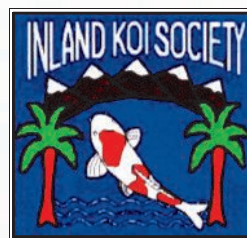


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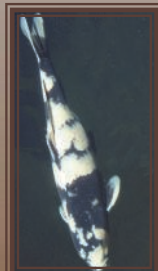
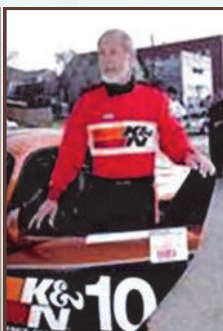
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**IKS Holiday
Festival Meal
with Side Dish
Potluck - Last
General Meeting
of 2012**

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The Bus trip on Saturday, September 27 was completely enjoyable, educational and a pleasure for everyone.

Our November 18 meeting will be our Thanksgiving celebration. Don't forget to advise Peggy Milfeld of what you are going to bring for dinner. Election of the 2013 Board will also be this date, so come to vote.

I thought I would point out some things to think about during the winter months when things are slow.

Koi growth depends on several factors.

Given optimum conditions, koi will grow as rapidly as their plain-colored carp cousins. Koi growth and koi size is determined to a large extent by the size of the pond in which they live.

I'm sure you have seen pictures of really large koi that don't look elegant and graceful, but fat and disfigured. These fish have been substantially over-fed and under-exercised. To achieve healthy koi that reach their full growth potential, color and vibrancy, you will need a large pond and excellent biological filtration.

Professional Koi keepers ensure that their koi are in tip top condition by introducing a current into their ponds. This is akin to humans running uphill on a treadmill.

What encourages maximum koi growth?

The maximum size of your koi depends upon both genetic factors, the size of the pond in which they live, and the filtration employed. The koi's diet is also a major part in determining the mass of the individual koi.

The best system allows the maximum amount of oxygen to enter into the pond. This oxygen encourages optimum ammonia conversion rates. As discussed in previous articles, the Nitrogen Cycle that converts ammonia to less harmful nitrate, requires plenty of oxygen.

Prize-winning koi don't always produce the best fry

Unlike race horses, where the best horses tend to produce equally magnificent offspring, the koi world has a sense of humor. Two prize-winning koi parents, with the best coloring and markings, won't necessarily produce genetic equals.

Bear this in mind when you are agonizing over the 5" koi that you see at your local dealer's. Dealers will attempt to sell a koi, especially to the novice koi buyer, based on markings, colorings, length and mass. Unfortunately, in the koi world, the story of the Ugly Duckling that becomes a beautiful swan seldom rings true.

Remember:

Ensure that your pond has plenty of oxygen. This encourages efficient and quick breakdown of ammonia by your biological pond filter, and also ensures that your koi convert their food into new body tissue far more efficiently.

1. Encourage koi growth by reducing competition and keeping a low stock density: don't have too many fish in your pond.
2. In the wild, a koi's metabolism starts to slow down as the water temperature gets colder. This results in koi eating less and generally not being as active.
3. Depending upon the season, feed your koi a branded koi food that is high in protein (35%+) and contains essential minerals, vitamins and color enhancers.

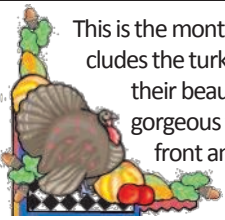
I am looking forward to this Thanksgiving meeting and to having a large number of members attend. Come and have an enjoyable time.

Dennis Lynaugh

Dennis Lynaugh - IKS President

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NOVEMBER POND & HOST PROFILE



This is the month for our annual Thanksgiving meeting, which includes the turkey feast. It will be hosted by **Jerry and Pat Mall** at their beautiful home in the hills of Temecula. This home is a gorgeous two story with a view, incredible hand made patios front and back, and a beautiful koi pond. There is a pergola, built from old barn lumber from the Midwest, that covers the patio and part of the pond; it makes you feel dreamy, wanting to sit, relax, and never leave. Plus, you can't help but notice the detailed rock work continuously guiding you along the walkway, steps, pond and property. The retaining wall along the driveway could be called a work of art: it's made out of boulders. BIG boulders.

