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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Jerry Kyle

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What do we do in August? It's Koi Auction time. Newcomers get some nice new Koi at bargain prices. Old timers who have too many Koi due to the fact their babies just keep on growing bring their Koi to the club auction in August. It is just one way we help and support each other. If a member brings a koi to be sold, half of the bid money will go to that owner and half will go to the club. The club makes a few dollars, the donor's pond has the fish load reduced, and someone get a new baby to add to the beauty of a pond. Everyone wins.



What else do we do? Eat. Bring a snack because eating is something we all do well. Duane and Melody are always great hosts. They have a beautiful Pond (actually a two pond system) that marries a garden pond with a Koi pond and you have to walk through the rose garden to see it. This is too nice a meeting place to pass up. Beautiful location, bargain Koi, and snacks. Don't miss it.

Can you bring a guest? Yes, and your guest can bid on a Koi. If you bring the most guests you win a prize for the day. From the beginning of the year we said we were going to focus on having fun and making new friends this year. Last month we had 29 members attend the meeting. Please come. Bring a friend if you can.

What's next? There are only a few more months left in the year. Nice pond in a rose garden this month and a nice pond in a yard that also has an aviary next month. Even the December Christmas Holiday Dinner location has been reserved. But, we need a location for October 20 and November 23. Notice each date is moved up one week to not conflict with All Hallows Eve or Thanksgiving Weekend. Please let me know if you will consider inviting all of us to invade your property on those dates. The host is expected to supply refreshments (water and/or cola) and the club gives the host a \$40 stipend to cover whatever the host wants to get. Some of the rest of us enjoy bringing a thing or two for snacks to lessen the burden on the host. We would love to see your pond or where you plan to build a pond. If you would like to help let me know. My email is jeroldkyle@yahoo.com. Let's have more fun together.

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July's Meeting at Sacramento Koi with Steve Walker

In Steve Walker's new location, we were able to squeeze in a bunch of members among the display filters, pumps, and equipment he sells. He gave an excellent talk on the 5-10 most important things to consider with designing a koi pond. For some of our newer members this was important information, and for the more experienced koi keepers, one never know when there is a new or better method to consider. Steve then gave a talk on fish health and many questions asked and answers shared.



Sacramento Koi's new location.



Koi treatments and food at Sacramento Koi.



Pretty selection of Tatagoi for sale.



Display tanks.



President Jerry, always with something to say.



Steve was a generous source of advice and knowledge.





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NEXT MEETING IS...

CKC Annual Koi Auction

Our big annual club koi auction is this month. The perfect opportunity to acquire large beautiful koi from club members who need to reduce their pond load. ½ of the selling price goes to the club, and ½ to the seller.

August 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Board of Directors meeting 12:00

Duane & Melody's
8725 Spooner Ct.
Granite Bay, CA 95746



Melody is making a ham, and we're asked to bring something to go with it to share. Please bring a chair. Should be a lot of fun.

Note: *Those that are bringing koi.*

*If you need help, give Jerry or Duane a call. Bring fish in a bag and leave them in the bag to not cross contaminate others fish. A concern is that if a fish comes from a distance and has to sit in the bag all day and then has a distance to go to a new home, it might be too stressful. I think the plan is to put them in a couple of show tanks unless they show obvious problems in which case they might get a shot of O2 but will be kept separate. Do not bring a fish if it shows signs of infection or other problems. Jim has made it **very** clear he is going to closely inspect any koi before putting it in with others. The reality is no one in their right mind should buy a fish and take it directly home and into a pond no matter how clean the newcomer looks. Yeah, I know it's going to be done anyway.*



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Board of Director Meeting for 7/31/11

by Marilee Patterson

Present: Kyle, Patterson, Martin, Carlson, Oswald, Vonk, Delgadillo

Treasurer Report:

Our financials as of July 31st are:

Beginning balance	\$7996.30
Income	115.00
Memberships & non-member ad expenses	40.39
Yahoo website fee & Pay Pal fees	0.00
Ending balance	\$8070.91

Old Business:

Marilee reported Christmas Banquet reservations have been made at Yumiko's in Sacramento.

New Business:

We need homes for October and November meetings.

Discussion regarding AKCA's insurance additional fee of \$125/yr if we want it to cover our club special events, which is in addition to the usual annual fee of \$100 that is part of our national affiliation dues which only covers club guests with potential liabilities.

Discussion possible pond tour next year. Considering a club participation event, not open to the general public. Would therefore not require the expense for publicity, nor manpower to staff.

