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# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## Committee Meetings

Due to the Corona Virus  
(COVID-19)

**Steering committee Meetings**  
are canceled until further  
notice.

If there is club business to  
contend with please notify the  
club president at

[president@koicsd.org](mailto:president@koicsd.org)

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cheryl & Jack Bohm  
Carol Costarakis & Rolf Haas  
Lucius Joplin & Jason Joplin  
Rick & Jill Leach  
Robert Maldonado  
Eric & Leslie Triplett

### WELCOME RENEWING MEMBERS

Alan & Lesley Collins  
Ginger Herlihy  
Chien Lee  
Karen & John Morris  
Ruben & Lito Pandes  
John Stump  
& Elizabeth Moore

## General Meetings

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are canceled until further  
notice.

### Corona Virus

### COVID-19

### CDC

**In case you haven't  
figured it out yet.**

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RUNNING](#)

## Upcoming Events 2020

While we're at it, June's meeting  
location is changed. Dick Long said  
he and the Mrs. have a previous  
engagement so June 14 is open  
location wise and speaker wise.  
Dick Long will do July 12th meeting  
in San Carlos with Chien Lee as  
potential speaker (probably on  
nutrition).

So will need someone to volunteer  
to do a short Koi Classification for  
the June and July meetings. June  
we pick new officers!!! Yea!!!

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# The President's Corner

## April 2020

What a show! We had a slightly smaller number of fish entered this year, but it did not stop a larger than usual walk-through crowd, and smoother, quicker set up, tear down, and number of volunteer helpers. Awards were impressive, lots of questions from the visitors, and, as usual, a nice number of new members signing up. The report from Lenore Wade's Admin table where the "People's Choice" award ballots were handed out for the general public to vote on their favorite fish, had the largest response yet.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the show, whether set up or just answering strange questions from the public. I think Jerry Myers expressed it to me best when he said how stunned he was at the number of club members who showed up to help him rescue fish from a pond that was being downsized. KCSD pitches in to help, finding enjoyment from being among those who appreciate the hobby and the chance to talk to club member friends under any circumstances. Even taping drain pipes together for the vendors and the show tanks of fish as needed.

If you missed the chance to help out in March, we have another opportunity to participate at the end of May, when we'll have our annual koi auction. We'll be at Matrix Enterprises in Poway, courtesy of Ernie and Kathy Stewart. Yes, this is the same location as last year, except on May 31, a Sunday. Fish bags will be available at the next two upcoming meetings (April & May) as well as a sign up sheet to let us know when you can help, what you'd like to do to help, and how you want to use your skills. The auction serves several purposes, by both raising money for the 2021 Koi Show as well as an opportunity to find new homes for that fish (or several fishes) who need a new home away from your pond, as well as picking up new koi from other ponds. Many of the details are included in the flier on a page of this newsletter. Watch for it.

And, speaking of helping out, please tuck in the back of your mind that June will be election of new officers. Elected officers will be President, Vice President -Venue (finding meeting locations), Vice President - Program (finding topics and speakers for the meetings), Secretary and Treasurer. While these are the only elected positions, there are also appointed positions of Show Chairman, Publicity, Membership and all the other little (and perhaps not so little) jobs that need someone to coordinate throughout the year. Whether you have ever done one of these jobs — elected or not — we've all been through the OJT (On The Job Training). Just like koi keeping, it's learning by doing with the whole club behind you to answer your questions and help with the details. Officially by the bylaws (which can be accessed on our website) this month, April we form the Nomination Committee to find people for the elected positions during May, and June General Meeting will be elections and installation of officers. Step forward and help us out.

A big Thank you goes out to the Folks who brought their businesses to the show, our Vendors. Not only did they enable us to fill the Activity Center at the fairgrounds, and provide fish and supplies and lots of good information, but they also donated some of their products to the club. Fish for the Sunday afternoon small fish auction, koi food and supplies for the Saturday night banquet and above all support. In the upcoming general meetings, you could be the recipients of their generosity as some of that koi food and pond supplies will be in the monthly drawings. Thank you vendors for your generosity and helping to make the show successful.

Stay healthy!

See you at the April meeting

Al Pierce

### NOTE:

**Please send out an email blast to all members that until further notice "All club meetings are cancelled per California Governor's public statement". I have agreement of the Steering Committee for this action.**

No  
Steering Committee  
Meeting  
in March due to show

# Notes from the Board

February 2020  
Phyllis Spoor  
Fun Filled Koing



**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jessica Lynch reported that the taxes will go out February 11<sup>th</sup>. Jessica submitted the January Treasury Report and it was approved.

