

The Inland Koi Connection



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We're invited!

Come Celebrate the Fourth

with

Phil & Rachel Hunter

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Sunday, June 28

2:00 ~ 5:00 PM



Phil will be grilling hotdogs while Rachel serves sodas, iced tea and lemonade. We're asked to bring all the sides to share for a Fabulous Fourth.

Speaker: Norm Walsh of Bridge Way Koi

Topic: *New Ways of Filtration*

~ all about Phil's new water-saving system ~

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

The May 27 meeting was hosted by Nick Milfeld and served primarily to finalize all Auction planning. Business related to the event included:

- Promotion included 1000 flyers distributed at Riverside Flower Show, koi dealers and local nurseries; Jack Marrin mailed 408 postcards to attendees of tours and auctions in last 4 years; free print ads in *KoiUSA*, *Inland Empire* and *Your Villa* magazines, *Press-Enterprise*.

All auction equipment will be at the site, ready for set-up 3PM Friday. Ed will begin bagging rescue koi after 9AM Friday; first tank at nursery to be ready by 10AM. Expecting about 30-35 koi from seven members, about 70 from rescue – a good number to be sold in the four hours allotted.

- Final review of the event will be at the regular Board Meeting, July 1.

- WE STILL NEED** two members to supply *regular* and *diet* sodas for club meetings. Club ice chests are available; the cost of sodas and ice will be reimbursed when receipts are turned in to the Treasurer. This does not required board meeting attendance. Contact Nick Milfeld to volunteer.

- JUNE 28** meeting at the Hunters' in Temecula. They will provide hot dogs & buns, mustard, relish, devilled eggs, and beverages (iced tea and lemonade, waters and sodas). Come to celebrate The Fourth and bring all the sides for a great picnic! Norm Walsh, of Bridge Way Koi, will speak on rotary drum filters (RDFs), which Phil has recently installed.

- ANNUAL FIELD TRIP: Mark your calendars** to meet one week early in August—**Sunday, August 16**—for a joint meeting with Koi Club San Diego at the Japanese Friendship Garden at Balboa Park (2215 Pan American Way). Sign up for the bus at June meeting, although members may also drive themselves. Lunch will be provided by KCSD. More info to be announced at June meeting, but expect a \$10pp charge for the bus.

- Sadly there are two more deaths in our koi world. IKS member **Cheryl Alkema** passed away on April 16 after being in hospice care for a couple of weeks following a fall in a care facility. Our condolences to Bob.

Friday, May 22, **Tom Ayers** passed away. Tom, a long-time member of Southern Arizona Koi Association, was a koi judge and a familiar face at Koi Shows and all koi events. For the record books, he raised a couple of koi that won Grand Champion in Tucson, Phoenix, San Diego and Portland shows. Tom's ever-smiling face will be missed.

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Having Phil & Rachel Hunter host this month will be a treat for old and new members alike, for there have been many changes to the landscape since last we visited. Regardless of changes, their unique pond will still greet you at the front door, beg you to tarry indoors, and then invite you out to the patio and the views of the valleys below. Let's revisit the 2003 pond tour booklet:

Extensive work was done to develop this 10-acre lot overlooking the southern reaches of Riverside County and the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve. The pond is only two years old (now 14); built first, the house was constructed over and around it, with numerous windows in every wall to keep the Koi in view. At the front entry, a flagstone "beach" and plant shelf lead into the deeper water. Fed by a cascading stream and 3' waterfall, the pond disappears under the house, leaving you wondering where it goes.

You are invited inside to understand the intimate relationship of Pond and Home: a 'bridge' leading from the public areas of the house to the private wing has a 'viewing glass' set into the floor, and a sunken sitting area where the Pond comes indoors under a glass wall allows fish and family to interact. Altogether it's a wonderfully inviting place for entertaining—and the ambiance invites you outside, too.

As you reach the back patio, the view is breathtaking! But turn around and enjoy the elevated water garden that spills over into...the Pond again! You can even see the sunlight and reflection of plants from the front as you peer under the bridge of the house. It's a remarkable design!

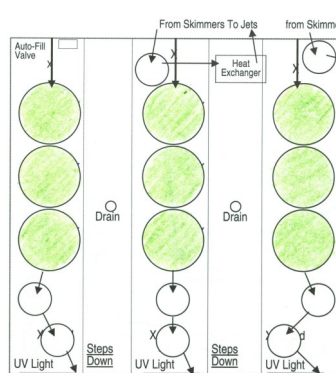
The two-story guesthouse at the top of the drive includes a work-room; opposite and above it is an enormous rose garden. You are invited to wander there. "Take time to smell the roses!"

