

VALLEY OF THE SUN



KOI CLUB



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President's Message

By Corey Garrett

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Usually this time of year in the Valley of the Sun Koi Club we retreat for the summer into our air conditioned homes and go on vacations in cooler places.

This year is the exception. We have the wonderful opportunity to show case Arizona, and the two Koi clubs that are sponsoring the AKCA seminar. It has taken two years of diligent work to bring the whole seminar together. Don't miss out on this national seminar; it may never be closer than Mesa.

The conference is filing up fast so make sure you are a part of the Arizona Team.

Remember the meeting date is **not Sunday** this month it is **Saturday** because of Father's Day.

Please attend we need your help putting together conference materials.



AKCA SEMINAR UP DATE

By Robbi McCleney



The Seminar is one week away! You can still register for food or the seminar via Doug Dahl [_____](#), the AKCA web page or call me . However the hotel will only allow < 10 add on food reservations so you need to ask now.

I could not have had a better response from our club and Tucson's members for the support to put this on. **Thank you all.**

The event will include lectures, Koi wet lab, Vendor Trade Show, Pond Tour, trips to the Grand Canyon, Diamond Backs baseball, Casino and the City of Phoenix and general raffle. On Saturday morning from 8 to 10 in the vendor show the AKCA Judges will present a free LIVE presentation on How to Judge Koi. Ending the seminar is the seminar banquet with a silent auction and Slate Auction. Finally check out the vendor list on www.VSKC.net we have 36 vendor booths.

Tell your friends and neighbors about the free vendor show at the Mesa Convention Center and presentation on Saturday morning!

Robbi



AKCA SEMINAR Volunteer List

HOTEL-ROBBI MC CLENEY

TRADE SHOW- JIM CROUTCH

ASSISTANTS-
1)

REGISTRATION- DEBBY YOUNG

ASSISTANTS- TUCSON MEMBERS

RAFFLE & AUCTION

ASSISTANTS-

SEMINAR NOTEBOOK-DEREK TANG

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FINANCE-DEREK TANG

Joan Finnegan will be at the seminar to help collect money at the auction & endorse checks

PHOENIX POND TOUR-

- BUS HOST
1)
2) TUCSON MEMBER
3) IF NEEDED

BANQUET/FOOD-ROBBI MC CLENEY

SET UP- KAREN VALENZUELA

JUDGING- DAVID YOUNG

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES-DAVID YEE & FAMILY

We are trying to use people who are going to save the dollars of purchasing a ticket

GRAND CANYON TRAIN GUIDE-
WEDNESDAY TOUR GUIDE- SHERRY WHITE
THURSDAY TOUR GUIDE-
PHOENIX CITY TOUR GUIDE-

DRIVER FOR 15 PASSENGER VAN
DIAMOND BACK GUIDE-TOM AYERS
CASINO NIGHT GUIDE-

MARKETING/ADVERTISING- LARRY & DEBBIE BEARUP

AKCA NOTICES-

AKCA ARTICLES-DEBBIE & LARRY'S SON

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS-TOM AYERS

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SEMINAR MODERATOR 2 FOR FRIDAY & 2 FOR SATURDAY
1)
2)
(SATURDAY)
3) LAURAL NELSON (FRIDAY) –SHE WILL HELP IN ANY CAPACITY

AUDIO/VISUAL-OPEN

AKCA BOOKSTORE
THURSDAY 5-8 PM
FRIDAY 9-1 PM
FRIDAY 1-7 PM- BRIAN & CHING PANUSKA
SATURDAY 9-1- URSULA VALDEZ
SATURDAY 1-5



SPECIAL EVENTS

June 21-24, 2007 – AKCA Seminar 2007

RELAX YOUR BODY AND SOUL AT THE
26TH ANNUAL AKCA SEMINAR 2007
June 21 - 24TH

Hosted By The Valley Of The Sun Koi Club
and the Southern Arizona Koi Association

Marriot Phoenix Mesa and the Mesa Convention Center

Vendor Trade Fair Fantastic Ponds Of Phoenix Grand Canyon Tour

Here Are Just Some Of The Subjects By Knowledgeable Key Note Speakers

- Koi Health and Hands On Workshops
- Koi Judging and Categories
- Koi Shows
- Koi Pin Collections
- The Art of Koi and Painting with Patti Grafts
- Longfin Koi And How They Are Judged

Register By April 1st For A Free \$300
Koi Raffle Sponsored By Eastern Nishikigoi
(One Ticket Per Pond Package 1)

FOR INFORMATION:
www.akca.org www.sakoiia.org www.vskc.net

For Hotel Reservation Call (800) 456-6372 or (480) 858-8390
or www.phoenixmarriottmesa.com



July 2007 28th-29th 27th Annual Koi & Goldfish Show presented by Northwest Koi & Goldfish Club (ZNA NW Chapter).

