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The February Meeting is at Georgia's Pond

The calendar had Sam's new pond listed, but a family thing came up so we'll see Sam's pond another time. Georgia has added one of those new sieve pre-filter thingies and she loves it so we'll hear about that I'm sure.

Our timely subject for the meeting is "What's Happening in My Pond Right Now?" With springtime temperatures rising, the days getting longer and the nights getting shorter, there's stuff going on in the water that's visible and some that's not visible.

The format will be a round table discussion, moderated by Camellia's collection of KHAs. Bring us your pond questions and we'll attempt an answer or at least an explanation.

The board meets at noon and anyone can attend. The general meeting and potluck lunch is at 1:00pm. Bring a little something to share, your camera, and *if you want to sit: a folding chair*. Georgia doesn't have a lot of extra chairs.

881 Greenridge Ct., Roseville, 95648

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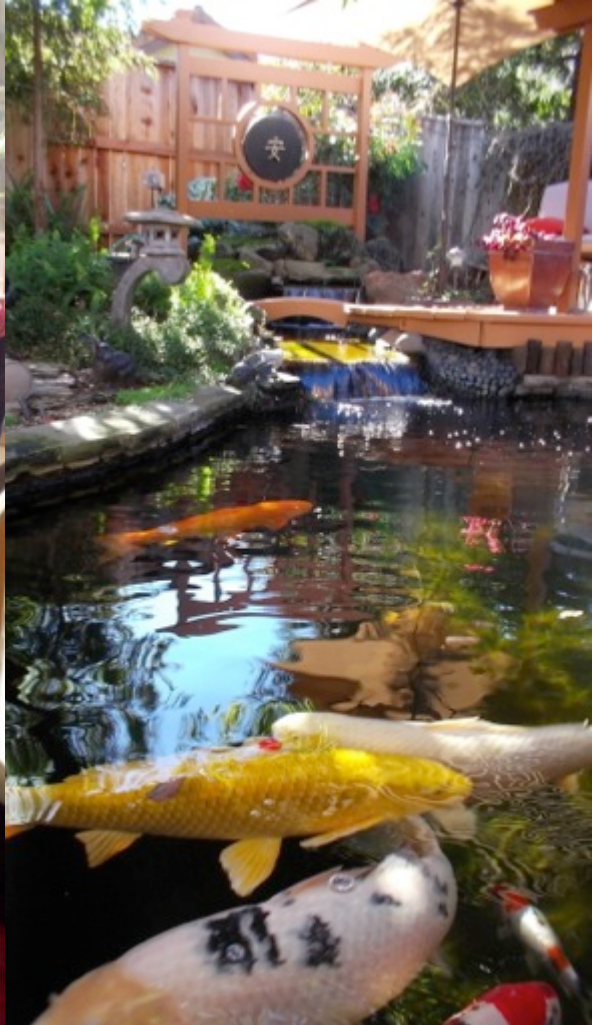
Jan. 31 at the Cubillo's...

The theme was either love, or red...or maybe both. Here we see our hosts, Gus & Leslie in a red apron, holding a red bowl, about to scoop soup from that big red pot.



More Red...

The plates and bowls, the carpet...even the pillows on the couch. As you can see, everyone had a good time...even the fish. Love is in the air.



Checking Out the Fish...

Dennis and Victoria Tran, admiring the beautiful koi. Dennis is looking and feeling good after his surgery.



[More Cubillo Pond](#), Crystal clear to a depth of five feet, and beautiful, friendly fish. The goshiki in the center of the bottom photo was on the cover of *Koi USA*, Sept/Oct, 2013 as second place in the Koi of the Year Contest. Then owned by Dennis Tran.



Some Shorts

- **Dues is due.** We go through this every year. It's only \$30 and it seems so easy and sometime trivial that we just forget to update our dues. If you don't remember whether you've paid or not, just drop Georgia an email and ask. If you need to pay you can mail her a check or just hand it to her at the next meeting. Pond-People not paid up by April 1 will have to be dropped from the roster. No fooling.
- It's time to nominate an AKCA/Camellia Koi Club "**Koi Person of the Year**". This is that person in our club that you think has done an exemplary job of promoting and furthering the cause of our little finny friends. Have someone in mind? We'll nominate candidates this month, vote next month, and award the recipient at the April meeting.
- The ZNA Nor Cal Koi Show (We call it the **San Jose Koi Show**) will be coming up April 2/3. Jean Jarr will be inviting sign ups to car pool to San Jose, probably Saturday, April 2. Set the date aside now. There are also one or two good koi dealers in San Jose that are worth visiting while you're there.
- Welcome new members! **Gary & Suzy GeRue** of Placerville, and **Keith & Jayne Boon** of Antelope.
- Much thanks to **Chuck Cottam** for stepping up as our new Vice President.
- **We still need a Director.** All a Director does is sit in on the Board Meeting and offer his/her opinion. Consider volunteering, you're going to be there anyway.

