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January 12th 2020
Edon & Kim Berkenstadt
15422 El Monte Rd.,
Lakeside, California

12:30pm Social / Lunch Meeting Starts @1:30pm
Speaker: Bill Newell Topic: Koi Classification—Kujaku
Pot Luck and Please bring your chair

by Bill Newell

Directions to Berkenstadt home

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Take El Monte Rd for 3.3 miles and turn left just after Hazy Meadows street sign and look for our koi club signs.
Fyi there's about a mile or so of dirt road and you'll be directed where to park.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Committee Meetings

Steering Committee
January 8th 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.

Steering Committee
February 5th 2020
Time: 7:00 pm / Place: Sizzler @ I-15 and Aero Drive
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Steering Committee
March 2020
Time: 7:00 pm / Place: Sizzler @ I-15 and Aero Drive
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Steering Committee
April 1 2020
Time: 7:00 pm / Place: Sizzler @ I-15 and Aero Drive
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Attend a meeting !

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Debra Weingardt
Espie & Anthony Cruz

WELCOME RENEWING MEMBERS

Bridget Capraro

General Meetings

January 12th 2020

Edon &Kim Berkenstadt
15422 El Monte Rd
El Cajon, CA 92040

Speaker: Bill Newell
Topic: Koi Classification
Kujaku
Panel Q & A about Ponding

Social time 12:30 meeting
Starts 1:30

Pot Luck and Please bring your Chairs

February 9th 2020

Lenore Wade
1405 Comet Court
El Cajon. CA 92019
Speaker: Jim Dorsey
California Aquatics
Subject: TBD

Lenore Wade-Longfin

Social Time— 12:30 pm

Meeting Starts—1:30 pm

Pot Luck and Please Bring Your Chair

Happy

New Year

2020

NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING

http://www.koiclubofsandiego.org/

Upcoming Events 2020

The Original KCSD Koi Club Facebook page is up and running. Just enter Koi Club of San Diego in the friend search at the top of your Facebook page to friend it.

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

The President's Corner
January 2020

And so we have started a New Year.

Most importantly here at the start of 2020 I want to acknowledge all the dedication, effort and support you have given to the Koi Club this past year and probably for the past several years, depending on when you joined the club. We're all involved because we have developed a passion for koi as a source of fun, enjoyment and affection.

But from that start we have shaped an organization that has reached farther than simply the pond and fish. We reach out to one another sharing our experiences with new members, potential members, fellow enthusiasts both local and national and even world - wide. We also share by opening our ponds and homes to share our fish with fellow Koi Club members, very possibly inspiring others to appreciate new varieties of koi, or new ways of designing our ponds to make a healthier home for our fish. We also share by stepping forward to keep the Koi organization itself moving forward in its outreach to educate the public ("No, we do not eat them") as well as help them to appreciate the surprising adaptations possible in pattern and shape our show judges consider. We share by providing the background work necessary to keep everything running smoothly in the club -the elected and appointed officers and all the rest of the membership ready to take on the invisible jobs that contribute to the smooth running of the club which is not done with mirrors, but created by a common interest.

With the hectic holidays behind us, it is time to look forward to 2020 and, probably make a couple of New Year resolutions for your fish, pond keeping and koi activities.

Think about attending a Koi show put on by another koi club. Los Angeles has several, and, if you consider being a serious participant, investigate those farther afield - like the ZNA So Cal Show in the Los Angeles (Gardena) area where our own Scotty Yee won not only Grand Champion, but also Reserve Champion. I am sure Scotty would be pleased to be asked about the show and his experiences.

Take some time to wander the "wet" booths at our own show and support the koi dealers there. And then think about a field trip to LA to visit some of those dealers in their own stores with an even wider range of fish. You will not only be supporting them, but also our own club by using their resources for fish, food and equipment.

Be more diligent about your pond keeping — so that when Jack Chapman asks at a meeting if you know your current water temperature or pH you can answer "yes." And then make sense of his answer to someone else who asks just why the pH knowledge is important or how to know your test kit is valid,

Pay attention to John Svelan's emails about your source water quality as put out by your local water department and why it has important consequences for your own pond — not just the pipes to your water heater.

