

## AKCA Minutes of March 12, 2015

### Officers Present:

Chair:  
Vice Chair: Don Chandler  
Secretary: Carole Elliott  
CFO: Brenda Chandler

### Directors Present:

Ally Cunningham  
Gordon Chibana

### Guests:

Ally Chibana

### Board Highlights:

- ✚ AKCA Annual dues will be sent out in March
- ✚ Would current KHAs or those interested in signing up for the Wet Lab please contact Julie Miller at: [jam1150@hotmail.com](mailto:jam1150@hotmail.com).

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Don Chandler, at 6:22 pm.

**MINUTES:** Motion: To approve the minutes of February 12th. Motion by Brenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon. Approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**FINANCIALS:** Brenda's report for February: Beginning balance of \$89,984.96; deposits of \$1,253.31; withdrawals/debits/checks for a total of \$4,980.22 for an ending balance of \$86,258.05; net loss of \$3,726.91.

**SCIENTIFIC/KHA:** Julie's report: This month she has spent her time working with our KHA students to complete units and has had several complete the program. She would encourage anyone from the West Coast area to get signed up for the Wet Lab so we can get an accurate count. She will also be contacting the clubs in the Midwest so they can start encouraging members of their clubs to be looking into what it takes to become a KHA. The Wet Lab for the summer of 2016 will be held in Iowa for the first time. This is close for those enthusiasts in the Midwest. If anyone is interested in taking the classes, please have them email her at [jam1150@hotmail.com](mailto:jam1150@hotmail.com) with KHA in the subject line. She is having trouble contacting current KHAs. Please email her so she can get help with a mentoring program.

**PROJECT KHV:** No report.

**PUBLICATION:** Don reported that the KOI USA committee met prior to the AKCA meeting. The March/April issue was mailed out on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Bob Payne said that we are on track to mail the May/June issue on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the new Download Center, landing page & Google ad words. Ideas for increasing subscriptions were discussed; will discuss these suggestions further at our next meeting. Bob Payne stated that Am Web has asked us to lighten their load of

our stored magazines (approximately 15,000 issues). Don stated that we need some magazines for our archives. Bob needs to find out if recycling the magazines will be free compared to the cost of shipping them to us. We also might make magazines available to clubs for the cost of postage. Ron has been doing a great job collecting advertising money; he still has 8 ads to collect on out of 28 in the Mar/Apr issue. The board voted to incentivize Ron with a 10% bonus for signing up new advertisers at koi shows where he's running the AKCA/KOI USA booth.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Don received a check from the Genesee Pond & Koi Club; they are now an official AKCA member club. Last month, Tri State ZNA came back. We now have 78 member clubs (that's an increase of 3 clubs in the last 2 months).

**JUDGING:** Don talked to Tom Ayers, who said Larry Christensen and Garry Chin were going to help reorganize the AKCA Judging Committee. Tom's health has slowed down the process but he's determined to keep working away.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:** Two more clubs have signed up for the premium insurance for a total of 25 clubs.

**BOOKSTORE:** Don went over the monthly bookstore sales report; Ron sold \$890 during February. At the San Jose show, Ron had no sales on Friday and almost none on Sunday due to a major storm. Even so, he had bookstore sales at the show of \$514.84.

**SPEAKER'S GRANT:** No report.

**MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS:** There were several questions from Nancy Moore of Washington K&WGS. (1) Wanted use to provide candidates' backgrounds (this has never been provided before, so input is requested from other clubs);(2) She stated that their librarian has had no success in reaching the bookstore (so assistance was provided); (3) Asked about the status of pending by-law revisions (Don asked her what revisions she was been anticipating?); (4) She stated that our filtration/nutrition/pond construction books are not up to date (Don responded by agreeing that portions needed to be revised, however, the bookstore still have 3,000+ copies of each in stock, thus, it is not financially feasible to dump current stocks and reprint those books at this time); and (5) She asked about handing out the Koi Person of the Year at the yearly Business Meeting/Seminar (which we no longer do since most people don't attend this meeting, thus, we mail them out as soon as we receive the request).

### SEMINAR REPORTS:

**2015 Seminar:** PNKCA has stepped on our new date by putting on their Seminar the same weekend as the AKCA Wet Lab/Business meeting. They are also having a Wet Lab, further diluting potential attendees for ours.

