

AKCA Minutes of May 7, 2015

Officers Present:

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

Directors Present:

Ally Cunningham
Gordon Chibana
Jeff Fleischer

Guests:

Ally Chibana

Board Highlights:

- ✚ Would current KHAs please contact Julie Miller at: jam1150@hotmail.com so she can update her files
- ✚ Those interested in signing up for the 2015 KHA Wet Lab in Sacramento in June please contact Brenda Chandler at donnbda@aol.com
- ✚ Clubs may request **free** boxes of past issues of KOI USA magazine to hand out at club events (not for resale) – clubs pay only the shipping charges
- ✚ Larry Christensen and Garry Chin will be assisting Tom Ayers in chairing the Judging Committee
- ✚ Submit “Koi Person of the Year” certificate requests to Ally Chibana at achibana@pacbell.net
- ✚ **AKCA club dues are due before July 1st and after that a \$50 reinstatement fee will be assessed. Has your Treasurer paid your club’s dues yet?**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Don Chandler, at 5:30 pm.

MINUTES: **Motion:** To approve the minutes of April 9th. Motion by Gordon, 2nd by Brenda. **Approved.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIALS: We went over Brenda’s Statements at a Glance report; we had a cumulative net gain for the month of \$163.11 on all AKCA accounts. For the checking account, we ended up with a positive checking account of \$6,307.95 for the month of April (mostly due to moving funds from our PayPal account to our checking account).

SCIENTIFIC/KHA: Julie Miller reports that 25 members from the US and Canada, from Florida to Oregon (and points in between), are currently enrolled in our 2015 KHA Class and they’re working through their training modules at their own pace. Students learn the basic core principals of proper pond design and maintenance and the importance of keeping excellent water quality. Along with this they learn about parasites, disease prevention, good nutrition and health basics to become better koi keepers. If they complete their course work and graduate from one

of our Wet Labs, they'll not only become Certified KHAs – we'll return their 100 enrollment fee. What could be better?

PROJECT KHV: Jerry Kyle reports: Just got home from Oregon. I had no idea OSU had accomplished so much. What the AKCA financial contribution helped accomplish is amazing. I have reports that blew my mind. Actually, Dr. Aimee Reed, DVM, PHD accomplished much of it. She earned her **3rd** PhD on the current project. She put together a 40 min presentation for Phyllis and me showing what they have accomplished and where they want to go. UC Davis research found how to detect active KHV by taking a blood sample; OSU can find if koi have latent KHV by checking the water koi are shipped in. Feces and natural body wastes in the water harbor the latent KHV which can be detected. I personally was privileged to see it under the scope. They found latent KHV cells on their koi that had tested as clean using the blood tests. What Dr Aimee and OSU want to pursue now is a way to determine (test?) and treat that can be done by you and I without a skilled tech. OSU feels that success in this area could possibly lead to solving problems in humans as well. I asked Dr Aimee to put together a proposal for me to present to AKCA. Dr. Reed has been in contact with our Dr. Nick Saint-Erne who said he would like her to attend our June Seminar Wet Lab. I believe we will gain if she can assist Dr Nick and Dr. Nick will be pleased to take the Wet Lab up a notch.

PUBLICATION: Don reported that the committee met prior to the AKCA meeting. Bob Payne announced that the latest issue will start shipping tomorrow; poly bags on the 11th. The Board voted to end our Google ad since we're only getting 2-8 clicks per day. It was reported that we only had one advertiser outstanding from the last issue. We have 24.7 pages of ads for the May/June issue. Ron has another new advertiser with several more as possible advertisers. We had positive revenue for the month.

MEMBERSHIP: Don reported that 33 of the 78 clubs have already submitted their dues; they have until July 1st.

JUDGING: Larry Christensen and Garry Chin will be assisting Tom Ayers in chairing the Judging Committee while Tom is ill. They are trying to revitalize the committee and its functions. Norm Call has volunteered to design a standardized Judges Award and is working on a prototype.

RISK MANAGEMENT: Brenda reported we enrolled two more clubs last month: Low Country and Gulf Coast, so we now have 26 clubs enrolled. Plus, we've already collected one for next year.

BOOKSTORE: Brenda reported that last month we sold \$688 (including \$287 from the Midwest Pond Society for KOI ID posters). The bookstore has never been a money maker for us but it continues to provide education and good will to our clubs and koi hobbyists. We have ordered 5 more KOI ID banners to replenish our stock.

