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AT REY AND JOY QUIRONG'S HOME
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Last month's meeting at Mystic Koi in Upland was cozy and friendly. The food was wonderful and diverse. At the meeting I received several written questions about worries that rescued and new koi could cause problems in koi ponds, and in some cases they did. One thing to remember is that any koi, rescued or new, from any pond, can be carrying something, even though they were perfectly healthy in their source pond. All the koi sold at the IKS Auction came with a disclaimer pointing this out and recommending that they be quarantined.

WHY QUARANTINE?

There is more than one reason to quarantine rescued and new koi: not only do you want to protect your existing koi from any possible disease or parasite that the koi may carry, but you also need to make sure they are in good shape before introducing them to your pond. Here are basic guidelines for properly quarantining your new koi before adding them to your pond. Most rescued or new koi will have been very stressed during their journey to your pond. In most cases, they will have been caught and moved from ponds to holding tubs, sorted then packed (crowded) in boxes all without being fed. After all this stress, the koi are very susceptible to bacteria and parasite infestations. Plus, once you have a quarantine tank set-up, you can always use it as a hospital tank or even to raise baby koi.

QUARANTINE PROCEDURE:

DAY 1: Float the koi in the bag to allow the water temperatures to gradually equalize (usually 15-20 minutes). Gently introduce the koi only into the quarantine tank; do not allow any water from the bag into the quarantine tub. Let the koi settle in the remainder of the day and overnight.

DAY 2: Newly imported koi may look stressed, may sit on bottom and be somewhat inactive; this is normal as long as water quality is okay. On the other hand, koi that have had a rest period at the dealer will likely be active and look good. Try feeding them a high quality food and see if they take it. After a few days, you might want to consider feeding them with a good medicated antibiotic food as a preventative measure; if you do, make sure to feed only that food for 14 days.

DAY 3: Continue feeding, monitoring water quality, and watching the koi closely for any signs of disease or parasites, and treat accordingly. Remember, many antibacterial treatments will also kill the beneficial bacteria in your biological filter resulting in water quality deterioration. Do partial water changes as needed, usually 10-25% at a time. Continue this for 2 full weeks.

WEEK 3: If all goes well, you might be ready to put these koi into your pond, but wait a bit longer. Every pond and ecosystem has its own set of 'bugs,' i.e., good and bad bacteria and parasites. All koi co-exist with these bugs in their environment, since no pond is ever completely free of bacteria or parasites. Obviously, koi imported from Japan will be used to a completely different environment than your pond's unique environment. One way to help them gradually acclimate to this is to introduce 1 or 2 'test' koi from your pond into the quarantine tank with the new koi. Introduce a koi that maybe hasn't developed the way you had hoped, or at least one that you don't mind losing if a problem develops. This koi will gradually introduce your pond's unique signature in to the quarantine tub. Plus, this is a good way to check to see if the new koi are carrying any 'bugs' that might cause problems with your koi collection.

END OF QUARANTINE:

If, after 3 full weeks, all koi look good, you can get ready to introduce them into the pond. Make sure the quarantine water and pond water temperatures are within a couple degrees of each other.

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I will see you at this month's Hawaiian Meeting at Rey and Joy Quirong's home.

Dennis Lynaugh
Dennis Lynaugh - IKS President

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Aloha! We are having a Hawaiian themed IKS General Meeting this month and our hosts are Rey and Joy Quirong of Moreno Valley. Rey became a director on the IKS Board last November and has become a very active member, quick to volunteer and quicker to smile. He now maintains the IKS library and hauls around equipment for the meetings. Rey and Joy are very warmhearted and humble people. They invited Larry and me, plus Nick and Peggy Milfeld, to come for a marvelous dinner while we did the interview and took pictures for the Pond Profile. Their hospitality and stories were delicious and endless!

Rey is an outside person and he has all kinds of outdoor projects going on. He has gardening plots in the front of his house; which are very planned and quite professional looking. Growing corn, tomatoes, peppers, beans, eggplant, onions and chives, plus assorted fruit trees, helps with the food bill and is obviously one of the hobbies dear to his heart.

