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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Committee Meetings

Zoom KCSD Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 2 @ 7 PM
Al Pierce is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting for KCSD Steering Committee
Wednesday December 2 at 7 PM PST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83469599073?pwd=cFNFOw1wWWpZMzErTU9ybU8oZG9vQT09>

Meeting ID: 834 6959 9073
Passcode: 408973

Agenda includes info on a "Virtual Koi Show"

Elections
Virtual Show - Date?
Show coordinator?
General meetings for 2021- Virtual?
Alternate months?

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME RENEWING MEMBERS

General Meetings

Due to the Corona Virus (COVID-19)
General Meetings are canceled until further notice.

KOI CLUB OF SAN DIEGO 33rd ANNUAL KOI SHOW PICTURES BY PHYLLIS SPOOR aka SPARKLY HAT

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NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING

Upcoming Events 2020

General Meeting
Maybe in February 2021

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
The Club has been holding Steering Committee Meetings on Zoom for more info contact Tamsie by email at tamsie@cox.net

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Inquiries concerning our Treasurer's report should be directed to:
treasurer@koicsd.org



The President's Corner

December 2020

Here's to everyone who has kept the faith over the last almost year of lock down, social distancing, masks, TP shortages and general restrictions —

Well, I'd really like to say "The wait is over!" but that probably is not adequately true just yet.

Yes, we are aiming for an in person general meeting this month, December 13, only the third scheduled general meeting in 2020. Lenore Wade has invited us to meet at her home for a few hours of social distancing, masks and opportunities to say hello to our fellow koi people. We'll all wear masks and bring our own snacks (no potluck, unfortunately) and with some luck will manage to have a discussion of what is going to be coming up in 2021. Meetings? Auction? A virtual show? Officer elections?

But most of all with the turn of the year ahead, I would like to thank those members who have continued to support the club in the (mostly) visible ways:

Jerry Myers - for a reliable monthly newsletter keeping us informed and frequently amused when he was not out rescuing (as Vagabond Koi) the about-to-be homeless koi the pandemic has managed to strand.

Linda Pluth for her dedication to not only her Vice President, program, position but also keeping the pond filter at Japanese Friendship Garden clean and healthy for those fish as well as, in all her spare time, helping Jerry out with proofreading the articles for the newsletter.

John Svelan for his little recognized work behind the scenes and at helping with the newsletter proofreading as well as keeping us informed with fliers from, among others, San Diego Pond and Garden who have consented to store our hard sided tanks used at the show. He can also be found with Jerry and Vagabond Koi rescuing fish in his spare time.

Jack Chapman for help with the Japanese Friendship Garden Koi Pond, helping club members with their ponds and questions as well as the always informative articles on koi health in the newsletter as KHA (Koi Health Advisor).

Greg Ruth for consistent attention to the membership lists and communication with the new members as well as joining the JFG dedicated duo maintaining the JFG pond.

Jessica Lynch for keeping tabs on the bank accounts and paying the bills.

Phyllis Spoor keeping Steering Committee minutes reliably and getting them into the newsletter so everyone can know what went on.

Kathy and Ernie Stewart for being flexible enough to put the scheduled May 2020 on hold while we sort out what's safe and allowable.

Steve and Alexa Ford for our newsletter tour of their pond and construction details.

And, of course, everyone else who has managed to continue to value our finny friends, gaining pleasure and peace from their pond. Especially our silent majority of members out there who have kept us going.

Hope to see as many as possible at the December meeting at Lenore's. Remember to email her about your plans (lenorewade@yahoo.com).

Al Pierce, President

Due to new Covid protocols there will NOT be any in person meetings until possibly February 2021.

Notes from the Board

November 2020

Phyllis Spoor

Fun Filled Koiing



In this time of Stay At Home and Covid 19, our club President Al Pierce is being very progressive and interactive. We conducted our October Steering Committee meeting via Zoom with each of the attendees signing in with their interactive pictures on the screen. Present for the meeting was Al Pierce, Tamsie Pierce, Matt Rhoades, Phyllis Spoor, Scotty Yee, Lenore Wade and Jessica Lynch. Very lively meeting with everybody chiming in.

