

# *The Inland Koi Connection*



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## **Inland Koi Society's 6<sup>th</sup> Koi Auction and Used Equipment Sale**

**Saturday, June 3, 2017  
at Milfelds' Nursery  
2550 Adams Street  
Riverside 92504  
(one mile south of the 91 Freeway)**

**Preview-Registration 9am  
Equipment Sale 9:30am - Noon  
Auction 10am - 2pm**

**Equipment to sell? Questions?  
Call Nick Milfeld ~ Larry Leverett  
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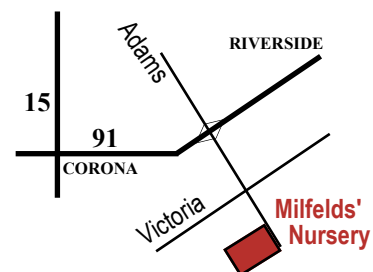
Only Koi from IKS members will be offered for sale.



**\$5 Bid Paddle  
includes Lunch**

Bring boxes to support the Koi you buy.

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The IKS Board meets monthly, generally on Wednesday evening following the Sunday regular meeting. Starting at 7:00, meetings are open to any interested members.

A combined Board /Auction meeting was held **May 17** at the Kushners'. After a filling taco salad dinner, we discussed April, Summer meeting plans, and the May 3 Auction:

- **April 23:** A turnout of 49 at the Hunters' enjoyed this grand home and a PowerPoint presentation on the building of their magnificent pond (under the house).
- **Confirmed** future meetings schedule:
  - **Reminder NO May 28 meeting** in lieu of the Auction on June 3.
  - **June 2**, Friday, 3PM, set-up for Auction at 2550 Adams St., Rvsd.
  - **June 3**, Saturday, 8AM, IKS Koi Auction & Used Equipment Sale.
  - **June 25**, at new member Alex Franco's in Tustin...four ponds!
  - **July 23**, at Mariano Palpallatoc's in Chino Hills; Hawaiian BBQ.
  - **August 27** at Mark Corser's in Corona, with BBQ; new pond.
  - **Sept. 24** field trip to Barstow Koi; arrangements by Tom Wright.
  - Looking for volunteer hosts for October...call Rob Fales.
- **Rescue:** •We have so many fish, we'll select only the best for sale. •Will start pre-sorting rescues a week before Auction. •Air pump failed at Theo's and lost five koi; new diffuser and lines purchased and Ed loaned his air pump to keep it going. •Members should separate their salable koi to QT and stop feeding a few days out.
- **Koi Auction June 3, 2017:** Nick & Larry co-chairs. Members need to let Ed Kushner know if they will sell koi, and how many. All welcome to help Friday with set-up; lots of physical work to be done. Please have all working members at the Nursery by 8am Saturday; coffee & doughnuts will be available.
- **Next Board meeting: Wednesday, June 28**, 7 pm; Location to be announced. Meeting will include final review of Auction.

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

\*Members wishing to attend a Board mtg. should let Rob Fales know.



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



## Koi Auction and Used Equipment Sale

**Saturday, May 30  
at Milfelds' Nursery  
2550 Adams Street  
Riverside 92504**

**Workers Arrive 8am  
Preview 9am  
Equipment Sale 9:30am-Noon  
Auction 10am - 2pm**

**This is our big event** of the year and thanks to everyone who volunteered to work it, we have all the workers we need to cover the 50 or so With all that help, all we need to make it another successful sale will be The Buyers. A semi-cool day would help, too!

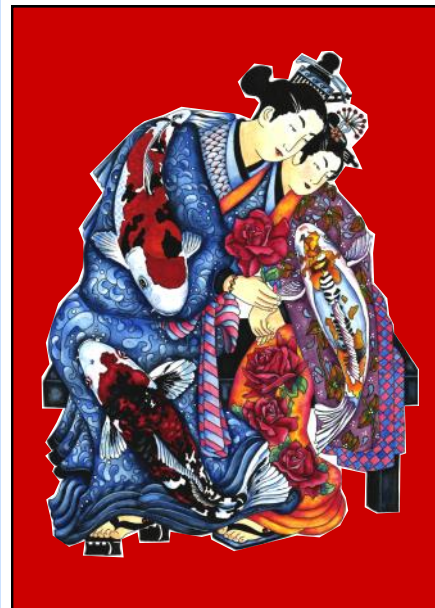
**We could use more help** bagging koi from our two auction quarantine pools on the day before the sale. The team is starting early Friday morning, so, if you want to learn how to handle koi, give Ed Kushner a call and offer your hands (951) 520-0092.