The back yard has a beautiful pool that glistens in the sunlight and looks so inviting, especially on a hot summer day. Members and guests are welcome to use the pool on the meeting day, as long towels are brought and parents watch their children closely! The pool is shaped like a cloverleaf, longer one way than the other, and different areas of it are 3', 4' and 6' deep. Rey said with a laugh that he swims the short way and Joy swims the long.

Landscape maintenance is minimal in this yard; except for raised planters and a secluded spa on one side of the house, the whole back yard has been concreted, painted a pale blue that seems to expand the pool and its coolness. There will be plenty of room for seating, we'll use EZ-ups and pretend our chairs are set ankle-deep in sparkling clear water.

Rey had a small 500-gallon pond but always wanted a bigger one, so one day he took out some small fruit trees at the corner of his property and started digging. Rey did the work himself and now has a quite new 2,000-gallon pond, about 9' x 15' and 3' deep. He installed a 1/6 hp pump to pull water from a bottom drain, a skimmer that feeds a bead filter, and a 15-watt UV light. All water is returned to a waterfall with a dramatic 3' drop back into the pond. They have eight beautiful small fish that Joy picked out; she has a good eye for quality fish. In the last few of weeks Rey has drained and resurfaced the pond, and enclosed it with a wood fence to keep two little granddaughters out; they ignore the pool.

Rey and Joy were married in 1977; Rey is from the Philippines and Joy grew up in Los Angeles, but was raised in a Filipino family. He is a Navy Veteran with 23 years in the service and you can believe he has many stories. Once he retired from military duty, he said he wanted a job outdoors and the postal service was his choice; he retired again after working fifteen years for them. Joy is a true homemaker who helped raise their two girls, of whom they are justifiably proud. Both girls have college degrees and budding careers. Rey said that when he lived in Manila, his family, with five sons and three daughters, was very poor. He realized at an early age that the only way he could improve himself was through education. He was up at 6 am each day to deliver papers, attended school, went back to work selling papers until late, and then did his homework until 2 am. So he made it his mission, along with Joy, to make sure his girls got an education. There are two plaques above their fireplace, one from each girl to her parents, thanking them for the education, the love and the help they gave to make it possible; beside each is a framed college diploma.

Rey is full of energy and wants this meeting to have a Hawaiian theme. Hawaiian flower leis will be given out as members arrive, hopefully to go with the tropical, flowered or Hawaiian-style shirts or dresses each member wears. Please bring potluck or dessert dishes which reflect the cool Island tastes (*yummy!*), and your comfortable chairs. And note that we'll start an hour later - at 3:00 o'clock - to skip a little more of the noonday heat and catch the longer afternoon shadows.

So! Bring your *keike* (children) and entire *ohana* (family) to this lovely home, see the baby koi, be enchanted with the atmosphere. Relax while taking a cool dip in the pool, be in the company of other members and enjoy the loving landscape that Rey and Joy have put together. Listen to the tropical music and help celebrate a Hawaiian General Meeting in July with the Quirongs.

Mahalo! Debby

PROGRAM: Most of you know or know of our speaker, Burt Ballou. His many accomplishments make him exceptionally knowledgeable on the subject of "Koi." We are hoping to hear his version of the AKCA Health Guide. Since he has been a koi keeper for more than 35 years, he will have many stories, solutions and much information to share. Burt's own ponds (3) are 780 gallons, 3800 gallons, and 22,250 gallons and, if you were on the bus tour a couple of years ago, you got to visit them. He has been an AKCA Certified Koi Judge since 1997, so you know he has that special eye for majestic koi. Don't miss the chance to hear this special gentlemen speak on a topic we all love - "Koi!"

