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Greetings, Koi Friends!
No Pond Tour this year; it's time for

Inland Koi Society's Third Koi Auction and Used Equipment Sale

**Saturday, May 7, 2011
at Milfelds' Nursery
2550 Adams St., Riverside 92504
(One mile south of the 91 Fwy)**

**Registration, Viewing 9-10 am
Silent Auction 9:30am-12:15 pm
Equipment Sale 9:30 am-2 pm
Auction 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

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The KOI Auction on Saturday, May 7, started with overcast skies and everyone wondering how the Auction was going to go. Because of the economy, how successful the auction would be was a concern. Would our flyers and newspaper advertising bring the fish and equipment buyers out? When we started, there were empty chairs and we had only sold fifty three paddles. It turned out that our worries were unjustified: the sun came out and the paddle holders bought all the fish and almost all the equipment. The auction turned out to be as successful as in the past.

I want to thank Tom Ross and Ed Kushner who for several months held most of the fish sold at the auction in quarantine ponds at their homes.

I want to thank Nick Milfeld for providing his Nursery as the site for the auction, and for the thousands of gallons of water we used in the process.

I also want to thank the volunteers listed below for their time and dedication to making the auction a success:

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| Larry & Debby Leverett | John Svelan, KCSD |
| Dennis & Dorothy Lynaugh | Robert Walters |
| Jerry Mall | Larry & Dorothy Wolf |
| Jack & Norma Marrin | Tom Wright |
| Pete Miles & Kazuko Bednay | Theo & Jeanne Zoetemelk |

Every other year our auction provides homes for our members' surplus koi and for the fish we have 'rescued' or taken from downsizing ponds. And the auction is another opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to the public.

I am looking forward to next month's meeting at Mystic Koi and Water Gardens in Upland and looking forward to seeing **you** there.

Dennis Lynaugh
Dennis Lynaugh IKS President

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In The Beginning...



Equipment to sell



Ramp to bring koi down, so bidders can see what they are bidding on



Koi in boxes, waiting



Sandy Hanson getting logging and recording ready



Rey Quirong sorting koi



Nick Milfeld giving instructions to the volunteers



Jack Marrin and Bob Henry bagging koi



Dorothy Lynaugh, Linda Kushner, and Francine Hoffman ready to register bidders

Everyone Found Their Places.



Jeannie Zoetemelk, Carl and Mary Leever set-up for lunch



Joy Quirong, Kazuko Bednay, and Norma Marrin handling T-Shirts

The Day Ran Smoothly



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A propos to the coming Auction, we met at **Ed & Linda Kushner's** lovely home in Corona for our April 17 meeting (scheduled a week early to free everyone to celebrate Easter.) For the last several months, Ed has maintained a 15-foot diameter above-ground pool as a quarantine tank for koi taken from several members' ponds that had to be closed down.

Unless you've participated in one of our Koi Auctions, you don't realize how much work goes into it in the months preceding the actual event. Both the Kushners and **Tom & Zuma Ross** kept a pool-size quarantine tank, effectively doubling their water, pond power and koi food bills for six months, expenses which the club partially subsidized.

Close to a hundred koi populated those two pools, painstakingly collected from various members' ponds or rescued from other sites. In October, the rescue team traveled out to Hesperia to remove and relocate about 60 koi from **Dolores Woernel's** pond, bringing them home in bags to the two Q-pools. The team went to **Bob Everett's** Riverside pond (Bob was the founder of AKCA and the Inland Koi Society) to help Marguerite close it down; all his beautiful big koi were donated to the auction. And in the week before the auction, the team went to Claremont to close **Lori McCarthy's** lovely 'Monet' pond, adding her collection to the rest.

The 'rescue team' is generally led by **Ed Kushner** and **Gene Matingot**, and has included **Orville Hanson, Bob Henry, Mark Krakower, Rey Quirong, Dennis Lynaugh, Tom Ross, Tom Wright**, and others. **Sandy Hanson** has gone along as photographer, and other wives have gone, too, to stand watch with a pond's owner as the team undoes years of a husband's work.

