



# The Bonsai Wire

October 2011

The monthly newsletter of the San Diego Bonsai Club, San Diego, CA.

## Message From the President

I would like to thank all of the club members that helped to setup and tear down, as well as those that attended our wonderful Fall Show. As always, it was another success for our club. It is amazing how every body pitches in and makes this all possible. We wish we had more volunteers on Thursday for set up.

Bob Pressler did a great job on his demonstration during the September meeting. We thank him for his friendship and generosity.

October is a month of fun for our club members. We are having a picnic in Lake Poway. We will have a BBQ and potluck, hors' devours and desert. There is an added bonus. Terri and Jon Petrescu will do the check-ins and donations for the auction.

We have an auction as well. This Lake Poway picnic and auction is one of the big fundraising activities for our club, so bring some bonsai or none bonsai items for this event. Let's try to out do our last picnic and auction!

At the October meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce the Nominees for next year's Board of Directors. If you think that you can help the club by serving on the board, please contact Jon Petrescu "JPETRESCU@san.rr.com" or Larry Upp "Larryupp@yahoo.com".

We are getting close to end of the year and time for our Holiday Party. If anyone is interested in chairing this event, please contact me.

*Abe Far*

## First Vice President Report

Hello Bonsai Friends,

A Great big "Good Job" goes to last month's presenter **Bob Pressler**. He had lots of good practical knowledge for us. Congrats to those who won the trees Bob worked on. A really, really, lucky **David English** has a growing collection of raffled Demo trees, what's up with that?

It was another successful bonsai show. 2969 people came in and enjoyed our work. It was great to have our living treasure and club founder **Ko Tsushima**, back in action on Saturday. He and **Abe** did a demo and he is still a force of nature in his nineties, working for 1 and a half hours without a break. Ko was presented a plaque for 45 years of club service and showing bonsai, a simply amazing man.

Also, amazingly you members always come through and cover all the jobs and needs of our show to include set up, plant sales, show, and teardown. I would especially like to mention those few who came out to set up. **Fred Miyahara, Dennis Wagner, Gary Jones, Shirley Kavanaugh, Leonard Monta, Dave Woodall, Ron Descoteau**, made the show happen. So, many thanks to them.

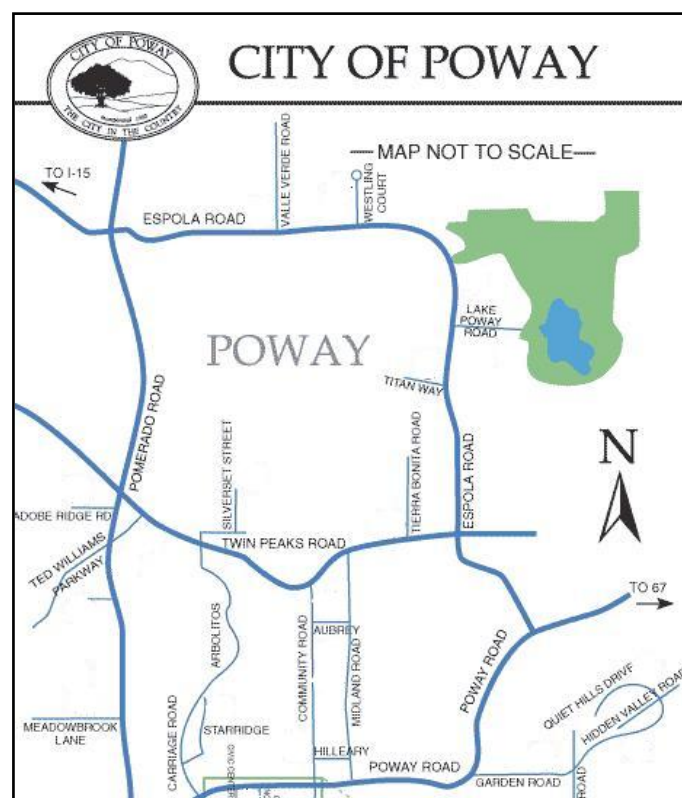
We had some great Demos during the event. These were done by **Jim Barrett, Steve Valentine, Shirley Kavanaugh, and Abe Far/Ko Tsushima**. Good job to all. Thanks for your effort. **Maria and Barb**, did great and important financials for the plant sales, a big job...well done.

