

The Inland Koi Connection



THE OFFICIAL
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OF IKS
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2017

**Sunday
September 24**
**Pot Luck
Meeting**

meet in Riverside 8:30 am
return about 4:30pm



Annual Field Trip



Barstow Koi Farm
Host ~ Ken Liu

42072 Silver Valley Road ~ Newberry Springs 92365
(just east of Barstow)

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AROUND THE OVAL POND

Officers, Directors & Help-Line

The IKS Board meets monthly, generally on Wednesday evening following the Sunday regular meeting. The meeting begins at 7:00pm and is open to any interested members.

The August 30 meeting was held at the Zoetemelks' home; Jeanne served us an Indonesian dinner with Crème Brulee for dessert.

- **The August 27 meeting** at Mark Corser's in Corona saw 93 members and guests crowded under nine EZ-Ups. Many thanks to Mark for providing tables & chairs, and catering by L&L Hawaiian BBQ; it was great to chat with Mariano & Cathy Palpallatoc as they served us. Our speaker, Russell Peters of Peters and Sons Koi, came in from Fresno to discuss the building of this pond and its unique filtration. Two new members signed up during the meeting.
- **Confirmed** sites and speakers for end of year; need hosts for 2018:
 - **Sept. 24** ~ field trip to Barstow Koi; \$15pp includes box lunch (4 kinds of sub sandwiches will be ordered). Meet at 8:30am for continental breakfast before leaving at 9am. Should leave Barstow around 2pm.
 - **October 29** ~ at the Zoetemelks' in Norco; 2-5pm.
 - **November 19** ~ at the Malls' in Temecula; 2-5pm, Elections. Start sign-ups in September.
- **Rescue:** Pete Miles bought 18 rescued koi for extended pond at SD Japanese Friendship Garden. Ed is boarding five koi for new member until she gets moved. Tom Wright and his cousin drained a pond in Mira Loma and relocated the koi to Ed's. No rescues schedule.
- **Elections:** Open positions include President, V.P. and Secretary, as well as Directors. Also need several volunteers to take on non-Board responsibilities such as:
 - Bringing waters and or sodas on ice to meetings (could be three people); expense is reimbursed, ice chests provided.
 - Storing /transporting EZ-Ups.
 - Hosting a meeting next year!
 - Thank you, we have new Librarians!
 - Submitting articles to newsletter—or suggesting topics of interest.
 - Keeping track of street signs, preferably making sure the next month's hosts take them home.
- **2018 Pond & Garden Tour:** Set tentative date of Saturday, May 12 and identified Corona/Norco area with six possible ponds. Need a few more ponds because several will be repeats. Will need lots of volunteers to work the tour, and members to be on the planning committee, led by Rob Fales and Ed Kushner. Committee usually meets monthly. We need people willing to share ideas, to do advertising and promotion of tour, to enlist local sponsors.... Call Rob or Ed to offer your help.
- **Next Board meeting: Wed., Sept. 27, 7pm** at the Kushners', 1556 Vandagriff Way, Corona 92883 ~ 951.520.0092

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

*Members wishing to attend a Board mtg. should let the host know.

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

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BARSTOW KOI, a 41-acre farm in Newberry Springs 15 miles east of Barstow, consists of some 14 mud ponds holding about 700,000 fish. It was founded in 1991 by TK Liu, who had been a drill sergeant in Chang Kai-shek's Chinese army. He had moved to Taiwan after the communists took over mainland China, retired, and became a schoolteacher, raising eel on the side. Japanese buyers proposed he quit eel raising and instead breed koi, which would be more profitable for all of them.

As Japanese koi breeders guided him, TK Liu mastered the art of koi, and showed them nationally and internationally for over 45 years; he was first to introduce Japanese Koi to Taiwan. Then, at age 65, he suddenly decided to sell his koi farm and move to the United States. His son, Ken Liu, remembers being shocked at his father's decision, telling him, "You won't last a year." The early years were indeed tough for TK Liu; his initial koi stock died and there were other woes. But TK proudly won awards with his *Bekko*, *Utsuri* and *Sanke*, proving to himself that domestic-bred koi could compete and win.

