

# The Inland Koi Connection

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## COVID Strikes Again: January & February Meetings ~ CANCELED

*With Reluctance, We Are Voluntarily Under Lock-down Again.*

It was good while it lasted ~ a very necessary break in the monotony of nowhere to go, no one to see, and nothing to do away from home. For a while we trusted ourselves to gather, with old friends and new, to chat about our koi, our ponds, and yes, all we'd been doing and not doing for a year-and-a-half. We felt healthy and strong and ready to risk being normal again.

But now.... With COVID-19, the D-variant and Omicron — as well as flu and cold season — raging around us, we are calling another *Time Out*.

Larry & Debby Leverett volunteered to host our January 23 meeting again, almost as traditional as meeting at the Malls' in November. But we go to the Leveretts' in January so we can be cozy in their garage, out of potential wind or rain, and enjoy a video visit with one of the K.O.I. guest speakers. We've had as many as 70 people packed into that garage in the past, but there's no room for "social distancing" in that arrangement.

### TIMELY INFO: OMICRON VARIANT PRIMER

If you haven't yet been hit with the Omicron variant, know that it doesn't look much at all like the COVID we've come to recognize... and it spreads faster than any previous version of the virus. It's estimated to make up more than 95 percent of COVID infection in the U.S. right now, and it's perhaps so fast-spreading because it is so different, especially in people who've been vaccinated. The five most common symptoms —plus one—with Omicron are:

*Runny Nose ~ the most reported symptoms are those of the common cold or flu*

*Headache ~ more likely to be frontal, felt in the forehead, not the back of the head*

*Fatigue ~ extreme tiredness, all-encompassing exhaustion, for one or two days*

*Sneezing ~ as it hits the upper respiratory system, it causes sniffles, congestion*

*Scratchy Throat ~ not a sore throat, and no noticeable fever*

*Night Sweats ~ repeated episodes of extreme drenching perspiration*

Nasal congestion, dry cough, muscle pain or aches in the lower back are also regularly reported as early signs of the variant. Data is beginning to paint a clearer picture of how Omicron is different, including being more transmissible than Delta and evading the defenses provided by currently available vaccines. Symptoms are showing up within three days of exposure; current recommendations are to quarantine for five days, regardless of vaccination status., then continue to wear a mask and test before any 'indoor gatherings.'

*And a Blessed and Happy New Year to All of Us!!*

**WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN IKS IN RECENT MONTHS?**

• **The IKS Board has been communicating** on-line for the most part, and finally voted to cancel meetings for January and February. The Covid numbers have been too high, and all agreed it was too risky to gather indoors right now. Also, with the new variant of Covid looking and acting more like the common cold, it's too easy for people to think they have "just a little cold" and sneak out when they're the most contagious.

• **Meetings:** Nevertheless, hosts will still be needed for meetings in the rest of 2022. Please note your willingness to host on your renewal form and name your month, or contact Brenda Aker to offer your pond for a visit.

• **Treasury:** We continue to search for a less expensive storage location; currently it costs \$370 every two months. Koi sales have kept the balance up. **All koi in QT are available for purchase, \$50-\$200 depending on size and quality...less than retail! Contact Ed Kushner.**

• **Koi Auction:** Praying we'll be able to host an auction in 2022...of course, COVID-19 is still the determining factor. Looking at June.

• **Elections:** The board would like to know of any member with a desire to serve on the Board and in what capacity: there is always a possibility of a vacancy, and there are required term limitations.

We also need a new librarian, or someone to review the collection of books and videos we have available to determine what should be removed or retired.

• **Newsletter:** We are desperately in need of a new newsletter editor. Being sick this month has shown me, finally, that I cannot keep this up. And I don't want to. I am sending this shortened issue out by email so I won't be sending any germs with it. I can only offer meeting notices in the future. It's been good, but I'm done. Love y'all! 🌸

<b>1/9</b>	<b>IKS BOARD MTG ~ 5:30pm / Host: Larry CANCELLED</b>
<b>1/23</b>	<b>IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ 2-5pm / Hosts Larry &amp; Debby Leverett, 5349 Jasper Lane, Riverside 92506 ~ 951.781.3887 / CANCELLED</b>
<b>2/6</b>	<b>IKS BOARD MTG ~ 5:30pm / Host: Scott CANCELLED</b>
<b>2/27</b>	<b>IKS POTLUCK MEETING ~ CANCELLED</b>
<b>4/9-10</b>	Koi Club of San Diego, <b>34th Annual Koi Show</b> at Del Mar Fairgrounds Activity Center ~ Still on the Calendar! <a href="https://koiclubofsandiego.org/resources/January%202022%20NL.pdf">https://koiclubofsandiego.org/resources/January%202022%20NL.pdf</a>

