

# VALLEY OF THE SUN



# KOI CLUB



## Desert Koi Newsletter November 2005

### President's Message

As the weather cools down in the south West Desert it is the perfect time of the year to re-join us at a club meeting. It is a chance to reacquaint yourself with members you have not seen in awhile and meet new hobbyist and club members. Mark your calendar and plan a trip on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November to Jim's new house and new pond. Veterans Day weekend marks the Southern Arizona Koi Association Annual show, I know that Bryan and I are both showing koi and I encourage you to show and or attend a wonderful show at Kino Parkway. As they harvest the ponds in Japan and prepare for the winter snow we have the opportunity here in Arizona to be thankful for the long growing season for our koi.

**FOR ALL CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS** (Dues paid)

**\$\$\$ 100.00** vendor dollars to each Valley Of The Sun Koi Club family membership who actively participates in the 2006 Greater Phoenix Open Koi Show. To receive the 100 vendor dollars you must:

- \* Show a Koi in the 2006 Greater Phoenix Koi Show
- \* Give at least 4 hours of volunteer work
- \* Purchase a banquet ticket
- \* The money **MUST** be spent at the 2006 Greater Phoenix Koi Show Koi Club Onsite Vendors

Sincerely, Corey Garrett VSKC President



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[WWW.VSKC.NET](http://WWW.VSKC.NET)

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## November Club Meeting: November 20, 2005

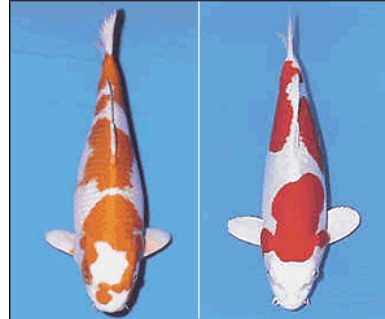
Host: Jim Croutch

Time 2:00PM

Location:

Phone: 480-471-2199

Education Topic: Judging Hikari Moyo  
By Robbi McCleney



## Minutes from October VSKC Meeting

1. Call for any new members or visitors-Donald & Debbie Wolf from Jewels of Arizona are visitors. 2. (A) 2006 Koi Show-Frank Valdez reviewed all the different positions for the show. Essential we need volunteers. The show cannot be maintained at its current quality without volunteers from the club. Frank will not be available during the show secondary to his work schedule. (B) Corey & Bryan will go to Tucson to pick up items but they need at least one other person two would be better. Trophies were discussed; options of custom made sand stone or ceramic tiles were discussed. (C) David Yee is going to see about fixing our current regulator and purchasing 2 Oxygen tanks. The show usually needs 3 large one. (D) Robbi will put the Koi Questions on poster board. (E) Frank is going to email all club members with a request for help. (F) Donald & Debbie Wolf will donate powered Amquel to the show. 3. (A) 2007 AKCA Seminar-Still need committee chairpersons for Marketing, Seminar Notebooks, Trade Show, Audio Visual, and Banquet (B) Current Committee Chairpersons are: Hotel- Robbi, Pond Tour -Robert Pottebaum, and Extra Events/Tours-David Yee There were no volunteers for the open positions. (C) David Yee brought up having a Tuesday-Wednesday Grand Canyon trip and a trip to Sedona on Thursday. Robbi related that a Golf Tournament and Arts and craft seminar is also being discussed for Thursday. (D) David Yee brought up putting together the seminar Video, Robbi would like to see costs associated with this prior to agree to do this. David will email all members and we will put it in the newsletter asking for help. (E) The rough draft of the poster was passed around. The only suggestion was to include the year. 4. Tucson Show-26th show is NOV 12 & 13. Currently only two club members are showing. David Yee would like to car pool. He is going to send out a club email to generate interest. 5. Minutes of last meeting were read. Jim Croutch motioned to accept, Frank Valdez seconded. Motion carried. 6. AKCA Report by David Yee- we have agreed to accept the \$400 dollar speaker scholarship from AKCA. Three ideas were presented (A) have Norm Mick speak at our show (B) Arrange for a speaker in mid year at our meeting in an attempt to attract more members (C) have a seminar speaker at the show on Friday. Robbi moved that we table this until the club president, Corey is present. (D) David Yee related he would now receive the two free KOI USA magazines the club receives every month. Robbi reminded him to bring them to the meetings. 7. Treasures Report by Derrick Tang-motion made by David Yee to accept, seconded by Frank Valdez, motion passed. 8. Over view of the Home & Garden Show-we passed out 200 new member applications, One paid member for two years, sold about \$305 in small Koi, we did not break. However we promoted our club, the hobby, the Tucson show, our show and auction, and the 2007 AKCA seminar it is worth the approximate \$200 loss. We have about 40 4" small Koi left for 2006 Koi Show. If we are going to do this next year we need to start in April with club members helping. Thanks to all who helped out 9. Education-none was presented 10. Nov meetings is changed to Jim Croutch's and his corresponding month is exchanged with Don's. 11. Monday after the last Meeting Ching fell at work and fractured her leg. We all wish her a quick recovery. 12. Carl Reed won the Matsuri Koi Food raffle. 13. Meeting was adjourned. **Jeanne Taylor VSKC Secretary**



