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September 13th @7:00 p.m., Seng & Rosimeri Tran, 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno 93727

38th Annual CCKS Koi Show at Fig Garden Village, September 24th-25th 9a.m. to 3p.m.

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November, John & Sue Kendall

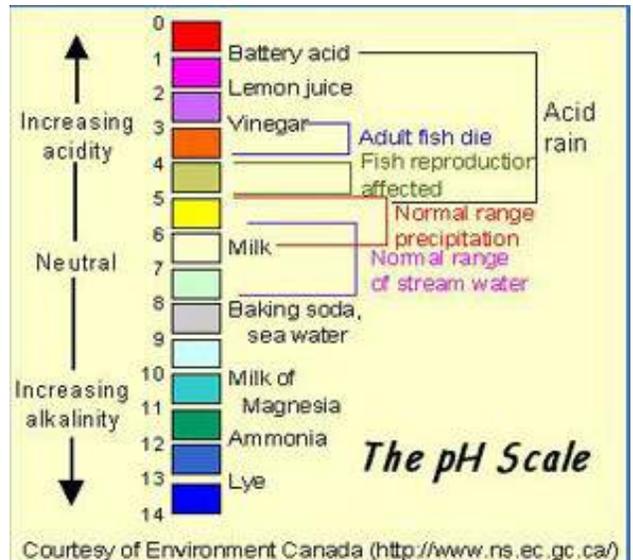
December holiday party

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pH Pill—by Seng Tran

Water quality is something that we (as a koi hobbyist) should try our best to maintain it at an ideal level, so that to ensure our koi pets will grow and stay healthy. That is what we are hoping; Suppose you do follow the protocol and change the water and remove the fish waste weekly, factor in that you have a good filtration system, but what happens if the water quality still have problem? Your pond water pH level slowly dropping and becoming acidic, and alkalinity is at its lowest level that without properly correcting it will cause the pH to soon crash, and you will wake up the next morning and see your koi swimming lethargically. Let's take my case in Fresno, the pH level in my pond water measures 8.0, pH in the winter and spring and my tap water measure 8.0 pH, but as summer months arrive the pond water gets warmer, the koi are more active and hungry and we are feeding them more food, and they produce more waste and as the result my pond water level pH slowly dropping from 8.0 to below 7.0. Luckily there are solutions to correct it.



A quick way to raise the pH to neutral level is by adding baking soda (varying amounts between pond sizes) to help increase pH level, or another way is by adding a pH Pill to maintain pH level.

“pH is among the best, first test to run when trouble appears, watch for pH crash as it happens a lot” – from Dr. Erik L. Johnson book, Koi Health and Disease 2.

pH Pill—by Seng Tran

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pH pill can be very easy to make by simply obtaining a bag of Plaster of Paris which can be purchased at any box store, i.e. Home Depot, mixing the Plaster of Paris using regular tap water and pour it into a plastic cup (I like to use the plastic red cups) and let it set to completely dry.



Once dry, simply put the pH pill in your pond's waterfall and it will slowly dissolve until alkalinity gets up to 50-70 PPM and pH is 6.5 to 8.5.

At our September 13th meeting there will be a workshop on how to make the pH pill and what it will look like after it cured and become what we call a homemade pH pill. Hope to see everyone there for this fun activity.



38th Annual Central California Koi Society Koi Show Schedule

Friday September 23rd

7:00 am - 2:00 pm Show setup – All hands on deck!

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Koi entry check-in and benching

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Judges dinner, (no host) at Black Angus Restaurant at 1737 E. Shaw (Cedar and Shaw) *let Rosimeri know if you are interested in attending.*

Saturday September 26th

8:00 am All koi ready to show, continue benching

9:30 am Introduction of judges

10:00 am Judging begins

12:00 pm Break for lunch

1:00 pm Judging resumes

7:00 pm Show banquet at University Square Hotel- 4961 N. Cedar Ave, (Shaw and Cedar)

Slide show before and during dinner

Welcome

Awards presentation

Judges discuss major winners

Sunday September 27th

8:30 am Judges talk

1:00 pm Raffle prizes awarded

3:00 pm Show ends breakdown and cleanup

FISH PREPARATION & TRANSPORTATION TIPS FOR A SHOW

By Ray Jordan

There are no secret water or food additives you can use a few months or weeks before the show to greatly enhance your fish. There are many that will spoil your fishes appearance.

