

The Inland Koi *Connection*



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NEWSLETTER
OF IKS
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Note: Summer Schedule is 3-6 pm



Sunday, July 24

Pot Luck Meeting

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Hosted by

Nick & Peggy Milfeld

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AROUND THE OVAL POND

The IKS Board meets monthly, generally on the Wednesday evening following the Sunday regular meeting of the club. The meeting begins at 7pm and is open to any interested member. At the June 29 meeting, discussed were:

Board Reports - Last General Meeting on June 26, 2016: The directors in attendance and Orville H. mentioned several things that made this meeting a success, for example, Ed and Louise's low maintenance Zen-like garden and ambience with welcoming hospitality. Once again it was hot, but misters, a low-hanging ceiling fan in the patio and shaded surroundings were all provided. Ed and Louise B. eloquently shared with the group the evolution of their inspirations, dreams and style. The results viewed by the members of their home, gardens, pond and Koi were greatly influenced by Louise's love of the peaceful ZEN style, Ed's reading and research, his acceptance of IKS's and its member's input and unfortunately, the accidental death of all his Koi due to chlorine poisoning. Their perseverance after the latter event produced what they shared with us Sunday.

The Speakers were Dean and Chin from Nishikawa Koi Food, which is produced in Canada. They had extremely technical information regarding the nutritional needs of Koi, the healthy process of digestion and the absorption of nutrients by a Koi. They explained their extensive and on-going efforts to produce the appropriate food product for Koi. They were also very generous with the samples they distributed to the members.

New Business: Orville Hansen had examined the non-working amplifier and **determined the club needs to invest** in a new one. The old amplifier has served us well for 13 years. The directors browsed through catalogs and specifications for the Bogen and Bosch Brands, as advised by Orville. It was decided that the Bosch Amplifier would best fit our needs and price. **It was motioned** by Randy Mc. and seconded by Larry L. The remaining directors agreed and the motion was passed. **2017:** IKS may be planning for another Koi auction in the year 2017. **It was agreed** to send the Lynaugh family flowers for the Dennis's memorial to be held on July 14, 2016 at 10am at St. Catherine's Parish in Riverside CA.

Koi Rescue: With Ed K. not in attendance, Jack announced that Elaine B., a former Member and resident of Redlands, would like to donate her Koi to the Kimberly Crest Estate and asked if the IKS would facilitate this move. There was much discussion and Larry L. offered to help. No date was set.

AKCA Report: Mac Mc. will soon update IKS, he stated he is putting together a synopsis of several recent AKCA events. AKCA Koi of The Year, Randy's fish, will be voted on in August during the AKCA seminar.

Motion to close the meeting by Jack M and Larry L. at 9:04 pm and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Norma Marrin, IKS Secretary



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

Nick & Peggy Milfeld have invited IKS members to hold the July General Meeting in their exquisite garden. Many of us have visited the Milfelds' garden and pond before: it has been on two IKS Pond Tours and on the Riverside Flower Show Garden Tour. It has seen two, or more weddings and at least four receptions, many Women's Ministry Luncheons & a Fashion Show. Twenty years of Pathway Christian Church Easter breakfasts, a fund raiser for Alvord School District, and twice been on the RCRMC Spring Garden Tour. Their yard was featured on a night-light garden tour, written about in the Press Enterprise Newspaper several times, and featured in many other events.

Nick, Peggy, and their three children built two ponds at their last home, and a prerequisite for the 1987 move to Riverside was a property that would support waterfalls (like in a forest). Nick's "beautiful forest" vision was invisible to three of four landscape architects facing the flat, barren half acre and the 2-to-1 slope to a block-wall lot line left by the developers. But tons of rearranging, and truckloads of topsoil and amendments later, the digging began and the trees got planted. The real adventure begins as you enter the backyard where you will find yourself magically transported to a beautiful forest of tall whispering pine, cedar and redwood trees. Nick has always said his woodland yard is the result of his inability to move Milfelds' Azalea Nursery, his wholesale family business, to the mountain environment he would have preferred. Instead, when he and Peggy moved their business and home to Riverside from Temple City, he stubbornly brought the forest to his back yard, thus also creating a lush microclimate for ferns, azaleas, rhodies and hydrangea. Recently the garden had a make-over, with trees trimmed and thinned to allow more sunlight to bathe the wealth of various flowers and trees. Be sure to take the trail that reaches into the trees among ferns where you can get a good view of the series of terraced waterfalls cascading down to the Milfelds' spectacular gunite Koi pond and swimming pool. Edging rock and waterfalls were all hand formed of concrete and painted to support an idea of naturalness. The plantings, additions and care are done by Nick and Peggy with lots of love and a pride in gardening, with constant shifts according to weather or wishes.

