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JANUARY MEETING January 15, 2012

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Please remember your chairs

The President's Corner

By Matt Rhoades

Our December Christmas party at Free Flight in Del Mar was a fun event. Being able to walk the paths and enjoy the beauty of all their exotic birds was fantastic. Once again our members came through and provide lots of wonderful dishes of food to sample, and that jolly jester who MC'd the gift exchange added merriment/ mischief to the already joyous event. Again, thank you to Free Flight for opening their facility for our club's event.

Well the koi show is just around the corner and so here is another call-out for members to step forward to help make this show the "Koi Class" event it can be. Even if you have time to help for a couple of hours one day, that helps to lighten the load on the club's overall work-load. Or if you have, or know of a donation to secure for the numerous drawings that go on during the koi show, please make them known to Tamsie and Al Pierce.

And make it a point to bring some fish. Show off those beauties that you have swimming
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in your pond. This is the club's Silver Anniversary show. "Koi Appreciation - Then and Now" is the underlying theme. I bring fish to show the general public the "beauty of the beast" (but I have to admit the opportunity to talk about koi, especially my herd, with fellow koi kichi is a big motivator for me). I do hope you are able to help out (in any little way) and bring fish. Thank you in advance for your support of the 2012 KCSD Koi Show.

And lastly, the January meeting will be in Point Loma at "some guy's house". The wonderful speaker for this meeting will be Mr. Chris Clevers of Hikari, who will be at the meeting to discuss koi food and water treatments. Also there will a demonstration on how to catch and bag to transport koi to the show (Also – Bags to transport your koi to the show will be on sale at the meeting).

In closing, here's wishing that your 2012 is prosperous and joyous!

Keep Koing

Notes from the Board

Have you turned in your raffle tickets and money from their sales yet? Patricia Hurley did in November, right after she received them. One of her tickets was drawing at the December meeting entitling her to a free Show Awards Banquet ticket on Saturday, February 25 at the Carl Strauss Brewery. It's not too late to qualify for the second drawing to be held at the January meeting. Just get your tickets and money to us - mail to the P.O. Box, or directly to Al Pierce, treasurer, or bring to the meeting on January 8. We will draw from all the tickets turned in. Who knows? Maybe Patricia will win a second ticket as the rest of her tickets will be in there, too. Don't miss your chance.

And speaking of raffle tickets, as of press time we have already received many prizes for the General Show raffle: 2 gift cards for Macaroni Grill or Chili's or On the Border or Maggiano's, 2 seafarer's passes for Hornblower Cruises, 4 passes to the San Diego Maritime Museum, 2 passes to the San Diego Zoo, 4 passes to the San Diego Museum of Art, 4 passes to the San Diego Museum of Natural History, \$50 gift certificate from Rubios, 2 hand crafted tiles from Kathy Waller, 1 muck vac courtesy of Odyssey Systems, Koi food from Blackwater Creek and Koi Care Kennel, 4 passes to the USS Midway Museum, \$25 gift card from Cheesecake Factory and a digital photo frame.

If you have an item - koi related, or not, that you would like to donate to the February General raffle, please bring it to the next meeting. Koi related items will be part of the drawing at the Awards Banquet in February, and the items appealing to the general public will be at the show raffle to be held on Sunday, February 26. Top prize will be a \$500 major credit card gift card. For each item you donated you will receive 5 drawing tickets for the January drawing.

Bags will once again be available at the January meeting for transporting your fish to the show. Bags are priced at \$1.00 each and will easily accommodate fish up to 30". Whether you have oxygen or not, simply fill your bags with air and bring your fish. Oxygen will be available at the show. A demonstration of how to catch and bag your fish is planned as part of the program at Koi Club of San Diego -- January 2012

the January meeting if you need a refresher.

And of course, we still need workers for the show. This is always our opportunity to show the rest of the world- general public, other clubs, the media, how a great show is run. Come and volunteer and learn a new skill - water quality, measuring fish, photographing fish, talking to the public about the fish themselves, eves dropping on the judges as you feed them lunch- little jobs and big jobs. A list will be circulated at the January meeting for you to sign up if you have not already.

Remember, the jobs start on Thursday with unloading the shed, Friday with set up, Saturday with judging, and Sunday with auction, raffle and tear down. Monday will be reloading the shed, and a weekend as early in March as we can schedule it, will be cleaning the tanks.

Show packet is on line on our website if you have misplaced, or need to print a second one. One was included, along with your roster, in the December manila envelope mailing.

And looking forward, life does not stop with the show. In March our meeting will be at Japanese Friendship Garden, with a potluck. If you have not been to the Garden in a while, you will enjoy all the changes that are going on, as well as appreciating the fine collection of fish Jack Chapman and Linda Pluth have assembled in the pond.

Dr. Todd R Cecil, DVM, one of our members, has offered a discount to all KCSD members for his services for your koi. He will accept a copy of the newsletter with the mailing address as proof of membership. His business card is included below.



