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**Micro chips  
and Dip...**  
by Winstead

**Nominations** ~ David is calling members to volunteer for positions on the Executive Board; check the Minutes for the results. If there is anyone you'd like to nominate including yourself, please contact David Muth at [davidm@ofsinc.org](mailto:davidm@ofsinc.org) or 707.746.7811.

**House Cleaning** ~ We are in the process of trying to complete the projects we began this year. Some very interesting ones, too:

**Fin** ~ A volunteer reward scrip for volunteering for an event which can be traded in for Club merchandise valued above \$5.00 or 3 can be used toward the Christmas Luncheon – the Club will pay for half of your meal.

**Storage** ~ We moved our storage facility to a location closer to our Sergeants-at-arms, The Freers to make it easier if someone needs to rent something. They are assembling a local group of members to, finally, produce the inventory list we've been talking about for almost as long as changing the...

**Bylaws** ~ We didn't get a chance to go into this due to the storage move. There's some discussion on our Forum – <http://www.sfbakc.org/forum/> There are currently 50 members and lots of other topics. This is where you go for Koi Health Advice: if it's an emergency there's a list of the KHAs with phone numbers.

**Committees** ~ We have a couple of new committees:

- 1. Phone Committee** ~ you don't even have to leave home and you'd be calling people in your own area code. Not much work involved here mostly call members who checked the "Help at Events" box on their membership for volunteers. Three or four events per year. Contact me if interested: [phredrum@mindspring.com](mailto:phredrum@mindspring.com) or 925.372.0687.
- 2. Koi Show 2004** ~ We learned some lessons this year so next year's show will be in the Spring, Regan's Nursery is interested. Agree with them on a date, call for volunteers, if there's not enough then it's no show.
- 3. Board of Directors** ~ We're working on a sub Board to work with the Executive Board but it's role and goals need to be defined for our Club.
- 4. Vendors** ~ We would like to find ways to work more closely with our local vendors, they need us and we need them.

**Christmas Luncheon** ~ Bosco's Bones, Sunol,  
**Sunday, December 21, 2003,**  
**11:00-3:00PM**, be there, call Terri,  
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Happy Thanksgiving!



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**AKCA News**

AKCA 2003-2004 Officers

Joan Finnegan - Chairperson  
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Carole Elliott - Secretary  
Doug Dahl - CFO

**KHA News**

The KHA's in our club are the following:

Bobbie Cervantes  
Rich Little

**Trez Report**  
**Not Available at Printing**

**A Koi Related Belated Halloween Horror Story**

By Laura, reprinted from the MAKC newsletter

I had the worst thing possible happen. I left on vacation with all my plans in place. Food in small bags for the neighbor girl to feed the fish, neighbors with a pond themselves ready to come over and clean the filter etc. When I returned home though, I found that my neighbor had decided to take it upon himself to reline my pond. So he had taken all of my prized Koi and put them in with his less valuable Koi (he also doesn't keep his pond as sanitary and pristine as I do—he keeps water plants and his fish continually are getting ich.)

After my initial shock, I went over to visit my fish and found that they, indeed, did now have signs of ich, those white spots that everyone dreads. Lacking a quarantine tank, I suggested that he treat his fish and mine with the appropriate measures to clear up the problem, but he refused saying if a fish is hardy it'll live through anything. By this time I was ready to visit my pharmacist for some of those mother's littler helper pills.

Finally, 2 weeks later he finished the work of relining my pond and redeposited my fish (well almost all of them, he kept 2 and gave me 2 of his less valuable fish in return for payment for his services!) The fish still show signs of ich despite my treating them with the necessary formulas and treatments.

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## History of Sunol and Basco From [www.bascobonesbrew.com](http://www.bascobonesbrew.com)

### THE HISTORY OF SUNOL

Sunol originated as a Spanish land grant in the Mid 1800's, surrounded by ranches, vineyards, and later movie making. In 1860 the final track was laid that truly connected San Francisco to New York by rail. In 1862 Charles Lyon built the Lyon's Brewery Depot. By the 1900's Sunol was a booming town with four hotels, two general stores, restaurants, and two train stations. Sunol became a resort area for the wealthy San Franciscans. A family of 4 and 2 servants could ride from San Francisco to Sunol and back unlimited times for \$12.00 a month.

With nearby Niles serving as the movie capital, many films were made in Niles Canyon and Sunol with such well known western actors as Tom Mix & Bronco Billie, & the famous Charlie Chapman. Mary Pickford starred in movie "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farms" filmed at the Little Brown Church.

The Cerny Building is a close replica of the original 1862 building with the exception of the barn being added, the absence of the gambling casino, & rooms to let upstairs.

### THE NAME BOSCO

The story was reported worldwide how two men lost to a dog named Bosco in an unofficial Mayor's race in the town of Sunol. No one realized that prank in 1981 would make the town of Sunol so famous. From then on people just accepted the fact that Bosco was the Mayor.

On July 24, 1984 The Star newspaper wrote an article about Mayor Bosco, the article said he ruled with an iron paw, and took grafts from all businesses in town, in the way of beef jerky (which was his favorite) and dog biscuits.

