



**KOI CLUB OF SAN DIEGO
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**General Meeting October 14, 2018
Home of Matt Rhoades & Jill Kluth
3130 Elliott Street
San Diego CA 92106**

**12:30pm Social Lunch Meeting Starts @1:30pm
Speaker:TBD
Pot Luck & Please bring your chair.**



Directions

From the 5 go to Rosecrans exit. Proceed on Rosecrans West to Elliott. Turn right on Elliott and the house is on the right.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Committee Meetings

Steering Committee
October 3, 2018
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
December 5th
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Sizzler @
I-15 and Aero Drive
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Steering Committee
January 2, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Sizzler @
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KOI SHOW



The KOI CLUB of SAN DIEGO

Invites You to Their
32nd Annual Koi Show
 March 2 & 3, 2019
 Del Mar Fairgrounds
 Activity Center
 Exhibit Hours
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 Sunday: 9am - 2pm
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Grand Champion
 2018
 Owner: Mark Oursler
 Size: 30"



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November 11 2018
Vince &
Donna Hernandez
13377 Via Mark
Poway CA 92064
Speaker:TBD
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Please Bring Your Chair

NO
WE
DON'T
EAT THEM

Any freshwater **fish** is edible. Depending on the water it is in, will further determine it's taste. Some people have taken large **Koi** and transferred them to a clean freshwater tank for a few weeks to ensure a better taste, but carp meat is tough. ... However, **Koi** is expensive to buy (and eat).

NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND
RUNNING
<http://www.koiclubofsandiego.org/>

Upcoming Events 2018

One Fish, Two Fish . . .
It's the 19th Annual
Golden Empire Koi Show!



October 19-21, 2018
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Vendor Chairman: Malise Unruh
 president@bkwgs.com
 (661) 376-6137

Fish Check in:
 Friday noon to 6:30 pm
 Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 am
Exhibit Hours:
 Friday Noon to 7:00 pm
 Saturday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
 Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

The 19th annual Golden Empire Koi Show is October 19-21, 2018 at the Kern County Fairgrounds here in Bakersfield Ca. You can find more information at BKWGS.COM





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Koi Person of The Year 2018– Al & Tamsie Pierce

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Norm Meck John Svelan Bill Thompson Tamsie Pierce

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The President's Corner

October 2018

There is a story out on the Internet about Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

“There was an important job to be done. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.”

Somebody has stepped up to tackle the Show Chair job. Thanks, Matt Rhoades. With Matt stepping forward to be show chair for the 2019 Show, we are one leadership person closer to having a smooth year. Matt has been show chair before, but he will need your help. Ideally his position as well as all his Committee chairpersons would have backup, a second in command, so to speak, who would be able to step into the position in a year or two, having “learned the ropes.”

A broader version of President and Vice President positions.

An opportunity for the rest of our Somebodies in the club to step up, too.

All of which brings to mind that we still have open the Vice President of Program on the Steering Committee. This is the person who lines up speakers and program for each month's meeting. Not a very difficult job, considering between October and June at least two months (March - Show, December - Holiday gathering) are already done, and it has been quite a while since we had a question and answer panel at the meeting which would fill up at least one more.

We had ten Somebodies brave the parking situation on Saturday, September 15 to clean the koi pond biofilter at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Stompers to get the muck out of the Open Cell Foam biological filter material, muscle to haul the foam out of the filter cavity, UV light replacers, gofers and, of course, a photographer (Sharon Ruth) to document that it was done. A big thank you to Linda Pluth for arranging the event and directing all of us that were there - Ben Adams, Scott Garner, Matt & Cole Rhoades, Jack Chapman, Greg Ruth and Tamsie & Al Pierce. In many ways this is the best way to learn about a filter.

And, of course, our monthly general meetings are hosted by a Somebody; John Svelan in September, with his expanded pond and a talk by Chien Lee on Nijikawa Koi Food. Thank you John and Chien.

Come to our Steering Committee meetings - the first Wednesday of each month at the Sizzler restaurant off Aero Drive and I-15 at 7 PM and get involved. Remember that Everybody started out knowing nothing about koi. We all learned from each other.