## AKCA INFORMATION

Make your reservations now for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual AKCA Seminar in Buffalo New York June 22-25, 2006. "Koi over Niagara, Excitement in the Water!" website registration page for the 2006 AKCA Seminar in Buffalo, NY is up and running on [akca.org](http://akca.org). There is an early registration discount for registering before April 1, 2006 and for first time attendees. **Koi over Niagara, Excitement in the Water includes:** Seminars (partial list): Aquatic Plants – Larry Nau; Chemicals in the pond & Trickle Tower Filtration –Dr. Roddy Conrad; DIY Trickle Tower – Griff Thomasson; Dream Ponds – Carl Forss; Keeping Koi in Cold Water – Mike Masterson; Koi Health – Tim Miller-Morgan; Koi & Goldfish Surgery – Dr. Helen Roberts; Pondsides Triage – Dr. Erik Johnson; Spray on Pond Liner – Kerry Snyder; Stress – Dr. Sandy Yosha; Update on Koi Health – Victoria Burnley Vaughan; You Thought Mold Only Grew in Your Refrigerator – Richard Carlson; and more... **David Yee VSKC AKCA Representative**



## Koi USA Magazine

The AKCA and KOIUSA Inc. Boards have approved a Holiday present (FREE) for all of the KOIUSA magazine subscribers that will be included with the Nov/Dec issue of KOIUSA magazine. This present is a new tri-fold Koi ID poster!

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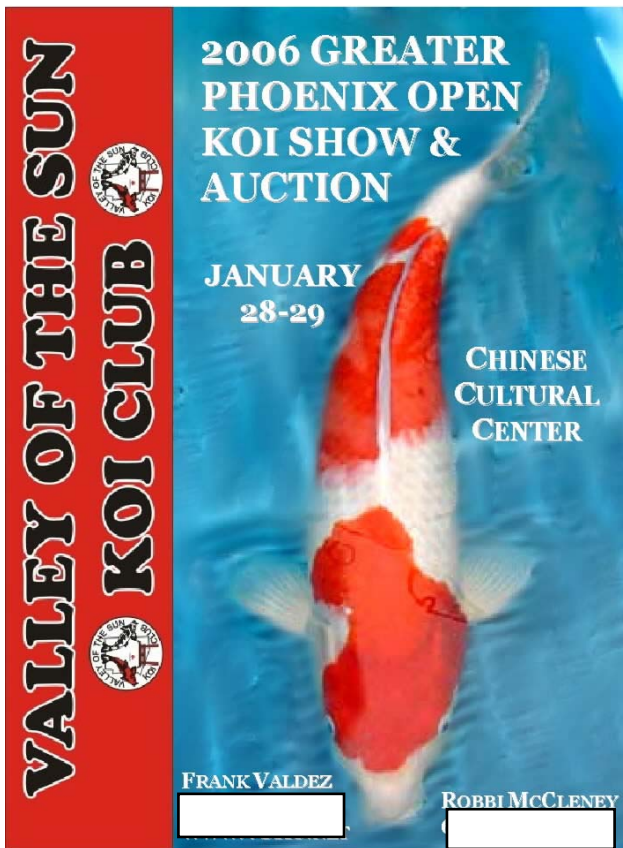
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## WANTED VOLUNTEERS FOR VSKC 2006 KOI SHOW