Many news article's had been written about Mayor Bosco, and he had appeared on television numerous times. Even his death in 1994 was on television as well as in news print.

So you see Mayor Bosco made the town of Sunol famous, so as a tribute to Mayor Bosco and the town of Sunol we named the restaurant & saloon Bosco's Bones and Brew.

### ABOUT OUR RESTAURANT & SALOON



Mohammed Rouf Executive Chef at Bosco's Bones & Brew. For the last twenty five years he was a kitchen manager in New York and New Jersey. Before he came to this country from India, he was a hotel manager. Since coming to California, he has worked as a chef at Joe's in Elk Grove and also on the Riverboat Restaurant on the Delta. Mohammed brings with him exquisite cuisine from around the world.

Mike & Joan Cerny bought a small ranch in 1970 and started to build their home where they live today. They raised their three children Chantalle, Janelle and Brandon in this house with no phones or electricity. They also built a small nursery, which soon became one of the largest bedding plant nurseries in California.

Sunol had been devastated by several fires in the 1980's and left Main Streets with several bare lots, and very little businesses. In 1995 Mike and Joan purchased the land and set out to try and replicate a little part of Sunol's history, and some pride back into the town. Mike & Joan love Sunol and felt this was a wonderful place to be able to raise their children and grandchildren, amongst a community of many fine Sunolians.

When you leave the restaurant and saloon we hope a part of Sunol's history becomes a part of you



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**SFBAKC Board Minutes and  
General Meeting  
October 25, 2003  
by: David Muth**

The meeting was held at Dennis Woollum's house

Meeting Starts at 11AM Board members present: Phred, Sheila, Terry, Lee and David  
Agenda:

- Sign up Sheets
- Club Discount Card
- Letter to dealers stating interest in cooperation
- Future Board members

Sign up Sheets:

The following lists were passed around:

- Board Sign ups
- By Laws
- Koi Show 04
- Social Committee
- Phone Committee

Club Discount Card:

Lucia and David will contact dealers in Mid November to discuss with them their participation in the Club Discount Card. Some results should be known by the November meeting.

Letter to dealers:

Phred is putting together a letter and sending it to our local dealers stating that we as a club have a strong interest in a good working relationship with our dealers.

Future Board Members:

This is the time of the year where the club starts to look at next year and who will fill the board seats. A potential list of members was listed at the meeting and those people will be contacted to discuss their interest in being a board member.

## **General Meeting**

Rich Little spoke on the need for a Hospital tank.

The whole point of a hospital tank is to care for Koi that become sick and infected. This happens most often when their immune systems are down in early spring. Between 58

and 60 degrees, the Koi immune system slows down so much that it cannot deal with a lot of bacteria. When the pond begins to heat up in spring to over 60 degrees, bacteria starts growing faster that the Koi immune system can adapt to the increase. This is when Koi can become ill most often

A hospital tank is needed and should be at least 70 degrees. If it is 75- 80 degrees, it is even better. In our winter, the water temperature 5' below the surface of your pond is around 55 degrees which is warmer than the air temperature at night and some days.

Medicate a fish as soon as it goes into the hospital tank. If you don't know what condition you are medicating a Koi for, then your efforts may not be very effective. It is far better to have access to a microscope to aid you in determining what ailment your Koi is dealing with. AKCA suggests working with an AKCA vet to identify what the problem and then treat it. Keep the hospital tank warm in winter so that the filter is working when you need it. Test the water. You can add gold fish or even ammonia to get the filter either going if it is new or out of balance.

Koi should stay in the hospital tank for 4 weeks. That is why the filter is in good order and the water temperature stable. When you place the Koi in the tank, if your pond water is 50 degrees and the hospital tank is 75 degrees, the koi is going to have a difficult time adjusting to that drastic change. Lower the temperature of the hospital tank to 65 and than increase the temperature. Insulating the tank helps to prevent heat loss. If you cover the tank, you can substantially prevent heat loss as well as evaporation. Be sure to add air stones if you cover the tank.

## **The Club Meeting**

The lists that that the board created as sign up sheets were passed around and those interested signed up.

The meeting ended at 2:30 and 15 of us went to move the contents of the warehouse to a new location.

Notes by David Muth  
Club Secretary



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• Nov 22 ~ Troy Reilly, 26124 Regal Avenue, Hayward, 510-415-2552

10:30-noon Board Meeting

Noon-1:00 Networking•Grazing•Socializing-bring finger food

1:00-? • Program: Randy Reed from Reed Mariculture, San Jose

Discussion of major changes in Club structure

• Sunday, December 21, 2003, 11:00-3:00PM ~ Christmas Luncheon ~ mark your calendars, not to be missed • Bosco's Bones in Sunol, check out the history, it's fascinating.

Directions: Unavailable at deadline

Interested in hosting a meeting? It's a great opportunity to show off your pond. Don't have a pond... it's an incredible opportunity to get the right advice. Call Program Director, Terri Noel (510.489.9622), if you have a location, topic or suggestion. Everything is subject to change without a warning or a clue.

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