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February 9th 2020

Lenore Wade

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Speaker: Jim Dorsey of California Aquatics

Lenore Wade-Longfin

Social Time— 12:30 pm / Meeting Starts—1:30 pm

Pot Luck and Please / Bring Your Chair



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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Committee Meetings

Steering Committee
February 5th 2020
Time: 7:00 pm / Place: Sizzler @
I-15 and Aero Drive
**Become more involved.
Attend a meeting !**
**MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL
ACTIVE MEMBERS.**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
THE SHOW CONTACT**
**tamsie@cox.net or sign up at
the February General Meeting**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John & Nikki Schultz
Kim & Patrick Anderson
Andy & Tierney Schatz

WELCOME RENEWING MEMBERS

Don & Brenda Chandler
Lenore Wade
Mavis Porter
Scotty Yee

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APRIL 5TH
GENERAL MEETING
Steve and Alexa Ford
164 Parnassus Circle
Oceanside, CA, 92054

Speaker: Abe Far -Bonsai Club
Social Time— 12:30 pm
Meeting Starts—1:30 pm
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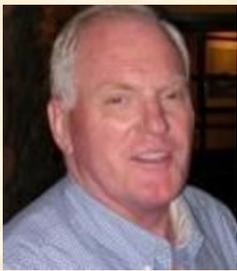
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Upcoming Events 2020

**Inquiries concerning our
Treasurer's report
should be directed to:
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The President's Corner

February 2020

I certainly hope you didn't miss the January meeting at the home of Edon and Kim Berkenstadt. A bit of a drive, but a beautiful setting and near perfect weather. While the rest of San Diego was chilly and probably breezy, Linda Pluth organized an informative Q & A session, as we sat in the splendor of the mountains, or in a version of Stonehenge for all things koi. A most impressive meeting.

But February is here.

And the Annual Koi Show is just around the corner. Thank you to Jack Chapman for such a good description of getting fish ready for the show, and how to transport them which he wrote in the January newsletter. If you didn't read it thoroughly in his column, or don't remember the details, take the time to hunt up his article and re-read it. While a koi show is not quite as — simple? as taking your dog to the dog show or prize winning apple pie to the Del Mar Fair, it is equally rewarding. Bragging rights, showing off your skill at koi care, and your talent in selecting the right fish to win awards. Maybe even awards as great as Scotty Yee with his Grand Champion and Runner up Grand Champion this last year.

Taking a fish to the show is stressful on both fish and owner, with the netting, bagging, display, netting tubing, measuring, netting tubing judging. . . you get the idea. But well worth the effort and Jack's January article spells out some steps to make things easier. Take some time to refresh your knowledge and ask Jack about some of the details that might be confusing.

For yourself, mark the show on your calendar and decide to help out. Sign up for something. All our jobs are filled with member volunteers and all come with plenty of OJT — On the Job Training. Working alongside of someone with experience, learning the ins and outs and hopefully, sharing your fresh view of how to make it all run smoother within the framework of tradition and experience. We have always run one of the best shows in the Koi Hobby. But only with the help of you, our members, your time, and your enthusiasm. Matt Rhoades is our Show Chairman who can put you in touch with a way you can help out— whether it be present for the full weekend of March 5, 6, 7, 8 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds or sitting at home and making sure the awards banquet centerpieces are put together.

Don't forget to enter your fish in the show. Although we draw from a wide area, your fish could be the next Grand Champion. To bring your fish to the show requires, of course, registration. The forms are on the club website. Your fish does not need a pedigree to compete successfully.

You will also need transport bags. Just like the ones you brought that fish home in the first time. Good practice is to use such a bag only once to keep it sterile and unbroken. Such bags will be available at the February meeting in multiple sizes. All you need do is have an idea of the size of your show fish and cross our palms with a dollar a bag.

And then, whether you bring a competitor or just yourself to watch the process and admire the fish, consider signing up to help. The show is free to the public (and us) but the Fairgrounds will want ransom to park your car. We will have parking passes for our worker bees and usually some free time to investigate the San Diego Home and Garden display right across in Jack O'Brien Hall.

Forget the weather, we'll be indoors from set up to tear down, benching, judging and awards banquet. A weekend to immerse in all things koi. Learn from the experts. Maybe bring home a new pond inhabitant. Share a common enthusiasm.

Looking forward to seeing you at the February meeting in El Cajon and at the March Show!