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Dave Rochester, First VP

## Lake Poway Picnic

Just a gentle reminder that our October meeting will be held at Lake Poway. A map is provided below. There is a minimal parking cost for non-residents, and if you haven't signed up yet, please contact Cary Valentine (p 3) to let her know you plan to attend.



## Editor's Notes

Where does the time go. The Fall Show is now behind us and we look forward to the Lake Poway Bar-B-Que Picnic. This is always a most joyous event. There is food (please bring a salad, hors d'oeuvre, or side dish, the club is providing the main dish-steak or chicken.

The main BBQ grill will be fired up and Claude will be cooking up these great main dishes. We will setup the sides, salads and hors d'oeuvres in the main room.

Please bring items for the auction. As Abe and Cary have stated, this is one of our main fundraisers. There will be a large variety of trees, so bring your checkbooks. There will be a large selection of bonsai and non-bonsai goodies that can be purchased at the right price, if you can outbid your competitor. Make sure you get a number when you get in. That will be your auction number. The auction runs till it is all gone. Then we line up to pay what you owe.

This is a great opportunity to increase your bonsai collection. On the other hand, if you are looking to thin out your collection, this is a very appropriate event to do that. You can bank on it, so can the SDBC.

Please make sure to read through Marty's Bonsai Ideas on page 4, he has very good notes on what to do and expect this time of year for your trees. Thanks Marty! **Happy Bonsai!**



*New seasons will come  
Wasted years can be renewed  
Awake and aglow*

Marty Mann

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## SDBC Education for October

### October Reminder

Please remember that in October we do not meet at Balboa Park, (there are no classes for the month of October. Classes start again in November meeting.

But we do have a very important meeting at Lake Poway for a picnic, this is a fun meeting. We have a wonderful live auction, that is very important to the club, as it is a fund raiser for our club and a really

place for everyone to get trees, plant material, pots, stands and some really fun stuff. Also, you get to relax and meet other club members (family members are always welcome as well as guest - guest cost \$5.00).

You really do not want to miss this meeting. We also ask each club member to bring a pot luck to share with others, the club provides the steak or chicken, so RSVP to Steve@ 760-445-2548 or e-mail your rsvp to caryme2@yahoo.com

### Beginner Class: November

Beginning class, you will bring you tree for the llast of this set of classes in November.

Steve Valentine,  
Vice President Education

### Intermediate Class: November

Intermediate class, everyone please bring in a tree to work on, (So start thinking of which tree to bring in) I would like everyone to have a tree to work on, some of us really do not work on our trees as much as we should, so this is a great place to do so, and this is also an opportunity to get some help / advice on what you need for your tree.

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### September Program

We had a great crew for the teardown, **all** those listed above, these brave members who set up were back. Plus, **Abe and Cristina, Steve and Cary, Nellie Downie**(also tireless in the kitchen), **Rich Glauser, 'lyn Stevenson, John Voss, Neil Auwarter, and Everett Jones.** Thank you all.

Also there was tons of help from many other members, showing trees, helping with plant sales, sitting at the info tables, and security. Your effort shows your love and respect for the club, and to those we offer sincere thanks.

See you at the park, your bonsai buddy,

### Assorted Pics

Below, one of our club members, Nelson "Neil" Cortes, is working on his bougainvilleae.



Below is Jim Barrett and a guest wiring a Juniper in one of the Fall Show demonstrations. Picture: Abe Far



To the left is a quick pic of the benefit table. There were many goodies that were ready to be taken by the lucky drawing winners. Don't forget to bring your goods in for the next benefit drawing.

