



Koi Ahoy

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President's Message

By Jean Jahr



Some Koi ponds and back yards are nicer to visit than others. Jose and Janet are proud to have one of them. A nice patio with an aviary on one side and a Koi pond on the other. Jose built his pond himself, joined CKC and like most of us

learned more about Koi husbandry and tweaked his system to be even better. The pond under an arbor is beautiful and one to admire. Some of us enjoy the birds too. Even the bossy one. This is one of those times to be proud to show off what our club is all about and learn something about feeding Koi with a special guest speaker from Ultra Balance Koi Food. Bring a snack and especially bring a friend. Also win a door prize. It does not get much better than this.

Jean

IVA GAGLIONI COMING TO CKC

Iva wrote --Good Morning Duane,

It was great talking with you after such a long time. I look forward to seeing everyone again after all this time. Yes, I will bring items for Door Prizes for the Club Meeting. So please announce in your newsletter. It would be most helpful if you could give me a little more information about the general audience I will be addressing at your meeting. Are they new hobbyists, intermediate, or experienced? Are there any particular topics I may address that your members would be most interested in? I try to design a presentation that will fit best to the group I will be speaking to. If any one or two particular topics come to mind, please let me know so that I will be well prepared.

Many of us remember Iva from our Koi Show days. She is so special we always gave her the first dealer booth to be seen as you entered the hall. As Sales manager for Star Milling Company, maker of Ultra Balance Koi Food, she is one of the most knowledgeable people when it comes to Koi nutrition and the feeding of Koi. She is also one of the most generous people and when she donates Koi food it is always the good stuff. This month's meeting is not one to be missed if for no other reason than to learn something from and meet Iva. She is a special person.

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Camellia Koi Club Report to AKCA

July 2013

NOTE: The monthly report to AKCA is printed for all to see on the AKCA website at www.akca.org. Click on the heading Koi Clubs to find all the individual clubs where everyone can see what we are doing. Also click on Calendar for information on what is happening in other areas.

Camellia Koi Club Report to AKCA- July 2013, by, Jerold Kyle

July is a great month for CKC members. Members and guests on July 20th can visit our nearest neighboring Koi club in the Santa Clara Valley. Santa Clara Valley Koi & Water garden Club 22nd annual Pond Tour is worth the drive. This is an annual event that their club does well. The following weekend we will go to Jose and Janet's pond for our own monthly meeting. Members will see what a do-it-yourselfer can accomplish with a little knowledge. A beautiful patio sitting area flanked on one side by a superb looking Koi pond and the other side with an aviary makes this a location worth visiting over and over. New members are finding that belonging to the CKC is a wonderful learning experience and the club welcomes interested people to contact us for an invitation.



Photos from the June meeting

Submitted by Bob Haugland

We had a fun time with Sharon and Gary. The spaghetti was fantastic and the pond and yard were a gorgeous sight! We all learned more about solar energy alternatives to power our ponds and handed out the Young Koi Show Awards! It was enjoyed by all. We hope you can make it to the July meeting.







Next Meeting

July 28, 2013

Jose and Janet Delgadillo
3805 Glacier Park Court
Elk Grove, CA 95758
916-683-6446

Iva Gaglione, Aquaculture Feed Manager, of Ultra Balance Premium Koi Food will be presenting information about this line of products as well as bringing some samples and door prizes. Be sure to attend and join in the fun!

Bring your munchies to share, a folding chair and a guest.

12:00 noon Board of Director's Meeting
1:00 General Club Meeting

Everyone is welcome to join the Board of Director's Meeting. Come tell us your thoughts and ideas.



Board of Directors and General Meeting Minutes

**CKC Board of Directors Meeting Notes
June 30, 2013**

Attendance

Jean Jahr – President
Georgia Vonk – Treasurer
Sam Niebank – Secretary
Betty Martin– Director
Jerry Kyle – Director (Past Pres)
Sharon Oswald – Director
Bob Haugland – Director



