

# *The Inland Koi Connection*



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**Come for the Koi Races**



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Koi of the Year  
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IKS General Meeting  
Annual Thanksgiving Feast  
2:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Sunday, November 19**

Hosted by  
**Jerry & Pat Mall**  
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The IKS Board meets monthly, generally on Wednesday evening following the Sunday regular meeting. The meeting begins at 7:00pm and is open to any interested members.

The November 1 meeting was hosted by the Milfelds in Riverside. Excused: Larry Leverett, Jack Marrin.

- **Oct. 29** at the **Zoetemelks' in Norco**: Great turnout with 55, including new members from October, Rod & Ellen Banaag, and couples who joined on site, the Watsons and the Parragas. Jeff Fleischer returned to speak on *Filtration, Part 2: Mechanical Filtration*. When finished, he was asked to instruct us on preparing the pond for Fall-Winter weather. Good interaction with the members. Theo's pond was nice and clear, and he finally got a photo of the whole club gathered on and around his windmill...reading KOIUSA.
- **Confirmed** end of year meeting, Nov. 19, at the Malls' in Temecula; sign-ups are at 50. **Looking for hosts for 2018; call Rob to volunteer.**
- **Koi Rescue**: •The rescue team feels a new focus on the program, that of being a "Re-Homing Team." •Ed reported on an October 28 pond closing in Torrance, and the need to re-home the 30 large koi; the owner passed away in March this year, leaving his pond without maintenance other than infrequent feeding ever since. No equipment was worth saving, only a waterfall pump was working. •Discussed ways to find new homes. For the size and quality of the fish, would like to offer them for sale, but not for "nothing" — their value would fund the program for some time.
- October 15 emergency action, approved by email: To purchase a \$250 replacement 15' diameter x 42" deep metal frame pool for rescue quarantine, in anticipation of 10/28 rescue. The present pool is full of leaks; it's usable short-term, but a replacement is seriously needed.
- Discussed moving Board meetings to a weekend schedule in deference to those whose work requires commuting from LA and points west: it's almost impossible to get home in time for a midweek meeting. All but one were in favor. As Jack Marrin will host next Board meeting but was absent, no change of date was made yet.
- Reviewed Election issues so ballots can be prepared. Discussed whether a Board member could attend meetings via Skype; technology makes it a feasible option.
- **Next Board meeting: Wed., Nov. 29, 7pm** at the Marrins'.\*

Peggy Milfeld, Secretary Pro tem    \\_ ( ' ) \_/

\*Members wishing to attend a Board mtg. should let the host know.



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•When calling our volunteers, you might get a recorded message. Please suggest a time when you're home to receive a return call, or when you would like to call back.

•Remember that phone advice is given based on your input; the ultimate responsibility for treatment remains with you.

•You can call our Librarians to request information on a particular topic and they will bring it for you to the next meeting, or make other arrangements to get it.

This month **Jerry & Pat Mall** will be our hosts, as they have been for the last eight years. The Malls are locals. Growing up nearby, they married nearly 45 years ago and raised six children who still live locally. I like to imagine this home alive with all the grandchildren running through it. This must be the favorite gathering place for them, just as it is for us, and we are privileged to be invited here year after year.

Eighteen or so years ago, the Malls chose to move from their home of 25 years in Bloomington to a more private, wooded area; this 20-acre avocado-and-citrus hilltop farm above Temecula seems to have been the perfect site for a new home, and here they pursue their personal passions. Travel is one, and Pat is the wildlife photographer whose framed works adorn the walls. Jerry is a car buff, and the guys will love his lower garage: you just never know what cars will be down there.

Maintaining the 12,000-gallon koi pond was simplified by its design, and Jerry usually offers a tour of the pump house. It's full of Lim Pumps, Nexus filters, bubble bead filters, and large UV sterilizers. There are air pumps for the Nexus filters and for the domes on the bottom drains. Designed by one of Jerry's employees, the pond took 1½ years to build, and the fish are beautiful and huge.

Each November we relax at this last meeting of the year as we gather with a family of choice to celebrate Thanksgiving. Our lunch will be indoors and almost formal, with banquet tables and chairs (don't bring yours!) Our dining room is a beautifully finished attached garage to the left of the front door; Jerry will direct the parking, all of us at the top of the driveway and handicap easy — everything is on the level!

Cars and garages have been a foundation of the Malls' life: they were owners of **K&N Filters** and heavily involved in nearly every form of motorsports, even having their own racing team. Jerry used to drive a Racing Dodge Viper, but in one race, doing over 220 mph, as he was slowing to 170 the motor blew. The car flipped several times, yet Jerry was unhurt! He chose to back off. Later he spent years interviewing companies who wanted to purchase K&N and, now that the company is divested, he and Pat are retired comfortably.