Come visit the beautiful Pacific NW and enjoy our show, other hobbyists, awards banquet, seminars, many vendors and our Sunday Auction, which is always a lively event. Tour the Japanese and Chinese Gardens, as well as the Rose Gardens, all of which Portland is so well known for. For more information visit the club's web site. World Forestry Center - Portland, Oregon
Contact:



New Koi Magazine: KOI NATIONS

Koi Nations is global, both in practice and in spirit. In times where many magazines have narrowed their view, we are convinced readers want the opposite. Our content and distribution covers the entire globe. We're objective and fair. We're excited by new and developing ideas, yet mindful of the history of Koi culture. An independent voice, devoid of affiliations, broad in scope but perfectly focused.

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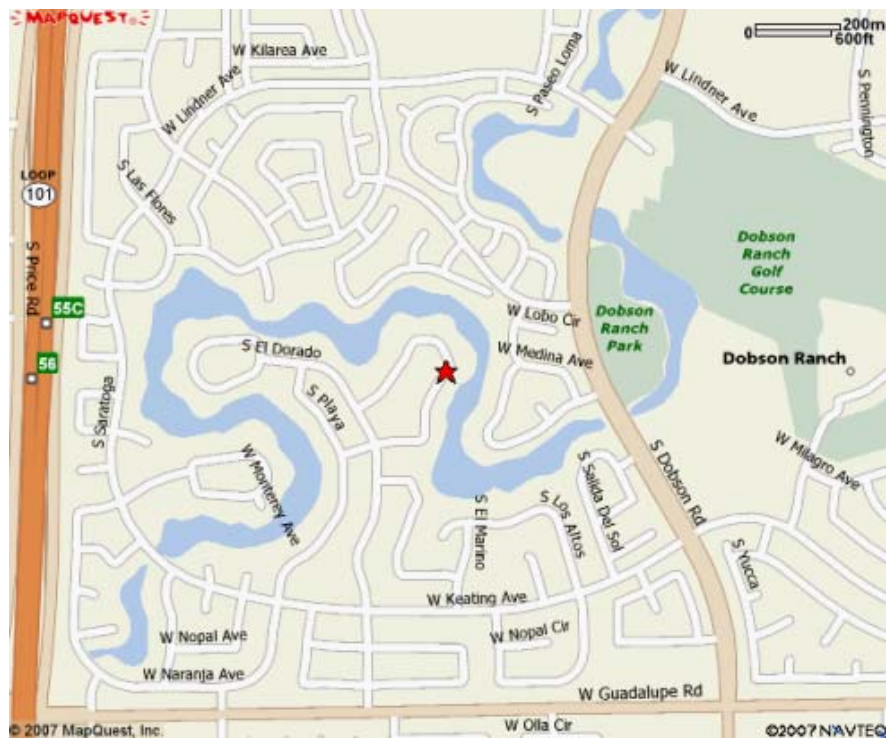
Visit www.koinations.com for your Club Discount



Special Meeting Notice

June 16th, 2007 2:00pm

Bryan & Robbi McCleney



Meeting Minutes

May 20th, 2007 Valley of the Sun Koi Club Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 2:22 pm on May 20, 2007 by Corey Garrett our President.

Derek Tang our Treasurer read the April's Treasurer report. David Yee moved to accept the report. Corey Garrett seconded and the Ayes passed the report. The previous months Treasurer's reports (March and February) were accepted via our President saying 'If the current report is accepted we will accept the past ones'.

Donna Kovacich, secretary read the April minutes. They were accepted.

Robbi McCleney passed around a Seminar Volunteer sheet. Robbi reported we needed more volunteers and anyone volunteering for 8 hours or more would get into the seminar for free but would be responsible for their own food expense.

David Yee offered two tickets free for anyone who would coordinate and see to the Thursday trip to Grand Canyon. Karen Valenzuela volunteered.

Arne Grant volunteered to take the 15 seat Van for the Town Tour.

Casino Night-need 8 people for the Casino to pick up. We have only 3 at this time so we will need a driver.

Diamondback-4 people have signed up. We will find a driver.

Ian and Brittani Bearup have been working on the News Release for the Seminar. They have contacted 47 publications. Ian read the News Release to us.

Keynote Speakers: How to judge a KOI is free on Saturday. KOI talk not coming. Wet Lab might be cancelled. The Wet Lab needs an instructor.

Derek Tang suggested someone to video the Seminar. He feels this person would be willing to work for a small charge (\$300) or benefits. Derek Tang moved to accept, Corey seconded the motion and we passed the motion. Derek said he would follow through with this endeavor.

Robbi McCleney has books/magazines, etc in a free bag for each person who signs up and volunteers.

Anyone who is wanting to order books please contact Robbi McCleney now because we can get a commission with less shipping.

Brian Connelly and John Kovacich talked on the building and care of John's new pond. John talked about the KOI and other fish we have adopted.

We passed around an e-mail and cell phone sign up sheet. The cell phones will be necessary at the Seminar to find whom you need.