To the right is Shirley Kavanaugh, working on her black pine. Needle plucking and shaping.





# San Diego Bonsai Bonsai Ideas

#118 October, 2011

By Marty Mann

This is a good time to work on basic training and design. Remove the wire applied this past year. Check for wire cuts. New wire can be applied but avoid the curls and marks of previous efforts. In spite of this period of slow growth, fall and winter training can still be effective. Before spring approaches don't overlook this new wire as since rapid new growth can quickly cause new damage. Study improper branch placement – crossing, bars, up and downs.

Pruning and pinching is still an important activity in spite of the growth slow-down. Keep evergreens and conifers in shape. Our climate allows plenty of time for new growth to develop and harden before winter cool days encourage dormancy. Review the growth of new candles on pines. It's still a good time for the second candle removal. Attentive cut back and pinching minimizes unattractive long internodes and loss of compactness. The more you pinch and cut the more branch diversification and new bud formation for spring. This constant attention from early fall, throughout the dormant winter season intensifies your design objectives.

Study the trees. Look for symptoms of **insects** or disease damage. Leaves that are yellow along the veins on the top and signs of the dark insects on the bottom of the leaf are evidence of Scale infections. Malathion is an effective killer when applied to both sides of the leaf and repeated a week later. The addition of agricultural oil (i.e. –Volk oil) to the mix increases your chances of success. Powdery Mildew is a bothersome fungus that appears on moist leaf surfaces. Applications of fungicides such as ORTHO GARDEN DISEASE CONTROL or a Bordeaux mixture will keep this under control.

Now is the time to anticipate and enjoy better autumn color by reducing watering time as well. Once the leaves on Trident Maple, Japanese Maple, Liquid Amber, Gingko, Hornbeam and other colorful deciduous trees begin to lose their vigor and drop it will be best to keep the bonsai areas and pot surfaces cleared. Remove all trash promptly. Continue to spray benches with an all purpose insecticide and a final spray of fungicide. Pests seem to make a final effort to destroy and injure trees as they feed heavily prior to moving into the pupa stage.

Some transplanting is permissible at this time of year, specifically bamboo, boxwood, conifers (pines), Hornbeams, cotoneaster, Podocarpus, privets, Pyracantha, wisteria, willows and most varieties of deciduous trees. (Ref.: Bonsai Techniques #1, by John Naka, Published in 1973). The key to safe repotting is to minimize any root disturbance and to exclude any severe pruning of any kind. Trees can be transferred into larger or different containers. If in doubt about the health or condition of a tree, wait until spring to repot.

This article has been extracted from the recently published book called "Bonsai Ideas"© by Marty Mann. Material is not to be copied without publisher or author's permission. Oct 2011

## Distinguished Service Certificate



Ko Tsushima was presented with a 45 year Distinguished Service Certificate for his enduring presence and for his love of bonsai. Thank you Ko for your tireless efforts and for being such a magnificent role model.



## September Demo Pics

Bob Pressler did a great job on his demo. He had some interesting facts about the tree he worked on. The transformation was dramatic, even if the limbs looked sparse. It is amazing how much more the audience can see with the camera closeups. In the picture below, you can see Bob and the overhead projector clearly and much more accessible by the audience. The wonders of technology are simply amazing.





