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Are Your Dues Up to Date?
If not, this is the last newsletter you will receive and a list of is some of what you are missing from member benefits:

- Discounted Subscription Price for KOI NATIONS magazine
- Discounted subscription Price for Koi USA magazine
- Free water quality and Koi health seminars
- 10% discount to Koi and Koi supply vendors
- Monthly meetings with educational topics and free Matzuri Koi food raffle
- 2008 Koi growing contest (courtesy of CTK Ponds and Manufacturing)
- Annual picnic
- Monthly newsletter
- Help and friendship of all of us

NEXT MEETING DATE: JANUARY 20TH

Jim & Gena & Jessica Stackhouse

Presidents Message

By Corey Garrett

I want to personally thank David Yee for all his planning and hard work that made our annual picnic a huge success with over 45 participants this year. The weather is gradually changing, and for our Koi in Arizona it becomes the optimal growing season and the perfect time of year to buy Koi. If you are looking for quality Koi or goldfish to add to your Koi family I recommend going to the Tucson show Veterans Day weekend and I also recommend you contact Brian at CTK. I know Brian is trying to put together a Koi buying trip to Japan in October 2008, so start saving in your piggy bank and give him a call to reserve your spot.

This is a reminder to reserve a few days to assist with our own Koi show in February. We need your help, and we need you to show your beautiful Koi. We want to make a great showing. Our trophies this year are sponsored by Koi Nations. Please take the time to look at one of the premier Koi magazines and support an organization that supports our club by subscribing to Koi Nations. It will be the best magazine you subscribe to, and it makes an excellent holiday gift that comes in the mail every other month for an entire year.

Congratulations to Bryan and Robbi for their Kohaku that took Young Champion at the Las Vegas Koi Show and

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2008 GREATER PHOENIX OPEN KOI AND GOLDFISH SHOW FEBRUARY 8-9-10

Volunteer---Volunteer---Volunteer to Donna, _____

Here is the list of what needs done from club members.

Karen Valenzuel is our Chairperson

1. Banquet and Awards: Derek, Robbi, Meya---Karen doing set-up
2. Going to pickup tanks-Thursday am and returning tanks on Sunday 7 pm
Corey and Rob—Dennis may help if needed
3. Registration & Manning the Booth
Friday: noon to 6pm Don (NEED ONE MORE)
Saturday: 8:30 to 5:30 Donna, John, Sue and Dennis
Sunday: 8:30 to 4:30 Jim (NEED ONE MORE)
4. Set up Thursday when tanks arrive
Corey, Dennis, Rob, Robbi and Bryan after work
5. Set up Friday 8:00 am to noon
Tom, Jim, Robbi and Bryan after work
6. Benching Friday noon to 5:00 pm
(NEED ONE MORE) Karen or Arne will help if needed
7. Benching Saturday 7 am to 10 am
Karen
8. Fish handlers during the Show Saturday 9:30 am until done (3:00pm)
Don, Tom (NEED 2 MORE)
9. Water Quality with Debbie and Dave Young
Arne
10. Tear Down Sunday 4:30 till done
Corey, Robbi, Bryan, Derek, David, Jim, Rob, Arne (NO MORE NEEDED)

If you can fill any of these openings needed for volunteers, please contact Donna Kovacich, your vskc Secretary at _____ or .
Thank you!

REGISTRATION FORMS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Use this link or print this form and mail to the address on the bottom with your check to reserve your tank or goldfish aquarium now. We will not have extras at the show. http://www.vskc.net/2008_koi_show_registration_form.htm

Name

Title

Organization

Street Address

Address (cont.)

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

FAX

E-mail

QTY	DESCRIPTION
<input type="text"/>	Koi Show Tanks.....\$ 45 each
<input type="text"/>	Goldfish Show Tanks- 10 gallon.....\$ 15 each
<input type="text"/>	Saturday Night Banquet Ticket. Before JAN 5... \$ 25
<input type="text"/>	Saturday Night Banquet Ticket Late Fee after JAN 5... \$10
<input type="text"/>	Additional Show Tank.....\$30 each
<input type="text"/>	Dues.....\$20 a year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	TOTAL SUBMITTED

Mail Your Check Made Payable to:
Valley Of The Sun Koi Club
C/O Derek Tang

Chandler, AZ 85224

Reserve your banquet ticket now, we only have 40 seats! (Use the form on page 3)

Saturday Awards Banquet

6:30 PM

Asian Seafood Buffet

Located at the show site

Join us for fun, friendship, awards, raffle and silent auction

\$25 per person before Jan. 5th

\$35 per person after January 6th

Meet the Judges: http://www.vskc.net/2007-2008_koi_qf_show_SAB.htm

FRIDAY NIGHT MEET THE JUDGES DINNER

7:00PM

Location to be determined

You pay for your own meal and drinks

YOU MUST RSVP TO BOTH EVENTS

Shiro Utsuri growing contest--\$80, **Brian of CTK, 602- 214-5153**

Koi Provided by **CTK Pond and Manufacturing**

Rules:

- Club Members-only
- \$80 fee
- May use Vendor Dollars to purchase Koi
- Koi will be on display during the 2008 Koi Show
- Koi must be shown during the 2009 Koi Show* (no entry fee)
- Contact Brian of CTK, 602- 214-5153 or Bryan McCleney 602-989-3966
- One Koi per dues current membership
- *Payable to CTK Ponds and Manufacturing
- *Separate Koi Judging
- * RSVP to Brian by the show
- Transport bags will be available at the meeting.
- **Visit our web site for more information.**



ASK BRYAN: Robbi and I receive questions all the time about where to obtain Koi or pond supplies. We refer everyone to the list of vendors who support our club. For this month I will highlight Valley of the Sun Koi Club current members who are also vendors. If I did not list you please contact me for inclusion in the February newsletter.



applications. Think outside the pond!