Various positions needed

Various skill sets needed

Various levels of physical requirements

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EVERYONE TO ENJOY!!**

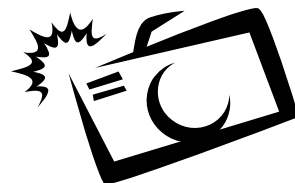
- Need volunteers to train for *Water Quality team*
- Need help with pick up of gear and initial set up
- Need help with the daily operations
- Need help with judging activities
- Need help with Auction / Raffle
- Need help planning - set up for awards dinners
- Need help picking out awards for show

*Something for everyone regardless of Conditions at the time.*

*See the master list and let us know what you can do to make this the most successful Koi show yet. All Volunteers will be paid well in love.*

We need photos for our web site, [www.vskc.net](http://www.vskc.net).

Send photos to \_\_\_\_\_  
or call Tom Ayers at \_\_\_\_\_





## Greater Phoenix Koi Show Update

The Greater Phoenix Koi Show will again be along with the Chinese Festival in Phoenix. The Chinese New Year is on the weekend of January 28 – 29, 2006. So the show will be set up on Thursday January 26. Phoenix students coming in tours to the complex on Friday January 27 along with accepting fish for the show. The Judges dinner is on Friday January 27. I am looking for this to be at the German Corner on 48th and Indian School for some great German food. The Judging will be on Saturday January 28, as well as the awards dinner. Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> will be the auction and raffle. We need to get volunteers set up for the Koi show to make it as fun for everyone as possible and not so over loading on a few people as we can. We will be planning to use a day labor company to help set up the tents and show tanks. Please review the job descriptions and days of the week that positions are needed. For the show to be a major success, we need to get maximum volunteer help from club members new and old. With the event being directly on the Chinese New Year holiday we can expect an even larger crowd. Once you have picked out several jobs you can help with for this years show please e-mail me with the various jobs you have chosen. I have noted jobs where there is a lot of physical activity needed. Also tried to note jobs that are less stressful or can be done from a seated location for those who want to help but are not able to be as physically active in that assistance. Hopefully you will find this easier to find the various jobs to help out with. I am still looking for people who would want to sign up as the club water quality team members. Norm Meck will be having on line classes for those people so they are certified water quality personnel prior to the show date. This is because we need to be sure to do some testing of the water supply at the show site prior to the show. The goal is to have our club member's ready and performing all of the water quality testing at the show. Norm will be here to assist in a consulting basis only this year to validate what everyone has learned over the internet. He will also be giving a short seminar during the show for others to get information on water quality. If you are interested in doing the water quality certification please send me an e-mail as soon as you can so we can get the classes started. Norm will send you the literature to read and study once I submit the list to him. Thanks again for all of your help in making this a super show this year.

Frank Valdez VSKC Show chairman 2006 Koi Show

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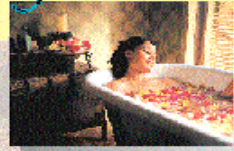
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and the Southern Arizona Koi Association



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## WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO CHAIR A FEW SMALL COMMITTEES AND HELP ON OTHERS.

- ❖ ANY MEMBER WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES ON A COMMITTEE RECEIVES FREE ADMISSION TO THE SEMINAR LECTURES AND VENDOR TRADE FARE.
- ❖ SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH VSKC TO ANY CLUB MEMBER WHO IS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING ON A COMMITTEE AND GOES TO THE 2006 AKCA SEMINAR
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- ❖ WE CAN NOT DO IT WITHOUT TEAMWORK !!!

