



*Shasta Koi and  
Water Garden Club*  
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# Talk'n bout Koi & Water Gardens

## 2015 Officers

**President:**

John Watkins

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Marilyn Swanson

**Webmaster:**

**Newsletter Editor:**

Renee Ottzman

*Shasta Koi & Water Garden Club*

*Will Not have a Meeting*

*In*

*June 2015*

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*The next club meeting  
will be held on  
July 18, 2015*

## Dredgings from the Pond

Those who missed our May meeting, missed a good one! Our ‘Hostess-with-the-Mostess’, Karen Wing is in the process of re-landscaping her backyard, and that meant she was giving away her beautiful collection of koi. Marilyn Swanson got one of the prettiest Shiro Utsuris I have seen. Way to go Marilyn!

I just got back from 10 days in Hawaii. We celebrated my mom’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, got my son married on the beach by my son-in-law, and Debbie and I celebrated our 40 wedding anniversary. I did sneak off one day to visit an old friend on the north shore of Kauai. We talked about the old days on the island and he pulled out of his rafters the boards we rode in 1970.



The automatic koi feeders kept my koi happy, but wow, when I backwashed this morning, WHEW! THE STINK!!! And my neighbor had backwashed my filters at midpoint in our vacation. I can’t over emphasize the importance of regular backwashing – daily, if you can spare the water.

Last month, I noticed a sore forming on my big chagoi, so Debbie and I pulled her out of the water, sedated her with clove oil and administered two injections of antibiotic. I could barely lift her. She is 34” in length and I’m guessing 30-35 pounds! She responded favorably to the medicine, and appears perfectly healthy again.

Many of our club members are attending the AKCA wet lab in Sacramento next month, so we are cancelling our meeting for June. See you in July.

Happy Koi Growing,,  
-John

## *President's Message*

## *Jumbo Tosai...*

*The April club meeting was held at Sunset Koi. Victoria Dolan had just received a shipment of jumbo Tosai consisting of three Sanke and three Kohaku from Pan Intercorp's Zac Schmidt.*

*Club members were asked to study each koi and judge them. Club president John Watkins then presented Judge Schmidt's assessment of each fish. The best Kohaku and Sanke are shown below.*

*Kohaku #4991*

*Judge Schmidt points out this koi has a frame that can support jumbo growth and good conformation. High quality Beni pattern and sharp Kiwa are enhanced by richness of color. The three-step Beni pattern is very desirable in Kohaku.*

*"This Kohaku looks fantastic today but should really shine when it reaches 25 inches-plus and carries a full body.*



## **JUMBO TOSAI Continued**

### **Sanke #4921**

*Three Sanke were on hand for our judging evaluation and education.*

*This Sanke was chosen by Judge Schmidt for its big frame and large bone structure which will support jumbo growth. Powerful shoulder Sumi draws the eye to the main highlight of this koi. Because Sumi sits on top of the Beni here, it is even deeper and more rich looking.*

*Sumi stepping stones create balance from front to back. Without this powerful step of Sumi this Sanke would be very front and rear loaded. Sanke are based on Kohaku coloring so the two-step pattern is classic Nidan. The Beni wraps down on each side and the large Beni will help this Sanke carry a strong presence as this koi grows.*

*Ink-black Sumi is well balanced from head to tail and is the strong point of this Sanke. The Odome (tail stop) Hi ends at just the right spot and anchors the overall pattern.*

*“This Sanke is one that can be enjoyed today. It's very well finished and could be taken to show right away.”*



# Club News...

Dear Club Members,

## **Newsletter Editor Position**

After two and a half years of being the newsletter editor, it is time to pass the torch to someone with new ideas and input for the club. I'm putting this out now in June to give someone a chance to get acquainted with the current Open Office program that I'm using. However, there are other more advanced programs which are just as easy and may be more to your liking. I have enjoyed my time as editor but think it's time for a change.

If you've ever wanted to be a writer or think you would like to experience putting together articles, please consider taking over as editor. I've had a lot of fun with pictures and articles but think it's time for me to move over and give someone else an opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you. Renee Ottzman 223-4274

## **Webmaster Position**

We are still looking for someone to take over for Jon Laubin as Webmaster. Armando Mejorado has been instrumental in putting the website together in the past and can help with learning the ins and outs of keeping the web-page updated. Please consider taking over this much-needed club element.

## **Hosting Club Meetings**

We need a host for the November club meeting. If you are new to the club, this is a great opportunity to get involved. We love to see new ponds and get to know new members!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact John Watkins at 867-6020 or me, Renee Ottzman at 223-4274.

<b><i>MONTH</i></b>	<b><i>HOST 2015</i></b>	<b><i>REFRESHMENTS</i></b>
JAN-17	Ottsman	Ottsman
FEB-21	Stoker	Cole
MAR-21	Watkins	Watkins
APR-18	Sunset Koi	Ottsman
MAY-16	Karen Wing	Wing
JUNE-20	No Meeting	
JULY-18	Shanna Andrew	Andrew
AUG-15	Kim Pearson	Pearson
SEPT-19	Club BBQ-Hart	Potluck
OCT-17	Koi Auction	
NOV-21		
DEC-19	Christmas Party	

## Hosting

If you are interested in providing the refreshments for any upcoming meetings that have not been filled, please e-mail Renee Ottsman

[ROttsman@ymail.com](mailto:ROttsman@ymail.com)



# Become a Member Today!

Our meetings are a time to socialize in good company about the Koi and Water Garden hobbies. Short programs about ponds, plants and Koi are a part of every meeting. We make trips to various shows and pond tours around the state. We hold our own Pond Tour every other Spring and Koi Auction in the Autumn. Meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10am at various members homes. We hope to see you there!



## Want to Join?

The membership application can be printed and you can mail your dues to:

***Shasta Koi, 23694 Springwood Way, Milleville, CA 96062***

OR. Ever Better, your dues can be paid in person at the meeting.

Our intrepid treasurer will accept:

Checks or Cash (checks payable to: ***Shasta Koi and Water Garden Club***)



## Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member    \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_\_\_ Dues enclosed: \$20 per household, two adults (please do not mail cash)

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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