### *What you should be doing this week:*

- If you planned ahead, your quarantine tank is set up and the filter is properly aged so you can put the koi you plan to sell into it this week...if you didn't move them weeks ago.
- Stop feeding the koi you're selling by Wednesday; this will give their systems time to be cleaned out so they won't foul the water in the bag when they are transported to the Auction.
- Your koi will be much easier to bag from quarantine and will be less stressed for the auction. You can deliver bagged koi to the site **Friday afternoon or by 9:00am Saturday morning**; we will add oxygen to the bags when received. If you don't have an oxygen source at home, don't leave koi bagged overnight.
- **Pull out any extra equipment you plan to sell.** Make sure items are clean and in working order (or make note of what's wrong with them) and consider what price you would like to get and what you will settle for. An asking price is marked on the item, and if the one in charge of equipment sales knows your minimum, he can dicker with buyers. Do write out pertinent information about the equipment; it may help it sell itself.
- Get the boxes ready that you've saved for carrying your koi; if you don't plan to buy more koi, consider leaving them for the club to use. Anyone who saved boxes...bring them with you Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. And thank you!
- **Workers will wear the new 2017 T-shirts.** They can be picked up Friday afternoon or claimed and put on Saturday morning when you **arrive at 8:00am**. We'll be selling shirts from previous years for \$10, but will hold the 2017 shirts for members who don't have one (\$20). Quantities and sizes are limited.

**The Auction Committee**, led by Nick Milfeld and Larry Leverett, has decided upon the following guidelines for the Auction:

- For the sake of the fish and all in attendance, we will limit the total number of 'lots' of bagged koi that will be put up for bid.
- To control the quality and health of the offered fish, only club-quarantined and club members' koi will be allowed; no outside fish will be accepted. Anyone may sell equipment.
- We asked members to "Pre-Register" the koi they would like to sell so we would have a better idea of how many fish will be handled.
- There is a limit of six bags of koi per member family, remembering that smaller fish may be combined in one bag while larger ones should be bagged alone. We will provide bags and bands when you pre-register.
- Koi are sold with a 50/50 split with the club up to \$300; anything above \$300 goes to the seller. For equipment, the club receives 25% of the selling price. You may also "donate" your koi to the club, choosing not to take any part of the sold price.
- Payment is made with cash or check only, no credit cards.



This is the 2017 design chosen for the Auction. It is screen-printed on red shirts, both men's and women's styles. An original painting by **Norma Marrin**, it was first used by IKS for the 2003 Pond Tour; it was, and is, the most popular shirt we ever had, selling across the country at the AKCA Seminars and online by special order. Thank you, Norma, for allowing us to feature your work again.

### *Last Minute Details, Questions:*

**Friday, May 2:** set-up at the Nursery, **3:00 pm**...until done.  
**Saturday, May 3:** set-up/final instruction; **all workers 8:00am**

#### **Chairmen:**

**Larry Leverett** (951) 781-3887  
**Nick Milfeld** (951) 780-7395

#### **Koi Quarantine:**

**Ed Kushner** (951) 520-0092

#### **General Questions:**

**Rob & Deanna Fales** (951) 279-0181



**O**n Sunday May 21 we did a KOI rescue at the home of Les Carroll in Riverside. We had the following KOI members helping with the rescue: Tom Wright, Ed Broomfield, Rob and Deanna Fales, Eric Fales, Linda and myself, plus Les, his wife, and their former son-in-law.

**T**om and I arrived at Les's around 9am, unloaded the truck and started to drain the 10,000-plus gallons of water out of the pond. The rest of the team arrived around 10am. It took about two hours of draining the pond before we could get into the water and start pulling the fish out. The water quality was bad and we couldn't see below the water line. We were originally told that there were about 30 koi in the pond (best estimate at the time), but after about two hours of pulling fish, we still had about 30 more koi in the pond. It took about three hours to pull and bag all the fish. The final count was over 70 koi that were pulled from the pond, all averaging 14 inches to 30 inches in length.

**T**he hosts, Lester and his wife, were very generous and served us lunch and drinks. This was actually the first time that the hosts served us any food since I have been in the rescue. They really valued our help in relocating their pets. They have had the pond for over 15 years and made the tough decision that it was getting to much to maintain and wanted to close the pond down.

**O**n a side note, I would say that we have over 350 Koi between my pond and Theo's ready for auction. Obviously, we can still use more help in the bagging of the Koi on June 2. Call me to offer your assistance!