The Malls' pond is a creation of beauty and love. Pat was interested, so Jerry and workers built it about six years ago. It took 1½ years of full-time workers to build the equipment and pond. The pond is 12,000 gallons with about a 5-foot depth. Dave Gonzales, one of Jerry's employees who now does polyurea pond coatings in Texas, designed the pond and filters, and they are things of beauty. The pump house has state-of-the-art equipment, Lim Pumps, ½ hp and 1 hp, two Nexus filters, two bubble bead filters, and two large UV sterilizers. There are four air pumps, two for the Nexus filters and two for the domes on the bottom drains. Their fish number approximately 36 and continue to get bigger. Jerry and Pat went to Mystic Koi & Water Gardens to purchase a 13"-14" Sanke from one of the Japanese dealers Beppu, Taniguchi, or Omosako for this year's grow out contest.

Married for 39 years, the Malls grew up locally; they have six adult children who all live locally, plus four dearly loved grandchildren. Jerry and Pat had been living in Bloomington for about 25 years when they felt it was time for a change. They wanted to move to a place where there were more trees and more privacy. When they came upon this 20-acre avocado-and-citrus-grove property in Temecula, which met both of the aforementioned criteria, they purchased their dream. Even though they have lived here for 13 years now, Jerry insists it is still a "work in progress..."

If you want to hear incredible stories of exotic places, talk with the Malls about their love of adventure traveling. They have been on all seven continents, and proof can be seen throughout the house: they have tastefully incorporated their own photographs into artfully framed pictures hanging on the walls. This year was a trip in June to Madagascar, the world's fourth-largest island, which is a world unto itself. Occasionally called the "eighth continent" for its utterly unique wildlife and rich flora, it holds some of the planet's most intriguing plants and animals, including a delightful menagerie of friendly tree-leaping lemurs, colorful chameleons, and dazzling geckoes found nowhere else on earth. They were able to indulge on the French cuisine served on the island, and Jerry said it was a real treat.

For the guys, Jerry has a six-car garage and some great cars inside, and you'll love this: three of the bays had Dodge Vipers—an '08, an '05 and a '98—and one of the bays is also a curtained car wash. Recently, Jerry added a 2012 matte white Lamborghini. For Lamborghini, design is always the beauty of aggressive power, the elegance of breathtaking dynamics. You'll just have to see this one! And next to the garage is a full indoor racquetball court. Larry was busy talking with Jerry and said that he didn't know if the house even has a kitchen, but who cares with those kinds of amenities!

Jerry and Pat were owners of **K&N Filters**, which is heavily involved in nearly every form of motorsports from off-road and power sports to drag racing, stock cars and road racing. The company securely employs approximately 700 people. Jerry has a racing team and he drives another Racing

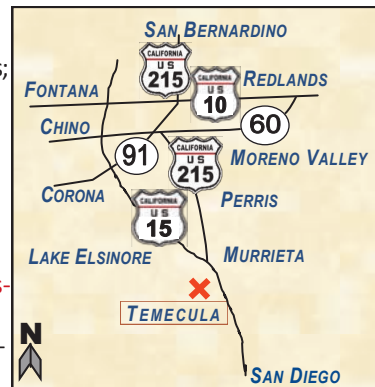
Jerry & Pat Mall in Temecula

Dodge Viper. In one race four years ago, he had been doing over 220 mph, but when he was slowing to 170 the motor blew. The car flipped several times, yet Jerry was unhurt! Although he said he was tempting fate and has since backed off, he still has the racing team. He spent 3½ years interviewing about 30 or more companies who wanted to purchase K&N, and now that his company is invested, Jerry has retired comfortably. He still loves to go into the shop occasionally to keep in touch.

This meeting will be from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. If there is any rain, Pat has every thing well planned. They have room in the garage to set up inside if necessary, but the country side is so beautiful, she also has room outside towards the front entrance way. The garden is so beautiful and often there is a soft breeze, so you'll be quite comfortable and the surroundings lush! This is a sit-down dinner, with Pat and Jerry arranging for the turkey and supplying the tables and chairs; therefore, you won't need to bring any chairs this month.

However, it is important to make reservations! So Pat will know how much turkey will be needed, please call Peggy Milfeld, 951-780-7395, for suggestions and information on the holiday pot-luck sides to volunteer bringing for this month only! Besides your dish, you might want to bring a jacket and maybe your camera. After this meeting, we will not get together again until January 2013.

