



# CENTRAL CALIFORNIA KOI SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### **2018 Schedule:**

**March 10th at 1:30 p.m.,  
Dale & Sandy Winn,  
8099 E. Nees Ave.,  
Clovis, CA**

ZNA SoCal Koi Show.  
March 17th-18th at Gardena  
Civic Center, see page 9

April 14th at 1:30 p.m.,  
Lynne Rayner, 790  
McArthur Ave., Clovis, CA  
93611

### **JOINT MEETING:**

May 12th at 11:00 a.m. in  
Bakersfield, Roger & Ginger  
Spradlin



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## **KCSD 31st Annual Koi Show Road Trip**

**By: Rosimeri Tran**



We began our journey south on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pouring rain, to head to the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Koi Club of San Diego koi show in Del Mar, California. It was a wet journey but well worth the 5 hour drive in the rain to catch up with our koi hobbyist friends and see the most amazing koi on display. Once the koi were benched we sat and chatted with friends such as Dinh from ZNA Norcal who drove all the way from San Jose to participate in the koi show, as well as our good friends Mitch and Connie Lentz from Mission Viejo, and Nelson Castro from Temecula, too many friends to list. Also we were excited to see JR and Zoe from our Fresno club to show up to help support us and enjoy the koi show as well. The KCSD club provided a lovely Mexican dinner at the show site for the exhibitors and vendors and we took advantage of it so that we could be fed and head to the hotel to check in and get some much needed rest from the long drive.

On Saturday, we arrived in the rain at the koi show and started the tank walk around; there were 50 show tanks with some koi measuring well over 30", wow! Of course I had to go peek at my koi who were all happily swimming around content. The judging had commenced, so now we just sit back and wait for the results, which in San Diego they post on screen as the judges made the decision you could actually see the winners. There were 222 koi entered, all pristine, excellent koi, the judges had quite a task ahead of them. But they worked hard and got the job done. Also we ran into Lue Vang and his family who came for a visit to the koi show, and enjoyed walking around looking at all the koi beauties.



JR and Zoe Romagnoli, Seng and Rosimeri Tran



Rosimeri Tran, John Svelan KCSD holding baby Joel (Lue's youngest), Seng Tran and Lue Vang

# KCSD 31st Annual Koi Show Road Trip

By: Rosimeri Tran

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The banquet was held at the show site, it was a catered Brazilian dinner, which was delicious! There was a raffle where we walked away with some koi food prizes. Congratulations were in order for the Grand Champion winner, a 30 inch Kohaku owned by Mark Corser of Corona, California.



Grand Champion  
30"  
Kohaku  
Owner:  
Mark Corser,  
Corona, California



Pam Spindola discussing the Grand Champion Kohaku while Mark Corser receives his award winning trophy

We were honored to receive the Best in Size 15" – 18" B category for our Shiro Utsuri, this is our own bred koi and very proud of it every year. Three of our koi placed in 1<sup>st</sup> place, as well as a few in 2<sup>nd</sup> places and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, all our koi placed, to have received a Best in Size in a show this big, is amazing and we are very grateful and honored to receive it.



Best in Size "B" Size 15"-18"  
Shiro  
Owners: Seng & Rosimeri Tran



Here we are at the show banquet receiving the Best in Size awards with other winners from left to Right:  
Don Chandler, Rosimeri and Seng Tran, Jim Smith, Catherine Sass, and Jack Chapman

On Sunday, we walked around to enjoy the show one last time before packing up the koi and heading back to Fresno, but at least this time the sun was shining and we had a dry road ahead of us.

Visiting and exhibiting koi shows is a fun thing for us to do, we hope that you as koi hobbyist take some time and take advantage of the koi shows throughout California, go for the weekend or go for the day, the next koi show is coming up on March 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> in Gardena Civic Center, and then on April 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> is the ZNA Norcal koi show in San Jose, which a few members have signed up to go attend the show for the day. There is our club's koi show after that on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> at Fig Garden Village, and then the Bakersfield koi show in October. We hope to see you at one of these koi shows and keep following the Tran's koi show adventures!



KCSD judging team from left to right:  
Jan Thompson, Bryan Bateman, Garry Chin, Pam Spindola, David Young and Troy Head



Rosimeri, Seng and their good friends from Mission Viejo, Connie and Mitch Lentz at the KCSD show banquet.



Jack Chapman aka Koi Jack, of the KCSD with Rosimeri

## Club Member Pond Spotlight—Written by Seng and Rosimeri Tran

Koi pond was never known to me that it exist prior to 2001, that is when my cousin bought a house that came with a small pond that is about 300 gallons which contained some small comet goldfish and a couple of 10 inch koi, that never grow bigger due to small sized pond.

