



***John and LaDoris Goudy
September 22
11100 N Guava, Oro Valley AZ***

Education Starts at 3:00

From La Canada, West on Naranja, South on Guava to 11100.

Please let Brent know if you are interested in hosting a meeting. We need a host for October.

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Club Meetings

Hosting Meetings: For those wishing to host an upcoming business/education meeting, the club will reimburse the host up to \$50 (with receipts) toward food/beverage for the meeting. **We would like to see your pond!** Please contact Bob Panter or Brent VanKoeving if you are interested in hosting a meeting.

Club Announcements

Koi Meeting Minutes

Aug. 25, 2013

Bob Panter opens with call to order.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$13,067.63

Savings \$5,205.50

Committee Reports: Martha on the trophies...Old Pueblo Trophy has for \$500.00 down, mugs and plates, less than \$1000.00 total. Including a Thank you.

Other committee reports: None

Old business: Tank returns...Alan to get tanks/trailers.

Association improvements: Bob spoke of guest speakers at each meeting.

We still need ideas to make our club meetings interesting to draw members, and new people.

Send input to Bob Panter at: sakabob@cox.net or sakabob2@gmail.com

Or Bob's phone number is 520-954-9613

Monthly newsletter from Brent ok.

Discussion on feeding cooked fettuccini and dog food.

Another salt discussion: .03 salt max – slowly add then gradually make water changes to bring down salinity.

.015 salt during year over .02 damages plants. (Please check with Deb or Dave to make sure I have heard the correct numbers.)

October meeting needs a host.

New business: None

Any other reports? None

Motion to adjourn, seconded, moved.

There is no guest speaker for the koi show.

Featured Articles

My Koi Are Not Growing !!!

If all the factors related to koi growth are in place and your koi are not growing, then there are several possible reasons:

1. The ***genetics*** is a limiting factor that individual fish cannot and will not get any larger. Just as with humans, so with koi, each individual koi grows to a different size. Genetics will determine the maximum size of any individual koi at any stage of its growth up to and including its final size.
2. The koi you have purchased may be ***old***. It may look young because it is small. But the fish has surpassed the age in which it has the capability to grow significantly. For the first 3-4 years of their lives, koi produce growth hormones within their bodies. This is the period of maximum growth potential. Without correct nutrition during this initial period, the fish will not grow to its full potential. Older koi will continue to grow, but at a much slower rate. Under normal conditions, it is not unusual for koi to grow seven (7) inches per year for the first three years of their life.
3. ***Water temperatures and/or oxygen levels are low***. Water temperature is one of the critical factors affecting koi growth. In general, warmer water up to 80° F increases koi metabolism and promotes faster growth. In water below 55° koi

metabolism slows down dramatically and they eat very little. At 50° their metabolism stops almost completely and they will not eat.

In general, a higher oxygen level in water is better for growth. The amount of dissolved oxygen in water is one of the limiting factors in achieving growth in koi, in fact, it is critical for the health and growth of koi.

4. **Physical crowding** of fish in the pond. Over-crowding of fish produce two elements that affect fish growth. (a) having to compete for food with other larger and more aggressive fish, and (b) poor water quality as a result of too much contamination from too many fish.
- 5 **Poor Nutrition:** Poor nutrition is a major factor in inhibiting fish growth. Good nutrition in combination with temperature, oxygen, good water quality, and genetic potential, is possibly the most critical factor in achieving growth. Under feeding of quality food, is one of the main reasons that maximum growth is not achieved in koi. This growth / nutrition link must be achieved early in the fish's life during the period when the fish can grow rapidly. High protein foods (30% to 38% protein) promote rapid growth in koi. Koi do not have a stomach, but have a straight gut. In warm temperatures, they digest their food in about four hours. To achieve maximum growth, koi should be fed every four hours. Feed only as much as they will eat in about 5 minutes.

Don Harrawood

When buying Koi, there are some unwritten rules; which you don't want to learn the hard way.

KOI ETIQUETTE

Buying Koi
Club's responsibilities to Judges
Judge's Etiquette

By Galen Hansen, M.D.

Courtesies When Buying Koi

When selecting or buying Koi, there are some unwritten rules which one only learns after being in the hobby for some time. Those new to koikeeping maybe unaware of the courtesies which properly should be observed when viewing and selecting Koi. These unwritten yet expected rules of etiquette are as follows: Once Koi are "tubbed", i.e., placed into a tub for viewing, by the dealer for a prospective customer, no one else may select one of the "tubbed" Koi until the prospective customer releases the Koi back into the pond. The prospective buyer should not be conversed with during his perusing of the "tubbed" Koi. Nor should one question the price of the "tubbed" Koi. Do not ask the price of the Koi except one on one with the dealer. It is particularly impolite to loudly question the price of a Koi with a crowd standing around. It is improper to expect the dealer to blurt out the price to anyone other than the prospective buyer. If the dealer desires to tell the entire crowd the price, that's his business. But asking the dealer the price with a crowd around puts him in a sometimes uncomfortable spot.

