. If this describes your comfort level with bees and hornets then perhaps you would be better suited to a job at the mall, or possibly in a clean room assembling circuit boards where the likelihood of flying insect stings is significantly lower. Any seasoned pool technician knows to just ignore the bees and they will largely ignore you also. If you panic every time you see something flying by your face then you are going to have a hard time cutting it in the pool industry.

More next month!

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Californian couple survived in a pool for six hours as wildfire destroyed everything around them

By Mike Wright

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A Californian couple survived for six hours as a wildfire raged around them - destroying everything in a five-mile radius - by taking shelter in their neighbor's swimming pool. Jan and John Pascoe tried to flee their home in the hills above the city of Santa Rosa as the conflagration closed in on Sunday night only to discover they had been cut off by a wall of flames.

The retired couple had to hold each other for warmth in the cold water even as the fire melted personal effects they left on the poolside.

Meanwhile their two adult daughters endured an agonising wait after losing contact with their parents shortly after calling to urge them to evacuate.

Mr Pascoe, 70, and Mrs Pascoe, 65, described their escape as the death toll for the wildfires rose to 31, making them the most deadly to ravage the state since 1933.

In an interview with the LA Times, the pair said they first smelled smoke around 10pm, yet at the time Mrs Pascoe's phone said the fire was still 11 miles away and they had received no official alerts.

They then took a call from their older daughter, Zoe Giraud, saying her father-in-law's home had burned down 40 miles from theirs and urging her parents to evacuate.

Mr Pascoe, an artist and retired wine broker, put some of his paintings and Dale Chihuly glass bowls he inherited from his mother in his Toyota Tacoma truck and the couple went to bed.

They were woken by another call from their daughter around midnight and by then the wind had picked up and they could see the flames getting closer.

"I looked out the window," Jan said, "and all I saw was a red glow. I said, 'John, we've got to get out of here.'"

The pair picked up their 17-year-old cat and drove down their driveway to the main road but soon ran into a "wall of flames" and had to head back. When Jan opened her car door the cat leapt out before running off and hasn't been seen since.

Mrs Pascoe, a retired teacher, said she started to panic and hyperventilate as the couple realised they were trapped. They then remembered that one of their neighbours, who live a third of a mile down the road, had an outdoor pool.

At 12.40am they called 911 to report their location and say they were thinking of heading to the pool, the operator told them to "get anywhere safe".

When they reached the pool they waited until the last moment before getting into the cold water. By the time they saw their neighbor's house and a big tree next to the pool go up in flames they decided it was time.

In the water they used wet T-shirts to protect their faces from the embers and moved to the end furthest from the house. Mr Pascoe said he was concerned they would have to tread water as they waited out the fire, but luckily the pool was only 4ft deep end-to-end.

The couple faced the strange prospect of needing to keep warm in the cold water as the fire burned around them, so they hugged each other for heat.

Mrs Pascoe said: "I just kept going under. It was the only way to survive. And I kept saying, 'How long does it take for a house to burn down?' We were freezing."

They waited for six hours for their neighbor's home to be consumed by the flames and the fire to pass before they could get out and warm themselves on the charred patio around the pool.

Mrs Pascoe later discovered her phone, which she had left in her shoe on the edge of the pool, had been melted by the flames.

As Mr and Mrs Pascoe clung to each other in the water, their daughters Zoe, 38, and Mia, 32, endured an anguished wait to learn their parents' fate.

By 7am in the morning Zoe said she was preparing herself for the worst and told her husband: "Do you think they are gone? Do you think I need to prepare myself for this?"

An hour and a half later they got word that both their mother and father had survived.

Zoe said: "I started screaming. The first thing mom said to me was 'I feel so bad I wasn't able to get a hold of you.' 'You're apologizing to me? After all you've been through?'"

Mr and Mrs Pascoe are now staying with their daughter Zoe in San Francisco. Their home, which was built in the fashion of a boat with 11 levels and small rooms designed to remind them of places they had travelled, was destroyed in the blaze.

Hundreds of people are still missing in California after 22 separate fires have torn through the state's famous wine region.



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November 16, 2017

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In Addition, each attendee will receive a special edition 3rd year t-shirt.

Tuition: \$25

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