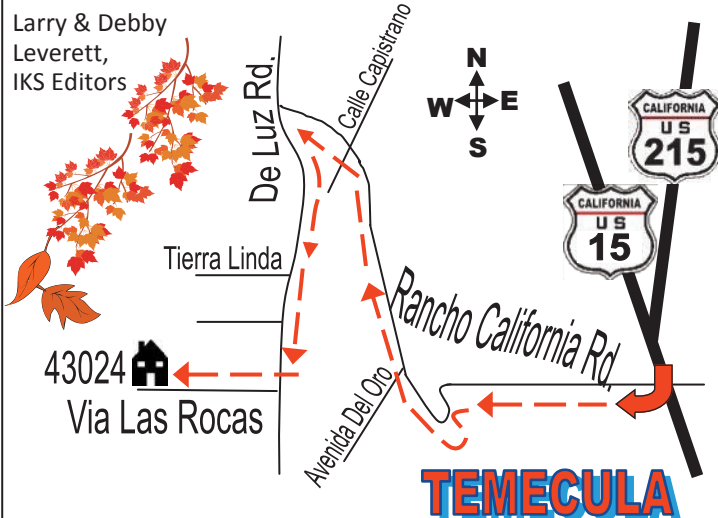
The Malls are soft-spoken, compassionate people and Larry and I were quite honored to be let into their home, to learn a bit of their lives, and to see their love of koi. You will feel honored and welcomed also when you experience their hospitality. We can't express this enough...



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ANNUAL OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Could we have asked for a more gorgeous day to run off to the beach and points beyond? Not a cloud in the sky, a gentle breeze when we needed it, and comfortably and refreshingly mild. So beautiful we almost had to leave Tee Wright behind in Oceanside...and could have lost Al, our driver, in Escondido! Just an *I-don't-want-to-go-home* type of day.

Leaving from Jack Marrin's is so convenient for those of us who live in the Riverside area, while the 'southerners' from Temecula and points south like to drive on their own and meet up with us. This year two of them, Pete Miles & Kazuko Bednay, chose to drive all the way up from San Diego to take the bus and enjoy our company. Long day long drive home!

Usually there are fun and games on the bus ride, led by the Leveretts, and they didn't disappoint. Debby wrote a twisted tale of a Mr. Nippon who wanted to build a koi pond the *right* way; he *left* to visit a dealer who had *left* his shop but would be *right back*, so Mr. Nippon *left* and went *right back* home.... If you've played this type of game before, you know there was a gift being passed on each time Larry read one of those directional terms in the story, and from the front of the coach to the back and forward again, Debby managed to put that prize in the hands of every single person at least once! It finally ended up in Chrisie Noble's lap. Surprise! She celebrated her birthday with us that day. She also let us know that her parents, Tom & Pat Sharpe (also IKS members) would celebrate their 56th anniversary the next day! She joked that her dad says they've been married "so long that divorce is never mentioned; but murder crosses the mind...!" *Congratulations, you two!*

Before we reached our first stop, Larry also challenged us — with curious questions* — forcing us to think to get a prize. Compute this one: ***If the height in yards of the average person's lifetime use of TP is equivalent to 4000 rolls stacked up, how many feet taller than the Empire State Building is that pile of paper?*** No? How about this: ***If the tons of trash you'll throw away in a lifetime would pile up to make a 28'-high model of the Great Pyramid of Giza, how many lifetimes would it take to build the full size model?*** Don't go over the actual number. Right. Ask Larry....

Fortunately we scheduled our visit to Mission San Luis Rey on Saturday, for the grounds were being prepped for the celebration of All Souls Day or *dia de los muertos*, "day of the dead," one of two great November holy days. Customs vary from culture to culture and the parish is so multi-cultural that many are seen, including families visiting graveyards to picnic with their dead relatives, and tables set up for offerings of special breads, favorite foods and flowers. Marigolds were everywhere: they are symbolic of gold, the gift of greatest worth one can give. They believe God allows the 'departed' to come back to visit the family to see how well they are remembered. Above all, they honor those who died in the past year. We were early enough to see the prep without interrupting the event. Huge carnival rides filled the main parking lot, but wouldn't open until later that evening.

Initially we gathered in the dining room to be greeted by Father David, who admitted he is "trying to warm up to fish." He expressed thanks for those who maintain and rebuild the pond, as it is an historic icon at the mission. The original pond was 18" deep and regularly cleaned out by predators; the Sisters built a new pond at the present site in 1953. Two of the original koi remain — that's almost 60 years! — "Goldie" and a Chagoi named "Perry Mason"; both responded recently to a once-familiar bird-like call from a visiting Sister, one of the early koi keepers, proof koi have memories of those who treat them well.