**2016 Seminar:** It will be in Cedar Falls, Iowa; we moved up a week since the Midwest Koi Club is having their show on our normal Seminar date.

**2017 Seminar:** We need to follow up with MAKC who earlier inquired about what would be involved; hopefully, they will be interested since we'd love to have a Wet Lab on the East Coast.

#### **PROXY CALLS FOR FEBRUARY**

- ✚ Please send any pictures of club members, or others, reading KOI USA magazine.
- ✚ If your club has recently held a pond tour or koi show, has it been submitted for an article in KOI USA magazine?

#### **UPCOMING AKCA ANNUAL CALENDAR EVENTS FOR MARCH**

- ✚ Annual dues notice sent out.
- ✚ Send out notices to clubs for Koi of the Year and Koi Person of the Year

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✚ In a message from Dinh Nguyen, he stated that he has received the AKCA Koi of the Year plaque and thanked Mike Przewoznik for handling this for AKCA and NorCal. He stated, "You are the best!" Dinh shared how much appreciation they have for Mike for taking this task for them. He acted professionally, promptly and with great results!!

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion by Brenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Carole Elliott, Secretary

#### **REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTS:**

**Written report submitted by Carole Elliott:** Jackie Allsup, of **Eastern Iowa PS**, said they held their first 2015 meeting of the year. Not to be outdone by the NIPKC chili cook off, they had one of their own. Lots of great Chili to sample. Their meeting was at the home of Larry and Erma Thompson. They have a beautiful inside koi pond, so it was a great place to have an early February meeting. Ellen & Myron Kloubec surprised them by showing up at the meeting. It is always great to visit with them. Discussions with them are endlessly interesting. They held officer elections and talked about their ice covered ponds. What a great way to begin the new year! Jackie Allsup, of **Northern Iowa P&KC**, said they started out their year with a great get together which included a Chili cook off. They elected new officers (pretty much the same as last year) but it seems to be difficult thing to get accomplished each year. With that being done, they look forward to the upcoming year. They talked about their winter ponds and discussed a few problems members were having. For the most part, she thinks everyone (outside koi) survived much better than last year. The meeting agendas have been set already and the year

planned out. So they are ready to go... Ralph Smith, of **Southwest K&PA**, said he didn't think they received the AKCA officers ballot; will check with Debbie Hartman. If not, he'll contact Carole who will mail out another one. Congratulations to SKAPA newsletter editor Albert Martinez for winning their end of the year prize drawing. Jan Jordan, of **Mid-Columbia K&PC**, said they are having their first get together at Sterlings Steak House March 18<sup>th</sup>. Hoping for a good turnout. They have already hit 70F and suppose to be similar for the next 10 days, so things will wake up fast, including ponders. Gary & Debbie Floyd, of **Amarillo KS**, wanted to alert people about their published article in KOI USA called "Greenhouse Build." They enjoy year round with a heated greenhouse. Mary Ann Penix, of **Piedmont K&WGS**, said they did receive the AKCA ballot. Pond tour plans continue. Their monthly meeting is this Saturday at a new members house. They are all excited about the warm weather returning. They have had 70-80 degree weather since Monday! They have a plant swap in April at a members house; she is unable to get in her pond for any maintenance so the club members meet at her house and help her out with her pond. She is an excellent cook and always prepares a feast for them. Any member can bring plants to divide and share. It is a fun day! Mel Barutha, of **South Carolina K&WGS**, said they were excited to have Grant & Penny Patton, of the Charleston Showa Club, presenting a slide show regarding the selection of winning Koi for their February meeting. What a way to start off another exciting year! That should stimulate their members to get out to the Koi shows near them this spring to buy that new future potential show winner. The future meetings for the year have been set and their members were eager to volunteer their homes for their monthly meeting venues. The March meeting presentation has the owner of South Pleasantburg Nursery giving a talk on "The Top Ten Problems with Ponds." He always brings wit to his presentation while teaching their club something new. That will take place on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Finally, some of the club members will be attending the Florida Koi Show March 13-15<sup>th</sup>. They think Spring has finally sprung in South Carolina. Christine Wilkolaski, of **Niagara Frontier K&PC**, said the month of March they will be having their photo contest. Three categories: flora, fauna, and ponds. First and second place for each and a special people's choice award will be awarded. They will be having Larry Nau, from Bergens water gardens, speak in April about all the laws that are going into affect there in New York (March 10<sup>th</sup>) with their koi considered an invasive species and some of their pond plants that will be prohibited to buy or buy with warnings attached. Many of them are very concerned about these laws. They did set their Pond Tour this year for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is finally in the two digits there. Maybe in the 30's this week between the bitter cold and snow; not sure when members will be able to get to their ponds and survey the damage. Teresa Zagar, of **Canada KC of British Columbia**, said they had their monthly koi club meeting. Clarke Shea (their current secretary) has offered to mail the completed AKCA ballot back to us. As far as plans for their club are concerned, there's nothing exciting on the calendar at the moment. Their winter, although mild this year, has made them (and their koi) rather sluggish. Many of their members have been feeding their koi for the last 3-4 weeks in small amounts, but the cool water temperature has kept their energy requirements low. Carole tried but was unable to reach: **Atlanta KC; Hawaii Goldfish & Carp; Niagara Frontier K&PC; Puget Sound; KC; Hawaii GF&C; Miami Valley WGS; WGC of South Texas; and Piedmont K&WGS; and North Texas WGS.**

