

# Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc.

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**April 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm meeting**

**Arne and Elizabeth (Liz) Grant's Home**

## President's Message By Bryan McCleney

I hope everyone is recuperating from the show and has enough energy for a few more meetings before the summer break. It takes many hours of labor before, during, and after the show. Our show is one of our biggest community events. Now I'm sure I am going to forget somebody here, so I'll just apologize up front. I want to thank Arne and Ed for working many months with dealers, vendors, the Japanese Friendship Garden and the City prior and during our show. I also know that Karen worked closely with Ed on getting donations and did a super job. Dennis and Sue Beard for all the communication and running the kids zone. Running the kids zone is not an easy task. They also helped set up and tear down the show even though it was their anniversary. We could not have a show if Gene did not drive all the way down to Tucson to pick up and then drop off and collect the tanks and Tom for returning the second trailer each year as well. Frank and Ursula who ran the club's show booth and help tear down each year. The entire Stackhouse family (Jim, Gina, and Jessica) who were so helpful from the moment we set ground to the last trailer leaving the show site on Sunday. Jim, I appreciate your spirit and effort you put in to making the show successful. I also want to thank Nikki for setting up, tearing down, working with the judges and setting up the banquet with Robbi. Walt Henry, who was recently healthy enough to return to us was a big hand in setting up and tearing down the show. Our koi's health is always a major concern of ours and it was great that Megan took care of them throughout the entire show. I was also able to get some sleep knowing Dustin was watching over our koi at night. Of course what would our show be without our famous barbeque team of David, Lucy, and Frank? I'm sure I forgot somebody, but I guess what I am saying is that it takes the entire club working together to make the show a success. Lastly I want to encourage all club members to consider attending the AKCA seminar this year in Tennessee. I look forward to seeing you all at Arne's home this month as we have the opportunity of seeing his new pond.

### **Business Note:**

If you want an item placed on the meeting or board agenda please contact Bryan McCleney at 602-989-3966 or [bmccleney@pvesd.org](mailto:bmccleney@pvesd.org) prior to the meeting on Apr 18th.

When contacting Koi USA magazine to renew your subscription or AKCA, please use the full name of the club "Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc." and not the abbreviation VSKC.

For all regardless of World Wide Web access.

<http://www.vskc.net/2007-2008%20monthly%20meetings.htm>

## **Koi Trouble? Pond Trouble? Sick Fish?**

**Contact our VSKC Koi Health advisors: They do not treat  
your fish only advise you**

**Megan Yee:** [kha1@vskc.net](mailto:kha1@vskc.net)

or

**Nikki Pritchard:** [kha2@vskc.net](mailto:kha2@vskc.net)

The meeting on Sunday, March 21st had a brief report by Arne Grant about KHV and the State of Arizona Fish and Game Department. Koi and Goldfish are both types of carp (they are cousins).

[http://www.azgfd.gov/search.shtml?cx=014592001941246591579%3Aqppmnu\\_9lho&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=Carp+die-off+at+Lake+Havasu+increases+Arizona+Fishing+#1089](http://www.azgfd.gov/search.shtml?cx=014592001941246591579%3Aqppmnu_9lho&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=Carp+die-off+at+Lake+Havasu+increases+Arizona+Fishing+#1089)

The link above cites that Koi Herpes Virus CAN infect Gold Fish as well as Koi and common carp. I wrote to Peter Ponzio who is with the **American Goldfish Association (AGA)**.

<http://www.goldfishpages.com/> is the AGA web site and under articles they address a goldfish herpes virus (GHV). There are various DVMs reporting on GHV in the articles.

**From:** Burt Ballou [burtb@socal.rr.com]

**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 1:19 AM

**To:** Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc.

**Subject:** THANK YOU

Folks, I just wanted to thank you all and the rest of your club members for allowing me the honor of judging your koi show. My wife and I had a great time and look forward to seeing you all soon, including the members we just met this weekend. You were all typically great people and friendly koi people.

