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Inland Koi Society
General Meeting
& Potluck Lunch
at the home of

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Hello Everybody,

The New Year started out with a roar as sixty-five people attended the January meeting at Bob and Cheryl Alkema's home. The weather was cool so we held the meeting in their spacious garage, and everybody enjoyed the potluck while sitting around in their family area and looking at their model trains and carousel horses. We were also able to brave the elements and explore their backyard with their 13,000-gallon pond.

We had some visitors from Hawaii at the meeting, Mamoru and Taro Kodama, who used to be in Murrieta and now have a koi farm in Hawaii. They talked about their koi farm and coming events. Just think how lucky the koi are in Hawaii—they can eat year-round!

I'd like to thank Spike Cover who came from San Diego to be our guest speaker. Spike talked about the need for quarantining new fish before adding them to your pond, and how to build a quarantine tank. He mentioned a program that AKCA is organizing to try to encourage dealers to quarantine their fish in order to prevent the spread of Koi Herpes Virus, and he also discussed a few koi diseases that nobody knew how to spell!

The last time we had a meeting at the Alkema's, they handed out 150 baby koi. There were no fish this time, so Bob handed out some great avocados. At least you can eat them! Thank you, Bob and Cheryl, for your hospitality.

It's still early in the year, so there is still time to get your membership renewals in before your subscription to our newsletter runs out. The information contained in this newsletter is worth the price of membership.

I'd like to thank Pete Miles, who has volunteered to tote our EZ Ups to and from our meetings, and Dennis Lynaugh, who has volunteered to handle the audio equipment.

Have you seen our new website yet? If you haven't, go to **inland-koisociety.org** and check it out. One of the things featured on the home page is a new club shirt which has our club logo embroidered on it along with the member's name. If you like it, you can order one through the website.

Our Koi Auction & Used Equipment Sale, which will be on May 30, is fast approaching. We are still looking for volunteers to help out during the auction. If you would like to get involved with the planning for this event, come to our next Auction Committee meeting, which will be at Nick and Peggy Milfeld's house on March 4 at 7:00 pm.

This is a busy month for our koi hobby. The annual AKCA Seminar will be in San Diego from Feb. 12- 15; many of our club members will be attending. Then comes our club's next meeting which will be at the home of Dan and Shirlee Berghamer in Riverside, on Feb 22; remember to bring your chairs and something for the potluck. It has been very gratifying to see the growth in attendance at our meetings. If the attendance continues to increase, we might have to hold our meetings at the Lake Elsinore ball park—I wonder if they want a koi pond....

See you at that meeting,

Mark

Mark Krakower, IKS President

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Theirs is a "meant-to-be" type of love story. Their families were into a small-car-category type of hot rod racing at Ascot in South Los Angeles, California. Each weekend, the families and friends would get together; hence, Dan and Shirlee have known each other since they were small children.

As they grew, they went separate ways. But life holds surprises for all of us. They met many years later, both divorced, at the Tyler Mall in Riverside. Dan and Shirlee had much to reminisce about and eventually were able to find the house on Windhill Drive in Riverside to combine their dreams, even having the wedding ceremony in their own back yard.

Dan loves using his hands, his brain and his computers. After retiring for one year, he went back into business for himself as a Contracting Consultant for True Value Hardware stores. With a sixteen-month contract he thought he could work a week in Chicago (where the corporate office is located) and then work a week at home. The sixteen-month contract has expired now, but the company just won't let go of him, so he has agreed to work slim hours from home and travel every once in a while when necessary.

Shirlee is busy working full time as a Senior Risk Manager. Some of the stories she told about her job were heartbreaking and scary. She loves the outdoors and being busy in the garden. Plus, Shirlee has a strong family and home link with five adult children, three grandchildren, seven dogs, one cat and a pond full of fish.

