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It's a New Year Ahead!

Sunday January 22 General Meeting 2:00 - 5:00 pm



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AROUND THE OVAL POND

Officers, Directors & Help-Line

The IKS Board meets monthly, generally on the Wednesday evening following the Sunday regular meeting of the club. The meeting begins at 7:00pm and is open to any interested members.

The December 7 meeting was held at the Kushners' home and Linda served dinner. We discussed:

- A turnout of 55 on Nov. 20 at the Malls in Temecula, and a beautiful day. A usual, festively decorated and great foods on the buffet. Fun games & prizes from the Fales. Members and guests loved exploring the pond and rest of the property. The Malls have offered to host again in 2017, if no one else wants November.
- Elections: Openings remain for President and Secretary; gained Theo Zoetemelk and Linda Kushner as directors. Randy McGarvey has completed his term and stepped down.
- *Confirmed* plans for January 22 at the Leveretts' in Riverside, 2-5pm; Ed volunteered a larger screen for the K.O.I. presentation. Rob had tentative sites and speakers for much of 2017:
 - February 26 at the Johnson's, neighbors of Mac McClain.
 - •March 26 at the Zoetemelks' in Norco.
 - April 8-9 will be Riverside Flower Show & Garden Tour.
 - April 23 at the Hunters' in Temecula.
 - •June 3, Saturday, is IKS Koi Auction & Used Equipment Sale.
 - August 27 at Mark Corser's in Corona, with BBQ.
 - •Sept. 24 field trip to Barstow Koi; arrangements by Tom Wright.
 - •Looking for volunteer hosts for other months...call Rob Fales.
- *Rescue:* Tom W. had a potential rescue in Eastvale, a lot of good koi from Mystic. Theo is holding 70 koi for Auction, plus 120-125 at Ed's, many quite small from the Blue Cut Fire rescue.
- *Koi Auction June 3, 2017*: Nick & Larry co-chairs. Theo is holding 70 koi for Auction, plus 120-125 at Ed's, many quite small from the Blue Cut Fire rescue. Meetings will be at Nick's, 7 pm: 2/8, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/24. Volunteer sign-ups in January. Norma will handle the reprint of one of her shirt designs; prefer 2002 or 2001.
- *Next Board meeting* will be **Wed.**, **January 25**, **7pm** for dinner, at Leveretts' or Milfelds'; will be announced at January meeting.

Peggy Milfeld, Secretary Pro tem _('.')_/

*Members wishing to attend a Board mtg. should let the host know.



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- •Remember that phone advice is given based on your input; the ultimate responsibility for treatment remains with you.

Carry & Debby Leverett will host us again for an inside meeting ...inside the garage, that is, because it's surprising how many can be seated there for screened presentations. (We hope for a dry day, and the garage will at least be warm.) Spike Cover will introduce one of the K.O.I. guest speakers for a discussion of how to use koi behaviors to diagnose problems in the pond and with the fish themselves. It comes down to how much we pay attention to our wet pets, how well we truly know/observe them.

he Leveretts have been leaders in building the reputation of IKS since 1996. In 2000, Debby took a single page notice, added growing familiarity with the Microsoft program *Publisher*, and for 12 years turned out a full-color 12-page newsletter full of her warm personality. She wrote wonderful personal interviews with hosting members. Larry, after serving two terms as IKS president, was elected Chairman of the AKCA, our parent organization, and by sharing our newsletter as he visited other clubs, he expanded her readership across the nation.

Parry has always been a worker and a promoter of IKS. He helped organize and chaired the first pond tour, got IKS involved in the Riverside Community Flower Show (and Tour... they love having a great water feature—pond—for their garden tour), and then he teamed with KCSD and Nick Milfeld to bring us a more profitable endeavor, the Koi Auction. He's a knowledgeable and humorous speaker who may wake you up by biting the head off a koi to inspect the brain! A humble man, he suffered the ribbing from the big guys in AKCA when, as their Chairman, he kept his jumbo koi in a 400-gallon pond—a never-used fiberglass Jacuzzi, converted and buried, bordered in natural rock with a small waterfall.

hat small pond had to grow so, in 2007, with AKCA *Guide* to *Pond Construction* in his hip pocket, Larry dug, plumbed, wrapped and reinforced the pond we'll visit this month. Now ten times larger, his fish are growing like crazy, making every effort to fill their space, even spawning daily for a week or more a few



In the Chairman's pond.