As Norm Meck used to say, “We, the members of the club, have made all the mistakes so you don't have to.”

I'm looking forward to moving the club forward into 2019.

Al Pierce



The photo is of the crew that helped with the Japanese Friendship Garden's biofilter cleaning on September 15, 2018. The club members in the photo are: Greg Ruth, Tamsie Pierce, Jack Chapman, Al Pierce, Matt Rhoades, Scott Garner, Linda Pluth, Ben Adams, Cole Rhoades (Photographer – Sharon Ruth).

I had to use screen capture as this was from a movie file. Jerry



Notes from the Board

September 2018

Phyllis Spoor

Fun Filled Koiing



MONTHLY MEETINGS: The September 9th meeting will be at John Svelan's in Mira Mesa with Chien Lee of Nijikawa talking about their food and KOI nutrition. The October 14th meeting will be at Matt Rhoades in Point Loma. Matt and Buck will be speaking.

MEMBERSHIP: Greg Ruth reported there are 119 active members (families).

MEETING HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES: If you would like to host a meeting please contact Matt Rhoades: venue@koicsd.org. Matt needs venues for January on.

SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES: Suggestions for speakers or topics are needed and a new VP of Programs is needed. There is a lot to learn about koi keeping and we need to hear what you would like to learn about and/or who you would like to speak/present or can provide the expertise that you need to make your koi experience better! We need speakers for November going forward.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dr. Jessica Lynch reported that Paul Atkiss' credit card is no longer in use and that the first payment to reserve the Del Mar Activity Center for the 2019 KOI Show needs to be made.

JFG REPORT BY OUR GARDEN LIAISON-Linda Pluth: The annual filter cleaning is scheduled for September 15th from 8am to 10am. The fish are being fed 4 times a day. Pond water temperature is good. We lost one Lemon Hariwake and the pond will be getting a new one. We have docents for the pond morning and afternoon on free Tuesday. The Garden is hosting its annual docent/volunteer recognition dinner with entertainment September 14th at 6pm. Please RSVP to the JFG Website.

KOI SHOW 2019 PLANNING: Matt Rhoades is the new Show Chairman. Show meetings will be conducted after the Monthly Steering Committee Meetings at the Sizzler the first Wednesday of each month. Social/dinner time 6:00 to 7:00pm. Meeting to begin at 7:00pm. Feel free to attend and take part. The Del Mar Fairgrounds Activity Center has been procured for the first weekend in March for the 2019 annual KOI SHOW. Jerry Myers is the Brochure Designer. Jerry has the show poster finalized and ready to be submitted to KOI USA for publishing in the magazine. We voted for grey show t-shirts.

NEWSLETTER: Jerry Myers reported John Svelan is going to be helping to proofread the newsletter going forward. Newsletter items need to be to Linda by the 10th. Needs input or will fill empty spaces with cartoons of editor's choice or articles written by himself.

WEBMASTER: Jerry Myers reported the new web site was available. Wild Apricot Security certificate had expired but has now been renewed. The website is HTTPS which means it is encrypted and will open on most browsers.

KHA: Jack reported that fall is a better time to do your annual filter maintenance. The KOI's immune systems are strong at this time of year.

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR: TAMSIE PIERCE: With Al Pierce taking over the President's slot, we still have one elected position to fill: Vice President of Program. Congrats to Al Pierce our new Club President. Al has served the club in many capacities. We look forward to his leadership.





KHA KORNER

by

“KOI” Jack Chapman

Why check pond water Alkalinity levels?

