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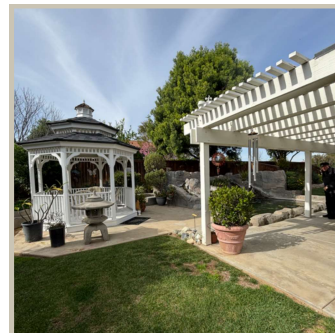
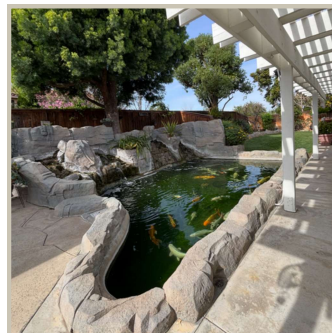
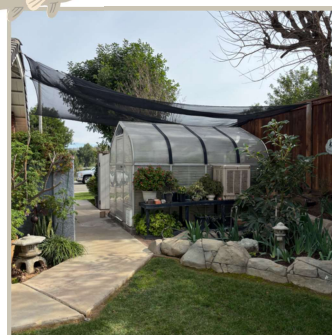
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IKS POTLUCK MEETING
2:00 PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
HOST: LARRY & DEBBY LEVERETT
5349 JASPER LANE,
RIVESIDE 92506
REMEMBER TO BRING FOOD
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In 2007, **Larry** built this beautiful concrete pond with the help of the **AKCA Guide to Pond Construction**. The pond is a total of 4,500 gallons and uses three 300-gallon filters run by 1/4 horsepower pumps. This is enough to turn over the water every hour! From these filters, the water flows to two waterfalls and back to the pond. This ecosystem that the Leveretts' have created is home to about 50 fish all of vibrant color.

In 2012, **Larry** rebuilt a 400-gallon quarantine tank by his orchid house, a rockscape corner with waterfalls; it's at your left as you enter the garden gate. It has a 1/8 hp pump, a Bio Force 2000 filter, and a 40 watt UV light.



Larry & Debby Leverett are opening up their home to us where we will sit inside the garage for a video presentation of "Hawaiian Koi as seen through an AKCA seminar". The video was produced in 2022 on the Island of Hilo. Among the stars, besides the Koi, are many members of the Inland Koi Society. It shows many of the top koi people from around the world. Koi vets, Japanese koi breeders, wet labs, an artist that paints fish on canvas in a most unusual way. There is a pond tour of koi hobbyists homes and many Hawaiian traditions of the people of Hawaii. **This is not to be missed!** Of course, we will all still need to bring our chairs and a food dish to add to our yummy buffet!!



Larry is a very social, honorable & giving man with a spontaneous wit. He is a plant and vegetable gardener using his green thumb wisely and always shares fruits of his labor. **Debby** is a creative, giving, and a humble woman. She is also interested in gardening, but mostly with flowers. Their interest in Koi started accidentally. The gazebo came with the house they bought in 1989, but it was withered and the spa was not used. So, they moved and changed the personal spa to create a small pond complimenting the new Amish Style gazebo they had built. Larry inserted some water plants and dozen goldfish to test the waters, but by this time saw a few other fish called Koi that he fell in love with. They bought a few Koi and learned of **The Inland Koi Society** by the fish dealers. Being beginners, they decided to try that club, hoping to gain more information and friends!

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Upcoming Events

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27 ~ IKS Board Meeting

12:30 PM

Larry and Debby Leverett

5349 Jasper Lane, Riverside 92506

Interested members are welcome to attend, but please call hosts to let them know beforehand, 951.781.3887

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27~ IKS General / Potluck meeting

2 - 5 PM

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25 ~ IKS Board Meeting

12:30 PM

Rob and Lindy Krause

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25~ IKS General / Potluck meeting

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22~ IKS General / Potluck meeting

2 - 5 PM

Jerry & Pat Mall

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July Meeting Recap!