Usually we have a gift-exchange game after the business part of this meeting, but this year, maybe in honor of Jerry's years behind the wheel, we're going to try **Koi Races**, and we ask everyone to bring \$5 in singles to play. (Yes, I'll have some change.) Get the spirit!

Legalities demand this meeting include some serious business — Elections for 2018. We have struggled through the last year truly short of key officers, and it has been a burden on several to keep it all going. Your Board of Directors is looking for a few new people to step up and join the crew. We plan to change the mid-week board meetings to another day so those who work in LA or beyond can attend without losing hours. Maybe that will make a difference for others, too.

As you have time during the meeting, plan to explore the lower garage, the game room, the pond and beyond. We're hoping it's a clear day! Enjoy each other in this relaxed format, and be prepared to vote for new leadership. Better, please seriously consider becoming part of that leadership! Last but not least, bring your Renewal Form and get it turned in early.

But do make reservations so we have enough seats. And turkey. Check the list at right and call Debby Leverett at 951.781.3887 if you're not on it! Besides your side dish, you might want to bring a jacket and maybe your camera. We'll not get together again until January.

**“FAMILY FEAST” MENU IDEAS**

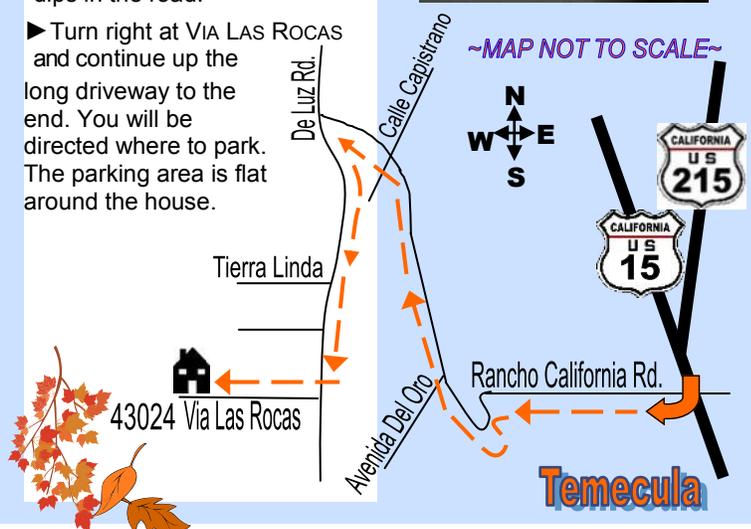
We have about 50 members signed up for the Nov. 19 meeting, but I know that's not everybody. Check the list below if you're still deciding what to bring, and yes, changes of mind are okay! Choose a new recipe you want to try (*we're great guinea pigs*), or an old family favorite. **And please call in to reserve your seats so we have room for everyone at the tables.**

- **Stuffing or Potatoes ~ mashed, yams, cheesy....**  
 Hoffman ~ Dressing                      Zehm ~ Sweet Potatoes
- **Vegetable Dishes ~ all the family favorites....**  
 Broomfield ~ Green Beans              Marrin ~ Veggies  
 Mouw ~ Mac & Cheese                  Wright ~ Veggies
- **Salads, any kind ~ green, fruit, molded....**  
 Blais ~ Potato Salad                      Milfeld ~ Applesauce  
 Poyle ~ Broccoli Salad                  ??? ~ Cranberry Salad  
 Rein ~ Fruits, Cranberry Sauce, Egg Rolls
- **Muffins, Rolls, Breads....**  
 Zoetemelk ~ ???                          ??? ~ Rolls
- **Desserts, any kind and all the favorites!**  
 Kushner ~ Dessert                      Parraga ~ Pies  
 Leever ~ Birthday Cake                  Watson ~ Peach Cobbler
- **Other Items, including Appetizers....**  
 Mall ~ Turkey & Gravy                  Leever ~ Ham  
 Hunter ~ Devilled Eggs                  Leverett ~ Antipasto Platter

*If you're not on the list, call ASAP to sign up! We need a count for seating and ordering the turkey and the **Deadline to call is Tuesday evening, Nov. 14. Please call Debby Leverett 951.781.3887 or email LarryLeverett@inlandkoiociety.org***

**DIRECTIONS:**

- ▶ Use I 215-15 South, or I 15 North
- ▶ Exit I 15 onto RANCHO CALIFORNIA RD. and head west.
- ▶ Turn left at the “T” onto DE LUZ RD., continuing past two dips in the road.
- ▶ Turn right at VIA LAS ROCAS and continue up the long driveway to the end. You will be directed where to park. The parking area is flat around the house.



# Inland Koi Society Club Membership Renewal Time

All members are sent this month's newsletter by mail with a pre-printed Renewal Form enclosed.

Orville Hanson, Database Manager, asks that you return the printed form, with corrections or additions carefully made on it, at the November meeting, or mail back before January 1, 2018.