**VP VENUE: Matt Rhoades reported:**

February 9	Lenore Wade, El Cajon
March 7, 8	KCSD KOI SHOW, Del Mar Fairgrounds
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Steve & Alexa Ford, Oceanside
May 17	Judie & Jeff Lincer, La Mesa
June 14	Dick & Bonita Long, San Diego

**VP PROGRAM: Linda Pluth reported:**

February 9	Jim Dorsey from California Aquatics, Koi Classification Lenore Wade "Long Fin"
March 7, 8	KCSD KOI SHOW (No General Meeting)
April 5	Abe Far, Bonsai
August 9	Guest Speaker: Dr. Jessie Sanders, DVM

**MEMBERSHIP:** Greg Ruth reported that we have 119 Active Family Memberships.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles or items need to be sent to Linda by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**WEBMASTER:** Show entry package is up on the website. Greg Ruth would like help from somebody in redesigning the show package vendors and fish entrants' page to make it more user friendly.

**PUBLICITY:** Position Vacant.

**AKCA REP:** Scotty Yee said there are no minutes from the last AKCA meeting and no information for publication.

**JFG:** Linda Pluth: reported that the fish are being fed once a day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday due to low temperatures. KCSD as a club does not support the lower pond. Some members volunteer on their own help with it. Jack Chapman got a call asking for help with a sick fish. He went and checked it out. The fish was very sick and had to be euthanized.

**KHA:** Jack Chapman said that 2 members had lost fish recently.

**SHOW UPDATE:** Matt Rhoades said that the show pins were in. Trophies should be in by next Tuesday or Wednesday. They will be stored at Matt's and brought to the show the Thursday before the show starts. The Del Mar Fairgrounds Koi Show Dates March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> confirmed. (Head Judge, Steve Childers, Judges: Pam Spindola, Garry Chin, Bobby Wicker, Dale Gingerich and Candidate Judge Steve Zimmerman). Our hospitality room coordinator Lenore Wade will also provide lunch/dinner for the Thursday setup crew. John Svelan reported that the new tanks will arrive next week cash on delivery at Pond and Garden. They are more manageable than our current bigger tanks and can be transported to the show in the back of a pickup truck. Tamsie talked to Victor about night security. Victor and his wife will be there Friday and Saturday nights to guard our property and ensure the koi are safe. So far we have 18 tanks reserved for KOI entries which is low compared to years past. Al Pierce reported the PA System, computers, computer program are ready for the Show. Flowers are attending as backup and will handle the KOI slideshow for the banquet. Jack Chapman is talking to Hikari about water chemicals. A block of 22 rooms were set aside at discount rate at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel as reported by John Svelan. So far 18 have been reserved with four left at show price \$115. The board decided to comp Jerry Myers a booth in consideration of all of the support Vagabond Koi does as well as all the work Jerry does during the year for the club and the show. Phyllis said that John Spoor will send his special brownies for the workers and volunteers for Thursday and Friday. Yeah!

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tamsie has submitted the IRS 1023 long form and reported no change in our non-profit status as we are still waiting to hear back. **NEW BUSINESS:** No steering committee meeting or General Meeting in March due to the show.

33rd Annual Koi Club Of San Diego Koi Show Major Winners

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# Grand Champion

Owner: Scotty and  
Erica Yee  
Sanke  
Size > 30"



