

Camellia Koi Club
Newsletter
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Above: Georgia's fish,
NOT rescues.

Below: Some of the
rescues Bob has.

Bottom/right: Spring of
2014, I think.

Koi Ahoy

It's all about the fish



The February 25 Meeting is at Bob Haugland's Pond

The address is 4832 J Parkway, Sacramento, 95823. The board meets at noon and anyone can attend and participate. The general meeting starts at 1pm, as does the potluck lunch. You may bring a potluck dish if you like. Bob will have two kinds of soup prepared as we are optimistic that cool weather may eventually arrive.

We're going to have a **wet lab** demonstration. It will include tips on netting and handling koi, anesthetizing, and scraping and microscoping koi for parasites. If you own a microscope, you're encouraged to bring it so that we have lots of scopes to look through.

It's time to nominate our Koi Person of the Year. Not someone who breathes water, but someone who is kitchy for koi.

Also need to mention that Bob has about a dozen rescues, 4" – 14" that need homes. If you're if you're needing some nice, healthy fish, come have a look-see.

Here is a link to a google map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/4832+J+Pkwy,+Sacramento,+CA>

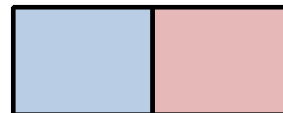


How 'AT RISK' is Your Pond?

Take the survey to see if there are some areas in your koi husbandry protocol that you can improve on. It's simply a list of koi husbandry concepts. If you feel unsure about some of your answers, get your pond buddy to help you decide.

Do you do regular water changes?	Yes	No
Do you regularly backwash the filter?	Yes	No
Have you tested the water in the last 30 days?	Yes	No
Do you know the exact volume of your pond?	Yes	No
Do you know your pond's turn over rate?	Yes	No
Do you have a test kit for:		
pH?	Yes	No
Ammonia?	Yes	No
KH?	Yes	No
Nitrites?	Yes	No
Do you usually know the pond temperature?	Yes	No
Are you comfortable with the oxygen in your pond?	Yes	No
Is the pond over crowded? (Fish load)	No	Yes
Is your pond designed to be a koi pond?	Yes	No
Or is your pond a garden pond?	No	Yes
Do you have more goldfish than koi?	No	Yes
Do you have any skinny koi?	No	Yes
Do you occasionally see any of the following?		
Flashing, Jumping, Clamped fins, Injuries?	No	Yes
Has the pond ever smelled like rotten eggs?	No	Yes
Have you found a dead fish in the last 6 months?	No	Yes

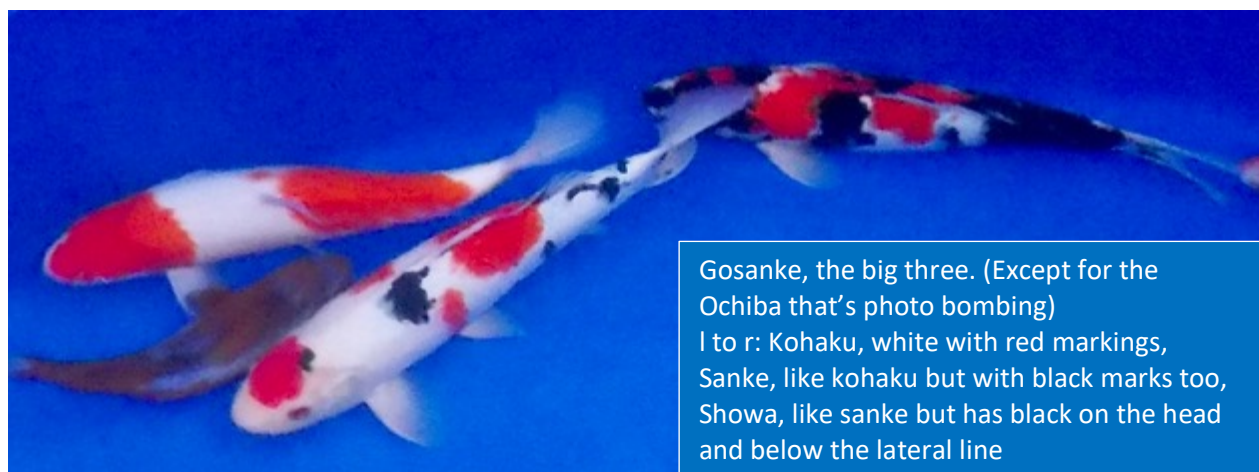
Total your answers into the blue & red boxes. There are no magic numbers but the more red answers you have, the more *AT RISK* your pond could be.



