

# The Inland Koi Connection



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Sunday, 8/27 Potluck Meeting

Hosted by "Mac" & Jill McClain ~ 3-6pm

16130 Red Pony Lane, Riverside 92504 ~ 909.225.2346



Our hosts this month are "Mac" & Jill McClain, who we last visited in February 2019. Mac was IKS president in 2013-14. Their home is located on a secluded three-acre ranch off Mockingbird Canyon Road in the southwest hills of Riverside. The property is named 3 Angels Ranch: Jill and daughters, Kelly and Sabrina, are Mac's angels.

Mac is retired from law enforcement and is President of the Marine Honor Guard at the Riverside National Cemetery. Jill worked for the federal courts, but retired in 2019 from. They both have an appreciation for good food and fine wine: years ago they planted their own vineyard, with both red and white wine grapes, made and bottled their own, from crushing grapes to bottling and putting on their personal name labels, but the vines are struggling today. Daughter Kelly has been an EMT for two years and is in the hiring process for a firefighter position with the City of Los Angeles. Sabrina graduated in 2022 from

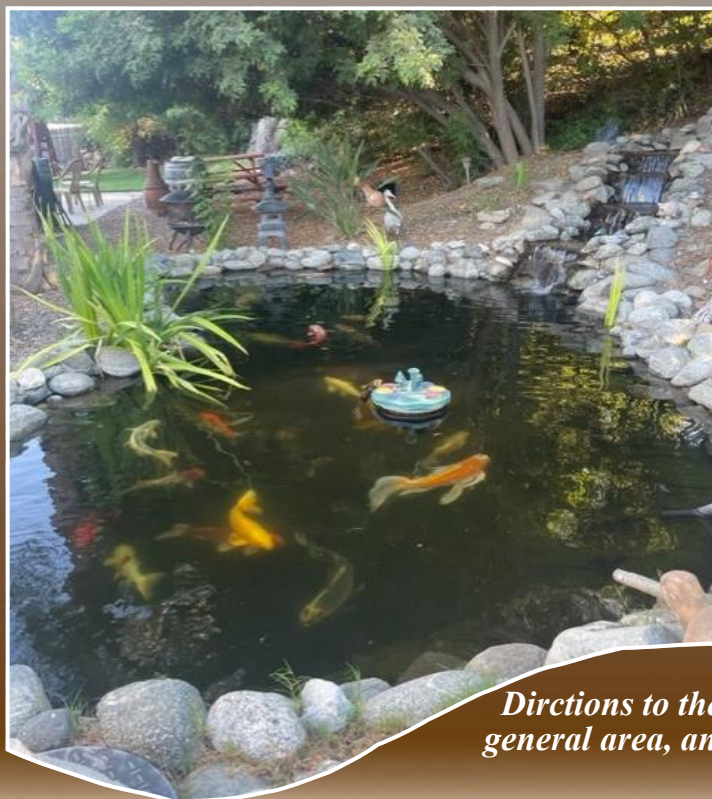
Sacramento State and is currently in grad school at Arizona State, Phoenix campus, studying Sports Journalism. She's expected to receive her master's degree in December.

The McClain 4,000-gallon pond was built by Jim Thompson of Waterscape Designs. It has an EPDM rubber liner, is about 4' deep, and has two bottom drains and a skimmer. A ½ hp Wave II pump feeds pond water to a prefilter; from there, water goes into a bubble bead filter, then through four 40-watt UV sterilizers (a total of 160 watts), and finally to a waterfall set into a six-foot-high bank. They added the pond, building it off their dining area, so they could see the koi while eating. Nine of their about 30 koi came from their previous home in Moreno Valley, and with them came a stubborn turtle that won't live in its designated area of the yard, but prefers to live with the koi in their pond.

In 2014, Mac & Jill installed a solar system. Designed to run the home and the pond, it also serves as a shelter for their horses that like to walk under it and stay out of the sun on hot days.

The McClains have always been warmly welcoming. Come meet them, bring your chairs and a dish to share in the potluck, and reserve some time to explore the property. Then look for someone you don't know yet and get acquainted. The more often you come, the more familiar faces you'll find. If you do not have a name tag yet, check at the registration table.

The program this month will be handled by Brenda Aker and Scott Zehm, focusing on the Emergency Supplies that pond owners should have. Will be interesting, so do bring your questions!



Directions to the McClains'... See the map on page 3 for the general area, and then rely on your GPS to find your best route.



## WHAT'S GOING ON...?

We are still searching for someone to take over the **NEWSLETTER**, and for someone with **WEBSITE EXPERIENCE**. Take a look at our site and, if you know how to play with it, consider volunteering to relieve our webmistress who lives in Texas....

### Coming Dates and Hosts:

**Board:** 8/6 Fales ~ 5:30      **Mtgs:** 8/27 McClain ~ 3-6  
 9/3 or 10 Zehm ~ 5:30      9/24 Marrin ~ 3-6  
 10/1 Alexander ~ 5:30      10/22 TBA ~ 2-5  
 11/5 Milfeld ~ 5:30      11/19 Mall ~ 2-5

We do not meet in December ~ Enjoy the Holidays!

Start thinking about taking great pictures of your favorite koi and of your pond for a future "of the Year" competition, sponsored by Koi Organisation International (K.O.I.).

With the loss of our club president, **Ed Kushner**, the Board voted to appoint **Scott Zehm** President *pro tem* to fulfill the balance of the term. November is our Elections month: there will be openings on the Board for new Directors and some officers.