San Jose Koi Show, 2014



Koi Terminology – Part 4
Asagi, Shusui, Goshiki and Koromo Varieties
 by Pauline Sakai

Asagi Variety

The *Asagi* [ah-sah-gee] is the first type of koi to be bred as an ornamental carp more than 160 years ago. The *Shusui*, the first *Doitsu*, German scale (scaleless fish), was bred from the *Asagi*. More details on *Doitsu* will be explained in a future article. This is the first koi variety in this series of articles that introduces a blue coloration. The *Asagi* is a non-metallic light blue or grey scaled koi with dark blue or black reticulation (net pattern) on the scales.

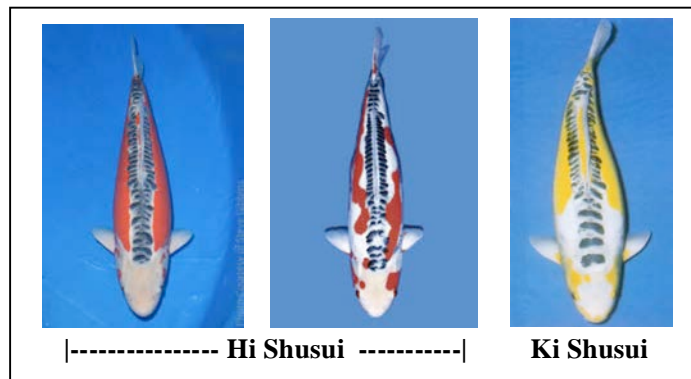
Red normally appears on the sides of the body (up to the lateral line), sides of the head, and pectorals and fins. Pectorals can appear with red on its fins *motoaka* [moe-toe-ah-ka] similar to the *motoguro* (black color on fins) on a Showa, with red joints against the body or full red fins. Ideally the head should be a uniform clear white.



Shusui Variety

Shusui [shoe-sue-ee], means “Autumn Sky” in Japanese. When admiring Shusui imagine that the back of the koi (where the scales are located) is a pond, the blue is the reflection of the sky and the red pattern are fallen leaves of a red Japanese maple tree (see photo in the middle).

This is the *doitsu* version of the *Asagi*. The characteristic feature of *Shusui* is a clear blue back, on which a line of large, dark blue scales neatly arranged (likened to a zipper) with a complementary hi (red) pattern. Most points of appreciation for *Asagi* apply to *Shusui*.



Several sub-varieties are found:

- *Hi Shusui*: where the Hi (red) spreads up from the abdomen covering the back.
- *Hana Shusui*: similar to Hi Shusui but with another line of dark-blue mirror scales along the lateral lines.
- *Ki Shusui*: very rare, yellow instead of red with the back scales usually blue.
- *Pearl Shusui*: very rare, it’s supposed to have silver scales.

Tips for buying young Asagi and Shusui:

- *Shusui* tend to look better when they are young when the blue body is light and the red is fiery. Look for the specimen which has the lightest shade of blue. The blue tends to darken with age or in cold water.

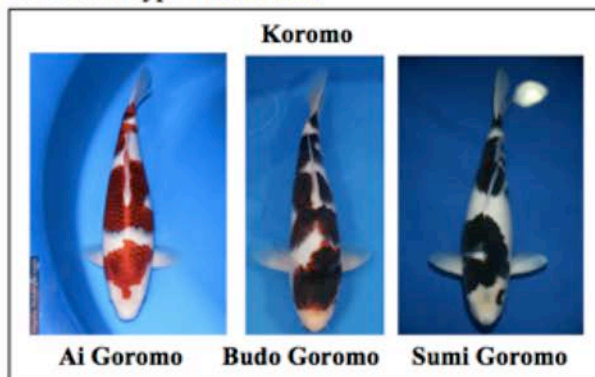
- The *hi* (red) should be bright, intense, and uniform. Remember the red increases with age and covers more of the body.
- Above all, the head must be clear with no speckles.
- On young *Shusui* sometimes the bone structure is not fully developed and can be seen under the skin as dark blue shadows but, hopefully, the skin will thicken as the koi matures.
- For *Shusui*, look for the straightest most uniform formation of scales along the dorsal line. They should be indigo in color, and clearly defined. The row of scales should not have any interruptions or spaces nor should there be any other scales on the body.

Koromo and Goshiki Varieties

These two koi varieties are grouped together at koi shows. Both are a white based fish with a red pattern and a black, grey or blue reticulation (net pattern). In Japanese, *Koromo* means “robed”. This refers to how the net pattern wraps the fish like a robe. Note that in both varieties the red is a *Kohaku* pattern.

Koromo [ko-row-mow] – the net pattern overlays the red pattern. Each scale of the net pattern is in the shape of sharp quarter moon edging. There are three basic type of *Koromo*.

