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IKS POTLUCK MEETING

3:00 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

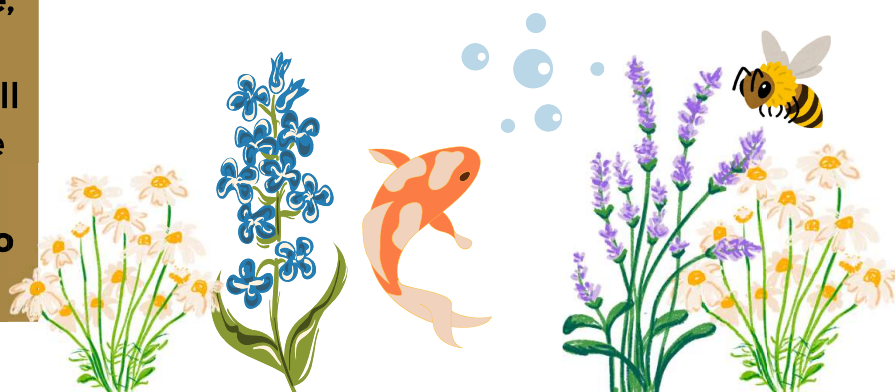
HOST: WALLY YOSAFI

3740 DEERLODGE CIRCLE,
CORONA, 92881

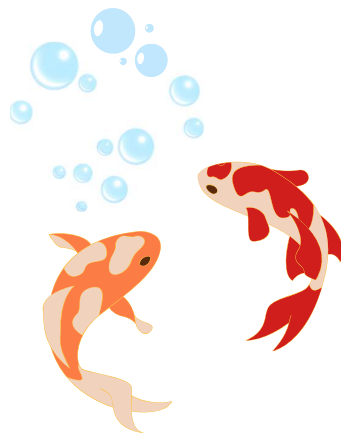
FOOD IS PROVIDED!
REMEMBER TO BRING CHAIRS!



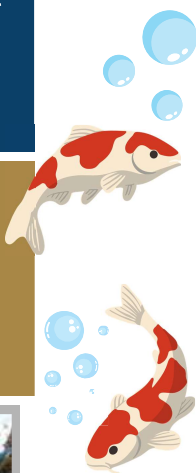
Our gracious host will be providing a meal for everyone attending this month's meeting! As the meal is being thoughtfully prepared in accordance with the host's religious observances, we kindly ask that you **RSVP** to the Milfeld's (951. 892. 4270) or milfeld@msn.com as soon as possible, if you plan to attend. Your timely response is greatly appreciated and will help our host prepare the appropriate amount of food. **Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting!**



Like many koi enthusiasts, Wally's journey into the pond hobby began with a simple dream and a modest 350-gallon pond. It wasn't long before his passion for the hobby grew, and he realized he wanted to create a much larger, more comfortable home where his fish could truly thrive. With a vision in mind, **Wally** enlisted the expertise of **Ken from Ken-Do Ponds** to help bring that dream to life. Together, they transformed the original idea into the beautiful 1,650-gallon oasis he enjoys today—a pond that not only provides an ideal environment for his koi but also serves as a peaceful retreat and a reflection of **his growing love for the hobby**.



Remember, out of respect for our host's religious practices, we kindly ask that members **DO NOT** bring any food items to this meeting, so please do come with an appetite!



Wally's pond measures approximately 11 by 14 feet and includes a charming 3-foot-deep section near the waterfall, creating both visual appeal and a welcoming environment for his fish. Although the pond has only been up and running for about four months, it is already thriving and is home to a lively collection of 34 fish, including 22 koi and 12 goldfish. Recently, the pond had a spawning event, and Wally has already spotted about 10 tiny baby fish swimming about. **Wally** is excited to welcome fellow Inland Koi Society members to his home on the 26th and looks forward to sharing his pond, his journey, and an enjoyable day with everyone!



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Upcoming Events

07

26 ~ IKS Board Meeting

1:30 PM

Wally Yosafi

3740 Deerlodge Circle, Corona, 92881

Interested members are welcome to attend, but please call hosts to let them know beforehand, 949.697.4702

07

26~ IKS General / Potluck meeting

3- 6 PM

Wally Yosafi

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Summer Siesta!

No meeting in August! See you all at the next one!

09

27 ~ IKS Board Meeting

1:30 PM

Larry and Debby Leverett

5349 Jasper Lane, Riverside 92506

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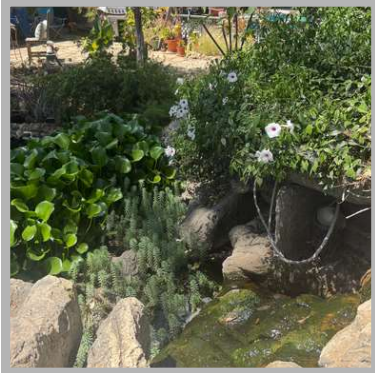
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June Meeting Recap!