Al Pierce

President Koi Club of San Diego

APRIL 5TH GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER ON BONSAI

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.

Notes from the Board

January 2020

Phyllis Spoor

Fun Filled Koiing



VP VENUE: Matt Rhoades reported:

February 9 Lenore Wade, El Cajon
March 7, 8 KCSD KOI SHOW, Del Mar Fairgrounds
April 5th Steve & Alexa Ford, Oceanside

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)
August 9 Guest Speaker: Dr. Jessie Sanders, DVM

MEMBERSHIP: Greg Ruth reported that we have 118 Active Family Memberships.

NEWSLETTER: Articles or items need to be sent to Linda by the 10th of each month.

WEBMASTER: Jerry Myers was absent. Show entry is up and working on the web site.

PUBLICITY: Position Vacant.

AKCA REP: Scotty Yee reported that the SoCal ZNA is the weekend after our March Koi Show-it could impact how many people bring Koi to our show. An open-to-the-public judging seminar is being offered during their show March 14th-15th. A reservation is required to attend the seminar. Orlando is also having their show around the same time.

JFG: Linda Pluth reported that the fish are being fed once a day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday due to low water temperature-54 degrees. We added 2 new Koi to the koi pond: a Beni Kumonryu to replace the smaller one that the duck ate and a Gin Rin Goromo. 1 filter deck cover was repaired. The gardeners have been asked to help with removing the increased seasonal leaves.

KHA: Jack Chapman said during a month that is usually slow for pond and Koi problems one member lost 50% of his Koi. Due to extreme slime and condition of gills expected KHV. The usual cost to send a whole fish to the state lab for diagnosis testing is about \$370's. Sent instead to Cal Vet Referral for diagnosis for \$70. Only had to send a small gill snip sample. The test was negative. Chlorine poisoning is highly suspected to be the cause of the Koi deaths due to frequent water changes and long-time use of Prime which is better suited for indoor aquariums.

SHOW UPDATE: Matt Rhoades reported that the show pins are in and trophies ordered. The Del Mar Fairgrounds Koi Show Dates March 6th, 7th and 8th confirmed. 4 judges are confirmed (Steve Childers, Head Judge, Pam Spindola, Garry Chin and Steve Zimmerman, Candidate Judge). Our hospitality room coordinator Lenore Wade has procured a new source of donuts for the mornings. Lenore will bring them when she comes in the morning to make the coffee etc. New slightly smaller poly tanks are on their way here for the show. Tamsie will talk to Victor about night security. Scotty Yee has 14 show tanks lined up for individuals who want to show Koi. He is working out the details with Jack Chapman. So far, Jack has not received any completed entry forms or payments.

OLD BUSINESS: Tamsie received a letter from the IRS which states that they are working on our non profit status. Their letter stated that it will take them another 60 days to review our case.

NEW BUSINESS: The February Steering Committee Meeting will be on the 5th. March Steering Committee Meeting will be March 4, right before our show. April Steering Committee Meeting will be on April 1 and the General Meeting will be the first Sunday or April 5 due to Easter falling on the second Sunday this year. Benching Teams were discussed. Team #1 - Jack Chapman, Linda Pluth, Bill Newell, Frank Painter and Team #2- Jefferey Duncan, Jill Rhoades, Barbara Flowers, Tom Wright. We received a thank you note from the Stewarts regarding the auction venue. Matt brought up the idea to change back to three free fish with the first show tank. Conversation followed. Matt thought it would be less expensive which might encourage more people to show fish. Jack and others said that plan is confusing and only saves \$15. People think they get three free fish with every tank which is not the case so the way we have had it for a few years is not confusing - tanks are paid separately and each fish is paid for separately. It was decided to stay with this plan. Tamsie said Nancy Cannizzaro suggested having an area for children to paint ceramic or acrylic koi as a fun activity. We need to have someone organize and supervise it.

ROUND TABLE: Greg leaves for two weeks starting January 20 and will return February 4 so please get any show stuff to him prior to Jim prior to January 20th.



KHA KORNER
by
“KOI” Jack Chapman
Rain

So like most months I was giving some thought to what I might write about for the next KHA Korner article and then the phone rang and I had my article – unfortunately a club member had half his koi floating on the top of the pond, most rolled over on Wednesday evening and he had some questions about the heavy rains on the preceding Monday and Tuesday???. So I’ve updated my last article on this subject and submit it for your review.