If you did not attend the July meeting at Wally's home, **here's what you missed!**



In July, we had the pleasure of meeting at the home and pond of one of our newer members, Wally Yosafi, and his family! The Yosafis live in South Corona and have a beautiful pond tucked into the corner of their backyard. A special part of this meeting was that Wally insisted on providing the food, and we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by the Yosafi family. Everyone also had the chance to see the fish Wally has recently acquired through club donations. We look forward to visiting the Yosafis again in the future and seeing how his pond continues to progress! To wrap up the day, we all gathered for a club picture; probably the first time we've done one in quite a while!

We hope to see you all at the next meeting!

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Keeping Koi & Ponds Healthy in the Summer Heat

By: Shannon Barnes

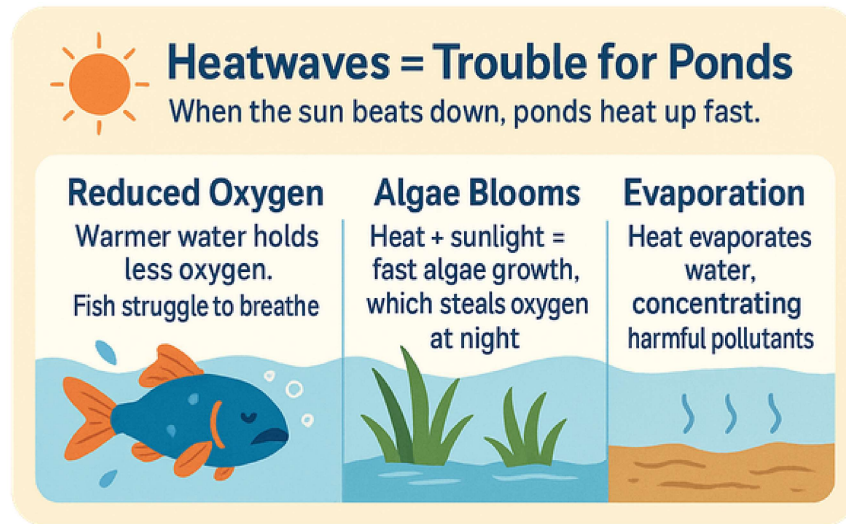


Image from Webs Water Gardens

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy our ponds. The koi are active, feeding heavily, and growing rapidly. But summer also brings challenges that can quickly turn a healthy pond into a stressful environment for our fish. Understanding how heat affects your pond can help prevent problems before they occur.

Many pond keepers assume that high temperatures are the primary threat to koi during the summer. In reality, the greatest danger is often the combination of warm water, reduced oxygen levels, heavier feeding, and declining water quality. A pond that was perfectly stable in the spring can develop serious issues during a prolonged heat wave.

Oxygen: Your Most Important Summer Tool

As water temperatures rise, the amount of dissolved oxygen that water can hold decreases. At the same time, koi metabolism increases, causing fish to require more oxygen. This creates a situation where demand is rising while supply is falling. Watch for signs that oxygen levels may be too low:

- Koi gathering near waterfalls, returns, or air stones
- Gasping at the surface
- Rapid gill movement
- Lethargy or reduced activity
- Fish congregating where fresh water enters the pond

If you observe any of these symptoms, increase aeration immediately. Air stones, diffusers, waterfalls, venturis, and additional air pumps can all help improve oxygen levels. During summer, pumps and waterfalls should operate continuously. Keep in mind that dissolved oxygen is often at its lowest point just before sunrise, making hot, humid nights particularly stressful for koi.

Keep an Eye on Water Temperature

Monitoring pond temperature during periods of extreme heat is essential. Daily temperature checks can help you catch potentially stressful conditions before they become dangerous.

For many koi ponds, water temperatures between 70°F and 78°F are ideal during the summer months. Once temperatures reach 80°F or higher, oxygen levels become an even greater concern. When water temperatures reach the mid-80s, the risk of stress increases significantly, especially if water quality or oxygen levels are less than ideal.

Whenever possible, provide shade through trees, pergolas, shade sails, or floating plants. Avoid sudden temperature changes caused by adding large amounts of significantly cooler water, as rapid fluctuations can stress fish.