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Bill Newell



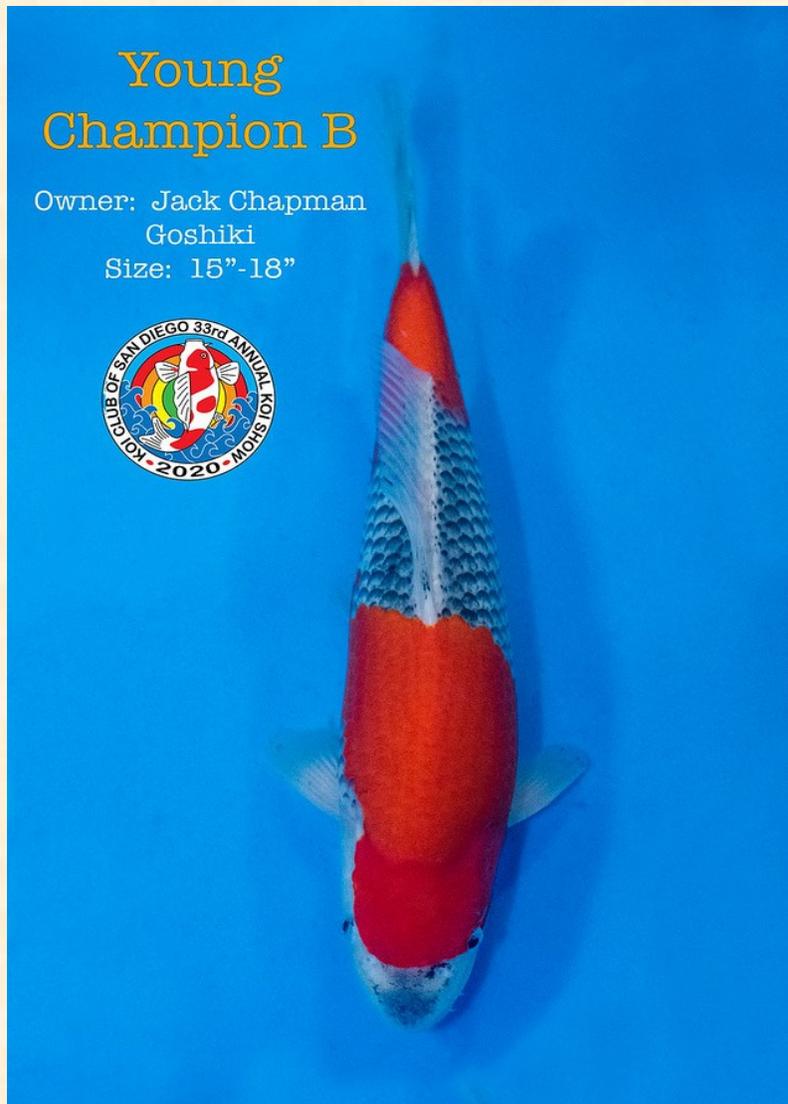
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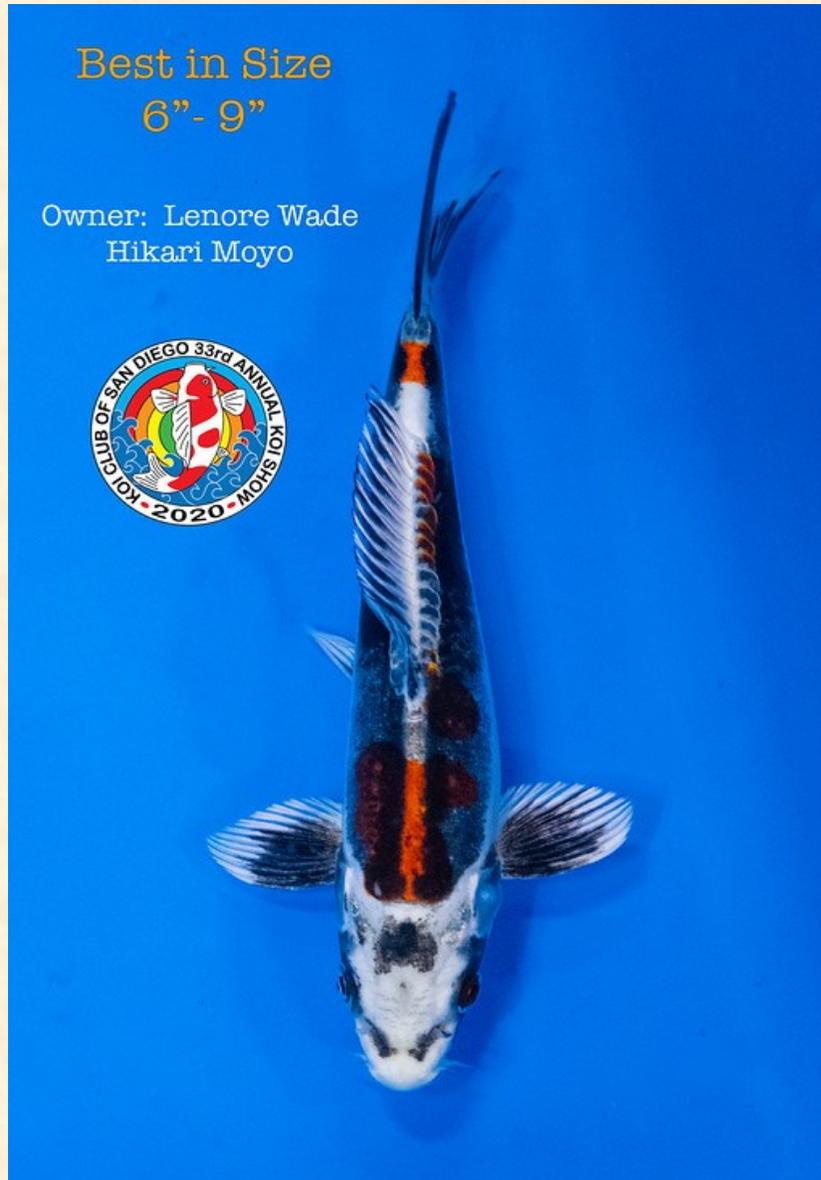
“KOI” Jack Chapman

