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What are you feeding your koi? By Rosimeri Tran

Its spring time now and I am sure many of us have begun to feed our hungry koi, but what are you feeding them? Is it nutritious, have you checked the expiration date on that koi food? What about the amount to feed and when to feed? These are all the questions I will tackle in this article, because we all want what is best for koi, and koi need nutrition and proper feed amounts so they can grow, especially for those of us interested in showing our koi. So first things first is checking your water temperature in your pond, koi should begin to get fed when the water temperature begins to be consistent at 50°F plus as long as it maintains that temperature the koi will be okay to start feeding. Now in early spring, don't overdue it as they will probably not eat all the koi food, so start off slow with a small handful and watch them to see if they consume it all, if so try another handful. As the weather warms up, so will their appetite, it is important to remember not to over feed them, as any koi food not consumed will foul up the water and create problems. Spring time is known for koi pond problems as koi keepers must remember to have a good filtration system in place, so that the water quality will be good for the koi and their feedings will also be healthier. Koi's metabolism works best at temperatures above 70°F, therefore high protein diets fed at temperatures below 65°F will not be easily digested. Please follow the feeding schedule as such:

50°F – 55°F start feeding a low protein diet, high carbohydrate such as wheat germ or Cheerios cereal.

55°F – 59°F low protein 25% adding some fruits and vegetables.

60°F-65°F increase protein to 35% and quantity of pellets, still incorporating some fruits/vegetables in their diet.

65°F-72°F their majority of diet should be from 35% protein koi food but still feeding fruits and vegetables too.

72°F-80°F feed high protein pellets 35%-40% protein.

Very important to remember if your pond water reaches 85°F STOP FEEDING!!

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Fruits and vegetables you can feed are: orange slices (cut in half), watermelon wedges, romaine lettuce, spinach, kale, peas. Just make sure to watch out for the orange peel does not get caught in your bottom drain, it is always best to monitor the koi when feeding these fruits and vegetables.



I am not going to recommend any specific brand of koi food as this is all dependent on what the hobbyist is trying to accomplish. One thing, is to read the label, the protein source should begin with some type of fish, such as fish meal, anchovy if it the first ingredient is Corn, drop the bag and keep reading another one. Beware of color enhancers as these can mess up the color on your koi if fed at wrong time and for long periods of time, these are not recommended. The color enhancers can impact the white on koi and make the red bleed out. Growth food should be fed during the warmer weather and for 6-8 weeks only, all dependent on your pond temperatures. One way to help your koi keep growing is to purchase an automatic koi feeder which will release a designated amount of koi food at various intervals throughout the day so your koi will be fed continuously. All koi food should be kept in a container that will keep it cool and also not any sunlight in as this will destroy the koi food. Also stay away from early morning and late night feedings as this is when dissolved oxygen is at its lowest and koi need oxygen when consuming food so this could be disastrous if fed at wrong time.

Lastly don't stock up on koi food because you got a good deal, because that koi food you bought in late fall right before the water temperature dropped won't be any good in March of the following year, so plan on buying what your koi can consume, and any koi food that smells like paint thinner is toxic, toss it out and go buy a new bag. These steps will ensure your koi will get the proper nutrition and stay healthy for years to come.

KARIMONO/KARIGOI VARIETY—By Rosimeri Tran

AKA HAJIRO



(ah' ka ha jee row)

Red koi with white fins and
(Motoaka- Hi at base of pectoral fins)

HAJIRO



(ha jee' row)

