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Grant Fujita judging

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Micro chips and Dip...

by Winhead

Cover ~ Yea! Another year another opportunity to place a trophy on your mantle. We're returning to the laid back, small Koi shows of yesteryear. We had to find out what it would be like to do a big one and you can't do that on paper.

Web site ~ Our web site is getting full. Due to the work load I bear I was unable to update it last month and, guess what? No one complained. Since the newsletter is available in color as a PDF I really don't see a need to copy/paste the SAME info into the web site. So, my proposal would be, I'll make the PDFs [screen and print versions] available, upload the articles and calendar and forget about the individual pages for editorial content [Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Phreditorial, etc.]. Please respond at: <http://www.sfbakc.org/forum/index.php> > Media > Web Site.

Storage ~ We're moving our storage area closer to the Gatekeeper, Janet & Ron Freer AND it's less expensive, too. After a brief debate at the last meeting we concluded that everything the Club owns should be in storage except for a few items. In the past we had assets stored all over the place; we don't have a central office for info filing so it would be better for everyone if everything is in one place. If you have any Club assets, please contact Janet. 510.784.0804. To be an exception you need to agree to be "on call" if someone needs to borrow whatever it is you are storing; take it to them when called and make sure it is in storage if you are going to be away for several days.

Board Meetings ~ Occasionally we have mini board meetings when we gather to prepare the newsletter for mailing. This is especially helpful during the summer "event" months when we don't have a regular meeting [the board meetings generally precede the regular meeting]. Since most members would prefer a root canal to a board meeting we have been negligent in announcing them. However, according to the By-Laws, IV-D. *Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted at least once per quarter, or more often as determined by the Board of Directors. Minutes of such meetings shall be made available to the general membership. The meetings will be open to the general members unless specifically announced otherwise by the members of the board.* If you would like to be contacted whenever we have newsletter/board/event party meeting please eMail me; phredrum@mindspring.com and include what type of snacks and beverages you will be bringing [no Coors, please]. This is usually the 2nd Sat weekend unless we publish early like this month because of the Koi Show 2003.

Tategoi; or, new members with potential ~ **Len Arbitter**, San Ramon, 2500 gal pond, may be able to offer some help and advice with fund raising; **Ursula & Mark Silva**, Livermore, 1400 gal, wants to learn enough to show Koi; **Sanh Huynh**, Fremont, 800 gal, wants to learn to build a next better Koi pond. And, welcome back **Dan Mannion**, Duncans Mills; **Linda Sorensen**, Berkeley; **Paul Godowski**, Hillsborough; **Hideko & Tony Metaxas**, Larkspur. No meeting in September but hope to see you at one of the events; BIG FUN!

~ Phred Jackson, 83003

AKCA / KHA
Sheila Jackson



AKCA News

AKCA 2003-2004 Officers
Joan Finnegan - Chairperson
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KHA News

The KHA's in our club are the following:
Bobbie Cervantes
Rich Little

This may be the last KHA class and your last chance to enroll and learn the right way to take care of your koi. Sign up now, KHA has three new students we have room for more.

Call Sheila Jackson @ 510-724-4428 or
e-mail at ladyja6@aol.com

**Volunteers Still Needed
for Koi Show**

Hello There,

Our SFBKAC Koi Show will be upon us in the blink of an eye (September 13 & 14th), have you all gone online to our website to check out the information and to register? Don't forget our banquet on Saturday night, Sept. 13th.

We still need folks for the night watch Saturday. So far Joan Hishida and Jackson Chen will do the first shift, not sure about the second shift, Troy Reilly said he could do graveyard to be relieved around 6am, but he needs a partner.....could you help on this?

We are also looking for a couple of small tables, like card tables. Do you have one we can borrow?