Their 11,000 gallon pond, with two waterfalls and an island {which the duckies were born on the 6th}, is to the left, and a swimming pool, with a spa and waterfall, is to the right. There is a deck in the middle which makes the pond and pool look like they are joined. Two different filter systems filter the pond. Two bottom drains feed a combination of three vortexes by Patio Ponds, with a 1/4 hp Sequence pump and an Aqua UV with 120 watts back to the pond through jets. Two bottom drains and a skimmer feed the second filter system, driven by two 1/4 hp Sequence pumps, first to a pair of pre-filters built by Bob Walters, then to another 120 watt UV light, up to a three-chamber up-flow rock-gravel-silica sand filter to polish the water; then back to the pond via a waterfall. These systems run 24/7. Nick also has a 2 hp pump that pulls water from two other bottom drains and goes straight to the giant waterfall, which runs only when there is an audience.

Nick has been our long-time club Treasurer, except when Sandy Hanson filled in for 4 years, and Peggy greets

you at the sign-in table at each meeting, creates the Inland Koi Connection Newsletter, and has created the IKS Pond Tour booklets each year. Because of their dedication and constant involvement, both have been elected as an IKS Person of the Year in the past. You couldn't find a better example of unselfish giving and friendship in our club than the two of them.

The Milfelds have a beautiful swimming pool, 15,000 gallons, 4 1/2 feet deep, with a 2 hp pump for the waterfall. With this heat, it might be a refreshing treat to dip your feet in or stand in the waterfall (bring a towel for drying, but we will not swim because of the noise and distraction it would be to the speakers). The pool is not fenced, so parents will need to keep an eye on young children.

Since July, August and maybe September in the Inland Empire are extremely exhausting with high outdoor temperatures, the IKS Board of Directors have directed a time change; hoping to catch a cooler time of day. So, this month, as last month, the starting time of the meeting will be **changed** from 2 - 5 PM to **3:00 - 6:00 PM**. By three in the afternoon most of the Milfeld yard will be in shade. Remember your comfortable chairs...pen & paper...any raffle gifts... and an attitude for relaxing while learning about Koi. We have exceptional potlucks with homemade and purchased items. I do hope you'll join in by contributing your favorite summertime dish or treat.

I'll see you there, Debby Leverett, Filling in for Editor, P.M.

PROGRAM: Question & Answer Panel - Write down beforehand, and bring any questions, problems, or things you are curious about! Then, bring your notes to get responses. The only stupid question is one not asked!

- ◆ FROM 91 FREEWAY IN RIVERSIDE, EXIT ON MADISON STREET.
- Go approx. 1 mile south to VICTORIA AVE., an old divided street, and turn left.
- Turn right on WASHINGTON at the 4-way stop; turn left at signal on OVERLOOK.
- Take the first right (ALTON WAY), go right at the 'T', and then you are forced left. Go 2 blocks & turn left. It's the second house on the right.





Peggy Milfeld offers a story, “**ABOUT OUR DUCKS**”~

On June 1, a Wednesday, we had our annual visit from a pair of mallard ducks. They settle in the swimming pool for a day and then are gone again until the next summer. We've always wondered why they choose the chlorinated water over the fresh, especially when the pond offers them a lush natural buffet!

The following Saturday Nick decided to clean up the island in preparation for hosting the club in July. Starting at the far end, he filled a couple of big buckets with weeds and pine needles, then moved around to the front of the island. Reaching in for another pile of needles, he was surprised to find a clutch of eight eggs! Obviously he quit his work and climbed out. When

Momma Duck showed up later, she confirmed we'd have ducklings by end of the month. The drake has disappeared, leaving the hen to fend for herself while protecting her eggs.

