

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

## 2015 Officers

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## *Shasta Koi & Water Garden Club's March Meeting*

*Will be held on*

*Saturday, March 21, 2015  
At 10 a.m.*

*At the home of*

*John & Debbie Watkins  
6374 Park Ridge Drive  
Anderson, CA 96007  
530-867-6020*

*Directions:*

*From **Dersch** Road, running between Deschutes Road and  
Airport Road, turn onto **Clearview Drive**.  
Clearview Drive will become Park Ridge Drive  
(after River Bluff Drive).  
6374 Park Ridge will be on the right.*

# President's Message

FEBRUARY 2015

## ***Dredgings from the Pond***

*Well, the day finally came. Ask my wife. I had been counting down the months, then the weeks, days and finally hours as the day finally arrived to pull my fish out of the pond, put them in boxes and head for the NorCal ZNA Koi Show in San Jose. Kirk Hall very kindly came over to help me box up my fish. He brought two oxygen tanks to make sure we would have enough for the job. We didn't. Both tanks were empty!*

*It took us an hour to load up three fish instead of the four I had planned to take, a lot of sweat and muscle to get them from the back pond to my driveway and into the back of my GMC Yukon XL. Then we headed off to Red Bluff to get some oxygen in the tanks. It all ended well. In 3-1/2 hours the fish and I arrived safely at the show. The ZNA members greeted me there and helped unload my fish. A lot of fish had already arrived. In the pond next to mine was a large Kohaku that I saw win last year's SoCal ZNA Show. She measured 34 inches and is more beautiful than ever.*

*Next to that tank were two Koi from Colorado; a ginrin Teradomari Kohaku and a beautiful Isa Showa. Kirk and I joined Tyler, the owner of these two fish, for lunch on Saturday and got to hear of his travels to Japan and learn about his koi raising techniques. On Saturday the judging took place and I was certain of not winning any awards. Thirty one tanks were filled with stunning koi, many much larger than mine and of comparable quality. As the judging came to a close, it began to rain. Soon lightening, thunder, hail and torrential rain pounded the show. Everyone hid indoors. I went to my hotel room at the show and relaxed. An hour or so later the rain tapered off and I went down to see the results of the judging.*

*One of the judges came out, asked my name, and said my fish had been awarded the "Mature Champion." He had to tell me again because I couldn't believe my ears. I was as surprised as anyone. The competition was so great; over a hundred entrants with lots of high-quality fish, all this led me to believe I had no chance. But, this little 28 inch Kohaku had something else in mind. The judges awarded her the third highest prize in the competition. They told me she was still young and needed another year or two before she would reach her peak but said her body and overall quality was so high she deserved to be the "Mature Champion." So with another year or two of high-quality water, nutrition and care, who knows, she may achieve the title of "Grand Champion."*

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# Meeting Minutes

## SHASTA KOI & WATER GARDEN CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 21, 2015

A regular meeting of the Shasta Koi Club was held at the home of Terry & Karlene Stoker. President John Watkins, Marilyn Swanson, Bob Hart, Abby King and Eda Ebe were present at the meeting.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 2014 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Eda mentioned the cost of the PO box has gone up. She suggested the club could save money by canceling the box and have checks sent directly to Eda or the current treasurer. However, we might still need a PO box for the bank account. Bob asked what the cost was for a smaller box would be before canceling it and Eda said she would look into it.

Eda stated we might also want to cancel the club's subscription to KoiUSA Magazine which is \$25/year. Marilyn pointed out we may need the subscription for the KHA's, so Eda will explore this before taking action. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

### OLD

**BUSINESS:** John Watkins introduced Abby King as club secretary for 2015 and Eda Ebe continuing as club treasurer.

### NEW

**BUSINESS:** The club oxygen tank needs a new gauge in order to know how much oxygen is left in the tank Marilyn suggested we purchase another tank and said we need something that shows volume rather than pressure. She suggested we just buy a new tank. John mentioned they are expensive and run between \$600-\$700. Marilyn suggested we purchase two nets, larger than the ones we have, for use during the auction.

**PROGRAM:** John Watkins talked about how koi get their color and about the basic fundamentals of water quality.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at John Watkins home in Anderson.

Abby King  
Secretary

# 2014 Koi Person of the Year

*Armando Mejorado was unanimously voted the koi person of the year in 2014. This didn't come as a surprise to anyone! Armando was recognized at the Christmas party with a plaque inscribed with all of his achievements during the year. Some of these events are recognized in the pictures below.*

*WINE TASTING at Armando's home in Redding.*



*2014 Club President,  
Armando Mejorado*



*Tickets were sold to the public for this special fund-raising event on an absolutely beautiful day in April.*



*Opening his home has led to many new koi club members who have become good friends.*



*I cannot leave this segment of the newsletter without mentioning Gary Desmond who passed away in June 2014.*

*Gary had a profound impact on all of us with his vibrant personality and his creativity and friendship. I've included a few examples in pictures.*



*May 2014 Koi Show*



*Armando and Gary, our hosts for the 2013 Christmas party at their home.*



*There was a cloud and lightening in the living room complete with an awesome sound system. We loved every minute...God Bless.*

*DREDGING'S FROM THE POND  
(Continued)*

*At the show, I saw a 15 year old Showa that was still very beautiful. I am sure genetics played a part in her youthfulness but much of the credit should go to her owner, Dr. David Tran.*

*Dear members of the Shasta Koi & Water Garden Club, this is why, as President, I am stressing the basics of koi keeping: pond design, filtration, nutrition and other essentials which help our koi live long healthy lives. While I have chosen to make showing koi my particular interest, our passion is the same. We all want our koi to be beautiful and live long happy lives.*

*Happy Koi Keeping  
John Watkins*



*This Kohaku belongs to Bill Tullis and is the 2013 SoCal ZNA winner.*



*John said this Hi Utsuri is the largest koi he has ever seen! Awesome!*



*“Mature Champion”  
28” Kohaku, 2015 Nor Cal ZNA Show  
CONGRATULATIONS!*

*Thank you John for sharing your photos and experiences with us and to Kirk for helping John when he really needed it. It was very much appreciated!*



<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		
MAY-16	Marveen Moore	Kirk Hall
JUNE-20	Shanna Andrew	
JULY-18	Karen Wing	Wing
AUG-15		
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

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