In addition to removing the fish, the team has to drain the pond, scrub down the algae, and make sure the last bit of muck and water is gone, leaving a clean, dry pit with no attraction for mosquitoes. Filters are back-flushed, cleaned out and disassembled, and the power is shut down. It's a long day of back-breaking work, and once everything is loaded into trucks and taken home, it all has to be unloaded and the fish floated and then released. But our guys are there to help when help is needed, and all deserve huge thanks. Without them, we wouldn't have an auction!

Okay, enough about that. More important stuff was going on at the meeting besides checking out the fish. While the attendance was down a bit to 42, the food supply was up to par and delicious. Most everyone set up in the driveway facing the Q-tank [it's a long uphill driveway, screened from street traffic] and they seemed to take advantage of the lovely day to relax, chat and catch up with each other. That kind of fellowship is part of the charm of our club! Soon enough, though, we moved to the back yard around Ed's pond to listen to his discussion of it.

Never is a pond truly finished, it seems: there are always some adjustments to be made here or there. Ed's pond followed suit, changing with his growing experience. He has learned the hard way that you can make changes over time to improve your pond system, reach-

ing for that elusive state of perfection. He has removed rocks from the bottom, installed two vortexes, and will soon replace two submersible pumps with external pumps; he realized how much more expensive to run the submersibles have been. Besides the club's 4,000-gallon quarantine pool occupying the top of his driveway—with 35-40 big koi in it—Ed maintains his own 1,400-gallon Q-tank with a Nexus filter.



Refreshingly clear water in the pond led some to question how Ed keeps the algae at bay, since everyone else seem to be struggling with the string algae so common in the spring. Ed wages a four-pronged attack on algae, employing an 80-watt UV, lots of aeration, a great turnover rate, and shade.

Drugging everyone up to the quarantine pool, and deferring to those who would be trying to capture koi to sell at the auction, **Tom Wright** demonstrated the "Wright Way" to net koi, and how to handle a netted koi. He used quite a big entry level net because of the awesome size of the fish Ed is keeping, but he prefers a sock net. This incredible net is designed for handling especially large koi without causing them injury. The net is secured to a probably-15" diameter frame; the 'sock' is open-ended and probably 48" long. To take a fish, the handler clasps the open end of the sock in one hand and the handle in the other; he scoops the koi into the net face first, and moves it to a new location, supporting it in what looks like a sling between his two hands. With the net lowered into the water, the bottom of the net is released and the net is lifted free as the koi slides through and swims free. It is definitely a koi-friendly way to move big fish! Tom let several people try their hands at the maneuver and convinced us all that the sock net is an indispensable accessory to have.

Yearly AKCA business was addressed by **Larry Leverett**, AKCA Rep. He presented the ballot for new AKCA officers, passing on the IKS Board of Directors' recommendation to cast write-in votes for **Leverett** and **Mike Frady** as AKCA Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, and to vote for the other nominees as listed. The club vote was unanimous for the candidates as recommended by the Board. Auction Chairman **Nick Milfeld** announced that all volunteers should wear their 2010 Pond Tour shirts for the auction; those without shirts would be given one that morning. Posters and flyers were sent home with everyone to promote the event. **Mary Leever** and **Ed** called the raffle as everyone gathered around the back pond again. And with no general meeting in May, Dennis adjourned the meeting with a jaunty, "See you all at 8:00 AM on Auction Day!"

~Respectfully submitted, Peggy Milfeld, IKS Secretary

Koi Person of the Year is an honor given in recognition of someone who has made a significant contribution to koi keeping or to their club during the past year. We are pleased to honor Bob Henry for 2011.

When you elected Bob Henry in 2009, you gave the IKS Board of Directors the type of person every board wants: an active member, a willing worker, and a visionary with novel ideas for adding new benefits to IKS membership.

Bob, wife Bonnie, and daughter Erica, joined the club in June 2008, following a Pond Tour. They embraced the club and immediately became active participants in whatever was planned. Bob has been a strong arm whenever one was needed, especially in helping with koi rescues and the closing down of various members' ponds. He was there for Dolores Woernel in Hesperia, for Marguerite Everett in Riverside, and for Lori McCarthy in Claremont. He is there to help unload cars at meeting sites, and to muscle up the EZ-Ups when we use them. He's friendly, helpful, and outgoing.