☺...This would be a great time to get a photo for KoiUSA of the whole club reading the magazine, maybe all gathered around the pool. Bring an issue each and another to share with someone who doesn't subscribe (shame on you!) and we'll stage a group shot of the fun we have... ☺

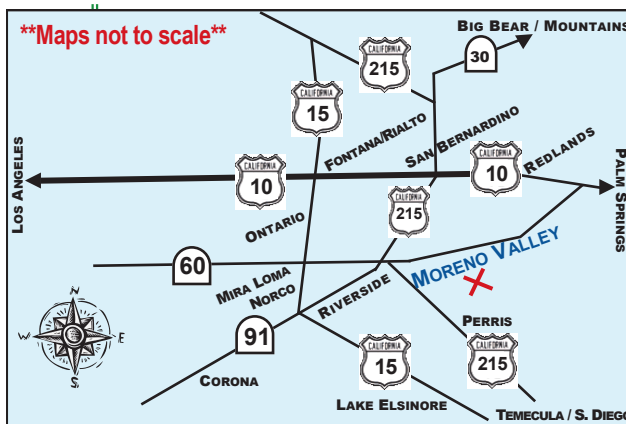


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My first impression on arriving at *Mystic Koi* in Upland was how clean and neat everything was, and how wonderfully shady and inviting the garden area was. It had been a while since I had been there, and I noted a new storage building has been added in the back corner; it was pressed into service for indoor seating for the meeting, much appreciated by the 56 members who were there. It was warmer than most of June had been, enough so that all four of our EZ-ups were used to shade folks and food, yet a pleasant breeze wafted through much of the time.

Your first obligation arriving at Mystic is to wander among all the tanks to see the current selections of koi. **Bill DeBrosky**, our host, apologized for the three or four empties: Mystic celebrated its 15-year anniversary over the last couple of weeks and sold a lot of fish! Guess Shawn will have to go shopping again! Indoors there's quite the selection of hard goods, equipment, chemicals and foods.

Since lunch is the first order of business, we had to wait for the buffet table to be ravaged before we could meet our guests and new members. Perhaps you remember meeting **Ed and Sue Vermilyea** at the Leveretts' meeting: they were referred to us by Mystic Koi and came back as 'first-timers'. Several members brought guests: **Rey & Joy Quirong** brought friend **Nancy Icamen** of Hacienda Heights, **Chrisie Nobles** brought her friend **DeeDee** [She's hoping to find someone with a bit of leftover liner she can use to add a stream to her pond; if you have some, give Chrisie a call.] **Mariano Palpallatoc** brought two friends, **Liza Edpao and son Tristan** of Chino Hills, who decided to join us on the spot, as did **Kevin Roebke** and **Jodi Holmes** of Riverside. A warm welcome to each of you! We hope we'll be seeing you regularly at our meetings.

The host's 'pond talk' is always next on the agenda, so Bill shared a bit of the history and magic of Mystic. There are a total of eight tanks, named as they were built: the first two were perhaps shortsightedly named Alpha and Omega, for six more were added, three at a time, and were christened the Huey, Dewey and Louie tanks and then the Manny, Moe and Jack tanks. An old goldfish pond is in the process of being rebuilt for more koi; finished it will hold 3000 to 4000 gallons.

Instead of having Shawn McHenry speak to us (*Apologies to all: he was stuck in Las Vegas, poor guy!*), Bill took over to discuss the importance of waste extraction. Those of us with rock-bottom ponds may have great understanding of the issues of fish wastes, but those with overhanging trees deal more with the leaves and litter. The key step is removing the debris so it doesn't foul the pond or adversely affect the fish. Bottom drains with as much as a 3-4000gph flow are vital, plus ample circulation of water, perhaps with aerated drains, an energy-efficient use of air to move a lot of water cheaply (you just can't "lift" it much).

Cleaning should be as automatic as possible: you design the pond to be self-cleaning. That means a skimmer for surface debris, and multiple underwater

returns, preferably 2" pipe to move 1000-1500 gph. Old venturi returns are going out of use because they require "too much pump." Air stones help add O₂, which dissipates so readily in hot seasons. Add to that screen separators to filter out more wastes, and you have a pretty clean system.