Everyone was pleased to have IKS members Pete Miles, Kazuko Bednay, Chris Weber, and President Dennis, representing the whole club, honored for the reconstruction work and ongoing commitment to the Mission pond. In the beautiful sanctuary, Pete narrated a slide show of the pond rebuild, then time restraints allowed but a brief yet very informative tour of the complex, led by

San Luis Rey / Oceanside / Escondido

Karen Willson. The presentation was Karen's first effort at PowerPoint and a very well done show. (*Pete, our hopes-to-be Newsletter Editor, trained her; he teaches computer and knows all the programs; well qualified to take over from Debby!*) Karen provided refreshments (we pretty much ate all day!) and hosted everything we did. We miss seeing her at meetings but thank her for all she did for us. The Mission itself is being retrofitted for earthquake protection and we couldn't go in, but everyone saw a full-day future visit worth their time.

Lunch saw us on the Oceanside Pier, enjoying huge burgers and unlimited fries in the upstairs room of Ruby's Diner. To the north, body surfers were recording their best times; to the south, surfers, swimmers, and sand-walkers, like Tee, who just didn't want to leave; and on the quarter-mile pier, fishermen catching nothing, strollers and hungry sea birds. Contented and full, we trekked back to the bus to head inland to "the Windmill!"



Despite our enjoyment of the Mission and the refreshment of the ocean, I think the highlight of the day was our visit to Meadowbrook Village. Our visit in 2010 showed us a mostly finished Dutch windmill surrounded by the shell of a 140,000-gallon pond. Then, we climbed on the filter system walls to get an idea of the immensity of it; today, we looked in awe from the third-story level of the windmill for the big picture. The peaked roof at the left end is a storage room. A central hall has multiple UV units mounted on the walls and covered with shade screens. On each side of the hall are a series of six up-flow filter chambers which

overflow into the surrounding space. The water then flows into the large open pool at the right end. A large viewing window, flanked by benches (partially obscured by the tree at the bottom of the photo), is the favorite spot around the pond, and young koi in the 'nursery' pool congregate there to delight their visitors.



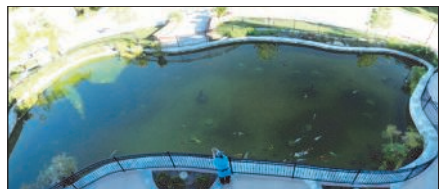
The nursery in turn overflows into a bog-like stream that wraps around the windmill to the other side, passing under a bridge, and widening out into the pond proper. We saw a resident egret worrying the edges of the pond, but he didn't do any fishing (not to say he doesn't.) When our members, the Alkemas, emptied their pond, their fish retired here and seem very content with the accommodations. At no charge, too!

Rightly proud of their *Village*, owner Jack Bower and his wife led us on a tour of the mill and down to the beautiful indoor swimming and workout facilities. The pool area has a retractable roof, a ramp into the water the length of the pool, and a therapy pool with a swiveling chair that allows a non-ambulatory person to be mechanically placed into the waters. We wandered through gorgeous locker rooms and shower areas, and many went into the main building to use the facilities.



Instead of games on the way home, there was a quiet buzz of talking, and a few snores. And we had the chance to hear Theo Zoetemelk sing his heart into an Americanized Dutch windmill song. He's on YouTube!

Pulling in at the end of the day, most of us stood around chatting, not quite ready to sit some more or go home to the usual routines and responsibilities. It was a lovely day of relaxation, getting to know each other a bit better for having shared a seat and a meal and an experience. Join us next time!



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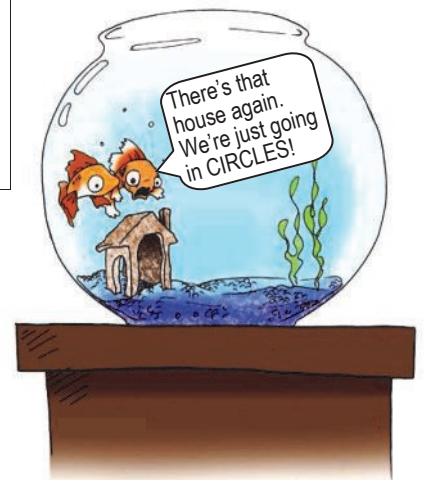
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- *Come in many varieties, each having its own coloring, patterns and scale styles.
- *Are basically carp that have been bred for color.
- *Are originally from China but nowadays the best quality breeders are in Japan.