SPEAKER'S GRANT: No report.

KOI PERSON OF THE YEAR: Ally Chibana will be sending out Koi Person of the Year Certificates on an “as received” basis. You can contact her at: achibana@pacbell.net. She has added attractive card stock portfolios to protect the certificates during shipping. Nicely done!

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: None.

SEMINAR REPORTS:

2015 Seminar: 25 students have signed up for the KHA class so far; 13 of them will be attending the Wet Lab. 6 hobbyists who’ve said they want to attend haven’t gotten their paper work in, yet. We expect between 35-40 people to attend the Wet Lab. Brenda will be in charge of contacting vendors for donating items for the Saturday evening raffle; she will also run an AKCA Bookstore booth at the Wet Lab. We even have one employee of UC Davis coming to attend the Wet Lab; she helps process the blood samples collected by Vets for KHV screening. Jeff Fleischer volunteered to shoot some video at the Wet Lab. See you in Sacramento!

2016 Seminar: The 2016 event will be held in Cedar Falls, Iowa. On Sunday afternoon, there will be a tour of Kloubeck Koi Farm. Claude and Dianne Head will be heading up the host club’s team.

2017 Seminar: If your club is interested in hosting the 2017 Annual Business Meeting/Banquet/Wet Lab, please contact Brenda Chandler.

PROXY CALLS FOR JUNE

- ✚ 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?
- ✚ Is your club interested in hosting the 2017 AKCA Business Meeting/Wet Lab?

UPCOMING AKCA ANNUAL CALENDAR EVENTS FOR MAY

- ✚ AKCA Board counts and validates votes for next term officers

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✚ Website: We received an email from Go Daddy who said we are reaching our resource limits. Caesar suggested waiting to see what happens rather than increasing our storage capacity and monthly costs. We’re asking users to tell us about the response times and we will consider any action necessary based upon the feedback received.

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion by Carole, 2nd by Gordon. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted by,
Carole Elliott, Secretary

REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTS:

Written report submitted by Carole Elliott: Jackie Allsup, of **Eastern Iowa PS**, said they recently held a potluck dinner at the home of Gary and Jo Hunerdosse. Special guest speaker, Ellen Kloubec, along with Myron, gave a nice talk about “Picking out Koi” and the different types of koi to be had. The food was good, the conversation great, and the presentation interesting. Everyone had a good time. Jackie Allsup, of **Northern Iowa P&KC**, said they met at Bernd’s Pond Store. The club packed the store. Bernd has a lot of eye candy to look at for your yard and pond. He gave a talk that mostly centered around pond and fish myths and questions. It was great to see and visit with all the members. Most ponds survived the winter pretty well. Only a couple reported fish kills; and that was from predators. Its finally Spring in Iowa and everyone is outside enjoying it. Ponds are all running and people are out doing their annual plant buying. For them (gardeners) there’s not a more pleasant site than the colors of all the pretty flowers that appear at the local nurseries as you drive by. Unless it’s a tank of new baby koi to pick from!! Ralph Smith, of **Southwest K&PA**, said there are no planned events, but SKAPA has lost 2 of their long time members, Lori Caviness and Eric Walker. They both offered their personal services to help their club and loved volunteering for them! (We’re sorry to hear this!) Jan Jordan, of **Mid-Columbia K&PC**, said they had a great turn out for their first by-the-pond meeting at Carmen Stafford’s. Next meeting is at Jan’s house and she’s wondering just how ready she’ll be. Gary & Mary Ann Penix, of **Piedmont K&WGS**, said their club resumed meeting at members’ residences and enjoying their ponds. Of course, they always have great food too! The weather there is really warming up and their fish are very active and their water plants are growing. Their pond tour is on track for June 20th. They have all their sponsors in place, and they plan to advertise more this year. Their club recently had a behind the scene tour of the new Aquarium at Concord Mills Mall. They have had several fish rescues. Mel Barutha, of **South Carolina K&WGS**, said that the Upstate of South Carolina has weather reaching the 80’s during the day and low 60’s to upper 50’s at night. Needless to say, they are watching water temps increase quickly these days. Some of their members of their club are attending the Low Country Koi Club’s pond tour May 9th in the Charleston, SC area. Their May meeting is just around the corner, on the 16th. This is their annual plant swap meeting. Those of them on the pond tour are getting yards and ponds in tip top shape for their annual pond tour set for June 13th. Then the weekend of June 20, Happy Koi of Greenville, is having an open house with seminars. Two or three speakers will be available. Koi, goldfish and supplies will be available for sale. Happy Koi is providing a free lunch on Saturday to the seminar attendees. It should be fun and entertaining. Christine Wilkolaski, of **Niagara Frontier K&PC**, said that at their May meeting they will have a local koi breeder, Evan Phillips, speak on the various koi. June meeting will be mainly auctions. Their koi show is set for the end of June. Plans are underway to help out the Genesee Valley Pond and Koi Club in their Lily Fest June 6 & 7th at Bergens Water Gardens. Teresa Zagar, of **Canada KC of British Columbia**, said their April meeting was hosted by a vendor member. This month, the meeting is being held by a member

