



Koi Ahoy

Camellia Koi Club
Sacramento

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Preparing for Winter *by Jim Reilly*

It is getting close to the end of active koi keeping season for many of us now, and preparation for winter should begin in the next few weeks. You will notice that the koi's appetite is beginning to change. Because a koi is truly a part of its environment, changes are happening IN the koi and AROUND the koi at this very moment. The koi's biological clock, triggered by night-time water temperature, air surface temperatures and light changes, is telling the koi what is about to happen. . . winter! This clock is also telling the females that spring breeding isn't so far off and preparations must be made for that event as well. Therefore, the koi will get hungrier! You will notice that they will eat more aggressively. Part of this is due to higher oxygen levels and better water quality in general, reflected by higher ORP readings, and part is the considerable influence of that biological clock.

You must now decide what you will be doing with your fish for winter. Will they be under a protective tent or moved inside? Will they be left uncovered in the low winter temperatures to take their chances or will they be given only the "illusion" of winter (mild heat and covered)? Only love, depth of concern, monetary value and economics will determine this answer.

Ideally, your pond should already be netted (berry netting available at any garden center or Home Depot) to keep falling leaves, twigs and airborne materials from settling into the pond. The koi's diet should be switched from high protein pellets to wheat germ and fresh food about now. The number of meals and amounts can also begin to come down. I feed the same number of times this time of year (three or four) but I reduce the amounts and I have already opened my first bag of wheat germ pellets. As the water cools and the sumps are less burdened by organics, you will notice your koi's white skin get much whiter.

Once November rolls around, your tent should be completely installed and ready to go as the cooler nights of late November will bring the water temperatures down considerably. During this time, you can usually depend on solar effects during the day and you can close the tent at night to retain some heat. Remember, the tent acts as a heat space that separates your pond's water surface from the cooler air. My heaters usually start going on and off during the week of Thanksgiving. Once your water temperature hits 50 degrees F, **stop feeding**. If you must, for emotional reasons, feed the koi, feeding very small amounts and fresh food is better than pellets.

Now you are in the "winter zone". This can be real or man-made.

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For the Koi Show:

Tommy from goldfishnet.com is flying out from Texas and would appreciate it if folks could provide him with any spare aquariums for his display. 55 gallon is plenty large.



Minutes: Board of Directors 10/5/04 by Diane Dahlberg, Secretary

Attending: Duane Carlson, Bob Caruso, Jerry Kyle, Phyllis Kyle, Mary Beth Avila, Garry Chin, Carla Cassinelli, and Diane Dahlberg. Absent was Jason Sargeant, Marilee Marshall.

The meeting was called to order by Garry Chin and we quickly approved last month's meeting minutes. The treasurer's report was given by Mary Beth. All money activities were reported on and Diane voted to approve the report. Bob seconded the vote and all were in favor.

Old Business:

Koi Show November 5-7 is chaired by Bob Caruso. Bob spoke in depth about the progress of this event. He spoke about the need to arrange for the awards and possible ribbons for each entrant. He spoke about the need for help with tank docents and runners. Mary Beth is arranging for some High School kids to help us with security overnight. Tear down of tanks and clean up was discussed. Duane is arranging advertising in several different newspapers and magazines.

Bob discussed a large banner be made that will hang in front of the nursery and will be a quality banner that we can use for many years. Jerry moved to approve \$200 dollars to fund this project. And Diane seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Garry talked about renting Koi show tanks and is checking with the San Francisco club as well as with the Santa Clara club. He is figuring on 30 display tanks with various other tanks for decontamination and other activities. Jerry Kyle and Jack Flockhart will be arranging pick up of the tanks. Diane has offered to help.

AKCA's KHV Research Grants: Mary Beth will be mailing a check for \$500 to AKCA for the help in research of the KHV virus.

New Business:

Holiday Dinner Options: (See Pres. Message)

FINS: The Board of Directors voted to allocate \$300 in FINS for the Koi Show.