Called to order at 12:15PM

1. Treasurer brought up the issue of late membership renewals and that there are still 11 members who have not responded to her attempts to determine if they want to renew or not.
 - a. As a result of the discussion the following was motioned and voted on by the Board
 - The renewal deadline is April 1st of every year.
 1. This provides for 90 days past the Dec 31st renewal deadline
 - Treasurer will make every attempt to communicate the need for renewal to the late members prior to the April 1st deadline.
 1. Includes at meetings, by phone, e-mail or other available means
 - The March edition of the Koi Ahoy will include a final reminder to renew or chance missing out on all of the club amenities.
 - b. Other Discussion Points
 - 54 Families in the club (65 with the 11 currently on renewal grace period)
 - Several clubs have folded as a result of membership drying up (SF Club for 1)
 - How do we increase our membership?
 1. Facebook – Social Media activity
 2. Web Site – Enhancements/Updates
 3. Groupon – Sam to research for viability
 4. Shows – More shows similar “Bag” format/1 Big Show



5. Pond Tours – As a social event and a membership drive opportunity
6. Koi Auctions open to public for purchase – August, need discuss @ July mtg
2. Discussion on Sun City Lincoln request to remove Koi from Anglers Cove
 - a. There are Koi in the a seasonal preserve pond on the Lincoln Sun City property
 - b. Gary at Placer Pond quoted 5K to catch and remove
 - c. No real conclusion other then it was agreed that they would have a good life there
3. Web Site/Social Media
 - a. Website
 - Need to discuss the most recent updates with Gus
 - What is Private and what is public?
 - Membership area in light of membership value discussion
 - b. Items to discuss with membership
 - Koi Ahoy articles
 - Commercial advertising
 - Policies and info on how to submit articles and classifieds.
 - c. Website commercial advertising policies – have been posted on the site
4. Items for next Agenda
 - a. Pond Tour – Progressive, Attendance, and activities to make it interesting
 - b. Groupon update – Membership Drive

Adjourn at 1:08PM

**CKC General Membership Meeting Notes
June 30, 2013**

Called to order at 1:15PM

1. Feasted on Gary's award winning Spaghetti and other snacks provided by the membership
2. Plan It Solar – Penn Martin
 - a. Presentation on the value of solar energy
 - b. Points made on the cost of continuous running of pond equipment and their impact on ones electric bill.
3. Show Follow-Up
 - a. Koi USA would like an article about our Small Koi "Bag Show" – Jerry Kyle is providing



- b. Winners were presented with their trophy's – John Gillespie –Koi Show Director
 - Tiles with the picture of the winning fish and the show details painted on them.
 - Looked like photographs!
- 4. Gary and Sharon shared some of the details of their beautiful pond and fish.
- 5. Jean asked everyone to help clean up after the meeting to help out our generous Host's Sharon & Gary

Adjourn at 2:25PM

Financial Report End June 2013

Beginning Balance	\$7,817.82
Expenses	\$367.17 (Trophies for Young Koi Show \$291.32, \$40 June Host Fee, \$35.85 Yahoo website fees)
Income	\$170.50 (Raffle income Young Koi Show)
Ending Balance	\$7,621.15

From the Editor

An item of interest is that member Jerry Kyle wrote an article about our Koi Show that is scheduled to appear in the KoiUSA July-Aug Issue just going to press. Members Lilly Sakai, Bob Haugland, Georgia Vonk, Dennis & Victoria Tran, Doug & Carol Porter, and Michelle Reeser may all find their pictures in the article. The KoiUSA Editors were pleased to present this concept of a Koi show to Koi clubs and readers across the country.

Attention! Please help...

Doug Porter had a handmade dolly that the club borrowed to move the fish, tanks and water around. Doug was kind enough to leave it for all to use until the end of the show. Does anyone know who has it? If so, could you please bring it to the next meeting. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Doug directly. Thank you ☺



Did You Know?

By Garry Chin

Mini Fish Pond Part_I

Adding fish to a water feature will step you up to a more sophisticated option, this can be accomplished by going with a Mini Fish Pond and still remain economical. Not only are they economical, they also relieve all kinds of stress and give you a sense of peace just to gaze at them. With fish you will then have a water feature that is so tranquil and fun to watch, sort of like watching a nature TV show but in real life. These little fish ponds can be inexpensive depending on what type you opt for install.

Types

- 1) Prefabricated Pond – Pre-formed and instantly ready for water and fish. These ponds have smooth surfaces and are therefore easy to clean and maintain and are fish safe.
- 2) In ground liner - You can go the whole nine yards and dig up an area, cover it in black plastic and then put rocks all around the outside.
- 3) The cheapest way to make a mini fish pond is to use an item like a wine barrel, giant pot, bowl, tubs, etc. Just make sure the unit is fish friendly.