Smooth and ready to fill from the vortex in the corner.



Larry still cant believe this jumble became his waterfall!

years ago! The pond is state-of-the-art: two 4" bottom drains and a 3" skimmer gravity flow to a 36" vortex with a micro-strainer. Two ¹/₄hp Wave I pumps draw water from the vortex, half to an EZR biological filter and half through an 80 watt UV to a BioReactor filter, all manufactured by W. Lim. The pond is constructed of cement and is 4' deep. Two waterfalls flow into the pond, a soothing sound that is enjoyed both outside and inside the house. When the cement was done and they were ready to fill the pond, instead of using hoses and possibly damaging the smooth surface, they turned valves and sent water backwards from the vortex (arrow) to the bottom drains.

arry is facing 2017 as a retiree, having sold *D&L Auto Repair* in Corona last Fall. Debby retired some years ago from Corona Regional Medical Center, where she had worked 21 years as a Lab Technician. While exploring the Northwest last Summer, Larry discovered dahlias and fell in love; besides his vegetable gardening and orchids, he wants to try to grow dahlias as big and

beautiful as he found in Washington state. And take up some

serious cooking. So much less stress!

o remember your chairs and jacket and something for the buffet. And if you haven't already paid, bring your membership renewal form for this year; you can check the list on page four if you're not sure whether you've already sent it in. See you in Riverside!



Yes, head-sized dahlias!

DIRECTIONS FROM THE 91 FWY:

- Exit off Fwy 91 at Central Ave and go east.
- •Left on Fairview, past 2 stop signs to Cornwall.
- Forced right on <u>Cornwall</u>, then left on <u>Shoemaker</u>.
- Forced right on Jasper, and 5349 Jasper Lane is the second house on right

DIRECTIONS FROM THE 215 FWY:

- •Exit off I-215 on Alessandro and head west.
- Right on Fairview and continue as stated above.





New Members ~ Renewals to Date





THEO'S WINDMILL

We've been watching this grow in Norco for how many years now? Theo has finished the Dutch windmill, a new landmark in town, and a wonderful reminder of home. Surely it will be open for tours next time we meet there. ~10.25.2016



THANKSGIVING BLESSING

Just must share! As of 4am on Thanksgiving day, Nick & Peggy became great-grandparents to a health boy. First son is a grandpa and ecstatic! ~11.24.2016



Clear your calendar! We'll need your help on Saturday, 3 June 2017

The Auction is the biggest, most profitable project of IKS. and we do it every other year.

Volunteer sign-ups will begin this month. There's a free club T-shirt for everyone who works the Auction.

Koi Auction & Used Equipment Sale



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

We look forward to getting to know you and hope you'll find a fun and rewarding association with us. We offer you the advantage of years of experience (mistakes and all), and there are enough new-to -the-hobby members that no one should feel foolish asking questions. Ask away ~ there's something to learn from everyone!



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09/28: Christine Bristol & Steve Lindsley 27536 Swalow Court ~ 951.970.5768 Temecula 92591

New Address: Paul & Cheryl Atkiss have moved from San Diego to retire in the South nearer family: 1258 N. Shorewood Lane Caryville TN 37714-3766

Write these folks into your Directory and seek them out at meetings. Make them welcome! More than members, make them friends!

Directories were handed out at the November meeting, but I will be making updates for them as new photos are captured; therefore, I'm still hoping for some 'selfies' from those members we don't see very often...or have a friend or neighbor take the pic and forward it to me at **milfeld@msn.com** Couples, please keep your heads close and fairly level with each other. Thanks in advance! ~Peggy

Renewals Received to Date

Blais, Armand & Eve Brown, Ed & Trina Chandler, Don & Brenda Fales. Rob & Deanna Fowler, Cvnthia Hamilton, Duane & Carole Hanson, Orville Haumann, Bill & Trish Henry, Bob & Bonnie Henry, Richard & DeeDee Huizar, Eric & Andy Harriman Hunter, Phil & Rachel Hurley, Steve & Patricia Leever, Carl & Mary Lei. William & Donise Liette, Mary Ann