Make it a habit to visit your pond daily. Check the water level. Observe the fish as they eat the food you've given them. In effect, while you have your morning cup of coffee, be social with them, especially if you feed them at the same time, they will come to recognize your voice and footsteps and come flocking, not unlike the dog's enthusiasm when you call him for his dinner.

Or maybe contact Jerry Myers at Vagabond Koi for that new koi you've been considering. Consider his ponds akin to orphanages and adopt someone.

And perhaps break down and add that new piece of pond equipment you've been debating about. The one you've seen in use on the last three club meetings that everyone is raving about. You've seen it in action, talked to the owners who installed it in their ponds, heard the positives and negatives of how it works. Give it a try.

And finally the Annual Koi Show in March. Set aside the first weekend of March for some time to participate- whether it is a few hours work at home creating name tags for everyone, or some muscle to set up or tear down the equipment at the show, or spending the whole 5 days (load out from the shed Thursday to reload the storage shed on Monday) immersing yourself in all things Koi. You will not regret the people contacts, knowledge shared, and in general rewarding experiences of the event.

Remember, 2020 also means perfect vision.

Submitted by Al Pierce, President

Notes from the Board

December 2019

Phyllis Spoor

Fun Filled Koiing

Phyllis Spoor (submitted by Linda Pluth in the absence of Phyllis Spoor)

TREASURER'S REPORT: November's financials approved. Dr. Jessica will investigate a mystery bank deposit. John suggested that it may be a refund from Go Daddy.

VP VENUE: Matt Rhoades reported:

January 12	Berkenstadt, Lakeside
February 9	Lenore Wade, El Cajon
March 7, 8	KCSD KOI SHOW, Del Mar Fairgrounds

VP PROGRAM: Linda Pluth reported:

January 12	Main Speaker TBD, Koi Classification Bill Newell "Kujaku"
February 9	Main Speaker TBD, 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 114 Active Family Memberships.

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

WEBMASTER: Jerry Myers was absent. John noted that Greg had done an amazing job processing all the T-Shirt orders utilizing the website and setting up a "Marketplace" to sell club items and collect show revenue. The website keeps getting better all the time.

PUBLICITY: Position Vacant.

AKCA REP.: Scotty Yee absent.

JFG: Linda Pluth reported that there are a lot of falling leaves in the pond and have asked the gardeners to help net them out. Koi should be fed only once a day due to cool water temperatures. We will be changing out 1000 gallons per week instead of 2000. December Nights starts this weekend.

KHA; Jack Chapman said the month was very quiet with no calls.

SHOW UPDATE: Matt Rhoades reported that the show pins have been ordered, the trophies are in process. The Head Judge, David Young, mentioned an additional judge. Matt will check. John Svelan warned that the judges' biographical information is usually turned in at the last minute which makes getting the show booklet out on time difficult for Jerry. Also, there are too many last minute requests for ads in the show booklet. Please do not wait to the last minute, all has to be finalized and turned in to Jerry the first week of February. John reported that the purchase of twelve Poly Tanks are on track. Tom Wright noted that the 10 IKS tanks are available as a backup plan if the Poly Tank purchase doesn't happen.

OLD BUSINESS: Tamsie reported that a letter has been sent to Mike Poynor formally requesting that he be authorized to act as our attorney regarding the club's non-profit status. Once he accepts, he will assist Tamsie preparing non-profit reinstatement documents for submission. The last payment to the Fairgrounds for the show is due December 11 or 15.

NEW BUSINESS: The January Steering Committee Meeting will be on the second Wednesday instead of the first Wednesday at Sizzler. Mark your calendars for January 8th.

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 January 20. Jack proudly announced that his son, Frank Painter, is the new Vice President of the Inland Koi Society. Congratulations!