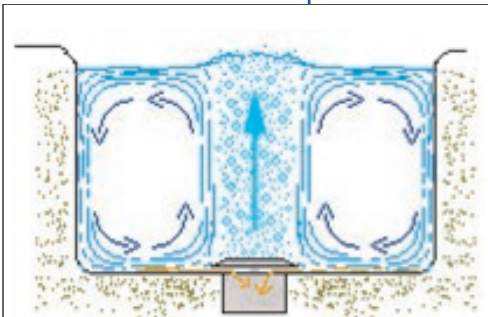
Koi questions followed: ■Someone asked what causes foam and an ammonia spike when there seems to be no evidence of a spawn. Overfeeding is a possibility, or insufficient filtration, a massive amount of dead algae, or a spike during backwashing of a filter, or some chemical may have carelessly been sprayed too near the pond by a gardener. When it was noted only two fish occupied the tank, Tom Wright promised to visit and investigate. He reported that in fact there had been a spawn* in the QT; the two fish were moved into the pond and, because there is very little filtration, he recommended 20% water changes weekly. ■Another queried how much plant coverage a pond can safely handle. Too many plants can prevent O₂ exchange, although a *watergarden* can balance, without filtration, with an average of 3/4 of the surface covered with plants. Adding fish changes the discussion, and the opinion shared was that plants should not be kept with koi: they increase the organic load and increase your maintenance work. [Spawning can cause great damage to plants, too!]

On to other business! ■Tom Wright, speaking for the Scholarship Committee, announced two awards are being given this year. The two recipients were recognized and presented with checks for \$500 each to help with their college expenses. **Erika Henry** is actively involved in IKS and is in her second year at Mt. San Antonio College, pursuing an AA degree in Registered Veterinary Technology and her eligibility for the state and national licensing exams; she was the first recipient of an IKS scholarship, in 2010. **Bryan Nobles** virtually grew up in IKS as the club "mascot"—the only child member at the time—and often presented unique reports about favorite koi varieties at meetings; he recently graduated from Pacific High School in San Bernardino and will enter SB Valley College in the fall to pursue a Law Enforcement career. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you from all of us! ■Mac McClain brought an urgent message from the AKCA regarding koi judges: a new program for intern judges has been established and candidates are being sought specifically from the West Coast because the great majority of judges reside in the East. (*Download an application from AKCA.org*). Besides

just judging between fish, instruction will cover how to write up one's reasoning—the justification of one's judgment. Mac also announced the next AKCA Seminar will be staged in Baton Rouge, LA, in 2012. No date is known yet, but let's start saving so we can have a real presence in Louisiana!

It's nice to know that we do have a few other options when meeting at a member's home isn't possible, especially when it means we can also introduce our members to our local dealers. We thank Bill and everyone at Mystic Koi for allowing us to invade their business and for making us so welcome.

~Respectfully submitted, Peggy Milfeld



Bottom drains are a vital feature of any pond design. Aerated bottom drains maximize water circulation: the rising air brings with it a column of water; its return sweeps debris from the sides and bottom towards the bottom drain to be filtered out. Two bottom drains should be considered for ponds over 3000 gallons.

Children About the Pond

In 2007 almost 30% of children's deaths from accidental injuries were suffered by the youngest age group, ages 1 to 4, and those by drowning. Drowning rates have declined slightly since, but fatal drowning still ranks second for children to age 14. Babies and toddlers most often drown in bathtubs, buckets, toilets; after that it is the family swimming pool that claims the most lives.



People don't realize how quickly a child can drown, and when a child goes missing from the house, it is the house that invariably is searched first—every room and closet— before the pool...or the pond. Yet what offers the greater attraction, that huge white bathtub full of nothingness in the backyard, or that dark pool with all the brightly colored creatures drifting in it, the pets that come to the edge every time they sense a footstep that might bring food?

A national organization promoting water safety on the construction as well as the consumer side, provides pool and pond installers a free resource, "Layers of Protection," at www.ndpa.org. "Layers" refers to the various strategies (supervision, education) and physical barriers (fences, covers, alarms) that help make water features safer.