The first challenge Bob presented to the Board was a simple question: *Does the IKS provide any scholarship funds for member students?* At the time we didn't; not that we had chosen not to, but the idea hadn't come up before. We considered it, explored the process, and gave it to a committee to write an appropriate application. And we decided that \$500 would at least help a college student with the cost of textbooks. When the word went out, the most qualified applicant was Erika Henry, to whom we proudly awarded the first IKS Scholarship. We look forward to knowing who will receive the second award this year.

Bob also challenged us to establish an IKS **Blood Donor Community**. He researched the process, and when given the go-ahead, set it up for us. He almost single-handedly supplies the required annual minimum donations.* We hope more and more members will choose to participate in this endeavor which, regardless of personal donations made, will supply blood products to any active member at no charge if their insurance will not cover it. What a blessing, what assurance, just for belonging to IKS!

Bob has been a donor for a long time now, but on **Friday, May 13, he will join the "40-Gallon Club"** and celebrate with his blood-giving buddies at the San Bernardino Donor Center. Over the last year, his donations have been made for our--*your!*--benefit. Say "Thanks, Bob" next time you see our **2011 Koi Person of the Year**.



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The IKS sets up a pond display every year at the Riverside Flower Show, in April, to hand out fliers for our Pond Tour or Auction.



Orville Hanson, Jack Marrin, Bob Henry, Dennis Lynaugh, Larry Leverett, Sandy Hanson, Tom Wright, Nick Milfeld.

Not pictured: Peggy Milfeld, Debby Leverett and Bonnie Henry



The RFS is held at the Elks Club. These generous IKS Members volunteered to represent our club by setting up & taking down the display. **HOORAY!**



Koi size is genetically determined. However, according to Spike Cover, if your pond is too crowded koi will put off a pheromone which will inhibit growth. The pheromone “tells other koi to stop growing because there are too many of us,” according to Spike Cover. So, even if you have a jumbo koi, it won’t grow to its full potential if it is living in crowded conditions.

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WHO'S IN THE NEWS...

There were some almost unfamiliar faces at the Koi Auction on May 7, but it turned out they belonged to members!

Remember the Upland couple who came to the Leverett's meeting in March and got caught up in the fun and nonsense that bubbles up whenever the club gets into tight quarters? That was **Ed & Sue Vermilyea**, sent to us by our fine friends at Mystic Koi. Well, Ed & Sue are now certified members of IKS (yeah, soon they'll just be *certified!*). They were buying, and went home with four koi for their ready-to-redo pond. Make sure you greet them at the next meeting!

Did you notice the gentleman with the cane sitting front and center by Auctioneer Jack? That was **Ross Rettig** of Redlands. We haven't seen the Rettigs in a while, but Ross had a good excuse. Besides having messed up his back a bit, just three weeks ago he had open heart surgery...and he was already out and about—driving even—and stayed to the bitter end! The surgery was to replace one of the valves in his heart. As he put it, it wasn't emergency surgery, but since he was temporarily out on disability it was a good time to take care of it. A good thing, too, because once inside the doctors found a gaping hole in the wall of one chamber and repaired it. No longer a member of the hole-in-the-wall gang, he has a new lease on life.

I asked if he had a zipper, that telltale set of tracks left after the radical surgery open heart requires. Usually it means the sternum has been cut through so the ribs can be pulled open to expose the heart; afterwards, the sternum is literally *wired* back together and the sutures that pull the skin back together leave tracks like a zipper all the way down the front, from collarbone to some point above the navel. But no, Ross said they only cut his sternum partway, so the repair and recovery have been much easier.

And I heard that **Dennis & Donna Keats** showed up, albeit briefly. We haven't seen them in a while either, mostly because Donna has been dealing with major back problems and just a couple of weeks ago had extensive surgery to fuse some vertebrae and insert rods to stabilize her back.