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You'd Think I'd have Learned...

By M.B. Rhoades

Well my koi-keeping days have been, recently, been going through a rough patch. Last week I decided to PP treat my 500 gallon side tank. I usually do a teaspoon scoop for that tank to knock back the bad bacteria bugs; every once in a while.... For some reason (brain-fade); I did two.... and walked away.

The next morning woke up to find my 5 recently purchased tosai (3 SU's, 1 Showa, 1 Sanke) flowing belly up. "Oh #\$\$%^& #1".

A week later I am filling my main pond, with a garden hose... walk away to do another project. Next morning; wife ask: "Is the hose on?" "Oh #\$\$%^& #2".

Go out and turn it off - Grab two bottles of water conditioner (Which I keep on hand for said times), pour those in, Grab the Sodium Thiosulfate, Throw that in, observe fish... NO FLOATERS!!!! Yea... 7,000 gallons saves the day.

I think my fish need a Koi-keeper nanny to watch me; so I can watch them.

Going to the show

By Miss Kohaku as dictated to Tamsie Pierce

Now let me get this straight. You want to take me to a show. I've talked to the other members of the pond and I'm not so sure this is a great idea. I know you're enthusiastic and excited and have looked over the entry form really really well. You think that this is the year. Now, while I'm flattered that you think I'm ready to be in a Koi show, I'm still not sure this is a good idea.

You know I have a net phobia. I've been meaning to talk to you about that. You have seen it every time you go into the pond to catch me for my annual physical, that thing you call "checking for parasites" and "measuring my growth" and "taking pictures." Benny Kumonryu says it's just another name for being shot, that "taking pictures." He says he's heard you use the same phrase when you inject drugs and snap a picture. I think it's just a cover up. And I. Hate. Nets. Period. I'm sure I'll break a scale. It's one thing for you to chase me around the pond with that net, but I've heard how many times you'll be

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doing the same thing to take me to the show. Once to get me out of the pond. Then at the show into a holding tank. Then into the tank I'll be shown in, then -- well, you get the picture. So you do provide Valium for this expedition?

Because it also matters just what kind of show you're proposing to put me in. An English Style show where I get to swim with the same old boring fish from my pond, the ones who can see my shame if I don't do well, and won't notice if I win? I know it means less netting this way, from pond to bag to tank to bag to home. But I also know the alternate, the Japanese Style show means I have to swim with strangers. Probably ugly strangers who will win more prizes than I do. And in the Japanese style I'll get netted over and over and over. Pond to bag to holding tank to size and class tank to first place tank to best in size tank to grand champion tank to going home tank to bag to pond. That's a lot of net acquaintance.

And in that case we're talking slime coat here. And just what are you going to do to protect that? You do know the judges will be handling me and there is no way I can slap water at them with my tail if I don't have a good slime coat. And they'll be looking for the slime coat, too. Let alone the protection it gives me against any stray disease that I might get going out into the cold cruel world like you're proposing to do. Master Sanke says that you'll salt the pond to help my slime coat, but everyone benefits from that, where's the benefit for me. I'm the one going to the show. I'm the one putting my reputation on the line for you.

And Kin Rin says that you're going to starve all of us for a week before. He says that's not worth the whole thing. I'm used to regular meals, you know that. I certainly tell you about it if you don't feed me on time or too little. I'll pull your fingers off if you put them too close to the water. And if you starve the whole pond just to take me to a show I'll be the most unpopular fish here. Everyone will shun me. You don't know what that's like, to be crowded out when everyone is mad at you. I'm either shoved out of the water at feeding time or shoved so far down by someone swimming on top of me that all I get are the crumbs that sink.

Don't even think that I have not talked to

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Kohaku- continued

the others who have gone to the shows. I know all about the noise of the place. You're going to take me from my quiet peaceful pond and put me in a bare round tank with hundreds of people walking by and pointing at me. Noise from the people. Noise from the bigger air pumps. Noise from the people selling fish. Noise echoing from the inside of the building if I'm inside, noise from the outside traffic if I'm outside. Talk about stress!

And there won't be a good waterfall to keep my water full of oxygen, just a measly airstone stuck in the corner and hauled out each time the judges want to look at me, dropped back in, plunk, every time they loose interest, out again when they're back, back in, plunk, when they move on. Just a measly little airstone, not a really magnificent waterfall like what I'm used to. I don't even want to think about filtration during that time. "It's just for a little while" doesn't cut it when you're forcing me to swim in my own toilet.

And talk of being used to something, I'm used to some privacy, thank you. Not these hundreds and hundreds of strangers staring at me and making disparaging comments. Oh yes, I heard you say that Koi show judges talk only about strengths of the fish they are discussing, whether this fish has more strengths than that one, but there are always some crass people who wrinkle their noses at seeing such a fuss over "just a fish" and talk about lures and poles and reels.