Speaking of changes, Phil told me they have removed all of the grass—every blade—and many of the roses, replacing them with succulents and rocks. But no cactus!

As for filtration, imagine an 18' x 18' filter room hiding under the patio deck (see schematic on back page). From the tour booklet again we read:

Five Sequence 1000 pumps draw water from three 4" bottom drains (with air domes) and two 2" skimmers to feed the filter system. The return system includes the stream, waterfalls, six jets, auto-fill, a

foam fractionator and air blower. PVC was used throughout, 4" for gravity and 2" for pressure.



There are three separate, parallel, down-flow filter systems, one for each bottom drain. Water flows from the pond through a sequence of three chambers (a vortex, a brush filter, and a bio-filter), then it is pumped to a bead filter and UV lights before returning to the pond. Altogether, the system handles 12,000 gph. In addition, skimmer water is pumped through a heat exchanger (the pond is heated during Winter) and returned to the Pond via jets.

Phil has replaced six of the nine vortex tanks with a **ProfiDrum Eco model 65/40** rotary drum filter (RDF); the remaining three are all



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ing bed bio-filters. The primary reasons for the retrofit were to reduce maintenance and to save water. With the original setup, he had to clean the filters every two weeks; that took three hours and 3000 gallons each time—about 6000 gallons a month. With the RDF and his ozone system, he does a single water change monthly and it takes only 1500 gallons. The RDF uses about 720 gallons a month for self-cleaning, so he's saving about 1800 gallons a month. In his area, the state had ordered a 30% reduction in water use, so this has helped, as has the lawn-free new landscape. It should be interesting to hear more about all of this from Norm Walsh of BridgeWay Koi.

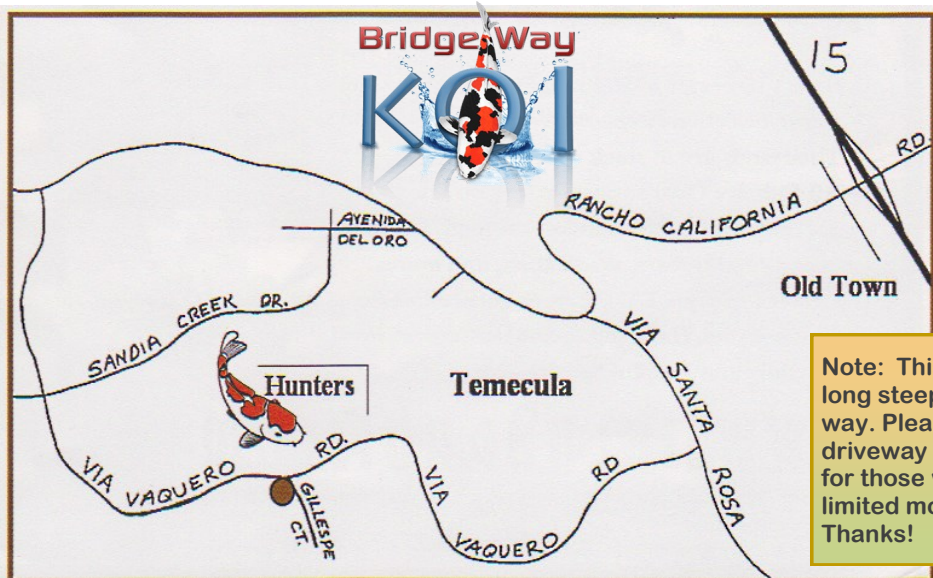
Remember to dress for The Fourth and bring foods to complement grilled hot dogs. See you there!

DIRECTIONS:

- › I-15 South & exit on RANCHO CALIFORNIA ROAD, turn right.
- › Go up the hill and make a left on VIA SANTA ROSA.
- › Go approximately 1 mile and make a right on VIA VAQUERO.
- › Stay on VIA VAQUERO for approximately 6 miles.

House is on the left. But, you'll need to turn left on GILLESPE and use the first driveway on the right.

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Note: This is a long steep driveway. Please save driveway parking for those with limited mobility. Thanks!

Another gorgeous day, if not a bit warmer than we would have liked! Set-up at Nick's nursery began early Friday afternoon, while the bagging of rescue koi – for transport from the Ed's to the auction site – had started at 9AM! The bagging team of Kushners, Fales, Tom Wright and Mark Krakower were surely beat by the end of the day!