Copy of Jerry's AKCA report

Including meeting locations with professional Koi people as well as private ponds has created diversity and increased interest to the point that many meetings this year have seriously increased attendance. Last month saw the prototype of the newest Advantage filter system at Sacramento Koi. Members saw this presently being tested system that can automatically water a garden area with water directly from a pond and slowly replace that water in time for the next irrigation schedule thus having near continuous flow through water change that adds no additional water to the water bill. The August meeting will be held at a residence with a large upscale Koi pond and a water garden pond. There will also be the annual club Koi Auction for member so reduce their Koi load and others to find new additions for their ponds at good prices



Garry's Did You Know?

by Garry Chin



The fun part of Koi keeping is buying Koi! I do not know about you, but one reason for having a Koi pond is so I can buy Koi! If you are just getting into Koi keeping, the first question is "What should I be looking for when buying Koi"?

Buying koi should be a pleasant and enjoyable experience. So here are some tips derived from years of buying koi that hopefully will help make that statement come true.

I. When to Buy

- 1) Never buy Koi on a whim!
- 2) Only buy a Koi variety that you like.
- 3) Only buy a Koi you like.
- 4) Develop a budget and stay within your means.
- 5) If you decide to buy from a source that deals mainly in large volumes sales, you should avoid their busy times such as closing, weekends, special sales, etc.
- 6) Determine the level of koi you prefer.

II. Facility

- 1) Check out the state of the water using your senses in the Koi tanks.
- 2) Is the facility clean? Check the general health of the Koi in the sales tanks.
- 4) Buy from a reputable dealer who has sound knowledge of Koi and their requirements.
- 5) How does the dealer handle the Koi?
- 6) Does the dealer practice Bio-Security?
- 7) What is the dealer's quarantine process?

III. General Koi Buying Tips

- 1) Watch the way the prospective koi swims.
- 2) Is the prospective koi alert?
- 3) Koi anatomy, are all the part there and where they belong?
- 4) Check the overall wellness of the koi.
- 5) Close examination of the prospective koi, even the underside!
- 6) Have the dealer tell you about the prospective koi.
- 7) Rely on your own judgment in selecting you koi.
- 8) Remember buying a Tosai is a crap shoot.
- 9) A young koi in full bloom is like a skyrocket, it will only go downhill in quality.
- 10) Develop a working relationship with a Dealer. He/She will be willing to get that special Koi you have always wanted.

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IV. Don't Buy This Koi!

- 1) Ones with parasites.
- 2) Has cloudy eyes.
- 3) Has fin rot.
- 4) A white bloom on the skin.
- 5) Bumps on the head or gill covering.
- 6) Crooked spine.
- 7) Raised scales or open wound.
- 8) Missing parts.
- 9) Redness on the body or fins.
- 10) Laboring to breath.
- 11) Is stand-offish.
- 12) Swims irregularly.
- 13) If the ones in your pond have health issues.

V. Getting you newly purchased Koi home.

- 1) The Koi dealer will place you Koi(s) in two thick plastic bags.
- 2) The inner bag will be filled with Oxygen.
- 3) Each bag will be rubber banded.
- 4) The bags with the Koi will be placed in a cardboard box for transporting (note: I bring my own container (usually an ice chest (if the plastic bags tear or are punctured the Koi are still in a solid container))).
- 5) Load the container with you Koi and off you go home (note: If you purchased a large Koi place the long side of the container towards the wheel wells of your vehicle..this is so the Koi nose or tail are not bruised by sudden stop or start of your vehicle).

Enjoy your newly purchased Koi!





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2010 Grand Champion



Central California Koi Society 33rd Annual Koi Show

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Sept. 23-25, 2011
CVS, Fig Garden Village, Palm & Shaw, Fresno, California



- Friday, Sept. 23: 3-7 p.m. Registration for all show contestants
- Saturday, Sept 24: 9 a.m. Judging
(Koi must be in tanks by 8a.m.)
- Sunday, Sept 25: 3p.m. Show closes

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2011 Club Calendar (to date)

Date	Topic	Location
February 27	Feeding for color & growth Tosai grow-out contest Picnic lunch - Bring a guest contest	Koi Enterprise West Sacramento
March 27	Q&A Health issues and concerns of coming out of winter Bring a guest contest	Betty & John Auburn
April 17 (3 rd Sunday)	Pot Luck Meeting Bring a guest contest	Pauline Roseville
May 22 (4 th Sunday)	Party Time - BBQ - talk on plants with ponds. Bring a guest contest	FloraTropicana Elk Grove
June 26		Gus & Leslie Antelope
July 31	Seminar-- Slide presentation /talk Building the perfect pond Common Koi health issues Bring a guest contest	Sacramento Koi Rocklin
August 28	Annual club koi auction	Duane & Melody
September 25		Janet & Jose
October 23		Open
November 20 (3 rd Sunday)		Open
December 4	Christmas Party 2:00 p.m.	Umeko Buffet 8353 Folsom, Sacramento 95826

We have a couple months without host homes schedules. So check your calendar. If you think you'd like us to admire your creation, or help you with any pond problems, give Duane a call and we'll be delighted to add your house for October or November. Any suggestions for topics you'd like to see covered let him know, he's open for fresh suggestions.



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