Reared an army son, Ken Liu began his own military career in Taiwan, rising to the rank of major while his parents were starting a new koi business in California. As part of his grooming for top army leadership, Ken Liu was sent to Fort Benning, GA, where he learned English and undertook military training. As part of this training, he plotted large-scale maneuvers at Fort Irwin's National Training Center in the Mojave Desert, 37 miles NE of Barstow. [During the 1980s and 1990s, the Fort Irwin also showcased U.S. Army large-scale tactics to foreign military leaders from all over the world.] To be effective, Liu studied the area's climate and terrain.

Shortly after being told he would be promoted to lieutenant colonel, Ken Liu realized it was his greater duty as a son to help his then-elderly father. He left the army and came into the Barstow Koi Farm business with zero knowledge; now he is the owner. It took many years before he became hooked on the beauty of the fish. Now his exotic, unusual varieties of koi capture the imagination of many pond owners; he produces many non-standard varieties that hobbyists find quite attractive. Ken makes an annual trek to Niigata, Japan, to buy some fish for his customers and some for himself.

"Sometimes it's more a question of what they will sell me versus what I want to buy," he says. To increase the odds of being able to buy his first choice, he spends considerable time socializing with the Japanese koi farmers.

The koi-selling business has taken some huge hits since Ken Liu joined in 1996. The first was 9-11: the immediate impact was that koi could no longer be flown anywhere in the country; it took several years before air freight was an option again. The second hit was the economic tsunami that hit American consumers starting in 2006. Liu said he really had to work to make sales, attending many koi shows that are within about an eight-hour drive from home.

On our outing, Ken will lead us on a tour around the property, sharing his passion for koi. He thinks of himself as an artist, playing with colors and designs, carefully studying options before making breeding decision. His resulting creations are well-known by collectors. We'll have lunch there and have ample time to shop! If you plan to buy koi, please bring a cooler for transport home, and have your QT set up and ready.

Weather in Barstow is a challenge—cold in Winter, boiling hot in Summer—but Ken says it's great from another standpoint: too hot for raccoons and opossums, four-legged wrecking crews for any koi farm! And the carp species can survive in diverse conditions, which explains why koi can be at home in northern Japan in Winter and the Mojave Desert in the Summer. Projections for our meeting date are mid-80's to 90's; dress for it and bring a hat...and comfortable walking shoes; we'll carry ample beverages for the day. We're told there have been many changes since we visited in September 2013; come and see it all! ☺



BARSTOW TRIP ~ SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

There's still lots of room on the bus! Call the Fales at **951.279.0181** (*do not call the Milfels!*) to sign up so you won't miss this awesome farm! This is the list of those who have reserved a seat; **NoShows** will still owe the club.

Alexander, Gavin & Stephanie (<i>new</i>)	4	paid
Fales, Rob & Deanna	3	paid
Dirac, Monica (<i>new</i>)	1	paid
Kushner, Ed & Linda	2	paid
Leever, Carl & Mary	2	paid
Marrin, Jack	1	\$15 due
Mouw, John & Cricket (<i>new</i>)	2	\$30 due
Nyirady, Steve & Laura	3	\$45 due
Poyle, Jim & Tess	2	paid
Rein, Lloyd & Joy	2	paid
Wright, Tom & Tee	3	paid
Zoetemelk, Theo & Jeanne	2	paid
RSVPs to date	27	

- Meet at 6531 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside 92507, at 8:30am for breakfast; leave at 9am sharp, to return between 4:30-5pm.
- **\$15 per person fee must be paid before boarding the bus.** Sign in with the Fales and pay them.
- No bathrooms at meeting place, but possibly across the street.



Mark your IKS calendar for the **third** Sunday

November 19, 2017

for our Annual Family Feast to celebrate Thanksgiving will again be hosted by **Jerry & Pat Mall** of Temecula.

Sign-ups begin this month, both to attend and to add your favorite dish to the traditional menu. If you've never been to the Mall's before, you won't want to miss this meeting high up in the Temecula hills.

This will be the last meeting of the year (we don't meet in December), a time for relaxation, fun and games and too much great food...and also for Elections.

There are a lot of openings and opportunities for members willing to help IKS remain the strong and vibrant club it is. Consider where you might be able to help, and let one of your Board Members know!

KOI HOROSCOPE: CONTINUING ON....

