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- March 12th @11:00 a.m.,
Joint meeting with Bakersfield club, Dr. Scott Davis,
15514 Mooresville Place,
Bakersfield CA 93314
- March 19th-20th, ZNA
SoCal 42nd koi show,
Gardena Civic Center,
Gardena, CA
- April 9th @ 2:00 p.m.,
Tony & Nancy Palazzo,
41071 Adobe Way,
Madera, CA 93636 (**ICE
CREAM SOCIAL**)
- May 14th @ 2:00 p.m.,
Ryan & Richelle Kleiser,
13136 Wiregrass Lane,

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Spring has arrived, is your pond and koi ready? By Rosimeri Tran

Now that winter has subsided and spring is around the corner, I feel this is a good time to review some spring pond care tips you could utilize in getting your koi pond ready for spring. The water temperature is starting to warm up and soon, if not already, you may have started to feed your koi. One thing you need to remember is to measure your pond's water temperature and only feed your koi when the water temperature is above 50 degrees Fahrenheit, try to feed them smaller amounts as their digestive systems have been on hold during the cold winter months and if you over feed you will create an overload on your filtration system which can be disastrous. Keep in mind that during the cold months your nitrifying bacteria in your biological filter have also gone in hibernation mode so as the water temperature rises, they will multiply and become more effective. You should begin feeding your koi with wheat germ pellets, or cold season koi food, this will be easier on their digestive system. **DO NOT OVERFEED**, this is very important, as this can create a big problem by creating excess fish waste and overloading your biological system which is still dormant and maybe just beginning the nitrification process, so ease into the feeding with your koi.

Early spring is a good time to do some pond maintenance; you should check the bottom of your pond for any debris such as decaying leaves, branches or other organic material which may have fallen in during a rain storm. Check your leaf basket and clear it of any debris this helps the filtration system run more smoothly. If your pond is so equipped and you use a UV light, this is the time to check the bulbs which may need replacement, check your manufacturer's recommendation but on average the bulbs should be changed out no later than 2 years after installation. If you have not cleaned your filters now is a good time to do this before they get overloaded with waste and remember not to use your hose water to clean pond filtration as the chlorine will destroy the good nitrifying bacteria, you can rinse it with your pond water. Test your water parameters and address any numbers that are reading out of the range, generally changing your water 10-20% usually will address any water parameter issues, also many add salt to their pond in spring, but make sure you know the water volume of your pond before doing any type of chemical or medical addition to your pond.

During feeding time this is a good time to assess your koi for any injuries or signs of parasite damage, look at their fins, mouths and body for any scales missing, red spots, anything that just does not look normal. Does your koi swim abnormally, sit at the bottom, or behave skittish. These are all signs that something is wrong with either the koi or their water environment. The earlier you address these issues the better off the koi will be and the problem will be less stressful for you.

Spring Pond Care – Checklist

By: Rosimeri Tran

Remove debris from the pond bottom, using a skimmer, manual pond-vacuum or powered pond vacuum.

Skim off leaf debris off the pond surface.

Test pH and adjust as necessary.

Clean filter media – remembering to rinse with pond water as chlorinated tap water will kill off any living “good bacteria”. Jumpstart the biological filter by adding beneficial bacterial. i.e. Microlift. Because at water temperatures of 45° - 50 °F the bacteria populations are greatly reduced. With the addition of the beneficial bacteria it will “seed” your filter and help colonize the bio-filter faster.

Test salt level and add salt if necessary.

Visually inspect koi for signs of disease and/or parasites.

Inspect pond equipment and ensure everything is working properly with no leaks. UV light should have UV light bulbs replaced.

Adding a barley product will help to prevent string algae from forming in pond.

Feeding should ONLY begin when water temperatures are a consistent 50°F. Feed small amounts of wheat germ as the fishes digestion system will be sluggish, avoid overfeeding because:

TOO MUCH FOOD + NO NITRIFYING BACTERIA = POOR WATER QUALITY

This will make a toxic water environment for the koi.

Did you know that your fish produce more ammonia from breath-

JOINT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH AT 11:00 A.M.
LOCATION IS 15514 MOORESVILLE PLACE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314

DIRECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Merge onto CA-99 S via the ramp on the **left** toward **Hwy 99 South**.

If you reach E Adams Ave you've gone about 0.3 miles too far

Then 92.77 miles

Take EXIT 31 toward **7th Standard Rd/Merle Haggard Dr**.

Then 0.20 miles

Merge onto Golden State Hwy.

Then 0.33 miles

Take the 1st **right** onto 7th Standard Rd.

Then 1.31 miles

Turn **left** onto Calloway Dr.

