

Minutes from 5/23/15 Monterey Bay Koi & Pond Club Meeting & Pond Social

Attendees:

Rick Blazo	Erik & Suzie Blomquist
Phil Castle	Diane Franzoia
Don Green	Ralph & Julie Kimball
Scott Lambaren	Erik & Deborah Peterson
Michael & Teresa Ready	Adra Ross
Dan Rutledge	Randy Sparks
Warren & Harolla Steiner	Josanne Virene

We had another WONDERFUL pond social at Erik & Deborah's beautiful home with amazing koi pond in May. Thanks to all of the great folks (noted above) who attended...and others that were very much missed. Don Green and Dan took some terrific photos of which I have enclosed some with this email. If anyone would like to see the others, please let me know.

BRIEF MEETING NOTES:

Annual Dues: a friendly reminder that the annual dues of \$30/family for 2015 are due. I will be sending out an email with the list of folks who we think have paid in the near future.

Japanese Cultural Fair: Yesterday, Saturday, June 6, was the annual Japanese Cultural Fair in Santa Cruz. A great event where our booth and tanks with Rick & Adra's beautiful koi were on display and enjoyed by so many of the fair attendees. A follow up email with pictures and more info will be sent shortly.

ZNA NorCal Koi Show-2016: Per an earlier email, ZNA NorCal is seeking volunteers to help with their 2016 show in April. It is a great opportunity to help out and to get more involved with the Northern California Koi Community. We will be sending out additional information on what is needed when.

Upcoming Pond Socials: Following is the schedule for this summer's Pond Socials:

June: Carol & Stephen Payne
July: Dawn & Maurice Barnum
August: OPEN
September: Diane Franzoia
Dates and times to be announced.

Chinese High Fin Sharks: Michael & Teresa Ready were in San Diego recently and saw a Chinese High Fin Shark in one of the koi ponds they visited. It is a beautiful algae-eating fish that resides peacefully with koi and can be a great addition to your pond. As a cold water fish they do well in our temperature conditions. See following website for more information:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_high_fin_banded_shark

If you are interested, this fish can be purchased at the pet store on 41st Avenue.

SaveOurSkies: The FAA has rerouted planes over Santa Cruz causing severe disruption to residential areas. If you would like to know more and help out with this problem, please see the following website (or others googled under “Save Our Skies Santa Cruz.”

<https://www.facebook.com/SaveOurSkiesSantaCruz>

Nualgai: There is a new algae product available that is called Nualgai that is purported to eliminate both “pea soup” and string algae in your koi ponds without the use of UV Lights and Algaefix. Rick has been testing this product on four of the ponds he maintains and, to date, as found mixed results. However as he said, it is supposed to take a while for the product to work so he is yet undecided about it’s efficacy. More information to follow as the tests proceed.

END OF NOTES

Peterson Pond Social