who has either 2 or 3 very large ponds. He's also arranged for them to take a walking tour to his neighbor's house after their regular meeting. Apparently his neighbor has 3 very large ponds as well and he graciously agreed to let them come and take a look. Two of these ponds have trout. On Mother's Day, six members volunteered to help some people drain down their pond and catch and remove some of their fish. They are fairly new to koi keeping and weren't sure how to go about catching the fish, but they knew they needed to reduce the number. It was great having the help of a few "old time" members there to lend a hand and provide valuable information for the "newbies." They gave away 6 large koi, which all went home with various club members. They also gave them 3-4 juveniles (8-9 inches) and about 12-15 small (2-3 inch). A few of the babies made their way home with Teresa and some other small ones have been put into a hospital tank and should eventually land up in the pond at Ronald McDonald house in Vancouver. They have club members who work in pairs of two and rotate going out to the Ronald McDonald House to clean and maintain the pond that was built on the grounds of the new facilities. Their lead person has told her that he hopes to send her pictures later on, when they actually get the fish in that pond. Stephen Dumas, of **North Texas WGS**, said they look forward to a new year with lots of fun projects and information. Look for their annual Tour of Ponds coming June 13 & 14. For more information about North Texas Water Garden Society and any upcoming events, please see their website at <http://ntwgs.org/> They want to remind everyone that their monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Carole tried but was unable to reach: **Amarillo KS; Atlanta KC; Hawaii Goldfish & Carp; Puget Sound; Miami Valley WGS; WGC of South Texas.**

Written report submitted by Joan Finnegan: **So Cal Koi Club** met at the home of Mike Garcia in May. Mike is a sustainability expert. He showed the club how to save up to 90% of water, rainwater harvesting, vertical gardening and drip irrigation. The topic was important because of the water drought that California is going through now. In June, the club will have its annual BBQ/White Elephant auction at Mallory Hartt's.

Written report submitted by Bob Finnegan: No report.

Written report submitted by Don Chandler: William Williams, of **Bakersfield Koi & WGS**, reports in Apr the club had a fantastic meeting at the home of Tod and Marilyn Weringer. The turnout was awesome and we discussed the San Diego Show. The club did a demonstration on how to sedate a koi and revive it. Afterwards the club had a raffle. The club will be on display for Garden Fest and the club is having a Koi Auction at O-See-Um-Bloom Nursery on April 25th at 10 am. In May the club had their meeting at the home of John & Judy Domingos. Always a "best place to visit" for the club as she has an incredible back yard and pond. Topic of discussion was Garden Fest. The club had a showing at Garden Fest which is a great chance for the club to be public and entice new members as well as sell rescue fish. We will going to the joint meeting with our sister club the Central California Koi Society on June 2nd. This year is hosted by the CCKS and it is always a fun day. Ron & Malise attended the grow out contest at Andrews Koi on May 2nd. While they didn't win, their koi increased in size by 9.25". Largest growth was to 23.5", WOW! The club also held a Koi Auction which has not been done since 2005 and it turned out to be a fun day. The next meeting will be at the home of Randi and Mike

