

Koi Ahoy

Camellia Koi Club
Sacramento

March 2005

Meeting Sunday, March 20, one week early

Because of the Easter Holiday, the March meeting will be held on March 20th, at the home and pond of Sandy Sylvester and Karen Knieriem. (That is this coming Sunday.) Come early and stay late!

Karen and Sandy will demonstrate the pond's heating system that was featured in an article in the January 2005 issue of Koi Ahoy. They will also show a Worm Farm and some new fish. Their pond is home to Ken Gray's 32+inch Kujaku, named "Big Momma".

Sandy has made two pans of lasagna, one with a meat sauce and one vegetarian. There will be Caesar salad and Aunt Margaret's Daffodil Cake, so stay for an early dinner.



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A Question from Jason Sargeant, Program Chairman

We're six weeks away from the April Meeting. In years past we've substituted a buying trip to selected Bay area dealers for the April Meeting. However, there are now enough dealers in the Sacramento area that we could spend a day to see many of them. (If you want to do a buying trip, please suggest the dealers you wish to see.)

On the other hand, we could meet at a new pond in Roseville and meet the professionals who built the pond. We could do both. Or all three. Or none of them.

It is your club, what do you want to do?

Board Minutes, February, 27, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President, Jerold Kyle, at noon one hour before the club general meeting. Attending were Jason Sargeant, V.P., Marilee Marshall, Treasurer, and Jack Flockhart, Director. Also attending were Sandy Sylvester, Koi Ahoy Editor, Ken Grey, Wendy Sargeant, Barbara Flockhart, Gary Chin, and Gary Fabian who was our host.

Jerry read the minutes and Marilee gave the treasurer's report followed by an explanation of the proposed 2005 club budget which was the main topic of the meeting.

Sandy advised the board that due to an improved e-mail program and Jason's help the snail-mailing list of the Koi Ahoy was reduced from 70 to only 19 mailings which will greatly reduce postal fees. Gary suggested a link for Acrobat Reader which is free be installed on our web site to help even more members who are less computer savvy be able to print the Koi Ahoy off the web. Sandy reported she is planning a format change so the Koi Ahoy can be read directly off the computer screen simply by scrolling down thereby making it unnecessary to print it to easily read the newsletter.

The Koi USA subscription was discussed. The concern was that as members join at varying times other than the beginning of the year, their subscription also begins at varying times creating complicated record keeping. The board agreed that subscriptions will be paid in January or July so all subscriptions are more concurrent and easier to monitor.

Marilee proposed that the club consider "selling" the sponsoring of a meeting. For a fee and/or donation a vendor could be listed as the sponsor of a meeting thereby getting mentioned in the Koi Ahoy and the web site. The matter will be seriously considered and more insight gathered. It was further agree that the club needed someone to co-ordinate marketing.

Jack moved and Jason seconded a motion that the proposed 2005 Budget be approved to be presented to the club for their approval at the general meeting that immediately followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry announced that he is pleased with the results of holding the Board Meeting an hour before the general club meeting as he thinks it is easier for the general membership to attend and be more involved in the decision making if they wish. Anyone with an idea or suggestion can simply show up and address the board. Jerry said it makes the meetings more open and encourages more ideas and more members to get involved.

The next board meeting is scheduled one hour before the next general meeting.

Treasurer's Report

submitted by Marilee Marshall

FEBRUARY	Expenses	Income	Balance
Memberships (13)		\$588.00	
2004 Holiday Dinner	\$447.99		
Equipment-hoses	\$305.53		
March host refreshments		\$30.00	
Memberships (5)		\$225.00	\$9,971.03

Carolyn Swanson has volunteered to host a meeting at her pond anytime the weather is warm enough to be outdoors. She has some remarkable fish. (See this month's President's Message)

Ramblings by Jerry Kyle

There was no shortage of advice. Gary F. had invited the CKC to hold a meeting at his home and as a group, give him some ideas how he can convert his nice looking garden pond into a pond that will properly support koi. When about twenty-five koi enthusiasts began stating opinions the combined knowledge gained from their experience was more than expected. Gary compiled a huge "To Do" list. Ideas and suggestions ranged from, "Don't do it!" to moving the location and starting over and on to enhancing what is there to make it better support koi. The basic principals of purchasing an efficient pump and running it 24/7 was fully explained along with needing more depth, a bottom drain, and a pre-filter. The club gave Gary a crash course and left him with the basic AKCA publications that all members should have. The club gives these special publications at no cost to new members. Gary is a do-it-yourselfer and will do most of the work himself. Now he can incorporate sound biological principals and produce a pond with excellent water quality as the primary goal. As a Koi Health Advisor I tell anyone who will listen that it is all about water quality. Only at that point should one add a few nice koi based on what the pond can efficiently support. The advice is always free. This new member is now poised to realize his dream of having a few koi in a beautiful setting and he knows he can always call on his friends in the club if he has a question.

President's Message by Jerry Kyle

How many times have you heard me brag about this club? Brag, brag, that's what I do. Brag about attendance at Seminars, brag about our CKC koi show, brag about number of KHAers in our club, brag about helping new members, and on and on. Now there is something new to brag about.

You all know Carolyn Swanson traveled to Japan and wrote an article about the people and her experiences for us to read in the Koi Ahoy Newsletter. We also know she has a good eye for quality. I attended the 18th Annual San Diego Koi Show this month and saw Carolyn and her koi. For those who have not had the opportunity to see her finny friends, you missed a treat and I hope Carolyn does not mind me bragging a little about her. She is a fine person and a club member we are proud of.

The list reads: Best in Size (21"-24") Hikari Moyo; Best In Class Kohaku (21"-24"), Best In Class Koromo Goshiki (21"-24"); First Place Showa Sanke (21"-24"); First Place Koromo, Goshiki (18"-21"); Second Place Kawarigoi (21"-24"); Third Place Showa Sanke (21"-24"); Third Place Showa Sanke (15"-18").

Needless to say, I offered to take any of her rejects off her hands. Congratulations to you, Carolyn. You do us proud. You are a credit to the club and we bask in your reflected glory.





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Club Calendar

**March 20: 12:00-1:00 Board of Director's Meeting in the house
1:00-3:00 General Meeting at the pond.
4840 T Street
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Directions: *From Highway 50 North:*

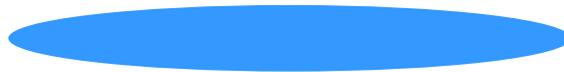
- Take 65th Street Exit
- Go through the light at 65th Street to 59th
- Left at 59th
- Right on T Street to 4840 T

From Business 80:

- Merge to Highway 50
- Take 34th Street exit
- Left on 34th
- Immediate right on T Street to 4840 T

April Meeting to be announced

**October 1-2, 2005 Camellia Koi Club Koi Show
Green Acres Nursery**



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