So what about rain and your koi pond?? Water parameters and the effect rain has on your water quality is something you need to give some thought about – first when you design and build your pond and also afterwards when you know a heavy rain is forecasted and during the rain and measuring the water quality effects after the rain. So yes, rain is something you have to think about even in Southern California.

First – what do you know or what should you want to know about the rain that falls from the sky and heaven forbid if any of it gets to your pond as RUNOFF (ground or roof). Just a couple general ideas – our local rain is less acidic than other parts of America and believe it or not it’s what your local area puts in the air that comes with your local rain that can affect your pond and koi. Farms use pesticides and fertilizers – cities put all sorts of pollutants in the air – heavy industry chemical emissions--all this stuff can come with a rain drop to your pond. Note: We have a club member who lives close to and downwind of a LARGE cement mill and they get just about daily a dusting over their entire property and it has affected their koi pond water quality requiring some pond system maintenance modifications. Back on point – you can collect some rain (not runoff) and do your own testing (pH, GH, KH, O₂, NO₂, and NO₃). Better yet, you can measure these same tests on your pond water quality just before the rain and a couple hours after the rain is over to see your results. And yes pesticides, fertilizers (sulfates and nitrates) and heavy metals can and do affect a pond and your koi in negative ways which can be severe leading to loss of koi. Acid rain can and does affect your pond pH – back in the northeast it’s killing the forest, but our local area has less acid rain and based on amount of rain and the total volume of water in your pond system you will most likely see no change to very little change in your pond pH. That’s been my experience for the past 14 years with a 12,500 gallon koi pond. So size of your pond does matter when it receives rain water (the solution to pollution is dilution). This is more important for smaller ponds and heavy rains which can account for larger and QUICKER changes to your pond pH causing the blood system of your koi to become acidosis or alkalosis. Koi deal with slow changes in daily pH swings by releasing stored acids and/or bases into their bloodstream.

Second – Now to runoff water flowing into your pond. **AVOID AT ALL COST!!** Just think of all the _____ that can come with the runoff water reaching your pond. The stuff you or your neighbors spray to kill bugs/weeds or grow bigger fruits and vegetables can kill your koi. And the county can and does spray fruit trees for some of the real bad bugs – I have notified the county that I have a koi pond so the fruit trees in my yard and my neighbors get pellets around the base of our fruit trees vice the county spraying – got fruit trees as close as 10 feet from my filter box. Any runoff reaching your pond will most likely cause some water cloudiness and you should remove any debris from rain or wind at your earliest convenience. For the more serious water quality nuts out there (like me) you can additionally measure your ponds ORP (Oxidation Reduction Potential or as I like to call it the pollution index) and TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) before and after the rain to see just how much pollution was caused by the rain. These are the readings that will lead me to a larger than usual water change after a heavy rain – 25 to 30%. Oh - crazy note: I strongly suggest your pets not swim in your koi pond (flea collar or any spray on or bath medications – just a thought). The other runoff of concern is from your roof or patio covers – think gutters. Some roofing materials over time and exposure to rain can leach zinc and antifungals both poisonous to your koi. So final thought would be to eliminate any access for rain runoff or yard waste water getting to your pond!!

I hope I’ve provided some food for thought when it comes to the issue of rain and your koi pond.

Oh, the phone call I mentioned leading to this article resulted in increased air and a large water change in the dark followed by another water change early the next morning. Only one dead koi the next morning (the largest one). The pond had suffered from a never before significant runoff coming from the hill directly above the pond.

r/koijack

Koi Club of San Diego Ponder Profile

Lenore Wade El Cajon, California

Lenore Wade is a very active member to the Koi Club of San Diego and is not shy when it comes to volunteering at our annual koi show. For the past few years Lenore has not only run the Admin section at the show but has made sure the very popular Hospitality room is stocked with fresh snacks and beverages. As long as Lenore can remember she has always raised fish and with the help of her family she is now enjoying a dream come true. Of course with every dream there is usually an interesting story.

Lenore has been a resident of San Diego for over 50 years and is now retired as a school teacher (but not just your average teacher). Always seeking adventure, Lenore moved to Russia for 13 years where she taught English to dozens of students with whom she still remains close.