Advantages/Disadvantages

Prefabricated Pond -- Prefabricated fish ponds are made from a very durable plastic that should be weather proof and have some resistance to the UV rays emitted by the sun. They are available in a large variety of shapes and sizes, most manufacturers nowadays try as much as possible to give their products a natural look with shelving that fits into the feel of the fish pond and usually offer a couple of different depths with the liner that allows the fish to inhabit deeper waters in the cooler months and swim in the shallower levels during the summer months. A decent quality prefabricated fish pond should be made from a sturdy thickness of plastic, they will bend slightly but once full of water should be rigid enough not to move once settled into place.

Fitting a prefabricated fish pond into position is quite a straightforward affair as long as accurate measurements are taken during the excavation, there will be varying differences in the depths along the prefabricated pond and each one will need to be measured as well as the width and length. Allow an extra couple of inches to each measurement as the excavation will also need a layer of sand adding on the top to prevent any sharp stones or debris from protruding and damaging the pond. If a prefabricated fish pond is being used then it is better to ask for help with the positioning, this makes the job twice as easy if there is someone holding the liner at either end, once in



place the pond can then be filled with water. It is best to leave the prefabricated fish pond protruding above the surface for a couple of inches as once filled, the pond may sink slightly with the extra weight., fill the pond slowly and keep backfilling with sand underneath so that all of the area is supported including any ledges.

Using a prefabricated fish pond can make the task of building your fish pond easier but like any product they do have their advantages and disadvantages.

Advantages of using a prefabricated fish pond:

Prefabricated fish ponds are very rigid and tend to be thicker than a flexible fish pond liner, if a small sharp edge underneath the pond has been missed they may not puncture, with a flexible liner it is more likely to leak from such an edge.

Installing a prefabricated fish pond is quicker than using a flexible fish pond liner and the final result can look more natural especially with the new designs of liners that are now available.

Designing your fish pond is done for you, shopping around and looking at all of the designs available will give you an instant insight into what your completed fish pond will look like. As prefabricated fish pond tend to be shallower and smaller than fish ponds that use flexible fish pond liners, keeping the fish pond clean and performing maintenance on water pumps etc. tends to be easier.

Disadvantages of using a prefabricated fish pond:

The most obvious disadvantage of using a prefabricated fish pond has to be the higher prices compared to the pricing of the flexible fish pond liners. The prefabricated fish pond are more expensive but you are paying for the work being done for you, if you are on a tight budget this can work against you.

You are limited to the designs that are available, if you are after a unique design for your fish pond then this will not be the option for you, if you are happy with the designs that you have found then this disadvantage has been ruled out.

It is critical with a prefabricated fish pond to get your measurements correct, it needs to sit with full support in all areas and be perfectly level once filled or water will appear to lean to one side or even drip over the edges. The edging itself is always narrower than allowed for with a flexible liner so this can also create problems if you are trying to disguise the edging from view, with a bit of ingenuity this problem can also be overcome. While they are primarily intended for ponds in the ground, it is possible to use them to create an above ground pond. Building a support structure around the pond allows you to control its



height and also provides you with an opportunity to enhance the look of your garden with decorative stonework or brick

In Ground Liner – As its name implies, this one is flexible geosynthetic materials used as lining of ponds, lakes and streams with the shape of your own choice. They vary in weight, size and material. These are either made of EPDM rubber or PVC material. Between these two, the most favorable choice is flexible EPDM liners when it comes to durability and affordability.

Aside from being durable and affordable, these materials also have fish safe guarantee. On the other hand, the heavier the material you decide to use in your pond, the harder it will become for you to install them. Nonetheless, you can be sure to benefit from them for a very long time without compromising the health of your fish. In ground liners tend to be used in fish ponds that are original or have an unusual shape. They allow for a wide creativity range from the designer and, depending on the material used to create the pond liner, usually fall into the cheaper pricing bracket and they can be ordered for the actual size required for your fish pond project without too much excess to discard afterwards.

Originally the in ground liners were made of thinner butyl or even PVC and could not carry a long guarantee of being water proof, some were rated at 10 years while even cheaper materials would only be guaranteed for as little as 5 years, not very effective once the fish pond is all set up and running. Nowadays the in ground liners are made to a thicker dimension giving them much longer guarantees, admittedly this does involve paying a higher price initially but at the end of the day it is far better to pay more for a in ground liner that can last up to 30 years at least than pay for a cheaper version that needs replacing at shorter intervals.