*Welcome to our Newest Members. Make it a point to look for unfamiliar faces, introduce yourselves, and make these new members new friends:*

**Raymond Aguilar (9/21)**  
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**Richard & Janna Grushen (10/21)**  
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**Howard & Kimberly Newton (12/21)**  
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*Look for these members & welcome them back*

John & Cricket Mouw ~ Riverside  
Chuck & Ping Hille ~ Riverside

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*Buffet & Banquet Supplies*

## Inland Koi Society Club Membership Renewal Time

It's not too late to return the Membership Renewal Form that was enclosed with your November newsletter. Remember, the one that you set aside with your regular bills so it wouldn't get lost in the holiday hassles. Right! It's there just below the December statements and gift receipts.

**That's it! Pull it out, fill it out carefully, and send it off to the club address:**

**5198 Arlington Ave., #146  
Riverside CA 92504-2603**

**Thanks! As soon as we receive it, we'll add your name to the growing list of Members who have already renewed. And then...we can finish a new Membership Directory, and hopefully get together again within a few months.**



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS TO DATE

*Members listed below have turned in their dues and renewal forms for 2022. The list will be culled by the end of March, and a new Directory printed! If you're not on this list — or if you question why you're not on the list — please contact Treasurer Nick Milfeld at 951.780.7395. Leave a message if you miss him and he'll call you back. Thank you!*

Aguilar, Raymond	Leverett, Larry & Debby
Alexander, Gavin & Stephanie	MacLaren, Ed & Lynn
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Broomfield, Ed & Louise	Marrin, Jack & Norma
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Coby, Tony	McHan, Steve & Kelly
Dirac, Monica	Milfeld, Nick & Peggy
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Frady, Mike & Carolyn	Newton, Howard & Kimberly
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Hamilton, Carole	Poyle, Jim & Tess
Henry, Bob & Bonnie	Rowland, Audrey
Henry, Richard & DeeDee	Svelan, John
Hille, Chuck & Ping	Walters, Martha
Hoffman, Francine	Watson, Alvin & Darlene
Houston, Kelly ~ <i>honorary</i>	Wright, Tom & Tee
Howo, Aiko	Zara, Jason & Kristine
Hunter, Phil & Rachel	Zehm, Scott
Hurley, Steve & Patricia	Zoetemelk, Theo & Jeanne
Lei, Willaiam & Donise	

*...are YOU here?*



**M**embers, I need your help! *As your VP*, I am responsible for arranging meeting sites and speakers for our monthly meetings. My most important job is to find willing hosts to share their ponds with us. **We** don't really need a huge yard: just enough space to line up chairs, plus room for a buffet table, indoors or out. Oh, and a bathroom!

**M**ind you,, I realize that we have just cancelled the next two meetings, but it our hope and plan to resume meetings as soon as possible and finish 2022 stronger than ever. To that end, help me be prepared with sites in advance of need. Thank you! ~*Brenda Aker*

**M**embers, we could still use your help too. *As Directors in charge of Raffles*, we are always searching for things you would like to take home. We have generous vendors who give us koi food, but it's the unusual, fun or practical items that we need, and maybe preferably koi-related, maybe not. For every item you donate, you will be given a free ticket for the drawing. Cleaning out your cupboards or closets? Keep an eye open for interesting things to put on the gift table. ~*Rob & Deanna Fales*





# K.O.I. News!

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**Renewal PERKS for 2022!!**

### Part A

- Supplement #8 for your Guide

### Part B

- 4 Quarterly Meeting/Presentations
- Members ONLY!
- Jan 22 Noon EST –  
**ASK the Experts!**
  - Syd Mitchell
  - Spike Cover

Here's your opportunity to ask questions!

Send questions to: [pattist@snet.net](mailto:pattist@snet.net)

- More info on web site!

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/new-renewal-perks-2021-2022>

## COMING UP

**K.O.I. Membership Renewals  
Individual (not clubs)**

ALL existing Memberships must renew by  
March 1, 2021

Renewal reminders will go out in February  
<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/product/membership-renewal>



## TIP OF THE MONTH

**NEVER break a Hole in the Ice!**

Concussion will harm fish!

Is your pond frozen over?

- Must keep a hole open for gas exchange

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- Cannot Melt through ice
- May melt liner



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