



Koi Ahoy

October 2005

President's Message - Jerry Kyle

Thank you. Garry says it better in his message to you in this issue of the newsletter so I just say "Thank you." From the bottom of my heart! The members of this club should be justifiably proud. You did good and along the way set a standard of excellence for all who are interested in producing a Koi Show. Ever.

Now we move on to other exciting things. The next club meeting will be out in the country between Roseville and Lincoln. Our friend Bob Caruso, at whose home we have had many fine meetings visiting Jeanine's outdoor pond and Bob's indoor pond in his greenhouse has invited us to a koi farm. After raising some fine koi in his greenhouse pond and having koi who insist on spawning, Bob has decided to see what quality of koi he can produce for the market. With his friend, Jim, who has an aquaculture farm raising catfish and bass, Bob is using some of the mud ponds to raise koi. They have already had a harvest and he and Jim have invited us to the farm to see the operation. Jason has been there a number of times and enjoyed it but I have not and am looking forward to the visit. We will get Bob and Jim to show us around and explain or show us the various aspects of farming koi and why there can be some fine koi here in this country. Maybe we can find out about catfish and bass too. Who knows? Rain or shine the show will go on. If it rains we will talk them into moving the tractor out of the barn so we can stay dry. This should be an interesting and informative meeting. I am certainly looking forward to it and expect to have a good time and learn something.

Mary Beth who was appointed in August to chair the nomination committee for officers for 2006 will present the slate for next year's officers. No arm bending was required this year and I understand there will be a good blend of experienced members and newer members who should work well together.

Speaking of working together, Ellen Evans has been appointed as our new editor for the Koi Ahoy. She is excited about the prospect and I certainly welcome her and her enthusiasm. She tells me her first goal is going to be to get the newsletter out earlier so you will have more advanced notice of what we as a club are up to. That way you can more easily plan to attend those meetings which are of special interest to you. She also wants to hear from you and is interested in printing your views or questions. Let her know or send her an article.

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Winners of Camellia Koi Club's 2005 Show!

Jim Phillips would like to thank all club members who assisted at the CKC koi show. Jim has some great quality small "filter starter" fish, please contact him at hairbear@infostations.com if you are interested.



Sacramento Koi Show and Vendor Faire Thank You's — Garry Chin

There are many people I need to thank for the success of this event....So Thank-You to the following. First off to Green Acres Nursery (Mark and Ashley Gill) for allowing us to share their facility with them to put on this event. They even provided a wine tasting booth Saturday and had a sale in conjunction with the event.

Koi Enterprise (Anthony Quintero) for providing the food Friday, Saturday and Sunday via his mother...Gosh, home cooking each day, can you beat that? Majestic Koi (Rob Barreras) for Sponsoring the Saturday Night Pizza Party. Dan and Cheryl Alarid for helping to keep the snacks, drinks and whatever we needed flowing throughout.

Genki Nishikigoi (Kevin Pham) for providing the Grand Champion and Runner-Up Grand Champion Trophies, also kudos to one of Genki's breeders (M. Nakamori & Co., Ltd) for providing the Mature Champion, Adult Champion, Young Champion and Baby Champion Trophies. Mamason Koi (James Kitchen) for Sponsoring the Best in Size 1-8 Trophies and Best Variety Awards. Eastern Nishikigoi (Ken Tran) for Sponsoring the Best Tategoi Trophy.

Star Milling makers of Ultra Balance Koi Food (Iva Gaglione), Peters and Sons Koi (Russell Peters), Emperor Aquatics (Lisa Harm) for Sponsoring the Program Booklet and Thanks to Sandy Sylvester for putting together the Program Booklet.

To the following Vendors for having a booth(s) at this event. Hikari USA (Neal Brito), Napa Nishikigoi (Richard Wagner), Koi by Keirin (Carl Foss), Thunder Mountain Enterprises (James Chinchio), Nimbus Pond and Supply (Gary Sanford and John Hansen), Sacramento Koi (Steve Walker), Wild Orchid Koi and Water Gardens (Lynn Boule and Rick Blazo). The Vendors listed in the first section also had booths at the event.

Jim Phillips and his team for setting up and breaking down the Koi Show ring and providing excellent water quality for the KOI.