For smaller ponds the thinner liners are more suitable and the choice of thickness is still offered, thinner liners are more flexible for the really small corners etc. that are found in small fish ponds.

As mentioned above in ground liners can be manufactured from various materials and these will be priced accordingly, when selecting your pond liner bear these points in your head.

Butyl liners are very tough and weather proof, they are capable of withstanding frosts and the UV rays of the sun. The only downside with their strength is that they can be difficult to fold into corners or awkward areas when you are filling the fish pond, but they still can be maneuvered to give you neat folded corners with patience.

PVC flexible in ground liners tend to be the most popular choice, they are very flexible and folding them neatly is an easier task than with the butyl liners. They are also weatherproof



but the guarantee tends to be shorter than with the butyl liners and you may need to replace them every 4-5 years.

All flexible in ground liners require a good underlay beneath them to protect the liner, this can be several inches of soft sand, even old carpeting or similar can be used, as long as the underlay is thick enough to protect the in ground liners from any sharp objects it will be fine. You can even purchase an underlay specially designed for in ground liners so if you decide to use this, allow for the extra cost in the budget.

Laying an in ground liner needs to be done slowly and patiently. It should be stretched over the excavation and slowly filled with water, as the liner fills keep tucking it down and any corners folded neatly, the slower that you fill the in ground liners, the easier the task is. Once the task is complete you should finish up with an overhang all the way around the fish pond. This needs to be weighted down to prevent it from slipping back into the fish pond. Rocks or paving slabs are ideal, you can bury the overhang with soils but this tends to move in time.

As with the prefabricated fish pond, the in ground liners also have their own advantages and disadvantages. They are as follows:

Advantages of using an in ground liner:

The in ground can be ordered to the size that you require, excess liner is kept to a minimum to reduce the costs. Any shape of fish pond can be catered for with a in ground,. They are better suited for the deeper fish ponds and can be tucked into any corner or curve of your design. You are not restricted to a pre-made design of fish pond; you can design away to suit your needs or to make the best use of the space available in your garden.

The in ground always comes with a guarantee; many of the thicker in ground liners are now available with life time guarantees.

Disadvantages of using an in ground liner:

In ground liners tend to look less natural when in place, there are new types now available that attempt the natural look but this can sometimes be lacking. They can be difficult to straighten out in the fish pond, with a few helpers the job is a lot easier but it still can be time consuming. They tend to take longer to position compared to the prefabricated fish pond.

Wine barrel, giant pot, bowl, tubs, etc. – These are great for small areas and be placed almost anywhere at any time. These are one of the easiest water features that one can have indoors or outdoors. These can be implemented with or without filtration and you are only limited by your pocket book. The main consideration is that it be fish and plant safe.



Location

Choose a location and area for your mini pond. You will want to scout around and find a nice shady location for your fish pond. Then mark out the spot with small rocks. After that, imagine the scene that will be constructed as a guide. Then clean the area, including throwing stones, root wood and foreign matter in the soil.

If your mini pond will be an In Ground Liner, mark the location with spray paint and start digging.

If you are installing a prefabricated pond, place it into its eventual position. If marking the ground around it with spray paint or other markers. Move the pond out of the way once the ground is marked. Going above ground with the prefabricated pond, begin building the infrastructure to be used to house the pond. Going partially below ground or fully below ground dig a hole just a tad larger than the pond and attach all necessary equipment for maintaining the pond then place the complete unit in the hole and back fill the hole.

To be continued.....



2013 Club Calendar (to date)

Date	Topic	Location
January 27	Jim Phillips – Water Quality	Leslie & Gus’
February 24	Anthony Quintero – Koi Show	Michelle’s
March 24 (3rd Sunday)		John G.’s
April 28		Pauline’s
May 19 (3rd Sunday)		
June 30	Penn Martin- Plan It Solar	Sharon & Gary
July 28	Iva Gaglione- Ultra Balance Koi Food	Janet & Jose
August 25	Annual Koi Auction / Ice Cream Social	Melody & Duane
September 29		Sam’s
October 27		
November 24		
December 8	Annual Holiday Dinner	

If you would like to host your pond and house in 2013, please let [Duane Carlson](#) know. We will be delighted to schedule you.



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