We looked at Pete Miles' hypothetical Japanese horoscope using 12 koi varieties instead of traditional Chinese animals, and accepted 2017 as Year of the Tancho. We've reached 2025, which should be a year of the Snake, but it happens to transpose readily to the **Year of Sanke**.

In traditional Chinese astrology, Snake's unique characteristics include being philosophical, organized, intelligent, intuitive, elegant, attentive,

Sanke [Snake]	1941	1953	1965	1977	1989	2001	2013	2025
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decisive. I do believe I can see most of those in our koi; think about it....

Sanke is one step away from the favored *Kohaku*: the simple minimalism of two primary colors enhanced by the addition of *sumi*, black patterns over the red and white. *Sanke* is highly esteemed in Japan and its improvement and refinement are constant goals.

Tricolor koi were probably seen by the end of the 19th century, but traceable present-day bloodlines began in 1914 when a tricolor spontaneously appeared in a brood of *Kohaku*. The science of *Sanke* is to cross a *Kohaku* with a *Shiro Bekko* (a white koi with black 'Sanke-type' markings); the goal is always perfection in the three most desirable elements — voluminous body shape, perfect skin quality, and the most appealing pattern.

Sanke patterning begins with having a credible *Kohaku* pattern, so close your eyes to the *sumi* and look first for a strong and interestingly placed *hi* (red) pattern. *Sanke* are not said to have 'step-patterning', but such block patterns are a great foundation. Add the *sumi* as a complementary color that enhances the *hi* pattern, not as a fill-in or cover-up for deficiencies in *hi* distribution.



Choosing *Sanke*, especially young koi, can be risky and much is based on how a bloodline performs: *Matsunosuke Sanke* start with very faint, blue-grey *sumi* that gradually deepen, while *Kichinai Sanke* appear finished' at an early age. Remember that the skin stretches as the koi matures,

and that affects the pattern distribution over the white base; a Baby or Young Champion may outgrow its show persona. Perhaps a star *Sanke* is best described thus:

Without *hi* it should be a good *Bekko*, and without *sumi* it should be a fine *Kohaku*. Add all-around snow white skin, especially on the head, and you have a winner at any size, although any koi may outgrow its perfection.

One of the trademarks of *Sanke* is the variability of *sumi*, which may vanish and reappear later; it may overlay either *hi* or white skin, but it is rarely present below the lateral line or on the head. If *sumi* extends into the fins it should be as subtle stripes, The preference for minimal strategically placed accents versus heavy *sumi* fluctuates over the years, as all fashion does. *Tancho Sanke* may appear, as will *Aka Sanke*, with *hi* the dominant color...no two alike!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

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



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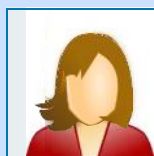
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07/05: Jack Chapman (KCSO, "Koi Jack")
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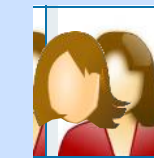
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* I need photos of new members! Please, send me a selfie, or come to our next meeting!



Congratulations to **Mark & Corrina Corser** for hosting our largest meeting to date, and we extend an enormous thank you to your family for allowing all of us to invade your day and then providing not only comfortable seating and tables, but a catered lunch as well. I'm sure the kids — and many of us — would have preferred to be lazing in the pool! It was so inviting as we entered the gate, and knowing it was pushing 109° that afternoon mad it all the more tempting.

Of course, we had nine EZ-ups covering most of the yard, about 300 drinks available, and the blessing of a teasing breeze much of the time. Besides having members of ZNA-SoCal join us for the day, we had several guests, and three placed membership: **Brenda Aker** of Corona, **Gavin & Stephanie Alexander** of Beaumont, and **Monica Dirac** of San Bernardino. We hope you'll be regulars in the club and find many friends among us.