Ken Gray and his expert Koi Show Benching Team for getting all of the Koi benched in a timely manner and Judging Team members for helping the Judges get through all of the Koi efficiently.

Jason Sargeant for doing all of the computer work in getting all of the entrants, Koi entered, getting out the necessary reports for the Judges, reports of the results for the Koi Folks, Koi result pictures for the Koi Show Tanks and above all for providing LIVE results of the Koi Show Judging for the Koi-Bito Site (I believe this is the first time a Koi Show posted results live on the Internet).

Jerold and Phyllis Kyle for a great club booth that was able to provide the Public with answers about Koi, raffle prizes, information about the club, Koi periodicals for sale, etc.



AKCA judges Tom Ayers and Larry Christensen discuss the finer points of a bowled kohaku while Jolene Nunes prepares to record their decision.

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Koi Show Results — photos by Joe Devera

There was a great turnout for this year's show—both of koi and spectators. The judges agreed that given the relatively small show size, the quality of the fish surpassed their expectations. We should feel proud that our club's show displayed such impressive koi as the ones on the pages that follow.

Runner-Up

Grand Champion



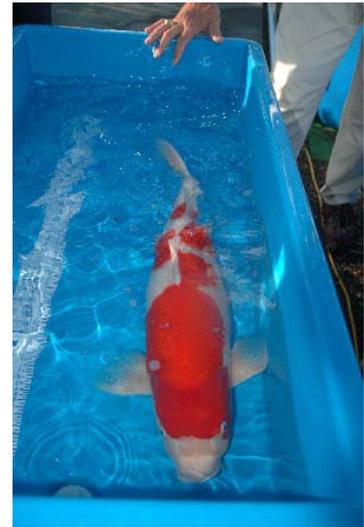
**Sanke Size 8
David Tran**

Grand Champion



**Utsuri Size 7
Deborah and Steve Wiese**

Mature Champion



**Kohaku Size 7
Carolyn Swanson**

Baby Champion



**Kohaku Size 1
Brian Nguyen**

Young Champion



**Kohaku Size 3
Dinh Nguyen**

Adult Champion



**Kohaku Size 6
Frank Morales**

Champion Longfin



**Longfin Size 4
Deborah & Steve Wiese**

 **Best in Size** 



Showa Size 8
Sean Tsuei



Showa Size 7
Carolyn Swanson



Kin/Gin Rin (A)
Size 6
Frank Morales



Kohaku Size 5
Frank Morales



Tancho Size 4
David Tran



Kohaku Size 3
Jeff Dunkle



Kohaku Size 2
Chris Guila

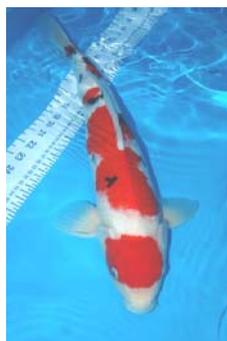


Kohaku Size 1
Chris Guila

Best in Variety



Kohaku Size 6
Carolyn Swanson



Sanke Size 5
Jolene Nunes
John Jones



Showa Size 7
Carolyn Swanson



Utsuri Size 6
Frank Morales



Tancho Size 7
Carolyn Swanson



Asagi/Shusui Size 6
Annette & Jim Phillips



Hikari Utsuri
Size 7
Deborah & Steve Wiese



Hikari Muji Size 7
Carolyn Swanson



Hikari Moyo Size 6
Carolyn Swanson



Koromo/Goshiki
Size 7
Carolyn Swanson



Doitsu (A) Size 6
David Tran



Doitsu (B) Size 4
Carolyn Swanson



Kawarigoi/Bekko Size 6
Annette & Jim Phillips



Kin/Gin Rin (A)
Size 8
Carolyn Swanson



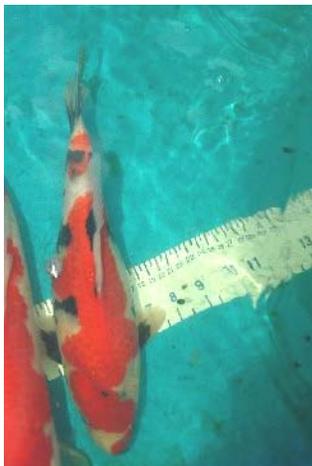
Kin/Gin Rin (B)
Size 7
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Special Awards