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# *San Diego Bonsai Club*

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Members

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting of members of San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Abe Far, President. It was confirmed, a quorum was present.
2. This being the tenth anniversary of the 11 September 2001 attacks, Abe invited Bob Meyer to offer a few words of remembrance for those who lost their lives and for their family members. Bob's remarks concluded with a moment of silence in remembrance.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were amended to show the meeting was called to order at 10:30am and the Sequoia trip next year is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of June and not 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of August. The minutes were then approved as amended.
4. **Reports**
  - **Abe Far, President:** After a few introductory remarks, Abe mentioned the need for all SDBC members to try and give back a bit to the Club through volunteer participation where and when possible. The need for volunteers for the up-coming Fall Show was suggested as a good place to start for those who in the past have been unable to volunteer. Another venue is the Bosai Pavilion at the SD Safari Park, where help is always welcome; work days are the first and third Saturdays of each month. Another opportunity to give back is during our annual picnic next month. Set-up and tear-down help assistance would be greatly appreciated. For those interested in helping with the picnic, please contact Steve Valentine or Claude Poissonnez. The picnic will be held on Sunday, 9 October at Lake Poway Recreational Area, 14644 Lake Poway Rd., Poway, CA. This will also serve as the venue for our October meeting.
  - **Maria Barbosa, Treasurer:** Due to Mission Federal Credit Union's on-line website being closed this morning, Maria reported she was unable to generate any financial reports. However, the following morning the website was accessible and Maria provided the following information: SDBC funds on deposit checking were \$2,304.02; CD \$5,070.93; and in our Pavilion account \$17,922.08. Donations received this past month included: \$500 from the Peterson Foundation (a charitable trust with which our member Marty Mann has maintained a long and close relationship); \$500 directly from Marty; and \$25.00 from Eleanor Phillips – for the Pavilion fund.
  - **Steve Valentine, Secretary Education:** Steve brought to our attention the upcoming (5<sup>th</sup> November) Bosai Exhibition to be held in Hanford, CA. He stated this was a well reputed and well attended exhibition, which focused on presentation of the various trees. He also mentioned the prize monies were quite respectable at: \$2,500; \$1000; and \$500 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners respectively. Steve also encouraged everyone who could, to attend our Fall Show in two weeks time. He also mentioned for the Sunday attendees to come early if possible as there was a running event scheduled for Balboa Park on that morning.
  - **Cary Valentine, Secretary Membership:** Cary announced we had three new members this month and encourage all of us to welcome them to the Club. The new members are: Karen & Jerry Eisman and Henry Weber. Also advised, was the passing of member, Douglas KirKish this past month. Cary confirmed having sent a sympathy card to Douglas's family. A Distinguished Service certificate will be given to Ko Tsushima, our only remaining founding member, for his generosity and dedication to the SDBC 45<sup>th</sup> annual fall show. The certificate will be presented on the Friday preceding commencement of our fall show. Cary concluded her remarks by mentioning that Kathy Shaner would be giving a seminar on how to exhibit bonsai. The seminar will be during the October GSBF Convention in Riverside and suggested this could be a great opportunity to learn from a professional for those considering an entry with the Hanford Exhibition in November.
  - **Barbara French-Lee, Vice President, Special Projects:** Barbara briefly outlined details of next year's bus trip to Sequoia National Park and confirmed there is still space available. Our \$100 deposit to secure the rooms at the agreed rates of \$214/person and \$223/person has been paid by the Club, and Barbara again asked those who have booked but not forwarded their deposit to please do so now! Again the dates are 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2012.
  - **Fred Miyahara, Japanese Friendship Garden:** Announced there would be a concert performed by the well known performer, Emi Meyer on Saturday, 15 October 2011 at the Friendship Garden. The cost of admission is \$20, \$30, and \$40.00.

### **Announcements:**

Bonsai Pavilion workdays will be the 1st and 3rd Saturday's, October 1st and 15th. Abe turned the microphone over to Dave Rochester, First Vice President, who introduced our guest exhibitor, Robert Pressler. Bob is the owner and manager of Kimura Bonsai Nursery, located in Northridge, CA. Details of his nursery and web-site are in this month's new letter.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patrick D. O'Brien, Secretary



# San Diego Bonsai Club Pavilion at the Safari Park

Many thanks always to our continuing, diligent volunteers who are becoming better bonsaiists all the time! They are also outstanding, meticulous caretaker-gardeners of our pavilion! Special thanks to the September crews which included: **Neil Auwarter, Susan Baker, Judy Barnhurst, Martha Choy, Cathy & Mark Edgar, Joyce Goldman, John Jackson, Gary Jones, Bobby Knox, Chris Landwehre, Marty Mann, Charlie Mosse, Sally Prestele, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, 'lyn Stevenson, Cary & Steve Valentine, Chele & Forrest Vess, John Voss, Dennis Wagner, & Dave Woodall.** Volunteer time for September totaled 268 hours!!!