DO NOT feed color enhancers/high protein foods within two months of a show

DO NOT add medications or give koi treatments within two months of a show

DO NOT feed your fish for 5-7 days before a show

DO provide highest possible water quality at all times but especially two months before a show: Increase water changes, pond/filter maintenance, and reduce amount fed two months before the show. Cull collection as early as possible

DO study, check, and measure your fish for peak condition. Decide which fish you plan to bring to a show: Shoot for peak development, top of size range, and avoid bring to many fish or fish that will just compete against each other.

Netting, Tubbing, and Bagging Techniques

A proper koi net is necessary to minimize the risk of damage to koi. It should be shallow and the netting smooth and nonabrasive. The koi net should be as large as possible (depending on koi)

The goal is to guide the koi with the net into a tub without touching. Take it slowly and easy. It is easier to catch fish in a pond with corners. Approach the koi with the net from the front getting the net under its head and gently guiding it into a tub. Touch the tail or move quickly and the koi will dart or jump away. Never try to snag a koi that is trying to escape – let it go and start over.

A single person can net/guide koi into a floating tub. The rim of a large koi net is used to submerge the edge of the floating tub. The koi is then guided into the floating tub. This maneuver is easier if a second person submerges the tub. A single individual can also bring the koi in the net adjacent to a floating tank or tub. The net is controlled with one hand which has been advanced on the pole to a position near the net. The floating tank or tub is submerged with the other hand and the koi is gently guided into the container. Never lift koi with the koi net!

Koi can be netted from a smaller/narrower pond without obstacles or hiding places easier. In ponds with potted water plants it might be better to remove the plants while catching koi. At times lowering the water level and or wading in the pond will make catching our koi easier. Sometimes a second koi net handler can herd koi into the net of the primary handler. If your pond is too wide or does not lend itself to any of the above methods, a seine may be used to herd the pond into a smaller areas. Koi are not caught with the seine. The mesh of the seine should be knotless and non-abrasive. The seine should be longer than the width of your pond. The width of the seine should be greater than the depth of the pond. The seine will need floats at top and weights on the bottom. Aquatic Ecosystems is a good source for custom made seines and they can help you determine size and type. I suggest getting extra floats and weights. Koi sock nets with fine water retaining mesh are the best way to move koi from the tub into the transport bags. The koi is brought through the opening of the net head first by carefully advancing the net over the head of the koi or by manipulating the head of the koi into the net with your free hand. The koi is positioned in the middle of the net, the end of the net is closed by one hand of the holder, the other end of the net is folded over to retain the koi the hands are held tautly apart as the koi is lifted from the water. A head first exit of the koi from the sock net is preferred to avoid possible fin or scale damage. Some mucus may be lost from the skin.

Use 3 or 4 mil plastic bags for transporting koi. Double plastic bags should always be used for safety. Bag size depends upon the size of the koi. Fish should be carried horizontally. Large koi need to be carried with the bag horizontal and held tautly between two handlers.

The opening of the plastic bags should be rolled over. Use Koi sock net to move koi into bag or can be moved directly from a tub. (use one hand to direct the koi head first into the bag) There should be enough water in the bag to float the koi as the bag is transported to its destination. Koi tubs also need to be properly sized and smooth. Tilt the tub to near vertical position in the pond about half submerged. As the koi is guided into the tub tilt the tub back to horizontal with enough water to completely cover the koi but not so much as to encourage it to jump.

SHOW TRANSPORTATION TIPS

Get the proper equipment: You will need a “real koi catch net”, koi sock net, large plastic bags, rubber bands and a oxygen tank and regulator.

DO NOT FEED your show fish for 5 days prior. This is very important to reduce ammonia stress on your fish during transportation.

Catch your fish very GENTLY as last thing you do before leaving home.

Transport in cool covered containers (large ice chests are ideal) to maintain constant water temperature and a darkened environment.

Ice packs maybe used inside the container but OUTSIDE the fish bags to keep water cooler and fish more relaxed.

Fish should be “double bagged” with pond water and bags inflated with oxygen and securely closed with double rubber bands inside a cooler.

Be sure bags & coolers are large enough for fish to stay relaxed & unbent. No more koi per bag/cooler than fit comfortably side by side. Usually two large koi “ 24 in. long, or 5-6 medium koi 12 inches long.