Przewoznik with a lunch provided at Grand Panda by Sumner Avenue Water Gardens and a field trip to Van Ness Water Gardens and Mystic Koi. REMEMBER: ONLY 160 DAYS UNTIL THE 16th ANNUAL BAKERSFIELD GOLDEN EMPIRE KOI SHOW! Check out the club's web site at <http://www.bkwgs.com/>. Susan Topping, of ***Capital Area K&WGC***, reports the second meeting of the year will be on May 17 at Miller Studio, 1235 E. Grand River, Williamston. For those of you who have never been here, the back of the building is a beautiful park-like setting used for photographic backgrounds. As usual the meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. The club will provide food. The speaker for this meeting is Norm Grannemann from the U.S. Geological Survey who will speak on the subject of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. We are also planning to have a fish auction after the meeting at the home of member Mike Lienhart, which is also in Williamston. Mike is selling a lot of fish, both large and small. So, plan to drive the few miles to Mike's house and take advantage of this opportunity to add some excellent specimens to your fish population. Check out the club's web site at <http://capitalareakoiclub.org>. Terrie Kaufman, of ***Cascade Koi & GFC***; no report. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.cascadekoiandgoldfish.org>. Rosimeri Tran, of ***Central California Koi Society***, reports in Apr our koi show is coming along, I have asked Larry Gill to be our head judge and he has accepted. I am working on getting an assistant judge to work with Larry. Norman Call has designed our 2015 show pin; it is in production as we speak and it should be ready in 4-6 weeks. Fig Garden has given us the OK to have our show at the CVS parking lot as usual. Inquiries are already coming in for the exhibitor tanks and vendor booths. The joint meeting is still in limbo as I am awaiting Ron & Malise to confirm the dates. April general meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 18th @ 2:00 p.m. at Dale & Sandy Winn's home 8099 E. Nees Ave, Clovis. She reports our May 12th meeting will be at Ryan and Richele Kleiser's home. I am anxious to see Ryan's pond build. On June 6th we will be having our joint meeting with our sister club, The Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden Society at J.R. Romganoli's home. I have asked Dr. Jessie Saunders from Aquatic Veterinary Services of Northern California to be our guest speaker and she has agreed, so this will be a great social gathering, learning from a koi vet, so bring your questions and she will do a presentation. There will be a raffle with various items, and of course food – the club will provide the tri-tip and we ask that each member attending can bring a potluck side dish. Check out the club's web site at <http://www.cencalkoi.com>. James McAdams, of ***Deep South Koi & Pond Society***, reports in March the club held its 2nd Annual Koi & Goldfish Show during the Baton Rouge Spring Garden show at the John M. Parker Agricultural Coliseum and it was a huge success. The Apr meeting was at club President Ari Trammel's home and the May meeting was at the home of Vice President Larkin (& Suzanne) Baggett. On Jun 28 the club will have its Annual Birthday Party. Check out their website at <http://www.deepsouthkoi.org>. Donny Allen, of ***E.A.S.Y. Koi Ponds & WGC***; no report. Doug Stuber, of the ***First Coast Koi Club***, reports the Mar meeting was at the home of Scott and Michelle Campbell in Switzerland, FL. Michelle made Baked Ziti for the club! We have been discussing a joint show with the North FL club. We met the end of February and have decided to give it a two year trial run. This year North FL will be the host club. They are going with the dates of October 16-18 at the Masonic Lodge location where we have held our show. The purpose of combining in this way seems to make all kinds of sense! Check out their website at <http://www.firstcoastkoiclub.com>. Denis G. Monefeldt, of ***Genesee Valley Pond & Koi Club***, reports the Mar meeting featured an interesting talk by Larry Nau of Bergen Water Gardens. Lots of new and relevant regulatory changes for all of us New York pond and fish enthusiasts to be aware of. Check out their website at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Genesee-Valley-Pond->