MacLaren, Ed & Lynn Mall, Jerry & Pat McGarvey, Randy & Pauline McNutt, Roy Milfeld, Nick & Peggy Parsons, david & Hilda Poyle, Jim & Tess Richardson, Wayne Sharpe, Pat Simmons, Bob & Vickie Taggart, John & Kathy Thompson, Denny & Carole Walters, Bob & Martha Wolf, Larry & Dorothy Wright, Tom & Tee Zoetemelk, Theo & Jeanne

NOVEMBER 20 MEETING REPORT

Hosts: Jerry & Pat Mall, Temecula

oing back up the mountain every November has become a tradition everyone enjoys. Since the first "Thanksgiving" Feast" in 2005, suggested and hosted by Phil & Rachel Hunter, this final meeting of each year has always been at a member home in the hills overlooking Temecula. It's a break from the usual educational format and a turn to more fun and fellowship, and we thank Jerry & Pat Mall for once again hosting us, all 56 of us.







nvitations to non-members are common for this meeting, and we often gain new members from it. This year *Armand Blais* brought Bill & Ellen McCarthy: we've met them before, and they have 10 acres in need of a pond. [Find her recipe for that scrumptious cranberry nut bread on page 9.] Francine Hoffman

also brought friends, Mando & Betty; Betty is still working on Mando to build a pond. David & Hilda Parsons were with us again, too. We haven't seen them since last November: work does get in the way of so much!

ariety is always key at our potlucks, and even if it's "the usual sides" for Thanksgiving, plates just aren't big enough to hold a taste of everything! This year there were several favorites for which recipes were requested; you'll find them on page 9. Too late for the 2016 holidays, but good for any future potluck. (Cut and save in your own collections.)



nvestigating the Mall's beautiful home and grounds before our meal—and before the sun goes downoccupies the first half hour or so as members get parked and catch up with each other. The ladies bustle around the kitchen, guys in the know sneak desserts, and newcomers go exploring. I got as far as the pond, and was amazed at how huge Jerry's koi have grown. By 2:40pm, Rob called us from the far corners of the property to gather for grace and the feasting, and then talked about his koi.

oting that Jerry's prized *Tancho Showa*, the 2010 IKS and AKCA Koi of the Year, looked injured, he admitted that its glory days are over: it's the first fish he hasn't been able to heal. The pond being about 12 years old, his koi have expanded from six to 32 inches; one of the largest is only five years old and is already 30 inches. All of the koi are females with bulky bodies: one big white one is supposed to be a male, but it leaves all the others alone. Jerry has fed his koi heavily for years—as much as 33 pounds of feed in three weeks—but this years he's been 'sloppy.' His foods of choice are Hikari Grow and Hikari All-Season, with a winter fast. His pond was already down to 60°F; five degrees lower and he'll stop feeding until March. Whether or not they'll have to deal with snow again this year is questionable.

athered in the finished garage, everything was so festive. As in the past, Pat had made centerpieces for the tables and would give them away at day's end. That garage, with a polished cement floor, is decorated with framed prints of Pat's wonderful safari photos. We tried to get her to share a PowerPoint talk about

their trips; perhaps next year we'll just have her tell us about the photos on the walls.

o catch up on just a bit of business at the close of our year, Mac McClain brought us some AKCA news. They're downsizing some by emptying a storage unit to eliminate the monthly fees, and bookstore sales seem to be up—\$1271 last month. The 2017 Annual Meeting & Wet Lab will held in Pennsville, New Jersey, abut 50 miles from Philadelphia, PA. It's been years since IKS had a large group go to the meeting (we used to outnumber the hosting club!), and Philly would be a great place to plan an extended visit. Maybe we can plan it for 2018, when the meeting comes to San Diego and won't require flights and rental cars! The organization is asking the various clubs to be creative to raise some funds towards KHV research.

aven't heard much about KHV in the last year or so, but that is not to say it has gone away. First found in the UK in 1996, it is a highly contagious virus that causes significant die-off in carp, whether the common food fish or our ornamental koi. It has since been confirmed in almost every country that cultures carp, with the exception of Australia, and at one time caused havoc with American koi keepers — which is why we emphasize the practice of quarantining new fish. There is no treatment for KHV, but research continues and good management practices are vital for prevention. AKCA has continually funded research at Oregon University for the benefit of all of us.