**Springtime Reminders 2020** (Koi photos by Bill Newell)

With the coronavirus keeping us all at home more for the next few weeks to maybe months, I suggest you might want to spend some of that time enjoying your koi, thinking about your koi collection and pond water maintenance for the coming summer and your hobbyist goals for 2020. So my pond temp was 60.7F this morning (3/17/20) and I was thinking about what to write about this month, while doing my pond water testing. I figured I could remind you (again) of a few springtime things for your consideration. Springtime around your pond is a very important time for your koi and your pond and sets the stage for summer pond enjoyment. Now's a good time to think about what you want to improve or change for this year's pond management. I do this each year within two weeks of returning my koi to my pond after our koi show completion. Note: I use last year's koi collection improvement goals against what new koi I've purchased up to and including at our show AND YES they have **never** been the same results for any year so far LOL. Example – I did not add a Goshiki to my koi collection for fall 2019 as I already had a very nice one (Best in Class Goshiki 2019/2020 show) but Ben at Laguna Koi had a Goshiki he wanted me to see at his February 2020 anniversary BBQ and I just loved the koi and I purchased it (Young Champion B 2020 show) – my highest awarded koi for the show. Now named “Shameless Plug” LOL.



Along this same line with Lenore Wade's permission, she had reviewed her koi population and decided to move along 3 of her larger koi before the show to maybe purchase a new one at our koi show. She asked me to help her pick out a small koi to add to her tank and have it judged in the show. It is always a fun activity to help someone pick out a new koi and together we found a beautiful small Beni Kikokuryu which she purchased (from Laguna Koi) and was awarded Best in Size 1 (6 to 9 inches) Hikari Moyo only beaten out by the 2 Baby Champions – not bad and its name (hopefully her) is Champ.



SO what's the point here for your consideration? I propose that no matter what your hobbyist desires are you can and should annually review your koi inventory and consider first your fish load and which koi you would move along if necessary to improve your koi pond habitat. If bringing your koi to the club's annual auction is not an option, I would recommend a call or email to Jerry Myers at Vagabond Koi to assist with koi removal and successful placement in another pond. Now get out your Koi Collector's Pocket Guide and look at your pond koi collection in its *overall appearance* – what do you think??? Usually it's too much or not enough of this or that color and/or you like a particular koi from the pocket guide and do not have any such koi. Now the professionals have written articles on the overall appearance of your koi collection and have determined that a preponderance of the color **RED** makes for the most eye catching and appealing overall appearance in a koi collection. Now you can decide what koi classification you would like to see added to your collection and this can be done for just about any size budget – seriously. For most of us, this is a rewarding exercise for the average koi hobbyist. Then you go on the hobbyist koi hunt and find something you love and it's not on your to get list LOL. Count on it – above koi picture – then you make the decision. So your koi collection should be part of your springtime review along with your established expectations for the coming summer on your existing collection.

Now on to your pond environment. Yes, this subject deserves your attention as it's the fourth time I've written about it in the past 8 years and it gets a little longer each time I do it (see above). LOL

**If your pond test kits are over one year old – then I suggest you get new ones and toss the old ones in the trash.**

**Ammonia** – Want it always as close to zero as possible. It burns the gills at low levels causing hyperplasia. Fluid builds up in the gills and shortens your koi's life expectancy and reduces color and growth plus it adds stress. Remember it's more toxic to the koi when the pH is higher (above 7) Note: When testing colder water you can get a false negative for NH<sub>3</sub> so you can warm the sample to be tested to room temp and see if you get a different reading.

**Nitrite** – Zero desired – can cause brown blood disease leading to koi losses.

**Nitrate** – Want less than 40 and 20 is desirable – as you feed more the NO<sub>3</sub> will go up and you need to keep up with your water changes.

**pH** – 7 to 8 is the desired range to be in. More important to have smaller daily swings in pH. A daily swing that drops more than .2 in pH causes stress to the koi. They handle larger up swings (as much as 2 full points) much easier before stress kicks in.

**KH Alkalinity** – Pond desired range is reported as 100 to 250mg/l. Remember this is a key element for the bacteria in the bio chamber and low levels lead to a pH crash and fish loss.

I consider the above five tests as basic to good koi/water keeping and should be recorded in your pond journal along with date and time.

Additional items of significant importance to improve your koi keeping include:

**Temperature** - The optimum range for koi physiology is 65 to 77F. Your pond temp should not swing more than 5 degrees in a day or it will cause stress on your koi and evening flashing.

