



# Central California Koi Society

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- June joint meeting with Bakersfield Koi & Watergarden Society, June 6th at 11 a.m. at J.R. & Melissa Romagnoli's, 2665 N. Brawley Ave, Fresno 93722.
- June 20-21st AKCA Wet Lab/Business Meeting, 2540 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento, CA 95833, hosted by the Camelia Koi Club
- July 14th club meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Tom & Elaine Callahan home at 5966 E. Butler Ave, Fresno, CA 93727

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Our joint Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at 11:00 a.m., you won't want to miss our social gathering with our sister club, The Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden Society, this is an annual event where each year Fresno hosts on odd years and Bakersfield hosts on even years. Our club will be providing tri-tip, beverages and ask each club member family to bring a pot luck side dish, please call Rosimeri at 559-970-8508 with that item and head count. I will also be calling this coming week to confirm with you. Also if you are interested in volunteering a raffle item to our raffle table the club would greatly appreciate it. We will have a raffle table and also a koi raffle, so you could walk away with a nice looking to sai (young koi). The meeting is being held at the home of J.R. Romagnoli (our current V.P.) he has a great koi business set up and I am very anxious to check his koi tank set up. So I hope to see everyone there, the meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. and we will have our guest speaker, Dr. Jesse Sanders of Aquatic Veterinary Services of Northern California speaking on how to identify disease in koi especially ID of spots on koi. She will be available on June 6th and 7th for any appointments for checking/treating sick koi, so if you are having any issues, please give her a call at 831-278-1081.

*Dr. Sanders received her B.S. in Marine Biology from the University of Rhode Island and DVM from Tufts University. With over 4 years of experience working in public aquaria, Dr. Sanders brings her knowledge of aquatic animal medicine to your aquatic pets at home! Dr. Sanders is a member of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association, the American Association of Fish Veterinarians and the American Veterinary Medical Association.*

Her website is [avsnc.com](http://avsnc.com) and she has a monthly newsletter that you can sign up for.



I am sharing this article that was in the May Inland Koi Newsletter and is written by *Larry Leverett*. It contains great information on how to build a QT tank and the “Do’s and Don’ts” is really helpful.

## SETTING UP TO QUARANTINE

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### Basics for a Quarantine Tank

Larry Leverett outlined the five components pieces of an effective Quarantine tank you can build yourself: a **TANK** and a **COVER**, a **HEATER**, and a **FILTER**, and a **PUMP**.

Plan ahead! Choose a site before you need to quarantine. Put it near a water and power source, but not in direct sunlight. Level the ground and get building!

- #1** The **TANK** should be as large as possible to hold several koi, allowing 10 gallons water to 2 inches of fish. A simple Rubbermaid stock tank with a bottom drain is fine; it doesn't need to be expensive.
- #2** A **TANK COVER** keeps the fish from jumping out and predators from getting in. Tree netting, draped over and weighed down will work, as will a window screen. Float a piece of Styrofoam on the water surface to provide shade and a hiding place.
- #3** A **HEATER** is optional and expensive—\$800-1000, plus fuel—but is important if you need to raise the water temp to check for KHV. Alternatives include keeping fish in QT until the water naturally heats up to 78°F (which may be two months or longer depending on the season), or use using an insulated tank outside-wrapped with foam.
- #4** A **FILTER** is as important in quarantine as in your pond. You may buy or build, but remember that it takes time for a filter to mature. If you can, take a piece of filter media from your pond system and quick-start the QT system with it. But don't put that media back into your pond system without sterilizing it first: you will be adding any foreign bacteria and viruses into your otherwise 'safe' system.
- #5** The **PUMP** is obvious to run the filter, circulate the water, and add aeration. You can find a reasonable model online for about \$25; there's even a \$10 aquarium pump available at Walmart.

### The Do's and Don'ts

**DO** control water quality; it's the #1 problem maker and problem solver. If you can't take care of the water, don't bother with the QT.

**DON'T** quarantine a single fish. Koi are social creatures that thrive in a community. Risk losing one of your lesser koi by pairing it with the fish in isolation. You are introducing both to new pathogens: what the new is bringing in and what's already in your pond. Consider always keeping two fish in QT; Orville has a 25-gallon tank with fish that are still 6" after 7-9 years!

**DON'T** use clear plastic or glass over the QT tank they will over-heat the water. [Although that may be the desperate way to raise the water temp, you will need to keep a watchful eye on a thermometer in the tank.

