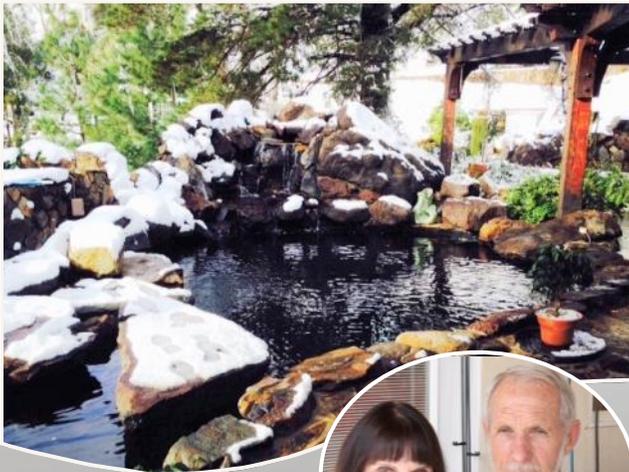


# The Inland Koi Connection

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**Sunday, 11/24 Potluck Meeting ~ Hosts: Jerry & Pat Mall ~ 2-5pm**  
**43024 Via Las Rocas, Temecula 92590 ~ 951.506.4814**



The 12,000-gallon pond on December 31, 2014, with an unexpected layer of snow!

This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving at Jerry & Pat Mall's beautiful home in the hills overlooking Temecula. This is their tenth year to host this event, and we truly appreciate their warm hospitality. Lunch will be indoors and almost formal, with banquet tables and chairs (don't bring yours!) Our dining room is a beautifully finished garage to the left of the front door, and Jerry will direct the parking to keep all of us at the top of the driveway. And it's handicap easy—everything is on the level!

The pond was designed by one of Jerry's employees for simplified maintenance; do take Jerry's tour of the pump house to see his equipment. And guys, you might sneak to the downstairs garage to see what cars are in residence. Cars and garages have been a foundation of the Malls' life: they owned K&N Filters and were heavily involved in nearly every form of motorsports, even having their own racing team. Jerry used to drive a Dodge Viper, but in one race, doing over 220mph, as he was slowing to 170 the motor blew. The car flipped several times, yet Jerry walked away unharmed! He backed off the racing and is now comfortably retired, and he and Pat enjoy traveling. Photos around you showcase Pat's talent with a camera.

Legalities require some serious business this month—**Elections for 2020**. Then we'll have some fun with **Koi Races** again, so bring \$5 in singles if you want to play. See sign-ups below; call the Milfelds to get on the list!

## Enclosed: Your 2020 Renewal Form ...and on the back, a quick Survey! Please return at November meeting.

### "Family Feast" Menu Plans & Sign-ups

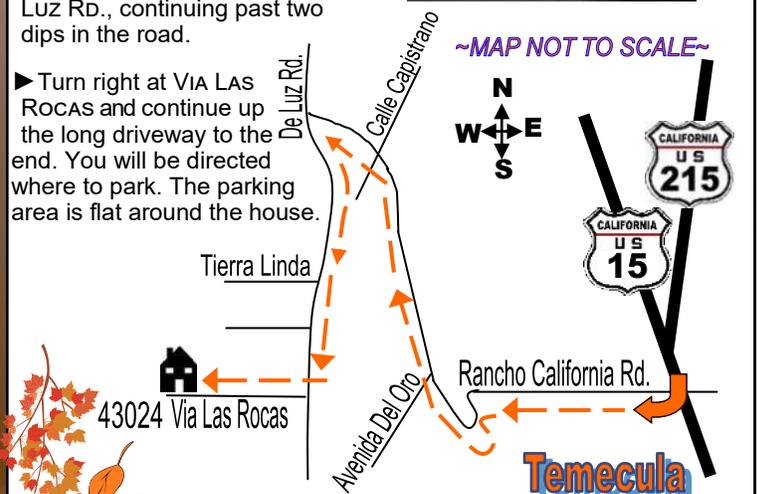
We already have 45 members signed up for this meeting, but I know that's not everyone. Check the list below if you're still deciding what to bring, and yes, changes of mind are okay! Please let us know you're coming so we have room & turkey for everyone.

- **Stuffing or Potatoes ~ mashed, yams, cheesy....**  
Watson ~ Sweet Potatoes      Leverett ~ Mashed Potatoes  
Nyirady ~ Cauliflower Dressing
- **Vegetable Dishes ~ all the family favorites....**  
Driver ~ Green Beans      Wolf ~ Corn Casserole
- **Salads, any kind ~ green, fruit, molded....**  
Aiko ~ Fruit Salad      Poyle ~ Broccoli Salad
- **Muffins, Rolls, Breads....**  
Lei ~ Rolls      Hanson ~ Rolls
- **Desserts, any kind and all the favorites!**  
Richardson ~ Cheesecake or Tiramisu      Leever ~ Cake
- **Other Items, including Appetizers....**  
Henry ~ Butternut Squash Soup      Hunter ~ Deviled Eggs  
Leever ~ Ham      ??? ~ Relish Plate
- **Others who signed up to attend....**  
Kushner, Mouw, Milfeld