That is not even addressing the bag issue. You are going to smother me in this exhibitionist bag not once, not twice, but several times between the time you finally trick me into that net in the pond and bring me back. Do you know how claustrophobic I get when I can't even straighten out my tail in a bag too small? Or turn around in a regular bag? Or just plain desperate when you pack the bag so badly I end up on my side with one full side of gills breathing air every other flip. So add enough water, please, but that still won't solve how exposed the bag is, exposed to light and slop and movement. I want dark and quiet and cool. It's no more than you demand when you have a headache.

So you're still determined to take me to this show? Even after hearing all my woes? What can I say to deter you?

Honor and glory don't quite work with me, Koi Club of San Diego -- January 2012

buster. What do I care about trophies? They're not in the pond for me to see. I can't eat them. I can't swim with them. Trophies won't work.

Bragging rights? Well, that could be interesting. I wouldn't mind giving Benny his come uppance after his pattern got so distinctive last year and he came home with a Friendship Award. The guy needs to learn how to make friends, if you ask me. Spawning season, you say? My pick of all the guys? Maybe a handsome swain from another pond?

Now you're talking. Bring on the net.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2012

January 8 - Matt & Jayma Rhoades

3130 Elliott Street

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February -24-26 Show - Del Mar Fairgrounds

March 11 General Meeting- Balboa Park

April 1 - General Meeting -San Diego

May 5 - Friends of Koi Auction

May 20 - General Meeting - Ramona

June 10 - General Meeting

July 8 - General Meeting

August 12 - General Meeting - Point Loma-

September 9 - General Meeting

October 14 - General Meeting

November 11 - General Meeting

December 9 - General Meeting

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HELP LINE

Having a problem with your fish? Don't know where to turn? Who 'ya gonna' call?

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Kristine Peterson (760-966-1563)

KCSD TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance

December 2012 \$ 10313.71

Income December 5807.88

Expenses December 5495.38

Beginning Balance

January 2012 \$ 10926.21

The balance is due to payment of many of the bills for the show as well as income from vendor payments and raffle ticket sales.

PLEASE WELCOME

New and renewing members:

Jeanne Taylor

Jerry Bierle

Barbara Bierle

Scott Yee

Erica Lizarraga

Bruce Miller

Barbara Jenikins-Lee

Travis Schonleber

Gary Rochelle



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NEXT MEETING
SUNDAY, January 15, 2012

Where: Matt & Jayma Rhoades
3130 Elliott Street
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When: 1:00 Gathering Time -
1:30 General Meeting

Program: Chris Clevers from Hikari

From San Diego

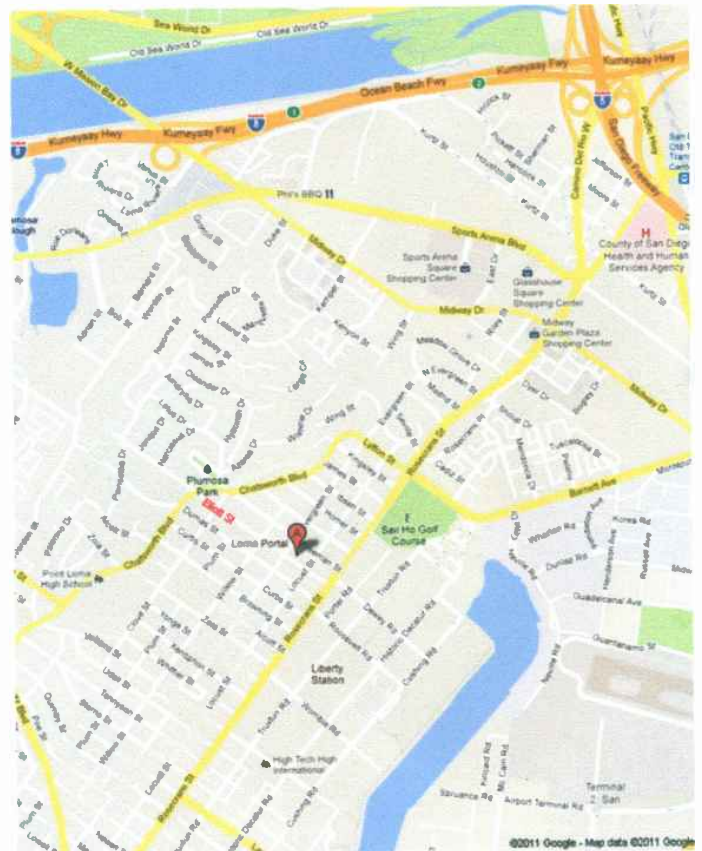
I-5 to Pacific Highway. Pacific Highway North to Rosecrans Street. Head West on Rosecrans past Sports Arena Blvd to Elliott Street. Turn left on Elliott off Rosecrans opposite Military Base/Liberty Station. You will be parking on a hill. House is on the right.

From the North-

Take Camino Del Rio West from the intersection of I-5 and I-8 to Rosecrans. Go past Sports Arena Blvd to Elliott off Rosecrans

Please use the drive for dropoff only.

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