



Koi Ahoy

Jan 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—*Marilee Marshall*

"Happy fishy New Year everybody. It's chilly out at pond-side. My fish are pretty well hanging suspended with their mouths to the velvet green walls. Not much going on except for an ongoing water loss. Nuts! You work on that problem and think you're finally on top of it and then you're back at it again. It kind of makes a point that leaking pond water can come from more than one source, and that the original concept of building the pond economically wasn't such a great idea after all.

There is so much to learn about pond planning before construction. One of the great things about our club is the willingness of our members to share their mistakes, triumphs, and the latest technology to solve potential problems. The added bonus is developing relationships with all the expert folks in our club that so willingly share our koi pond passions. If you are a "wannabe" koi collector, or an experienced expert, we hope you will come and enjoy our meetings every month. You will get the inside scoop on what's going on in your pond, and get to know the great vendors that not only support our club, but bring a larger perspective to pond and fish care."



Marilee (far left) describes her pond's workings to the club members who came to the November 2008 meeting.

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January Board meeting will be held before the regular meeting, starting at 11:00 at the home of Bob Sisson.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Dues for 2009 are \$35 per family. You can renew by credit card at our website, www.camelliakoi.org (we use Paypal) or by sending a check payable to Camellia Koi Club to 5932 2nd Ave, Sacramento, CA 95817.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****UC DAVIS FISH HEALTH CLINIC**

From Dr. E. Scott Weber, DVM: "We see fish appointments at the veterinary hospital in Davis so please forward the telephone number in case your members need to bring their koi down for an exam or treatment. We have 3 appointments opened every week for fish patients. 530.752.1393"

The Board positions of Secretary and Director still need to be filled!!!

Please email Marilee at dammmm6@sbcglobal.net for more info or to volunteer.

KOI SECURITY ALERT

Jim Kitchen of Mamason Koi in Grass Valley has reported a pair of koi thefts from existing collectors' ponds. He would appreciate if all CKC members would keep their eyes peeled for a cheap 24" show quality chagoi on the web boards, or flea markets. This was a problem reported last year too, and it looks suspicious that the perps were familiar with the schedules and layout for their heists. Maybe landscapers, pool cleaners, etc.

KOI FOR SALE

I need to cull my pond. I have about 7 Japanese koi range from 18"- 24" that I need to cull because they are not show standard. Nothing is wrong with them very healthy and nice but just not good enough for show. I'm asking \$80-\$100 each. Sorry no pics. If any member is interested they can email me at dvtran21@sbcglobal.net or call me at 916-928-8955. —Dennis Tran

TRAGEDY DUE TO WASHINGTON FLOODING

From Dan Olson of North Idaho Koi Keepers Club: "Hoshi Koi, our friends in Puyallup Washington, have been underwater for over a day now. Sue and Rich Squires, owners of Hoshi Koi, have hosted Puget Sound Koi Club young koi show for several years now. For those of you that have been to their beautiful grounds, the devastation that has occurred by mother nature is an understatement. I spoke with Sue Squires yesterday afternoon, before their phone line went dead. She doesn't know if any koi have survived or what kind of shape their blueberry farm is in. If any of you would like to help in a clean-up effort let me know. I don't know when that would take place, but I'm sure they will need the help. This is a great potential club function to help some really wonderful giving and thoughtful people."

View TV news footage of the flooded farm 12 minutes into the newscast at this link:
<http://www.king5.com/video/index.html?nvid=319849>



**Combined 28th Annual AKCA Seminar,
22nd Annual Koi Show of San Diego,
& 3rd Annual American Breeder Koi Show
February 11-15, 2009
San Diego**



A Koi Extravaganza Unlike Any Previous

On behalf of the Koi Club of San Diego, we want to invite you and your lovely koi to the 28th Annual AKCA Seminar to be held at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel (800) 228-9290 on the second weekend of February, 2009 (President's Weekend). This will be the koi event of the year in United States for the following reasons:

- (1) Our 28th Annual AKCA Seminar is for the first time being combined with:
 - (a) The 22nd Annual Koi Show of San Diego (always 250 to 400 koi), and
 - (b) The 3rd Annual American Koi Breeders Koi Show
- (2) It is being held in the much cooler month of February (not hot ole' June)
- (3) It is being extended for more koi comradeship, a longer trade show & because Monday the 16th is a holiday