Be sure to use enough pond water to COMPLETELY cover your fish.

DO NOT put small fish in same bag/cooler with significantly larger fish. Orient coolers so that fish ride SIDEWAYS to direction of travel.

DO NOT place coolers directly in the sun or near other sources of heat. (i.e., over hot spot caused by exhaust side of trunk) Reduce time of transportation by driving directly to destination.

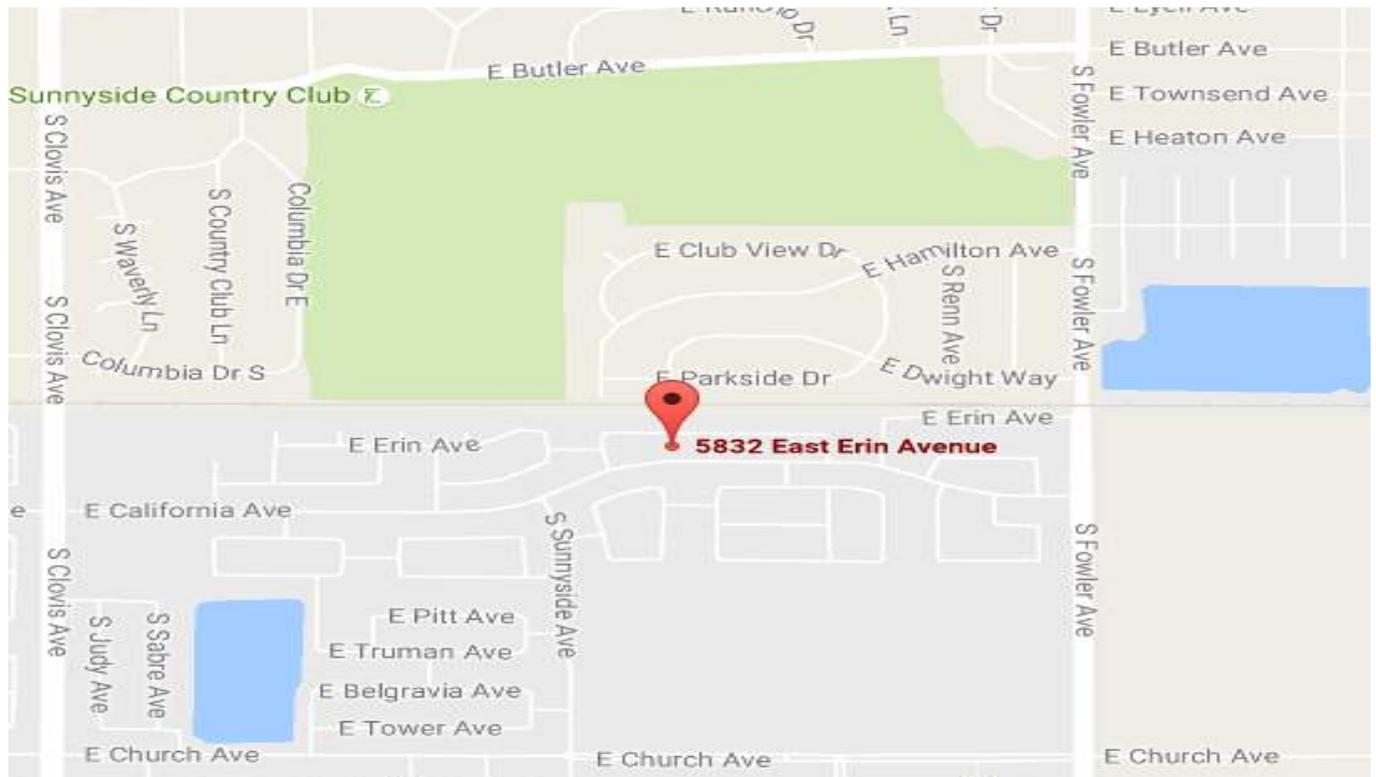
When you arrive at new pond destination open bags and gently release water and fish into cooler. Use a koi sock net to gently net fish and transfer them into new pond.