Arizona Specialty Coatings at 623-780-3336 or www.azpolyurea.com is owned and operated by Rob, does spray on pond liners. This can be used for new builds or repairs. This product can be used in many non-pond

CTK Quality Pond Products at 623-907-5505 or CTKqualityponds@cox.net is owned and operated by Brain, manufactures filters and pumps, builds, designs and performs pond repair. He and his father also manufacture Koi food sold at about \$3 a pound in bulk. You can customer order Koi from Japan and he can provide advise on ill Koi. 10% club member discounts! CTK will be a vendor at our 2008 show.



Pond Perfecter

623-465-4488
480-502-3770



Pond Perfecter owned and operated by Robert at www.pondperfecter.com. Builds, designs and maintains ponds. He is a distributor of Danichi Koi foods & Pond-Armor and can obtain most supplies for you. He sales unique art, giftware and plants. He can provide advise

on ill Koi. 10% club member discount!

Koi Nations at www.koinations.com is owned and published by Michael; this is the newest magazine on the hobby of Koi. Club members receive a subscription discount.



Nick Vanderberg at 480-837-7910 does Koi water colors. He will be a vendor at our 2008 show bringing both water colors and flower arrangements. *Picture not available at this time.*

**For those wanting to enter Goldfish in the show,
We will allow entry up to 10 AM on Saturday. We
have a limited number of aquariums-reserve
yours today!**



Goldfish Vendors



Contact Goldfishnet

Tel: 972-530-5193 - Fax:

Eastern Nishikigoi www.enkoi.com or 714-895-7998

Other Notable Events



KOI NATIONS 1st Annual Breeders Class
March 21-23, 2008
Palace Station Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Lectures from 6 renowned Breeders from Japan
2 days, all access
Door Prizes
Easter Sunday Brunch with the Breeders

<http://www.koinations.com/vegas>



Greater Nevada Aquatic Ecology
& Koi Health Academy
Location: University of Nevada, Reno
College of Agriculture
Date: February 23rd – 24th, 2008
Reno, Nevada
775-355-1551
775-745-6571 (cell)
www.railcitygarden.net
pawl@railcitygarden.net

December Meeting Minutes

Valley of the Sun Koi Club Minutes

December 16, 2007

The meeting was held at Frank and Ursula Valdez' home. Thank you for a lovely Christmas Party.

The meeting was called to order for a few quick minutes by our President Corey Garrett. We wanted a short meeting because this was suppose to be a party.

Derek Tang, Treasurer, discussed his November/December 2007 Treasurer's Report.

We discussed the two Koi Magazines. AKCA supports USA Koi Magazine with 50% of our membership. They need to raise the price of the magazine but will wait until January 08.

We had a big discussion on the amount of money we have in our bank account. Donna Kovacich brought up the idea of paying for the volunteers banquet tickets. She also asks about getting T-shirts or Polo Shirts. David Yee was very adamant about not spending the money. He brought up spending it on Koi research; educational programs and he had many more ideas. There was a discussion from other members and Corey asked we all think about it and we would vote next meeting in January 2008.

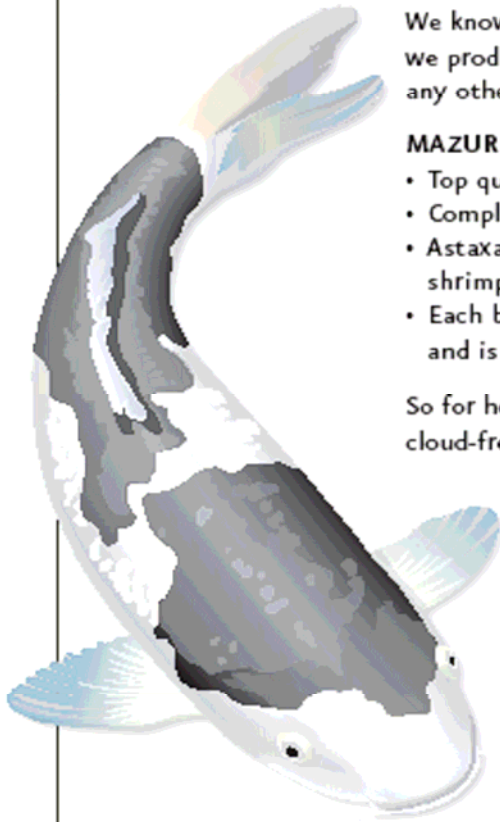
We closed the meeting and continued our Christmas Party.

Submitted by: Donna Kovacich, Secretary

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Map For January 20TH Meeting

Jim & Gena & Jessica Stackhouse

Glendale, AZ



1:30 Pond Showing

2:00 Meeting



Valley Of The Sun Koi Club
2427 S. Gaucho Drive
Mesa, AZ 85202

To:

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING;
WE NEED TO DISCUSS THE SHOW, SO
PLEASE ATTEND!**