Highlights of Two Koi Shows

Not just one, but two koi shows

All 30 AKCA Judges will judge both koi shows

Kunzio Narita (high ranking ZNA judge) and Ray Abell will be consulting American Breeders on Friday, San Diego on Saturday

Anyone may purchase a koi and enter it into show up to Friday at 5 pm

Koi shows will be outdoors for natural lighting (BRING YOUR GOSANKE)

Highlights of Seminar

May choose from three seminars occurring at any one time:

A koi track, pond track, and Koi 101 track

Three half day workshops available:

Wet lab, Building a Japanese Garden-Pond, and Art with Pattigraphix

Three Panels with audience interaction:

How to Grow Jumbo Koi, Veterinarian, and American Breeders

NO competing talks 3 to 5 pm each day...all events at Trade Show

HUGE TRADE SHOW: Dry Vendors indoors, Wet Vendors outdoors

Social and Meal Events

Thursday outstanding OPTIONAL TOURS:

City Tour, Famous San Diego Zoo, Historical Midway Aircraft Carrier, and Sea World

Thursday night welcome cocktail reception 5 pm:

Sponsored by William Lim: finger food and no host cocktails

Friday morning Breakfast with Keynote talk by Mamoru Kodama

Friday night Dinner Cruise on beautiful San Diego Bay (\$95 - not included in seminar packages)

Saturday Night Seminar/Koi Show Dinner Banquet

Pond Tour - there are five ponds on the tour from 8 am to 1 pm

The Koi Club of San Diego is proud to welcome all of you and undertake this huge adventure and challenge of not just the AKCA Seminar, but also hosting two koi shows. *Do not miss this koi extravaganza of the koi world.*

Galen Hansen

Galen Hansen, AKCA Host Chairman

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Important Dates

Hotel Room Reservations

January 21

**Thurs Optional Tours/
Events and Meal Requests**

February 4

Koi Show Registration

February 8

Koi Show Registration, Koi Show package and Vendor information can be found on the web site:

www.koishow.org

Seminar Schedule

(Subject to Change)

Wednesday 2/11/2009

Set-up
Set-up Koi Show
Vendor Set-up
Open Seminar HQ

Open Seminar Registration after 2 pm
Koi show holding by reservation only

Thursday 2/12

Set-up
AKCA Judging Seminar
Wet Labs (KHA & Open Lab)
City Tours
AKCA Judging Workshop 8 am-4 pm
KHA student wet lab 8 am-5 pm
Wet Lab (open) \$50.00 1 pm-5 pm
Vendor set-up and reception at 5 pm
Seminar HQ and reg open till 9 pm
Koi Show holding by reservation only

City Tours
Tour A City Tour (1/2 day)
Tour B Midway-Embarcadero-Seaport Village
Tour C SD Zoo
Tour D Sea World
Tour E Special Request Assistance

Friday 2/13

3rd Annual Breeders Koi Show
KHA only events
Vendor Show
Seminars
Bay Cruise Dinner
Koi Track
KOF USA Breakfast - Key Note Speaker -
Mamoru Kodama
Koi Judging
Galen Hansen
Harvesting a Koi Mud Pond
Ray Abell
What is Important When Selecting
Tategoi Gosanke
Ray Abell

Pond Track
KOF USA Breakfast - Key Note Speaker -
Mamoru Kodama
Successful Water Garden with Koi
Chris Moore
Signs You Need DVM Services
Rob Hildbreth
Pond System Design and Management
Ben Pionski
How to Over Filter When You Over
Stock Your Pond
Kent Wallace

Activities

Japanese Garden Design
Kenneth Siers
Paint Koi with Patti
Patti Magee

Saturday 2/14

Koi Club of San Diego Koi Show
Vendor Show
Seminars
Book Signing Event
Mamoru Kodama
Peter Ponzio
Nicolas Saint-Erne
AKCA Banquet