Burt and Gloria

[http://www.vskc.net/2010\\_koi\\_show\\_results.htm](http://www.vskc.net/2010_koi_show_results.htm)

## ***Some New VSKC Officers-Sept.***

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### **ASK BRYAN**

<http://www.vskc.net/askbryan.htm>

**Question:** How do you select a finished koi for a show?

**Answer:** This is not as easy as one would think it is, especially for showa and sanke. A finished koi is one that confirmation, skin quality, scalation, and colorization is as close to perfection as possible. Most show champions are in the gosanke class of koi (kohaku, showa, and sanke). A kohaku is a red (hi), and a white (shiro) koi. The shiro must be really white, not light cream or lightly grayish white. The hi can be orange or red, but even (the same hue) in colorization from head to tail. As the Kohaku grows the pattern may change as the koi grows from the bottom upward therefore changing the pattern in relation to the white portion and extend deeply toward the bottom of the fish, not just the upper half. Showa and sanke have an additional color of black (sumi). The trick is to have the black, red, and white at their peak colors at the same time. Typically the red is ready before the black. In a few years the black is up and ready but the red is starting to fade. That is a very common issue in finishing koi. So on a showa or sanke typically the red is good in the front half of your koi and you are waiting for the black to come up in the front. Black has a tendency to come up first in the back half of you koi and later completes in the front half. However when the black arrives in the front the red in you koi's tail starts to fall apart and fade or get secondary red (hi) that is pinkish in color. As a young koi, the red looks great from front to the back and the black looks good from the back to the front. The goal is to have both arrive (finish) at the same time.

A promotional poster for the Southern Arizona Koi Association's 'Parade of Ponds'. The background is a photograph of a pond with several colorful koi fish swimming. A stone lantern is visible on the left side of the pond. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, a green banner contains the text 'Southern Arizona Koi Association's'. Below this, the title 'Parade of Ponds' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Underneath the title, it says 'A self-guided tour of 12 beautiful ponds around the Tucson area.' To the right, a red archway contains the dates 'MAY 1 & 2, 2010' and the time '9am-5pm each day'. A green circle contains the ticket information: 'Tickets \$5 per person child under 12 free with paid adult'. On the left, 'MORE INFO:' is followed by 'www.sakoia.org', 'tucsonpondtour@yahoo.com', and '(520) 628-0381'. At the bottom left, a red arrow points right with the text 'ON SALE APRIL 1ST'. At the bottom, a green banner lists 'TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: Magic Gardens Nursery, Mesquite Valley Growers, Harlow's, Tucson Botanical Gardens, Green Things, Pond Plants & More, Rillito Nursery, Sheldon's Nursery, Cvano Nursery, Tohono Chul Park and Mountain View Koi (in Hereford, AZ)'.

**Southern Arizona Koi Association's**

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<http://www.sakoia.org>

## Looking for a Few Great Hosts

We will need meeting hosts for this Fall's Club Schedule:

Sept 19<sup>th</sup>  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup>  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

## Communications Central

New e-mail created by Dennis Beard for communications with club members having e-mail. The new account will send pertinent information, [dbeard\\_html@hotmail.com](mailto:dbeard_html@hotmail.com)

Frank & Ursula Valdez Koi Show Pictures

[http://www.vskc.net/koi\\_club\\_pics.htm](http://www.vskc.net/koi_club_pics.htm)

# Support our Supporters!



**CTK Quality Pond Products, LLC**, at 602-214-5135 or e-mail [CTKqualityponds@cox.net](mailto:CTKqualityponds@cox.net) is owned and operated by Brian Connelly. 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 advice on ill Koi. 10% club member discounts!

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## Future Events!

May 1-2 SAKA Pond Tour, Tucson AZ – See National and Local Events on our web site for details. Note: David and Debbie Young's Pond is #6 on the 1st.