Due to the virus we have temporarily suspended monthly meetings in an effort to help keep everybody safe. Meeting dates will be revisited in January 2021 along with where to hold them, new format regarding potluck, distancing, speakers, etc. depending on the current situation and laws.

We will all miss our KOI fellowship and activities of common interest. This is just a temporary hiccup in the road. Hopefully this situation will end sooner rather than later.

Current Club officers will stay in place for now and be available for information, guidance and help.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jessica Lynch reported the treasury was in good shape at this time of year. We will need to have some fundraisers-maybe virtual auction and pond tour to cover expenses later in the year.

AKCA REP: Scotty Yee reported AKCA will continue just minus KOI USA. The AKCA insurance that covers our meetings is \$100 per year. The old policy expired 7/01/2020. AKCA found a new carrier and it will be renewed.

SHOW UPDATE: 2021 Show on hold due to a lack of chairman and Covid 19. We will be looking into options in January 2021 based on the current situation at that time. Ideas considered for maybe a smaller 2021 show, maybe a different venue (Mission Bay) or no show until 2022. If you have ideas or wish to be the show Chairman please contact Al. Whatever we end up doing should be something the club decides on and not just one person working alone. Scotty Yee suggested holding a virtual KOI SHOW. Garry Chin had mentioned this to Matt before. We could have Customized Virtual KOI Packet specific for KCSD.

FUNDRAISERS: Thoughts of holding a virtual auction and possibly a Pond and Garden Tour.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES: Scotty Yee, his wife and Gerald are attending a live KOI SHOW IN Texas 10/23-25. It is a 18 to 20 hr drive. There might be live video of it.

OLD BUSINESS: Tamsie reported our IRS Non-Profit status is still on hold. The IRS says they are not processing this type of paperwork at this time due to the virus.

Editor Note: A number of members are working on the idea of a virtual koi show! I have noted a number of virtual shows on social media and it looks like fun. I look forward to NOT having to set up for a Virtual show. Admit it so are you. I will keep you all posted as things develop.



Winter Time in Southern California - updated

So, your pond temps are now down in the lower 60's F and maybe or soon to hit the 50's F. You may not need your additional oxygen with colder water temps and a reasonable fish load. You should have noticed a slowing down of all things koi do during the summer months. You should have adjusted your feeding schedule and greatly reduced or eliminated any High protein food (40+%) as your koi can no longer metabolize it and most of it just goes out the vent and turns into food for the bad bugs and increased potential for issues with your koi's health come spring. Koi are a four-season fish and when pond temps drop below 58F your feeding schedule needs to be further reduced to less than daily and stop feeding all together at 50 to 52F.

A few general winter time reminders:

Reducing your heavy summer maintenance schedule during winter is not a bad thing – but this does not mean to totally eliminate maintenance for three or four months. I still recommend weekly water quality checks (pond temp, pH, NH₃ – ammonia, KH - alkalinity and a 10% weekly water change).

Having milder winters in our area (especially on the coast) can lead to a collection of the bad bacteria (disease causing) in any detritus on the bottom of your pond. Remember this stuff (Aeromonas) continues to multiply down to around 49 degrees. So, if you have a collection of organic matter in your pond or filter system it will feed the bad bacteria and you could end up with sick koi. Note: This is all during the time when your koi's immune system is at its lowest capabilities. Sick koi in cold water are VERY slow to respond to treatment and often require being moved to a sick tank with a heater. \$\$ And while most parasites are taking a break during winter, Chilodonella Cyprini is a winter time parasite (active in the 40s and 50s degree range) and we had a couple cases last winter season. And lastly with this junk in your pond – **come spring** it will severally increase your chances of developing sick koi early on!!!!