Membership fees: Membership dues and renewal packets need to be sent out this month. Mary Beth will be talking to Sandy about renewal notices to be sent out. A long discussion regarding dues and fees resulted in a unanimous vote to increase our membership fees. (Cont. page 11)

Treasurer's Report by Mary Beth Avila

Beginning Balance	\$10,560.39	Expenses:	
		Sept Meeting Host (D.Dahlberg)	30.00
Income:		1/2 fish auction sale (J.Sargeant)	41.00
Fish Auction	251.00	1/2 fish auction sale (P.Sakai)	38.00
		1/2 fish auction sale (MB.Avila)	11.50
Total Income	251.00		
		Total Expenses:	712.65
		Ending Balance:	\$10,098.74

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The difference being, a conscious decision to:

- A) flirt with the carp population's known survival ranges or
- B) to limit the "winter zone" to the koi's optimal temperature range.

This is simply saying that, at the most basic and primitive koi keeping level, temperatures near or below 0 degrees Centigrade (32 degrees F) will test the survival abilities of any koi: young/old, well conditioned/poorly conditioned. And nature tells us that a large percentage will make it through the challenge with only minor health issues the following spring. This older technique is pretty much passe in modern koi keeping, but some water garden hybrid koi keeper types still practice it to this very day. And even this group is divided into those that let ice form and those that keep the ice off and keep things running. Both have their gamble. One allows gases to build up, and, if a koi dies, that death can stress, sicken or kill the other fish. The "no ice" crowd will keep koi swimming in cold water and if the winter is long, the koi run out of gas, and stress, sicken or die. This also allows winter precipitation to influence water parameters and water quality. So IMHO, the pond MUST be tented. (Editor's note: Jim Reilly lives in the Northeast where temperatures are significantly colder than ours, in Sacramento.)

The second, more evolved approach B ("heat and tent"), is to only allow temperatures to fall low enough to give the effects of the "winter zone" without testing the survivability of each individual fish. This gives the desired effect in regards to the fish's metabolic needs and seasonal shift but not the exhaustion or associated stress of a full blown winter survival challenge. This low-end temperature range then would be 45-55 degrees F.

The next decision that will separate "survival" from "optimal" will be the length of the "winter zone". The winters in the Northeast are long! In the primitive technique of koi keeping, a young koi may be asked to hang on for as long as 16 weeks. This is a lot to ask of the better bred koi from Japan. So parasites in spring, the illusion of a thing called "aeromonas alley", and general infection are all very real possibilities. The koi are simply weak and exhausted, an easy target in a pond that is becoming biologically active in the organically rich warming environment of spring.

In the second technique, a man-made artificial "winter zone", the winter cycle can be easily controlled. "Winter" can be as short as 6-8 weeks and never dip below 45 degrees F. But be aware, low light conditions will still keep koi inactive and experiencing the seasonal influences of winter.

- Regardless of which path you take, the pond should be kept clean and netted as the winter zone approaches. And normal maintenance should continue, albeit reduced somewhat. Water changes should continue, only smaller and less often. Sumps should be dumped, only less often.
- Equipment should also be checked as we all tend to not want to go out there! I also recommend a spare pump in reserve for that Sunday morning disaster!
- Drain all 'summer lines' that can freeze. Make Thanksgiving weekend your drop dead date! If you are going to go 'primitive' you need to consider freezing of lines- even if you keep the water running. This is why two speed pumps make some sense on one level and not much sense on another. Same is true with the use of ball valves. Reduced flow will create a chance for ice to form and actually crack a schedule 80 ball valve!
- Stop all feeding once you reach your chosen 'winter zone'. Another last minute meal is meaningless and can actually do more harm than good.
- The berry netting will keep 'most' leaves out but some how some will make it in so before adding the tent, make sure the bottom is clean.
- Look into buying a heater. This is the ultimate control over winter and the associated problems of the old way of keeping koi at the most primitive level.