While volunteering at Balboa Naval Hospital, Lenore met her late husband who had shared with her his love of Koi that he had come to admire while serving in the Navy stationed in Japan. From that point Lenore always wanted a koi pond and was further encouraged by her brother who also raises koi in Northern California. Now that she is no longer teaching she decided to stay home for a while, renovate her backyard into a playground for her grandkids and of course build that koi pond.

When she mentioned her idea to her local family, her two sons-in-law stepped up and with the help of long time club member Dean Strasser, designed and built a beautiful 2500 gallon concrete pond complete with a beautiful waterfall and sitting bench. The pond water is crystal clear thanks to an 80 watt Emperor UV and 6,000 gallon Ultima II filter. All waste water is recycled and her large yard full of beautiful plants really appreciate that!

With every new pond there are always challenges, what some refer to as the “new pond syndrome” and this pond was no exception. One thing that was learned was that wintertime is probably not the best time to start a pond system as the bio-filter, which is the most important element of the system, takes a little longer to develop when the water is cold. Nitrifying bacteria that removes the ammonia is virtually asleep. It was slow going at first and a few fish were lost but Lenore didn't give up. By that summer, with the help of San Diego Pond and Garden and Jerry Myers' Vagabond Koi Rescue Program, her new pond was a thriving home for 15 koi including two Chinese Hi Fin Sharks. Of course her grandkids have since named all of the fish and Lenore swears that each koi has a different personality. All told her koi are healthy and happy and enjoy munching on their winter diet of Manda Fu, wheat germ and lots of love!

John Svelan Member at Large Koi Club of San Diego



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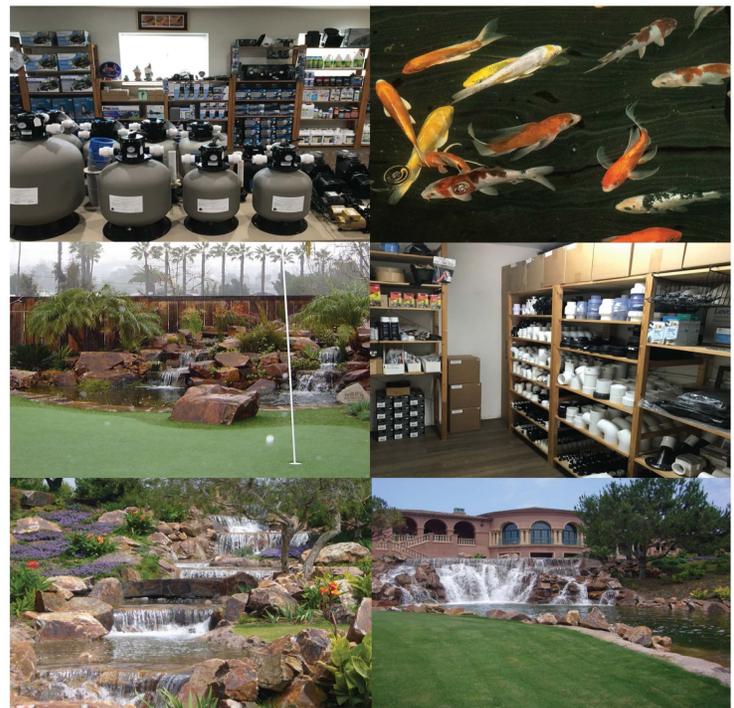


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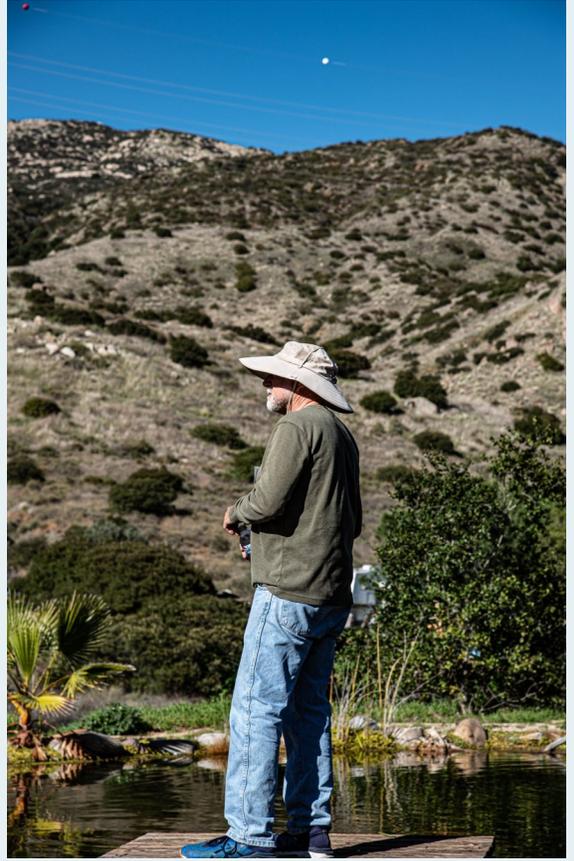
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January General Meeting at the Home
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**January General Meeting at the Home
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**SPEAKER
BILL NEWELL
Kujaku**