Calloway Dr is just past Stallion Way

If you reach Verdugo Ln you've gone about 0.4 miles too far

Then 4.00 miles

Turn **right** onto Rosedale Hwy/CA-58.

Rosedale Hwy is 0.1 miles past Flushing Quail Rd

If you reach Greenacres Dr you've gone about 0.1 miles too far

Then 3.01 miles

Turn **left** onto Renfro Rd.

Renfro Rd is 0.1 miles past Welch Dr

If you reach Sugar St you've gone about 0.3 miles too far

Then 0.26 miles

Take the 2nd **right** onto Victory Ln.

Victory Ln is 0.2 miles past Klemer St

If you reach Legend Pl you've gone a little too far

Then 0.10 miles

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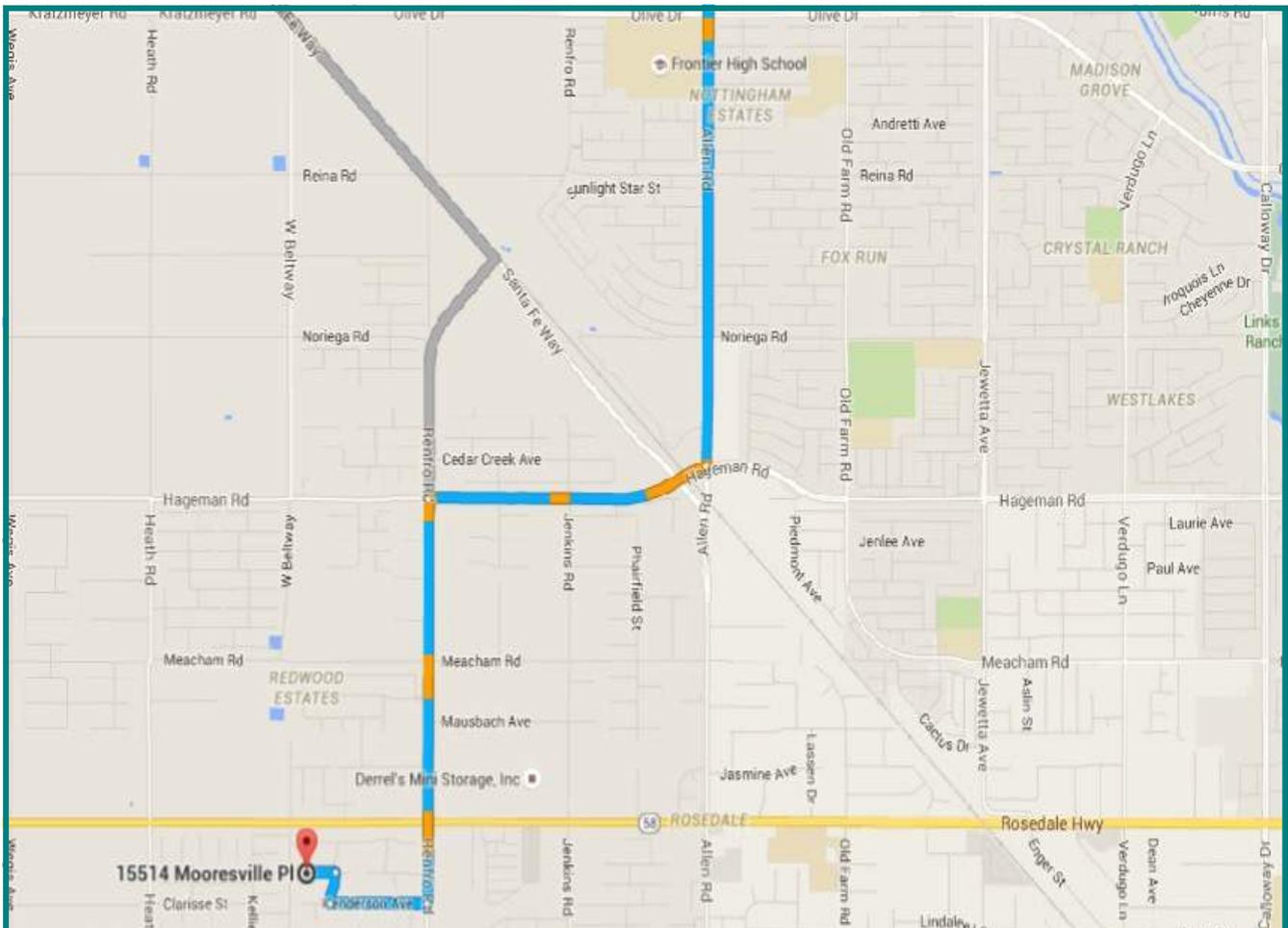
If you reach Tribute Way you've gone a little too far

