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Santa Clara Valley Koi and Water Garden Club, Volume 40, No. 6 - June 2023

Annual Membership Drive Begins – Renew or Join Today



Annual Membership Drive now in progress which covers from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Club dues are \$40.00 per year per household (up to 2 adults/ 2 children). All are welcome to join.

We offer monthly meetings, events, and education for Koi Keepers, Water Gardeners, and DIY Aquaponic enthusiasts. Guests are welcome to attend their first meeting or two free, after that we ask that if guests would like to attend that they support the club by paying membership dues. Dues help the club provide regular meetings, events, and Koi community support such as Koi rescue, technical support, community outreach, and education.



Next Pond Social: Saturday, July 15, Noon to 3 PM – Willow Glen Pond / Chamberlain Residence PM
RSVP to info@sckoi.com by July 13th.

To make it easier to support the club our Treasurer has set up online payments using Zelle. Send an email to info@sckoi.com to get the details for membership renewals and complete your membership online this year. You may also send in your dues to: SCVKWGC, PO Box 54368, San Jose, CA 95154.



Upcoming Events

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| July 7 | National Koi Day |
| July 15 | Pond Social: Noon to 3 PM – Willow Glen Pond / Chamberlain Residence PM, RSVP to info@sckoi.com by July 13th. |
| Aug | Social # 2 - TBA |
| Sept | Social # 3 – TBA |

Visit us on the web: www.sckoi.com

Club Meetings and Activities:

The club typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month except December, and February. During the summer season the club hosts socials in lieu of meetings. At our events we get acquainted with members and guests, address pond issues, and enjoy discussions on Koi and water garden related topics, occasionally we have outings to places of interest for our members. Our website lists the latest updates for meetings, socials, and events. Guests are welcome to visit, but we ask that they pay dues if they attend regularly. We are a non-profit organization.

Presidents Corner

Hello Summertime,

Our visit to J-Town, San Jose's Japantown was an enjoyable excursion. We met up at the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, 535 North Fifth Street. If you are interested in local history this is a great place to check out. The exhibits are put together well, they are informative and thought provoking, and there are many artifacts from our local area's past including machinery and autos from our not so distant agricultural past here in Santa Clara Valley. There is much to learn here.



Following the museum visit we went on a walking tour of Japantown shopping and stopping for refreshments. It was a beautiful day to be out with friends exploring. Afterwards a couple of members and I picked up a rescue Koi that was in need of a new home. A house fire had disturbed the power at the home and the koi pond was not functioning. Thank you Cece and Linda for going along to assist with re-homing the Koi. This is a service we offer the community and so far this year we have assisted in dozens of Koi re-homes.

This month we have our Koi of the Year contest. We received several entries this year. The committee will choose the Koi of the Year and announce the winner in next month's newsletter. Thank you for all those who submitted their entries by June 15th.

On July 15th we will have a Pond Social from noon to 3 PM in Willow Glen at the Chamberlain Residence, RSVP to info@sckoi.com by July 13th. This is a beautiful pond and Don has some really cool pond technologies installed. Be sure to join us and don't forget to bring your club dues for the upcoming term.

Shifting gears, we have had reports of algae blooms, pH issues, and predator activity. Don't forget to check KH levels as well if your water looks "bad". Many of us have been working our gardens and ponds with the longer days. A little attention now can insure a happy, healthy pond later in the season. Check if your pond filters need cleaning, remove debris especially after windy weather. Be sure to have dechlorinator on hand for water changes. Enjoy!

Happy Koi Keeping,
Eve Bretzke

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San Jose's Japantown and Museum Visit – June 3, 2023



Koi Food for Smaller Koi - What is the Ideal Nutritional Ratio

When you pick up koi, they are usually on the smaller size unless you seek out specific larger options. These smaller koi are generally very fast growers and can become big, beautiful giants in just a few years but, for the time being, they are rather adorable little guys. Feeding them a diet of high-quality foods that is nutrient-dense plays a really big role in their ultimate growth rate and eventual size.



What Is The Ideal Nutritional Ratio for a Koi?

When looking to grow a smaller koi fish, there are a lot of different things that impact the overall growth rate and eventual size. This means that you have to keep a close watch on the water quality, water temperature, chemical levels, stressors, and other facets of your koi's care to ensure optimal growth.

Show koi, for example, receive around the clock care from a team of experts.

Since you are likely not raising show grade koi fish, you do not have to go quite so hard with the care aspects but you should still strive to provide a good quality life for your koi fish! Nutrition is perhaps the most impactful aspect of your koi's growth rate.

Koi fish need a lot of protein and the amino acids that come with it.

This is the primary, central component of their diet that you should be concerned with, as it helps with everything from color and overall appearance to base health and size.

Koi fish need a range of around ten essential amino acids to help keep them in optimal health; always check the amino acid ratios when comparing brands to ensure you are getting a good level of protein and amino acid type variance.

Koi also need fats and aid in providing energy and in absorbing fat-soluble vitamins and minerals that are vital to their growth. Carbohydrates also provide energy and add bulk to the food. You should also shoot for a good balance of vitamins in the food, especially vitamin C if you want growth, as it helps create the cells needed for tissue repair and growth.

Source: <https://totallykoi.com/best-food-for-small-koi>

IWGS Affiliate Membership



The IWGS international fellowship of water gardeners includes new water gardeners keen to learn. Our club membership includes an affiliate membership with IWGS.

If you are interested in learning more or accessing IWGS content email info@sckoi.com for access credentials.

2023 Club Business

Next board meeting is scheduled for July 11 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Members in good standing are always welcome. We are planning our summer pond socials, the first being on July 15th in Willow Glen at the Chamberlain residence. Please RSVP by July 13th for planning purposes. We are also planning another pond social in September. If you would like to host a pond social in August reach out to the board.

Update: The Associated Koi Club's of America (AKCA) is now defunct. Their KOI USA magazine was discontinued in 2021. We are sorry to see this organization cease to exist. The board is reviewing insurance options for the club. We may have to scale back activities until this matter can be resolved.

As a member of SCVKWGC you enjoy many benefits. For more information and login credentials for IWGS and website archives email info@sckoi.com.

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