**Oxygen Levels** – Want higher levels for excellent support to improve koi health and the suggested range is 8 to 12 mg/l. Consider adding air to your pond as the capability for water to carry oxygen goes down as the temp goes up and heavy fish loads are not helpful. Peter Waddington in “Koi2Kichi” recommends a minimum of 40 liters of air per minute (1ppm) for each 1250 gallons of pond system water. Note: The energy saved in acquiring oxygen is then used for other body processes!!!

**GH or Water Hardness** – The ideal is 100-250 mg/l. The elevated GH levels off the water in the San Diego area is said to cause the black spots on a lot of our koi that we don't want (shimmies) to appear.

**ORP or redox as in Oxidation Reduction Potential.** The ideal range is 250-400mV and I like to call it the pollution index and the solution to pollution is dilution. This is a meter and moves you into the upper levels of water quality.

I also keep a Chlorine tester for free and bound chloramines in my water test kit bag - Oh and a copper test kit. Keeping track of your water quality is always important, but in springtime you need a heightened awareness of what's going on in your pond and with your koi. February is the month I change out my UV bulbs and crystal sleeves. When reviewing your pond maintenance special attention needs to be given to water pollution and its effects on koi gills especially as they age. Your goal is to avoid a heavy reductive pond (too much decaying organic matter) and make improvements to your weekly pond maintenance. And for me – the opposite can be just as damaging to our koi's gills and tissues by creating an overdone oxidative pond (overuse of potassium permanganate, chloramine T and or O<sub>3</sub>). I caused a condition called hyperplasia where the gill tissue retains fluids making it harder for the gills to operate properly.

You may be feeding once a day now, but not higher proteins and keep a close eye on your koi for skin issues to include ulcers and mouth rot. Can be a time for parasite activity especially if you got new koi in your koi inventory even from last fall.

Good time of the year to think about thinning out your prized koi. Yes, lowering your fish load is a good thing and our club's koi auction is in May so pick a few and bring them to the auction. Yes, important enough to cover twice now. Make some goals of what you want to accomplish with your koi and your pond this summer. Remember reducing the stress on your koi is a never ending process!!

Special Note for Spring 2020: We do not have real cold winters and this year has been no exception and early springtime may present an increased level of early springtime sick koi (bacterial and parasites) especially if you have introduced new koi!! With my water temp of about 60F this morning I was reminded the bad stuff (aeromonas) can get an early head start on our koi's immune system development. Remember the koi's immune system does not get up to about 50% until the water temp reaches 63/64 degrees F. And I've noticed a couple of my males checking out my larger females so keep an eye out for earlier signs of spawning activity this year. I've just returned to my summertime water changes as temp goes above 60F and now daily feedings (17% weekly water change (2,000 gallons) when cleaning prefilter and daily continuous water change of 4% to 5% or 500 to 600 gallons a day. This is about 4 to 6 weeks earlier than in past years and I still believe it helps reduce the chances of a spawning along with reduced events of springtime illness in my pond. I have only had two spawnings in now 14 years and springtime illness about once every 3 years – but I have several new koi each year.

Well that should be more than enough to get you thinking about your koi collection and hoping you give some thoughts to your 2020 koi/pond management plan. Please stay healthy and see ya after we get through this coronavirus outbreak.

r/koi jack

Final Note: A couple notes from my completed 2020 Koi/pond plan.

Koi – reduce inventory by 7 to 8 koi from existing count of 35 (one per 500 gallons) and reduce total koi weight in pond by 25lbs to get below 200lbs – subject for another article.

Add a nice Sanke, Yamatonishiki and very red Kikusui.

Maintain current established water quality parameters –again for another article, as I have pond water close to same as that in Japan.

Pond maintenance – review current prefilter settlement chamber design with consideration of a modification to improved drum design.

Complete spring cleaning of bio chamber once pond temp gets to 63/64F.

Fix the damn leak in far right water fall chamber – LOL



Final Final Note: CONGRATULATIONS to our own club member Scotty Yee for winning the GRAND CHAMPION award for KCSD's 33rd Annual Koi Show – how fantastic is that. And a major shout out to all of you who year after year volunteered and assisted in making the show happen again and again!!!

Final sign off

Be safe/koijack

## Grand Champion

Owner: Scotty and  
Erica Yee  
Sanke  
Size > 30"



## Reserve Champion

Owner: Scotty and  
Erica Yee  
Kohaku  
Size: > 30"



To view all the MAJOR Winners click on the pictures. It will link you to the Smug Mug account of Bill Newell, Major Winner section.

**[Koi Club of San Diego 33rd Annual Koi Show Photos click on either name for their show pictures.](#)**

[Phyllis Spoor](#)  
(aka Sparkly Hat)

[Bill Newell](#)  
(aka) The Guy with the Camera



Since there wasn't a Steering Committee Meeting in March due to the show, I figured I would add some pictures by Sparkly Hat (aka Phyllis Spoor)



John instructing club member Ben Adams on how to bag koi for transport.