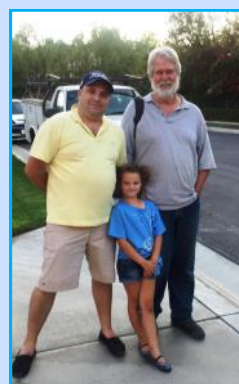
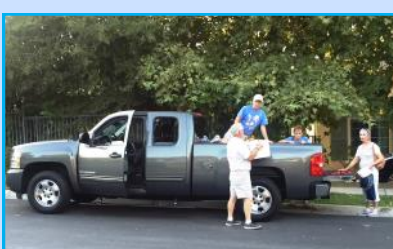
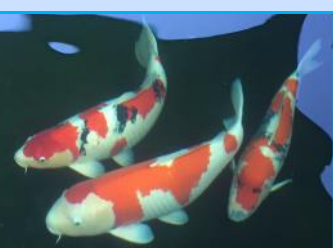
Regardless of the heat, business was all personal in nature. We were pleased to honor **Jerry & Pat Mall** as Koi Persons of the Year and to have **Mac McClain**, AKCA Rep, presented them with their Certificate of Appreciation. The Malls have graciously hosted our now traditional Thanksgiving Feast in their home for about ten years, and we love them for it. It seemed like IKS family day with **Mariano & Cathy Palpallatoc** serving up their great Hawaiian BBQ at lunch: you two have a beautiful family! **Pete Miles & Kazuko Bednay** and several of our KCSD friends were back with us, up from San Diego. Good to see all of you!

Speaking to us, in spite of glitches with the projector/laptop compatibility, was **Russell Peters** of Peters and Sons Koi from the Oakland area, although he had driven down from a pond-build in Fresno that morning (and had to return that evening!). Russell

was the contractor for the Corsers' new pond, and he walked us through the amazing 5-week process with a PowerPoint presentation. As the Brits would say, they had to "smash it out" as part of the process and dig deeper for all the drain pipes and other plumbing.

Everyone was overwhelmed by the filtration system installed here — that was the reason for the crowd. We remembered when Phil Hunter installed his RDF (rotary drum filter) system, a beautiful piece of technology for the pond. Mark's RDF is Phil's unit big brother on steroids! Add to it all the carbon filter, the water-softeners, the reverse osmosis unit, and all the monitors... It was the monitors that would have lost me: too many dials, screens and readouts to check and keep track of. The Bakki showers work beautifully and the koi are certainly happy. I don't know how many people found their way behind the showers to see all the pipes and pumps back there, or how many of you found the quarantine shed attached to the house. Everything is set up so perfectly, we hope this is the last build for Mark!

Relaxing after lunch and listening to the ongoing discussions around me, I realized that Corrina had graciously put all desserts inside the house, giving everyone repeated excuse to step inside for breath of cool fresh air, and a few who really couldn't take the heat stayed inside. I felt bad for the three guys who wrestled all nine EZ-ups back into their cases; I know my guy came home dirtier than any meeting before! And I didn't envy Russell his hours long drive back to Fresno! Thank you for taking the time to share with us. All in all, it was a beautiful day, full of koi friends. 🐡



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Central California Koi Society



September 23-24, 2017

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Koi Competition & Judging
Pond & Koi Vendors
Koi Auction 1:00 pm Saturday
Raffle & Silent Auction
Koi & Pond Health Information




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Free Admission

Open to Public

Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

- Raffle & Silent Auction
- Judging Starts – 10 am
- Koi Auction – 1 pm
- Awards Banquet – 6:30 pm (Tks \$45)
- Raffle Drawing – 12:30 pm
- Silent Auction Winners Announced – 1 pm

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2017



Hundreds of Beautiful Koi from 6" to jumbos will be looking for new homes at bargain prices.

Returning this year, the used Equipment Auction!

Held at
Freshwater Flora & Fauna 2137 Via Corte Escondido, CA 92029
David Curtright, Owner

Sellers please stop at the first driveway to register and save time Saturday morning.

Sellers	7:30 a.m.	Check in of your <u>pre-bagged</u> Koi and used equipment. Oxygen is available upon arrival, <u>if requested</u> .
		Note each bag received will be auctioned as a single lot; please separate your Koi into individual bags prior to arrival.
		The club reserves the right to reject any Koi for health concerns.
		Please note the 6" minimum size and if you wish to bring more than 20 Koi you must have prior approval; contact Linda at 619-200-4146.

Bidder registration is \$5.00 and includes a lunch & drink ticket for one. Additional sandwiches, chips and drinks are available for purchase.