I'm amazed she came, although I know Dennis had hoped to drop by.

We're thrilled to see you again and expect you back soon!

Most of you know **Chrisie Nobles**; her cousin, Scott Nobles, stayed in a Ronald Mc Donald house when he was younger. He grew-up, got married and even had children. Now however, his heart has faltered and he is on a list for a replacement heart. Say a prayer for him and all their family!

John & Ann Geerken have an Aqua Scape style pond and have decided to redesign it and take the rocks out of the bottom. They came to April's General IKS Meeting with all kinds of questions for Ed, who graciously explained how he removed the rocks, redesigned the pumps, filter pads and several other things. Let's hear it for the Geerkens! And **Ed Kushner!**

Cynthia Fowler was diagnosed with a UTI in October 2010 and on antibiotics, drinking a lot of water and in pain until March 16. Turns out she didn't have a UTI. She had a hernia and had to have surgery to get it fixed. She is feeling **SO** much better. ☺

At the April IKS meeting, **Linda Kushner** was wearing regular shoes for the first time since her foot surgery in the fall, to straighten and correct her toes. Please! Don't accidentally step on her feet. She's walking bravely

Mark Krakower's Niece had a baby boy; which makes Mark and wife Fran, a Grand Uncle and Grand Aunt. Congratulations.

Sympathy wishes goes out to **Orville and Sandy Hanson**. His mother; aged 92 years, died after two years of illness just before Easter. But all is well...they flew to Minnesota for the funeral, then went camping on the beach at Carlsbad and relaxed a few days.

One generous member, **Zuma Ross**, won a T-Shirt raffle prize and then donated it to one of our new members, **Alan Paulson**. Good move, Zuma.

Did you happen to see the raffle table in April? **Joy Quirong** manually cross-stitched two beautiful pictures, then elegantly framed them and donated them to the club raffle as prizes. Outstanding! Thank you!



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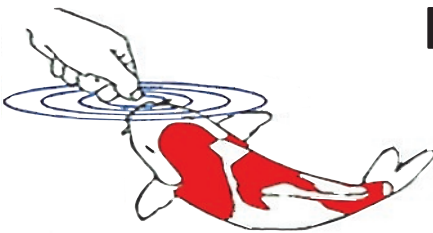


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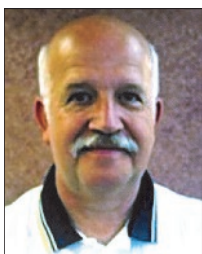
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May 6, 2011 "The House that Love Built!"

The Inland Koi Society donated a total of 45,830 soda top tabs. Great job! Shall we keep saving?

Former IKS member Toi Moore has hit celebrity status. On April 30, she was honored to co-host, along with actress Vivica Fox and NFL player Tutan Reyes, the 3rd Annual United Athlete's Foundation's Charity Gala in New York City. The UAF event honored Mrs. Loucille O'Neal (Shaq's mom), Willie O'Ree of the NHL, and Donovan McNabb of the NFL. The UAF is a non-profit foundation that believes in giving back by empowering athletes to help communities through education and social development.

The day before the gala, Toi was keynote speaker at the NFL Wives' & Mothers' Fashion Show and VIP Reception at New York's Saks Fifth Avenue. She is understandably excited and proud about being a part of something so big! Congratulations, Toi! (or, "You go, girl!")



CONGRATULATIONS MR. MIKE FRADY

AKCA Judging Committee member Charles Phelps announced at the Central Florida Koi Show Banquet this past Saturday evening that Mike Frady has completed three years of candidacy and passed the examination to become the AKCA's newest certified judge. Congratulations to Mike, and we hope to see you at many, many shows in the future!

MIKE'S AKCA JUDGING BIO:

Size of Pond: 10,000 gallons.

Year entered into Judging Program: 2008

Years in Hobby: first pond -1995

Affiliated Club: ZNA Potomac since 2002, also belong to Mid-Atlantic Koi Club since 2006, **Inland Koi Society since 2006**, IKONA 2011. Positions held: President - ZNA Potomac, and Koi Show Chair – ZNA Potomac, IKONA AKCA Rep appointed 2011.