Under the shade cover and ALL of the club's EZ-Ups, our workers, the buyers and the koi were kept reasonably cool. Plus, morning coffee and all-day water and sodas were available to all. The Zoetemelks and Leever managed food sales and service from 10AM until they ran out!

Co-chairmen Nick and Larry split responsibilities during the day: Larry's hands were full working with the Fish Handlers – a 50/50 team of IKS and KCSD members – while Nick kept tabs on the whole affair. Orville Hanson managed water quality, while Toms Wright and Ross passed judgement on koi ID and health. Only three fish were lost, including one massive *Ogon* that was struggling Friday night.

Ten tanks were set up to receive bagged koi for sale and those re-bagged after sale. Sixty-six registered as bidders, and the enthusiasm was high to the very end. Auctioneer Jack Marin noted that our determination to limit the number of lots offered was part of the reason – certainly less tiring for everyone – but the overall selection of koi being sold was important, too. We had higher quality koi and certainly more recognizable varieties than in years past. And sizes! A 20"-28" koi was common among the 91 lots, and the prices ranged to \$300. Debby had fun sounding an air horn for the 21 sales of \$100 or more.

Greeting our buyers were
Fran Krakower,
Francine Hoffman,
Dorothy Lynaugh.



Set up to keep it clean →



↑ Re-bagging table with O₂ at hand.

← Drain table keeps the ground dry as koi are moved to display tub for the runway.



↑ Eight tanks of bagged koi are viewed prior to 10AM opening.



"As co-chairman of our 5th auction, I thank all who worked to make it a success. All participants worked hard to make it a great day. Thanks again for all your help!" ~ Nick

Equipment offered included filters and media, pond liners, QT tanks, pumps, pipe...so much more!

Just before 9AM, the runway is set, lined with seating for 55+. Eric Fales and Larry Wolf were handling traffic control; and we were ready to do business!



↑ Ready to receive koi and equipment are Tom Ross, Ed Kushner and Tee Wright.

Auctioneer Jack clowns with fish handlers (l-r) Tom Ross, Jerry Mall, Orville Hanson, Spike Cover, Larry Leverett.



In charge of Equipment Sales was Mark Krakower, who sadly was offering many koi and much equipment for sale before he moves to Florida; his fish garnered the two highest bids! We will miss Mark and Fran, but taking their place are three new members from the day, and seven others expressed interest in joining. That's one of the best reasons we have for doing pond tours and auctions: to introduce ourselves to the koi-loving public.

Organization of an event like this is paramount for its success, and we owe our thanks to the San Diego club for teaching us how to run an auction. Al & Tamsie Pierce met with a group of us years ago and handed over all their guidelines and shared years of experience. They have shown up to work every time, and bring with them their auction team.

Nothing makes a day like an enthusiastic crowd. Other than a scheduled lunch break, there was never a lull in the bidding or the action. Buyers came from as far away as Oxnard, Stanton, Garden Grove to the west; Fallbrook and Laguna Beach to the south. The word got around!



Nick welcomes all...

Jack sells all...

Dorothy Wolf and Peggy record it all....



Enthusiastic bidders make the day! #20 won the bid often!



Erika and Jeremy show off the koi to admiring bidders.



"It went very well this year: koi were healthy, we had the right amount of fish, Nick did a great job organizing it, and we had great help from the san Diego Koi Club and, as always, from our own club!" ~ Larry

Auctioneer's reward: a case of Irish beers!



↓ Carl Leever tends the grill, .



Bagged and ready to go home!

↑(l-r) Paul Atkiss, Tom Wright and Jeremy re-bag sold koi and transfer them to holding tanks.

"Best organized auction we've ever had! Smoothest running; best laid out." ~ Jack

The Bitter-End Gang (l-r) – Nick, Jack, Larry, Carl, Debby, Norma, and Mary.

Thanks to Donise Lei for most of these photos.



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stands, one Nation under God,
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and Justice for all.*

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6/5 -
7/5

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR ~ "Celebration of World's Fairs and Balboa Park" ~ Del Mar Fair Grounds ~ closed Mondays & first two Tuesdays (6/9 & 16). Check it out at <http://www.sdfair.com/>

11-27

SHAKESPEARE IN THE VINES ~ Great theatre in Temecula Valley; also 7/9-25 and 8/13-29 ~ www.VisitTemeculaValley.com

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LAVENDER FIELDS IN BLOOM ~ Late June to early July, Temecula

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FLAG DAY ~ Time to respect our flag and celebrate its origins.

