

VALLEY OF THE SUN



KOI CLUB



NEWSLETTER

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Meeting Notice: May 17th
Michael and Meya Cox's House

President's Message By Bryan McCleney

What a fantastic turnout for our show this year! It was good to see all the club members bringing their beautiful koi this year. I remember seeing many of the koi in the show when they were small tosai. Over the past few years I have been able to watch them grow year by year and I can truly say we really have some club members who can grow their koi. It takes many club members to put on a great show and your efforts are appreciated. We are heading into summer months when we all retreat back into the air conditioning of our homes. Take special care of your koi, remember they may need more oxygen in the water due to the heat, plants, and or bigger/more koi. Although we will not be meeting during the summer, club members have not disappeared and are only an email or phone call away. A great resource for you to tap into is the Koi Nations website at www.KoiNations.com. You can register and meet people with a passion for koi from all over the world. See pictures of koi, review videos, and participate in great conversations surrounding our wet pets. A great summer mini vacation is visiting koi shows in other states. I know a great place to go in August, the Rocky Mountain Koi Club's annual show in Denver. The weather is cooler, the people are great. I know I plan on going. See Future Events below for details.

Support for the Website:

Looking for something to do while beating the summer heat? Try creating some koi questions and answers for an online game posted on the VSKC.net site to test people's knowledge of koi terms. There are some already posted but we can use some more. Send them to the webmaster.

Business Note:

If you want an item placed on the meeting or board agenda please contact Bryan McCleney at president@vskc.net a week prior to the meeting.

Directions to Michael and Meya Cox's House

Instructions for those without World Wide Web access.

Sick Fish or Ill Pond?

Contact our VSKC Koi Health advisors:

Megan Yee: kha1@vskc.net or Nikki Pritchard: kha2@vskc.net

[WWW.VSKC.NET](http://www.vskc.net) 101

"Test your knowledge of Koi terms" – Link is on the left side of the Koi page!



There are twenty questions so far.

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Future Events!

The May meeting will be followed with an Educational Session. It was last identified to be the "Sex Determination Procedures for Koi." The meeting will also determine a schedule of additional monthly educational events during the summer when we do not have scheduled meetings.

Rocky Mountain Koi Club – Koi Show, August 15-16, Tagawa Garden Center, 7711 S. Parker Road, Aurora, CO. <http://www.rmkc.net/show.html>

The September meeting is going to be up North. Take a trip up to Sedona and see the great mountain views. We will be meeting at Don Troutman's home and place of business. If you recall the seminar, expect to see plants and water features. Look forward to a MapQuest link in August to help you find his place. The map will be from I-17 & Loop 101.

SAKA's 30th Annual Koi Show is in November 2009! Watch for details.

ASK BRYAN

Questions: Sandan Kohaku has three steps, of course. But what I do not know are the steps counted head to tail regardless of the dorsal fin only? Or, if there is hi on either side of the dorsal fin, but there is shiro in between, are those one step or are they separately counted? Does Inazuma have to go all the way to the tail? If so what about the need for the shiro at the odome - tail stop?

Answers: I think in terms of purchasing koi, you should be looking for a Kohaku with a strong balance of pattern and color. A patch of color (red) is a step would need white all the way around the whole patch to be considered a step. If the dorsal fin is in the middle of a patch or part of a patch, it is still one patch/step. If there are two distinct patches it would be two steps. Inazuma is a back and forth lightning bolt pattern, usually one or two big steps. The odome (tail stop) of shiro is important in almost all Kohaku unless the pattern becomes balanced when it does not stop. In koi terms ohmoyo is a single-step koi, nidan 2-step, sandan 3-step and yondan is a 4-step koi. The more a koi is balanced and has a complex pattern (example: 2 steps vs 4 steps) the greater the potential for show. There are of course exceptions such as an ohmoyo Kohaku with an awesome inzauma pattern!

Pictures!



Tanks A Lot!



Grand Champion: Showa, Size 6
Robbi and Bryan McCleney

www.vskc.net has more pictures at:
http://www.vskc.net/2009_koi_show_SOA_results.htm

Koi Rescue is suspended, as the rescue tanks are full. Hope to return to service later in the year. Web page on koi rescue has been edited.

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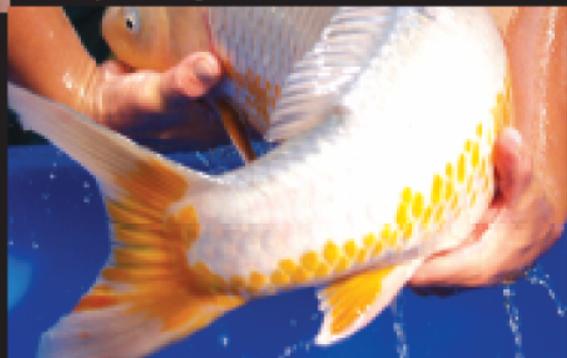
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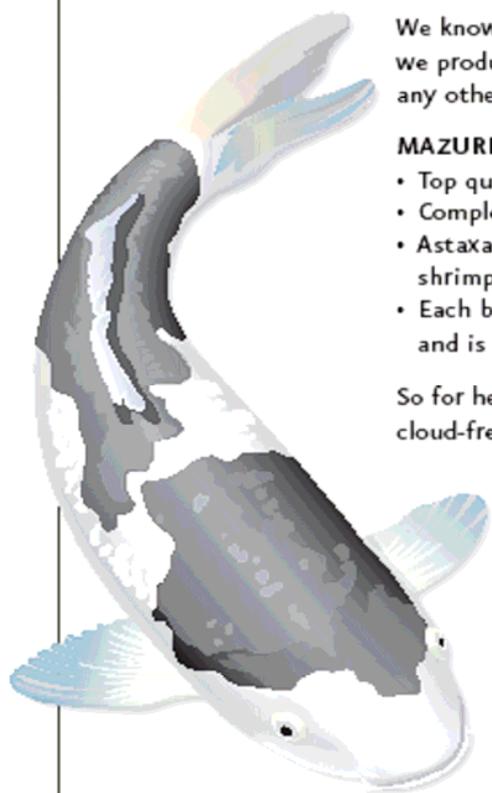
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