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A Change In The Weather.....

by: Mary Beth Avila

And a change in the Board of Directors for 2005. I am pleased to announce that the slate of officers for next year is completed. There was a great deal of arm twisting involved, (I bet Jerry and Jason's are still sore), but everyone graciously agreed to help guide the club to bigger and better things next year, (or at least keep things running smoothly). The following is the slate of officers for 2005, to be voted on at the October general meeting. Unless there is a late nomination for any of the positions, then the election will then be held in November at the Koi Show. We will not be having a regular scheduled general meeting in November due to conflict with Thanksgiving.

President:	Jerry Kyle
Treasurer:	Marilee Marshall
Board Member:	Jack Flockhart
Board Member:	Phyllis Kyle

Completing the one year left of Bob's term,

Vice President:	Jason Sargeant
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Returning members of the Board, finishing the second year of their term,

Secretary:	Diane Dahlberg
Board Member:	Duane Carlson

Completing the one year left of Jason's term

Board Member:	Carla Cassinelli
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I would like to personally thank each one of the new and old members that stepped forward to donate their time and energy to help make the Camellia Koi Club, THE club in Northern California. Thank you!

Camellia Koi Club Annual Holiday Dinner

December 12th 5:00-8:00 PM

Barbara Morse Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex

9014 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove 95758

Texas BBQ Dinner catered by Back Forty

Cost of tickets: \$15.00 per person

Make checks payable to Camellia Koi Club

Mail checks to Marilyn Chin 2247 Atrisco Circle, Sacramento 95833

Deadline: December 3rd

**Ramblings** by Jerry Kyle

Coming to the Koi Show? This year's show is going to be yet another step closer to Garry's vision of a successful major Northern California koi show presented by the Camellia Koi Club. With the addition of "Mr. Organization", Bob Caruso, as chairman and the able help and advice of many, but most especially Garry Chin, Jim Phillips, Jason Sargent, and Ken Gray, this show is going to be great. Mary Beth Avila was at the organizational meeting. Duane Carlson is coordinating advertising and PR. These club members had such knowledge and command of the situation, I felt I was little more than a spectator. While not always easily impressed, I certainly was impressed at the knowledge and command these members demonstrated. This will be a well orchestrated affair. The Camellia Koi Club is going to look good. Just how good will depend on how many club members volunteer to help with the little jobs. The tough stuff is handled. We just need helpers to keep an eye on things, help at the Club Store, sell raffle tickets, be docents or runners between the judges and Jason or Wendy at the computer, and other simpler tasks. Maybe you can help set things up or tear down. Bob says "many hands make light work." This year will be the first time the club has used "Fins" as a reward by the club to members as a thank you for helping. A Fin is a \$5.00 reward certificate (voucher) that a member can use toward the purchase of any item from the Club Store or towards the cost of any club event such as the Christmas Dinner that you will surely want to attend in December. The Board also allocated some money to hire some strong young backs to help with the tear down so members won't have to break their own backs this year. Plan on helping, if you can.

Throughout the show you will have an opportunity to talk to many other pond keepers. One of them may have an answer to that nagging little problem with your pond or you may have an answer to their question. Many will be there oo-ing and awe-ing at beautiful koi the likes of which they have never seen. If one of the pretty ones is yours you will be justifiably proud. As a club member you may be sought out. You may be asked how you built your koi pond, how easy it is to maintain, what about predators, how deep should the pond be, etc, etc. Since you never tire of talking about your pond or fish you are sure to have an enjoyable time.

As a club member, join us for some lunch that Diane Dahlberg. will be bringing. Of course, Carla C. will be helping. During lunch you can share with us your excitement of seeing the many vendor's displays. Spaces for vendor booths are already sold out. Koi dealers back from the recent fall koi harvest in Japan will be on site to give you first crack at purchasing another fine imported koi that is just coming out of quarantine. Other dealers will be showing their latest products. Yes, there will be a number of major dealers attending. There may even be pond related arts and crafts.

There will be more excitement as raffle drawings are held through the weekend with many fine prizes as usual. This is always a lot of fun and you may want to purchase more tickets when you see what is to be won.

Complete your fun filled Saturday by attending the Pizza Party that night at Round Table Pizza, 2319 Sunset Blvd, in Rocklin. Good food, good company, good stories about koi. It just does not get much better than this. You just have to be there. Since there is no admission fee bring a friend. All this, and no admission fee? Bring two friends. The very least that will happen is that we all will have a marvelous time. See you there.