So not the time to stop looking at your koi. With cooler water temps the koi spend more time around or sitting on the bottom of your pond (normal behavior) – and if you've got the bad bugs growing in the stuff on the bottom of your pond or in the water column you could have FIN ROT on the anal fin and the bottom of the tail or even pec fins. When they forage on the bottom you can even have mouth rot appear. Additionally, you will also notice a change in your koi's color during this time of year. The sumi (black) on most koi will show improvement in all ways and very nice to see and observe during the colder water season. However, a few koi will do just the opposite as in Ochiba Shigure can lighten the sumi outlines on the scales. We have one at the Japanese Friendship Garden and for the third year now she does not look as good during winter and come spring the sumi outline will return. Also, it is the time of year that Kumonryu will increase the amount of white for the first few years of life before becoming more stable later in life. It's a cool time to observe your koi; LOL.

Some people (me included) have been slow to reduce feeding as we move to winter temps (for us) and the amount of waste in the ponds has increased – just another reason to keep up with maintenance and you know what? **“Early morning poop watch.”** IT CAN TELL YOU SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT YOUR KOI ARE OR ARE NOT DOING WITH THE FOOD YOU ARE FEEDING. When you see a lot of waste, that's undigested food from the koi and food for the bad bacteria. Maybe it is time to reduce amount and review food choices. It's the one thing that makes me change my feeding regimen.

In winter your koi don't assimilate (digest) protein as well from animal sources. So, it's time to look closer to what's in your koi feed, even the All Seasons labels, and consider the wheat base koi feed for this time of year.

Don't change from your winter-feeding schedule just because it has been or will be warmer for a couple days. **Just Don't Do It!** With pond temp at 58 degrees in the AM – it's time to consider not feeding every day (maybe every other day); at 55 degrees maybe every third day; and at 50/51/52 degrees stop feeding. I like to have my no-feed time to be four to six weeks each year. Usually about Jan15 to Feb15.

When I get into the temps contained in paragraph 6 (actually 58 degrees) I change out some of my protein food for cooked long grain rice. This is fed at the same time as edamame (all season food for my koi) as both sink along with cooked red yams. And yes, I also add Manda Fu at this temp plus an all-season feed. But we all know how much I love experimenting with all things we feed our koi, but you can rest assured your koi will do fine with a diet of just commercially sold koi food pellets developed for winter time.

Taking care of your four-season koi during winter is important and basic to the health and welfare of our koi. Stay healthy and safe.

[Click to be directed to website](#)



AKCA

Sure, you know everything there is to know about your pond and koi.

That is right up to the second it all goes south!

Parasites, water parameters, pond or filter issues, WTF(udge) is wrong here?

Ohhh I'll just call someone! Tic toc time is wasting. Fish need help!

Sound familiar? Welllllll take the course and learn what you really know!

John and I, Jerry, have both taken the course and learned quite a bit about our pond and fish.

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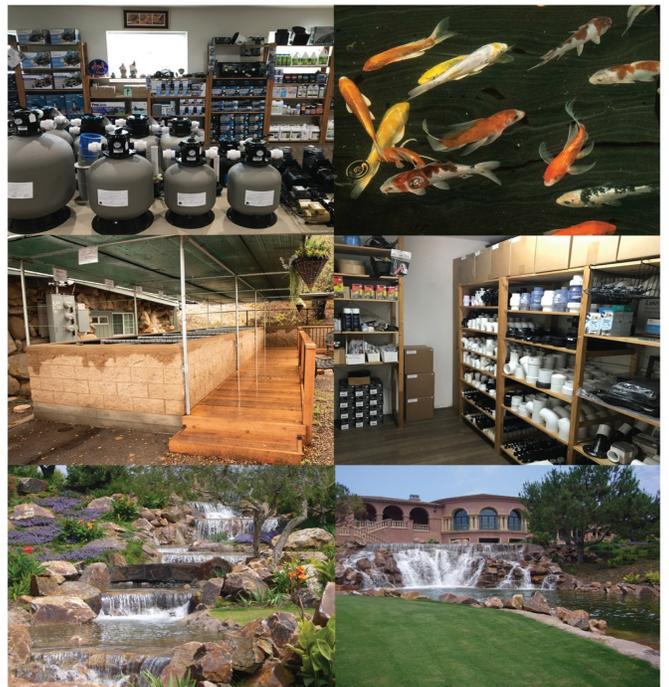
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- Koi Cryptograms