Black koi with white tips to fins, bred
from Karasugoi

BENI KUMONRYU



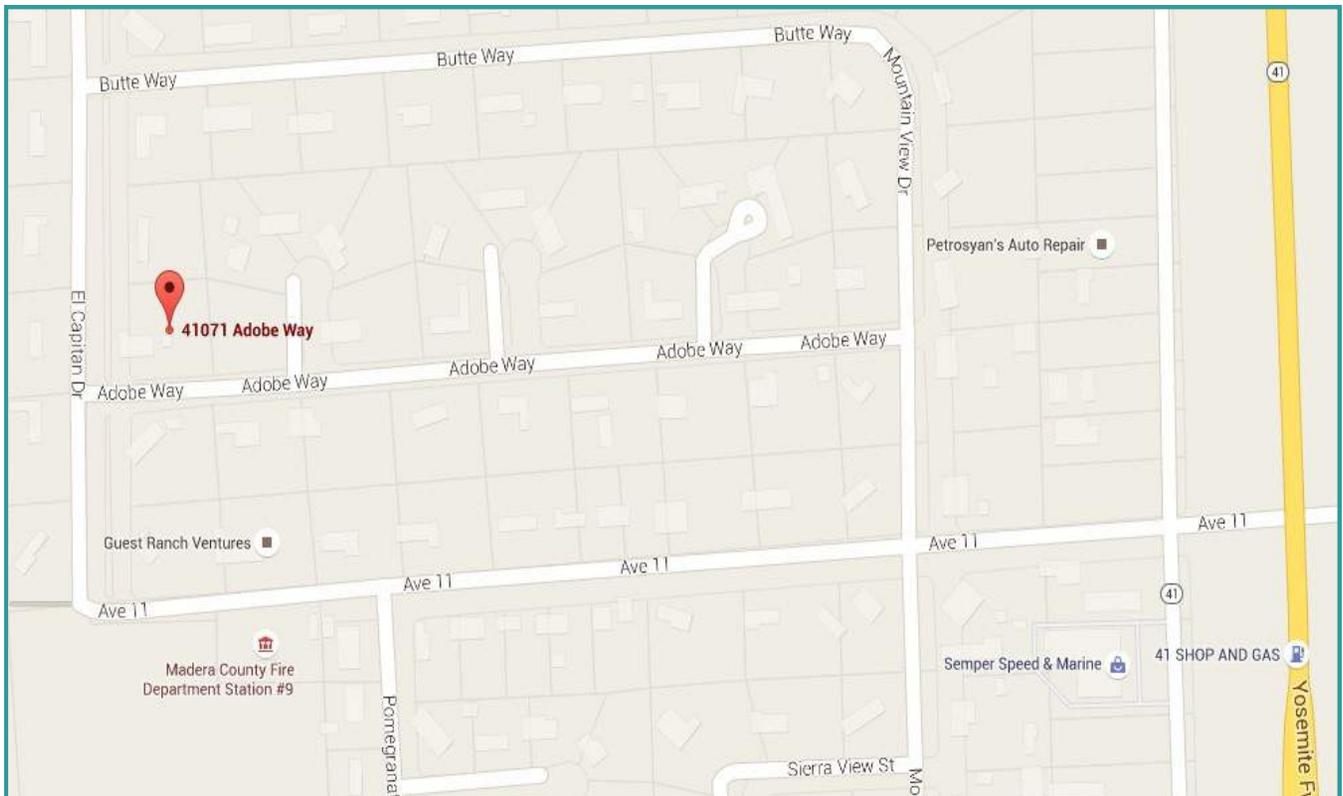
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Kumonryu with red markings

CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

April 12th @7:00 p.m.	Tony & Nancy Palazzo	41071 Adobe Way Madera, CA 93636
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August TBD		
September	Seng & Rosimeri Tran	5832 E. Erin Ave. Fresno, CA 93727
October TBD		
November TBD		
December Holiday Party TBD		

April 12th meeting held at Tony & Nancy Palazzo home at 7:00 p.m., located at 41071 Adobe Way, Madera, CA 93636. RSVP at 559-409-9010 or 559-435-7438.



Joint Meeting in Bakersfield—March 12th



The joint meeting was a blast, Tony, Seng and Ryan enjoyed the food, the gathering of koi hobbyists and the talk that Andy Moo gave on koi keeping. There was also a koi auction which is always fun as well as the raffle table was full of different items for the choosing. These meetings are a great social gathering and a great way to meet other hobbyists who share the same interest as us koi keepers.



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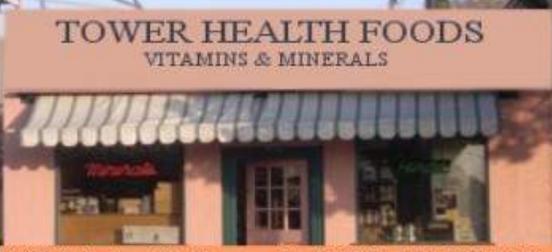


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Well everyone, Spring is in the air, the birds are singing, bees are buzzing and by now your koi are very hungry. Hopefully all is well with you and your koi, if you did not make it out to the February meeting or to the joint meeting in Bakersfield, our next club meeting is at the Palazzo's home on Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm and I hope you will be able to attend. We still have the following months with no host for meetings: June, August, October, November and the Holiday party in December, so if you have not signed up, please consider hosting one, the club and I would be greatly appreciative. We are open to suggestions on topics for our meetings or what you would like in future meetings to make them more fun and informative, so please drop me a line or email on this matter.

Our koi show is booked for the weekend of September 24th to September 25th with setup happening on Friday, September 23rd in the morning, please consider volunteering, we need all hands on deck as well as showing off your koi. Richele is our show chair and will be coordinating the events and tasks at hand. The show runs smoothly each year, let's make this the best one yet, 38th annual, wow 38 years that is quite impressive, let's keep the reputation of the club up and put on the best show yet!

The club is wanting to do an annual koi auction, run by JR and held at JR's home probably sometime in May/June, so if you have any unwanted koi you would like to donate to the cause please contact JR, this will be in place of a general meeting, more of a social gathering and a fun way to see how a koi auction is run, we do this at our annual koi show but want to generate some funds for the club too. More details to follow in the May newsletter.

Just a friendly reminder that if you have not paid your annual dues please send the \$35.00 payable to CCKS at 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, CA 93727, for those who paid already, the club thanks you for your prompt payment.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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each have arrived.

2014 \$4.00 each
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\$2.00 each

Contact Rosimeri at cencalkoi@gmail.com or call
her at 559-970-8508 if interested in purchasing any.



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ates you paying on time.***

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ZNA NORCAL KOI SHOW—April 2nd—3rd



**Congratulations to Grand
Champion Winner:**

David Tran



Show tanks lined up, they were sold out this year!



**Ryan and the kids visiting the vendors at the Norcal koi
show.**

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