“BEST EYE” CONTEST

(For Camellia Koi Club Members only)

This contest is for koi with a purchase price of \$50 or less!

How many of you have at one time or another purchased a koi for under \$50 or maybe spawned a few of your koi? Now after awhile, you look at the koi and say to yourself. “That’s a mighty fine looking KOI! If I take that koi to a show. I bet it can win an award”. Well here is your chance!

When your fish are being benched for the koi show, you will be asked to select koi for this contest. These fish will be flagged on the benching form. (REMEMBER THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE KOI IS NOT TO EXCEED \$50.)

After the judging for the koi show has been completed, the judges will select **one** “Best Eye” fish. A prize will be awarded to the owner of the winning koi.

AKCA Koi of the Year

This year the Camellia Koi Club’s “Koi of the Year” contest will occur in conjunction with the Sacramento Koi Show. The contest is opened to any koi, entered in the show, (except the winner of the “Grand Champion” award). Voting for Koi Of the Year will be by the current members of the Camellia Koi Club. So, stop by the registration table, any time Saturday November 6 or Sunday November 7 until 11:00 am, to pick up a ballot and then vote your choice for Koi of the Year.

The winner will receive a plaque and a photo of the winning koi will be sent to the AKCA for the 2005 Seminar and national 2005 Koi of the Year contest. (This contest was formerly a photo contest held in February, but we usually only get a couple of entries, so the Board of Directors voted to move it to the Sacramento Koi Show to allow for more entries.)



GOIN' TO THE SACRAMENTO KOI SHOW *by Garry Chin*

The Sacramento Koi Show at Green Acres Nursery in Roseville, November 6th and 7th is almost here. As you stand next to your pond and look at your colorful and splendid friends, particularly those special ones, you can't help but want others to see them too. At the show, others can see them too, and it gives you an opportunity to compare your koi to others of the same variety.

What about the problem of moving them and keeping them in an unfamiliar environment for a couple of days? What if they get sick? If we worried too much about things like that we would never have sent our children to school. Many koi keepers believe that exposure of their koi to different conditions actually strengthens them. Any event that is not part of the ordinary daily routine of your koi such as catching them, moving them, and releasing them into different water conditions does subject them to some stress. The object is to keep the stress level of both the koi and yourself to a minimum. Make preparations for the trip early, and make sure all the equipment you will need is available and ready for use. Most of the things you need should already be on hand for unexpected situations.

You can bring the fish to the show site either late Friday (4 PM to 9 PM) by appointment or early Saturday morning (7:00 AM

to 9:00 AM), whichever is more convenient for you. Remember, it is respectful to be late for check-in. Any fish that arrive after 9:00 AM Saturday will not be judged.

Do not feed for a few days before the show. This reduces their ammonia production rate, making the transportation safer. This will help them to be more comfortable during the trip and the show.

The next step is to catch and bag the fish. This can be a major challenge in itself (particularly in a large pond). In larger ponds, a small mesh, soft seine net, with floats on the top and weights on the bottom that is dropped into the water and adjusted to confine the fish into a smaller and more workable area of the pond helps in getting the koi netted quicker, thus reducing stress on the koi and yourself. Koi, should never be actually lifted from the water in the net. The net should primarily be used to gently guide the fish to the location of a floating tub. This takes practice with no sudden movements of the net. The tub should be about the same size as the net, and almost full of water. The next step is to "roll" the fish into the tub. One edge of the net is used to submerge one side

of the tub, and with a smooth rotation of the net, the fish will end up in the tub with the net covering the top. The fish was never lifted out of the water and it doesn't actually roll into the tub, it swims into the tub with the water. Keeping the tub covered with the net pull it to the side of the pond.