[Koi-Club/222381554808](http://www.koi-club.com/222381554808). Sue Boydston, of ***Idaho Koi & WGS***, reports the club held its March meeting at the North End Organic Nursery (NEON) classroom on March 15. We held a round table discussion on "coming out of winter." We talked about appropriate feeding during spring and the importance of having stable water temperatures prior to beginning a feeding regime. There were 14 members present. The meeting was coordinated by our Vice-President Kim Peterson as our President is recovering from surgery. The next meeting will be at NEON on April 19. Check out their website at <http://www.iwgks.org>. Diana Lynn Rehn, of ***Inland Empire WG&KS***, reports the club manned a booth at Garden Expo 2015 on May 9th at Spokane Community College. Attendance was free and lots of great water plants were for sale in the IEWGKS booth. The May meeting was at the home of John and Linda Seifert featured a Plant Swap; the club provided hot dogs & buns while members furnished their own beverages and a side dish to share. On Saturday, June 6th from 4-7 p.m. Rich and Gayla Aspenleiter will host a Wine & Cheese Social at their home in Spokane. Finally, the PNKCA Annual Convention & Pond Tour (hosted by IEWGKS) will be on June 19- June 21 at Red Lion River Inn in Spokane. Check out their website at <http://www.iewgks.org>. Mark Krakower, from ***Inland Koi Society***, reports the Apr meeting and Pot Luck was held at the home of Ed & Linda Kushner in Corona, CA. Discussion items included Koi of the Year, Koi Person of the Year and the IKS Scholarship. Tom Wright won KotY for his Kin showa. Mac & Jill McClain edged Rob and Deanna Fales for KPotY. Congrats to winners! In May the club will hold its fifth Koi Auction and Used Equipment Sale on Saturday, May 30th at Milfields' Nursery in Riverside. Preview at 9 a.m.; auction from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check out their website at <http://www.inlandkoi.com>. Mike Poynor, of ***Koi Club of San Diego***, reports Steve "BukBuk" Buckles was selected as Koi Person of the Year. Congrats Steve! The Apr meeting was at the home of Mavis Porter in Solana Beach and Jack Chapman spoke on Spring Time/Aeromonas Alley and Koi Health; the May meeting was at the home of Al & Tamsie Pierce in Chula Vista; and the June 14th meeting is scheduled to be held at the home of Barbara Jenkins-Lee in Solana Beach. Their Friends of Koi Auction was held at California Koi Farm in Fallbrook on May 16th and a fun time was had by all while raising funds for a worthwhile cause. Check out their website at <https://www.koiclubofsandiego.org>. Dan Chevalier, of ***Land of Lincoln WG&KS***, reports the May meeting at the Douglas Ave. Methodist Church in Springfield will be "Art in the Garden." Jeff Garland, Associate Professor of Art at Illinois College in Jacksonville, will share his ideas and expertise about bringing art into your landscape plan. We will get a chance to see examples of Jeff's designs and how they can impact the landscape environment. Check out their website at <http://www.llwgs.org>. Bernard Nesmith, of ***Low Country Koi Club***, reports the April koi meeting was held at John and Beth McCandless' home. We discussed the club's first Pond Tour which will be held on Saturday May 9th. The club also made plans to host our third annual koi forum to be held August 8th. The officers for the upcoming year were elected - President: Butch Abrams; Vice President: Richard Gallagher; Treasurer: Erine Nesmith; Secretary: Cheryl Steele; Social Chair: Wendy Vincent. Lorna and Butch Abrams were elected as Koi Persons of the Year. Check out their website at <http://www.lowcountrykoi.com>. Rick Paul, of ***Macon Water Garden & Koi Club***; no report. Dennis Long, of ***Metro-Detroit Pond & Garden Club***, reports the June 22nd meeting will be at the home of Elbert & Johnnie Smith while the July 20th meeting will be at the home of Dennis Long. Planning continues for the club's upcoming Pond Tour, which will be on the 26th of July. Check out their website at <http://metrodetroitpondandgardenclub.org>. John Rae, of ***Michigan Koi & Pond Club SE***, reports the Mar meeting was held at the home of Bruce &