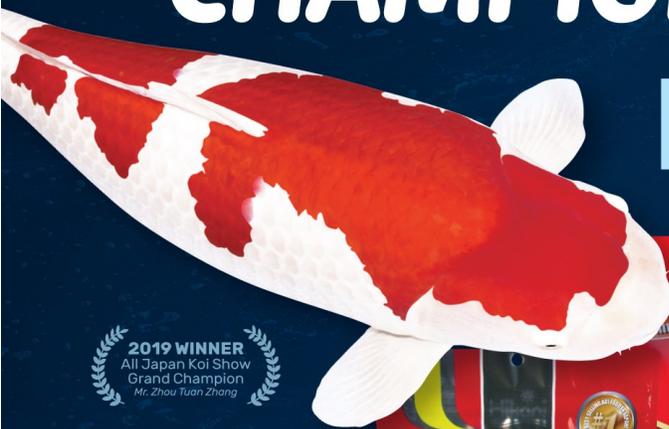
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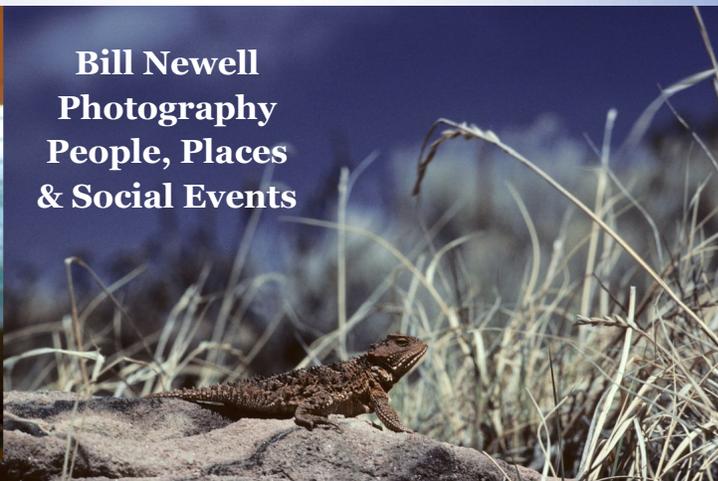
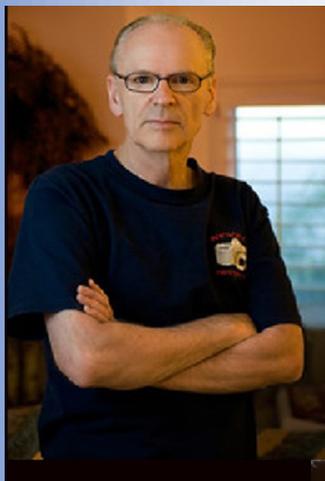


I have decided to link both the SmugMug accounts of Bill Newell & Phyllis Spoor to the newsletter and the website. Both of our club members take fantastic pictures of everything you can think of all over the world. For Bill's SmugMug click his picture. For Phyllis click her picture.



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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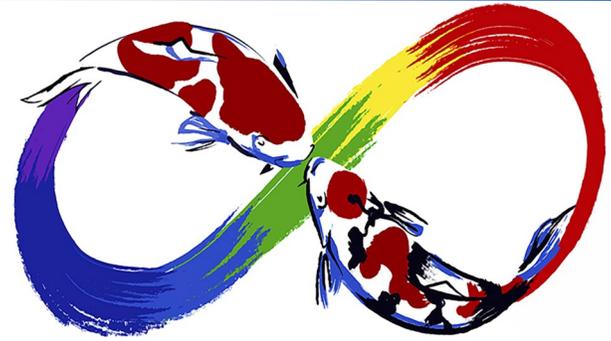
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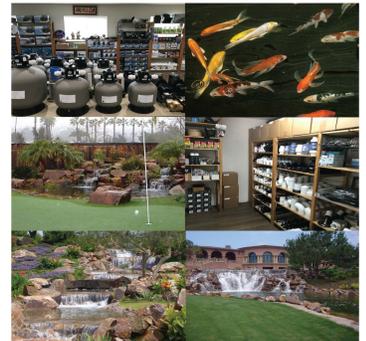