Reference to Wise words by our Past President, Dennis Lynaugh;

On Monday after the meeting, Dorothy and I left for two weeks in Colorado to do five Railroad System nostalgic trips (four steam and one diesel). On the way home we stopped at an old hotel and spa with hot springs. They had a koi pond with a pump, filter and fountain. The temperature outside was 111°F. I don't know what the water temperature was, but the koi were all at the top of the water, hurting for oxygen and gulping for air. This brought to my attention that a koi

pond can never have too much oxygen! It is needed by aquatic life, pond plants, and by beneficial bacteria responsible for removing poisonous ammonia from your pond water. A truth to remember: The warmer the water, the less oxygen pond water will hold.

Atmospheric air contains approximately 21% oxygen. This oxygen is absorbed into the koi pond where it is used up rapidly. In hot weather conditions, oxygen is not as easily absorbed by a pond. For this reason it is always a good idea to incorporate a waterfall or fountain into your koi pond, as this will

cause turbulence on the water's surface. The turbulence makes it easier for the pond water to absorb the oxygen.

Unlike large lakes and natural ponds that have a small population of fish compared with the water volume, the average koi pond has a large population in only a small volume of water.

Another thing to remember:

Green pond water caused by the presence of large algae cells is not only unsightly but at night absorbs large quantities of oxygen. That is why some koi

keepers wake up to find fish that were alive when they went to bed



Hey! We're Gettin' Lazy!

Members are forgetting to pull the tabs off their soda cans at meetings

A couple of us don't mind digging through the recycle bin to pull them, but we usually find we should also dig through the trash to put the recyclables where they belong.

Please, Friends, when two containers are provided for trash and recycling at a meeting, use them appropriately. Our thanks!

I know, we need to have a container for them right there by the recycle bin, or by the ice chests, and I'll be sure to have one or two at the next meeting. You can also drop them off on the registration table, individually, or by the bagful. Many of our members collect tabs at home, at work, even at church...wherever they know people are sipping sodas.

We do this recycling to support the Children in the Ronald McDonald House.

See Full Story on **Pond Crisis.com** ♦Warmer fish are healthier because their immune system functions optimally in warmer (> 74°F) water.

Second, medicines and other attempts at recovering fish tend to FAIL in cold (< 65°F) water. So this assessment tells you two things: Part of the cause of the illness (too cold water) and one of the obstacles in the recovery of the fish (also cold water). Disease is much less common in warm water. 'Fish recoveries' are faster in warmer water because the healing process is accelerated.



The weight of the collection tabs we turn-in, is credited for Children's Medical Expenses.

Bring your collected tabs to any General Meeting and give them to Peggy Milfeld or Debby Leverett. It is a small but worthy community cause supported by the Inland Koi Society.

Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda

The general meeting was held at Ed and Louise Broomfield's Home and Gardens in Claremont CA. A sense of peaceful ZEN permeated every detail of the house and gardens. Louise states she and Ed worked together to create these ZEN-like surroundings starting in 2003. She maintains the gardens and Ed the pond and fish. It was hot a day, but the cooling misters soothed away any discomfort and added yet another sense of the mystical. There is not one blade of grass. Gazing at each flower bed, shrub and tree, we could see how they were carefully manicured and tenderly loved them into shape. Each plant in the front and back yards has its own micro sprinkler or mister. The pond was designed thoughtfully and technically. Each Koi was carefully chosen as a beautiful design element as well. Louise trekked back to the grocery store to supplement our potluck with salads. Louise and Ed graciously and warmly welcomed each member individually upon arrival.

Rob opened the meeting by welcoming back Mariano, one of our long standing members. He has won many awards for his outstanding collection of Koi. Rob also welcomed John Walberg, who happened to see one our attractive Koi Meeting directional signs on a street corner which guided him to our meeting. He has two existing Koi ponds. With sadness it was announced that Dennis Lynaugh had passed away. Dennis gave the club his time and care for many years as president and director. The Fale's children gratefully thanked all the club members for their graduation cards and best wishes.

