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### Annual Joint Meeting with Bakersfield Koi & Watergarden Society

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- July 8th @7:00 p.m. at MaryHelen De la Torre home at 6345 N. Marty Ave, Fresno 93711
- August 9th @2:00 p.m. Dale & Sandy Winn guest speaker Dr. Jessie Sanders, VMD
- September 9th @7:00 p.m., Seng & Rosimeri Tran, 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, 93727

On Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> several of our club members journeyed to Bakersfield to meet with our sister club, the Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden Society for our annual joint meeting. The drive was pleasant as well as the weather, we arrived and were greeted by the club secretary, Ron Unruh outside and welcomed us to the Judy Domingo's enchanted backyard. Judy's home is built on a nature preserve, built on a hill you can walk around the back perimeter and have a great view of her backyard and massive pond. Her pond is 15,000 gallon system with 2 pumps, there is a bigger pump at the top of the hill that pumps the water down to the pond, which includes 3 bottom drains and an air pump blows in oxygen for the koi. The shallow depth of the pond ranges from 12"-18" and the deep end is 5' deep, it is made of rebar, gunite and plaster. Her pond contains water lilies which help shade the koi from the hot sun. Her koi are all large and beautiful and she says the secret to growing healthy fish is changing the water, so every week she changes out 10% every week, and she feeds twice a day using Tomigai koi food, as she found this found made a big difference in her koi's growth. Malise took care of some club business and also announced that their September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Barstow Koi to let us know in case our club members would be interested in attending.

After all business was handled she introduced the speaker, Randy McDonald of McDonald Aquatics, who is a wholesaler of water plants. Randy talked about "*aquaponics*", which is the science of incorporating water plants in a pond environment containing fish/snails/frogs to better filter and remove the toxins in the water. Randy covered several different areas such as how plants cannot tell the difference between sodium and potassium permanganate, he discussed the nitrification cycle along with fertilizing water plants with koi in pond. There were many questions asked and Randy had all the answers. Afterwards was the club raffle and I believe everyone left with at least one item and I believe all our members left with a few good items. Members enjoyed a wonderful lunch of tri-tip with quite a spread, the dessert table was well visited and enjoyed by all, afterwards members visited and socialized before heading back to Fresno. It is always a pleasure getting together with Bakersfield members this is a yearly event with Bakersfield hosting on even years and Fresno hosting on odd years, so it will be our turn next year, so hopefully you will make an effort to join in on the fun.

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Bakersfield Koi & Watergarden Society joint meeting with CCKS members—June 14, 2014



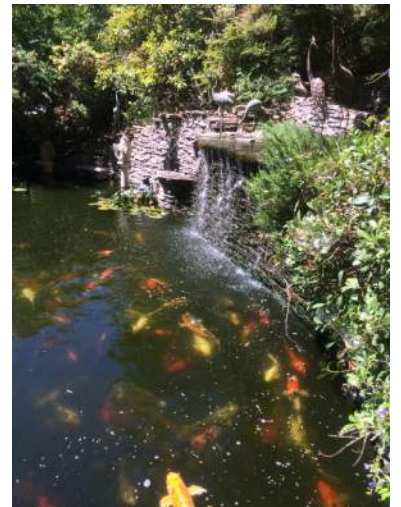
Malise, BKWG President, speaking at the joint meeting while Bakersfield and Fresno club members listen in.



Judy Domingo talking about her koi



Bakersfield members viewing Judy's pond



Judy's 15,000 gallon pond filled with koi beauties



Seng and William enjoying the koi at Judy's pond and talking koi.



Nina & Bob taking in the surroundings

# SHUSUI

Shusui are the scaleless (doitsu) version of the Asagi. The blue net pattern is replaced by a single row of scales along the dorsal line at the top of the back. Like the Asagi, the belly, gill plates, sides and fins of the Shusui display in orange or red (hi) pattern.