John, Jamie, Adrianna, Ben and Jerry getting in their Vagabond work out.



Ernie Stewart getting some quality fishing time in. Rescue at the golf course

## Kay and Clark Corbin

I was called out to the Corbin pond to rehome their koi. This was about 2 weeks before the show. So with the help of a number of club members , John, Ben, Jamie, Adrianna, Phyllis and myself showed up bright and early to begin the process. We drained the pond down, caught the koi, inspected the koi and transported the koi to Vagabond Sanctuary. It was a full day for sure.

I entered 10 of the koi in the show, with support from a unnamed few. I had them under the Corbins name. Most if not all won some type of award. I did this because Kay and Clark entered koi in the show every year. With their health issues they were unable to enter this year so I did it for them.

I put 30 koi in the rehoming booth at the show, 16 went to Arizona the next day. Some were rehomed to club members and the public . I kept a few for myself because Diane liked them. In all we took over 30 koi from the pond. There are still about 9 in the pond. I went back and refilled the pond and got the system up and running. The last I heard it was doing great and not much of a chore to maintain.

Here is a link to photos Phyllis shot during the rescue.

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

# UNQUESTIONABLE QUALITY, CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

## COLOR-ENHANCING

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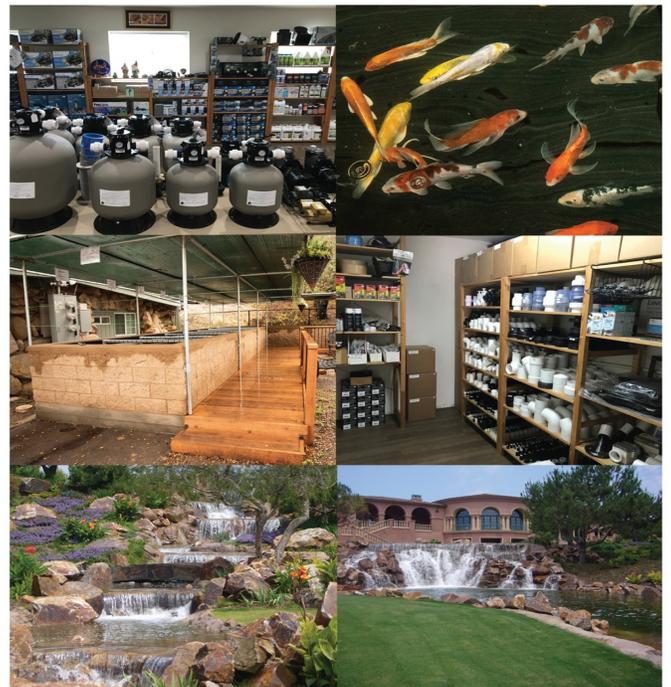
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*APRIL 5TH GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER ON BONSAI*  
***Please note Canceled until further notice***

*The main speaker for our April General Meeting will be Abe Far from the Bonsai Club. We had been trying to get a speaker from the Bonsai Club for over a year but their meetings occur on the same second Sunday as ours. With our April meeting date changed to the first Sunday instead of the second Sunday due to Easter, this was a perfect opportunity to ask again. Well, the best laid plans sometimes just don't have a chance. Wouldn't you know that the Bonsai Club also changed their meeting date to the first Sunday but Abe is still willing to speak to our group. Thank you, Abe.*

*He has been involved with Bonsai for over 27 years. He has studied with many Bonsai masters and has taught many classes. He is a past president of Golden State Bonsai Federation as well as the San Diego Bonsai Club. He is currently Vice President of the San Diego Bonsai Club. He will bring material to show and for demonstration but said you can bring your own Bonsai plants and he will accommodate his talk to our questions. Many of our members have Bonsai around their ponds or patio so this is certainly a very timely subject.*