Club's Responsibilities to Judges

Any Koi Club putting on a Koi Show needs to know the proper etiquette and their responsibilities to the judges whom they select to judge their Koi show. Previously, many of these proper rules or expectations were merely implied or learned by experience and by questioning more experienced clubs. The following dissertation is meant to put in writing what is expected of clubs. This discussion comes from my presentation at the San Jose AKCA Seminar in June of 1995. It was presented to be a help both for the clubs and for prospective judges. These guidelines of etiquette are not confined to just the AKCA Judge Certification Program, but to all judges, whether professional dealers, breeders, hobbyists, ZNA judges or AKCA judges. It is realized that perhaps some smaller shows do not have the revenue to be very extravagant, and they may want to work out some special arrangements with their judges. However, the following is a guideline as to what a Koi Club's obligations are to the judges: Koi clubs are to pay for room and board but not for travel expenses for the Head and Assistant Judges. Clubs do not pay for the AKCA Candidate Judges. For a 2 day weekend show, the club needs to cover 2 days and 2 nights of the hotel. Friday night dinner is a courtesy and a good icebreaker when the judges arrive, but it is not mandatory or may not always work out. Breakfast both Saturday and Sunday is also a nice courtesy but it is not always possible to accompany the judges due to show responsibilities. Nevertheless, be sure that the judges get breakfast. Lunch and refreshments during judging as well as the Saturday night dinner (usually the banquet) are arranged and paid for by the club. Expenses incurred by the judges after the Koi show concludes are all totally the responsibility of the judge. The show chairman is to arrange all reservations well in advance of the Koi show. Judges make their own travel arrangements, after the show chairman tells them when they are expected to be at the show and how long they need to remain. The show chairman is to coordinate and arrange all the times and meetings with the judges. Communicate with the judges well in advance of the Koi show, as well as right up to the show. Establish final times, flight arrivals and plans that the club has for the judge(s). Particularly clarify if the judge's spouse or anyone else is coming. Assign a member for hospitality to take care of the judges and their spouses, including: picking them up and returning them to the airport, unless they are renting a car.

Courtesies

It's the little things that make the difference. Some things to think about: If possible, it is nice if the show committee takes judges and spouses to dinner the night before the show (Friday night). Try to meet judges for breakfast, or if not possible, at least arrange breakfast for them. Reserve the main table at the banquet for judges and their spouses and arrange their transportation. Have a typed itinerary to give to the judges when they arrive. This will include times of events, when they will be picked up, etc. Arrange any other events, such as pond visits, sightseeing etc. beforehand and coordinate with the judges' plans in advance. Provide them with an Entry Form so that they are familiar with the sizes, prizes etc. Leave room for options or requests by the judges. During judging, take care of the judges' and their spouses needs. Remember to plan for drinks, breakfast and lunch for the Judges. Remember the spouses need your attention. If they do not have plans or transportation, the club may want to assign someone to take them around or shopping during the show....inquire. Some may wish to view the judging. Others may wish to shop or see the sites. A nice touch would be to provide lunch for the spouses at some interesting local site. It is important to assign someone take care of spouses.

Gifts For the Judges

It is a tradition to present a gift from the club to the judges at the Banquet or the Award Ceremony. The value is usually in the \$50 to \$100 range. Perhaps some smaller gift for the ARCA Candidate Judges. Other options a club may want to consider, but are not mandatory, would be show pins, jackets with names and club logo. Do not forget the judges after the show: The Show Chairman and Club President could consider taking the judges to dinner if the judge stays Sunday night and if feasible, remember transport to the airport when needed. If the judges stay on after the show, offer to assign someone to host them. All of this needs to be arranged ahead of time. It is a courtesy to help them with their

itinerary. Most judges take care of themselves and their own plans after a show, however it is proper to inquire and offer to assist.

Judge's Etiquette

To be a professional Koi judge, one must adhere to certain standards, expectations, formalities and responsibilities. We generally assumed that all judges are aware of these guidelines and proper behaviors. However, if they are never totally spelled out then one cannot expect to conform. In the AKCA Candidate Judge Program, as presented at the annual seminar in San Jose in June of 1995, I took great effort to outline these afore-mentioned and previously unwritten rules. The AKCA Candidate Judges are expected to know this and will be tested on it, as well as the club's responsibilities to the judges.

Judging Etiquette--Pre-show

Communicate ahead. Discuss plans well ahead of the show with the show chairman. Discuss the club's plans for you, and your plans for any optional itineraries. Establish the times and locations that you are needed. Then relay your arrival and departure times. For the head and assistant judges, the club is expected to pay for room & board (as listed in above section), the banquet, all meals during show, and optionally, breakfast. The club is only responsible for meals during show, but many take care of Friday night and Sunday evening also, if the judge is in town at those times. Judges are responsible for their own airfare and any expenses not listed above. AKCA candidate judges will be responsible for all of their own expenses.

Judging Etiquette--Before Judging Begins

Be prompt. Dress neatly. Men wear jacket and tie. Women dress smart. Do not wear jewelry or sunglasses. A wedding ring is OK if it is a band with no sharp protrusions.

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If you have suggestions for the newsletter or items to be included in Karawagoi Corner or the Calendar, Please contact Brent VanKoeving at 520.780.3980 or bvankoeving@longrealty.com.

Upcoming SAKA Education and Business Meetings

Date	Location
September 22	John and LaDoris Goudy
October 27	Dave and Debby Young
November	No Meeting. See you at the show
December	TBD

Shows, Pond Tours and Seminars

Event	Dates/Location/Links
34 th Annual SAKA Koi Show, Auction and Vendor Fair	Kino Memorial Park. Ajo and Country Club. November 8-10.



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Would you like to host a meeting?

Would you like to serve on a committee?

_____ If yes which one?

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