Bag the fish from the tub, using double bags. (These bags are available for purchase, from the club.) Prior to sealing the bag, closely inspect your fish. Look at it from head to tail, side to side, and particularly the underside. Check closely around the mouth and gills. Make sure your fish is in good health. It won't be allowed in the show if it is not healthy, and you will be asked to take the koi back home. If there is any little problem or you are not sure, better leave the koi at home.

Now it is time to transport your koi. After the koi has been determined to be in good health while in the plastic bag, add enough water to just cover the dorsal fin. If you are traveling a short distance immediately (less than one hour!), the same amount of just plain air in the bag is sufficient. If you are traveling a long distance or the weather is abnormally warm, then you should add oxygen to the plastic bag with your koi. To do this just squeeze out the current air, then add the oxygen.

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The amount of oxygen you can get in the bag is sufficient for 6 or more hours. Twist the top of the bag and fold the twist over on itself once to seal and secure tightly with two rubber bands. As an added precaution, seal the second bag in the same way. When moving koi in plastic bags, carry the bags sideways, being careful to support the weight without stressing the rubber band seals. If you are moving large koi, it is advisable to have two people. Do not carry it just by the top as plastic bags have been known to split.

Once your koi has been safely bagged and sealed, then temperature control and stress become issues. The bag needs mechanical support during transport and although a cardboard box will suffice, putting the bag into a picnic cooler or a Styrofoam lined box will better help control the temperature. Covering the fish, blocking out light will also reduce stress. Place the container so the fish is aligned so its sides are in the direction of travel. Side-to-side sloshing is less stressful than head banging. If possible, place the container where there are minimal temperature extremes. Carry a spare plastic bag or two and extra rubber bands. After loading your containers of koi into your vehicle, drive directly to the koi show site.

How long can your koi

stay in a plastic bag? Remember, if you got your koi from a koi dealer, it probably came from Japan where the koi was placed into a plastic bag at the breeder's facility. Then the plastic bag with koi was boxed, transported to the airport, waited to be loaded onto an airplane after going through the necessary government processes, flew 12-17 hours across the Pacific Ocean, unloaded from the airplane after a period of time, underwent customs processing at the airport, loaded onto the koi dealer's transportation vehicle, and then transported to the dealer's facility. Altogether, it was a 24-30 hour trip in a plastic bag. So, unless your trip was a lengthy "milk run" and/or it's unusually hot November day, time in a plastic bag should not be a major issue. If your concerns are about the fish acclimating to the new temperature, you should know that actual acclimation of a fish to a new temperature range takes several days, similar to us dealing with jet lag. It is not only the temperature the fish needs to be accustomed to but also the pH, hardness, alkalinity, "the taste", etc., of it's new environment. The fish will not be there long enough to acclimate but will be home in a couple of days, have a little rest and be fine.

You have reached the

show site. The koi traveled well, but now what? Go to the registration table and notify someone from Wendy Sargeant's registration team that you are there with koi to enter into the show. They will let you know whether or not to begin unloading your boxes of koi. If you have pre-registered and the benching team is awaiting your arrival they will pull up your registration form, while you unload your vehicle. If you are checking in Friday, then you have an appointment and someone from Ken Gray's benching team will lead you to your assigned koi show tank. If you are checking in on Saturday morning, again notify someone from Wendy Sargeant's Registration team that you are there with koi to enter into the show. If you have pre-registered they will pull up your registration form, while you unload your vehicle. In either case if you have not pre-registered then you will need to complete an entry form, so that you may be entered into the show's computer. Then you will be given instructions on what to do and information on getting your koi to their assigned koi show tank.

When you are authorized to take your koi out of the bags, the benching team lead by Ken Gray will get the fish into the new water of the show tank while keeping the transport

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water in the bag. The goal is **NOT** to put any transport water into a show tank. With the bag floating where the fish is to be released, they will open the bag, and with wet hands, encourage the fish to swim out of the bag. Someone will then dispose of the transport water. A member of the benching team will then place each individual koi into a measuring tub, where it will be classified, measured and photographed. If you are entering a standard koi the measurement is from the tip of the koi nose to the end of the tail. If you are entering a long-fin, the measurement is from the tip of the koi nose to the beginning of the tail. You should stay with your fish during the benching procedure to help identify your fish in the event there are questions and find out what class and size they are being assigned so you can keep track of their progress during the show. Do not forget to let the benching team know if you have koi to enter in the Good Eye Contest. Once your koi have been benched, take your benching form and flash card with your digital koi photograph to the registration table. Here, your bill will be tallied and you make final payments. At this point, your koi is officially entered into the Sacramento koi show.