Thank you.....and hope to see you at our show.....elaine

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Board and General Meeting Minutes
by Elaine Jackson (filling in for David Muth, Secretary)
August 24, 2003

SFBAKC Board Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Phred Jackson, Sheila Jackson, Terri Noel, Tom Remigio, Elaine Jackson (filling in for David Muth) and Brita Jonsson, Rich Little, Troy Reilly, Lucia Rose, Items discussed at the Board Meeting were carried over to the general meeting in greater detail, thus:

SFBAKC General Meeting Minutes

In Attendance, lots of folks Our hosts' pond, Brita and Arnie Jonsson's, is 1400 gal, 2 1/2 - 2" deep and is 15 years old. Now has a bead filter, no bottom drain. They have had good luck with their fish except for a loss that happened 10 years ago, the biggest one of course, they have pictures of the fish on the wall with the family photos.

We had the pleasure of having Larry Gill as our guest speaker. Larry has been a koi hobbyist since 1972. He has studied under the guidance of Grant Fujita. Before Larry's talk, he did a go round with us in attendance to see the level of knowledge, type of pond etc. each had. Larry based his talk on our level of experience. One of the very first items Larry addressed was, "Always have a bottom drain, no less than 3", 4" is better". On selecting koi, "do you want a rosebud (nice now, lots more to come), or a rose bloom (lovely now, but will soon be spent". On quality, "a breeder looks for growth rate, a dealer, for color". On shows, "it is hard to teach English style, you don't have same type of fish in same tank". On our up and coming koi show, Larry will be one of the judges and he explained that during the judging we will



not be able to ask questions, but on Sunday, the judges will entertain all questions. This will be an excellent learning experience for all of us, especially those that are showing for the first time and I am sure the folks that show often will pick up a hint or two. Last words of wisdom "bear in mind that there is no guaranties, there is always a lot to learn. Do not buy for the sake of buying, buy for yourself". Many thanks to Larry for his interesting and informative talk.

General Meeting Points:

- Phred suggested the club chip in for part of the Christmas luncheon. Terri said she would check into Bosco's Bones in Sunol.
- On the show, Sheila said she will need several items, air compressor, 100' extension cords, power strips, GFI, new hard tires for the wagon and about \$150 worth of chemicals.
- Rough figure, we will spend about 2k on the show, we are performing our educational purpose.
- Night watch so far, 1st shift Joan Hishida and Jackson Chen, 2nd shift Janet and Ron (maybe) 3rd shift Troy Reilly and ? 4th shift?, this has not yet been firmed up.
- Lucia reported the Vendors are Kevin-Genki Nishikigoi, Rich Wagner -Napa Nishikigoi, Concord Feed, and Sharon our host from Regan Nursery has an artist vendor.
- Phred is working on getting estimates for a club banner.

Board and General Meeting Minutes continued
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- Janet said there are 4 Koi Flags in Storage.
- Lucia and Janet working on finding location for the Judges Dinner on the Friday night, Sept. 12. Horatio's, San Leandro Marina
- Phred said the Koi program does not register dinner only people, a separate tracking will need to be kept.
- Lucia will ask Grant Fujita to speak on Sunday as to the judging that took place on Saturday and point out the what and whys of the Judges decision
- Sharon to give a talk on landscaping around the pond, not in the pond.
- Eddie Chung to do a talk on Saturday.
- Lucia needs someone to show the vendors where to go on Saturday for their setup as she will not be able to attend.
- The three judges, Grant Fujita, Larry Gill, and Alan Stein
- Several club members are signing up to show their Koi.
- Bobbie said the deadline for the newsletter will be August 30th for Septembers' issue.
- Rich Little has certain items for sale please contact him direct for more information.
- Tom Remigio, our treasurer suggest we move all the equipment that we will be using for the show directly to our new storage facility. We will be renting both locations for a short period of time in order for us to make a clean accountable move. The new facility will be closer to Janet and Ron's home, thus making it easier to manage. The suggestion of using a Library style form of inventory like Kathleen Krudwig does for the books was suggested.