There is always risk around water; the best we can do is minimize it to better the odds of safer enjoyment by children and adults alike. Liability may lie with installers or a family, depending on the situation. Ignoring a known hazard or problem may be argued as negligence; if an owner has done his part in good faith but an installer did something wrong, like use faulty mate-

rials or equipment, then liability may fall to the installer.

Starting with supervision, pond owners must choose which additional layers will work best in their environment. Barriers may work around both pond and pool, but covers don't; alarms sound an alert if the barriers are crossed, but don't provide a physical restraint to access. Teaching tots to swim at the earliest possible age is a vital.

Our IKS meetings are technically non-water activities, yet the essential element at every meeting is water. No child-safety precaution replaces adult supervision. We have attentive members who bring their children to meetings, parents who add the extra 'layer of protection' of a leash, and those who choose to leave a child at home because of the known risk the child is to himself and the distraction he is to others.



Although supervision and four-sided isolation fencing are two key layers of protection against child drowning, not even the most diligent caregiver can have eyes on a child 24/7, and barriers can be breached. Our ponds are often shallower than pools so a taller child might stand easily in the water, but the slick algal coat on every surface can make it extremely difficult even for a non-swimming adult to get a footing and move to the edge to climb out.

Many states require fencing of a pool, but little thought is given to digging a pond with splashing waterfalls and pretty fish, enticing a child to come near and explore, fascinating to a fearless child. Each additional layer of protection beyond the first may be the one that saves a life. Use as many as possible at all times.

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Well... What if we could visit with the guarantee that not a blade of grass would be touched, not a door would be opened, not an hour would be lost, yet everyone would get the grand tour and understand your enthusiasm for koi? Would you invite us over for a few minutes fitted into your schedule, not ours?

We are hoping to plan a **Virtual Tour** of our reluctant members' ponds for a future meeting that needs to be held indoors, and what we are asking is cooperation from a lot of members we rarely see or never get to visit. The idea is to have as many members as possible take their own photos as if on a tour of their own ponds. Snap a shot from the street maybe, or through the garden gate; approach the pond from several angles, distant and close-up; spray the cobwebs off the filter equipment and take shots of it; capture some views of your fish, the waterfall, the details that make your pond special to you. Show it off! And don't show anything you don't want to show! Oh, and by all means, include a snapshot of yourselves so we can put faces on the places we tour. Thanks!

Besides photos, we would like to have a little information about your pond, similar to what we publish in the tour booklets. People are interested in dimensions, water volume, your filtration system, how many koi you have and what you feed them. Are they pond fish or named pets? They want to know how you got started in koi, whether this is your first pond, the second or third revision, or the "last pond built first" as everybody recommends. Was it a DIY project or built for you? Have you had any great problems (snow, earthquakes, flooding...), unique solutions, or great successes? Yep! We're all nosy, admittedly guilty as charged.

Oh! What do you do with all those photos and info? Well, hopefully the photos are digital so you can put them on a disc and send them to us, or email the photos. The info can be a file on the disc, too, or just printed out and included. We'll make a PowerPoint show of the various ponds and be able to take everyone on the "tour" someday soon. *(If you really get into it, you can send us your own PowerPoint, narrated or with subtitles...or not.)* We would promise not to post any of it on the website, to keep it "in the club."

We hope this sounds interesting to everyone. We would especially enjoy hearing from our far-flung members who would host if we could get to them. We know the Frady's and the Poppe's in Virginia deal with snow and a frozen pond each winter; we'd like to see 'seasonal' views and understand how they deal with it. Information and photo CDs can be sent to my email address, nickmilfeld@inlandkoi.org with subject line filled in as: **Attn: IKS Virtual Tour.**

Looking forward to visiting many of you soon! Write or call if you have questions. My telephone number is on page 2

~Peggy Milfeld

"As a general rule of thumb, you can have **one Koi or two Goldfish per 100 gallons of water** because of the size the fish will ultimately reach. However a more appropriate stocking rate would involve the type of filtration you are using. Once Koi are a couple of years old, they do not live well with water lilies and submerged plants, as they will eat them. For pond owners who enjoy the flowering lilies, it is recommended that you have Goldfish instead of Koi in the lily pond. Many pond owners have a two-pond system with Koi in one pond and plants and Goldfish in the other." [Wakoola.com]

Fish Health: Wakoola recommends salt for your fish health. We stock 10lb and 50 lb. sizes. To keep a healthy slime coat on your fish, a level of 1lb. per 100 gallons of salt in the spring will help. However, once salt is added to a pond, it does not dissipate on its own – the water will need to be changed out.