**Written report submitted by Joan Finnegan:** **So Cal Koi Club** did not have a meeting in March; the club encouraged members to attend the Koi Club of San Diego's Koi Show as well as the ZNA So Cal Koi Show in Gardena. Don & Brenda Chandler took koi to the San Diego Koi Show and got two Best in Class and 4 1<sup>st</sup> Place Awards. Carole Elliott also took koi and received 3 Friendship Awards, 1 Best in Size and 4 1<sup>st</sup> Place Awards. Next month the club is encouraging members to attend the Hanamatsuri Festival in Garden Grove where there will be a koi display. Norm Call, of **Oregon K&WGS**, said they are planning their next Annual Koi Show. They are also having a membership drive in May and a booth at a local flower show at Douglas County Fairgrounds. Everything else is quiet. Joan was unable to reach **Northwest K&GFC-ZNA Northwest Chapter**.

**Written report submitted by Bob Finnegan:** Mona Coleman, of **Northern Nevada PC**, said that everything is OK. Jon Floden, of **Gulf Coast KS**, said their club is slowing down and many ponds closed. It's too bad because there are a lot of beautiful koi ponds in the area. Jon Lockerman, of **North Florida KC**, said their koi show will have the help of another koi club. Don Apol, of **Great Pond & KS of West Michigan**, said that ice has been 2 ft. thick this year. The executive committee met this month to make plans. The next first club meeting will be in April. Bob was unable to reach **Olympic K&GFC**, **Sierra KC**, and **ZNA Potomac KC**.

**Written report submitted by Don Chandler:** William Williams, of **Bakersfield Koi & WGS**, reports the club met at the Remax once again. We thank Glen Porter for the many times he has offered his office for our meetings. We had a discussion on the upcoming shows. Ron and Malise will be showing in San Diego and Mike Przewoznik and Eric/Stephanie Leempinen will be making the journey down on Saturday to show support for the BKWGS and the San Diego Show. All will be attending the banquet. The club is excited about winning the speaker grant and is going to put that money to good use !! A discussion was given about proper Koi food storage followed by viewing a video by Dr Eric Johnson on Koi keepers' mistakes. A discussion was followed along with a raffle. The club was represented at the February Home and Garden Show in Bakersfield. The club sold 135 Koi and gold fish which was a great fundraiser for the club. William Williams donated a gorgeous bonsai for raffle that added to the fundraiser. The club will also hold a Koi auction where members will be able to auction fish that they want to sell on Saturday, April 25th at 10 am at the beautiful O-See-Em-Bloom Nursery in Bakersfield. Next meeting is at the home of Tod Werringer. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.bkwgs.com> Rosimeri Tran, of **Central California Koi Society**, reports March is here and hopefully warm spring weather will be soon upon us. Our February meeting was fun; not a big crowd but we discussed the upcoming year's events and passed out meeting host sign up sheets along with volunteer list for our info booth at the Fresno Home Show. We will be traveling on Saturday, February 28th to the ZNA NorCal Koi Show in San Jose to go check out their show, which is one of the biggest, and visit with some of the vendors and koi stores in the area. Membership dues are rolling in and we appreciate those that are paying on time; so if you have not paid yet, please mail your check or bring it to our next club meeting on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Tony and Nancy Palazzo's home. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.cencalkoi.com> James McAdams, of **Deep South Koi & Pond Society**, reports their 2nd annual Koi & Goldfish Show was March 14, 2015 at the John M. Parker Agricultural

