

# The Inland Koi Connection

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**Hosts: Steve & Kelly McHan ~ 9/29 Potluck Meeting ~ 2-5pm**  
**(916) 662-1367 / 11525 Richardson Street, Loma Linda 92354**

**Speaker: Panel of Experts, answering your submitted questions**



Once you meet Steve and Kelly McHan, you'll be very comfortable and feel as though you've known them for a long time.

They have lived in this house for 3 years, been members of IKS for a year, and look forward to using much information they've acquired from our club. In fact, Steve is in the middle of renovations to their 4,500-gallon liner, partially-above-ground pond, which has two bottom drains, a pre-filter and bead filter, an air pump, UV light, a skimmer, Pump

Sleeves, and a Sequence pump. This is the third pond Steve has built at different residences where they have lived, and the couple find watching the movements of koi a very relaxing hobby.

When you arrive at their home, you'll notice a lot of fruit trees. Head towards the right side of the house, to the back yard where you'll admire citrus, pomegranate, persimmon, apricot, peaches, guava and ...I just can't mention all the trees or fruits, you'll just have to take a look.

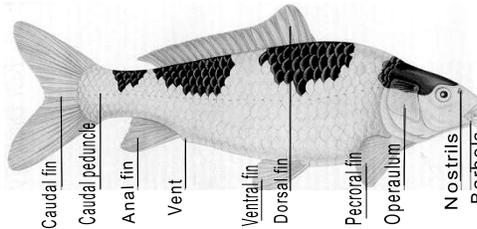
Their family includes two adult children, two pretty parakeets, some Rosy

Minnows, and about fifteen contented koi.

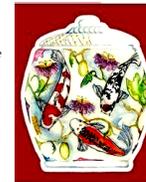
**IKS thanks everyone who participates in our important events!**

By Phil Ishizu & Spike Cover  
 from *Living Jewels* (reproduced with the kind permission of the authors, Ronnie Watt and Servaas de Kock).

**External Anatomy: Form** – Koi have what is known as a fusiform shaped body (tapering toward each end) as seen in the diagram.



The **caudal** or tail fin is primarily used for forward swimming especially fast swimming. The **dorsal** (top) fin is used for stabilization during forward motion. The largest leading ray becomes very stiff, sharp and thorn-like as the koi grows older. The **anal** fin, like the dorsal, is used for stabilization. Also, the largest leading ray becomes very stiff, sharp and thorn-like as the koi grows older. The **pectoral** fins are paired and are used for numerous functions including: steering during forward motion, slow swimming both forward and backward, bracking and to counteract the jet effect of the water being forced out of the opercular openings. The **pelvic** (or ventral) fins are also paired and serve to control pitch and roll and to counter lift.



*Welcome*

Inland Koi Society is an association of koi hobbyists and water-garden enthusiasts who gather monthly to expand their knowledge and appreciation of koi keeping.

**What's going on?**

**After 20 + years, IKS Officers and Board have decided to retire The Inland Koi Connection Newsletter design.**

This is an example of what the NEW version of the Inland Koi Society's Newsletter will be like. We are a superior Koi Club...just not enough Chiefs.

*Volunteers are always important and always, needed! dj!*

Call Ed at 951.520.0092 to volunteer

- SEPT. 08 / IKS Board Meeting @ 5pm / Rodrigo's Mexican Grill, 150 W Parkridge, Corona, CA 92880/ Interested Members are welcome to attend; please call the Kushners to inform them you'd like to come. 951.520.0092 or 951.520.0092**
- SEPT. 29 / IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 2-5pm / Hosts Steve & Kelly McHan, 11525 Richardson Street, Loma Linda 92354 916.662.1367 / Speaker: Panel of Experts, answering your submitted questions.**  
*\*Note: this is the 5th Sunday, one week later than our usual fourth Sunday.*
- OCT. 13 / IKS BOARD MEETING @ 5pm / Host Larry Leverett / Interested Members are welcome to attend, but please call to let the host know. / 951.781.3887**
- OCT. 27 / KCSO Koi AUCTION ~ TIME TBA/ Watch for more info, or contact Tom Wright / 951.990.5479**
- OCT. 27 / IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 2-5pm / Hosts Nick & Peggy Milfeld ~ 1644 Northhampton, Riverside, CA 92506 951.780.7395 / SPEAKER TBA**
- NOV. 24 / IKS POTLUCK MEETING & KOI RACES ~ 2-5pm / Hosted by Jerry & Pat Mall, 43024 Via Las Rocas, Temecula 92590 / 951.506.4814 = Annual Feast: IKS will provide the turkey, members sign up to bring all the traditional sides! Elections, 2019 / Dues are due / Koi Races! *\*Note: this is the 3rd Sunday, one week earlier***



Norco High School Pond Project

The Agriculture teacher known as Lindsey at NHS contacted Theo Zoetemelk of IKS for information and help in January 2018. Theo then started asking questions among IKS Members, trying to see if it was viable to help students build a simple koi pond.