Ed was introduced explaining that before his upgrades he has a pre-fabricated pond and ground level and only 3 feet deep. The raccoons loved his previous pond! **His improvements follow:** He enlarged the pond capacity to 4000 gallons, increasing the dimensions to 7 feet by 16 feet. His ideas came from reading three pond building books and from Mystic's existing display tanks. He doubled the aeration, drains, pumps and installed a aqua bead filter. Louise and Ed went on vacation, leaving a koi service with 30 years experience to care for his fish and pond in their absence. They returned to find all their fish dead of chlorine poisoning. The service had left the water running

into the pond too long. There was finally a settlement and they were able to replenish with more Koi, but they had lost their PETS!



One good thing is that Ed learned a lot from Barbara, a Koi expert, who evaluated all his previous Koi one by one for the settlement. She also has joined the club.

Questions for Ed and Louise: They do not use Potassium Permanganate because it is too strong an oxidizer. They bought a Burnade Valve at the hardware store with a

300 gallon option and they will never leave their water running into their pond without supervision.

Dean and Chin of Nishikawa Koi Food: Our speakers presented the technical aspects of the Koi food they produce. They have created a FOUR SEASON FOOD. Their Koi food combines Previsal, (EPT) Expanded Pellet Technology, and Nucleotides to help the fish absorb nutrients at the molecular level. Their product is non-GMO and does not contain corn gluten. Previsal acts as a probiotic to promote gut health and help decompose waste material sticking to the gut lining. The result after observing these fish for five years on this



Dean from Nishikawa Koi Food speaks to us about their Product.

structured food is improved skin quality, a beautiful slime coat and healthier digestive activity. There are three critical elements that need to be included for a complete balanced Koi food. **1)** They researched and included the best amino acid (Proteins) profile for Koi; **2)** Lipid Acids (Fats) are saturated, mono and poly fats. Koi only utilize the mono and poly (liquid) saturated fats during the winter when their digestive tracts are sluggish. They need approximately 8% fat during this time. Burning these good fats plus carbohydrates for their energy is healthy. The problem with metabolizing proteins is that the by-product is ammonia. Nishikawa used only the good fat for metabolism and energy; **3)** A high quality, non-GMO fish meal is critical. They used a highly scrutinized and evaluated fish meal at 60-72%, combined with the elements mentioned above. Nishikawa Food is sold in small quantities to preserve the freshness of the ingredients. It is sold locally at The Pet Food Emporium in El Monte CA. Nishikawa has a web site. Chin and Eric passed out generous samples of their Koi food to every person present. Dean and Chin stayed after the meeting to answer individual questions for a great length of time. Thank YOU!!



Eric; Dean's helper

Raffle: Nishikawa donated a large box of Koi Food to the raffle and Larry and Debby Leverett were the lucky winners.

Louise washed all of our dishes before we left and we all went home satisfied and ZEN Happy!

Respectfully Submitted, Norma Marrin, IKS Secretary

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	8/14	
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	13	BIG BEAR ALPINE ZOO: Chill with the animals while being served Ice-cream. Escape for a while. See bigbear.com
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	26	IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 3-6pm / TO BE ANNOUNCED
29	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7pm / All members welcome! TBA	

SEPTEMBER	02-25	LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR ~ FAIRPLEX, 1101 W McKinley Ave., Pomona 91768 ~ www.lacf.com ~ "Dare to Fair"
	25	IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 3-6pm / Hosted by George & Juli Ramirez, 198 W Monterrey Dr, Claremont 91711 / 909.626.0261
	28	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7pm / All members welcome! TBA



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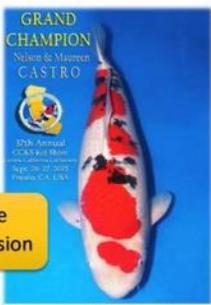
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- Silent Auction Winners Announced – 1 pm
- Koi Auction – 2 pm

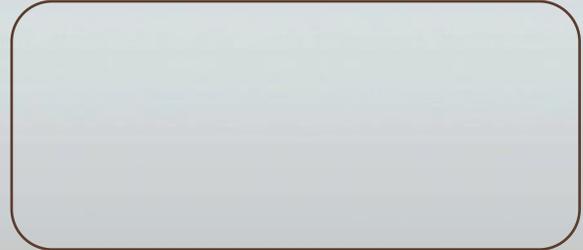
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