nother special announcement from Mac was to invite members to attend a dedication at the Riverside National Cemetery, on Friday, November 25, of a monument to Gold Star Families — to all in the extended families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice

for our country. Mac was to be the first guest speaker, followed by Hershel W. 'Woody' Williams, 90-year-old survivor of Iwo Jima. We're proud to have Mac representing the US Marines at such an honorable function.



o nominations were received from the floor as we moved to the serious business of electing the new Board of Directors for 2017, and I think it was a disappointment to the current board. Nonetheless, we'll move into the new year with vacancies and hope there will be enough willing workers to stage a successful Koi Auction come June; sign-ups will begin in January. It will be a long but fun and rewarding day.

now Your Pond" was the name of a game devised by the Fales for this year's gift giveaway, with the top prize being a \$100 gift card to Home Depot; other gift cards and lesser prizes



went to the 10 winners. Not that the most points (tickets) guaranteed the best prize: they had a plan to mix that up, too. And nine others won the centerpieces in a drawing.

o the year closed with high spirits and the dark just coming on. There were wishes for a safe trip down the hill and home, for fun with family over the holidays, and for health for all as the wretched flu season was sure to descend sooner or later before we meet again. See you all in January!

~ Peggy Milfeld, Editor

KOI INDUSTRY IN JEOPARDY

Researching another article, I came upon this and researched it, too:

Believe it or not, the US government is considering the inclusion of our beloved Koi, (Cyprinus carpio) to its injurious species list. Being on the injurious species list would mean the movement of the species is strictly prohibited. The transportation of Koi across any state line would become illegal: a felony with penalties, both monetary and prison sentences being imposed. Such movement of Koi, as well as the importation of Koi, would be considered a direct violation of the U.S. Lacey Act. (1)

If this occurs, it will become a federal crime for individuals to transport pet koi outside of their home state to participate in koi shows. No longer could any koi be purchased from outside of your home state. You would no longer have the option to purchase or import koi from Japan, or any other country. No koi will be allowed to cross state lines. Imagine, even in the event of relocation or retirement, you will be a charged with a felony if you move to another state and take your pet koi with you! The Koi hobby and industry could be devastated!

How is This Possible? The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) received a petition on September 23, 2016 to list 43 native and non-native aquatic species as Injurious Wildlife under the authority granted by the Lacey Act.

The title: Petition: To Amend 50 CFR §16.13 to List 43 High Risk Fish, Crayfish, and Mollusk Species as Injurious Species under the Lacey Act

The petition includes the black acara, blue catfish, **common carp** (i.e., koi), grass carp, guppies, Jaguar guapote, three plecos (Amazon, Orinoco and vermiculated sailfin catfish), red swamp crawfish, and three tilapias (i.e., blue, Mozambique and Nile). Many of the crayfish farmers in the south and tilapia producers throughout the country will be affected.

The petition came from the Center for Invasive Species Prevention (CISP), a private, non-government organization. (2) See a Flow Chart on the Evaluation Process for Inclusion on the Injurious Species List. (3)

What Can Be Done? The National Aquaculture Association (NAA) is a private entity that helps in the fight against changing regulations that could be detrimental to the aquaculture industry in the US. It is currently objecting to these proposed changes. As an active member of the NAA, Kloubec Koi Farm receives the latest information in regards to this issue and we will continue to pass pertinent information on to maintain awareness of any changes.

The US FWS must assess all petitions received, and it calls for public input on each one. At this time the US Fish & Wildlife Service is welcoming information on this issue. They'd like to hear from the industry, growers, sellers, consumers and hobbyists who may oppose the petition to include the common carp (Cyprinus carpio) (i.e, Koi) to the national injurious species list. Unfortunately, there is no set timeline for a determination. We certainly would like to raise as much opposition to this issue as possible in a relatively quick manner. It is in the hobby and indus-

Notice from Kloubeck Koi Farm

try's best interests to be pro-active rather than re-active, should an unfavorable ruling be imposed.

Please help in the fight against the CISP petition!

Send comments to:
Mr. Craig Martin, Chief
Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species
US Fish & Wildlife Service
5275 Leesburg Pike

Send a copy of your comments to:
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Falls Church, VA 22041 Email: naa@thenaa.net
Phone: (703) 358-1932

Email: <u>craig_martin@fws.gov</u>

In addition to contacting the two entities above, it would be beneficial to contact your state legislators as well. You may use this link to find the appropriate office in your state for voicing an opinion: http://www.whoismyrepresentative.com/

Write, call and email the offices to let them know that you strongly disagree with the inclusion of common carp, Koi, (*Cyprinus carpio*) to the injurious species list of the United States of America and the proposed regulation change.