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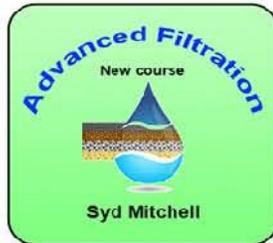
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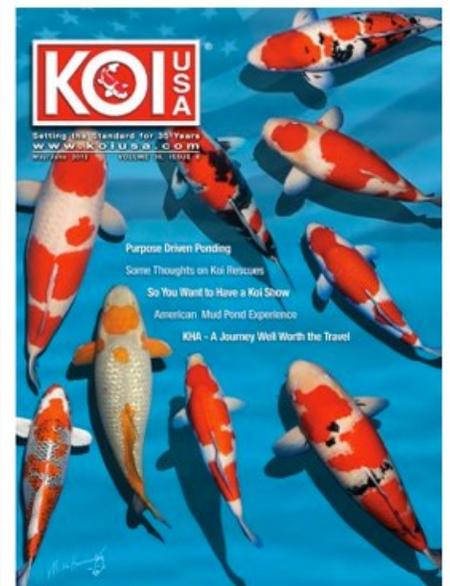
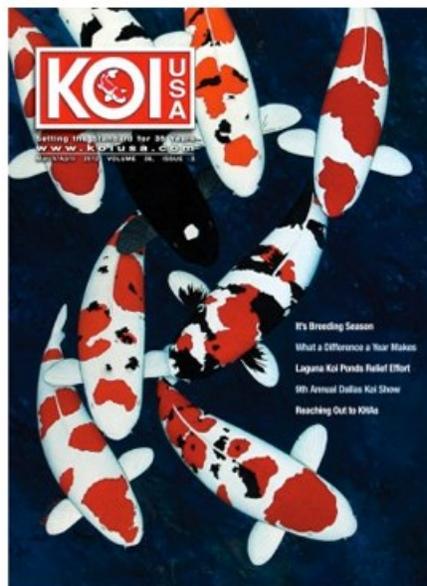
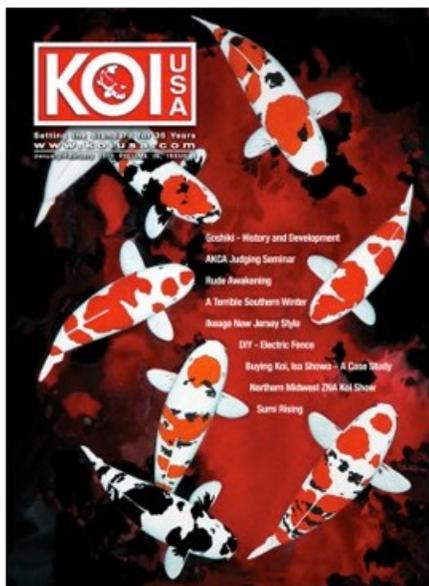


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Editor Note: I have included the links below so that many of you can have a better understanding of Potassium Permanganate . It is NOT the clubs endorsement of your use of it nor will the club be responsible for any outcome of its use or misuse. It 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 out-dated 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 .

New Links 11/19

<http://www.mankysanke.co.uk/>

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/FA/FA18900.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQ->

http://www.mankysanke.co.uk/html/winter_feeding.html?fbclid=IwAR3XuSWL8NZPd5anrS2Cyt97BZ4hMSAt-fkPvqwYuZRJD5UrbN_B9X4Oo8

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

<http://koivet.com/>

[Roark article](#) on PP Tx

<https://agrifecdn.tamu.edu/fisheries/files/2013/09/The-Use-of-Potassium->

<https://sacramentokoi.com/potassium-permanganate/>

<http://www.koiknowledge.com/faq-potassium-permanganate.html>

<https://www.koiphen.com/forums/showthread.php?6865-PP-dosage>

Once again the Koi Club of San Diego is not responsible for any outcome when using any of the products mentioned in the links



Who
said
Elvis
was
DEAD?



Where is the koi you just bought?



Kim, I have it right here in the bag. It's all good.