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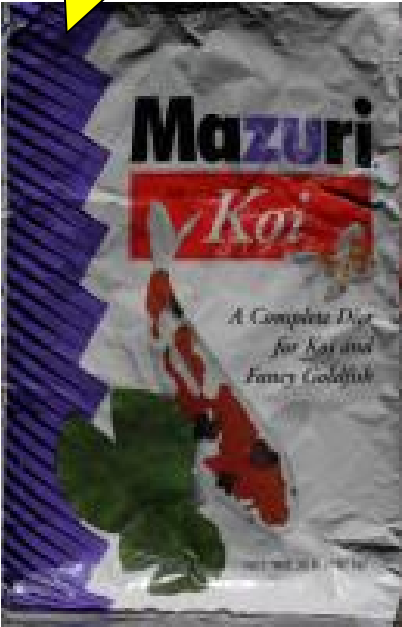
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**One free raffle ticket to each to each family. Additional tickets can be purchased @ \$1 or 6 for \$5**

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## **FEATURE ARTICLE**

### **Rocky Mountain Koi Club Show Report**

I was looking forward to my first vacation this summer, even if it was only a few days. My vacation was two fold, one to attend the Rocky Mountain Koi Club's 16<sup>th</sup> annual show and secondly that is where Robbi was going to meet me after her 100 day deployment for the Army. On Thursday night Frank Valdez and his son came over and we selected some koi and prepared them for travel. Both the koi and I anxiously awaited the moonlight trip to Denver later that night. Leaving Phoenix at 2:00 Am and arriving in Denver around 3:30 in the afternoon I was glad I made it there safely and was able to enjoy cooler weather. The show was held at this was a new venue for the show. I few years ago I attend the show at Hudson Gardens which was a good show, but beyond a doubt this was going to be an awesome show. Held this year at Tagawa Garden Center in Aurora Colorado the show was indoors in a large green house surrounded by beautiful plants. It is the largest nursery that I have ever been in. Upon arrival the vendors were set up and Tim Waddington (Infiltration, U.K.), Scott Thompson and crew were benching koi from 22 show tanks. The show tanks were arranged in a rectangle surrounded on the outside by vendor's booths. The Flowers family had the computer program for the show on track and was busy all day, but even with the large amount of koi in the show they were able to keep up the pace. One of the striking and unique things about this show was the water quality system. Each tank had an independent water drain system which



removed water constantly during the show and each tank had fresh water replacing the displaced water. It was one of the most impressive systems on a show that I have ever seen. My koi never had it so good at a show. The head judge was Nicole Lembke assisted by Larry Gill and Steve Childers. The Grand Champion was a beautiful showa owned by the Winkler's and the Reserve Grand Champion was a Sanke that the Thompson brought. (You can see pictures on their web site <http://www.rmkc.org/>) The competition was tough with many beautiful koi from Colorado, California, Minnesota, and of course Arizona. I brought 9 koi and came home with 8 awards with the best size 1 with an 8 inch Kohaku from Sakai. The show offered a variety of lectures and demonstrations, and if you wanted to walk around Tagawa Gardens you could get lost with all the plants, trees, and flowers. The trip was too short, and we left Sunday reluctantly. Of course as with most shows we came to the show with 9 koi and left with 13. Not sure how why my koi multiply at all shows, but in this case the vendors had some potential show winners that we can bring to the Tucson Show in November. The Rocky Mountain Koi Club vision statement is "Building Friendships Through Koi" I can truly say that this was one of the best shows with some of the best people you will ever meet. RMKC lives by its vision and it is a show worth coming back to next year as the show chairs of Bob Winkler and Jan Thompson will continue to lead a team of hobbyist. I hope that some of you mark your calendar next year in August to take a mini vacation to Colorado and experience the friendship in koi for yourself.

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Southern Arizona Koi Association

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