Debbie Modetz in Livonia entitled “A Day with Myron and Ellen Kloubec of Kloubec Koi Farm.” Ellen and Myron drove up from Iowa to be at our first MKPC meeting of the year. Myron gave us a brief history on how they evolved from a family farm (almost 100 yrs old) to a Koi Farm. Myron could talk all day on filtration and water quality. Check out their website at <http://www.mkpc-se.com/>. Jo Mead, of **Mid-Atlantic Koi Club**, reports it is election month for the new 2015/2106 Executive Committee! We will be emailing the ballots to all Club members. This way anyone who cannot attend the Annual Meeting in Long Island on Sunday, June 14, at club member’s Bernie Szer’s home can still participate in the election process. We are only as strong as our members! Check out their website at <http://www.makc.com>. Adra Ross, of **Monterey Bay Koi & Pond Club**, reports their April meeting was at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Aptos. Topic: General discussion and presentation on Cermedia filter material. 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**; no report. Check their website at <http://www.mountainviewkoiclub.com>. Carole Boozer, of **Nashville Pond Society**, reports the May meeting was a Pot Luck at Karen Wigington’s home on Golf Club Lane in Nashville. Chris from Aquatic Critter was their speaker. Check out their website at <http://www.nashvillepondsociety.org>. Dick Thomas, of **Northern Midwest ZNA Koi Club**, reports their 14th Annual Koi Show & Pond Expo will be held on June 13-15 at the Carmel Civic Square in Carmel, IN. Sat from 9 to 5; Sun from 10 to 2. Check out their website at <http://www.nmzna.net/index.html>. Phyllis Anderson, of **North Idaho Koi Keepers**, reports at the May workshop meeting members reviewed the ZNA Seminar held at Quality Koi in NJ. In June, members will attend the PNKCA Convention in Spokane, WA. Please check out their website at: <http://www.northidahokoikeepers.com/id8.html>. Lynn Eaton, of **Pioneer Valley Water Garden and Koi Club**, reports the May meeting and Pot Luck social was held at the home of Bob & Dianne Willitts in Wilbraham, MA. The speaker, Bobbie Kamen of Mount Warner Vineyards, gave a presentation on Honeybees. Check out their website at <http://www.pioneervalleypondclub.com/meetings.html>. Dorothy Connors, of **Rhode Island & Massachusetts Koi Club**; no report. Don Chamberlain, of **Santa Clara Valley K&WGC**, reports May was a great time to be a member of good ole SCVKWG. On the 16th we had a dynamite Pond Social at the Haywards. On the 19th we had one of the most interesting presentations ever. John Parr with his son, TJ, gave us an extremely interesting and informative lecture on water, fish husbandry and aquaponics. He probably could have talked all night. As it was, his presentation went on until almost 10:00 with lots of questions and interaction from the audience. Check out their website at <http://www.sckoi.com>. Judy Nicholson, of **Santa Clarita Koi & WG Club**, reports the meeting was held at the home of Todd and Barbara Boswell. Todd Boswell discussed how his pond began and developed into the pond he has today. He explained his filtration system and promoted regular testing of pond water quality and demonstrated testing his pond water. As the Club AKCA Koi Health Advisor he is available to assist our members with questions on koi and pond related matters. The 2015 dues are due by the end of this month. The club calendar was reviewed. The proposed club Koi-A-Go-Go projected for later this year is on hold. A decision will be made by the June meeting. Jim Thirkettle, owner of Ketl Koi Farm in Piru, announced that his annual koi auction will be on March 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members were advised that a local charity sponsored spring garden tour will be held this spring and they are looking for gardens with water features. Check out their website at http://www.scvkoilandwatergardenclub.com/SCV_Koi/Welcome.html. Renee Ottzman, of **Shasta K&WGC**, reports the Apr meeting was at Sunset Koi off Airport Rd., in Redding, CA.