CALENDAR OF CCKS GENERAL MEETINGS

September 13th @7:00 p.m.	Seng & Rosimeri Tran	5832 E. Erin Ave. Fresno, CA 93727
October 8th @ 2:00 p.m.	Ryan & Richelle Kleiser	13136 Wiregrass Lane Clovis, CA 93619
November TBD	John & Sue Kendall	847 E. Gettysburg Fresno, CA 93704
December Holiday Party	Dale & Sandy Winn	

September 13th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Seng & Rosimeri Tran, located at 5832 E. Erin Ave., Fresno, CA 93727, RSVP 559-970-8508.



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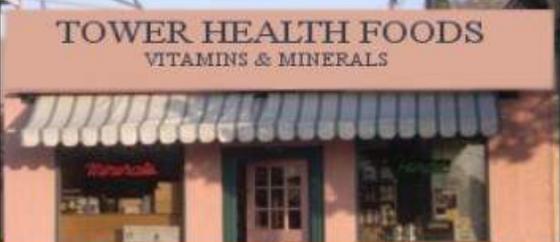
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Ah can you feel the change in the air, I believe we have finally gotten away from those horrible triple digit days here in the Central Valley, still in the high 90's but not 110, quite a reprieve as well as the koi enjoy a cooler environment as do their care takers. Hard to believe as I am writing this that we are only 17 days from our 38th annual koi show, woohoo, can't wait. I am very excited as we will have many vendors and some new exhibitors as well. So if you are thinking about showing koi at our show please let me know soon as tanks are going fast. Also we could use some help on setting up on Friday, September 23rd at 7am at the Fig Garden Village, we have a few of you that signed up at the meetings, please give us a hand, feel free to show up there right in the parking lot in front of CVS at Fig Garden Village, the club and I would greatly appreciate everyone's help. Also on Sunday, September 25th at 3:00 p.m. we will need help tearing the show site down, the more hands on deck, the faster we can all go home, especially after being there all weekend, we will need a good rest. Also if you have signed up for our show banquet on September 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the University Square Hotel, your banquet money should be paid as soon as possible, due to I have to give a head count soon to the banquet coordinator, so if you can pay at the September 13th meeting, or mail a check payable to CCKS to 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, 93727. Also we have our koi show raffle tickets in and if you would like to purchase or sell some, please contact me at 559-970-8508 and we will also have them available at the September 13th meeting, all money and sold and unsold tickets need to be returned no later than, September 24th 3pm at the koi show as our drawing will be held on Sunday, September 25th.

Our August meeting at JR and Melissa Romagnoli home was well attended, and my first since completing my treatment. There were new faces to me there and I welcome all new members who have chosen to be a part of the Central California Koi Society that we all call home. We discussed the koi show and passed around the signup sheets for the banquet and volunteer sign ups, we discussed bead filters and answered questions and had the raffle and then enjoyed some delicious Mexican food provided by the Romagnoli family.

At the September 13th meeting Seng will be discussing and demonstrating how to make a PH pill, so hopefully everyone will be in attendance.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 Koi pins are in they are \$6.00 each.

2015 koi pins are \$4.00 each

2014 and older are \$2.00 each.

These are always available for purchase just contact, Rosimeri Tran at cencalkoi@gmail.com or at 559-970-8508.

They will also be available for sale at our koi show on September 24th –25th at Fig Garden Village.



MEMBERSHIP DUES are due by March 1st, in the amount of \$35.00 payable to CCKS and mailed to:

5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, CA 93727.

The club greatly appreciates you paying on time.

POND MAINTENANCE

If you have ever used or are using a pond maintenance or repair service, please share what you know. We have members, prospective members, and the public asking frequently for references, suggestions, or just any information about anyone in this business. Pond maintenance companies allow us to relax a bit with our ponding duties, we are always in search of new ideas of pond maintenance. If you have anything to contribute, please send us an email at: cencalkoi@gmail.com

CCKS Club Store:

Potassium Permanganate \$15.00 (1 lb jar)

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sengtran@gmail.com if interested in purchasing, we will also have these available at every club meeting.

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38th Annual Koi Show

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Raffle Items

Koi & Silent Auction

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Show Pin \$6

Saturday 9 am – 4 pm

- Raffle & Silent Auction
- Judging Starts - 10 am
- Awards Banquet 6 pm (Tickets \$40)

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Sunday 9 am – 3 pm

- Raffle Drawing - 12:30 pm
- Silent Auction Winners Announced - 1 pm
- Koi Auction - 2 pm

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