If you did not attend the May meeting at Barbara's home, **here's what you missed!**

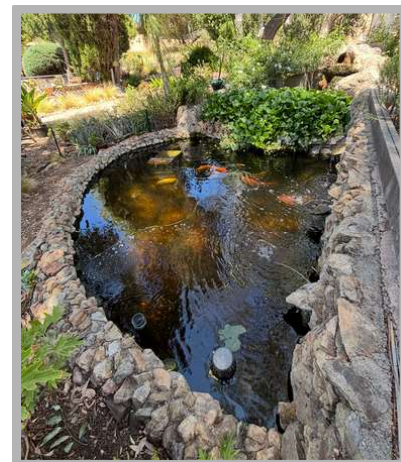


The **June meeting** featured an informative presentation on controlling string algae in koi ponds. The speaker, **Ed Broomfield**, compared common commercial algae treatments, explaining that some products contain ingredients that may be harmful to fish or beneficial pond bacteria, while others rely on simple compounds like hydrogen peroxide and sodium bicarbonate. He shared his own experience battling a severe **string algae outbreak** after a major koi spawn. Instead of using commercial chemicals, he successfully eliminated the algae by gradually raising his pond's KH and carefully increasing the salinity with pure rock salt, noting that this method is best suited for koi ponds without plants. He also discussed the **benefits of regular UV light maintenance**, answered questions about safe salt levels for koi, and emphasized the importance of choosing algae treatments that protect both fish and the pond's biological filtration.



A heartfelt thank you to **Ed Broomfield** for serving as the speaker at our **June meeting** and for sharing his knowledge and experience with everyone in attendance. We also extend our deepest condolences to Ed and his family on the passing of Louise, whose memorial service was held at their home the evening before our meeting. We are especially grateful that, despite such a difficult time, Ed was still able to join us, and it was wonderful to welcome his son as well at Barbara's home.

We hope to see you all at the next meeting!



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Measuring Pond Volume with Salt

By Syd Mitchell

As a Brit, when we joined Europe in the early 70's I was dragged, kicking and screaming away from our beloved and beautifully quirky Imperial measuring system into the Metric system. After I stopped sulking, I came to realise that the Metric system is the only 100% accurate way to measure or calculate in the scientific world. All other systems, including US or Imperial systems use conversion factors to get a Metric calculation to work in their system.

Sometimes the conversion factors for US or Imperial measurements are quite accurate and sometimes only fairly accurate but what we need to remember is that the calculation is really being done in Metric measurements with conversion factors to make it seem to be working in the alternate measurements.

This is what is happening in the US system when measuring pond volumes by the salt method with the result converted into US gallons. One way to do it uses a conversion of 12 and a slightly different way uses a conversion of 120. And there you have the confusion. A slight misremembering of which method is being used will result in the factors of 12 or 120 being put into the public domain (forums, FaceBook etc.) by well meaning people.

I often joke that I'm trilingual in maths because I speak in Metric, Imperial and US measurements but the hardest for me to use is the US system because your conversions are based on converting grams or kilograms into pounds or ounces plus converting litres into US gallons so there is a different conversion factor for everything that has to be calculated.

For pond volumes the most common US unit calculation is:

Volume (US gallons) = pounds of salt added times 120 divided by salinity increase in ppt.

The rest of the world (except a few dinosaur Brits) uses the correct calculation which is simpler because it doesn't have any conversions to remember and which also make the result slightly less accurate:

Volume (litres) = grams of salt added divided by salinity increase in ppt.

Easier to remember $V = \text{Grams} / \text{change}$

Then, if you insist on having your pond volume in US gallons instead of litres just divide by 3.79

BTW After adding the salt, wait several hours (preferably overnight) for it to fully mix before measuring the new salinity and don't add any new water by water changes or top ups or trickle feed.

Best regards

Syd

P.S. K.O.I. has a Basic Math course that will help with your pond calculations.

<https://koioorganisationinternational.org/course/500-simple-math-koi-keepers>

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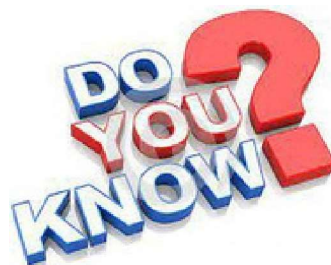


Coming Up August 8 - ANOXIC!

Presented by Alistair Marks, Scotland

- New Information about making an Anoxic Filtration System work
- Variables affecting Anoxic Filtration
- Additional experiences from our K.O.I. staff who use Anoxic

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/pondside-membership-perk>



If you want to learn about Koi, but aren't ready to jump into the 9 courses to become a CKK...

You can take any single CKK course and if you like it, we'll apply the cost to your CKK.



TIP OF THE MONTH

Club Scholarships!



Your club may offer Certified Koi Keeper (CKK) Scholarships!

- \$100 paid by students up front
- Money refunded by request after graduation – so it's FREE!
- One year to complete 9 courses
- All on-line – NO TRAVEL!
- You will learn a LOT and have FUN!
- There are other requirements
- Read before applying:

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Make your own Chlorine Neutralizer

To make your own Chlorine Neutralizer, add 80 grams of Sodium Thiosulfate crystals to 15 cups of distilled or deionized water.

Use 1 cup of the solution for each 200 gallons of makeup water to neutralize up to 1.00 ppm chlorine.

One gallon of solution will treat 3000 gallons of average tap water (with chlorine).

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Liter

Gallon

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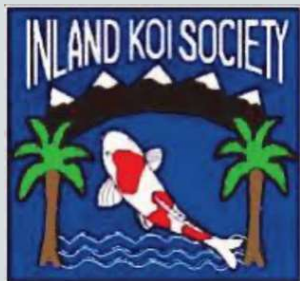
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Thank You!!!

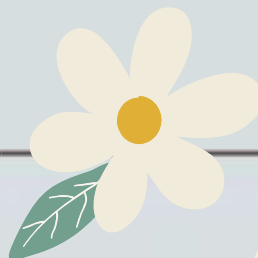


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