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## GOLF TOURNAMENT 2001

by Gene Tunick

Well, the day arrived Wednesday April 25, 2001, and the golfers arrived at the beautiful Eastlake Country Club Bright and Early at 7 A.M..

### The Volunteers were as follows:

Duane Farrar, Kris Tracey, Bridget Jordan, Gail Tunick, and of course our former Past President, and current Secretary Poonam Patel (who came down to help with registration and then left to go all the way back to La Jolla to go to work.) A great big thank to all of you, especially Poonam. Back to the tournament, it was fantastic. Everyone had a great time and the course and its setting was magnificent.

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The San Diego Pharmacists  
Thank You !!!!

The results and the recipients of the best Golf Trophies any of us has seen are as follows:

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## Science & Engineering Fair

*The 2001 Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair was held on*

*Wednesday, March 28th, 2001 at the San Diego Activities Center at Balboa*

*Park and once again, members of the San Diego County Pharmacists*

*Association volunteered their time and efforts.*

Helen Park, JJ Johnson and Poonam Patel represented the association as judges for the fair. It was a great experience to see junior high and high school students to proudly display their projects. Project categories included behavioral and social sciences, chemistry, computer science, engineering, mathematics, medicine and health, and physics to name a few. Our association representatives served as judges for the medicine and health category. The projects in this category ranged from how elevation affects your oxygen demand to schizophrenia its causes and cures. Even though there were several great projects that deserved award, the Association selected Harish Gautam Khandrika's project for first place in the Senior

Division and Kate E. Leidiger's project in the Junior Division. Kate a 7th grader at Blessed Sacrament Parish School conducted a study on how stimulants used for the treatment of Attention Deficit Disorder or

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# Calendar of Activities

May 24, 2001

May Continuing Education:

Advances in Therapy for Acid Related Diseases

Vijaya Pratha, MD

Location: Tutto Mare Ristorante

June 5, 2001 – 7 pm

Board Meeting

VA Medical Center – B152, La Jolla

June 14, 2001

June Continuing Education:

An Update on Alzheimers' Disease

Location: Gordon Biersch Brewery & Restaurant

July 18, 2001

July Continuing Education:

"It's All The Rave" – General toxicology overview of Generation X drugs.

Cynthia Johnson, PharmD

Location: TBA

October 4, 2001

CPhA Board of Trustees Meeting, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Reno, NV

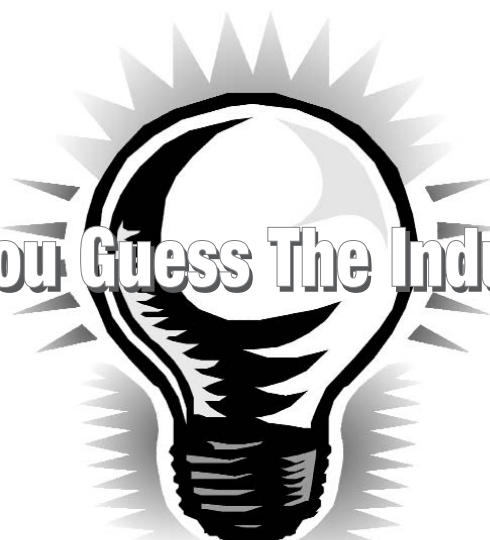
October 5-7, 2001

Western Pharmacy Education Faire, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Reno, NV

November 18, 2001

PTCB Examination

## Can You Guess The Industry?



1

This industry was deregulated in the last few years

2

The purpose was to lower prices through increased competition

3

The companies involved have lost large sums of money

4

The future solvency of some companies is in question

5

The State has gotten involved to protect consumers

6

Rates have increased dramatically

**Answer: The Workers' Compensation Industry**  
**Turmoil Continues in 2001! Large Rate Hikes Expected!**

Six years after the start of open rating, the workers' compensation insurance market finds itself in a financial position that continues to worsen. During the past year alone, a number of companies have either stopped offering Workers' Compensation insurance, had their A.M. Best & Co. ratings reduced (*State Fund*), been placed under the supervision of the Department of Insurance (*Fremont*) or been liquidated by the DOI (*Superior National*). The remaining companies are requiring significant increases to protect their financial viability. Open rating, introduced to make the California workers' compensation market more competitive, has had the opposite effect.

The State is also requiring a 1% premium surcharge (for the California Insurance Guarantee Association) on all new and renewal policies with effective dates of January 1, 2001 and later to assist in the payment of claims on behalf of insolvent companies.

Pharmacists should be concerned with the financial stability of their insurance

company. Otherwise their company could very well be the headline of next year.

Members who don't participate in the association sponsored Workers' Compensation program and have not taken advantage of the expense reduction enjoyed by many members over the past few years will want to finally make a switch this year. Even though program premiums will be increasing as well this year, they are still lower than most companies in California.

Call California Pharmacists Insurance Services at **888-926-CPhA** when you get your Workers' Compensation renewal notice this year.

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SIXTH ANNUAL SDCPhA

# DAY AT THE BALLPARK

Sponsored by the San Diego County Pharmacists Association

## PADRES VS. GIANTS

Sunday  
September 23, 2001



The San Diego County Pharmacists Association has reserved a limited number of Loge Level seats to the San Diego Padres vs. San Francisco Giants baseball game at Qualcomm Stadium. Please join us for a tailgate lunch (B.Y.O.B. – however, no beverages of any kind are allowed into the stadium) at the last home game of 2001.

We will be meeting at Parking Area A-4 between 12 noon and 1:30PM (game tickets will be distributed during this time). The game begins at 2PM. Take the opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new friends, and enjoy a good ballgame. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please return the coupon with your payment by August 31 in order to hold your space. If you

have questions, please contact CPhA Past-President Chris Woo at phone/fax 858-538-4079 or ChrisAWoo1@aol.com.