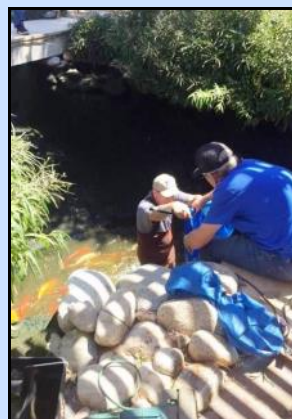
~Ed Kushner (951) 520-0092

*Photos:*

*Draining the pond in preparation.*

*Ed, in waders, goes into the mud. The guys on top are set up to bag the koi as they are caught.*

*Ed nets another and will pass it up. Supervisors on the deck*



5/11/2017 ~ Hi Nick,

Received your letter about my dues; I will send a replacement check. Hope you and Peggy are doing well; please say hi to folks for me.

We moved to East Tennessee in October to follow Cheryl's son and the grandkids. We are on a lake north of Knoxville and about 45 minutes from the kids who live on the west side of Knoxville. They tell us that we'll get snow a few time a year and in most cases it is gone the next day. Despite it being a mild winter, we were snowed in once for 4 days (for a SoCal boy), locals were out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day!

Please update our directory details as follows:

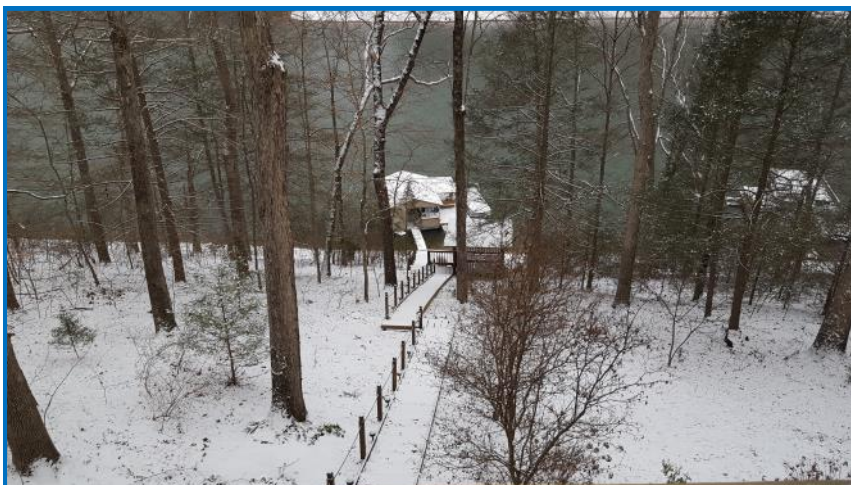
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Just.a.Koi.Guy@Gmail.com







We didn't get to attend the meeting hosted by **Phil & Rachel Hunter** on April 23, but we heard it was, as usual, well attended (49) and thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you, dear Friends, for providing the main course for our lunch, and for sharing your warm hospitality. And thank you, too, to Larry Leverett, who stepped up as an experienced past president to take over for Rob while he and Deanna took a much needed vacation. Look at that view behind him; that's the

view the Hunters enjoy all the time.

The Hunters have an amazing, custom-designed home and a property that has flourished under Rachel's hands. Those of you who are newer to the club may not have known the gardens as they were — what they are today, in their water-saving form, is testament enough to her expertise — and I hope Phil included many photos of the “then” in his PowerPoint visit to the creation of their dream home in California. I also hope there were photos of the home and gardens they left behind in Kentucky; *those* I would like to see!

I heard there were four or five photo entered this year in the **Koi of the Year** competition. I'm glad of that; my own entries managed to get lost somewhere in the *iCloud* and didn't arrive to be printed or submitted. (*Darn! New pics next year; maybe I'll be able to tub my buddies...*) Congratulations, **Ed Kushner**, to you and your winning koi.

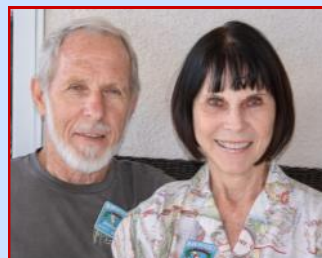
Looking at the ballots, I see that several members were nominated for **Koi Person of the Year** by ‘write-in’ vote, while only one was openly nominated. Thank you, **Jerry & Pat Mall**, for the generosity and warmth with which you open your home every year for our Thanksgiving celebration, and your support through the years.

