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- 4/12 at 2pm general mtg at Bob & Nina Garrison's 5710 N. Greenwood Ave, Clovis
- ZNA Norcal koi show in San Jose 4/12—4/13

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ZNA 40th So. Cal Koi Show Gardena—California 3/15-3/16 By: Rosimeri Tran

Seng and I ventured down south to Gardena to go spend the weekend at the 40th annual ZNA So. Cal koi show. We arrived on Saturday around noon and enjoyed gazing at the magnificent koi that was being exhibited in the show tanks; they had over 58 tanks filled with outstanding koi, all winners in my book. There were many vendors selling koi and pond products, and we ran into many of our friends such as Debye from KOI USA, Ken Liu from Barstow Koi, and Connie from Ultra Balance and even Russell Peters from PS Koi was there. This show was judged by Japanese ZNA judges along with other ZNA Candidate judges for a total of 11 Judges, the judging was a long process with all the bountiful, beautiful koi they had their hands full but got the job done in the allotted time. The show takes place at the Gardena Civic center which is in a park like environment, very comfortable setting. There was a koi auction put on by Eastern Koi on Saturday afternoon, which was a crowded area, lots of nice koi to be had. We enjoyed catching up with our SoCal friends and loved seeing all the beauties that were on display. Before heading to the hotel we chose the koi to be the recipient of the CCKS Friendship Award, which was a size 2 Gin Rin Tanchu Goshiki that was owned by Jeff Fleischer. The Grand Champion was owned by Bill Tullis from Seattle, Washington and was a size 7 Kohaku, very magnificent koi indeed. The show banquet was a full house and awards were handed out to the winners, the Judges discussed the winning koi and their reasoning on choosing that koi. There was a raffle held where everyone walked away with a prize, and we had a great time. Sunday we stopped by before heading back north to Fresno. There was a club koi raffle being held where many nice koi were auctioned off to raise money for the club. We said our goodbyes and spread the word about our upcoming September koi show and hope to see some of our friends later this month in San Jose at the ZNA Norcal koi show.



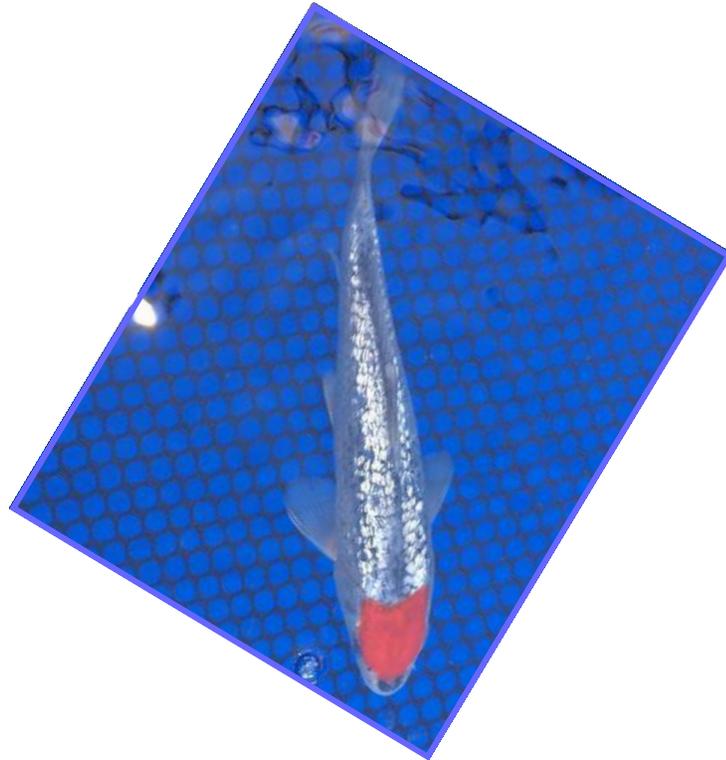
40th ZNA So Cal Koi Show



**GRAND CHAMPION WINNER:
BILL TULLIS**



**GRAND CHAMPION
KOHAKU**



CCKS FRIENDSHIP AWARD:

GIN RIN TANCHO GOSHIKI

OWNER: JEFF FLEISCHER



KOI CLASSIFICATION & JUDGING CRITERIA

By Douglas Dahl, retired AKCA Judge

Note: Opinions stated in this lecture reflect the author's experience and beliefs and are not intended to represent the position of AKCA or the AKCA Judging Committee.