The Berghamer's have done some major remodeling of their home and the pride of ownership shows. Dan and Shirlee did most of the landscaping of their half-acre themselves, planting hibiscus, orchids, many plumeria, and trees along the perimeter. Dan recently installed a Jandy Valve (3 way valve) to save on his water bill by directing the old pond water out among his plants.

Dan and Shirlee became interested in building a pond by attending one of the IKS Pond Tours. Dan built the pond 5½ years ago and, when asked, said he got the knowledge of how to build the pond from books he read and from attending IKS meetings. From the looks of the Berghamer's pond, Dan must have been a quick learner. He used a liner for the pond; it's 3½ feet deep and 3600 gallons, with two bottom drains and a skimmer leading to a 300 gallon vortex to remove the solids, and then to a bubble bead filter to clean and polish the water. All this is pumped by a Wave Dragon ½-hp pump and finished up by a 40-watt Lim UV light, then returned to the waterfall. The waterfall is beautifully finished with Limelight Green Limestone that gives it a dramatic effect. Not only did Dan build a great **working** pond, he also built a great-**looking** pond with a two-seat swing next to it.

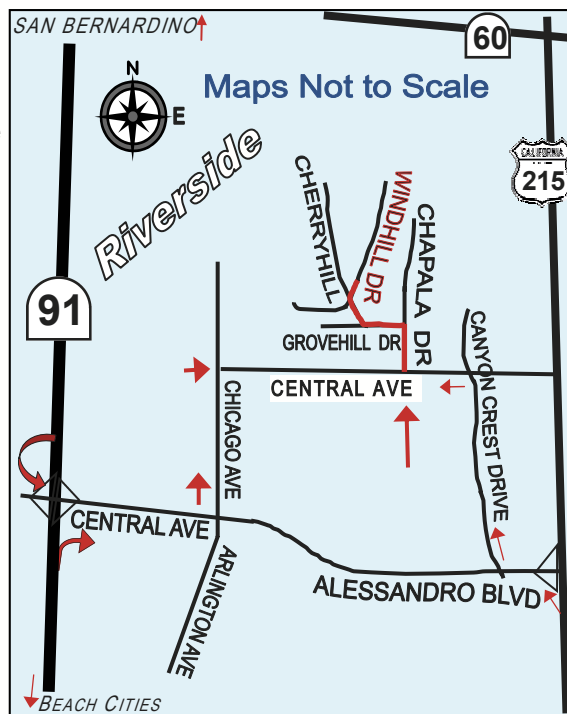
They currently have twelve koi, with one favorite that eats out of their hands. Dan calls him "Dalmatian" because it is steel gray, black, and white. In the spring / summer, only one of their six mini dachshund dogs (named Bella) will follow Shirlee outside when she hand-feeds the Koi. He watches the Koi intently and walks around the rocks on the pond; the other dogs are oblivious and totally uninterested.

The Berghamers had some crane and raccoon problems before building the patio cover, so they recommend having a cover over your pond if you are having a predator problem! Plus, Shirlee recommends having a first aid kit for koi on hand. About a year ago she won a "Koi First Aid Kit" as a raffle prize at an IKS General Meeting. Unexpectedly, she needed to use it when Dan was out of town. She spotted something in the skimmer and, in trying to lift it out, found a stuck koi. Because it was so slimy, she couldn't dislodge it. She turned off the system, got gloves, remembered and retrieved the First Aid Kit, and managed to pull the koi to safety. But it was bloody and the whole tail was missing, so she got a Q-tip and applied supplies from the kit. The koi is a survivor and the tail has grown back, probably because of Shirlee. You never know when an emergency for your koi will happen and you want to be sure to be prepared.

Please be sure to bring, if possible, an item for the raffle; you'll get a free ticket for the raffle if you let them know at the sign-in table that you brought a gift! Remember your chairs, a jacket if needed, something to share in the potluck and an interest to get together, RAIN-OR-SHINE, with all your friends and familiar faces of the Inland Koi Society.