Related Activities: Have written articles for newsletters, Chaired Young Koi Auctions, given presentations to civic groups about Koi, and have assisted with benching and other duties at other Koi shows on the East Coast.

Accomplishments: Koi Person of the Year – ZNA Potomac 2005. Have received three Baby Grand Champions and one Young Champion, and numerous other recognitions

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

What's Happening...

Q & A Time:

Members:



When you check in at meetings this year, look for "Question of the Day" forms at the registration table and write down any pond- or club-related question(s) you have. We will set aside time during the meeting to answer any questions that are submitted. We found that written questions were a practical format at one of our Panel Discussion programs last year. Several Board Members have noted that conversations over lunch frequently focus on issues one member asks another about; the questions are often common to several people, and the answers would be profitable to all. Spending a few minutes answering current queries should be an interesting addition to the agenda.



2011

Coming Events



MAY



- 20 **GREEN FAIRE** ~ 9am-4pm Jurupa Mts. Discovery Center, 7621 Granite Hill Dr., Riverside, CA 92509 / Cactus, succulent, pelargoniums, iris, fruit trees, Many local clubs will be there as vendors
- 21 **FRIENDS OF KOI ANNUAL AUCTION** ~ at California Koi Farms. 3360 Gird Road Fallbrook, CA 92028 / Viewing of fish 9:00am; auction starts 10:00am. For info please call (619)427-9008, (760)789-4493, or (858)452-1132.
- 20 **10TH ANNUAL YUCAIPA IRIS FESTIVAL** ~ Friday, 5-9pm / Sat., 9am-9pm / Sun., 10am-4pm
- 22 **Yucaipa Community Park, 34900 Oak Glen Road, Yucaipa CA 92399**
- 22 **NO MAY GENERAL MEETING** ~ Because of the Auction and Equipment sale earlier in the month of May. See you on the 4th Sunday next month.
- 25 **IKS BUSINESS MEETING** ~ 7 pm / *All members of IKS welcome!* — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Dennis Lynaugh (951) 780-0123.
- 26-30 **NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW** ~ Thurs.-Fri. 4pm-10pm, Sat.-Mon. 11am-10pm / Admission Charge / 689 South E Street, San Bernardino, CA 92408 / (909) 446-0900
- 27-30 **GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** ~ Free / Fri. 1pm-10pm, Sat. 10am-10pm, Sun. 10am-8:30pm / Euclid and Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92842 / (714) 638-0981
- 29-29 **MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK** ~ 10am - 3pm / Old Time Bear Country Fair: Enjoy country fair activities for the whole family. Includes face painting, jewelry making, bear toss, and bear roaring contest. Also pie eating contest between our 3 black bears--who eats their pie the fastest? (909) 878-4200 / 43285 Goldmine Drive / Big Bear Lake, CA moonridgezoo.org
- 30 **MEMORIAL DAY** ~ Always remember, and be thankful!



Japanese Garden Undergoes Historical Restoration

The Japanese Garden closed April 4 for a year-long renovation leading up to its centennial in spring 2012. One of the highlights of the project will be the installation of a ceremonial teahouse. The adjacent Zen Garden and Bonsai Court, and Chinese Garden will remain open during construction.

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108 (626) 405-2100

Garden Talk and Plant Sale: Antioxidants From Your Garden

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Getting enough antioxidants in your diet? Nurseryman and backyard orcharding expert Tom Spellman will discuss the twelve most important high antioxidant value fruits for southern California gardens and how to incorporate them into an edible, ornamental, and healthy landscape. A plant sale follows the talk. Free; no reservations required. Friends' Hall. The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108 (626) 405-2100



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Hosted by the Associated Koi Clubs of America

Rooms will be \$89.00 if reserved with the code "AKCA." Call for reservations, (800) 854-3012. The Atrium Hotel @ Orange County Airport, 18700 MacArthur Boulevard, Irvine, CA 92612 <http://www.atriumhotel.com>

THEME: "Back to our Roots"

ATTIRE: California Casual (Aloha/koi shirts, shorts & sandals)

DISPLAYS: Show tanks will be set up on Saturday in the area of the swimming pool, cabanas & pool-side bar, with display koi, courtesy of local dealers, to provide focal points for informal discussion groups and or judging contests.