NORCO: WALTZ PITCHED AS CITY'S OFFICIAL SONG

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/corona/corona-headlines-index/20121010-norco-waltz-pitched-as-citys-official-song.ece> With luck, this link will still take you



to an article about our own **Theo Zoetemelk** and the opportunity to hear him sing. He had proposed a traditional Dutch waltz, rewritten and Americanized, as an official song of Norco, where it was promoted during the Oct. 12-14 Norco Oktoberfest celebration. As much a song about the four-story Dutch windmill he won permission to build in his front yard, it is a love song, a tribute to his beloved native country as much as to his beloved wife, Jeanne. **Way to go, Theo!**



There will be **NO IKS Meeting** and **NO Newsletter** sent in December!! The next IKS General Meeting will be on Sunday, January 27, 2013 (unless Super Bowl happens to fall on that day). **Watch for it.**



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IKS Elections 2012

*V*en you read zis, ze big election of 2012 vill be over and ze new year vill start on uncertain footing, whichever vay it vent. But in ze Inland Koi Society, ze new year vill be smooth transition from ze old, and ze election process vill not frustrate anyone.

Oh, it will be a big election nonetheless. Ten of the 12 Board positions came up for grabs. Only two Directors – Bob Henry and Ed Kushner – will continue in unexpired terms, and all five officers need to be replaced or re-elected.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mac McClain, Nick Milfeld and Rey Quirong, have filled each position with willing nominees, and Debby Leverett is absolutely giddy with the realization that someone actually will take on her job as Editor of the IKS Newsletter. As presidents in the past have done, **Dennis** will take a term as a Director, and **Mark** is asking for another term. **Mac** has agreed to move up with only one year experience as VP, and **Rey** is ready to take the big step to VP. **Sandy** would like to continue as your Treasurer, now that she has everything organized and knows fully what she is doing, and **Peggy** is willing to do another term as Secretary (*unless there's another willing note-taker out there!?*) Among the directors, **Rob Fales** is asking to be elected to the position he was appointed to mid-year, and **Randy McGarvey** is ready to get his feet wet as a first-timer. **Tom Wright** has not served on the Board since 2009, but attends many of the Board meetings to keep up to date.



Elections will take place at the November meeting, with one vote allowed per member family. Nominations (or volunteers) will be accepted from the floor before the vote. If you plan to nominate someone, check with them first to be sure they will accept the nomination. Installation of Officers and Directors will take place at our Annual Meeting in January.

The slate of nominees recommended by the committee is as follows:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| • President (1-yr term) | — Enoch 'Mac' McClain | • Director (first 2-yr term) | — Rob Fales |
| • Vice President (1-yr) | — Rey Quirong | • Director (second 2-yr term) | — Mark Krakower |
| • Secretary (second 2-yr) | — Peggy Milfeld | • Director (first 2-yr term) | — Dennis Lynaugh |
| • Treasurer (second 2-yr) | — Sandy Hanson | • Director (first 2-yr term) | — Randy McGarvey |
| • Newsletter Editor (2-yr) | — Pete Miles | • Director (first 2-yr term) | — Tom Wright |

With Elections looming, plan to come to the November meeting — email or call Peggy to put in a reservation so we know how many tables and chairs we'll need, and how much turkey to order! (951) **780-7395** or **milfeld@msn.com**

Article VI — Officers

Section A — There shall be five (5) officers of the Society: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. The Officers shall be members of the Board of Directors.

Section B — The President and Vice President shall be elected by the membership for a term of one (1) year with one extension. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor shall be so elected for terms of two (2) years with a maximum of three (3) extensions. Should no replacement candidate be available for any given office, the incumbent officer may serve an additional term. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

Section C — Members who are owners of Koi-related businesses shall not be eligible to serve as officers.

Article VII — The Board of Directors

Section A — The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than twelve (12) members including the five (5) Officers and no more than seven (7) Directors. The President shall act as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Section B — The Directors shall be elected by the membership for a term of two (2) years, with a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms. A vacancy among the Directors may be filled by the Board of Directors making an appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

Inland Koi Society Club Membership Renewal Time

Members should/will receive pre-printed renewal forms by mail. Sandy Hanson, IKS Secretary and Orville Hanson, IKS Data Base Manager will send them before the November meeting so they can be turned in then, or mailed back before January 1, 2013.