INTRODUCTION: Before I start on Kohaku, I want to take a minute to discuss judging points common to all classes. Koi are judged as a whole or holistically and are not judged on a positive or negative point system. Negative points can come into play in close contests. Koi are judged against each other based on what we see today and not on how much they cost or how they may improve in the future unless it is for a *Tategoi* (potential fish) award. Koi are typically judged in teams to remove any bias or preferences from judging, however the Head Judge has final accountability for the decision. Koi breeders spend their lives making judgments on future potential of koi and on specific patterns difficult to breed into bloodlines. We are asking a lot to expect them to change to a "judge for today" style for our koi shows. Judges from Japan often will recognize an expensive koi or bloodline and it is difficult for them to select a better, less expensive koi today over an expensive koi that may not be finished yet. A Judge from Japan once answered a question on why a koi won an award replying, "Because it was the most expensive fish". This was not a good answer but often the language barrier is to blame. Koi may lose today only to come back to win tomorrow based on the competition at the next show. The reverse is also true and koi may win a major award at one show only to be left at the gate in the next show with more competition.

1. First, the koi cannot be missing anything like a fin or have any abnormalities like a pushed in mouth all of which will disqualify the koi from judging. The exception is the second set of barbels *may* be missing.
2. Second, the koi must be healthy and not show signs of disease or parasites, which could disqualify the koi from judging. An exception is made for newly split fins or bruises judged to be caused during transportation.
3. Third is the importance of body conformation. The broad, thick body shape of female koi is preferred because it presents an imposing appearance when compared to the thin trout shaped body of a male koi. Shape and size of the fins are important to be in proportion to the body. The head shape is important that it not be too small, short or too long or turn to one side. The koi when viewed from above should be symmetrical on both sides and not have one side flatter than the other. Even the way a koi swims is taken into account on conformation. Not all female koi hold their eggs well, which could affect conformation. A hump on the shoulder was appreciated more in the past than today because the transition from body to hump often creates a pinched area on each side which is considered bad conformation.
4. Fourth, in my opinion, is quality of skin and deep, vibrant colors, which makes koi "living jewels." The base body color must be clean and bright to show the pattern colors off. This also includes how well the koi is "finished"; are all of the colors up and is there a good sheen on the skin? It is conformation and quality that will catch a Judge's eye from a distance.

5. Fifth is pattern that is artistically balanced and not front, tail or side heavy. Pattern must also be proportional to the size of the koi and not have a small pattern on a huge body or a huge pattern on a small body.
6. Last is uniqueness or character (usually of the pattern on the head) that makes this koi special.



Kohaku

A. **KOHAKU:** It is said “appreciation of koi starts and ends with Kohaku”. What that means is Kohaku was the first class to be bred consistently or stabilized in about 1890. It also means that after a person has studied all of the classes of koi and has become experienced, they will come back to appreciate Kohaku for its simplicity and beauty. I will keep the amount of Japanese terminology to a minimum in this lecture. We have a snow white (*shiro*) base color with a red (*hi*) pattern. The pattern may be stepped or continuous. The white must be without blemish or yellow tint. The *hi* may be any one of the many hues from deep persimmon orange to Ferrari red but the red must be thick without any thin spots and the pattern must be the same color from head to tail. Most Judges prefer the “soft” red which is in shades from light red to dark orange over the red tending to the purple end of the color scale considered “hard” red. Kohaku must have red pattern on the head. The pattern on the body must be artistically balanced and the *kiwa* or rear edges of each spot must be sharp like cut with a razor. A new bias in Japan has started to favor bloodlines that have the *kiwa* stop at the edge of each scale forming a scalloped edge rather than a straight edge across the center of a scale. The front edge of each *hi* spot (not on the head) may have blurred red color that is called “*sashi*” or insertion. *Sashi* indicates the koi is still improving in quality and is not finished yet. It is elegant if a Kohaku has a white nose and a white area with no red pattern just in front of the tail called a “tail stop” and several other names. Some subtleties of pattern not liked are a totally red head or red down the face to the nose that are heavy in appearance. Red pattern wrapping below the lateral line suggests a future koi when the red and white are better balanced. Red spots below the lateral line are disliked. The lateral line is a raised sensory organ running the full length of a half way up the side of a koi. A red lip mark is called “*kuchibeni*” and can be cute if it balances the overall pattern. Red pattern at the base of the pectoral fin was considered unfavorable but is being accepted now if it adds to the overall balance of the pattern. Red into the tail or into the dorsal fin is still disliked. Kohaku tend to get black specks “*shimis*” in hard water with high pH.

CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

April 12 TH at 2:00 p.m.	Bob & Nina Garrison	5710 N. Greenwood Ave Clovis, CA 93619
May (date/time TBD)	Tony & Nancy Palazzo	41071 Adobe Way Madera, CA 93636
June 14 th at 10:00 a.m. Bakersfield Joint Meeting	Judy Domingo	
July (date/time TBD)	MaryHelen DelaTorre	6345 N. Marty Ave Fresno, CA 93711
August (date/time TBD)	Dale & Sandy Winn	1276 W. Alluvial Ave Fresno, CA 93711
September 9 th @ 7:00p.m.	Seng & Rosimeri Tran	5832 E. Erin Ave Fresno, CA 93727
<i>October</i>	<i>NEED HOST</i>	
<i>November</i>	<i>NEED HOST</i>	
<i>December</i>	<i>NEED HOST</i>	

We still have **OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER** available for meeting hosts, so let me know if you are available to host a meeting, we would love to get together at your home.



March Meeting Minutes—By Sandy Winn

Board meeting was held at Rosimeri and Seng Tran's home. Dale and Sandy Winn were present. Treasures report states the bank account is \$5,081.86. The Fresno home show had a lot of people at the booth, some said they would try to attend April meeting.

Norman call will be designing the koi pin this year.

Koi show flyer is up on facebook and club website.

Judges for koi show in September as of right now will be Pam Spindola and Kevin Pham of the Shinkokai Association with one more Judge of the All Japan Promotion Association, Shinkokai Association. Have requested quotes from same company as last year for the awards. have confirmed vendors for koi show. PS Koi, Sumner Ave Watergardens, KOI USA Magazine/AKCA and Ultra balance koi food, Seaside Aquatics. I am trying to find different location for Koi banquet dinner. April meeting need to vote for akca koi person of the year. confirmation of tank reservations and discuss joint meeting in June in Bakersfield.

Next general meeting will be at Bob and Nina Garrisons home. April 12, 2014. at 2:00 pm

Board meeting in april will be at Dale and Sandy Winns' home April 15, at 6:30pm

FRESNO HOME SHOW

Thanks to the following CCKS members who took time out of their busy schedule to volunteer at The Fresno Home and Garden Show at our club's booth:

Mary Helen DelaTorre and her sister Jessie

John Kendall

Joyce & Ed Kroeker

Pete & Marilyn Miller

James Knevelbaard

Seng and Christina Tran

Volunteers answered koi questions, handed out club newsletters, pamphlets and koi show flyers to perspective members and to the general public who may be interested in getting started in the koi hobby. Without their help this would not have been possible, thanks for all your hard work, the club and I, especially appreciate it.



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April 12-13, 2014

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THANKS

A thank you from
Mona Weaver



Rosimeri,
If possible, could you publish this note
in Koi newsletter.

Dear Koi Society Family,

Please accept my most sincere
Thank You for honoring Lou & our family
by the presence at his memorial (of those
who attended), the cards, letters, donations,
prayers & love.