A sample letter is on the Kloubeck website (listed below), to assist in addressing this complicated issue. Please feel free to use all or any of it, and add to it as you see fit. Please be firm, yet polite when voicing your strong opposition to the proposed regulation change. Unfortunately, our genetically selected pets (Koi) are included in the entire species known as *Cyprinus carpio* and may be subject to these proposed stifling regulations proposed by the CISP; limiting its production, movement, and all of our enjoyment associated with the koi species and hobby.

In closing, I encourage everyone to make at least ONE contact regarding this issue to help prevent the inclusion of Koi on the injurious species list. Spread the word to increase our chances of prevailing!

Your Friends in Koi,

Ellen Kloubec, Myron Kloubec & The Kloubec Koi Farm Staff

"CISP files multi-species listing petition with US Fish & Wildlife Service – per Lacey Act"

I followed the link ⁽²⁾ to read the Petition, and found a December 7, 2016, update, at the end of which is the final list of 43"high risk" fish and other species which was submitted on Dec. 2, 2016, to the office of the Secretary of the Interior. *Cyprinus carpio* (common carp) is there in the middle of the listed Fish. And there is a space to post a comment; a name and email address is required to leave a comment, but the form specifies that the email address will not be published, meaning the name might be.

Being in a regulated industry myself, I understand the damage a future ruling may bring to many people involved in koi. I also see how many hobbyists have helped bring this about by indiscriminately releasing unwanted koi into the wild. May we all learn from this and help defeat it.~Editor

Posted October 26, 2016 at / http://www.kloubeckoi.com/blog/the-koi-industry-and-koi-hobby-are-in-jeopardy/

(1)Lacey Act: https://www.fws.gov/le/pdffiles/Lacey.pdf

(2) Petition: http://www.nivemnic.us/cisp-files-multi-species-listing-petition-with-us-fish-wildlife-service-per-lacey-act/

(3) Flow Chart: https://www.fws.gov/injuriouswildlife/pdf files/InjuriousWildlifeEvaluationProcessFlowChart.pdf

KOI OF THE MONTH: TANCHO

Koi Horoscope

Koi Horoscope: 12 Animals Replaced by 12 Koi

Have you ever wondered what would happen if the Japanese, working with IKS, had gotten hold of a lunar calendar before the Chinese did, and used the 12 months to create a koi zodiac calendar? There would be no rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, or boar—just koi breeds. Under what sign were you born in this imaginary koi horoscope?

In 2014, Pete Miles gave us that proposition. I'd like to use it as a guide to explore the 12 varieties, one a month, this year. Chinese New Year comes January 28, the start of the *Year of the Rooster*, so I'll start with the *Year of Tancho* this month and then move through the rest.

The Rooster is honest, energetic, intelligent, flamboyant, flexible, diverse, and confident. I don't know that koi, by virtue of their specific variety, have any "unique characteristics" on which a person could build a personality or character, but we'll see what we find....

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Doitsu	1936	1948	1960	1972	1984	1996	2008
Becko	1937	1949	1961	1973	1985	1997	2009
Asagi	1938	1950	1962	1974	1986	1998	2010
Kohaku	1939	1951	1963	1975	1987	1999	2011
Utsuri	1940	1952	1964	1976	1988	2000	2012
Sanke	1941	1953	1965	1977	1989	2001	2013
Kumoryu	1942	1954	1966	1978	1990	2002	2014
Gim Matsuba	1943	1955	1967	1979	1991	2003	2015
Showa	1944	1956	1968	1980	1992	2004	2016
Tancho	1945	1957	1969	1981	1993	2005	2017
Kujaku	1946	1958	1970	1982	1994	2006	2018
Yamabuki Ogon	1947	1959	1971	1983	1995	2007	2019

Year of the Tancho

The sacred crane of Japan (Grus Japonensis), among the rarest cranes in the



world, is a spectacular white waterfowl with a blood red crest, commonly called a *tancho*. Actually, the red is a patch of bare skin on the crown, which becomes brighter in the mating season. And they are not fully white: black on the wing secondaries appear almost like a black tail when folded as the birds are standing; their tails are actually white. There is black on the males' cheeks, throats and necks, while females' are pearly grey.