**DO** take bio-security measures to prevent cross-contamination. Wash everything, especially our hands after contact with QT.

**DON'T** use nets, bowls or other tools/equipment on both the QT and pond; keep separate equipment for each.

**DO** supervise kids' and animals' access to both systems.

**DON'T** feel fish in QT the first few days; they need time to relax after the stress of being moved about.

**DO** treat the QT water. You can salt it at 0.3%, or use necessary chemicals; feed with medicated food to prevent macroscopic crustacean parasites like anchor worm or fish lice.

**DO** quarantine fish purchased at Auction. Stress from the event often brings on spawning, a mess you don't need in the pond.

**DO** sacrifice all QT fish if one dies in QT. Then, thoroughly clean the QT tank and filter with bleach and dump the water—but NOT back into the pond! Unlike *Parvo* virus in dogs, which can survive up to a year without a host, KHV without a host will die in a matter of hours. BUT, in koi in 60°F water, it can live forever!

**DON'T** ignore and repeat others' mistakes; learn from them!

**☑** Between 74°F and 78°F, KHV start spreading rapidly and kills within 2 to 3 days. Raising water temps to 85°F kicks the immune system into high gear, creating a fever, and the KHV virus slows down: the virus can't replicate itself at high temps.

## Do you really know what's in that tap water? By: Rosimeri Tran – KHA

We are all being diligent in doing our water change outs, but did you know that the very water you are adding to your pond may contain chlorine or chloramines, which can be toxic to your koi. It is imperative to keep our pond water clear of toxins, such as ammonia, nitrite and nitrate, but when we are adding tap water to our pond after doing a water change, it is very important that you use some type of de-chlorinator such as Amquel Plus, Sodium Thiosulfate, and ClorAm-X. There are other ways of letting the chlorine out from the water such as adding it with a vigorous spray or a high force, or you could fill 12 five gallon buckets and let them sit for 12 hours, to release the chlorine, but my recommendation to err on the safe side, add some de-chlorinator, the price you pay for it will surely outweigh the loss of your koi. Sodium Thiosulfate is the most economical you simply mix 4 ounces of sodium thiosulfate crystals to 1 gallon of tap water, and then 1 ounce of this mixture of sodium thiosulfate will de-chlorinate 60 gallons of tap water.

Here is an excerpt from Dr. Erik Johnson's book, *"Koi Health & Disease"*:

### CHLORINE TOXICITY:

*"Chlorine is a toxic compound added to our drinking water that kills fish and bacteria. Obviously, its purpose is our protection, but as a hobbyist, you need to know the following about it: Even at LOW levels, (10% of the total volume during a water change) a dechlorinator must be used. The reason is that chronic exposure to Chlorine can cause irreversible gill hyperplasia, and leave you with a chronically gasping fish. Filter bacteria can be hurt by Chlorine if you clean sponges and other media with tap water. That is why it is prudent to wring out your media (sponges) in pond or aquarium water. ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS, have dechlor on hand. Sometimes you have an emergency that merits evacuation of the fish in a system, and without dechlor, you haven't a hope of saving even one."*

For those of you using tap (city water) to fill your ponds, you should own a chlorine test kit, you can purchase at a pool supply store or Home Depot also has them. Test your tap water with the kit, you will be surprised to see the chlorine level the City of Fresno contains. This is what is going into your pond, shocking if you are not using a dechlorinator when doing your water change outs, this is very important as this chlorine level will damage the gills of the koi and may even kill them. So use caution when filling your pond and always use a dechlorinator for the benefit of your koi.



*Chlorine test kit, with yellow indication of level of chlorine*



*There are different types of dechlorinator on the market, these are just two that can be found in pond supply stores and online, and some pet stores.*



# Upcoming koi shows/Events

**AKCA Business Meeting, Wet Lab & Banquet**  
hosted by the Camellia Koi Club

**JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>-21<sup>ST</sup>**

**KHA Wet Lab Instructors**  
Nick Saint-Erme, DVM  
Julie Miller, KHA Director

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**REGISTER TODAY!**

The AKCA will hold it's annual Wet Lab and AKCA Banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sacramento. Go to the AKCA website: [akca.org](http://akca.org) for the registration form and information. I plan to be there in attendance as a KHA, so hoping some of you may join me there.