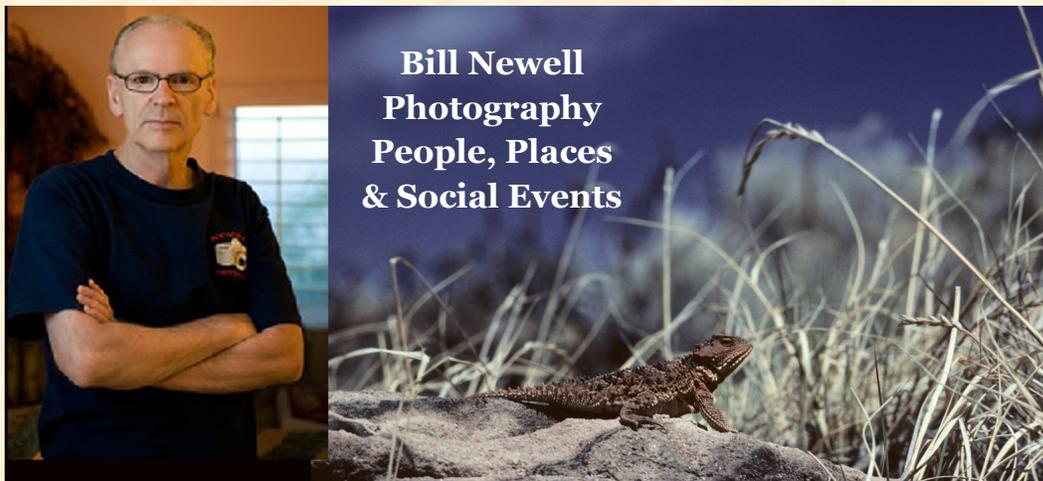
[Wikipedia definition of Bonsai](#)

Click above for the definition of Bonsai

I have decided to link both the SmugMug accounts of Bill Newell & Phyllis Spoor to the newsletter and the website. Both of our club members take fantastic pictures of everything you can think of all over the world. For Bill's SmugMug click his picture. For Phyllis click her picture.



On behalf of the Koi Club of San Diego I want to thank both of **these** extraordinary photographers for their continued effort to capture the spirit of club members during our gatherings. From the Ponder Profiles, to monthly meetings, **Koi Rescues** and special events, **Phyllis Spoor and Bill Newell are always ready at a moments notice and we thank you!**



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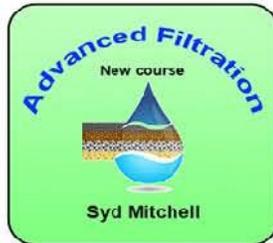
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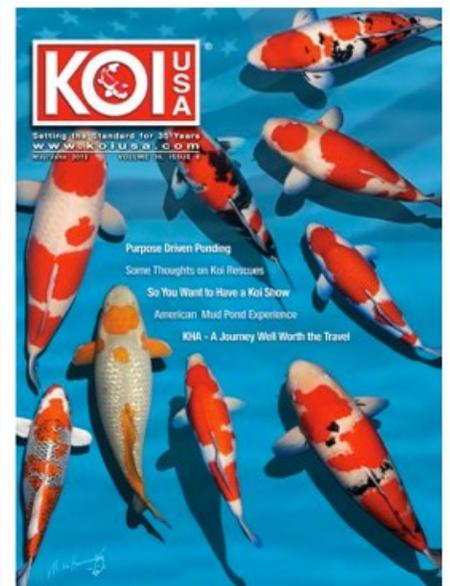
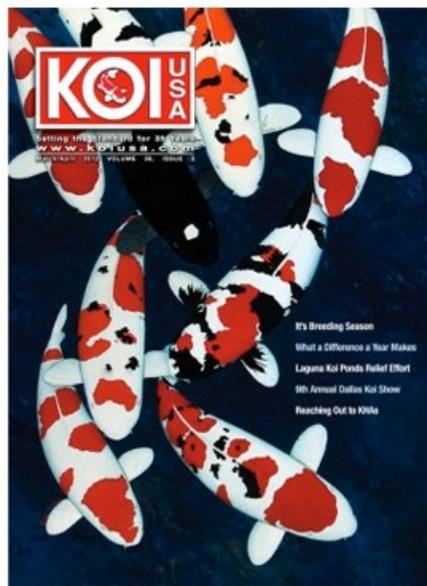
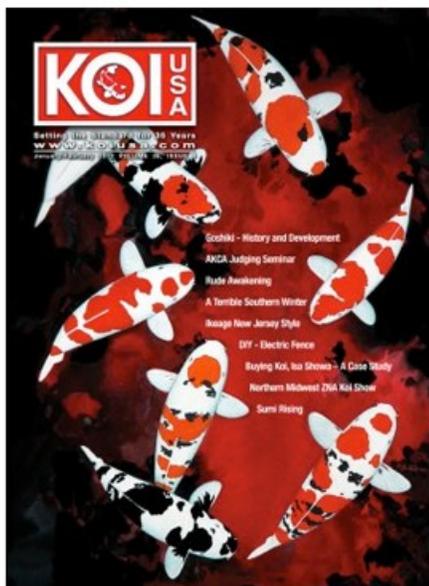


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**Editor Note:** I have included the links below so that many of you can have a better understanding of Potassium Permanganate . It is NOT the clubs endorsement of your use of it nor will the club be responsible for any outcome of its use or misuse. It is however part of the learning process and if used properly can be beneficial to your pond. **Potassium Permanganate is extremely dangerous to both your koi and yourself. Please read all the cautionary material on handling and use. I have posted this because a number of people have asked me about Potassium Permanganate Tx**

I had included the Roark article on PP TX but was informed it was outdated and newer information exist that is more precise. Therefore I have added the link to the Roark method in case anyone wants to see what he was doing. I would recommend that if you have never used Potassium Permanganate that you do a bit of research first as it can kill all your koi if not used properly. On the other hand it can be pretty useful if used correctly.