- *Ai Goromo* [eye-go-row-mow]
Ai is “blue” in Japanese. The reticulation on the red scales has a blue cast.
- *Budo Goromo* [boo-doe-go-row-mow]
Budo means “grape” in Japanese. The red scales have a purplish or a grape colored appearance.
- *Sumi Goromo* [sue-mee-go-row-mow] –
Sumi means “ink” in Japanese. The reticulation is black and heavier than the *Ai* or *Budo Goromo*.



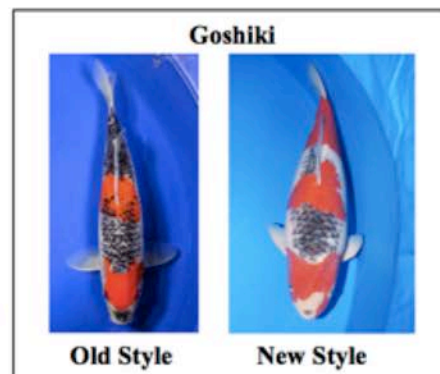
Note: the Japanese word *Koromo* becomes *Goromo* when preceded by its color. This has to do with how words are conjugated in Japanese.

Selecting a young *Ai Goromo*:

- Look for an attractive *kohaku* pattern with reticulation that is barely visible, then hope the reticulation emerges.
- The reticulation tends to darken and thicken with age. If you buy a young *Ai Goromo* (one or two years old) that appears nearly finished there is a chance that it will darken and become either a *Budo* or a *Sumi Goromo*. At shows *Ai Goromo* are usually preferred.

Goshiki [go-she-key] – reticulation is on the white as well as the red. Over the years the *Goshiki's* reticulation placement and coloration have changed.

- **Old, traditional style:** has heavy black reticulation (net pattern) on both red and white scales
- **New, Modern style:** has reticulation on the white and not on the red. This creates a greater contrast in color and brightens the presentation of the fish.



Tentative 2016 CKC Calendar

- January 31...The Year Ahead: Jean Jahr.....Fall Show Plans: Sam Niebank.....Gus & Leslie Cubillo
- February 28....."What's Happening Now"...Open Forum Q & A.....Georgia Vonk, Lincoln
- March 20.....TENTATIVE.... Sue Golden, Pond Plants.....Golden Pond, Lincoln
- April 23-24.....CKC Koi Show & Open House.....Bob Haugland, So. Sac.
- May 22.....Indoor Koi Ponds.....Jack & Juliet Lokoff's, Bay Point
- June 26.....speaker TBD.....Doug & Carol Porter's, Lincoln
- July 31.....Pond Building by Chuck.....Chuck Cottam & Nita Biaich, Lincoln
- August 28.....Koi Auction & Ice Cream Social.....Duane & Melody Carlson's, Granite Bay
- September ??.....FALL KOI SHOW.....PLACER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, ROSEVILLE
- October 30.....speaker & site TBD.....
- November 13..... Spaghetti Contest.....Jerry & Phyliss Kyle/Jack & Barbara Flockhart
- December 4.....Christmas Party.....TBD

Chuck Cottam is our new Vice President! That makes him the Go-to Guy if you'd like to have a meeting at your pond, or have an idea for a meeting topic or any other fishy activity. Check the list below for the contact information.

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Financials... Georgia Vonk, Treasurer

Beginning Balance: \$7713.38

Income 290.00 \$240 Renewals, \$20 Name Badges, \$30 New Members Welcome Gary GeRue & Suzy Pollock

Expenses: 182.25 \$4.06 Credit Card Reader, \$35.85 Yahoo, \$2.34 Paypal fees, \$100 Joint meeting Board & Koi Show Committee

Ending Balance: \$7821.13

Please remind people that renewals of \$30 per family are due by March 31st. If you're not sure if you've renewed, please contact me. We take cash, checks, paypal for credit cards online or we have a Credit Card reader where I can take payments in person. Thanks!

Camellia Koi minutes

January 31, 2016

Directors Meeting, 12:22pm

Attending: Jean, Georgia, Bob, Jerry, Chuck Cottam, Sam, John & Gail Gerson, Betty Martin.

November minutes & treasurer's report were approved.

Jean proposed a field trip/car pool to the San Jose Koi Show April 2/3

Jean appointed Chuck Cottam VP, then promised to give him Sue Golden's contact info.

Discussed and approved the April backyard Koi Show at Bob's house.

Georgia reminded us that April 1 is the cut off date to pay dues or be dropped. No fooling!

Sam gave a short report on the Fall koi show. Looking into new site possibilities.

Adjourned, 12:47pm

General Meeting:

Introduced Chuck Cottam as the new VP. Still looking for Directors.

Announced the Jan Jose field trip. More info to come...

Announced the April 23/24 koi show in Bob's backyard.

Welcomed new members Keith & Jane Boon from Antelope and Gary & Suzy GeRue from Placerville.

Also welcomed Mike Novasel as a visitor.