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Southern Arizona Koi Association Inc. Business

SAKA, Inc AIMS

- a. Organized by those with the interest of raising and improving the quality of Nishiki Koi, and its culture.
- b. Through Nishiki Koi, promote better community and international relations and for the better understanding of brotherhood among members through a common interest.
- c. To improve and promote the technology and education of Nishiki Koi and Aquaculture.

BUSINESS

- a. To encourage the raising and the better development of Koi through public and private exhibition and education.
- b. To have a monthly study discussion and/or make field trips to various member's ponds or anything related to Nishiki Koi & Aquaculture.
- c. To carry out necessary business functions of the club.

CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

1. A qualified general member must be interested in Koi and Aquaculture.
2. Persons wishing to become a general member must pay their dues immediately.
3. Membership will be terminated by written notice, signed by a majority of officers, if a member is found guilty of negligence of his duty, is against the purposes of the Southern Arizona Koi Association, Inc. and/or who disgraces or insults the Club.
4. Dues will not be refunded if termination of membership happens to fall within the membership year.
5. Must not keep an inventory of Koi or Koi Products for sale, advertising etc. for the purpose of making monetary gains.



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Editor's Note: Articles published herein are intended for the enjoyment of our club members and come from a variety of sources. The articles are not intended to replace veterinary advice. Pond owners, and not the club, are responsible for the health of their koi, water changes, what to do, and how to treat their pond. Reasonable effort is made to review these articles for accuracy before including them in the newsletter.



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President's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for an outstanding koi show and auction. We again this year had great weather, great food and awesome koi for our 29th annual show. What can next year bring? With the show behind us, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. So, Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Your koi pond, how is it? Is everything ready for colder weather? How is your water quality? Are your koi healthy? Are there any unusual spots, missing scales, sores etc on your koi? We as koi keepers should be aware of the goings on with our pond and fish. Try to be proactive so you do not have to be reactive.

December will soon be here and with that comes the arrival of Sanke Santa. So, you better watch out, Sanke Santa is watching you. So what do you want Sanke Santa to bring you for Christmas? How about a digital salt meter or a water quality test kit, Kodama's two koi books, a new pump and a koi that could be grand champion at the show? The list could go on, so make up your mind.

Hope to see you all at our December Christmas party.

For the love of koi,

BOB PANTER, President SAKA, Inc.

Club Meetings

Hosting Meetings: For those wishing to host an upcoming business/education meeting, the club will reimburse the host up to \$50 (with receipts) toward food/beverage for the meeting. **We still need hosts for meetings in 2009. We would like to see your pond!** Contact Laurel Nason (laurelnason@yahoo.com or 520-977-2353) if interested in hosting a meeting.

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Club Announcements

Welcome New and Returning Members:

Geri Zamberletti, Brent VanKoevering, Pat Frey, Katie Frey, Martyn Rosalik, Adrienne McLeod, Robert Sorenson, Mercy Sorenson, Sue Willard, Mel Willard, David Yee

Congratulations:

Al Melvin for Arizona State Senate win

Condolences:

Tom Ayers for the loss of his mother, Ester

Get Well Wishes:

Rusty Ogren

Newsletter Editor Opening:

The club is looking for a volunteer to take over the newsletter responsibilities no later than January 2010. If anyone is interested, please email me (laurelnason@yahoo.com).

October's Business Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Anson & Kazumi Tripp, October 26th

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Bob Panter at 3:00 pm.

Sept Minutes: Motion made to accept and second the Sept Minutes. Motion passed.

Number of memberships in attendance: 10

Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$7896.96

Membership: 57

AKCA: None

2008 Koi Show: Another trailer has been ordered which has not yet been picked up but will be paid for by VSKC. VSKC will need 10 tanks the first week of February. The San Diego Koi Club will be borrowing the tanks to use at the AKCA Seminar in February. The SAKA 29th show awards are still being made. The Judges dinner will be at Pinnacle Peak and the awards banquet will be held at El Parador. Vendors are Mt. View KOI, Aquatic Eco Systems, Kodama Koi Farm, A's Aquarium, AKCA Bookstore. We will have a food vendor at the show. Thursday Bob will be on Channel 4 to talk about the show. A gift certificate to Best Buy is the raffle grand prize.