Debby Leverett, IKS Editor, The Inland Koi Connection.

Program: Scott Zehm will be speaking about a new product called the *Cetus Sieve Filter* and how it works. **Come hear about it at this meeting!**



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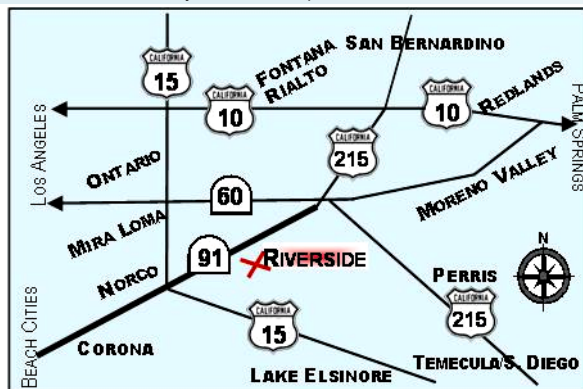
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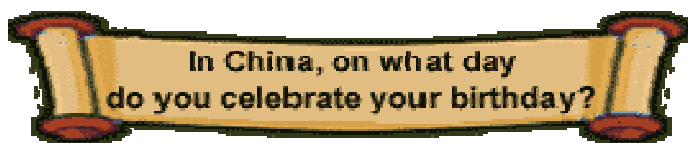
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In China, your birthday isn't just celebrated on the day you were born. It's also celebrated during the most important festival of the year -- Chinese New Year!



In Chinese tradition, the New Year is a time of new beginnings. Families clean, give gifts, buy new clothes, prepare elaborate meals, have dragon boat races, lion dances, and fireworks.

The seventh day of the celebration is generally known as *Yan Yat* or "Everybody's Birthday." On this day everyone becomes a year older

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year, occurs every year on the new moon of the first lunar month, about four to eight weeks before spring (Lichun). The exact date can fall anytime between 21 January and 21 February (inclusive) of the Gregorian Calendar. Each year is symbolized by one of 12 animals and one of five elements, with the combination of animals and elements (or stems) cycling every 60 years. It is the most important Chinese celebration of the year.

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IKS GENERAL MEETING ~ SUNDAY, JANUARY 2008 ~ TEMECULA

The January general meeting and potluck was held at Bob and Cheryl Alkema's lovely home in the Temecula hills. Bob and Cheryl have a really nice large garage where the presentation was given. Most people were able to eat in the house or the garage. The day was sunny and a little cold. There were 65 people present. We were honored to have Pam Spindola, Taro, and Mamoru Kodama as guests. After everyone had a chance to eat, the meeting was started by Gene, our outgoing president.

NEW WEBSITE: Gene discussed the new club website and urged everyone to take a look at it. He thanked Debby Leverett, Larry Leverett, and their daughter, Alecia Everett, who put our new website together. Ed Kushner has agreed to work with Alecia, and to maintain the website. He also obtained the domain names for us and arranged to have server space so we could have a web presence. The address for the new website is: inlandkoi-society.org. Gene then turned the meeting over to the new president, Mark Krakower. Mark thanked the Alkemas for having us, and introduced new guests. Then he asked Bob Alkema to talk about his pond.

POND TALK: Bob indicated he was a Koi hobbyist only. He did not show fish, he did not purposely breed fish, he only fed and cared for the fish. The pond is 13,000 gallons, and was described in the last newsletter.

Taro Kodama spoke next. He briefly described their new facility in Hawaii. The facility is nicely described and pictured in the January/February issue of Koi USA. They have an office in Southern California so they can serve their customers better. The facility in Hawaii allows them to import fish from Japan, and quarantine them in the USA, at their facility in Hawaii. This means the fish will not be held up at an airport anywhere on the mainland waiting for customs and other inspections. He also mentioned a special sale of Shiro Utsuri from a well known Japanese breeder, Mr. Kosaku Seki. Shiro Utsuri are thought of as calligraphy for the pond in Japan. Several of the members present ponied up, on the spot, for one of the Shiro Utsuri. It would be interesting to photograph all the fish, then compare the photos a year later. We could have our own grow out contest.