Coliseum on the LSU campus. It was held during the Baton Rouge Spring Garden Show. We'd like to thank those who participated in our event & all who came to see the beautiful entries! Members of [SELAS](#), the Southeast Louisiana Aquarium Society, generously offered their time and use of their aquariums and other equipment in making the goldfish portion of the show a success. We're very grateful for their participation. We were honored to welcome our knowledgeable koi judge, Troy Head to this year's event as well as Tony Reynolds, who judged the goldfish. Check out their website at <http://www.deepsouthkoi.org> Doug Stuber, of the ***First Coast Koi Club***, reports the Mar meeting will be held on Sun Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m. at the home of Scott & Michelle Campbell in Switzerland, FL. Don't forget dues are due! The club is considering holding a joint show with the North Florida club to pool manpower and improve vendor selection. Check out their website at <http://www.firstcoastkoiclub.com>. Denis G. Monefeldt, of ***Genesee Valley Pond & Koi Club***, reports the club's Mar meeting was highlighted by Larry Nau's presentation journey to exotic Thailand showcasing some of the most beautiful water lilies on the planet. Check out their website at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Genesee-Valley-Pond-Koi-Club/222381554808> Sue Boydston, of ***Idaho Koi & WGS***, reports the club had its kickoff banquet at the end of February. There were 24 members in attendance. We jumped into the computer age by having a Skype presentation from Anil at Nualgi and Bob from Cal Koi for our program. It took a bit of tinkering to get things working efficiently, but we got it working. This will give the club a significant opportunity to bring in speakers from out of the area via a computer connection. We have some concerns for fish health coming out of spring. We were hit hard with snow and freezing temperature pre-Thanksgiving. Then we had a thaw and warming. The snow disappeared and temperatures jumped above normal during December and January. The last week night temperatures were back into the 20's. Next week we are supposed to get to the mid 60's. Fish are going to be majorly stressed by the temperature swings. Check out their website at <http://www.iwgks.org> Diana Lynn Rehn, of ***Inland Empire WG&KS***, reports the next club meeting will be on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at Cai and Jackie Kabrell home in Newman Lake, WA. They will be showing "Niigata Seasons-Spring" directed by Mark Gardner. As well as featuring some stunning koi, this program also contains some beautiful images of the mountainous area of Niigata which is home to Nishikigoi. We will also look at some of the aspects of Japanese culture in spring including Koshi no Hi Matsuri, Sakura and Konobori. Planning continues for the upcoming 2015 PNKCA Convention, which the club will be hosting. Check out their website at <http://www.iewgks.org> Mac McClain, from ***Inland Koi Society***, reports at the February 25 meeting, hosted by Jack Marrin, we discussed the day could have been warmer, but we had good cover on the patio and with EZ-ups. Only 37 attended, way down from normal fair-weather meetings. Rob apologized for lack of a featured speaker—everyone opted out. A panel of experts fielded questions, we had great food, hot coffee or chocolate, good fellowship, and fine prizes on the table. And we closed up early, just before it started raining in earnest! Mac was thanked for his years as President with a pair of wine glasses etched around the bowl with koi...something for his *other* hobby. Re: Koi Rescue: Tom Wright and his brother helped Ed Kushner set up a replacement QT pool and transfer all the koi into it. After weathering the four previous auctions seasons, the pool liner had irreparable leaks. Marjory Hall's ponds were to be cleared out March 1, adding 20 large koi, plus many babies and a few turtles, to the rescue pool. Nick reported more members signed up to work the Auction, and plans continue. Debby Leverett is handling advertising. Members are asked to "pre-register" the number of koi they wish to sell so we know how many we are dealing with; he wants a limit of about 100 'lots' or bags of koi to control the selling time. Check out their website at