**AKCA BUSINESS MEETING, WET LAB & BANQUET**  
**Registration form** please print legibly

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**Schedule**

**SATURDAY JUNE 20**  
KHA Wet Lab \_\_\_\_\_ 8am - 4pm  
No Host Bar/Reception \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30pm  
AKCA Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00pm

**SUNDAY JUNE 21**  
KHA Wet Lab \_\_\_\_\_ 8am - 1pm  
Camellia Koi Club members \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 per person  
All other AKCA members \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 per person  
General public \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 per person  
Free guest parking \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS (served in the Pine Room)**  
Saturday Lunch - \$20 each  
includes beverage and is provided by Della  
Saturday Banquet - \$50 each  
Plated Dinner Entrees  
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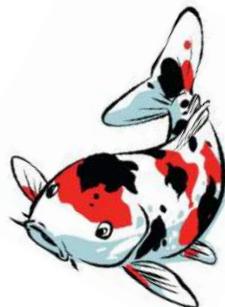
Hello everyone,

I hope everyone will be able to join us at the June 6<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with our sister club, The Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden Society which starts at 11:00 a.m. at J.R.'s house. The club is providing tri-tip and beverages and as always we ask members to bring a potluck side dish, which if you could give me a call and give me a head count and what you will bring that would be great. There will also be a raffle table which the club is purchasing items for, and if you would like to contribute to also, please feel free to bring a raffle item, the club and myself would be greatly appreciated. Our speaker will be Dr. Jesse Sanders from Aquatic Vet of Northern California; Dr. Sanders will do a presentation on identifying koi disease.

Our 2015 koi show is only 4 months away and will be here soon so the board is busy planning out all the details, our honorable judges will be Head Judge, Larry Gill from the ZNA Norcal club and Dr. Alan Stein of the ZNA So Cal in Los Angeles area. Vendor packets have gone out and so far Sumner Avenue Watergardens and Star Milling – Ultra Balance has confirmed attendance. The show information is up on our website at [cencalkoi.com](http://cencalkoi.com) and show packets will be mailed soon.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> I will be traveling to Sacramento to attend the AKCA banquet and KHA wet lab, there is still time to sign up to go if you are interested. The wet lab runs from Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4pm and ends on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am – 1pm. You do not need be a KHA to attend; the cost for attendance is \$35.00 for AKCA club members. It is a great way to learn about koi health and ways to prepare you for any problems that may arise. Being that I am a Certified KHA I will be attendance assisting the KHA Director, Julie Miller with the new KHA students.