**If you will not attend this meeting, please put the form with other unpaid bills so it will not be lost, and send it in as soon as possible. Thank you!**



## Returning Members:



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*Address change:*

**10/2017: Scott & Phyllis Zehm**  
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### 2017: Al & Tamsie Pierce, KCSD

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**2008: Kelly Houston, PAST IKS PRESIDENT**  
c/o Bellagio Manor Assisted Living  
1046 E. 4th Street ~ 562.432.7468  
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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

*Write these folks into your Directory, seek them out at meetings, make them welcome! More than members, make them friends!*

*Referred by Ed Kushner:*

**08/27: Brenda Aker**  
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*Referred by Ed Brown:*

**08/27: Gavin & Stephanie Alexander**  
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*Referred by a former Member:*

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*Referred by Ed Brown:*

**10/18: Doug Padgett**  
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*Referred by a Member:*

**10/29: Alvin & Darlene Watson**  
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**11/08: Jaime & Estela Parraga**  
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*\*New Members: Our Member Directory includes pictures of each member or family member. Please, if you can't join us at our next meeting, send me a photo so you can at least be included in the next newsletter and then we'll recognize you when we do meet!*

*Email to Peggy at [milfeld@msn.com](mailto:milfeld@msn.com) Thank you!*

What a gorgeous day we were given as we gathered in Norco at the home of *Theo & Jeanne Zoetemelk*. There were 55 of us plus Jeanne & Theo's precious three granddaughters, as we filled the deck around Theo's wonderful Dutch windmill for a group photo. It must have been one of those lazy days as we had an over-abundance of desserts on the lunch table — a good excuse to indulge without guilt!

New members *Michael & Diane Kovacic* found the best seats by the sunken pond window, while *Rod & Ellen Banaag* joined the gang under the trees. *Jim Parraga* and *Alvin & Darlene Watson* enjoyed their visit to IKS enough that they joined on the spot. We look forward to seeing you all at many future meetings. It was a treat to have *Kelly Houston* back for a visit; thank you to his brother *Michael*, for bringing him!

*Jeff Fleischer* returned to bring us *Part 2* of his series on filtration, this time discussing *Mechanical Filtration*. There was good input from several members as he talked us through his two favorite filter systems, sand-and-gravel and bead filters. There was comparison of efficiencies and experiences with both types, and a duel of illustrating talent and designs were modified, reworked, improved upon.... Jeff has the coolest DIY-PVC easel that he carries with him! We closed with a brief overview of what we need to do around the pond as we approach the "cold season" in SoCal.

The granddaughters had fun pulling tickets for the raffle, and as that wound down, we signed up for next month at the Mall's...see you then!



**FALL POND CARE TIPS AND TRICKS FOR SOCAL**

Let these nine simple yet affordable tasks guide you this month so you can reap the rewards of a healthy pond next year.

- 1. Begin Changing your Koi Food Formula:** Phase out high-protein koi food, phase in carbohydrate-based, wheat germ food. As water temps drop to low 60's, koi need food for easy digestion: their metabolism slows in cold water and they can't handle a heavier diet.
- 2. Use a Pond Thermometer:** When pond temp drops below 60°F, adjust your feeding regimen accordingly. When temp is holding at below 50°F, quit feeding altogether until next Spring, when water temps rise to a steady 50°F or above. Koi are ready for a rest.
- 3. Use a Scarecrow Motion Sensor Device:** Egrets and blue herons are back. As ponds cool, koi metabolism slows, and their reflexes are slower, making them easier prey. Use a sensor to protect every 100-sq. ft. of pond surface area, and check or replace the batteries.
- 4. Trim Trees and Bushes:** Keeping leaves out of your pond will help control nutrients in the water and save time on maintenance.
- 5. Add Beneficial Bacteria:** The pond's beneficial bacteria start will slow down too; it's a good idea to supercharge your pond with a hefty dose (up to 10x) of new beneficial pond bacteria to consume as much organic debris as possible in both the pond and filtration systems. Be liberal, as you can't overdose the pond with beneficials.

- 6. Prepare for String Algae:** Established ecosystem ponds, properly maintained over Summer, are undeniably carefree, with little to no string algae problems. As water temp cools and nutrient levels are high, conditions for string algae are at peak. Treat at first signs of it.
- 7. Stop Fertilizing Water Lilies:** Use aquatic fertilizer tabs, designed for water gardens, thru Summer. By September, fertilization should have stopped: water lilies should be at end of their growing season and shutting down, preparing for dormancy, but our extended heat may have delayed them. If you continue to fertilize now, only string algae will benefit!
- 8. Consider Aeration:** Aerators are the most overlooked, inexpensive way to benefit your pond year round, adding fantastic water circulation from surface to the bottom, and it looks great. During Winter, most pond owners reflect on recorded data collected over the past year's season, and refer to their notes and treat the new season just like the prior one. What most fail to consider is that their koi at the beginning of last year's season were substantially smaller. Larger fish tend to need more food, which puts more strain on water quality. A quality aerator benefits everything — fish, plants and beneficials.
- 9. Install Underwater Lighting:** Days are shorter and much of the time you spend at home will be after dark. Investing just a few hundred dollars can double your enjoyment of your pond with the addition of underwater lighting. Fish seem to kick into overdrive in the evening, dancing in the lights. Check timers, clean algae, trim nearby plants.