Plant Health: If you wish to try plants in your pond, remember that the temporary salt will most likely sicken the plants. Look up information and be sure to do research before you try the combination or you will have various circumstances



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Lynaugh, IKS President

KHV AND QUARANTINING:

If you have any concerns about your rescue or new koi, or are concerned about KHV, then consider raising the temperature of your water to 76°F - 78°F from the very beginning of quarantining. Since KHV is temperature-triggered at about 75°F, a koi exposed to this temperature for more than 2 weeks will most likely start to show signs of the disease (excess slime, decaying gills...) and quickly die. This is not a fool-proof method, as some infected koi may just be carriers of the disease without showing symptoms, but it is the best method available so far.

PREVENTATIVE TREATMENTS:

1. Praziquantel – for flukes
2. Anchors Away® or Dimlin – for anchor worm (Lernaea), fish lice (Argulus)
3. Melafix – antibacterial remedy for healing split fins and small scrapes, etc.
4. Medicated food – antibiotic food for bacterial infections, ulcers



Congratulations!

to Brian Nobles and Erika Henry, each, for being chosen for the \$500 IKS Scholarship this year. They are highly deserving of this award by donating their



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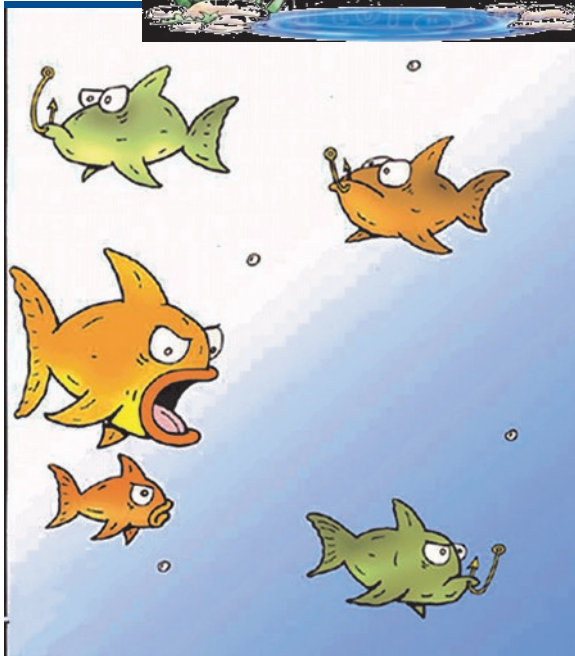
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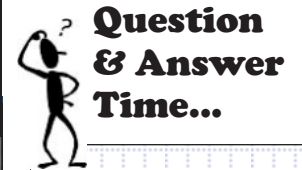


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"I don't care what all the other kids are doing, you're not getting your lip pierced!"



MEMBERS:

When you check in at meetings, look for **Question of the Day** forms at the sign-in table; write down any pond- or club-related questions you have and turn them in.

DON'T FORGET!

There will be time in the meeting to answer all questions posed. Often the questions are common to other members, too, and everyone learns something from the discussions that usually follow.

Apparently, at the last meeting I kept saying that algae might cause ammonia to spike in the pond; I meant to say muck on the bottom or in the filter.

I did go to Michael & Francine's house. The foam on the water was from spawning -- they thought it wasn't -- that was why they had a spike of ammonia.

I moved a couple of 24"-plus fish from their QT to the pond with the other koi. Since they have very little filtration, I recommended they do 20% water changes weekly.

Only a massive amount of dead algae could cause a spike.

My Bad - T.W.



"Hi, here is Brownie and Old Yeller making friends with Big Boy Blue, once our largest fish, until Brownie and Old Yeller came along!"