The May meeting will be at Karen Wing's. Check out their website at <https://www.facebook.com/ShastaKoiWaterGardenClub>. Lois Rosmarin, of ***Siskiyou Koi & Pond Club***, reports in May the club annually has a booth at the Jackson County Spring Fair. This is an annual event where we have the opportunity to educate the public about the hobby we love. Our booth includes displays and a tank of koi for sale. Members are always busy answering questions people have about the koi and ponds in general. We invite the public to our Annual Free BBQ on the second Monday evening in May. Club members are encouraged to sign up to work at least one 2.5 hour session during the weekend. Check out their website at <http://www.siskiyoukoiclub.com>. Steve Metzler, of ***St. Louis Water Gardening Society***, reports the May meeting will be held on the 26th at Missouri Botanical Garden's Ridgeway Center, Beaumont Room. Guest speaker will be Mitch Leachman from the St. Louis Audubon Society. The club's 5th Annual Tosai Koi Auction will be held on June 7th at the home of Steve and Terry Metzler. The club's 15th annual Pond Tour will be held June 27 and 28. Sincere thanks go to all who help with this major event--the hosts, the advertisers, the retailers who sold tickets for us, everyone who buys a ticket to go on the tour and the Pond-O-Rama committee who put it all together! The 2015 Pond-O-Rama Committee is up and running for this year! Check out their website at <http://www.saintlouiswatergardeningociety.org>. John Lentzis, of ***Tri-State ZNA Club***, reports they're having a three day show July 10-12 at Kodama Koi Farm at Waterford Gardens in Saddle River, NJ. They are anticipating lots of beautiful fish and a good amount of vendor participation. We just completed our ZNA Enlightenment weekend at Quality Koi which was a tremendous success. We had about 30 people from all over the country participate and there were several prizes involved and a nice dinner at the local winery. Check out their website at <http://tristateznakoi.com>. Dick Hadley, of ***Upper Midwest Koi Club***, reports on April 25 members took a field trip south to visit two koi farms in Iowa--Bickal and Kloubec. Kloubec in particular is a large operation with a hatchery, brood ponds, quarantine, and harvest facilities. The group participated in culling and identification exercises. It was a long day, but most members came home with some new koi. Our club meeting was May 2 held at Alta Falls and Pond Supply in Long Lake, MN. The owner spoke on products used in pond building and maintenance. UMKC Vice President Michelle Gravenish presented a DIY foam fractionator using less than \$100 in materials. Check their website at www.uppermidwestkoiclub.org. Nancy J. Moore, of ***Washington Koi & WGS***, reported in Apr the club voted in the AKCA officers' election, in spite of reservations about not having biographical information on three of the four officers nominated. Our club has many new members, as does the Executive Board, and we think it would be a good idea for information about potential officers to be included with the ballot. Fortunately, Don Chandler sent us information about Jeff Fleischer, which was very helpful. Posters and postcards for our 2015 Koi Show (September 19-20) have now been produced and are ready for distribution. Our koi show artist is Patti Magee, of Vancouver, WA and the design features our 2007 Koi Show Grand Champion, a sanke called The Seahorse. Production is now underway for the koi show booklet which is distributed (free) to all show attendees. This will be our 24th annual show. Our membership meeting this month features a program on types of filters, led by Lucy Macneil, and joined by Dan Forkan, Monte McQuade, and Nancy Moore. Our next club event is our Beginners' Wet Lab, led by Dr. Tim Miller-Morgan, at the Point Defiance Zoo facility, on May 16. Thirteen members are signed up; three spaces are still available. Registration forms are now available for the Pacific Northwest Koi Clubs Association's 30th annual convention, to be held in Spokane, WA June 19-20. Our club will be sending a contingent; member Chris Charbonneau is the current chair of PNKCA.

Speakers will include Syd Mitchell, Spike Cover, and Karen Pattist, among others. In May she reported the club is working on September's show....the posters, postcards, and pins are completed and people are very pleased with the Patti Magee painting of "The Seahorse," which is the basis for our poster design. The show booklet committee is just about ready to go to press. Also, the club is planning on a pond tour in late July or early August, TBA. Our May club meeting will be a continuation of the April program on filtration. Speakers will be Bill Tullis on Bakki Showers and rotating drum filters and Nancy Moore on making a simple barrel bio-converter for sick tanks or quarantine tanks. Our June meeting will be held at Falling Water Gardens, in Monroe, WA. Check their website at <http://washingtonkoi.org>. Dinh Nguyen, of **ZNA NorCal**, reports their 2nd Annual ZNA NorCal Young Koi Show will be held at **Genki Koi Inc** next weekend 6/6. Tanks are already sold out and competition is expected to be strong this year. Additionally Mr. Fujita will have an educational koi exercise. We hope many will attend. See everyone real soon! GC trophy from Japan. Check their website at <https://www.facebook.com/.../ZNA-NorCal-Koi-Club/114370775244634>. Jeff Fleischer, of **ZNA SoCal**, reports it is with much sadness that I inform you that on Saturday the 4th of April Sumi Kajikawa passed away leaving her beloved husband Sam and a host of club member to mourn her passing. No club meeting was held in April to allow everyone to relax and recover from the recently held 41st Annual Koi Show in March. The May meeting was held at Eastern Koi & Waterscapes in Westminster, CA; program was on "Polishing our Vocabulary" with emphasis on building appreciation skills. Check their website at <http://znasocal.org>.