We are all adults and quite capable of making our own decisions, AFTER doing some research and understanding the issues.

I am leaving the links in as a source of information only .

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At the rescue sanctuary I use PP as needed and have never had an issue with it. Most of the times I use it between fish

## **New Links 3/2020**

**IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE LINK OR KNOW OF A LINK THAT IS INTERESTING AND RELATED TO THE HOBBY PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL IT TO ME.**

**JERRY**

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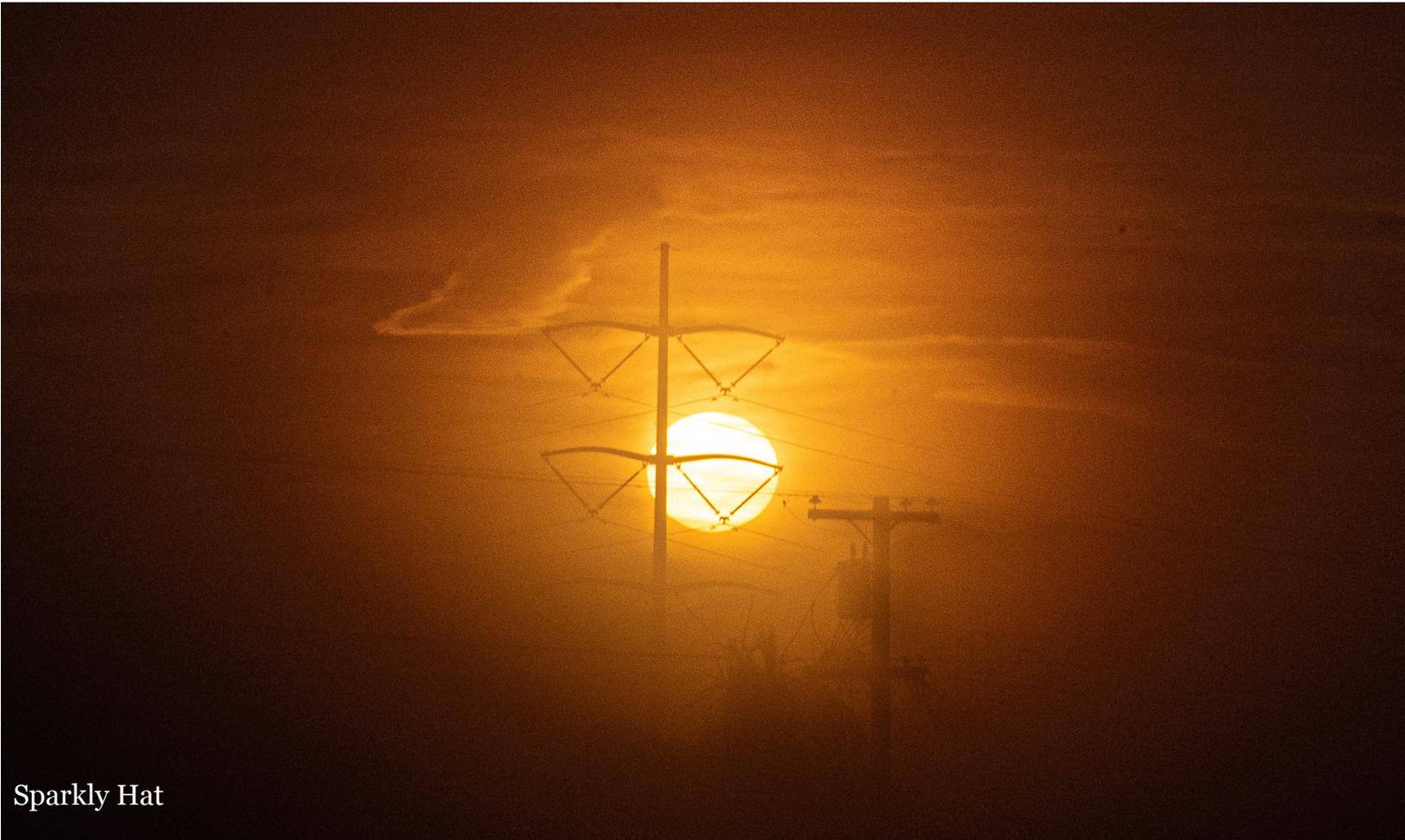
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