Each one of you meant something
special to Lou & me. I have such amazing
wonderful memories of great times we spent
together. Lou fought a most courageous
fight against an evil cancer; he never once
complained rather his faith grew stronger
and he had no fear of dying. I was
truly blessed to be his wife. He looked
so forward to serving on board last year, but
was disappointed he couldn't because of his illness.
Thank God for Rosimeri & Song for picking
up his Koi - they fulfilled his dream to
share his beloved Koi.

Also, my sincere gratitude to Bob
Garrison as he rescued Lou's Koi
because the pump, etc. quit working
2 days before Lou passed. He & his son
John worked hard to get pond functional.

I look forward to seeing you at future
meetings when I can attend. My God Bless
and keep you our friends - Love, Mona Weaver

Dear Rosimeri & Song,

I apologize for taking so long to write
this note of sincere gratitude. Just yesterday,
3/8/14, was I able to read what you published
in Koi Newsletter, "Remembering Lou Weaver."
I just couldn't do it before then as my pain
is so great.

You're ^{two} one of those people
who just has that touch
Of doing nice things,
and that means so much...
So thank you for sharing
this kindness with me—and us
And making my day
as bright as can be!

Please accept my most sincere Thank You,
for the most lovely, heart felt, words
you used to speak of Lou. He admired and
loved you both very much. He really wanted to
serve on board. He was so grateful to you both
for getting his Koi & showing them at his
last show, I think he knew then there
wasn't much time left. You fulfilled his
last dream/wish to share his beloved
Koi. May God Bless you both & your family
abundantly & always - Love, Mona



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Well I hope everyone is enjoying this lovely Spring weather and that your koi are coming out of their Winter slumber with no worries. By now they should be hungry and depending on your pond temperature, you have started feeding them. Take the time to make sure there are no sores or issues with their fins, because Spring time can bring with it the parasite season. Thanks to all those CCKS members who lent a hand at our Club's information booth at the Fresno Home and Garden Show, without volunteers this would not have been possible. Many of those that I talked to, may show up at our April 12th meeting at Bob & Nina Garrison's home to join our club and help our membership grow and spread the koi knowledge to others. The September koi show plans are moving along, I have selected Judges for the show, and Norman Call has designed our show pin, which will be a new design and will be ordered and available for purchase soon. I would like to encourage many of our club members to come out and support our show and koi hobby by entering your koi into the show and also volunteering because without volunteers the show is not possible, and after 36 years we want the tradition to keep going. Seng and I visited the ZNA So Cal Show in Gardena and were amazed at how many show tanks were set up, close to 60 tanks with over 200 koi on exhibit, they have vendors lined up on both sides, and it was a very pleasant surrounding sitting on a nice grassy area with trees to provide shade. Our next show trip will be on Sunday, April 13th we will be making a day trip to San Jose to go visit the ZNA Norcal koi show. Let us know if you are interested in going, this is a great opportunity to go visit the show and talk to vendors and pick up pond/koi items that are not readily available in Fresno. Keep your eyes out for the KOI USA May/June issue, as this is the one that the 2013 koi show article that I wrote, will be published in the magazine. It's always fun to see our club in the KOI USA magazine, it is a great way for others to learn about what our club has been up to and to draw more attention and members too. Our joint meeting this year with our sister club, The Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden Society will be on Saturday, June 14th at 10am, we would like to get as many members as possible to go attend this annual event, which includes a great raffle and generally they have a speaker too. I will have a sign up sheet and maybe we can either rent a van if we get 15 or more interested or we can caravan together. So I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 12th at 2pm at Bob and Nina Garrison's, always a fun time at the Garrison Koi farm, lots to see there.

April meeting on Saturday, April 12th at 2pm at Bob and Nina Garrison's, 5710 N. Greenwood Ave, Clovis, CA 93619 call Nina to confirm you will be attending at 559-299-8136 or 559-960-8573.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOI for Sale:

We are thinning out our pond and have various koi for sale some show quality, please contact Seng at 559-999-1706 for pricing and if interested in viewing. We also have some nice baby koi, different color, For Sale, baby koi prices are \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, and \$30.00 each.



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