KHA KORNER
by
"KOI" Jack Chapman

SHOW TIME

We are so close to the annual show I thought I would give it some of my personal thoughts for this month's article. You know it is the one thing our club does each year to advance the hobby amongst ourselves and the general public, which is where our membership comes from. It is the major KCSD event that each member should consider giving a little of their time to help complete this really fun event, for your time is truly needed in sharing the multitude of tasks that have to be completed. As in most types of clubs a few members carry the majority of the load and from time to time some key members can just get burned out. Our annual koi show is that kind of event, but with the help of a larger part of the general membership it's just more koi fun for everyone. You do not need to be a koi expert to assist in many of the tasks and it's downright enjoyable and hobby educational for all KCSD members. I get to look at hundreds of koi (show entrants and vendor), talk koi stuff (koi and pond) **non-stop** for three and a half days – just a piece of heaven for me HA HA. And, I always go away very tired but thankfully smarter about koi hobby related stuff. So call the show chairman/see him at the January and/or February club meeting and pick a few hours or a day or the entire weekend and come have some koi fun with your fellow KCSD members. If you are a koi hobbyist you owe it to yourself, so see ya at our 33rd Annual KCSD Koi Show. Oh, and maybe take in the Spring Home Garden Show or Gem Faire Show that's there at the fairgrounds the same weekend.

I always like to encourage KCSD members to consider entering their koi in the show and what an experience it is; it's just another way to support the club and the hobby. Most of us are not competing for the major awards (13 Champions) but there are lots of awards for Best in Size (18 total) and Best in Class (20 total) to be had by anybody and don't forget the Novice category awards for first time show entrants – you can even buy koi from the vendors and add them to your show tank on Friday evening. I know a club member who got a show tank and just put 7 small koi (under 12 inches) all bought from the show floor vendors and six of the seven won awards. Time after time I hear our and other koi club members say how much they enjoyed bringing their koi for the first time to a koi show – me included.

It's NOT all that hard. So, go look at your koi, think of the few you would bring if you decided to register for the show. Look up the registration form on our club web page. Estimate the size of your koi on the fish load work sheet, if you don't know the koi classification there is a 'not classified' block at the bottom and do the simple math at the bottom – if your total is less than 100 points then you only need one show tank, and you may have room to buy a koi at the show. Complete the cover sheet and I can speak from experience that the awards banquet is just a lot of fun and koi-items raffle – not the stuffy event you might expect.

Yes, you will need to net your koi and put them in a bag or transfer tank and transport them to the show on Friday afternoon or evening. Get help from friends or other koi club members and if only a couple koi from each member share a tank at the show that is OK if you are alright with that idea.

Some general ideas to think about:

If you don't have plastic bags – you can buy them at the January and February meeting.
Don't forget you need good heavy rubber bands, included if you buy your bags from the club.
I suggest one koi over 16 inches per bag.
I suggest 2 koi for 10 to 15 inches per large bag.
I suggest 4 to 5 per large bag for 6 to 9 inch koi. No Koi under 6 inches.

This is with oxygen added to each bag, but if you don't have oxygen then not so many koi per bag and DO NOT blow air from your mouth; just quickly close the bag to get some air trapped in the bag and transport the koi covered in the dark. I've been known to add a little (couple caps full) of whatever de-chlor you're using for your water changes to the bag to bind the ammonia expressed by the koi on the way to the show. Should be fine for up to a couple hours with our expected cooler water temps for that time of year and when you arrive at the show advise the check-in desk that your koi do not have oxygen in the bag.

Don't feed your koi for 4 or 5 days before the show.

There have been several articles written in the Koi USA magazine about prepping and taking koi to a show and are all well worth reading. As always more left unsaid on this subject than provided here, but hope to give you some things to consider and SEE YA AT THE SHOW!!

Yes, this is mostly a repeat updated article from the past now for 3 years.

r/koi jack

Koi Club of San Diego Ponder Profile

Edon & Kim Berkenstadt
Lakeside, California

Out in East Lakeside, high on a hill, overlooking the breathtaking El Monte Valley, you will find the elegant yet cozy home of Edon & Kim Berkenstadt. As you can see from the Bill Newell photographs, views of the surrounding hillsides and mountains are simply amazing! Bill's spouse Jeanette took a deep breath and commented "it's so quiet and peaceful out here". Who would have thought that this whole area, including the original house was pretty much destroyed during the Cedar Fire of 2004. Another cool feature is the life size Stonehenge patio and fire pit where you can warm your feet after dangling your toes in the 59 degree pond water posing for a photographer!

Newlyweds, Edon and Kim sold a sailboat and bought the property, complete with a 50,000 gallon natural pond, about six months ago and as you can imagine, have been quite busy fixing everything up. Edon has spent many hours chest deep in the mucky pond that was originally home to 1 koi, many goldfish and 4 turtles, cleaning it out and making sure that all the natural filters and pumps worked properly. Although they love the ocean and fishing they have never raised fish before so this was a new venture. But after all…they did meet on an online dating website called "Plenty of Fish" so what could be more appropriate than to go get plenty more fish!