Safari Park visitors also appreciate the friendly, knowledgeable information which the volunteers so willingly share. This past month, we had several special bonsai guests: **Grace & Hector Espinosa** came from **Tucson Bonsai Club in Arizona.** Renowned **Sensei Ben Oki's son, Mark** and his family, paid a surprise visit from Los Angeles. **Bill and Lois Hutchinson,** active **Kofu Bonsai Kai** and **California Bonsai Society** members from Fountain Valley and Pavilion donors visited and brought **Pennsylvania family members** to visit as well. **Bob Pressler, owner of Kimura Bonsai Nursery in Northridge** visited with his mother from New York. Bob had been down earlier to present a demo program at our SDBC September meeting. We are delighted that the word is getting out about this new showpiece in the bonsai world and truly appreciate all the compliments. Thank you to **Katie Ostrander** in the Horticultural Office at the Park in facilitating special visits also.

Work these past month included trimming and pruning the sumac that surrounds the waterfall area, trimming and weeding the hillside areas, and wiring, weeding and trimming over 50 bonsai. **John Jackson** constructed shelving in our newest, installed shed which we recently purchased. **Dennis Wagner** built a new cement step for the shed. **Curator Steve** and **Dennis** also repaired some irrigation problems. **Cary** completed a photo inventory and identification labels for all the trees. **Cary, Mary Ann, and Cathy** have indulged everyone with their delicious homemade gourmet breads, while **Charlie's** fresh fruit, **Mark's** generous supply of waters, and **'lyn's** iced tea kept the volunteers reinvigorated throughout the workday.

Scheduled workdays for October will be the 1st and 15th. New volunteers are always welcome and invited but need to be registered with the Safari Park Volunteer Office for admission and credentials in order to enter the Park's service entrance.

'lyn Stevenson,  
SDBC-Safari Park Liaison

Pictures by Cary Valentine



Pictured above are (left) John Voss and (right) Steve Valentine doing some maintenance work on a juniper at the pavilion, at the Safari Park Zoo.

## *Pavilion - Honor Board Recognition September*

We want to acknowledge and thank The Peterson Foundation for the recent \$500 donation for the Pavilion.

This gift is in addition to their previous donations totaling \$1000.

Thanks to SDBC member, Eleanor Phillips, for her donation of \$25

Our Pavilion account is kept by Treasurer MARIA BARBOSA. Tax receipts and gift acknowledgements are sent by her to each donor. Please designate "Pavilion Fund" on your checks so that she knows the appropriate account for deposit. The records are important especially when we are requesting funds from public or private agencies who also give donations to 501 (c) (3) organizations.

'lyn Stevenson,  
SDBC Pavilion Fund

## GSBF Elections

**Nominations for the upcoming GSBF District Trustees and At-Large Trustee for 2012**

Wanted: GSBF District Trustees and At-Large Trustee for 2012. If you are interested in serving on the GSBF Board, please see Cary, Steve, or Abe.

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Have you been to the San Diego Bonsai Club YouTube channel? If not, try this link! Thanks Peter Abernethy!  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/sandiegobonsaiclub?feature=mhee>

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## Membership Updates!