DONE!

I am informing the Inland Koi Society that I will complete this year, 2012, as the Newsletter Editor, but will **no longer** be able to create or edit the Inland Koi Connection. I've proudly created the design and continued to publish my ideas for thirteen to fourteen years. I humbly say, it is time for me to hand this job over to someone else.

The Board of Directors has been informed of one member who is sincere about taking this volunteer project over and seems to be quite excited! I know he will be one who also likes to dabble with different fonts, colors, pictures, and information. So, watch

what your new editor will accomplish!

I am not quitting the club (I am so fond of so many of you), I am just letting go of the monthly newsletter responsibility. I have been greatly honored to do this job and thank those who gave me so much confidence and praise. I'll still be around - but it is time for fresh blood using a different prospective and new ideas starting in January 2013.

Thank you all for allowing me to use my creative nature and ideas. I'll still be around...

Debby Leverett

"There is flattery in friendship" -William Shakespeare



Members,

THE INLAND KOI SOCIETY RECENTLY JOINED A NEW NATION-WIDE KOI ORGANIZATION, THE KOI SOCIETY. WE NOW BELONG TO TWO NATIONAL GROUPS. BY BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATED KOI CLUBS OF AMERICA (AKCA) AND THE NEW KOI SOCIETY, YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOPES TO BRING YOU TWICE THE KOI INFORMATION FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AND EDUCATION.

Many of you are familiar with the AKCA (www.akca.org) which, over the years, has provided invaluable information to the koi keeping hobby. The new organization has a different format: it will be fully web-based. Their magazine will be published and then displayed on their website. The first issue is currently displayed at www.koisociety.org. Because this is a new organization, it is currently available to anyone who wishes to view it. In the future, a password will be required so that only member clubs or individuals can have access, and it is our understanding it will be your email address that will be used.

In joining *Koi Society* as a charter member club (instead of as an individual), we are asked to submit a list of our members' names and email addresses; that is the only personal info requested or required. While we have submitted the application and paid the \$100 fee to be a member, we have not as yet given any member names beyond two key "contacts." Because we respect your privacy, we ask you to opt-in to participate; there is no additional cost to you to be listed under the IKS name. You will have access to the "Members Only" portion of the website and receive the *American Koi Keeper* electronically.

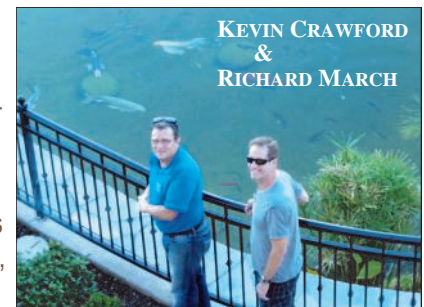
Take a few minutes to look at the Koi Society website and decide if you would like to be included, at no cost, as an IKS member. Then please contact me and give me the email address you would like to have submitted with your name. I would like to hear from you by December 1, 2012. I will assume those who do not reply do not want to be included.

Should you wish to join as an Individual / Family, the yearly dues are \$25; you will have the access, the electronic publication, and will have one vote. Such dues will be applied to the 2013 membership year because, as the organization gets started, the content will initially be limited. You can also take a Lifetime Individual / Family Membership for \$250; received before December 31, 2012, you would be recognized as a Charter Lifetime Member and receive a Charter Member pin.

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How Does Keeping Koi Compare with the Price of Keeping Other Pets?

This article, clipped from USAA Magazine, suggests that being a fish keeper is an economical hobby.

Purrfect Pet?

Americans love their pets. Really, really love them. In 2010, we spent more than \$60 billion on our critters, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. So which of our furry friends is most likely to eat us out of house and home? The rabbit. The ASPCA says bunnies are the most expensive animal to feed and maintain, at \$730 per year. — Amy Halmerl



This just didn't seem right – after all, some of us buy premium Koi Food at over \$200/bag! So some of us at K.O.I. decided to calculate the cost to feed premium food to our Koi last year. Much to our surprise, it turned out that our costs ran between about \$15 per fish per year to the \$35 per fish per year mentioned in the article! The cost depended on the size of Koi in the ponds. So next time you're complaining about the high cost of Koi food – remember it could be worse – you could be keeping rabbits!