So in 2005 when we built our house in Sunnyside, during the backyard landscaping planning, we thought it would be nice to have a small koi and goldfish pond about 3' x 6' x 2' deep. Then it was time to hunt for pond equipment and by researching via a book that was called, "Koi Pond for Dummies", that we found out that the pond we want to build was going to be too small for koi fish. So then our pond building plans grew to a pond size of about 10' x 12' x 3' deep, 2,800 gallon size pond with 1 bead filter, this was our 1<sup>st</sup> pond, and the thirst of improving the pond, , the pond that we used it as an excuse to redo the pond and make it bigger to about 12' x 14' x 6' deep, 6,000 gallons and we redo our above ground quarantine tank that was on side of house to an 8' x 12' x 3' deep with center block and connect both ponds into one filtration system. The side pond would become a grow out pond for our smaller koi. On the main pond, we replaced the small bead filter (Ultima 10,000 gallon) to 2 bigger filters (Ultima 20,000 gallon and Sacramento Advance Bead Filter model 15 for 20,000 gallon, and (3) 320 gallon industry tote tank with Japanese mat up flow filter, and added a 160 watt UV light. Our most current change would be adding a 200 gallon tote tank with  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard of black lava rock using as a down flow filter.

The koi hobby is one of water keeping, the better the water quality the better quality the koi will survive. So any improvements in the filtration system will always be on the mind and agenda.

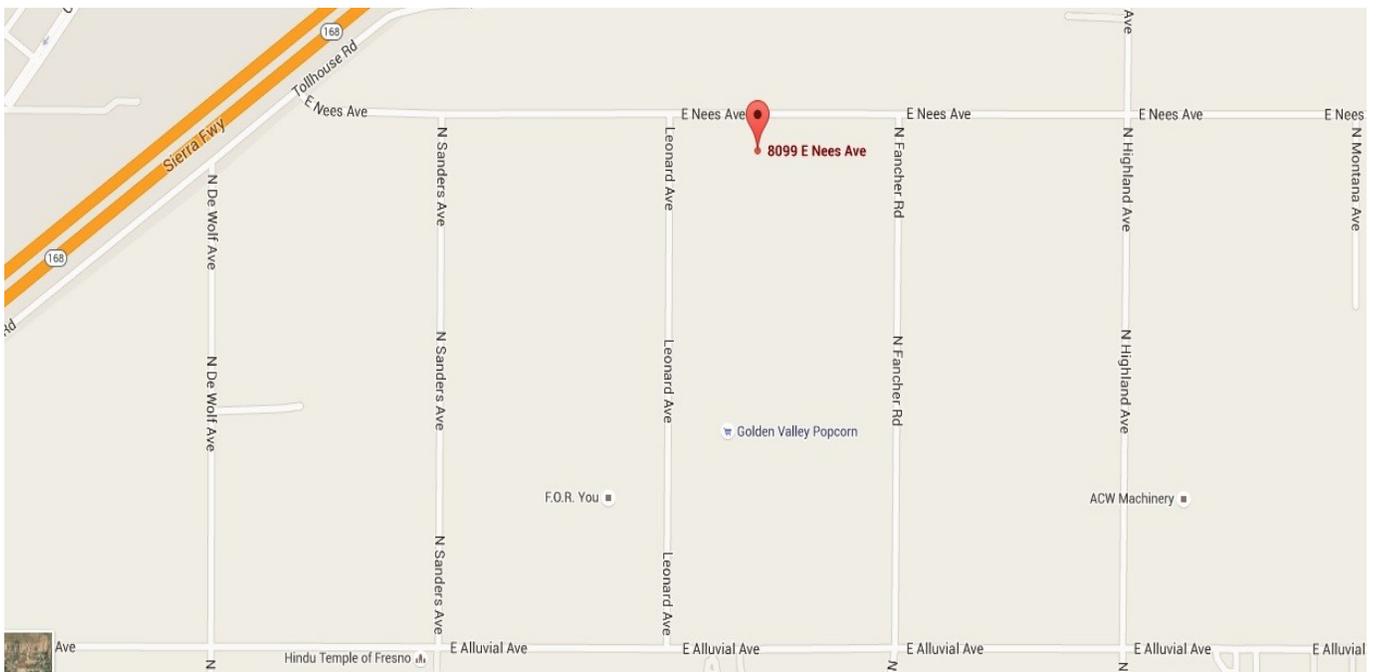
A little history on our koi hobby experience is that in 2008 after our first pond build we began having issues with the koi, I googled koi help and it recommended finding a local koi club, so I was able to reach out to the club President at that time was Tony Palazzo who came to our pond with his salt meter, and gave us some information on koi diseases and water quality. From there we joined the club to learn as much as we can, and it is still a learning process, always changing and improving to keep the fish and fish keepers happy. We enjoyed visiting and exhibiting our koi at koi shows throughout California and have come a long way from buying koi at a pet store to now searching out for the golden koi gem to bring to koi shows.