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TIP OF THE MONTH



PREVENT a pH CRASH!

A pH Crash will kill everything – Koi and plants!

A 'crash' occurs because the carbonates which buffer the pond have been consumed by every living cell in the pond. Carbonates are ALWAYS going down!

Check your KH (carbonates) with a test kit – should be MORE THAN 6 Drops (over 100 ppm)

If under 100 ppm, add 1 pound of baking soda per 1000 gallons
Test again. Repeat if necessary.

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.

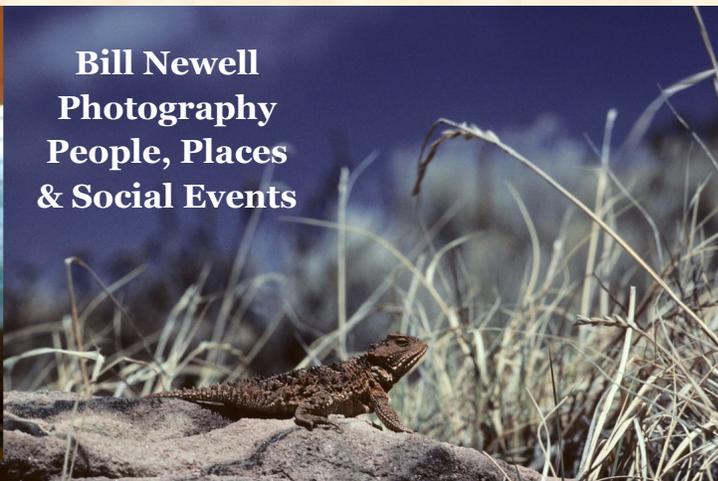


Phyllis Spoor
Sparkley Hat Photography
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On behalf of the Koi Club of San Diego I want to thank both of **these** extraordinary photographers for their continued effort to capture the spirit of club members during our gatherings. From the Ponder Profiles, 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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- 2. It will always be your favorite fish that dies. Try never to name your fish.**
- 3. The best Koi are always being held for someone else.**
- 4. Avoid Corn in the top two ingredients of any Koi diet. Fishmeal or Shrimpmeal should be first.**
- 5. Always test first, then you can treat later.**
- 6. Only buy imported Koi after the retailer’s 3-week quarantine.**
- 7. Assume that all new fish are infected with something.**
- 8. You can make your own filter, but buy a no-cut bottom drain.**
- 9. Avoid crowding fish, but if you must, you will need to be a master of water quality.**
- 10. Always be ready to make major water-changes.**

Thank You John Svelan for the report



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Isa:

Nijikawa was used with 50% ratio, but finished in two weeks. Result is inconclusive. But "I think that Nijikawa maybe the ONLY Good Koi Food Made Outside of Japan"

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[Link to "Old Pond Syndrome" by Taro Kodama](#)

Quick tidbit for us. Jamie Kanen is nearing the home stretch on her pond build. Talk about one tough cookie, Jamie dug a hole 28 feet long, almost 5 foot deep and 7 foot wide BY HER SELF BY HAND! I think she was a pioneer women in a past life maybe Anne Oakley, or Maw Kettle.

I'll have a pond profile on it in January.



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 .

The KCSD is not responsible for your usage of any product and will not be held responsible any results from your using any of the linked information.

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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A Little About Mamoru Kodoma

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[Roark article on PP Tx](#)

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