If you're not on the list, call ASAP to sign up! We need a count for seating and ordering turkey; the Deadline to call is Sunday evening, Nov. 17. Please leave a message at the Milfelds at 951.780.7395 or send an email to [peggymilfeld@inlandkoi.com](mailto:peggymilfeld@inlandkoi.com)

### 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.



A beautiful day to meet around *Nick & Peggy Milfeld's* pond for our Oct. 27 meeting. Larry Leverett did an excellent job explaining how to "Winterize Your Pond," even though each resource he checked began with, "Cut a hole in the ice." Some of our members do live in areas where ice and snow are possible, so if temps drop to 30's, bag up any tropical plants and

store in the garage at 50°. Koi can stay in the pond if you have depth and volume, as long as it doesn't ice over too thick. Filters and pumps should be drained so freezing doesn't break anything. Stop feeding so fish can 'hibernate' and, if possible, cover the pond to keep leaf debris out of it. This month's Arctic Blast should be creating some horror stories across the country!

SoCal may drop to 30's and 40's, and that's tolerable to the fish: their immune system starts shutting down, but so does the metabolism of any parasites and other 'bugs.' That said, when Spring comes, parasites warm up faster than koi; this can create a problematic season known as *Aeromonas Alley* when bacterial outbreaks are common. Filters should have been cleaned in September, allowing time for the good bacteria to return to healthy levels.

Your koi will become increasingly inactive and stay on the bottom of the pond, searching out the least cold spots. Trouble may come during freak storms when severe winds churn the water continually and the fish cannot find their safe spaces. In such conditions, it's possible to have a die off, the fish basically freezing to death in the churned up cold water. Five years ago this happened to our member Mike Frady in Virginia: a koi judge, Mike had many really good fish in his 10,000-gallon pond, but lost them because of the high winds. ☹

**FALL FEEDING TIPS FOR KOI**  
from *UltraBalance*

Cooler weather is now upon us. The change in seasons means that the water temperature in your koi pond gradually decreases and your koi become less active. As their metabolism slows, koi start swimming more slowly and become less interested in food.

Here's a few fall feeding tips to follow:

- ❶ As the water temperature falls, gradually cut back the amount you feed, as well as the number of times per day you feed them.
- ❷ At around 64°F feed your koi no more than twice per day and as the temperature falls cut back to once per day. For water temperatures below 64°F, we recommend feeding a highly digestible wheat germ diet.
- ❸ Once the water remains below 50-55°F for at least 10 days in a row, we suggest you stop feeding your koi (fasting them) since their metabolism slows down. Your koi will be a good indicator of this by being less active and having little to no appetite. They will only eat what their body requires by grazing on algae as needed.
- ❹ You can begin to reintroduce food once the water temperature rises consistently above 50-55°F again. Since koi do not have a stomach, just a long intestinal tract, they are unable to properly digest their food in colder temperatures.



**ELECTIONS 2020**

The Nominating Committee recommends the following members for election to the Board for the 2020 term:

- Ed Kushner** President (1-year term)
- Frank Painter** Vice President (1-year term)
- Peggy Milfeld** Newsletter Editor
- Brenda Aker** Director (2-year term)
- Rob Fales** Director (2-year term)
- Larry Leverett** Director (2-year term)
- Linda Kushner** Director (2-year term)
- Alvin Watson** Director (2-year term)

The following have the second year of their 2-year terms to complete:

- Monica Dirac** Secretary
- Nick Milfeld** Treasurer
- Deanna Fales** Director
- Theo Zoetemelk** Director

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<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<p><b>10 ~ IKS BOARD MEETING:</b> 5pm / Host <b>Rob &amp; Deanna Fales</b> / 760 La Cumbre St., Corona 92879 / Interested Members are welcome to attend, but please call to let the host know 951.279.0181</p> <p><b>24 ~ 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 / Our Annual Thanksgiving Feast: IKS will provide the turkey, Members sign up to provide the traditional sides! / Elections 2019 / Dues are due / Koi Races! / <i>*Note: this is our usual 4th Sunday, but still the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Try out new recipes on us! Call the Milfelds (951.780.7395) to sign up to attend and choose a menu item to bring. Please call by Sunday evening, Nov. 17.</i></p>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<p><b>08 ~ IKS BOARD MEETING:</b> 5pm / Host <b>Theo Zoetemelk</b> / 1407 Second St., Norco 92860 / Interested Members are welcome to attend, but please call to let the host know 951.735.9896</p>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<p><b>26 ~ IKS POTLUCK MEETING:</b> 2-5pm / Location to be determined. [Maybe you could volunteer to host!]</p>



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### **NORCO HIGH POND PROJECT**

Students learned how to handle fish and a sock net as they stocked their finished pond with koi donated by IKS. Their pride in the project and their excitement were infectious.

Norco Ag Department students who are studying Landscape Design will develop a plan for the surrounding area. Irrigation, hardscape and plants will make it an inviting site for all to enjoy.



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