Walk around and enjoy the show while the water quality team is making every effort

to take excellent care of your fish. During judging, the koi handlers overseen by Ken will be giving special treatment to them as well. Look at your koi alongside others of the same class and size. Why did the judges, lead by Head Judge, Chuck Poppe, and ably assisted by Bob and Joan Finnegan, choose yours for first place over all the others? Why was one of your favorites selected for second place instead of first? This is a great opportunity for learning how to identify top quality Koi.

Sunday, when the show is over for another year, you will begin the process of getting your champion koi back to their home ponds. Make sure you are at the show site at check out time. Did you remember to bring your koi handling paraphernalia? When everyone has verified they have all their fish in their assigned tanks, the word will be given that it is time to head for home. The journey begins with the process of getting the koi into the plastic bags, which should not be as daunting since you are working in a 6' show tank. Within the confines of a show tank, you can easily bag your fish. Again use enough water to partially cover the dorsal fin. Now that was simple, and the koi didn't even splash around. If you are able to get the assistance of your spouse or a friend, this task is a little easier. One person handles the net and the other works the bag.

(The "masters" routinely do this and the fish do not know he/she was being caught until the bag was lifted out of the tub.)

As when you moved your bagged koi prior to the koi show, when moving fish in plastic bags, carry the bags sideways, using one hand to hold the top closed, and the other hand grasping a bottom corner. Do not carry it just by the top as plastic bags have been known to split.

Bags, rubber bands, and oxygen are supplied if you don't have or don't want to use your own. Special tanks with good water for transport will also be available, although just the show tank water can be used if the trip home is not too far. The rest of your day is a repeat of the trip to the show, just in the other direction.

When you get home, and your fish are happily back in their own pond, they will be telling their pondmates about their neat experiences at the Sacramento Koi Show. As you stand by the pond looking proudly at them, I'm sure all your prizewinners and those that you thought should have been prizewinners would now enjoy a good meal.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and your finny friends at the show. See ya' there.



President's Message by Garry Chin

This is usually one of the prettiest times of the year with the leaves turning various colors. We are normally treated to different hues of green, yellow, red and brown. However as I type this message we are experiencing the second day of unhealthy brown and/or smoke colored air due to a number of fires in wooded areas in the Sacramento Valley. The weather forecast calls for rain Sunday and Monday that will result in all of the ash on the ground being mixed and possibly dumped into one's koi pond. It is also the time of year when leaves will be falling from the trees and some ending up in the pond. The bottom line is that the water quality may be a problem over the next few days. So steps must be taken to ensure that the water quality of your koi pond does not become a major problem to your koi. Water changes may be in order during the next few days. Fallen leaves should be removed from your pond as soon as possible or better still, keep them from entering the pond.

Those who have not completed the major cleaning of their system in preparation for the Winter months might consider doing so at this time in response to the air quality problem.

For the Camellia Koi Club this time of the year features such activities as voting on the Officers for 2005, voting on Membership Fees for 2005 as well as sponsoring a Koi Show at Green Acres Nursery, having our regular General Meetings, Annual Holiday Dinner and other miscellaneous items.

Election of Officers:

The nomination committee for the 2004 election consists of Mary Beth Avila, chairperson; Aki Higashi, Carla Cassinelli and Jack Flockhart, committee members. So at the October general meeting, the nomination committee will announce their candidates and open further nominations from the members in attendance. If there are no further nominations, then we will vote the slate presented by the nomination committee. If there are further nominations by club members, then election of officers will be held at the November koi show by secret ballot.