So for today I want you to consider a single piece of the GOOD water quality parameters (ALKALINITY) and what's happening to it at this time of year. If you don't have an alkalinity measuring kit (about 10 dollars) go buy one – if your existing kit is over one year old, go buy a new one. We affect our pond's alkalinity levels in two major ways: downward by feeding our koi and upwards with water changes that has NOT gone through a water softener system, adding baking soda or adding other forms of alkalinity (crushed oysters shells – blocks of plaster of paris). During our winter and early spring periods some of you may have reduced your water changes and have fed your koi little to none. But now with warmer pond temps you have started to feed your koi more and depending on your water change-out maintenance schedule you are directly affecting your pond's alkalinity level. From the science side of the house put simply:

feed more koi food = koi produce more ammonia
the biofilter consumes alkalinity to convert ammonia to nitrite
the biofilter consumes alkalinity to convert nitrite to nitrate
this conversion process produces acid which lowers the pH
if alkalinity is not replenished – you can/will have a pH crash
resulting in loss of koi

For the science nerds out there, I apologize for this over simplistic explanation.

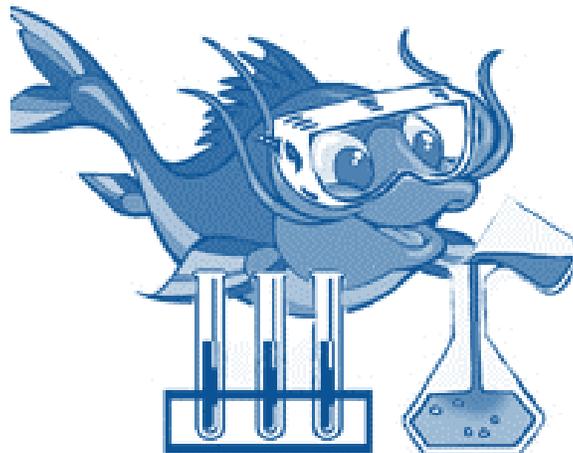
Roddy Conrad has stated “*Each pound of koi pellets added to the pond water causes the biofilter to consume a half-pound of baking soda equivalence in pond water alkalinity.*”

You want your alkalinity reading to stay above 80 ppm and with our local water systems all being above 100 ppm – then you should have no problems keeping your alkalinity at sufficient levels through **regular scheduled water changes**. If you are on well water and having issues with low alkalinity levels, a pound of baking soda will raise the alkalinity level by 70 ppm per 1000 gallons of water.

SO WHAT'S YOUR ALKALINITY LEVEL????

Good water quality parameters are the best thing you can do to ensure your koi's health and wellbeing.

r/koi jack



Koi Club of San Diego Ponder Profile
Matt Rhoades and Jill Kluth
San Diego, California



Matt and Jill along with son Cole and their two dogs reside in the San Diego community of Point Loma. The quaint home in a quiet upscale neighborhood was built in 1926 by an early San Diegan businessman. Matt is a fourth grade teacher at Crown Point Music Academy, Jill is a senior accountant for a private contractor and Cole is a college student/commercial fisherman. They all have one thing in common... Koi!

Matt attended his first Koi Club of San Diego meeting in 2003 at the home of Norm Meck and immediately caught the koi bug. Since then he has been extremely active in the club by serving as Club President, Vice President of both Program and Venue and now holds the record as a fourth time Koi Show Chairman! Matt was also Koi Person of the Year in 2010! Growing up in Mission Beach, when he wasn't rescuing people from the surf as a lifeguard (who was often mistaken for "The Hoff") he spent lots of time in the water surfing, standup paddle boarding and now competes in open ocean canoe racing. Matt started out on his fish venture with a 15 gallon aquarium, a few early koi pond attempts and as you can see from Bill Newell's beautiful photographs he now has a beautiful and high tech Dream Pond!

The 16,000 gallon, 8' deep concrete dream pond was designed and built by Steve "Buck" Buckles with help from Matt and a few sub-contractors. The pond is equipped with the latest technology that includes a Profi Rotary Drum Eco 6560 mechanical filter, 8 large Bakki showers loaded with ceramic media serving as the biological filter, two ¾ hp Artesian pumps, an Aqua Viper 400 watt UV, large air pump, automatic feeder and the list goes on!