Legend says these birds live for a thousand years and are agents of **good fortune** and **longevity**; they are known as symbols of **luck**, **long life** and **fidelity**. They are immortalized by Japanese artists,

portrayed in their mating dances and displays as well as in flight.

Perhaps there is a parallel then with *koi*, a Japanese word that is a homophone for another word meaning "love that is affectionate." Combine the beauty of these fish with the association to this other word, you'll quickly see



how the koi started becoming associated with the Japanese culture's idea of *loyalty*, *friendship*, and even *love*. They also represent *good fortune* or *luck* and are associated with *perseverance in adversity* and *strength of purpose*. In the Korean culture, the koi symbolizes *long life* and *independence*.

With these birds in mind, the name "Tancho" was originally given to a Kohaku (red and white) that was completely white with the exception of a round red "crest" or "crown" on the center of its head. The Tancho Kohaku is well loved by the Japanese people as it reminds them of their national flag, a red sun on a white field.

There are several other kinds of Tancho including Tancho Sanke,

Tancho Showa, and even Tancho Goshiki and Tancho Kujaku, but the Tancho Kohaku remains the most sought after. It is important to note that Tancho occur by chance, and that this is not a "breedable" trait. There is as much chance of obtaining a Tancho by breeding any two Kohaku as there is by breeding two Tancho. It is also quite common for young Tancho (and Kohaku) to lose their red due to stress or adverse water conditions. Once gone, the red never returns.

When purchasing a Tancho, look for a koi that has strong red on the head only. Try to select a koi with a symmetrical "crest". This can be diamond-shaped, octagonal, egg— or heart-shaped or circular.

The better the intensity and shape of the "crest" the more you can expect to pay.











As in selecting any koi, body conformation is

Tancho Tancho Kohaku Sanke

Tancho Tancho Sanke Showa

Tancho Kujaku

Tancho Goshiki

the most important point to consider. Don't allow yourself to be distracted by a striking pattern or color if the body conformation is not acceptable, as this is the first point on which koi will be judged. The intensity of the white and luster of the skin are also important points, but these are things that can be improved upon by selective feeding and rearing conditions. When selecting a *Tancho Sanke* or *Tancho Showa*, keep in mind that the *sumi* (black) is likely to be undeveloped and therefor indistinct in a younger koi, but needs to be deep and strong in a mature koi.

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RECIPE REQUESTS

From the November Feast

NEW ENGLAND CRANBERRY NUT SOUARES

From Ellen McCarthy, guest of Armand Blais

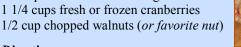
Ingredients:

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

1 cup flour

1/3 cup melted butter or margarine





Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease an 8-inch baking pan.

- 1. Beat eggs in medium mixing bowl until thick. Gradually add sugar, beating until thoroughly blended.
- 2. Stir in flour and melted butter, blend well. Add cranberries and walnuts, mixing gently just until combined.
- 3. Spread evenly in pan.
- 4. Bake 40 45 minutes or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- 5. Cool and cut into squares.

Makes 16 servings...but may serve much fewer, it's so good!



PRETZEL SALAD

From Larry Leverett ~ An easy and decorative 3-layer salad with a pretzel crust, a cream cheese center and a strawberry Jell-O topping. Just plain delicious!

Ingredients:

2 C. crushed pretzels 1 6-oz. pkg strawberry Jell-O

2 C. boiling water 3/4 C. margarine, melted

2 tsp white sugar 2 10-oz pkg frozen strawberries

8-oz. cream cheese, softened

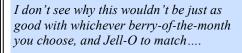
3/4 C. white sugar

 $4\frac{1}{2}$ oz. frozen whip topping, thawed

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°F.

- 1. In a medium bowl, mix pretzels, margarine and 2 tsp sugar.
- 2. Press pretzel mixture into bottom of 9x13 baking dish; bake in preheated oven 8 minutes. Remove and allow to cool.
- 3. Blend together the cream cheese and 3/4 C sugar. Fold in whipped topping and spread evenly over cooled pretzel base.
- 4. In a medium bowl, dissolve the Jell-O in boiling water. Mix in strawberries and set aside to cool for 15 minutes
- 5. Pour gelatin mixture over cream cheese and refrigerate until set, about 4 hours.