TOBA FOUNTAINS: Mark indicated Emily Yost of Toba Fountains is looking for a pond and garden for a video shoot for a commercial. Please contact Mark if you are interested.

SPEAKER: Spike Cover, the driving force behind the KHA and the KHV Best Health Practices Program was our guest speaker. His talk was on fish diseases and the need to quarantine your fish if it is new to your pond, or if it may be sick. Spike mentioned the many people who are volunteers in the KHA program. Tom Ross is our own KHA. Pam Spindola also was at the meeting. She is a certified judge, and also a KHA. The KHA's are hobbyists helping other hobbyists. The word quarantine originally referred to the practice of isolating people for 40 days. For Koi, quarantining the fish allows them time to rest and recuperate, to be observed and treated in a smaller environment com-

pared to the regular pond. All fish that are imported are extremely stressed by the time they are released from the airport.

They are quarantined by the dealer before they are released to the customer. Additional time in quarantine, at the owner's facility is highly recommended. The quarantine tank should have one of the owner's fish in it also so the new fish can be exposed to the bacteria and fungi in their new home, on a limited basis. The quarantine serves as a protection for the pond from the new fish, and also protects the new fish. Spike then discussed the diseases we cannot cure. Carp Pox and KHV are caused by viruses. There is no cure yet. Carp Pox causes bumps or growth on the skin and scales. It is not deadly, but it may be contagious. Hikui is another skin condition, which may be caused by a virus. The word Hikui means Red Eater. It is best known to affect the red areas on Kohaku. KHV, or Koi Herpes Virus is deadly. The virus will kill 50 to 100% of the fish it attacks. There is no cure.

There is a vaccine in development, but the issue of carriers has not been resolved. The AKCA-KHV program is funding research on this killer of fish. KHV has been here since the mid 1990's. New fish have to be quarantined for a minimum of 3 weeks at a water temperature of 75 to 80 degrees to get the virus to break, if the fish have been exposed to it. The signs of KHV are, a notch on the nose, skin and slime sloughing off, the gills are eaten away, and very slimy. The fish will be lethargic, and most of the fish with KHV will die. The survivors are carriers of the virus, and can infect the other fish. The owner, and/or dealer can send off a sample to a testing lab and find out if the fish has been exposed to KHV. If a quarantined fish comes down with KHV, kill the fish, and all the fish in quarantine. Then sanitize the system.

SET UP: Make your plans in advance. Set up a quarantine tank and filter system. Spike had brought two examples of simple to set up, inexpensive quarantine tank, pump, and filter systems. One was set up in a 35 gallon plastic trash can. One was a larger tank. The quarantine tank needs to be insulated and heated to bring the water temperature up. Warmer water will help a fish to heal and recover from parasites, bacteria, or stress. Remember, the water temperature must be held at around 75-80 degrees Fahrenheit for KHV to break.

PROTECTION: Right now, the Best Health Practices Program has certified 5 dealers. The program was started by the AKCA under Spike's guidance. The program should offer significant protection to the consumer when it is implemented. Until that time, and for the protection of your fish, everyone must quarantine all new fish, and all fish that have been exposed to new conditions, like going to the Koi show.

RAFFLE: After Spike's presentation, the raffle was held by Mary Leever and Cheryl Alkema, with Cheryl calling out the numbers.