He also managed to get several businesses to respond by donating items and approached the IKS Board about donating the yearly Scholarship (none awarded in 2018 or 2019) Inland Koi Society usually offers.

With several volunteers, a large area at the school, and a limited donation, the Pond Project was a 'GO'.

The teacher wanted the students to do the work so guidance has been happening, but slow on the work, as they understand the why's, how's and what's of Koi Pond Building.

After a Summer with no school our pond project was delayed, but now with school back in session we are gearing up for the finishing touches. The plumbing is all finished, with bottom drain and skimmer. The vortex is in ground with the 4 filters in place. Now the waterfall and the pond liner are about all that is left. This project was all built by the students with guidance from IKS, Theo Zoetemelk, project director, who was assisted in help from Deanna Fales, Rob Fales, Tom Wright and Larry Leverett.

We had some help from our corporate friends, W.Lim Co. and The Pond Digger Eric Triplett who each donated some equipment. Right now the students are doing some landscaping and getting ready for the final push. Notes, sizes, equipment and work will be cataloged by these Volunteer IKS Workers, so if other schools, colleges, facilities, or people would like to experience building a koi pond in a simple, inexpensive way, there will be a printed guide for them.

When completed, we are planning a club meeting at the school sometime after the first of the year 2020, to show off their hard work.



Another ongoing community project that IKS has been working on is collecting pull-tabs from soda cans. Then every other year or so, IKS Volunteers travel to Redlands Loma Linda Children's Hospital, to donate these tabs for the monetary value of their weight given by the California Redemption Value.

This donation helps to restock and support the Ronald McDonald Homes which house families for cancer/ medical patients (usually young children and babies), so the family will be together close. We collect the tabs at meetings. Several people save/collect a bunch, then bring the tabs to a



monthly meeting to donate them. Hopefully members will be aware to pull the tab off their drinks at the monthly meeting and set the tab from your finished drink on the registration table before, during, or after the meeting. The tab from the drinks used during our meetings will also be collected, then be recycled in the IKS Donation to the Ronald McDonald Homes.

I've even had businesses known to hear about our IKS tab collections and are collecting them for us. The last time IKS donated tabs, we got a Certificate of Recognition for donating 155,318 tabs. "Way to go! YEA, IKS!"

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A lot of the koi fish symbolism has to do with the different colors of the fish. Various color combinations come with their own names and have their own unique symbolism. For example, fish that are solid silver are symbolic of wealth and business success. The lovely white and red fish are often symbolic of career success as well. Some of the other things that various colors can symbolize include transformation, love, relationships, riches, and wealth.



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### MANY BEAUTIFUL LEGENDS

Another of the wonderful legends to consider when it comes to koi fish symbolism is the legend that occurs in Niigata, Japan. According to legend, the knowledge of koi and how to raise them was passed to the Japanese from the Chinese people. They began to raise these fish in the beautiful area of Niigata. At this time, a tough winter came along and these farmers weren't able to get any crops or go fishing to feed their families. To make sure

they didn't starve, the farmers of Niigata began to create ponds where they could raise their own koi. As they raised the newly bred koi fish, they started seeing a variety of different colors. This made them decide to start breeding some of the most beautiful fish and those they would keep as pets for their family. Still today beautiful koi are sold to be pets and many different colors exist.



#### Isabella Rose

<https://www.quora.com/What-do-koi-fish-symbolize>

In Asian culture, Koi fish is a symbol of determination, courage, and strength of purpose. The reason for this is because Koi fish like to swim against current.

In Japanese and Chinese legend story, a koi is swimming upward to waterfall in Yellow river. When it got to the highest peak of the mountain, it had turn into a Great Dragon.

Then, that place is called the Dragon Gate. This tale indicates that with great work and patience, one will gain incredible success.

So you don't give up in life, but keep pushing and do your best everyday. Then, your dream goal will eventually come in your hand.

This beautiful Koi wall art is an abstract canvas art, 100% hand-painted by Thai artist. The traditional Thai design and delicate detail make it a unique Asian art. Also, the Thai painter depicts the Yin Yang symbol on the center of the artwork. As **Yin Yang** represents balance and harmony in the universe. While, swimming Koi fish is a symbol of good luck and prosperity.

Moreover, a picture of Koi is one of the most popular oriental art in many East Asian countries. In Chinese belief, its ancient legend has said that koi fish like to swim against current. When it reached the peak of Dragon Gate mountain, it transferred into an incredible dragon. Because its solid commitment and never give up, Koi has become a symbol of courage and perseverance.

Our Koi fish painting is professionally hand-stretched and warped on wooden frame, so it is securely hidden around the sides. Hence, this gallery wrap method enables to present a frame-less finished painting. Due to the nature of digital image, the actual painting will look better in person.

<https://royalthaiart.com/product/koi-wall-art/>