You are cordially invited to participate in the SDCPhA meetings, held on the first Tuesday of each month at VASD Hospital Clinical Pharmacy office. Meetings start at 7PM and pharmacists from all practice settings serve on our board. Please attend any and all meetings, serve on a committee or run for elected office, or just make yourself heard.

Sincerely,  
Chris Woo

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM CPHA

### PHARMACY TECHNICIAN BILL APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, April 24, the Assembly Health Committee approved Assembly Bill 536 (Bates), which would expand the pharmacy technician ratio to 1-1 for the first pharmacist and 1-2 for each additional pharmacist, by a vote of 14-0. Amendments were accepted in the legislation to allow the pharmacist supervising the 2nd technician to refuse to incorporate the higher ratio and to prohibit an employer from penalizing a pharmacist for exercising such authority. This legislation is consistent with CPhA House of Delegates policy and CPhA continues to support AB 536.

### CPHA MEMBER GREG ALSTON SECURES PASSAGE OF BILL TO HELP PHARMACISTS WITH MEDI-CAL PROGRAM

Senate Bill 146 (Haynes) would require the Department of Health Services to use an online process to determine patient program eligibility, coverage and requires the department to pay the health care plan co-payment for recipients of both the Medicare program and the Medi-Cal program. This legislation was introduced at the request of CPhA member Greg Alston of Sun City. The Senate Health and Human Services Committee heard this legislation on Wednesday, April 25, and approved it by a vote of 10-0. CPhA supports this legislation. SB 146 will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

### REMOTE PHARMACY BILL APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, April 24 the Assembly Health Committee approved Assembly Bill 809 (Salinas), which is intended to increase access to pharmacy services, by a vote of 16-0. The Board of Pharmacy is the sponsor of this legislation. CPhA has removed its opposition from the bill and will continue to work with the Board to clarify outstanding issues.

### SYRINGE LEGISLATION DROPPED FOR THE YEAR

Assembly Bill 1292 (Aroner), which would permit pharmacists to dispense a syringe without a prescription, was refused hearing in the Assembly Health Committee and is effectively dead for the year. In conjunction with a broad coalition, CPhA supported this legislation. It will be reviewed for potential hearing next year.

### EPHEDRINE AND TRIPPLICATE RX LEGISLATION APPROVED BY SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, April 25, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee approved Senate Bill 397 (Speier), which would prohibit the sale or distribution of any dietary supplement product containing ephedrine group alkaloids unless the product meets specified requirements, 8-2. CPhA supports this legislation. It will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Additionally, the Committee approved Senate Bill 1000 (Johannessen), which would require the Attorney General to issue a written report on what is necessary for the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) to become a stand-alone secure system and requires the Department of Justice to dedicate two employees to investigating illegal prescribing activity using CURES. The bill also extends the sunset date of CURES. CPhA supports SB 1000; it will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

### DOSAGE FORM SUBSTITUTION AUTHORITY BILL TO BE HEARD APRIL 30

CPhA-sponsored Senate Bill 340 (Speier) would allow pharmacists to substitute the dosage form of a prescribed product. This bill was scheduled for hearing on April 25, but the committee has rescheduled all bills for Monday, April 30. At this time, CPhA has effectively neutralized opposition and expects the bill to be approved.

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## **Golf Tournament 2001**

### FIRST PLACE

Dave Goldstein, Jim Galindo, Stan Barth, Larry Zelman

### SECOND PLACE

Vic Meisenhelder, Monte Myers, John Gama, Mike Mortensen.

### THIRD PLACE

Tom Roehrig, Rick Paulson, Brian McCullough, John Crowlay

### CLOSET TO THE PIN

LADIES	Patty Liu	17th hole
MEN	Dave Goldstein	7th hole

### LONGEST DRIVE

LADIES	Robin Sinclair	9th hole
MEN	Rick Paulson	9th hole

The winners all received the beautiful trophies supplied this year by the San Diego Pharmacy Alliance. The Photos of all the Golfers were supplied by George King of Seabury & Smith. I want to especially thank Duane Farrar of Bergen Brunswick who made the time to help me with the arrangements and the prizes. Dr. David Adler Pharm. D. represented UCSD and thanks to Dave for coming. The money is being totaled up and it looks like the New Pharmacy School at UCSD will be accorded a nice Scholarship fund. And while I am on that topic we are working to set up another fund raiser for the scholarship fund. Keep posted to our web site SDCPHA.com for the news. Thanks again to all the golfers, the volunteers and everyone participating in this event.

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## Science & Engineering Fair

Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder affect athletic performance. Harish, a 9th grader from La Jolla High studied the cytotoxic effects of grape seed extracts against human cancer cells. From the judges point of view, it was nice to see the details they looked at and the way they presented themselves at the fair. Presentation of the award, a check and a framed certificate, will be done during the sponsor teacher's class in the month of April or May.

I am glad I participated in this fair, and hope to see many more get involved in the years to come. It is a reward to see student excitement of individual discovery and accomplishment and it is a great opportunity to invest in our future by reinforcing and rewarding junior high and high school students interest in science and technology.

Poonam Patel, Pharm.D.

### SDCPhA Officers For 2001

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Of 2 Year Term: Dave Mitchell

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Randy Moore

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### Come Join Us!!

We hold our board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the San Diego VA Hospital. Members are encouraged to attend. Meetings start at 7p.m. and are held in the pharmacy conference room located in the basement. For more information, please call us at (619) 464-8298. Our next meeting is September 5th.

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