Buyers	9:00 a.m.	Viewing of the Koi and used equipment for Sale
	10:00 a.m.	Auction starts
	12:30 p.m.	Approximate 30 minute lunch break
	3:00 p.m.	Approximate end of the auction and your new Koi are available to be picked up. Please note Koi cannot be removed until the end of the auction, <u>without approval prior to the day of the auction</u> .
		Buyers should quarantine their purchases; the club makes no guarantee of the Koi's health. Bring boxes/coolers to transport your new fish safely.
		Payment is accepted in cash, check or credit card. Sales tax is added to each purchase. Your Koi will be in a new plastic bag with oxygen; all you will need are boxes/coolers for the trip home.

For more information
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<http://KoiClubofSanDiego.org/>

S E P	24	BARSTOW KOI FARM FIELD TRIP — Meet bus at 8:30am in parking lot at 6531 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside 92507 / Tailgate breakfast, box lunches provided / Leave 9am sharp; return by 4:30-5pm. RSVP: call the Fales at 951.279.0181 to reserve a seat. \$15 per person must be paid before boarding.
	27	IKS BUSINESS Meeting —7pm / Host: Kushners , 1556 Vandagriff Way, Corona 92883 / Interested Members welcome, call Linda at 951.520.0092
O C T	29	<i>Note: this is the 5th Sunday, one week later....</i> IKS POTLUCK MEETING — 2-5pm / Hosted by Theo & Jeanne Zoetemelk ~ 1407 Second St., Norco 92860 ~ 951.735.9896
	1	IKS BUSINESS Meeting —7pm / Host: Milfelds , 1644 Northhampton Dr., Riverside 92506 / Interested Members welcome, call Peggy at 951.780.7395
N O V	19	<i>Note: this is the 3rd Sunday, one week earlier....</i> IKS POTLUCK MEETING — 2-5pm / Hosted by Jerry & Pat Mall ~ 43024 Via Las Rocas, Temecula 92590 ~ 951.506.4814 ~ Annual Feast sign-ups begin in September; Elections, dues due.
	29	IKS BUSINESS MEETING —7pm / Host: Marrins , 1225 Cajon St., Redlands 92373 / Interested Members welcome, call Norma at 909.792.3603

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 12 MAY 2018

14TH IKS POND TOUR



IKS has started planning the 2018 **Koi Pond & Garden Tour**. Rob Fales and Ed Kushner will co-chair the event and they are asking for members interested in being on the committee. Tentatively set in the Corona-Norco area, we are looking for 6 to 8 members willing to share their ponds with the public; we hope to end up with a solid six ponds to show.

The **Riverside Community Flower Show** is looking for a show-off pond, too:

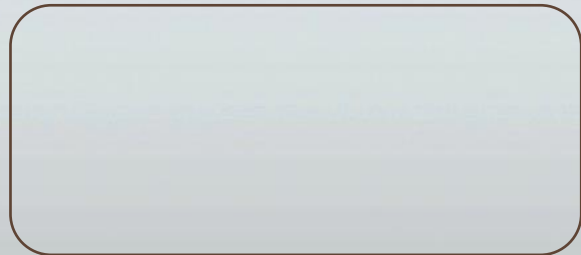
"We are looking for gardens for next year's tour, and I thought I would reach out to you to see if any of your koi club members might be available or interested."

Francine Hoffman was an absolute delight (both she and her garden), but we are always open to different styles, sizes, etc. We like to have one pond garden every year, if possible. If you know someone who might be interested, please forward their info to me. Our dates are April 14 & 15, 2018."

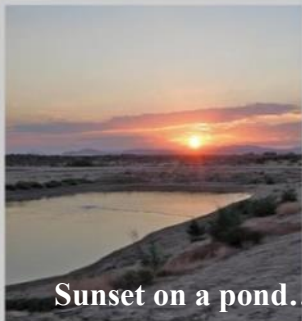
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Digging a mud pond....



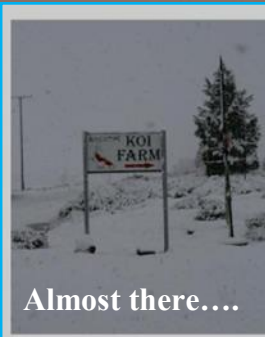
Sunset on a pond....



Harvest ~ pulling the mud pond....



Our last visit, 9 Sept 2013....



Almost there....



Winter on the pond....

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