Old Business: None



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New Business: Noel asked to buy \$350 of medicine for club use.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm

Education: Anson discussed how his pond was made and how the water system worked

29th Annual SAKA, Inc November KOI Show Nov 7th-9th 2008, Auction and Raffle

For more pictures, see our website

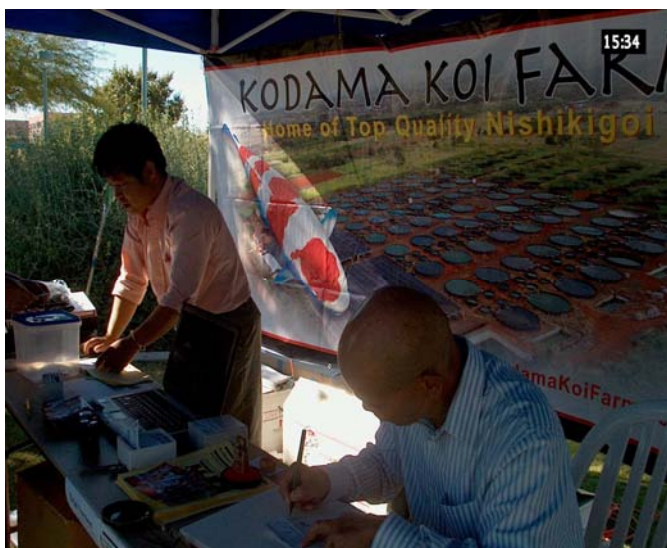
Thanks to our Vendors:



Aquatic-Eco Systems - Bruce



A's Aquarium - Tommy



Kodama Koi Farm – Taro & Mamoru



Mountain View Koi Fish - Lisa



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Organic Environmental Technology – Gil



SAKA Booth – Jean, Bruce and Wanda

Meet the Judges Dinner:





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Highlights From The Show:





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The Koi Winners and Awards Banquet:



Grand Champion
Sanke Size 6
Tom Ayers



Reserve Champion
Kohaku Size 5
Tom Ayers



Male Champion
A Ginrin Size 5
Tom Ayers



Mature Champ
Shiro Utsuri Size 6
Corey Garrett



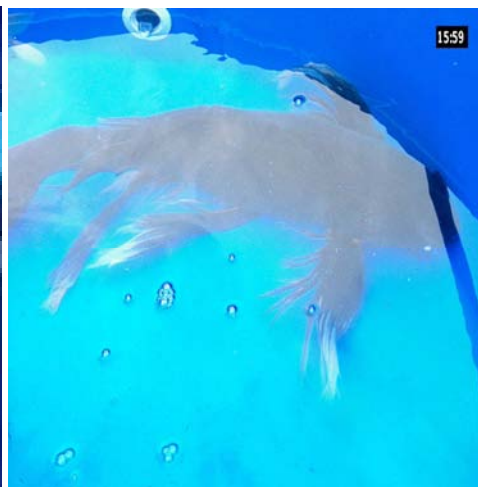
B Champion
Asagi Size 6
Tom Ayers



Baby Champ
Showa Size 1
Dave & Terry Johnson



Young Champ
Kohaku Size 4
Dave & Debby Young



Longfin Champ
Size 5
Bob & Darlene Panter



Grand Champion Award
Tom Ayers



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Upcoming SAKA Business Meetings

Date	Location
December 7, 2008	Host: Wanda and Bruce Triebel – Christmas Party (520) 572-0060
Jan 25, 2009	Host: Chuck and Phyllis Tampio
Feb 22, 2009	Host: Frances Case
March 22, 2009	Host: Tom Ayers
April 26, 2009	Host: David and Debby Young
May 31, 2009	Host: Dan and Martha Cover
June 28, 2009	Host: Open
July 26, 2009	Host: Open
August 23, 2009	Host: Open
September 27, 2009	Host: Dave and Terry Johnson
October 25, 2009	Host: Bob and Darleen Panter
November, 2009	NO MEETING: See you at the Show
December 13, 2009	Host: Christmas Party - Open



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Annual Membership

Dues are \$25.00 per family from March 1 to February 28 or 29 of the next year.