I was thrilled to hear that, among the visitors, was **Kelly Houston** and his brother, **Mike Morton**. Such a long time since Kelly has been to a meeting! **Armand Blais** brought friends **Bill & Ellen McCarthy**, already familiar visitors. **Alex Franco** is already bringing friends to meet us, and we welcome his guest **Gina Costner**. **Jim Poyle** couldn't have Tess with him, so he brought guests **Mike Cook** and **Cindy Stretch**. We also welcome back our own **Steve Rhodes**, and the **Hunters'** guests **Frank & Susan Oddo** of KCSD.

### Koi of the Year entries:



### KOI PERSONS of the YEAR



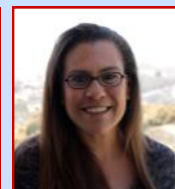
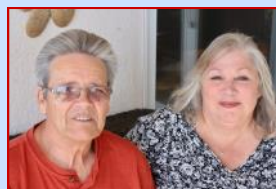
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The Visitors



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### CONGRATULATIONS!

We're very pleased to announce that **Ed Broomfield** just achieved **Certified Koi Keeper** status through Koi Organisation International. That represents a major commitment of time and energy, and we're proud Ed chose the IKS to represent in training. Perhaps soon we'll be able to list his name on the HelpLine on page 2...?



### In Memory of... Betty Nash



We are sad to share the news of the death of **Betty Nash** who, with her husband Terry, was an IKS member since 1995. Betty was born in Iowa, one of five sisters with one brother; she is survived by sisters Mary, Clarice and Lois, her son Joseph Ewalt, two grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

During WWII, Betty worked at the Naval Annex, Washington DC. In 1944, she moved to San Diego to work as a secretary at Rohr Corp. She moved to Riverside in 1957, where she resided until moving to Seattle in 2014.

Her first husband, Hall Ewalt, died in Riverside in 1973. Betty had a career at Hunter Engineering Corp at the time; rising to Corporate Secretary, she retired in 1989. While working at Hunter, she met the second love of her life, **Terry Nash** and they married in 1988. Terry died at home in 2007.

Betty loved gardening and Terry had built her a beautiful Koi pond in their backyard; they were featured on the first IKS Pond Tour in 1997. She loved the game of golf, which she played until she was 92; she was a poker player who usually won, and an avid bridge partner. She was a long-time member and officer of the Riverside Exchange Club, and the Red Hat Society.

A funeral mass was held in Seattle on May 9th; a second service was held in Los Angeles before interment in Riverside.

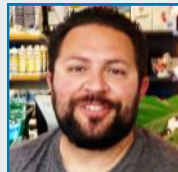


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2	<b>Koi Pick-up</b> ~ Quarantined fish to be pulled and bagged from tanks at Ed Kushner's and Theo Zoetemelk's, then transported to Nursery. To help, contact Ed for times, further info at (951) 520-0092
2	<b>Auction Site Set-up</b> ~ 3 pm until done... at Milfeld's Nursery, 2550 Adams St., Riverside 92504 ~ To help, contact Nick at (951) 780-7395 or (951) 892-4269 ~ T-shirts available for the volunteer workers at this time or Saturday morning.
3	<b>IKS KOI AUCTION &amp; USED EQUIPMENT SALE</b> ~ 8am for all workers; coffee & doughnuts available. Auction runs 10am-2pm; clean-up follows.
25	<b>IKS POTLUCK MEETING</b> — 2-5pm / Visit new member Alex Franco's <u>four</u> ponds, 1151 Windsor Lane, Tustin.
28	<b>IKS BUSINESS Meeting</b> — 7pm / Location TBA / Includes final Auction review. Members welcome.

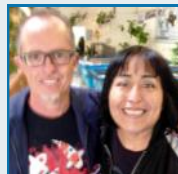
### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

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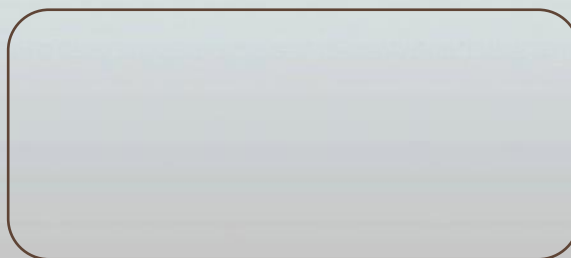
Write these into your Directory and seek them out at meetings. Make them welcome! More than members, make them friends!

I'm still hoping for some 'selfies' from members we don't see very often...send pics to [milfeld@msn.com](mailto:milfeld@msn.com) Couples, please keep your heads close and fairly level with each other. Thanks in advance!



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