6/17 -
7/29

SUMMER CONCERTS ^{in the} **PARK** ~ Wednesdays 6-9pm ~ Fairmount Park, Riverside. 951.826.2000 or www.riversideca.gov/park_rec

19-28

Riverside Restaurant Week ~ city-wide ~ visit DineRiverside.com

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IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 2-5 pm, Temecula. Celebrate the 4th of July early at the Hunters. Dress is **RED WHITE BLUE!** 951.587.0476

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IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7pm / All IKS members welcome! ~ 6531 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside 92507

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INDEPENDENCE DAY ~ Celebrating 239 years of freedom from foreign rule. The official federal holiday is Friday, July 3. Don't miss the annual Boston Pops Concert or the Capitol Fourth Concert...

7/8-
8/31

PAGEANT of the MASTERS, Festival of Arts ~ 650 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach. www.lagunafestivalofarts.org

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IKS FIELD TRIP / JOINT MEETING WITH KCSD ~ Japanese Friendship Garden, Balboa Park. Lunch provided.

7/17-
8/16

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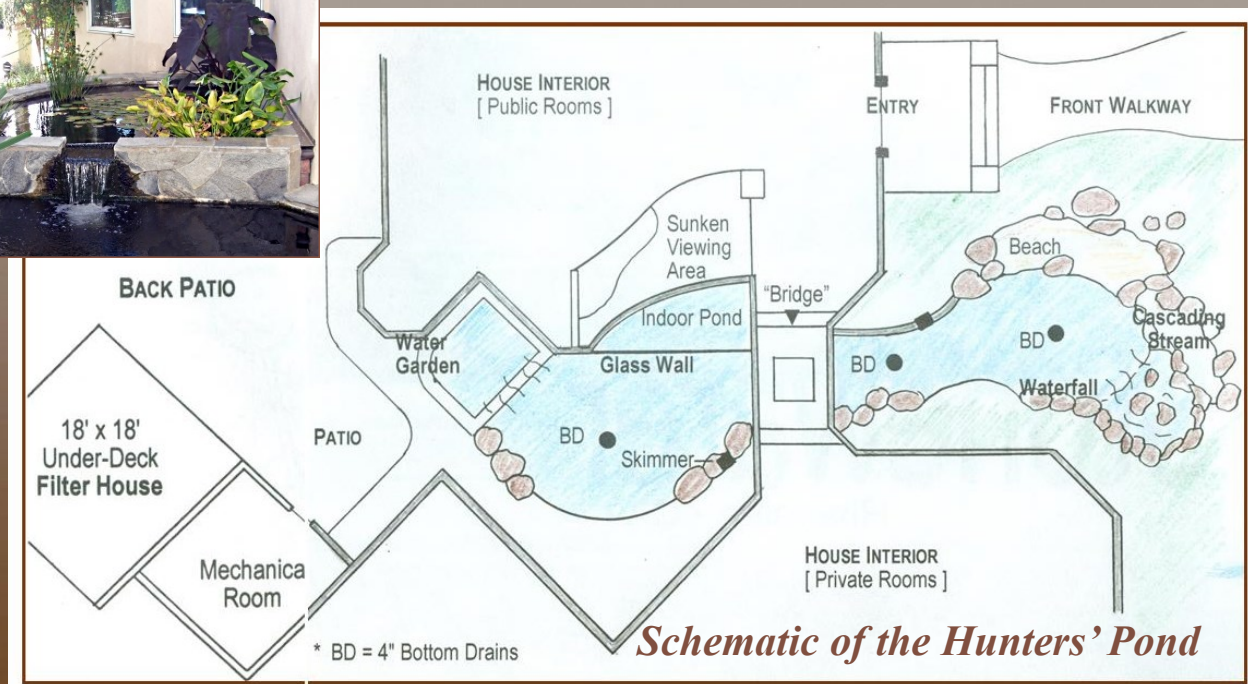
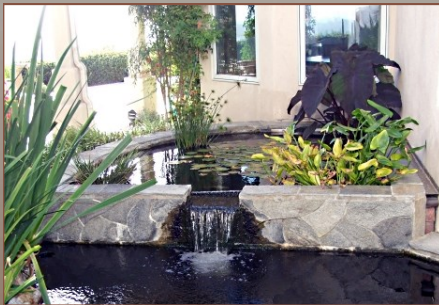
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