Koi Kichi Friendship



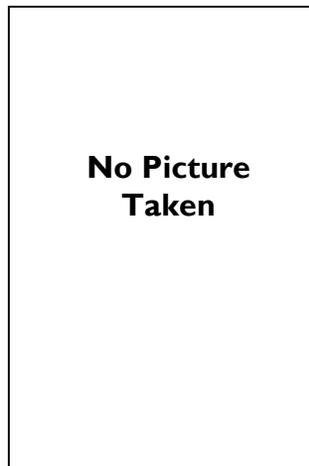
**Showa Size 3
Reuben Akino**

NW Koi and Goldfish Friendship



**Doitsu (B) Size 4
Carolyn Swanson**

SAKA Friendship



**Asagi/Shushui Size I
Reuben Akino**

Best Tategoi



**Tancho Size 7
Carolyn Swanson**

Judge's Award



**Tancho Size 2
Antonio Quitoriano**

Best Eye (Under \$50)



**Koromo/Goshiki
Size 4
Kirk & Ellen Evans**

Ramblings -by Jerry Kyle



The 2005 Camellia Koi Show and Vendor Faire was a great success, with 108 koi entries and 18 vendors.

All good things do not come to an end. The Camellia Koi Club just concluded a fine Koi Show on October 1-2, 2005. Nearly twenty years ago the club had its first koi show with four tanks and a handful of koi. Last year with about twenty tanks, 64 koi entries, and a half dozen vendors the club produced a very nice show and put everyone on notice they were learning how to do it right. This year there were about 30 tanks, 108 koi entries from around the state and across the country, and 18 vendors showing their wares in 200 linear feet of booth space. Due to the interest of koi keepers in seeing the newest technology available by vendors from across the country the show was renamed the SAC-

RAMENTO KOI SHOW & VENDOR FAIRE. Many came to enjoy and exhibit the superb quality koi on exhibition and the Vendor Faire has become a major part of the show and draws much interest from koi raisers and koi raiser wannabees. And so it continues.

When a club made up of hobbyists, all volunteers, work together within the hobby they enjoy most the results can be astounding. When exhibitors travel from other states to participate in a show these hobbyists are doing something right. Basically, it is the love of the hobby of raising and/or exhibiting koi that draws people together into the Camellia Koi Club, but it is the camaraderie and joy of working with others that share our interest that keeps us coming back for more.

Coming back for more means more shows that get bigger and better. Last year some were concerned about the cooling November weather. This year the fall koi show was moved up a month so exhibitors could return their koi to the home ponds to recover from the stress before the water started to cool with the fall weather. The result was more entrants, larger koi, and greater distances traveled. Consequently we saw some fine koi this year. Some vendors have said that if we ever took the show indoors they would like to attend. It can be a considerable cost to travel a distance and worrying about getting rained out is a legitimate concern for them. Taking care of the koi and the vendors makes bigger and better shows. 2006 will see the Sacramento Koi Show & Vendor Faire move indoors. The goal is to increase the number of tanks and make it easier for the vendors by moving them indoors. Bigger and better. We started planning last July for the 2006 show.

Some of the founders of the Camellia Koi Club are smiling with such pride when they look at what they started over 25 years ago. This is a club to belong to. This is a club to join. I already renewed my membership and invite you all to join us and participate in all the activities already being planned for 2006. Nothing is coming to an end. Like a fine wine as we age we just get better and better.

Editor's Note -Ellen Evans

We tend to hear the same voices over and over in the Koi Ahoy. I would love to publish work from some of the “quieter” club members, because we all have a story or two fellow koi keepers would be interested in, it’s just a matter of sitting down and writing it out. Do you have a story about a special fish, memorable buying trip, or what happened to your pond while you were on vacation? Send it to me!

Likewise, do you have any pictures of your koi that you are exceptionally proud of? How about pictures that really showcase your pond in all its magnificence? Send them to me and I will share them with the club through this newsletter. What better way to show off your pond and fish without having to host a bunch of club members? I can work with digital or print pictures. Perhaps in months to come I will even organize a photo contest.



My big ochiba shigure is a camera hog! Do you think your favorite fish is cuter than her? Prove it! Send me your pictures for publication in a future Koi Ahoy.