Written report submitted by Brenda Chandler: Jerry Kyle, of ***Camellia Koi Club***, reports Pauline and her mother Lilly Sakai hosted the April meeting on short notice and members were treated to a tour of her pond's filter system and botanical gardens. The May meeting will be held on the 31st at the home of Mike and Molly Tsuchida. Guest speaker will be Antony Quintero of Koi Enterprise, who will be bringing items to be awarded as prizes. The club will be hosting the AKCA Annual Meeting and KHA Wet Lab in Sacramento in June. Dr. Nick Saint-Erne, DMV, will be presenting the Koi Health Advisor Wet Lab which will be open to attendees to sit in and observe along with KHA Students. With news of the latest breakout of KHV it is timely that he has invited Dr. Aimee Reed DMV, PhD, CertAqV at Oregon State University to speak and help at the Wet Lab. Dr. Reed earned her third PhD working on KHV research that AKCA and its clubs have funded and research reports have been published. Dr. Reed will tell us in layman's terms what has been learned and why the excitement of where it might lead. This is simply one more reason enthusiasm is building over this year's meeting and Wet Lab. Check out their website at <http://www.camelliakoi.org>. Wendell Ford, of ***Charleston Showa Koi Club***, reports June will be a busy month for club members. The South Carolina Koi & Watergarden Show will be held on Sat the 13th. On Sunday the 14th the club's meeting will be at 2 p.m. at Johnnie Smith's home. And on Sat the 20th members won't want to miss the Carolina Koi Farm Open House. Check out their website at <http://www.charlestonshowakoiclub.org>. Ben Soedjono, of ***Dallas Koi Kichi Group***, reports their quarterly meeting was on May 3rd. Planning is in full swing for their 13th Annual Koi & Goldfish Show, which will be held Oct 2 – 4. Check out their website at <http://www.dallaskoikichi.org>. Mike Lane, of ***High Desert Koi Fanciers***, reports the May meeting was scheduled for the home of Pat Simpson in Palmdale. Pat and her husband Bob were founding members of their club back in 1995. Our trip last month to McDonalds Nursery was great fun and those of us who went got some beautiful plants. There were so many more I wanted but with our winter weather I did not want to buy something that could not take the cold.

Check out their website at <http://www.hdkoifanciers.com>. Brenda Chandler, of ***Nishiki Koi Club***, reports in May the club met at the home of Dave Wurts and helped him plan his new pond. Dave recently moved down from Santa Clarita and can't wait to get started on his project to bring his koi down, too. Check out their website at <http://www.nishikikoiclub.com>. Claude Head, of ***North East Iowa Koi Association***, reports they travelled north to Koi Acres for their spring event. They met lots of old friends and met some new ones – some were people and some were koi. LOL. Planning continues for the club hosting the 2016 AKCA Business Meeting, Banquet and Wet Lab in Cedar Falls, IA. Get ready for the Heartland 'cause they're getting ready for you! Check out their website at <http://www.neikakoiassoc.com/index.html>. Vincent Smith, of ***Prairieland Koi & Pond Society***, reports their next meeting will be on June 13th at 9 a.m. at the Sauer's on Airport Rd in Bartonville. Check out their website at http://prairieland_pond.tripod.com. Laura Lunsford, of ***Rocky Mountain Koi Club***, reports the club's Annual Koi Auction on Sat May 30th at County Fair Garden Center in Arvada is the only fundraising activity for the club. The June meeting will be on the 20th at the Glasmann's home in Westminster, CO. Check out their website at <http://www.rmkc.net>. Phil Goulding, of ***Southern Colorado Koi Club***, reports it's Raffle Time: Just two weeks away on Sat June 13th at Phelan Gardens. Viewing starts at 11; Auction Starts at 12 noon. No cost to bid, everyone welcome! Raffle for a Japanese Import at 1:30 – must be present to win. This is our major fundraiser and the perfect opportunity to thin out your pond and make room for new one. We have LOTS of koi of all sizes this year. Check out their website at <http://www.socokoi.org>. David Yee, of ***Valley of the Sun Koi Club, Inc.***, reports the April meeting was hosted by David Yee and took place at Yee Fong-Toy at 3040 North 16th Street, Phoenix. They announced that the club has suspended Koi Rescue Operations for the time being. Check their website at <http://www.vskc.net>. Mary Oxman, of ***Ventura County Koi Society***, reports the April meeting was our grand reopening since all the hardscape projects were completed. I feel like I have a new home since Eric Howes's beautiful brick and metal designs were completed. Isidro Cervantes was on hand for the unveiling of his exquisite masonry work. The addition of the hardscape has brought everything together to create a garden that is a feast for the eyes. I cannot thank Eric and Isidro enough for putting the crowning touches on my garden. I wish to thank Joe & Tina Estrada for bringing their koi auction to us all the way from Palmdale. There is nothing like a koi sale to add excitement to a meeting! The May meeting will be on Saturday the 9th at the home of David Luna and Jim Rivera in Ventura. Guest Speaker will be Iva Gaglione, Star Milling Company-Aquaculture Feed Manager. Check their website at <http://users.vcnet.com/rrenshaw/vcks.html>.