Eliminating any red answer is the best way to reduce stress in any pond. Eliminating multiple red answers defines the best and healthiest ponds. Koi have a surprisingly robust immune system that can contain and overcome the stress caused by more than many realize. It is well known that many pathogens are out there (including KHV) that may simply be carried in "B" cells without any outward signs. This is normal and can go on for years without an outbreak of anything until a stress level is triggered that overcomes the immune system. Red answers may not be immediate killers but, may silently hold immune systems on the precipice where very little takes it over the cliff. Adding new koi to a red pond may be all it takes. Let's find easy ways to eliminate red answers so we can have more, bigger, beautiful babies to be proud of.

Take the Survey on the previous page. This is just a random thing that a few of us came up with to help us all evaluate the big picture when it comes to the health of our koi ponds. You can do the survey now and bring it to our meetings and we'll discuss some of the pond issues. I will also have printed copies at the meeting available. I (Bob) got four red answers so now I have made plans to solve those problem areas.

The survey can also be a useful tool to help you decide whether or not to add more koi to your pond. Spring is right around the corner, the latest Japanese imports will be coming out of quarantine, and the temptation to buy them is great. If your pond survey shows a lot of red answers, it could be a warning that merely adding new fish would be dangerous.



Gosanke, the big three. (Except for the Ochiba that's photo bombing)
l to r: Kohaku, white with red markings,
Sanke, like kohaku but with black marks too,
Showa, like sanke but has black on the head
and below the lateral line

Tidbits

Reed Rodriguez Has Fish to Sell

Reed has sold all of his koi stock and is now selling his personal collection. These are show quality, adult fish, at very reasonable prices. Call Reed at 916-897-1975.

ZNZ NorCal National Koi Show (aka the San Jose Koi Show)

April 7-8 Again at the Wyndam Garden San Jose Silicon Valley Hotel, 399 Silicon Valley Blvd., San Jose. 408-972-7800

Recommended Viewing: Dr. Johnson's Video series

Now admittedly, the good doctor can be a little monotone sometimes, but the information gleaned from watching this series will help you save fish. You don't have to watch the 20 videos in order. You can select to view the ones most important to your current situation. Hit the subscribe tab and you'll be reminded to watch all 20. Here's a link.....

[Twenty Steps to Fish Health / Disease Assessment](#)

CAMELLIA KOI CLUB REPORT TO AKCA... by Jerold Kyle AKCA Club Rep

It's a new year with a new level of excitement and heightened member involvement after a successful 2017. No wonder our club is growing. Koi Show again scheduled for Labor Day weekend with prepared list of areas of accountability; Advertising, Trophy Sponsors, Vendors, Participants, Judges Helpers, Set up/Tear down, Raffle item collection, Raffle and Club Booth Coordinator. Getting an early organizational start increases success. Most 2018 months already set with member pond meeting locations. This club has most meetings at private ponds as sharing pond knowledge is a major function of our club as exhibited by a question and answer KHA moment each meeting. This year, joining a local Pet Expo Show will increase recognize ability and community involvement. This is just the start - more to come.

More Tidbits

Yearly dues are due. Georgia has simplified the annual dues problem by making everyone's anniversary date January 1. If you are unsure if you've paid the \$30 for 2018, you can always ask Georgia via email ... georgiav@earthlink.net or you can just come to the next meeting and speak to Georgia personally.

A 'New Member's' Packet is currently in the design stages. This would be a thing to give to new members that would help give them a running start toward enjoying their koi ponds. Some of the considerations to include in the packet are:

1. koi names and description of color descriptions.
2. koi health and husbandry
3. for those new members who plan to build a pond, guidelines as to the size of the pond and the filter system.
4. make sure the pond and the system is not accessible to predators
5. have the new members who have one express their concern about any issues with their pond and where they might find such information.
6. where and how they find out about the club and why they joined.

Please offer more suggestions either at the meeting or you can email your ideas to Bob H at thenewmrbob@gmail.com

News from Kodama Koi Farm

To all our valued customers,

We are back!!

We just received the results for the last of our samples. All samples came back good!!

It was definitely one of the longest months Kodama Koi Farm has ever had.

Since we confirmed the virus on December 28,2017, we depopulated 19 ponds.

We euthanized 3450 Koi, although they were not all confirmed with KHV. We took precautionary measures and euthanized them.

This caused a huge loss in our inventory.

We submitted 328 samples to make sure that our farm is clear from any KHV.

We then sanitized the whole farm. We have revised and improved our current quarantine and disinfection protocol. We received some great advice from Dr. Yamasaki.

The past month has been difficult for Kodama Koi Farm. But I believe it was a test on our commitment which is to deliver healthy and beautiful Japanese Koi to Koi hobbyists in the US and Canada.

We received numerous support from so many people. We would not be here today without them. I would like to thank Dr. Yamasaki, Dr. Falls, Dr. Cheng and Dr. Girey for helping us in the process of cleaning and rebuilding our farm stronger.