*I found this article below very informative and it will explain the Shusui koi in more detail:*

*Reference: Tategoi - The Series    Article Index    Unique Koi & More    Koi Encyclopedia*

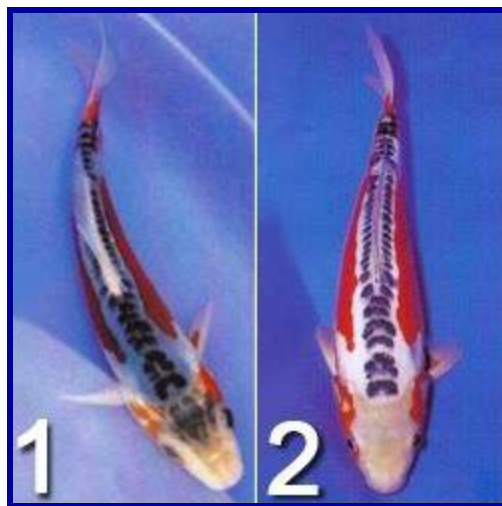
*Autumn Water*

*By Joel Burkard/Pan Intercorp*

Confirming the origins of Nishikigoi can often be a frustrating task, confused by both myth and conflicting information. Recorded history, however, credits Mr. Kichigoro Akiyama with being the first koi breeder to cross the German scaleless food carp with the Japanese Asagi, creating the first “Doitsugoi”, or scaleless Nishikigoi.

Mr. Akiyama’s first attempt in 1911 produced a smooth skinned koi that had orange-red markings below the lateral line, and a blue colored back that was accented by a bold line of over-sized dark scales, starting behind the head and running the length of the backbone. The overall effect was quite striking, reminding it’s creator of the reflection of the autumn colors of the Japanese maple leaves on the water, thus inspiring the name Shusui, which means “Autumn Water”.

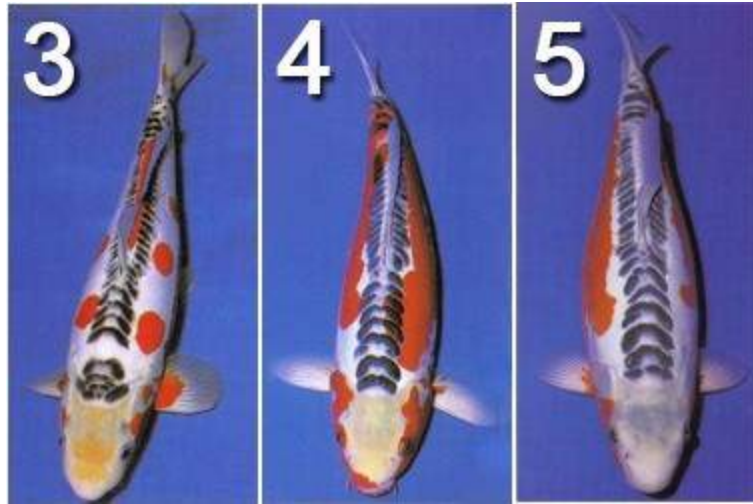
The brilliant blue color that appears on the back is a characteristic that attract many a koi lover to young koi of this variety. Unfortunately this color seldom lasts beyond the second year for as the Shusui matures, the brilliant blue of the juvenile changes to a pale, almost light-gray/blue as is evidenced in the pictorial documentation of the yearling to 3 year old (#1 to #2).



The markings on this particular specimen are regarded as a classic example of Shusui, with red on both sides and at the base of the pectoral fins (moto aka), a bold, well aligned row of large scales (oni goke) on the back, and an unblemished white head.