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Length of time to borrow, 1 month with an option to extend for 1 more month. Certain items were requested to keep at a member's home, after much discussion a motion was introduced, and passed, to allow any member to petition the board/membership at a membership meeting to present a case as to why keeping an item at the member's home would benefit the SFBKAC membership more than keeping that item in storage. That petition would be voted upon by the membership present at that meeting and the

results would be adhered to. Rich Little petitioned and received approval to keep the oxygen meter and Sheila petitioned and received approval to keep the water testing equipment.

- Two other events to cover, Ca Academy of Science Festival in the Park, Sept.

6-7, Pet Expo, Sept 19-21.

- Need people to cover table only no live fish.
- Forum, Bobbie checks out the site often because she is a Koi Health Advisor. KHA.
- Sheila is gathering names for next session of the KHA program, so far, Jackson Chen, Soo Ming Yee & John Hunt are interested.
- Sheila has the award for Koi of the Year to give to Richard Hart.

... elaine for david

Backyard Dragons
by: Randall Tate
Water Garden News
August

Besides the water lilies, fish, and other aquatic plants, there are many more things that will add to our enjoyment of a pond. Dragonfly watching is a fast growing hobby. There are approximately 435 species of dragonflies and damselflies in North America, approximately 5,000 species worldwide. Their colors are brilliant and varied. Dragonflies and damselflies come in blue, green, gold, purple, pink, orange, red and more with combinations of colors and patterns. The wings can be clear or have markings of different colors. They have very interesting lifestyles and are great fun to watch. The size ranges from just under an inch to about five inches long. Damselflies are weak fliers staying close to the ground. Dragonflies can zip around at 20 miles an hour chasing other dragonflies away from their favorite perch. They can also fly backwards and hover. The only animal that comes close to the aerial abilities of the dragonfly is a hummingbird. Some dragonflies fly constantly as long as the temperature is above approximately 65 degrees. Others



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find a favorite perch from which they can find food or mates. When damselflies perch they hold their wings together over their back. Dragonflies keep their wings outstretched to their side when perched. Three families are used to classify damselflies: Broad-winged Damsels, Spreadwings, and Pond Damsels. Dragonflies are grouped into seven families: Petaltails, Darners, Clubtails, Spiketails, Crusers, Emeralds, and Skimmers.

Dragonflies and damselflies lay eggs in or near water, they soon hatch into nymphs. When in the nymph stage they eat aquatic insects (including mosquito larva), crustaceans, tadpoles, worms, and snails. This stage lasts between a month and five years, depending on species and other factors. When ready to become an adult, the nymph crawls out of the water onto a plant or stone and sheds its shell. As adults, dragonflies only live a few weeks except for a few species that migrate which live for a few months. An adult dragonfly will eat just about any insect that it can catch including flies, mosquitoes, and other dragonflies.

Besides their superb flying ability, dragonflies also have excellent eyesight to enable them to catch insects on the fly. They have two large compound eyes that cover most of their head. These eyes have thousands of facets each like an individual eye. They also have three more small eyes in between their large eyes to further help them in seeing the motion of a small insect. Unlike many insects, dragonflies are able to move their heads easily further enabling them to find and catch insects.

What better way to observe dragonflies and damselflies than in your own backyard pond? Several different species should show up and call your pond home. Dragonflies will breed and lay eggs in your existing pond but if you have fish, about 80 % of the dragonfly nymphs will be eaten. You may want to build a pond without fish to enable a higher percentage of the nymphs to mature.

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- Sept 6,7 ~ CA Academy of Sciences, 150th Anniversary, *Educational Table* -
- Sept 13, 14 ~ SFBKAC Koi Show, Regan Nursery, 4268 Decoto Rd., Fremont, *Head Judge, Grant Fujita*
- Sept 19-21 ~ Pet Expo, Pleasanton, *Educational Table*
- October 11, 12 ~ Central Koi Show, Fresno
- October 19 ~ CKC Young Koi Show & Auction, Capital Nursery, Elk Grove

● Oct 25 ~ Troy Reilly, Hayward *unless there is a Koi Sale & Auction*

● Nov 22 ~ Jeanne & Rich Little, Fremont

● Dec ~ Christmas Luncheon ~ *mark your calendars, not to be missed*

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