CORN CASSEROLE

From Dorothy Wolf

Ingredients:

2 eggs, beaten

2 sticks butter, melted

16-oz. container sour cream

2 (8 oz.) boxes Jiffy cornbread mix**

2 cans (15 oz.) creamed style corn

2 cans (15 oz.) whole kernel corn [do NOT drain]

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray or grease a large casserole dish.

- 1. Mix all ingredients together and pour into prepared dish.
- 2. Bake about 1½ hours until set and lightly browned. To test doneness, poke the middle—it must be firm, and it will crust around the edges.
- 3. Delicious warm. [Half recipe fits 8x8 pan; bake 55-60 mins.]

NOTES & VARIATIONS: Wonderfully forgiving recipe that you can alter at will to suit your tastes and the ingredients on hand.

- •Tex-Mex version: Add diced onion, small can diced green chilies (or jalapeno for more bite), and shredded Cheddar or Pepper Jack cheese to the mix; or top with cheese the last few minutes. Swiss cheese...bacon bits... Can use jalapeno cornbread mix.
- •Cream cheese instead of sour cream is "simply amazing!"
- •Fat-and-cholesterol-conscious cooks substitute fat-free yogurt, and butter can be omitted completely, then serve with butter....
- •Leftovers can be sliced 3/4- to 1-inch thick, browned in butter like French toast, and served with syrup....
- •Can be baked days ahead and reheated in oven or microwave. For a couple, mix up a half recipe, split between two loaf pans; bake one, freeze the other; completely thaw before baking.
- Varying tastes: Sauté onion, bell peppers in the butter, then add. Buttermilk instead of sour cream, or French onion sour cream dip, or cottage cheese and chopped green onions. Add some sugar or honey; 1/2 to 1 tsp nutmeg plus 1T dark brown sugar. Only 1/2 the butter melted in the pan to grease it; batter poured in... Eggs can be omitted; or can use frozen whole kernel corn with no extra liquid. Crumbled sausage or bacon.
- •Not just for the holidays; great with BBQ, salsa! Grilled fresh corn cut from the cob adds a caramelized sugar taste.

HOMEMADE CORNBREAD MIX ~ no preservatives...

4 C flour 1 T. salt 1 C sugar 1/4 C baking powder 1 C solid vegetable shortening 4 C cornmeal

Combine flour, salt, sugar, and baking powder in a large bowl. With a pastry blender or two knives cut in shortening until particles are fine. Add cornmeal and mix well. Store in refrigerator in an airtight container for 3-4 months. Makes about 10 cups of dry mix. Works great as a fresh substitute for the Jiffy mix.

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2017 Battle of the Bakers

Local professional bakers create and donate two identical cakes, one to be judged for taste, presentation and difficulty, the other to be auctioned off as part of a live auction of wines, vacations, dining, etc. Donation of \$65 per person includes parking and lunch. Bakers include:

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		22	IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 2-5pm / Hosted by Larry & Debby Leverett , 5349 Jasper Lane, Riverside 92506 ~ 951.781.3887					
		25	IKS BUSINESS Meeting ~ 7pm / Members welcome! / Host TBA					
	•	28	Lunar New Year Festival ~ 10am-9pm / Downtown Riverside / FREE Parade, Drums, dance, arts & crafts, FOOD! LunarFestRiverside.org					
		8	IKS Auction Planning Meeting ~ 7pm, dessert / Nick Milfeld's, 1644 Northhampton Dr., Riverside 92506 / 951.780.7395 /					
	F	9	Valentine Dessert Auction & Battle of the Bakers~ 11:30am-1pm / Riverside Conv. Center, 3637 5th St., Riverside 92501 / Soroptimist Int'l fundraiser / Wine & Silent Auction / soroptimistriverside.org /					
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Greatest Show on Earth!

If you'll be travelling back East this Spring, now through May 21, check out the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus website (www.ringling.com) for the circus schedule and try to attend one of the shows. Take advantage of the preshow experience, too; it's included with every ticket. Prices range from \$16-\$125, depending on the venue (I didn't check them all.)

The Circus will close May 21 after 146 years of unstoppable entertainment. Two traveling troupes will stage shows in states from Florida to Maine, final show in New York.











Expecting a cool day, but prepared for rain, we'll be gathering in the garage for a screened presentation.