Francine Hoffman and Michael Reisner were able to make a winning bid for two koi at the IKS Auction. The fish were in quarantine (as should be) until this past week when Tom Wright came over and helped transfer the koi to their permanent home. Tom represents our club often and we are so glad to have such a helpful volunteer and caring member!

Thank you for sharing your wonderful story, Michael and Francine! dj1





2011 AKCA Dinner,
Annual Business Meet
&
KHA Wet Lab

on Saturday June 25, 2011

On June 25, my darling wife, Jill, and I celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary, at the AKCA meeting in Orange County. I must say I had some reservations about spending our anniversary at a meeting/banquet. Jill's response was, "As long as we are together, that's all that counts." Also in attendance from the Inland Koi Society were our Koi person of the year Bob Henry, his wife Bonnie, and Patricia Hurley from Cherry Valley.

Jill and I were warmly received by the board members and attending guests. Bob Finnegan, the outgoing chair started the meeting and turned over the officiating duties to the new chair, Kristine Peterson. Also in attendance were Secretary Carole Elliott, and Chief Financial Officer Doug Dahl.

During the two day event, a KHA wet lab class was held, and the attendees were given certificates at the dinner. The Iron Man award was given to Doug Dahl by Bob Finnegan. Upon receiving the award, Doug Dahl took the time to commend one of our members, Larry Leverett, for his input in starting the AKCA and also commended Spike Cover. It was reported that the AKCA presently has 23 certified judges, and that most of them are from the East Coast. A request is being made to have the clubs on the West Coast encourage their members to apply to become judges.

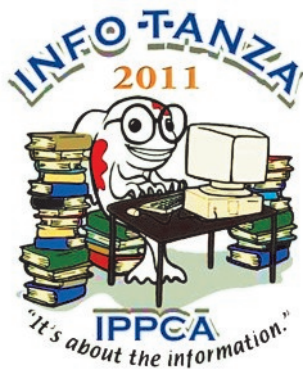
The guest speaker was Brett Rowley of Brett's Fish Farm in Houston Texas. Brett's slide presentation and oratory were well received by all in attendance. His colorful commentary covered all aspects of the Koi hobby, including how he got started in the business.

In closing, I must say this was my first meeting, and to say the least, it was interesting. I look forward to getting to know more about the "inner workings" of the AKCA.

Enoch "Mac" McClain, IKS AKCA Representative

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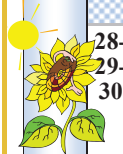
17 NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY ~ In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed July as National Ice Cream Month. He also established National Ice Cream Day as the third Sunday in the month.

23 MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS FEST ~ 9 am in the Meadow next to the Green Valley Lake Community Center, 32659 GVL Rd. Jams, Work-shops and Concerts 10:00-5:00-ALL DAY. 7000 ft. in the San Bernardino Mountain Range. Hands on experience. www.green-valley-lake.com

24 IKS HAWAII GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK ~ 3:30-6 pm / Hosts are Rey & Joy Quirong in Moreno Valley. If more information is needed, call Ed Kushner at (951) 520-0092

25-31 CHERRY PICKING ~ See information on the left. www.rileysfarm.com

27 IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7 pm / *All members of IKS welcome!* — 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Dennis Lynaugh (951) 780-0123.



28-30 REDLANDS BOWL ~ 8:15 pm / Rodgers & Hammerstein's "CINDERELLA."/no charge/out door theater/Brookside Avenue at North Eureka Street, Redlands, 92373/(909) 793-7316 www.redlandsbowl.org

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13 AUGUST MOON WITH RABBIT ~ See ad and story on the left of this page.

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12 AKCA BOARD MEETING ~ 6 pm / 529 W. Blue-ridge Ave., Orange, CA 92865 / Call Mac McClain at (951) 398-7048 for more information

28 INLAND KOI SOCIETY'S GENERAL POTLUCK MEETING ~ 3-6 pm - Pending - Possible in Redlands. Call Ed Kushner if more info needed (951) 520-0092

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