Water Quality Matters More Than Ever

Warm temperatures accelerate nearly every biological process in a pond. Fish produce more waste, food breaks down faster, organic debris decomposes more quickly, and algae growth often accelerates. All of these factors place greater demands on your filtration system.

During the summer, regularly test:

- Ammonia
- Nitrite
- PH
- KH (carbonate hardness)
- Water Temperature

KH deserves special attention because beneficial bacteria consume alkalinity as they process waste. Increased feeding and biological activity can cause KH levels to decline, leading to unstable pH and potentially a dangerous pH crash.

Regular partial water changes, proper dechlorination, debris removal, and routine filter maintenance help keep water quality stable. While mechanical filters should be cleaned as needed, avoid completely sterilizing biological filter media, as this can reduce your beneficial bacteria population. Remember: more food means more waste, and more waste means more work for your filtration system.

Feeding During Hot Weather

One of the biggest mistakes koi keepers make during the summer is overfeeding. Warm water increases appetite, and koi often seem constantly hungry. However, every handful of food eventually becomes waste that must be processed by your filters. Feed only what your koi can consume quickly and avoid allowing uneaten food to remain in the pond. If you increase feeding rates, closely monitor ammonia and nitrite levels.

During periods of extreme heat or when oxygen levels are low, reduce feeding or temporarily stop feeding altogether. When possible, feed during the cooler parts of the day.

Algae, Parasites, and Disease Concerns

Summer conditions can also encourage algae growth and increase the likelihood of health issues. Warmer water speeds up biological activity throughout the pond, creating conditions where existing problems can become more noticeable.

Watch for:

- Excess algae growth
- Flashing
- or rubbing
- Skin irritation
- Clamped fins
- Ulcers
- Isolated or lethargic behavior

If a koi begins acting abnormally, resist the urge to immediately reach for medications. Instead, first evaluate the pond environment.

Check water quality. Check oxygen levels. Check temperature.

Many apparent disease problems actually begin with environmental stress, and correcting the underlying conditions often resolves the issue or prevents it from becoming more serious.

Emergency Summer Heat Checklist

If you walk outside and find your koi showing signs of heat stress:

1. Increase aeration immediately.
2. Check water temperature.
3. Test ammonia, nitrite, pH, and KH.
4. Reduce or stop feeding.
5. Verify that pumps, filters, and waterfalls are working properly.
6. Remove dead algae and organic debris.
7. Perform an appropriate water change if water quality indicates it is needed.

Acting quickly can often prevent a minor issue from becoming a major problem.

Five Things to Remember

When summer temperatures climb, keep these five principles in mind:

Oxygen: Add more aeration than you think you need.

Temperature: Know your pond's water temperature.

Water Quality: Test don't guess.

Feeding: Don't overload your biological filter.

Observation: Look at your koi every day. Their behavior will often tell you something is wrong before a water test does.

As the summer season continues, remember that the best medicine for koi is often not a treatment bottle or medication. Excellent water quality, abundant oxygen, and an observant koi keeper remain the most effective tools for maintaining healthy, thriving fish.

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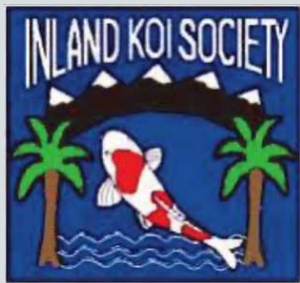


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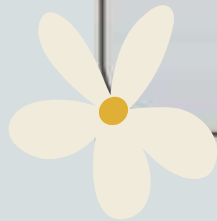
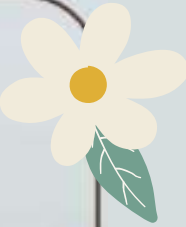
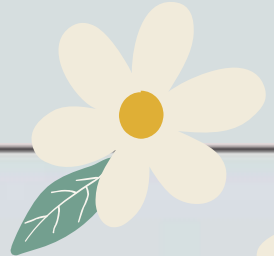
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