Respectfully submitted,
Zuma Ross, IKS Secretary

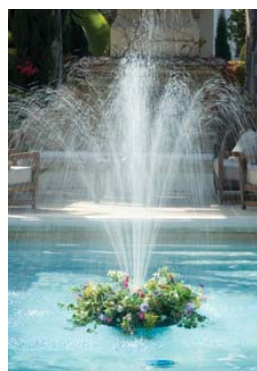
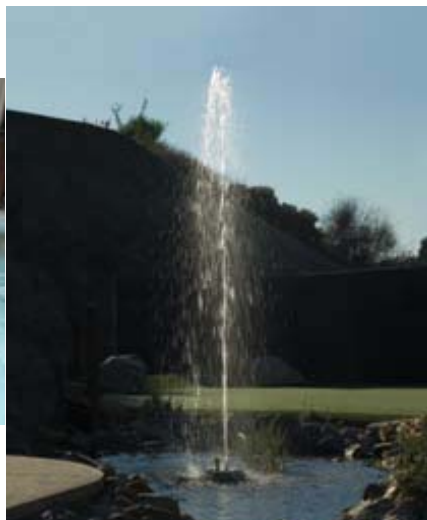
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Prevention Measures

The saying "An Ounce of Prevention Is Worth a Pound of Cure" is a very valid statement in the koi hobby. There are numerous prevention measures a Koi keeper can adhere to all way through the hobby from end to end, and there is only one place to start and that is at the beginning.

By the beginning I mean long term measures, from the very first glint in the eye of the potential Koi keeper prevention must be a very decisive factor. It is first of all advisable to join the AKCA or a local koi club. It is also advisable to read as many books as possible on the subject of Koi keeping, and ask questions from more experienced keepers, possibly visiting their home and studying their ponds and filter systems, considering what could apply to your particular circumstances.

*Editor's note

You can see this complete article on under Koi Info at www.inlandkoi.com. Great details!!

How old is our favorite Koi?

Many of us wonder, "How old is our favorite Koi?"

One way to guess at the answer is to measure how long they are, and then check the Koi

Growth Charts on the website www.coloradokoi.com.

However, most Koi have scales; thin, overlapping plates of **bone** that continue to grow throughout life. As they grow they do not increase in number, but rather increase in size. The growth of the scales is proportional to the Koi's growth, and annual marks are formed on the scales at the same time every year, along the outer edges.

So if you look at a Koi scale, it turns out that just like trees in cross-section, they have annular rings. If your Koi has lost a scale, look at it closely, even under a microscope. Then count the number of annular rings, and your Koi is at least that old, but it maybe even older. This is more accurate for younger Koi, i.e., less than 5 years old.

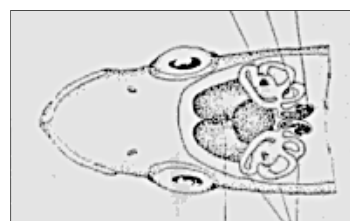
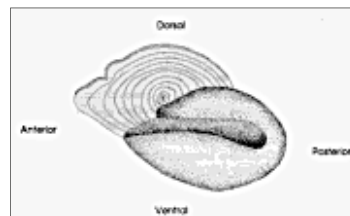
However, if a Koi loses a scale, and then grows it back, the new scale will not have any of the older rings. Also females may not add growth rings when they are reproducing, or grow some more after reproducing, causing 1 growth ring to look like 2.

A more accurate way to judge a Koi's age is to examine the cross-section of a fin spine, which also has annular rings. The second anal fin spine is often used. This can be done without doing permanent damage, since the fin will grow back.

The most accurate way to determine a dead Koi's age is to examine the Otolith (Williams and Bedford 1974). The Otolith is the Koi's "ear bone". Otoliths are part of Koi's vestibular apparatus, and reside in the cranial cavity. They are composed of calcium carbonate and protein. They function as sound receptors and are also used for balance and orientation.

There are 3 pairs of otoliths or ear stones in the inner ear of a Koi. The largest pair of Otoliths, the saggittae, are routinely used for aging. So Otolith is synonymous with sagitta. Again you count the number of annular rings under a microscope. White bands are formed during the spring and summer months, while darker bands are formed during winter. The Koi's age can be approximated by counting the light and dark bands as one year.