Sacramento Koi Show and Vendor Faire Thank You's (From p. 2)

Duane Carlson for handling the Publicity for this event.

Mary Beth Avilia for providing over night Security to ensure that nothing happened to the prize koi and show site.

It takes many people to make an event such as the Sacramento Koi Show and Vendor Faire a success, first and foremost our President Jerold Kyle for supporting this event and members of the Camellia Koi Club for all of their help in putting on this event, the Koi Show Judges (Larry Christensen – Head Judge, David Young Assistant Judge and Tom Ayers – Candidate Judge) for a job well done, KOI-UNIT members all for getting out the entrants, koi and proving assistance where needed, and all of the Entrants.

My wife Marilyn for sharing my love of the Koi hobby.

I know I missed someone, but I Thank-You anyway.

Lastly, Thank-You to all of the Participants for helping me achieve the number one goal for the Sacramento Koi Show and Vendor Faire and that was to have an event that was enjoyable by everyone.

By the way planning for the 2006 event began in July and the dates are September 30th - October 1st. 😊

What They Are Saying! - A sampling of impressed koi show attendees' comments to Garry Chin

Your show was fantastic, the best show that I have ever attended. Thank you for having me there...I am very impressed how well this show was put together. Well done job. Sincerely, David T.

Just have to say for my first show, I enjoyed it. Thanks to Green Acres and Camellia, the show is going well. Lot's of great people... with a lot of knowledge about koi! Learned a lot from the judges talking among themselves about mine and others fish, good and bad aspects. Chris G.

I came from Utah for the show, what a great learning experience for me. I would like to thank all who shared their knowledge and experience with me. I have never had the chance to see real show quality koi, and so many in one place what a great time! I will be back next year. Thank you. Jack L.

All the members of the Camellia Koi Club deserve a great hand for a great show, this show is a whole lot better than last year's, the quality of koi was very good. Had a great time and look forward to next year's show. Thanks all... Larry G.

Just wanted to say thanks to the Camellia Club for putting on a awesome show. I really had a great time. Special thanks to Jim Phillips for water quality. The fish are home and happy!!!! Jolan D

I would like to thank all of the members of the Camellia Club and their guests for putting on a fantastic show. The fish were great, the people were great, in show a great show. Great location and weather. Please pat yourself on the back for a great job. Tom A. - AKCA Candidate Judge



Ramona Quintero and Carolyn Swanson look on as judge Larry Christensen elaborates on Carolyn's beautiful kin/gin rin kohaku's desirable qualities.

I would like to congratulate the Camellia Koi Club for putting on an outstanding Koi Show again this year. I hope this will continue for some time to come. I think we will have to find a new location to drink every year. Many thanks to Jerry Kyle and Garry Chin for all the hard work and for making all of the vendors lives a little bit easier. Jim Phillips needs a huge round of thanks for his water quality expertise, as without it, the Koi would not be happy. Not only does Jim do the water quality, he set up tanks, clean tanks and put them away, he helps the vendors with tanks. That is awesome considering this man is coming off of a broken back. Thank You Jim!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you as well to all of the club members who support us and the other vendors, it is always a pleasure coming to your shows... Russ P. (P S Koi)



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Club Calendar

October General Meeting will be on Oct. 21 at 1:00., rain or shine.

We will be touring Bob Caruso's borrowed mud ponds and hearing a presentation about koi farming in American mud ponds.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION

From I-80 - Roseville area: Go North on Hwy 65 for 5 mi and turn left at SUNSET BL and follow signs to CASINO. Continue past Thunder Valley Casino on Athens Rd 2 Mi. to end and turn left onto Fiddymment Rd. Go .9Mi to SUNSET BLVD WEST and turn right. Continue 6 Mi to #9494 on mailbox. Next gate will be signed RYAN & AMANDAS FISHING HOLE. You are there.

From Sacramento and South: From I-5 Northbound take Hwy 99/ Hwy 70 for 10.5 Mi to Exit 316/ Howsley. Turn right and continue 4.4 Mi to meeting. Howsley will become SUNSET BLVD WEST when it goes through Pleasant Grove.

Note: Sunset Blvd West is a 2 lane country road.



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