Educational materials offered for FREE on the K.O.I. web site. Koi Organisation International Koi Education Site:

www.KoiOrganisationInternational.org

NEWS FROM KOI ORGANISATION INTERNATIONAL

A few months back, Spike Cover introduced us to a new international organization begun by advanced hobbyists and some select professionals, whose aim is to improve the hobby by making better koi keepers of all of us. K.O.I offers courses and eBooks that focus primarily on koi health and husbandry. The courses range from entry-level to advanced, are mostly internet based, and are structured so people can study and learn at their own pace. There is also an on-line store and free downloads of many K.O.I. documents.

Another benefit of membership is the new waterproof **K.O.I. Guide** which puts vital info at you fingertips in one handy place as you work around you pond. Drop it and it's safe: just retrieve it and let it dry. New supplements are being created for future distribution.

Check out their website and consider investing in yourself and your koi!

www.KoiOrganisationInternational.org

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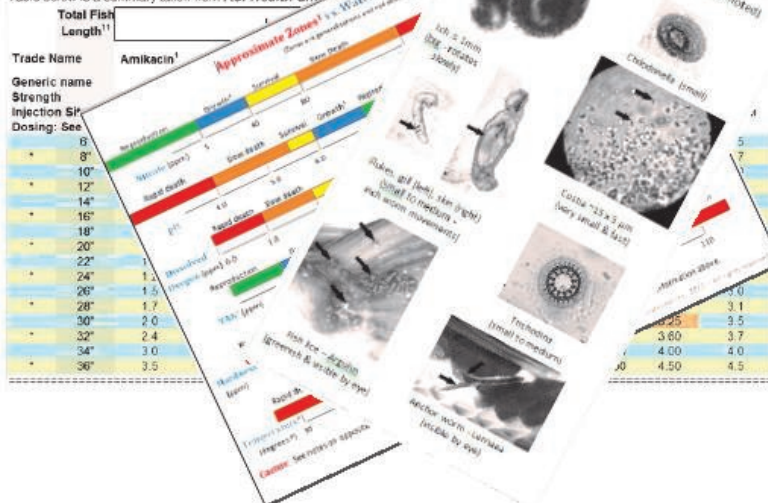
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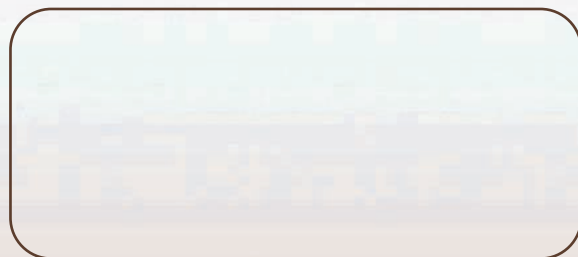
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Happy New Year!**

**Final Words
From Debby...**



**No matter how badly this year treated you, walk tall
and keep your head up in the New Year.**

**Lifetime Achievement and Master Entrepreneur Honors
to be presented at the 2012 Spirit of the Entrepreneur Gala**

Jerry Mall recognized for outstanding business success

The Spirit of the Entrepreneur Awards program announced today its recipients of the two highest awards given by the program: Lifetime Achievement and Master Entrepreneur.

The Lifetime Achievement award, given to an individual in the Inland Empire of California who has attained a high level of business success in one or more entrepreneurial ventures over 30 years or more, will be presented to **Jerry Mall**, Chairman of the Board of K&N Engineering, Inc. of Riverside.

Founded in 1969 by motorcycle enthusiasts Ken Johnson and Norm McDonald, K&N contracted with **Mall's**

firm, Bloomington Tool and Die, to develop tooling for K&N's line of innovative motorcycle air filters. When McDonald left K&N in 1971 to pursue a career in motorcycle racing, **Mall** joined Johnson as a principal owner of the company, and moved his machine shop into the K&N. This brought much needed experience in mold making and tooling to the company.

During his 40 plus years in the business **Mall** has performed every task imaginable at K&N as a hands-on executive. He oversaw the dramatic expansion and growth of the company, which has locations in the US, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands and employs more than 700 people.

"**Jerry Mall** is an incredible example of hard work, determination and innovation," said Mike Stull, founding organizer of the event and director of Cal State San Bernardino's Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship (IECE). "What started off as a high-performance accessory for a couple of off-road motorcycle racers has turned into an innovative global company under his leadership."



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