SCHEDULE: *Cocktail Reception* (Sunset Lounge): 5:30 PM Saturday
 ~ *Seated Dinner* (Palmira Room): 6:30 PM Saturday
 ~ *Business Meeting* (Palmira Room): 7:30 PM Saturday

~ *Seating and a no-host bar will be provided for those wishing to attend the meeting only.*

BANQUET: \$40 per person. Tickets will be available online from the AKCA Bookstore. Seating will be at round tables for eight.

For a list of the menu choices and more information or specific plans, see the website www.akca.org

Registration and payment must be received by June 11, 2011. No banquet tickets will be available at the door.

JUNE

- 4-5 **R & F RAILROAD** ~ 1-4 pm / 1463 Rim Road, Riverside, CA / (951) 780-1040 / These fantastic railroads have been documented by CNN, NBC, Australian TV, as well as total cable TV. If you love trains, this exhibit is not to be missed. Bring your friends, all are sure to enjoy / rfrailroad.com
- 09 **GARDEN TALK AND PLANT SALE** ~ See information on the left. www.huntington.org
- 10 **AKCA BOARD MEETING** ~ 6 pm / 529 W. Blue-ridge Ave., Orange, CA 92865 / Call Mac McClain at (951) 398-7048 for more information
- 19 **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** to all the Papa's in The Inland Koi Society!! You deserve a relaxing day of spoiling.
- 25-26 **2011 AKCA DINNER** ~ And Annual Business Meeting & KHA Wet Lab / The Atrium Hotel @ Orange County Airport / 18700 Mac Arthur Boulevard Irvine, CA 92612 / 1 (800) 854-3012 \$40
- 26 **INLAND KOI SOCIETY'S GENERAL POT LUCK MEETING** ~ 2-5pm - Mystic Koi in Upland / Call Ed Kushner if more info needed (951) 520-0092
- 28-29 **CHERRY PICKING** ~ See information on the left. www.rileysfarm.com
- 29 **IKS BUSINESS MEETING** ~ 7 pm / *All members of IKS welcome!* — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Dennis Lynaugh (951) 780-0123.

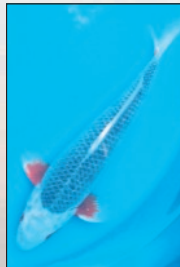
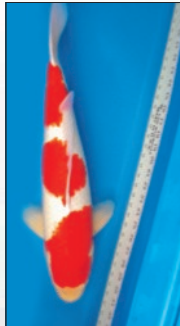




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Elections for *Koi* and *Koi Person of the Year* were highlights of the day. Six photos were submitted at the registration table, randomly assigned numbers, and posted on a cork board for the members' consideration. Each member family was allowed a vote, and when ballots were counted it was a tie between **#3, a 25" Sandan Kohaku** (a 3-step red pattern on a pearly-white koi) and **#5, a very clean 14" Asagi**. The photos really sold the Kohaku, and on a second ballot between the two, the Kohaku, **Tom Wright's** beauty, was selected. Its photo has been submitted to AKCA for national judging.



Accepting accolades from friends is humbling, yet an honor in itself. When **President Dennis** asked for nominations for Koi Person of the Year, there was no reluctance. **Tom Ross** nominated **Bob Henry**, citing his newness on the Board and his always-willing-to-help personality. **Gene Maingot** commended **Mark Krakower** for his dedication to IKS and his passion for koi, noting that Mark had recently completed engineering tests to see if his balcony would support the water weight of yet another pond! **Tom Wright** proposed **Tom Ross**, and called attention to his service as a koi health specialist in the club. **Rey Quirong** nominated **Nick Milfeld** for his leadership qualities, but Nick was disqualified as a former honoree. By majority vote, **Bob Henry** was chosen Koi Person of the Year, and his name has been sent to AKCA for recognition.

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