Membership Fees Vote:

Club expenses are rising, and now after more than five years, we must raise membership fees in our club. After looking at the numbers, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to recommend an increase of \$3.00 for "e-members", those getting the newsletter by email, and an increase of \$10.00 for members requiring a printed copy of the newsletter, mailed to them by US Mail. This fee increase will be put to a vote of the general membership at the meeting Sunday, October 26th. Proposed "e-member" membership fees would be \$48 per year and membership fees for those requiring a "hard copy" of the Koi Ahoy will be \$55. The board felt that the increased cost of printing and mailing the Koi Ahoy necessitated the additional fee for those who choose to have a "hard copy" instead of downloading it off a computer.

So what does your Annual Membership Fee cover? Well your Annual Membership covers your yearly subscription to the Associated Koi Clubs of America publication, Koi USA, the club's annual membership fee to AKCA, host stipends for food and drinks at the monthly meetings, new member packets (printing and postage), web-site fees and expenses, Koi Health Advisor activities, and Koi Ahoy (printing and postage).

Annual Membership fees **do not** cover any of the miscellaneous activities that the club has during the year such as One Day Seminars, Koi and Supply Buying Trips, Pond Tour, Koi Show, etc. These activities have their own budget and are self-sustaining.

**Pres. Message, Continued****Koi Show:**

In approving the implementation of the "FINS" program, the Board of Directors agreed that first event that would utilize the "FINS" would be the Koi Show. Thus the BoD voted to allocate \$300 in FINS for the Koi Show. Bob Caruso our Show Chair will be responsible for the distribution of the "FINS". He still has a list of tasks that require volunteers and if do not mind rolling up your sleeves and volunteering a few hours of your time to make this event a success, please call him at (916) 645-3562 and start getting those "FINS". Remember the "FINS" may be redeemed for anything that costs you money (except for Annual Membership fees) in our club. You should have gotten a copy of the Koi Show packet with lots of detailed information about the Koi Show and showing your koi. We have a number of Entrants already signed up for the Koi Show and we have ten Vendors who will be on hand with new Japanese Koi just coming out of Quarantine just for this show as well as some with dry-goods.

Holiday Dinner:

This year's Holiday Dinner will be a catered Dinner Buffet by Back Forty Texas B-B-Q at the Barbara Morse Wackford Community and Aquatic Complex at 9014 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove in the Poppy Room on December 12, 2004 beginning at 5:00pm until 8:00pm. Please see separate ad for Holiday Dinner for more details.

AKCA Koi Herpes Virus Fundraising:

The General Membership at the September club event voted approval of a \$500 donation to AKCA's Koi Herpes Virus Fundraising. Mary Beth Avila has sent our donation check to AKCA KHV Fundraising Committee.

Koi Health:

At the October General Meeting our Koi Health Advisors will be presenting a program on "Getting Your Koi Ready for Winter". Hope you will be at the home of Jim and Annette Phillips for this informative program.

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New membership fees proposed will be \$48 (a fee increase of \$3) and membership fees for those requiring a "hard copy" of the Koi Ahoy will be \$55 (a fee increase of \$10). The board felt that the increased cost of printing and mailing the Koi Ahoy necessitated the additional fee for those who choose to have a "hard copy" instead of downloading it off a computer. This new proposal will need approval of the general membership at our next general meeting in Oct. and if passed will take effect January 2005.

New membership packets: Mary Beth is currently handling the new membership packets. She will continue to help with new membership information until otherwise specified.

The next BoD meeting will be a transitional board meeting. Outgoing board members and incoming new members will be invited to attend. The outgoing board members will be advising and passing on much needed information. The date is still to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned with tummies full.



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Club Calendar

October 24: Meeting at Jim Phillips
1714 Calle Campana
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Preparing for Winter/Fish Health

Directions to Phillips:

I-80 to Route 65

Take Pleasant Grove Blvd Exit

West on Pleasant Grove Blvd.

Right on Woodcreek Oaks Blvd.

Left at 1st light: Canevari Road

Third street on right is Calle Campana

November 6-7: Koi Show at Green Acres Nursery

December 12: Holiday Party at Barbara Morse
Wackford Community & Aquatic Center

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