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**IKS Elections 2017**

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; if you plan to volunteer, check with your spouse or significant other. Installation of Officers and Directors will take place at our Annual Meeting in January.

Voting is a serious matter, as it determines the direction our group will take in the future. Several of the 12 Board positions have come up for grabs. There's no competition for top offices, which is a sad situation in any organization; all would willingly shuffle to another position or take a year off if anyone else were willing to do their jobs. Having the two top offices covered by one couple is not in their nor the club's best interest, but they are willing to try it if no one else will. As for the seven Directors, four will continue in unexpired terms, and two will start new 2-yr terms; one seat is open.

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

- President (1-yr term) —Linda Kushner
- Vice President (1-yr term) —Ed Kushner [Rescue]
- Secretary (2-yr term) —OPEN
- Treasurer (2017-18, 2nd term) —Nick Milfeld [EZ-ups]
- Newsletter Editor (2-yr term) —OPEN
- Director (2017-18, 2nd term) —Deanna Fales [also does raffles]
- Director (2017-18, 2nd term) —Jack Marrin
- Director (2017-18, 3rd term) —Tom Wright [rescue]
- Director (2017-18, 1st term) —Theo Zoetemelk [buffet set-up]
- Director (2018-19, 2nd term) —Larry Leverett [all beverages]
- Director (2018-19, 1st term) —Rob Fales
- Director (2018-19, 1st term) —OPEN

**Excerpt of IKS By-Laws: 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

**Elections** will be part of the November meeting to fill the **2018 term**. But there are many non-elective positions that also need to be filled.

**WebMaster ~ A volunteer position.** We enjoy the services of a WebMistress who is out of state and would like to be relieved of the responsibility. Is there a local member who understands the ins & outs of maintaining a website & posting new information? Call Ed Kushner

**Supplying waters & sodas at meetings ~ Volunteer positions.** One to three Volunteers are needed to bring the IKS-provided ice chests to our meetings, filling them each month with waters, diet or regular sodas, and ice. Submit receipts for reimbursement. Call Larry [951.781.3887]

**Storing & transporting signs ~ A volunteer position.** We place signs to mark the route to our meetings. Ideally, the hosts of the following month's meeting should take signs home and then put them out before their meeting. We need someone willing to make sure that happens as often as possible, and to take the signs home themselves if the next host isn't present to get them; the signs could then be delivered to the next host, or taken early to the next meeting and spotted

**Questions?** ~ Call Rob & Deanna Fales [951.279.0181], or Nick Milfeld [951.780.7395], or Ed Kushner [951.520.0092] to ask about these ways to help out. They're small commitments to a great club.

<b>N O V E M B E R</b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>Southern Arizona Koi Assoc. Koi Show</b> — Oro Valley Marketplace, Oro Valley, AZ (north of Tucson) / Auction & Vendor Fair / <a href="http://www.sakoia.org">www.sakoia.org</a>
	<b>19</b>	<i>Note: this is the 3rd Sunday, one week earlier...</i> <b>IKS POTLUCK MEETING &amp; KOI RACES</b> — 2-5pm / Hosted by <b>Jerry &amp; Pat Mall</b> ~ 43024 Via Las Rocas, Temecula 92590 ~ 951.506.4814 ~ Annual Feast, Elections, Dues are due, Koi Races!
	<b>23</b>	Celebrate your Blessings with Family & Friends! 
<b>D E C</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>ZNA-SoCal Koi Auction ~ Rain of Shine</b> ~ Preview from 11am, Auction begins at Noon / Location: <b>Andrew's Koi International</b> , 1650 S Brookhurst St., Anaheim 92804 ~ No Fee bidder paddles ~ <a href="http://znasocal.com">znasocal.com</a>
	<b>25</b>	 <i>May You Be Blessed this Christmas!</i>
	<b>31</b>	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>



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PAT is the excellent animal photographer whose work you will find displayed around the Malls' home.



▲ Not a *Pat Mall* photo, but worthy of her:

**BENGAL WHITE TIGER QUADRUPLETS** and their mother, Meng Meng, meet the public at Xinpu Park on Nov. 8 in Lianyungang, Jiangsu Province of China. Meng Meng gave birth to the quadruplets in August.

**Visit our website: [www.inlandkoisociety.org](http://www.inlandkoisociety.org)**