## CCKS UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETING DATE/TIME	MEETING TOPIC	HOST/LOCATION
<p>March 10th at <b>1:30 p.m.</b>                      Schedule:                      1:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Social time                      2:00 p.m.— Meeting starts</p>	<p>Bring your digital salt meter for salinity test comparison.</p> <p>Spring Pond Care discussion</p>	<p>8099 E. Nees Ave.,                      Clovis, CA                      559-779-3149 to RSVP</p>
<p>April 14th, 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Koi Nutrition</p>	<p>Lynne Rayner                      790 McArthur Ave.,                      Clovis, CA 93611                      559-299-6763 to RSVP</p>
<p>May 12th, 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Joint meeting in Bakersfield</p>	<p>Roger &amp; Ginger Spradlin</p>
<p>June</p>	<p>Proform C treatment</p> <p>Back up generator</p>	<p>Richard &amp; Georgette Gross                      8390 N. 1st Street                      Fresno, CA 93720                      559-437-3217 to RSVP</p>
<p>July—Need host</p>		

**March meeting will be held at Dale & Sandy Winn’s home located at , scheduled for Saturday, March 10th at 1:30 p.m., location is 8099 E. Nees Ave., Clovis, CA. Please RSVP Sandy at 559-779-3149**





# Club Minutes



## **February 10th General Meeting Minutes:**

The February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the home of our club President, Rosimeri Tran and club Treasurer, Seng Tran. Members enjoyed viewing their two ponds and the variety koi collection they have accrued since joining the club back in 2008. The club welcomed new members that joined at the 2017 CCKS koi show, present were Rick and Stephanie Ortenzio who most recently wrote an article in KOI USA on their pond build, (refer to KOI USA September/October 2017 issue) also present were Randy Anderson and Lue Vang. Rosimeri discussed membership dues deadline as well as asking for members to consider hosting a meeting; the club membership roster was passed out. The meeting topic for February was “Koi Health Toolbox” , Rosimeri and Seng shared what they include in theirs from water treatments, antibiotics, microscope, etc and encouraged members to have basic tools to treat koi available in case of an emergency. There was also discussion on the how/why of quarantining new koi arrivals.

Seng discussed the pond build and how he came into the hobby and his fine tuning of the pond filtration system, as well as his experience in exhibiting koi in various koi shows in California. Rosimeri discussed the upcoming koi shows in Spring, starting with the San Diego koi show which they will be there exhibiting koi and encouraged members to make an effort to go to a koi show in California, we also passed around a sign up to see if members would be interested in doing a day trip to San Jose in April for the ZNA Norcal koi show, where we would spend the morning at the koi show, then have lunch and visit some koi dealers to pick up supplies not readily available here in Fresno. Also the upcoming joint meeting with our sister club, Bakersfield Koi & Watergarden Society will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> and a signup sheet was passed around for members to sign up to car pool.



## **February 28th Board of Director's Meeting Minutes:**

Rosimeri announced the show judges for this year's koi show, Head Judge will be Mike Frady, Co-Judges will be Ray and Terri Alexander representing the AKJA. Also the show hotel is booked at the San Joaquin Hotel as well as the Elbow Room for the show banquet. Also the club purchased additional 5 poly tanks this year with a goal of purchasing 10 more in the next two years to increase our supply and deplete the soft tanks inventory. There was discussing in adding an additional Square to accept debit/credit cards with possibly purchasing an iPad to do the transactions, to be discussed at future board meetings. Michael Hernandez of Tomigai Koi foods has donated the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Grand Champion B trophies all the way from the Philippines.

Richele is awaiting the designs from the graphic designer for the show flyer and koi pin for this year's koi show, we are also creating a new logo as the old logo does not reproduce well and needs to be digitalized. This year as like last year we will be reaching out to the koi/pond community as well as local supporters for sponsorship funding that can be used to provide a better koi show as well as improving our koi show meetings and adding newer equipment.

The board went over the upcoming scheduled general meetings and voted on topics to be discussed each month.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2017 Koi pins are \$6.00 each, and have arrived!**



2016 Koi pins are in they are \$4.00 each.

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These are always available for purchase just contact, Rosimeri Tran at [cencalkoi@gmail.com](mailto:cencalkoi@gmail.com) or at 559-970-8508.

They will also be available for sale at our koi show



**2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES are due by March 31st 2018, in the amount of \$40.00 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](mailto:cencalkoi@gmail.com)

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**Call Seng Tran at 559-999-1706, or email**

***[sengtran@gmail.com](mailto:sengtran@gmail.com) if interested in purchasing, we will also have these available at every club meeting.***

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**Gardena Civic Center**

March 17 & 18, 2018

**Open To The Public**  
**No Admission Fee**

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Saturday 10am - 5 pm  
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Sunday 10am - 3pm  
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**2018 ZNA NorCal National Koi Show**



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 Size 9 Sanke Dr. David Tran

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