<http://www.inlandkoi.org> Lew Hileman, of ***Koi Club of San Diego***, reports it held its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Koi Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds Activity Center on Mar 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Show Chair was Jack Chapman and Vendor Coordinator was Linda Pluth. There were 49 tanks and almost 250 koi. Chien Lee took home both the GC and the RGC trophies. Congrats Chien! The delicious dinner, prepared by Brazilian Steakhouse, was served in the Activity Center and a gracious plenty of awards provided something for almost everyone! Check out their website at <https://www.koiclubofsandiego.org>. Dan Chevalier, of ***Land of Lincoln WG&KS***, reports the club will be holding a Welcome Back Spring Dinner Meeting on Mar 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Meet at the MCL Cafeteria at 2151 Wabash Ave. in Springfield for our first meeting of the year. Get your dinner and come to the meeting room to visit with old friends, find out how all the water features survived the winter and learn about all the exciting meetings and activities planned for the coming year. Check out their website at <http://www.llwgs.org> Bernard Nesmith, of ***Low Country Koi Club***, reports the club's Pond Tour on May 9<sup>th</sup> is hosted by the club and sponsored by local vendors. Thanks to the generosity of our Sponsors and Pond Owners as well as the dedication and hard work from our members, we are proud to invite you on this tour for FREE. Please see the [Tour Instructions](#) page for information you need about attending the tour. It will provide details on what to expect on tour day, how to plan for the tour, and tips to make your tour more enjoyable. We hope you enjoy the tour as much as we do putting it on. If you're left wondering how to get one of your own, please mark your calendar for our Koi Forum on August 08, 2015, where we will be discussing topics ranging from things to consider before building a pond, how to build a pond, and how to care for your pond water, fish, and plants. Check out their website at <http://www.lowcountrykoiclub.com> John Rae, of ***Michigan Koi & Pond Club SE***, reports the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Koi and Pond Club Pond Tour will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. The tour is sponsored by The MKPC and The Pond Place of Michigan and will be located at various homes in the Livonia area. Visit elegant ponds and water gardens on this self guided tour which will feature 8-10 homes with distinctive backyard settings, all with pond and water features varying from 1,000 to 12,000 gallons, which provide the home owners with their very own paradise. Ponds include a wide array of Koi. The home owners as well as a member of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club will be available at each home to answer any questions. Check out their website at <http://www.mkpc-se.com/> Jo Mead, of ***Mid-Atlantic Koi Club***, reports the next meeting of the Saugerties Chapter will be on Apr 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Herb Ehrich for further information about upcoming meetings - email Herb at [koiking15@yahoo.com](mailto:koiking15@yahoo.com). Check out their website at <http://www.makc.com> Adra Ross, of ***Monterey Bay Koi & Pond Club***, reports the Mar meeting is scheduled for the 27 of Mar @ 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Aptos. In March, club member Rick Blazo entered koi in the San Diego show and volunteered to help at the ZNA SoCal club's show. Furthermore, he presented Friendship Awards at both shows and exemplified the best traits of Friendship through Koi. Check their website at <http://www.monterey-bay-koi-and-pond-club.org/Monterey-Bay-Koi-and-Pond-Club/Welcome.html> Judith Henderson, of ***Mountain View Koi Club***, reports Club President Verne Gilkes has signed up for the AKCA KHA course and so has First Vic Jean Paul Lupien. Check their website at <http://www.mountainviewkoiclub.com> Marc and Tamara Skaggs, of ***Northern Midwest ZNA Koi Club***, report their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Midwest ZNA Koi Show & Pond Expo will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Carmel Civic Square, One Civic Square, Carmel, IN on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The club is looking for trophy sponsors and vendors and the public is welcomed to attend. Check out their website at <http://www.nmzna.net/index.html>