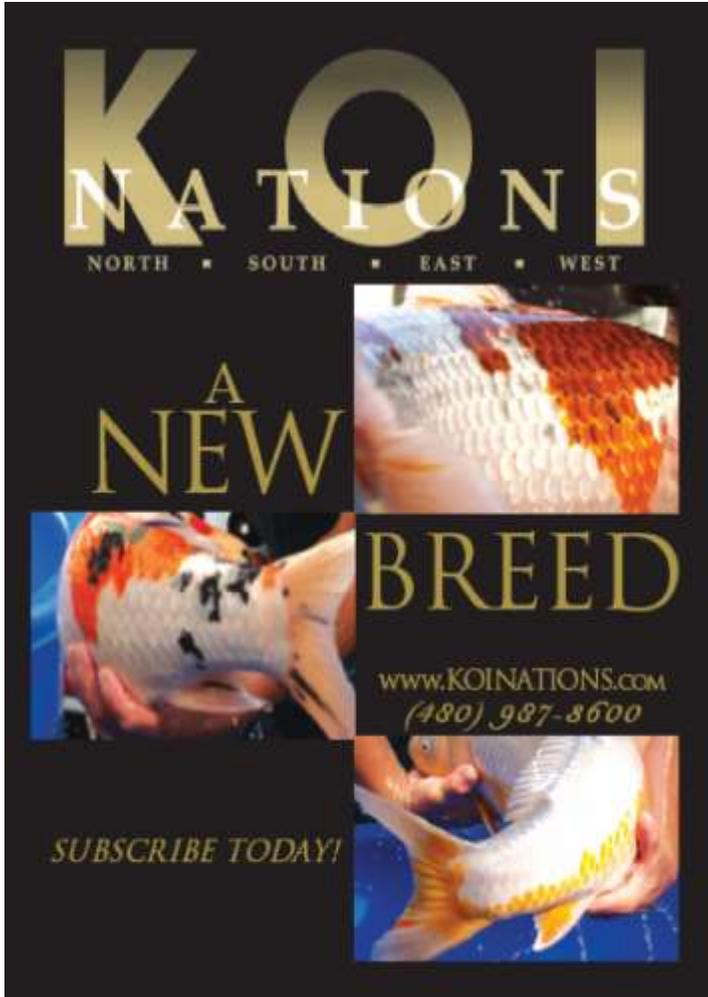
The Stackhouse's will host May 16th meeting.

2010 AKCA Seminar May 19-23, 2010 - Millenium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, TN. The room rate is \$129, if reservation is made by 4/28/10.  
800-457-4460

Call

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[WWW.KOINATIONS.COM](http://WWW.KOINATIONS.COM)



The image shows the cover of a magazine titled "KOI NATIONS". The title is in large, gold, serif capital letters. Below the title, the words "NORTH", "SOUTH", "EAST", and "WEST" are written in smaller, gold, sans-serif capital letters, separated by small gold dots. The cover features three photographs of koi fish: a close-up of a red and white koi scale in the top right, a koi being held in a person's hands in the middle left, and a koi being held in a person's hands in the bottom right. The text "A NEW BREED" is written in large, gold, serif capital letters across the middle. Below this, the website "WWW.KOINATIONS.COM" and the phone number "(480) 987-8600" are printed in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the text "SUBSCRIBE TODAY!" is written in a gold, italicized, sans-serif font.

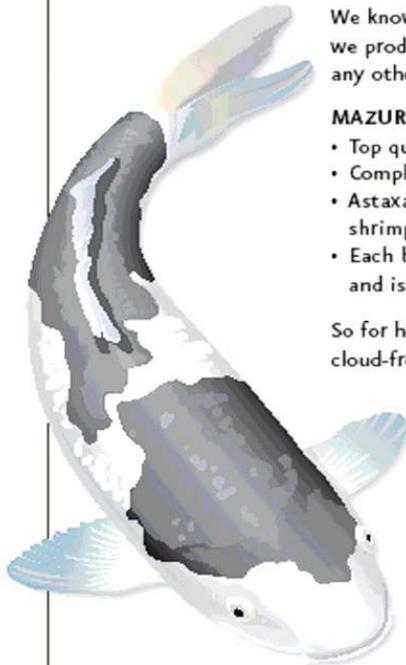
## **Koi Show Awards Banquet – Burt Ballou**

The following is from the 2010 VSKC Awards Banquet and follow up e-mail contact with Burt Ballou: "When purchasing a koi you must remember that red is strongest in front and black is strongest in back so you look for good red in back and good black in front, also if you look at the center of a red scale it should be darker and have a vertical line of deeper red , this tells you that the red is not finished and is still coming up, if the red is same color on entire scale or even lighter in the center it means the red is finished and will be going down soon." Burt Ballou granted permission to copy his e-mail.

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# 2010 Show Grand Champion!

David and Debbie Young's Shiro Utsuri



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