## 2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS TO DATE

Aguilar	Hille	Pollock
Aker	Hoffman	Poyle
Alexander	Howo	Ross
Atkiss	Hunter	Rowland
Blais	Hurley	Triplett
Broomfield	James	Walters
Coby	Kushner	Watson
Dirac	Lei	Wolf
Elkind	Leverett	Wright
Fales	MacLaren	Zara
Fraday	Mall	Zehm
Grushen	Marrin	Zoetemelk
Halterman	McClain	<i>Honorary</i>
Hamilton	McHan	Cover
Hanson	Milfeld	Houston
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## Have YOU renewed your Membership?

- Registering on the web site is NOT Membership!
- You must be a K.O.I. Member to attend the FREE quarterly Pondside presentations!
  - Free handouts from every presentation
  - Members from Member Clubs may also attend some Pondside. Check with your K.O.I. rep for invites.

<http://koiorganisationinternational.org/koi-memberships>



How do you calculate a 2 ppm dose of Chloramine-T to be used in a treatment tank containing 200 gallons of water?

Take the "Simple Math for Koi Keepers" course #500, now taught by Syd Mitchell!

<https://koiorganisationinternational.org/course/500-simple-math-koi-keepers>



## TIP OF THE MONTH

**What is one way to prevent toxins from getting into your pond and poisoning your Koi?**

Assure your liner or edging comes above ground and prevents any water from getting over or around it into the pond!

- Liner should be folded over and extend at least 2" above ground all around the pond.
- Liner can then be hidden with rocks, but be sure that the rocks don't flatten the liner sticking above the ground.
- If you use large rocks on ledges to create the waterline for the pond, you will need to plaster between the rocks to assure a watertight surface extends at least 2" above the pond, all the way around.
- Note that any plaster above the water surface may crack with freeze/thaw cycles, and must be checked for leaks regularly.



## ● Welcome Kelvin Davis!

-Kelvin is now teaching Spike's courses - Anatomy, Physiology, Biosecurity and Lab 1!

## ● Angled Net Fittings – Buy them now!

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## PROPOSED TRAINING DAY FOR OCTOBER MEETING

**MEMBERS:** Your IKS Board has proposed a training opportunity in October, but they need your input to finalize plans

The plan is to provide a hands-on opportunity to handle fish, from netting to bagging. We would meet around *Theo & Jeanne Zoetemelk's* pond in Norco to remove about 50 koi. The fish would be transferred to a show tank and or transport/storage tubs with lids.

Theo is trying to cull the youngest of his koi — those from spawns in the last two or three years — before they overwhelm his pond and filtration. The koi would be inspected as they are caught, and likely sorted by some criteria, such as size or overall health and desirability. Once sorted, the fish may be rehomed to the lakes at Dos Lagos or Trilogy, although any koi that catches the eye of a member may also be purchased for a set \$25 donation to IKS. You should know, too, that IKS has arranged a new quarantine site for the Rescue & Re-Homing Program, and the best fish may be put there for future sales.

For transport, koi will be bagged with clean treated water and oxygen. All of these steps are the same as would be taken during an auction or a rescue operation — or in preparation for moving your own koi out of your pond.

With the opportunity to purchase any of the koi, and in the event you hope to do so, you should plan ahead to have a quarantine system already set up. Any koi, pro-

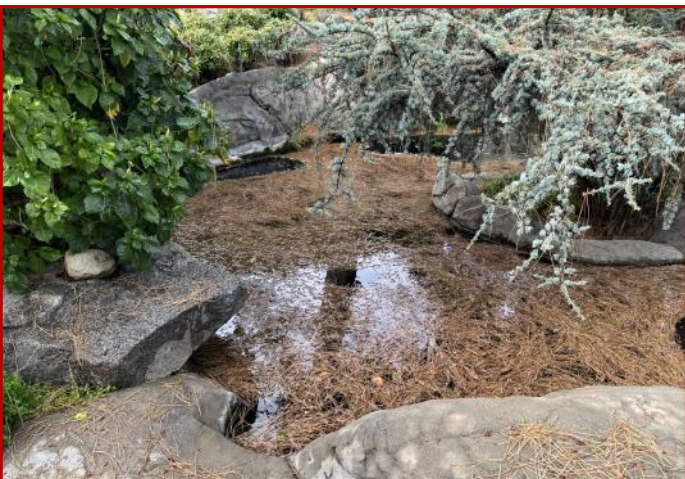
cured from any source, should go through a four- to six-week quarantine period — with at least one ‘disposable’ koi from your own collection — before being introduced into your pond. This protects your pond from any stray critters on the new fish, and lets the new fish acclimate to your pond water and its inhabitants... and whatever bad critters are living in your water. Remember that the “bad” can go both ways: your koi may be silent carriers of something that would kill a newly introduced koi, as easily as a new koi could introduce something to your pond. Note that this can happen with plant material also.

So, that’s the plan. The date proposed was **Saturday, October 14, from 9AM to NOON**. The date and time don’t coincide with our regular meeting schedule, and that in particular is the issue on which your input is requested.

There were no good reasons offered to argue for the change of date and time, although the event may take a bit longer than our usual three hours, and we would still want to have our usual potluck as part of the meeting. Please think about it with your calendars in hand — could we start earlier and stay a little later? — then come to this month’s meeting prepared to discuss it and or vote on it so planning can go forward.

It should be an excellent training day for all involved, and all the necessary equipment is now conveniently stored in a new storage unit on the Zoetemelks’ property. Let’s see if we can make the meeting a fun and truly educational event for everyone.

∞ PAM



*Hurricane Hilary hits Riverside pond...*

So many pine needles, you could almost “walk on water!” How did your pond fare?

Send me a couple of photos showing the impact Hilary had on your pond, and I’ll make a collage of them for next month.

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