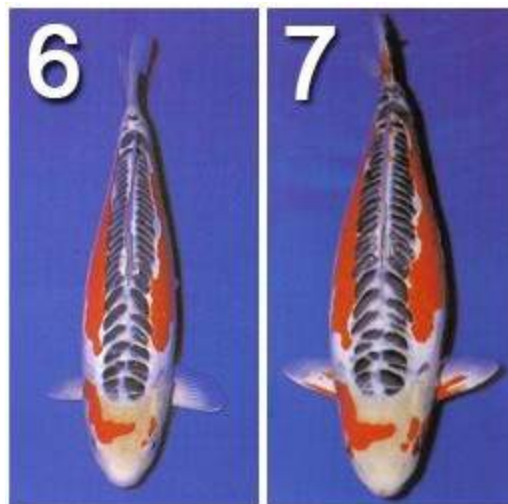
# SHUSUI

Other recognized pattern variations are Hana Shusui (#3) and Hi Shusui (#4). Hana Shusui, which translates as “Flower” Shusui, have a flowery red pattern on their back, whereas Hi Shusui (which translates as “Fire” Shusui ) have red that dominates the body.



On the other hand, a major problem with Shusui, as with Asagi and Goshiki, is that depending on their blood-lines and the environment in which they are kept, they can have a tendency to become extremely dark in the area of the head and back. It has been my experience that Shusui with a grayish undertone in the head like photo #5, are more likely to darken with age, while those with a more flesh-toned head like numbers 2,3 and 4 are less likely to change.

Another change that commonly occurs with Shusui is the increase in the amount of red as the koi matures. Referring to photos 6 and 7: Two years after it took the “Best in Variety” award in the All Japan Show, new red markings appeared and the pectoral fins, head, nose, dorsal line and tail of this particular example. Note also the slight darkening in the area of the shoulders.



Like all other koi, Shusui will respond to an excellent environment and good nutrition by improving in vivacity and brilliance, ever reminding koi keepers to continue in their pursuit of the perfect pond.

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Special thanks to S. Baba of Gekkan Nishikigoi magazine whose photos made this article possible.

## CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

July 8th at 7:00 p.m.	MaryHelen DelaTorre	6345 N. Marty Ave Fresno, CA 93711
August 9th at 2:00 p.m.	Dale & Sandy Winn	1276 W. Alluvial Ave Fresno, CA 93711
<b>(August guest speaker Dr. Jessie Sanders Aquatic Veterinary Services)</b>		
September 9 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.	Seng & Rosimeri Tran	5832 E. Erin Ave Fresno, CA 93727
<b><i>October</i></b>	<b><i>NEED HOST</i></b>	
November 1st at 2:00 p.m.	John & Sue Kendall	
December	Dale & Sandy Winn	1276 W. Alluvial Ave Fresno, CA 93711

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June found us traveling south to the Joint meeting with our Bakersfield friends where we enjoyed listening to the host Judy Domingo discuss her pond and her koi. There was a guest speaker there who discussed the benefits of incorporating water plants into the pond environment. A raffle was held where everyone walked away with something. Now we are only a few months away from our September 27<sup>th</sup> koi show so time to focus on the many things that we need to get done before that day. This show is always a success due to the help of the many volunteers that help put on a great show, I am hoping that you will come out and support your fellow club members in this great show by helping in either set-up, tear down, information booth or just talking to the public as they walk thru our show. Our July meeting is around the corner and I highly encourage you to come out and socialize with your fellow koi club members, and at the August club meeting we will have a fish veterinarian come and speak to our club, she is traveling all the way from Santa Cruz to discuss koi health so you won't want to miss this opportunity to hear her speak and ask her some questions regarding the care of your koi. The koi show raffle tickets should be ready by then and I will have volunteer signup sheets and koi show tank signup sheets there as well, but if you are interested in showing koi please let me know soon so that I can put your name down on the exhibitor show tank list. Our club is still in need of an October host so please let me know if you are interested in hosting it. I hope you enjoy the newsletter as I am searching for some new articles to educate you on koi husbandry if there is a particular issue you want me to write about please let me know and I will do the research and publish it. So try and stay cool and enjoy the koi and the water gardens and I hope to see everyone soon.



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