We held our drawing: The winners were Corey Garrett, John Kovacich, and Dennis Beard.

The meeting was ended and people were invited to go outside or go with Brian Connelly to see his pond. **Everyone was reminded we have a meeting in June to help put together the Seminar Booklets. See everyone there.**

Submitted by Donna Kovacich, Secretary



For Sale / Classifieds

FREE TO GOOD HOME:

Laura

Their names are as follows:

Solid Gold: Nugget - male

Solid Yellow: Sunny - female

Smaller yellow w/black: Cher - male (oops! I didn't know the sex when I named him)

Bigger yellow w/black and red spots: Louie (he has a hairlip - like a mobster) -Male

White w/a lot of orange: Rocky - female

White w/orange and black spots: Bullwinkle - female

Black & White: Casper - she looked just like a ghost when she was smaller - female

Black & White w/red head: Zamboni - male

I really want them to stay together if at all possible. Also the two mature lilies can go with them (one has white flowers, the other is pink)



My name is Rosie and I am seeking guidance, referrals and or contacts for individuals who may possibly wish to adopt my Koi. I am trying to find someone who will love, appreciate and care for my babies for the rest of their wonderful lives. I currently have 6 koi in my pond but I am in the process of selling my home and would like to place them prior to putting my house up on the market. The place where I will be moving to will not have a waterfeature/pond for them and I need to give them to a good home.

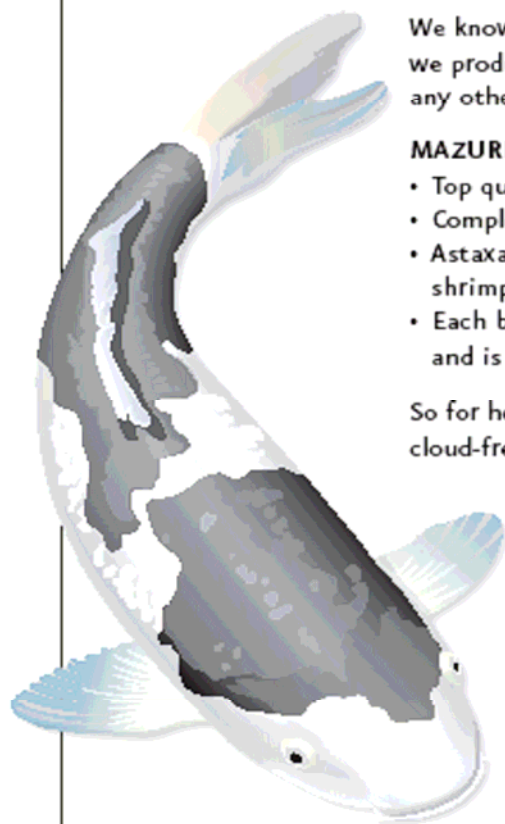
I so look forward to your response with the hope of having some direction from your club or your members. I can be reached by return e-mail at [_____](#).



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Ask Bryan

By Bryan McCleney

Question: I just bought a few Koi and was advised by the dealer to quarantine the Koi before putting them in my pond. How do I set a quarantine system that does not cost an arm and a leg?

Answer: Ideally you should have a small quarantine system going all the time. You never know when you will introduce a new Koi or need to remove one from your pond to treat. Many Koi keepers may not have the space to keep a system running. Here is what I recommend. If you do not have a soft or hard tank specifically designed for Koi try purchasing an above ground swimming pool. They come in many sizes, are easy to put up, and can be removed, and are relatively inexpensive. Robbi and I have had positive experiences in the past four years using INTEX above ground pools with a metal frame. I make a filter from 55 gal drums or trash cans. I always add an aeration system because it is very warm here in Arizona. Most on the INTEX pools I have used were able fit under a canopy for shade and that kept it cleaner, I have less algae, and the heron can't see them. Remember when starting a new system to check your water quality because your filter is not mature.

Feature Article

Neil J. Dawson

How did the dark brown carp transform into highly coloured Koi varieties?

Colour mutations in carp were first noticed in the early 1800s. These mainly involved red, white and light yellow Koi (the latter developing into the first single - coloured Kawarimono) and later the tortoiseshell - patterned Koi. These were all mutations from the black Common Carp, known as Magoi. By the middle of the 1800s, cross-breeding of red and white carp produced what could be described as the first Kohaku. Early Koi varieties such as Asagi, Higo and Bekko, were cross-bred until later the same century, fixing many of the varieties we know today. Certain varieties slowly reached high standards over several generations and in this way lineages became established.

Around the same period, in central Europe a Carp mutation arose, the Carp only having a few large glossy scales along the dorsal line - the "mirror carp", or having no scales at all - the "leather carp". These fish which became known as "doitsu" from their mid European origins, were originally bred for food. Some of these "doitsu" carp were introduced to Japan in the early 1900s, which later led to the Shusui variety (*doitsu Asagi*).





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