Koi Track

Selecting Tategoi Non-Gosanke
TBA
Open Veterinarian Forum
*Nicolas Saint-Erne, Rob Hildbreth, Jason and
Jamie Sulbar, and Todd Cecil*
Current Koi Disease and Treatments
Nicolas Saint-Erne
Current Trends in the Koi World
Joe Zaritsky
Going Jumbo - what you need to know
*Bob Winkler, Steve Childers, and
Henry Calpepper*

Pond Track

What You Should Know About
Your Biofilter
Mark Francis
Open Veterinarian Forum
10 Things Koi Do to Make you Scratch
Your Head
Karen Parfitt
Koi Pond Pollution Index
Paul Curtis
Koi Nutrition for Health, Growth
and Color
Andrew Moo

Koi 101 Track

Match Your Pond to Your Personality
Carolyn Weise
Basic Koi Keeping and Pond
Requirements
Jasper Kruger and Bill DeBrosky
Health and Feeding Your Koi
Tom Ross
(Not Koi 101 Track)
Koi Dealers Best Practices
Certification Program (BHP)
Spike Cover

Sunday 2/15

Koi Show
Vendor Show
Seminars
Pond Tour
Koi Track
American Breeders Form - open to all
Judges Comments on the Koi Show

Pond Track
American Breeders Form - open to all
Backyard Koi Breeding
Ken Liu

Koi 101 Track
American Breeders Form - open to all
What the Beginner Needs to Know
About Water Quality
Norm Meck

**NOVEMBER 2008 BOD MINUTES**—*Ellen Evans*

NOVEMBER 22, 2008, 5:00PM

Board members present:: Marilee Marshall (Pres.), Heather Marshall (VP), Duane Carlson (Director), Ken Tiedemann (Director). Others present: Ellen Evans (member), Bob Sisson (member), Jim Kitchen (owner, Mamason Koi), Leslie & Gus Cubillo (members), Melody Carlson (member), Tim Bauer (member)

During the regular portion of this month's meeting, the general membership unanimously voted yes and confirmed Marilee Marshall as President, Georgia Vonk as Treasurer, and Jim Phillips and Ken Tiedemann as new Directors.

The Board is still lacking a new director and a secretary. Ellen Evans volunteered to fill the empty Director position if one cannot be found.

Meeting topics for 2009 were discussed. [See 2009 calendar in this newsletter or on the website for topics that were decided on.]

Much time was spent discussing whether to have a koi show in 2009 and how it should differ from the 2008 show. The Board decided that there should be a show to maintain continuity from year to year. However, given the economy and associated financial issues the 2008 show had, including difficulty in enticing vendors to set up and club members to show fish and volunteer, it was decided that it would be desirable to scale back the show to a smaller level such as the club's 2005 show at Green Acres Nursery. Considerations included easily accessible from a busy main road, security, indoor/outdoor space availability, and possibly a retail location (such as a nursery) with a "built in" clientele and for whom we could attract even more visitors. Tim Bauer volunteered to see if Green Acres would be willing to host again [editor's note: they were not due to space limitations]. Duane Carlson agreed to see if The Quarry Ponds shopping center on Douglas Blvd. in Granite Bay would be a possible location. The idea of moving the show to a different time of year was also discussed. Considerations included weather, when would people want to show their fish, when would vendors have better selection of fish to sell, and not conflicting with other nearby clubs' shows. It was decided that May or June would be desirable months, provided no conflicts with holidays. Local judges would be desirable (ie from Bay Area or Nor-Cal). The Board may organize the show itself in lieu of a show committee.

2008 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Start of 2008 Balance: \$7498.93.

End of 2008 Balance: \$7931.56

**"DO YOU PROCRASTINATE?" or "FLUSH THEM ANYWAY!" —Jerry Kyle**

Is this a safe time to procrastinate? After all, the pond does not look dirty. A few leaves maybe but not much. I can get them easily with the long handled net when it is not so cold. The water is cold, cold, cold, and I am not feeding. Not much anyway. Koi not very active but look good. Just like I was supposed to I did a good fall cleaning to get ready for winter so I'm OK until spring. Right?