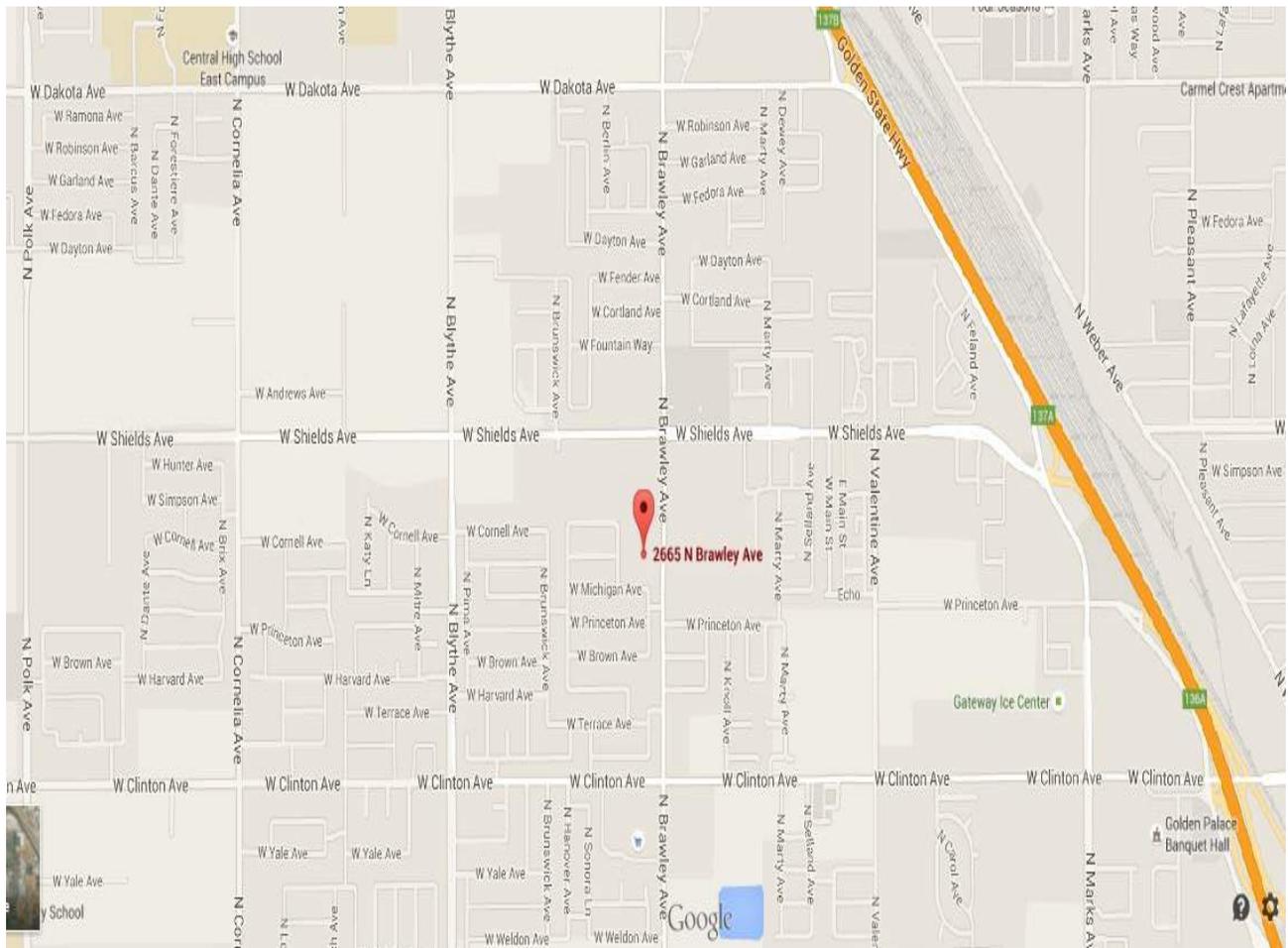
As always I appreciate the help of the board with their ideas and support, and encourage all members to try to attend our meetings, you never know what you might learn, and it is fun chit chatting about koi and our ponds. If you think of any ideas that can make our meetings better, or any topic you would like covered in our monthly newsletter, please feel free to call me at 559-970-8508 or email me at [cencalkoi@gmail.com](mailto:cencalkoi@gmail.com). Have a great June, and see you soon.



## CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

June 6th at 11:00 a.m. (joint meeting with BKWG)	J.R. & Melissa Romagnoli	2665 N. Brawley Fresno, CA 93722
July 14th at 7:00 p.m.	Tom & Elaine Callahan	5966 E. Butler Ave Fresno, CA 93722
August TBD		
September TBD	Robert & Fam Rangel	2949 N. McKelvey Ave, Fresno, CA 93727
October TBD		
November TBD		

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## May General Meeting Minutes—By Rosimeri Tran

### General Meeting Minutes of Central California Koi Society

The May general meeting was held at the home of Ryan and Richele Kleiser out in the country, very beautiful and nice to get away from the city. Members enjoyed viewing their pond and koi, Ryan built and designed the pond himself, they recently added some new small koi from a trip they took to the Bay area in May. They have a very nice koi collection and I am sure they will add more as time progresses. We had a smaller turnout so we had a comfortable “koi-talk” I discussed Carp Pox and members chimed in on their experience with this. I presented Bob Garrison with the AKCA Koi of the Year award, we are thankful to Bob, he is always helping the club he always runs out whenever a member calls who is in trouble, not to mention at the koi show site he is a hard worker and well deserved, so thank you Bob! There was discussion on koi feed on what/where everyone is getting it. As you know the Hay Company raised their prices on the Ultra Balance, but Tractor Supply does sell Mazuri koi food, but they do not stock many bags at a time. Marilyn talked about Webbs Watergardens, they are an online store and you can order koi food directly thru them and they ship FedEx Ground when I checked 25lbs or more is FREE. They have different varieties so if you are interested check them out on the web at [webbsonline.com](http://webbsonline.com) you can also call them at 1-866-819-7663. Afterwards we had our monthly raffle and enjoyed refreshments Richele provided, it was a great meeting.

Club members enjoying Ryan’s pond build, that he did by himself, very well designed especially the bridge provides shade for the koi and we can view the koi too. It blends in well with the environment. The koi look happy too. Good



J.R. and Seng seeking out Ryan’s future Grand Champion.

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**2015 CCKS Koi  
show pin**

**\$6.00 EACH**



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