The pond is home to around 25 gorgeous fish who have patiently waited for three years in a plastic swimming pool while building permits were processed and the pond was being finished. Funny... fish don't really understand all the permitting process stuff. The majority of the fish are from our good friends Ken Liu of Barstow Koi and Ben Plonski of Laguna Koi. Matt's favorite variety is Shiro Utsuri and some are from Omosako Koi Farm in Japan. Matt loves showing his fish and has showed and won lots of awards in San Diego as well as Gardena, Bakersfield and Fresno. In closing, Matt has one of the best Senses of Humor and always keeps us smiling. "If you're not having fun, you're not doing it right."

Thanks for sharing your Ponder Profile!

John Svelan, Member at Large

Koi Club of San Diego

Ponder Profile continued. Photos by Bill Newell



September General Meeting at the Home of John Svelan



[For more meeting pictures
by Phyllis Spoor
click here](#)



Hi Everyone

Recently you have been bombarded with a slew of SHOW poster/ad revisions. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. My intent was to get more members involved in the process and to show what changes are made to ANY of the material used for the club. After getting the first poster completed I decided to scrap it and go in a more traditional style. Why you may ask? Well out of 182 emails I sent out each time I revised the poster, I had maybe 30 responses to it, 99% were in favor with 1% not liking the bear. So technically we should have went with the bear, right, majority rules. But I changed my mind.

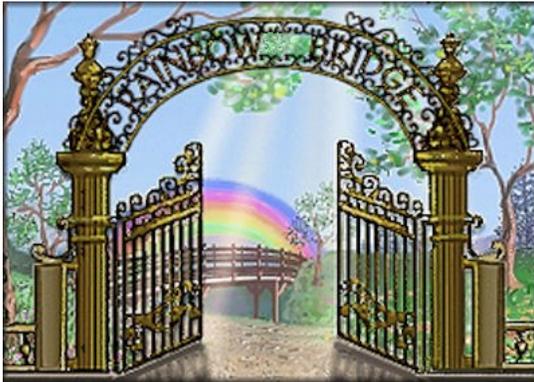
I wasn't happy with the replies that people sent me. They loved it and thought it was cute and to the point. I myself liked it but it didn't speak to me after it was finished, something was missing. So I did a NEW one and there you go. On the next 2 pages are the posters. The bear went thru maybe 15 changes, some you never saw and the current poster went thru maybe 10

changes from font size to logo size. I have also taken the Sponsor logos and made them links to their web site. Just click the sponsor logo

I hope everyone is happy with the new poster and will come out and support the show by volunteering to help. Just an hour or so can make a big difference .

Thank you all for your patience and input now enjoy the rest of the NL.

Jerry



On September 23, Ziggy joined her pack mates and passed away suddenly.

Below is Xena, Sammie, Tag and Ziggy. These 4 were rescues and had a rough start to life. I like to think their lives with Diane and I were much better and we will miss them. A good reason to rescue.



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Koda:
"Nijikawa are used at Nisal and older ponds. "I think Nijikawa is Super Koi Food"

Sekiguchi:
Nijikawa was mixed at all ponds. Great Growth. Need more Research on how to handle. "I believe Nijikawa has Tremendous Potential"

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"

Hasegawa:
Nijikawa reminds me the great quality koi feed made in Japan 30 years ago! Only 15% used in Sansai pond, it completely changed the koi this year!

Marusaka: Nijikawa was used at all ponds with different mixing ratio. Great Growth and Great Conditions!

Ozumi Ikarashi:
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Interesting links



<https://www.kodamakoifarm.com/doitsu-variety-beauty-no-scales>

<https://cafishvet.com/2018/03/20/mycobacteria-in-fish/>

<https://cafishvet.com/tag/dr-jessie-sanders/>

<http://drjohnson.com>

http://www.koivet.com/a_koi_pond_nitrites.html

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 and special events.

THANK YOU BOTH

Interesting video from Blue Ridge on spawning in the koi farm

Personally I find the kid with the camera a bit annoying, but he isn't from Blue Ridge

[Video on how Blue Ridge spawns such great long fins](#) (click it)

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This logo is hyperlinked to their site click it





[Click the picture for their web site](#)

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A BIG THANK YOU to San Diego Pond and Garden

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