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Beginning new members for the month of August are:

**Henry Weber,**  
**Karen & Jerry Eisaman**

Beginners, we would like you all to know that in October, we do not meet at Balboa Park, but we do have a very important meeting at lake Poway for a picnic. This is a fun meeting. We have a wonderful live auction, which is very important to the club, as it is a fund raiser for our club and a really great place for everyone to get trees, plant material, pots, stands and some really fun stuff. You will be able to relax and meet other club members ( family members are always welcome as well as guest - guest cost \$5.00). You really do not want to miss this meeting. we also ask each club member to bring a pot luck to share with others, the club provides the steak or chicken and don't forget to RSVP Steve@ 760-445-2548 or e-mail your rsvp caryme2@yahoo.com.

Cary Sullivan, VP Membership

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## Sequoia Bus Trip

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A reminder that the San Diego Bonsai Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sequoia National Park on June 23-24, 2012. The cost for the trip is \$214. per person for a standard room and \$223. per person for a deluxe room. This includes hotel room, bus trip, two meals, Ranger tour, taxes and bus driver tip. At this time half of the spaces have been reserved for the trip so if you plan on going please get your reservation in to me. Remember you can cancel with full refund two months before the trip. The deposit of \$100. is due immediately. Please send your check to me or get it to me no later than the Bonsai Club meeting in September.

Barb French-Lee, VP Special Events



The man behind the camera that focuses on the demonstrators has been a combination of folks. At the September meeting, it was Gary Jones (to the left). This technology allows the audience to literally be watching over the shoulder of a demonstrator, and be in comfort in their chair in the audience. Thanks for Abe and Dave for advocating this capability for our membership.

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## Refreshments

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Many thanks to the folks that brought in refreshments to the meeting. The refreshment team is listed below:

**Nellie Downie, Terri Petrescu,**  
**Charlie Mosse, Cary & Steve Valentine,**  
**Jim Kimura, Marty & Ruth Mann,**  
**Maude Laracy, Ray Lish,**  
**Harlan & Mary Ann Price,**  
**Sue & Dennis Wagner,**  
**Terri Heath, Teruko Jones.**

Nellie Downie, Refreshments Coordinator

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## Benefit Drawing

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A big thank you to the folks that brought in items for the raffle table to the meeting. Please continue to bring in your bonsai related items.

**Jon and Terri Petrescu, 'lyn Stevenson,**  
**Charlie Mosse, Steve & Cary Valentine,**  
**Marty Mann, Shirley Kavanaugh,**  
**Abe & Cristina Far,**  
**Dave Woodall, Cindy Read,**  
**Mary Ann Price, Harlan Price,**  
**John & Margaret Jackson,**  
**Guillermo Castano, SDBC,**  
**Gary & Karla Jones.**

Jason Tucker, Benefit Drawing Coordinator

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## Volunteers Wanted

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GSBF Convention... We want you!! If you can work a half day shift or a full day shift, we would love to have you come and help out. This is really a fun event, and not hard at all. There are many things that we need your help with; raffle table, security for the exhibit, runner for workshop leaders.

If this sounds like fun, please see Cary or e-mail or call me, so I can get your name on our list. We will give you in return for a half day, a half day registration, a full day gets a full day registration and a GSBF convention pin. You also get to see the vendors, the exhibits, maybe a demo or two, be a silent observer in the workshops. LOTS OF FUN and you get to meet other bonsai nuts as well as learn a lot.

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Cary Sullivan,  
GSBF Convention Committee

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## ***San Diego Bonsai Club Calendar of Events***

October 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm  
October 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday (no meeting at Balboa Park)  
**Lake Poway Picnic!** (see page 1&3 for details)  
October  
GSBF Convention, Riverside  
November 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm  
November 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Claude Poissonniez**)  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm  
December 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **Steve Valentine**)  
January 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm  
January 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **To be announced**)  
February 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm  
February 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **To be announced**)  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
SDBC Workday at Safari Park , 9am to 12pm  
March 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: **To be announced**)

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2011**  
**Lake Poway**

### ***Meeting Agenda***

9:00 am	Setup tables, mic's, speakers
10:00 am	Check in auction items
11:00 am	Club meeting
11:30 am	Serve lunch
12:00 am	Live Auction!
2:00 pm	Cleanup