The house is 15514 Mooresville Place, Bakersfield, CA 93314

2016 CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

March	3/12/16 @11:00 a.m. <i>(JOINT MTG w/BKWG club)</i>	Dr. Scott Davis	15514 Mooresville Pl Bakersfield, CA 93314
April	4/9/16 @ 2:00 p.m.	Tony & Nancy Palazzo (ICE CREAM SOCIAL)	41071 Adobe Way Madera, CA 93636
May	5/14/16 @ 2:00 p.m.	Ryan & Richelle Kleiser	13136 Wiregrass Lane Clovis, CA 93619
June	TBD		
July	6/9/16 @ 2:00 p.m.	Dale & Sandy Winn	8099 E. Nees Ave Clovis, CA 93619

Joint meeting at 15514 Mooresville Place, Bakersfield, CA 93314, meeting starts at 11:00 a.m.



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Hello everyone,

The February 13th club meeting was well attended at the Winn's with lovely weather to enjoy. I discussed my health situation and advised that I will be stepping down from club President due to my chemo treatment I feel it is best for the club to turn over the leadership to JR, Seng, Tom and now Richelle has stepped up to be club Secretary, replacing Nancy and Ryan also volunteered to replace Tony as Board of Director. Richelle has also volunteered to be show chair for our 2016 CCKS koi show at Fig Garden. So everyone should be grateful as I am for Richelle, who is taking on these responsibilities, so Thanks Richelle and Ryan, as well as Tony and Nancy for putting in their time, they are real troopers. This club needs to pull together and help keep CCKS going, attend meetings, we offer meetings on some months on Tuesdays and some months on Saturday afternoons. If you have not hosted a meeting, please sign up to do so, no worries, it is always an informal, social time. I hope you will make an effort to come to these meetings and learn from our fellow veteran koi keepers who are full of knowledge and experience and willing to share with new comers as well, we are always learning as this hobby is always changing.

Attached in this newsletter I have gotten the directions to the Bakersfield Joint meeting happening on March 12th at 11am as well as attached a map, for those that are driving themselves, if you are interested in riding along with Seng, please contact him at 559-999-1706 to coordinate the time he will be leaving, I am unsure of my condition at that time so I will not make any commitment to go until then. But this will be a great meeting they will have Andy Moo as guest speaker, there will be great food, raffle items and I believe a koi auction as well, so it will be a fun time for all. All you need to do is get there and have fun.

Also don't forget if you have not paid your 2016 membership dues they are due and should be payable to CCKS in the amount of \$35.00 and mail the check to:

CCKS
5832 E. Erin Ave
Fresno, CA 93727

I have included the upcoming meetings, the April 9th club meeting will be an ice cream social, so bring your favorite toppings to enjoy the wonderful hospitality of the Palazzo's, check out their beautiful pond and landscape and just chit chat and have a fun day. I know I am looking forward to it and hope you are too.

Well hope everyone is enjoying their spring weather and koi ponds and hope to see everyone soon, happy koi keeping to everyone.



**The Bakersfield Koi and Water Garden
Society**

would like to invite you to join us for a
special Joint-Club Meeting



Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 11:00 am
at the Home of Dr. Scott Davis, 15514 Mooresville Place,
Bakersfield, CA 93314

We will be hosting a delicious deep-pit BBQ lunch

Our Guest Speaker will be Andy Moo of Andrew's Koi
International who will give us ideas of how to choose healthy
beautiful koi



There will also be a fun raffle and rousing auction. But most of all,
it will be a chance for all of us to meet each other and make new
acquaintances.

We hope that you will join us and we ask that you RSVP by
March 1, 2016

GREAT FOOD

RAFFLE

AUCTION

**GUEST
SPEAKER:
*ANDY MOO***

**DON'T MISS
OUT ON THIS
FUN MEETING!**

Our joint meeting with our sister club, The Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden Society is coming up next month, Saturday, March 12th at 11:00 a.m., and I hope that our CCKS club members will join us for a wonderful time. Their guest speaker will be Andy Moo, from Andrew's koi and he will be discussing how to choose healthy koi, Andy judged our koi show a few years ago and is very knowledgeable and eager to share his ideas with koi hobbyists. There will be a delicious lunch as well as raffle items and an auction to participate in, we always enjoy socializing with the Bakersfield club members and hope that you too will join in this upcoming adventure. We can ride up together or caravan I will discuss further at our February 13th meeting as well as having a signup sheet available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Gardena Civic Center
 March 19 & 20, 2016

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No Admission Fee

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 Koi Entry

Saturday 10am - 5 pm
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