Lynn Eaton, of ***Pioneer Valley Water Garden and Koi Club***, reports the club's Mar Pot Luck meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Ozy & Irene Ratkiewicz in Chicopee, MA. The featured speaker was Caroline Glaser who's topic was "Bats of New England." Next month's meeting will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>; location and speaker TBD. Check out their website at <http://www.pioneervalleypondclub.com/meetings.html> Judy Nicholson, of ***Santa Clarita Koi & WG Club***, reports the meeting was held at the home of Fred and Sara Seeley. The 2015 club dues are due in the first quarter of the year. The club calendar was reviewed. Meeting hosts were finalized for balance of this year. Discussion of the proposed koi enthusiast day later this year was limited due to low attendance. Members discussed the pros and cons of feeding koi during the sporadic unseasonal warm weather. Check out their website at [http://www.scvkoilandwatergardenclub.com/SCV\\_Koi/Welcome.html](http://www.scvkoilandwatergardenclub.com/SCV_Koi/Welcome.html) Renee Ottzman, of ***Shasta K&WGC***, reports the club's Feb meeting was held at the home of Terry & Karlene Stoker. John Watkins, our new President, introduced Abby King as club secretary for 2015 and Eda Ebe continuing as club treasurer. The club's Mar meeting was to be held on Sat Mar 21 at the home of John & Debbie Watkins in Anderson, CA. Check out their website at <http://www.shastakoiclub.com> John Lentzis, of ***Tri-State ZNA Club***, reports the club's Mar meeting was held on Sunday, March 1, @ 1p.m. at John's Lentzis' home in Wyckoff, NJ. The scheduled guest speaker was Tim Waddington. On Friday - Sunday, April 17 - 19, at Quality Koi Company, Inc. at the Nisei Koi Farm in Carneys Point, NJ, the public is invited to attend the ZNA America Enlightenment Weekend. Check out their website at <http://tristateznakoi.com> Dick Hadley, of ***Upper Midwest Koi Club***, reports the club held its first membership meeting of 2015. About 28 members attended. Two retiring board members, Dick Hadley and Ken Ellis were thanked for their efforts and two new members were introduced, Ron Sterbenz and John Kepke. Dick Hadley presented a talk on readying ponds and fish for spring. Two membership activities were presented, a grow out contest for fish, and a contest to construct a simple, effective filter. A bus trip to Iowa to visit Bikal and Kloubec Koi farms was announced for April. Next meeting will be in one month at The Pond Company. Check their website at [www.uppermidwestkoiclub.org](http://www.uppermidwestkoiclub.org) Nancy J. Moore, of ***Washington Koi & WGS***, reports their show committee met at our new venue, Sky Nursery, in Shoreline, WA to check out the facility where our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Koi Show will take place. The natural lighting will be extraordinarily good in the greenhouse. Concerns about tank water drainage have been alleviated and Sky will let us extend our hours for benching, even the Nursery will be closed. Plans are underway for our pond tour coming up this summer. There are still a few spots left in our Beginners' Wet Lab and Seminar May 16<sup>th</sup>, led by Dr. Tim Miller-Morgan. We have switched from State Farm to Farmers Insurance; we also discovered that we were seriously under insured, given that our show equipment has to travel via truck to the show site. Also, we are getting ready to make a new order of membership name tags. Check their website at <http://washingtonkoi.org> Dinh Nguyen, of ***ZNA NorCal***, reports the club held their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Koi Show at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in San Jose on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday's judging was interrupted by a torrential downpour but the sun returned on Sunday. Bill Tullis' magnificent Kohaku won the day to the delight of all who saw her before she was returned to her home in the Northwest. Check out their website at <https://www.facebook.com/.../ZNA-NorCal-Koi-Club/114370775244634> Jeff Fleischer, of ***ZNA SoCal***, reports that the club held its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Koi Show at the Gardena Civic Center on Mar 21 & 22. This year it was under sunny skies! There were 40 tanks and over 200 koi entered. Show Chair was Alan Stein while Judy Walker handled all the administrative and vendor issues. The 8 ZNA Judges, under the leadership of Chai T. and Larry Christensen,



worked together seamlessly and their efforts were truly appreciated. Jeff Larson, from the Chicago area, won the GC award with a beautiful 85 cm Taniguchi Kohaku. The banquet at the Holiday Inn was a festive event filled with good humor and high spirits after a long, fun filled and sun kissed day. Check out their website at <http://znasocal.org>