Membership Type

___ Renewal
___ New Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail _____

Today's Date: _____

of Koi _____

Years Keeping Koi: _____

Pond size: _____

Would you like to host a meeting?

Would you like to serve on a committee?

___ If yes which one?

Make Checks payable to: SAKA, Inc.

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2891 W. Ribera Place
Tucson, AZ 85742

The Dangers of an AKCA Seminar!

By Dan Cover

I have been interested in KOI for probably 15 Years. It started when Martha and I went on our First Pond Tour. When I got home, I marked out a spot and started digging. In that first pond, I made many mistakes. When we sold that house, I took most of my fish and at least all of the KOI. with me. Got a horse trough for a temporary pond while we found a new house and then I got another pond going. Somewhat larger and at least twice as deep as the first. In addition, by this time we had joined SAKA, so not as many mistakes, and about 900 gal. After about 3 years, we sold that house and moved into another temporary house with a temporary swimming pool. Found our present home and started digging as soon as the closing was finished. Then the fun began. Cliché and as I prided my self as a do-it-yourself kind of guy. (At least on my ponds) I rented a jackhammer and at about 2.5 to 3 feet had had enough, so the next option is to go up. And even though I like to do-it-myself, I had to admit that I am not a stonemason. Therefore, I had to hire that done. The man did beautiful stone work and water features but did not know thing one about Koi and their needs. In addition, as I was working long 10 hr days and did not get home until after 4 pm, he was done and gone for the day before I got home in the evenings. When I would leave instructions he went at it as though he was the artist and that was how it was going to be. So he put in an 1 ¼" line for water flow . Adequate for a water feature and no bottom drain The no bottom drain I managed to get around by extending the intake line to the bottom (not ideal but it did work) with a home made above the liner bowl. All went well for about a year. Then we started to lose water. I think that the weight of the rock in the waterfall had finally caused a small hole in the liner.

My opportunity to correct part of the problem had come, as I was unhappy about the water level all along. So I got another pond builder to come in, raise the skimmer, and install a spray liner. My new found happiness was short lived . We started having water level problems almost at once. With a year of trying to get this resolved up came the Jacksonville Koi seminar. And as I had wanted to attend one for a couple of years but my work schedule would not allow it we decided this would be the one.

At the Seminar, I learned from the lectures that: First, I really needed a Vortex, and a 4" bottom drain for gravity flow. Fortunately, as my pond was still giving me problems anyway this would be as good a time as any to implement this as I would get. So I called Ozzy and asked him about this and he agreed. Therefore, I then cut a slit up the middle of the bottom of the pond and over to the side so I could get under the liner and dig the trench for the bottom drain. In addition, I lucked out in that he had a used vortex that I could buy from him at a very good price. So now, it was jackhammer time again. With a couple of weekends of digging, I got the trench dug and the pit for the vortex. Repaired the bottom of the pond where I had slit it for the pipe. Really felt great about the whole thing. Filled it up and pretty much the same leak. We spent a good deal of time then trying to get it fixed . And have it down to about 1" a day (about 90 gallons) which for now we will have to live with. I can say that my KOI are happy and I do not need to go find any turtles. As I was beginning to think I would just fill it with sand, get some turtles and have a turtle pit.

The thing about the seminar is there is so much to take in I can say is my KOI are happy

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The lecture on judging I always picked the ones I would like in my pond . And usually got them in reverse order.

KOI as a hobby is fun and exciting but my biggest lesson was and is to all new or old timers on pond building: RESEARCH before you start to dig. And as Debby Young said, she doesn't like to go on the pond tours at the seminars as they always make you want to go home and make changes