This technique has recently (5/29/2000) been successfully used by Canadian fishery researchers in Halifax to determine that ocean perch reach the age of 75 years, instead of 30 years as was previously believed. How old is your favorite Koi?



WHAT'S UP AT IKS?

Would you like to help with the newsletter? With your ears open and eyes aware, track any news or things that you see going on when you are able to attend a meeting

There are usually 30 to 50 members present at each meeting and I'm sure everyone has something of interest going on in their lives. Perhaps you hear of something while just sitting or if you are in the buffet line and someone says something of

interest. You don't have to obligate yourself, just take an interest in other members and let me know when you can by calling, telling me at a time when I can write it down or email me with the information. My telephone #, and email address is listed on page two. Can anyone PLEASE help with the newsletter in this way? I'd sure appreciate it!

Debby Leverett, IKS Newsletter Editor



A young Japanese girl had been taught all her life that when she married she has to please her husband and never upset him.

The first morning of her honeymoon the young Japanese bride crawled out of bed after making love, stooped down to pick up her husband's clothes, and accidentally lets out a big fart.

She looked up and said: "Aww, so sorry...excuse please, front hole so happy back hole laugh out loud."

Salt is a good thing for Koi ponds, but only pure salt. Yellow prussiate of soda (sodium ferrocyanide) is sometimes added to salt to prevent caking. It can kill Koi. Do not use table salt either. Make sure you are adding pure salt.

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There are several different varieties of koi. The kohaku, with its white body and red markings, is one of the most popular koi. The sanke, which is similar to the kohaku is another popular goldfish. Asagi are pale blue with red along their fins and belly. The Yamabuki variety are yellow. Koi with scales that are black in the center are said to be matsuba. Those with metallic scales are classified as hikari. Koi of a single color are called ogon or hikarono.

<http://www.nbponds.com/koiart/>

Peggy Milfeld updated the IKS Membership Directory as of November 2008. If you attended the November 2008 General Meeting, you may have already collected a copy. If you were not at the meeting in November and would like a copy, call Peggy at (951) 780-7395 and she will bring you a copy this month. Or, if you cannot make it to a meeting, she'd be glad to mail directories when asked. And as the renewals are coming in, she is updating for a 3/31 or 4/1 reprint—after

we cull the records—or for an update list of new members since 11/08 and info changes from the renewals (Please, one copy per family).

There are also a lot of Membership badges which have been paid for but not picked up. When you sign in at the registration table at the monthly meeting, check for your ordered badge(s), and receive a club directory if you wish to have one.

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INLAND KOI SOCIETY PROGRAM PLANNING CALENDAR 2009

REGULAR MTG 4th Sunday	HOSTS Address	PROPOSED PROGRAM Speakers	BOARD Wed. after Mtg
February 22	Dan & Shirlee Berghamer 5076 Windhill Dr. Riverside, 92507 951 683-1592 <i>AKCA Seminar, San Diego, CA: Thurs.2/12 - Sun.2/15</i>	Scott Zehm: Learn what a Cetus Filter is and how it works.	Wed .Feb. 25
March 22	Ed & Linda Kushner 1556 Vandagriff Way Corona, 92883 951-520-0092		Wed .Mar. 25
April 26 <i>Palm Sunday 4/5 Easter 4/12</i>	Jack & Norma Marrin 1225 Cajon Street Redlands, 92373 909-792-3603		Wed April 29
May 24 <i>Memorial Day Weekend</i>	NO GENERAL MEETING, BE- CAUSE OF IKS AUCTION MAY 30 th 2009	Saturday, May 30: Koi Auction— Milfelds' Nsy - Riverside Mark Krakower, Chairman	Wed May 27



Please notify your club members that there is a class on Painting Koi taught by Patti Magee on the seminar schedule on Friday 2/13 from 1-3pm. This is a special class and there is a \$40 added charge to attend this class that was not included on the seminar registration form or previously on the akca.org website registration. The class is limited to

25 people and we need to know in advance who is planning to attend this class so Patti can buy the materials for this class. We have added this Koi Painting class option for \$40 to the akca.org seminar registration website or you can send the money to AKCA, PO Box 4045, Oakhurst, CA 93644. If you registered for the seminar by credit card and want to add this class you can simply email Doug Dahl at the email above and Doug will charge your credit card for this optional class.