Wrong! Was that you I was talking about? If so, do you have any idea how much dirt got washed out of the atmosphere by the rains after your get ready for winter chores last fall? Washed into the pond along with leaves and other stuff. Those who had the good sense to install a bottom drain with a 4" drain (that's most of us) have a potential problem. That and other dirt and even some debris are lying in the bottom of that underground 4" pipe. Not much perhaps but, a nice even layer lying at least four feet below ground level. In this temperate zone the ground temperature below four feet is about 55°F year around. A nice little layer of mulm at a perfect temperature to cling to and live and multiply that is constantly fed with fresh water is a perfect place for Mr. and Mrs. Costia and friends to dwell. In the winter it's akin to heaven. As good as it gets. A place to hide out while the koi immune system shuts down to it's lowest point. Those in the know understand that's just one of many potential problems down there but Mr. and Mrs. Costia make a good illustration since they are such highly ranked killers. Number one among ciliates.

Simple solutions are wonderful. Lower the water level below the skimmer inlet or close it off and then simply close off (plug it up somehow) the bottom drain line to the pre filter. Let the pump continue to run until it sucks the tank dry. Open the plug and get a sudden rush of water out of the bottom drain. Because the velocity of the rushing water is so much faster than normal it will have a flushing action and you will be amazed at the amount of crud that comes out. That water and crud along with the stuff living in the crud needs to go down the drain or pump it out to the flowerbeds. You will probably want to do this two or three times until you are satisfied water is running clear. Having gone this far, you might as well flush and drain everything else and be ready for spring. You do not need a bed of mulm in the filters either.

Many ponders do not realize just how many ciliated pathogens can actually thrive in cool water and hole up in the mulm waiting for spring warm up. We can not get rid of them all but why not flush away the ones that are easy to get. It can only help.

No bottom drain? Get one. There are products that can be retrofitted to existing ponds without tearing them out. For questions about this or other concerns and especially for questions or suggestions for topics for future articles e-mail me. jeroldkyle@yahoo.com



2009 Club Calendar

Please note that these locations/topics are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter or website each month for the most current meeting information.

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
January 25, 2009	Basic Water Quality	Bob Sisson (Fair Oaks)
February 22, 2009	"Nasty Nitrates"	<i>Need host!</i>
March 29, 2009	"Foam Monsters!"	<i>Need host!</i>
April 26, 2009	Parasite Management	<i>Possibly UC Davis clinic tour</i>
May 31, 2009	Buying Trip	TBA
June TBA	ANNUAL KOI SHOW	TBA
July 26, 2009	TBA	<i>Need host!</i>
August 30, 2009	Annual Koi Auction & Potluck	Avila's (Rio Linda)
September 27, 2009	TBA	<i>Need host!</i>
October 25, 2009	TBA	<i>Need host!</i>
November 22, 2009	TBA	<i>Need host!</i>
December TBA	ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER	To Be Announced

Please email Marilee (address below) if you have a topic you would like to suggest for a meeting!

Hosting is a great opportunity to show off your finished pond and fish or to get input on a project in progress!

If you would like to host a meeting, please contact Marilee Marshall at dammmm6@sbcglobal.net. Meeting hosts get \$40 to buy some snacks and drinks, and members bring more snacks and their own chairs. For wet months it is a good idea to have enough indoor space to squeeze 10-20 people in case of rain. For hot summer months, a shady spot is appreciated.



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Next Meeting

Members are welcome to attend the Board of Directors' meeting at 11:00. Please bring your own chair if possible. ***Please bring snacks to share!!!***

January 25, 2009

"Understanding Basic Water Quality"

Home of Bob Sisson

8938 Quail Creek Court

Fair Oaks, CA 95628

(916) 425-3043

From South: On Hwy 50 E, take exit 21 for Hazel Ave. Turn left at E3/Hazel Ave (signs for Orangevale) (1.7 mi). Turn right at Quail Run Way, left at Quail Hill Way, right at Quail Meadow Way, right onto Quail Creek Ct

From North: Head southwest on I-80 W, Take the Sierra College Blvd exit. Turn left at E3/Sierra College Blvd and continue to follow E3 south for 11.2 miles. Turn left at Sunset Ave. Turn right at Quail Meadow Way. Turn right at Quail Creek Ct.

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