**Written report submitted by Brenda Chandler:** Wendell Ford, of **Charleston Showa Koi Club**, reports the meeting was held at Robert and Linda Lewis' house, there were 15 people present. Plans for the Aquarium tour were finalized. It will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Rod talked about the club's exhibit that will be held at Tideline Aquatics on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Robert said the Tour of the Carolina Koi farm will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. He will have a contest with tanks of different breeds of koi and everyone has to pick which one is the best. Our next meeting will be held at the Orlando Koi Show which is held on March 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. Check out their website at <http://www.charlestonshowakoiclub.org> Ben Soedjono, of **Dallas Koi Kichi Group**, reports the club's Quarterly Meeting will be held on May 3, 2015. Place TBD. Check out their website at <http://www.dallaskoikichi.org> Mike Lane, of **High Desert Koi Fanciers**, reports the March meeting was held Saturday March 7, 10:00 a.m. at Birdies Restaurant, where it was nice and warm and the breakfast buffet was delicious. The April meeting will be a caravan trip to McDonalds Nursery and Water Gardens. Check out their website at <http://www.hdkoifanciers.com> Brenda Chandler, of **Nishiki Koi Club**, reports the club did not meet in Mar. Instead, members were encouraged to attend the Koi Club of San Diego and ZNA SoCal koi shows to show support for our sister clubs. Check out their website at <http://www.nishikikoiclub.com> Claude Head, of **North East Iowa Koi Association**, reports our first meeting of 2015 will feature a Garage Party at the Head residence. (Thank goodness our garage is heated as it's still cold in Iowa). Popcorn and a Night at the Movies will be the agenda. 'Tank Viewing' for first fifteen minutes will prove our koi did actually survive the Iowa winter and are growing. The Night at the Movies will consist of a big screen rolling out our new and improved website. Check out their website at <http://www.neikakoiassoc.com/index.html> Vincent Smith, of **Prairieland Koi & Pond Society**, reports the club's next meeting will be held on April 11, @ 9:00 a.m. @ Kullscape's in E. Peoria. Check out their website at [http://prairieland\\_pond.tripod.com](http://prairieland_pond.tripod.com) Laura Lunsford, of **Rocky Mountain Koi Club**, reports the March meeting will be on the 21st at Shelley & Jerry Leiser's home in Larkspur, CO. Our Koi Auction will be on Saturday, May 30th, 2015, at the County Fair Garden Center, 17201 W 64th Ave, Arvada, CO. Bid Number Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. and the Auction begins at 11:00 a.m. Check out their website at <http://www.rmkc.net> Phil Goulding, of **Southern Colorado Koi Club**, reports the club will hold its Covered Pond Tour on Sat Mar 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. – a fun chance to see how five of our members keep their ponds warm and going all winter. Each pond on the tour is covered in a little bit different way. The Kodama koi have arrived and are doing well. Extras were ordered so we will have some to sell at the pickup party on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We also have a small koi group buy from Blackwater Creek Koi, which will be available for purchase at the pickup party. Congrats to club member Chris Washko who took Grand Champion for the second year in a row at the Aloha Koi Show. Additionally, the club is putting together a group buy of Blackwater Creek koi food, which should hopefully arrive by the end of the month. April's meeting on the 1th will cover Testing Your Test Kits. Check out their website at <http://www.socokoi.org> David Yee, of **Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc.**, reports the Greater Phoenix Open Koi Show was held Feb 13 – 15 In cooperation with the Phoenix Chinese New Year Festival at Margaret T Hance Park-East, 1202 North 3rd Street, Phoenix. Check their

website at <http://www.vskc.net> Mary Oxman, of ***Ventura County Koi Society***, reports the Feb meeting at the home of Steve and Evy Schultz was the perfect way to start off the New Year following the rainout of the Jan meeting. Several guests attended and Mike P, from Sumner Ave. Water Gardens donated items to spice up the raffle. The Mar meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> will be at the hill top Santa Rosa Valley home of Bob & Marilyn Wagner. In addition to a large number of rescue koi, they keep a variety of domestic pigeons, parakeets and cockatiels (in addition to their 2 border collies) and a nice collection of cacti and succulents. Check their website at <http://users.vcnet.com/rrenshaw/vcks.html>