Doug Dahl
AKCA CFO

Identify only those seminars attended as a registered attendee / A reminder to all the clubs that if any of their members are going to the San Diego Seminar and will be eligible for a 5,10,15, or 20 year pins, I need them to CALL IMMEDIATELY. But, if they have already sent a form in before, I only need an email with an update of seminars they have attended including San Diego so that I will be able to present their pins at the Saturday Banquet. Thanks, Burt
CALL (714) 839-1836 burtb@socal.rr.com

2009 *Coming Events*

FEBRUARY	12-15	AKCA 28TH ANNUAL SEMINAR ~ and Koi Club of San Diego's 22nd Annual Koi Show. Marriott—Mission Valley, San Diego, CA www.koishow.org or www.akca.org
	13	AKCA BOARD MEETING ~ 7pm / 529 E. Bluebridge Ave Orange, CA 92867 / Call Kelly Houston at (909) 885-2503 for more information.
	14♥	VALENTINES DAY ~ Love is in the air...
	16	PRESIDENTS DAY ~ Lincoln's Birth = Feb.12 / Washington's Birth = Feb.22
	22	IKS GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK ~ 2:00-5:00 pm / at the home of Dan & Shirlee Berghamer in Riverside / For more info contact Kelly Houston at (909) 885-2503
	25	IKS BUSINESS MEETING ~ 7 pm / <i>All members of IKS welcome!</i> 6531 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside / Mark Krakower at (951) 371-2223.

MARCH	04	IKS AUCTION MEETING ~ 7:00 - 8:30 pm / Koi Auction and Pre-Owned Equipment Sale on May 30, 2009. Come join the planning committee to see how you can help. You'll reap the full benefits of this unique experience. (951) 371-2223
	13	AKCA BOARD MEETING ~ 7pm / 529 E. Bluebridge Ave Orange, CA 92867 / Call Kelly Houston at (909) 885-2503 for more information.
	17 ☘	ST. PATRICK'S DAY ~ May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go. ~Irish Blessing
	19-22	RETURN OF THE SWALLOWS CELEBRATION ~ 10 am Mission San Juan Capistrano, 26801 Ortega Hwy, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 / (949) 234-1300
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THIS JUST IN:
SHOWS, VENDORS, AND KOI 101
TALKS FREE TO ALL AT SAN DIEGO!

The annual AKCA Seminar on February 12 – 15 breaks new ground by including two big koi shows and a separate series of presentations on pond design and koi keeping that are all open to the general public. The vendor exhibits also offer free admission. Please support our organization by attending this event. The latest schedule and details can be found at: <http://koiclubsandiego.org/shoz/2009/>

See you there!





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Japan came into contact with the Chinese calendar very early, but started calculating it and using fully about the beginning of the 7th century. [1] This calendar, or a modification of it, was used by Japan until 1873, when it adopted the Gregorian (modern Western) calendar as the official calendar. [2] However, as almost all source materials for events in Japan before 1873 use the Japanese calendar, as do Japanese historians, this Wiki uses the Japanese calendar in principle.

Chinese New Year By the Chinese Calendar.

2009 is the Year of the Ox , which is also known by its formal name of Ji Chou. 己丑



Remember the
fun we had?

IKS is doing it again!
We're having a "Koi
Auction and Used
Equipment Sale" on
May 30, 2009. Join us!



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