They searched for koi fish on Facebook and hooked up with our own Jerry Myers and Vagabond Koi Rescue. As luck would have it, Jerry had just received a call from long time club members Sam and Terri Seat of Bonita who had Plenty of Fish from an earlier spawning this year. The stars lined up and before long the big pond now had 25 more beautiful, healthy koi to keep the others company.

After hanging out with Jerry, Sam and Terri and seeing how cool koi people are they decided to join the Koi Club of San Diego and attended their first meeting at the home of Dr. Jessica Lynch back in November and immediately volunteered to host the January 2020 KCSD general meeting at their home. Way to go!!

Edon and Kim are San Diego natives. Edon is from Point Loma and is a Family/Marriage counsellor who also treats veterans suffering with PTSD and Kim who is from Ramona works at her family flooring business.

Thank you so much for sharing your home and your Ponder Profile!

John Svelan Member At Large Koi Club of San Diego

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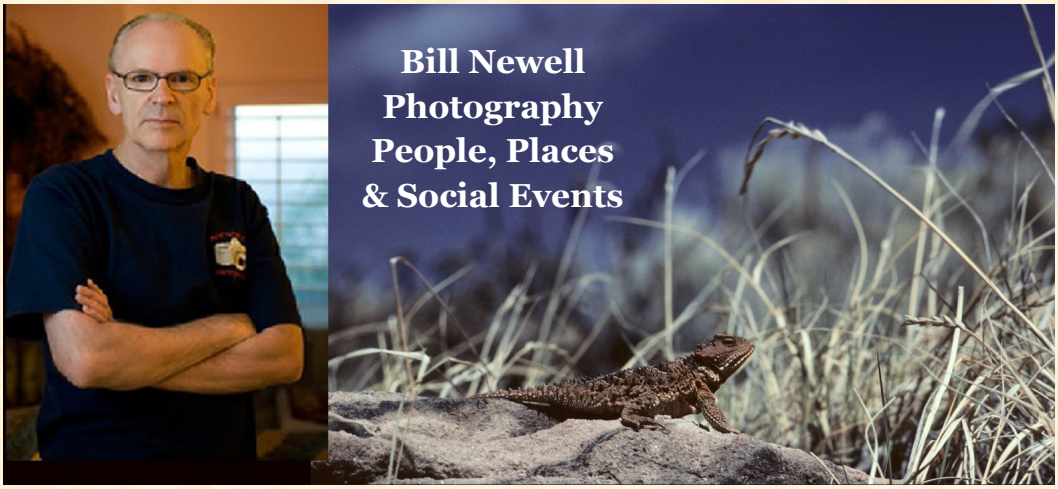
I have decided to link both the SmugMug accounts of Bill Newell & Phyllis Spoor to the newsletter and the website. Both of our club members take fantastic pictures of everything you can think of all over the world. For Bill's SmugMug click his picture. For Phyllis click her picture.

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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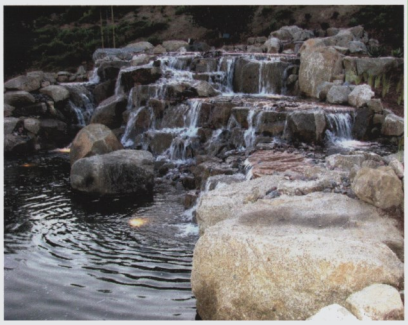

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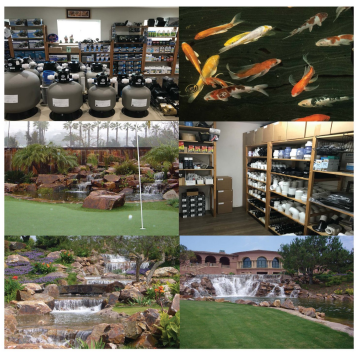

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Editor Note: I have included the links below so that many of you can have a better understanding of Potassium Permanganate . It is NOT the clubs endorsement of your use of it nor will the club be responsible for any outcome of its use or misuse. It 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 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-fkPvqwYuZRJD5Ur1bN_B9X4O08

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JERRY

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Roark article on PP Tx

https://agrilifecdn.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

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