I am thankful and fortunate for all of Kodama Koi Farm team members who endured with us during the past month.

Euthanizing and burying all the Koi we raised with love is nothing but torture.

And most importantly I would like express our gratitude to all of our loyal customers who kept supporting and encouraging us through this tragedy.

We can finally start the new year. We will have our first Koi sales of 2018 on February 1.

Thank you

Sincerely in KOI,



Taro Kodama
Kodama Koi Farm

Camellia Koi Club 2018 Calendar

January 28.....Sacramento Winter Care.....Lorenzo’s, Loomis
 February 25.....Wet Lab & Fish Handling.....Bob Haugland, Sacramento
 March 25.....Zip-loc Koi Transport.....Michelle Cardenas, Carmichael
 April 29.....Dennis & Victoria Tran,
 Sacramento
 May 20?????.....(27 is Memorial Day Weekend).....Jean Jahr, Antelope
 June 24.....Open
 July 29.....Open
 August 26.....Koi Auction & Ice Cream Social.....Duane & Melody Carlson, Granite Bay
 September 1-2.....Koi Show.....Old Sugar Mill, Clarksburg
 September 30.....Chuck Cottam& Nita Blaich, Lincoln
 October 28.....Mark & Sharon Wichmann, Rancho Cordova
 November 11.....George & Denise Garbero,
 Sacramento

Koi Health Advisors (KHA)

Problems with your Pond? Fish? Both? These guys are here to help.

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Treasurer's Report, Georgia Vonk

Beginning Balance \$7569.51

Expenses 65.05 \$2.20 paypal, \$25 returned ad paid in error, \$35.85 Yahoo fees

Income 139.00 \$25 ad (returned as also became members), \$90 memberships, \$24 Garbero's donated dinners purchased they couldn't attend

Ending Balance: \$7645.46

Minutes, January 28, 2018

Board meeting called to order 12:05pm

Cherry Hill Koi in San Jose offering liquidation sale Saturday February 3rd due to owner passing

Approved finances in December Koi Ahoy

Ended year \$57 in positive- Increase in new membership- 2017 deemed success

Old Business: 2018 Koi Show prep- Sam has list prepared with areas of accountability including Advertising, Trophies (sponsors, ordering, etc), Vendors, Participants, Judge's Helpers, Setup/Tear Down, Raffle Item Collection, Raffle Booth Coordinator

New Business: Jean brought up emailing out updated copy of membership by-laws to club members

Georgia mentioned upcoming event that CKC was asked to participate in- Lincoln Hills Pet Expo- Bob and Michelle interested in running booth- free advertising for club and upcoming show- waiting on event date/location

Koi show 2018 needs a name- sticking with "Excellence" theme- ideas needed from members so we can get new logo and paperwork updated and completed

Dues are due! Pay Georgia ASAP please

Looking for ways to grow membership further

Michelle C. inquired about who runs Facebook account. Offered to take over and also create an Instagram page for club Juliet to work on a "New Member Packet"

Trailer clean out day TBD- donate or sell things we don't need so we can have trailers clean and ready for 2018 show

February and November need meeting locations still. John and Julie offered to take November

Board Meeting closed 1:05pm

Lunch served 1pm

General meeting called to order at 1:25pm - 19 member attendees

No December meeting notes due to Christmas party

Sam will bring notes for November meeting as secretary was out of country for that meeting

Approved financials from December

Cherry Hill Koi and Water Gardens owner passed away- store closing-high quality discounted koi available February 3

April pet expo in Lincoln Hills- free- CKC asked to have booth- Bob and Michelle interested in working event- all are welcome to speak and promote club and upcoming there

Koi Show 2018! Need name for this years show but sticking with "excellence" theme- ideas include: Excellence in Motion, A Vision of Excellence...

Michelle C offered to take on Social Media Coordinator role in making club more active on Facebook and creating an Instagram account as well

Juliet to work on a New Member Packet- about club and some important things about koi health, water chemistry, feeding, etc.

TBD organize a trailer clean out day to get rid of old items we don't use- pvc tubing etc.

Went over Koi Show committees and asked members to be involved in them including Advertising, Trophies (sponsors, ordering, etc), Vendors, Participants, Judge's Helpers, Setup/Tear Down, Raffle Item Collection, Raffle Booth Coordinator- passed around preliminary sign up sheet- there will be list of tasks for each area given to those who take on show duty

Need to get photos from 2017 Koi Show to Koi USA if we haven't already. This is good advertising for upcoming show- check with Jerry if this was done

Georgia promoted purchasing and supporting the Koi USA publication as they are who provide the club with our insurance for events and meetings and shows. Members get a discount on the magazine as well

Meeting raffle winner: Georgia and received koi toilet lid tattoo cover ! :)

Meeting closed at 2:10pm

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