



Splash

Santa Clara Valley Koi & Water Garden Club Newsletter – Volume 41, Number 6, August 2025

August Newsletter 2025



Gary and Jane hosted a Pond Social Saturday, August 16th at their beautiful newly renovated pond in Fremont, CA.

There was a fish feeding with the new Koi.

Gary answered questions about his pond renovation project and his pond's system and components.

This event guest list was limited due to Fremont location and space around the pond, if you missed this pond social; we have another one planned for September 20th in Livermore. RSVP to info@sckoi.com for event details.

More photos of our summertime pond socials in the next issue of the "Splash"...enjoy your summer! See you at an upcoming event or meeting.

Upcoming Events

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| Sep 16 | General Meeting: 7:30 PM (via Zoom) - Program: ZNA NorCal Show 2026 |
| Sep 20 | Pond Social: Saturday September 20th, 1 PM to 4 PM. Livermore, CA. |
| Oct 21 | General Meeting: 7:30 PM (via Zoom) - Program: TBA |
| Dec 7 | Annual Holiday Social, 4 to 7 PM, San Jose, CA. |

Santa Clara Valley Koi and Watergarden Club: Started in 1984, we are a non-profit organization that provides a community for koi keepers, water gardeners, and DIY aquaponics hobbyists. We foster greater understanding and appreciation for these hobbies through our publications, community education, and regular meetups. We share knowledge in a friendly, sociable environment. We assist with Koi and pond fish rescue, care, and development of aquatic environments and are an active resource to our community. Visit our website for the latest information about events and activities at www.sckoi.com.

Presidents Corner

Hello Summer!

July and August's socials were well attended and a lot of fun. It was so good to see our group enjoy the July 26th social at Don's place in Willow Glen. We had an exceptional turnout since Don reached out to all the local club's and extended an invitation to meet up, see his beautiful Koi up close, and share our pond experiences. Stay tuned for upcoming news for our local Koi Show in 2026 – there is an effort to bring it back and we, as a club, have been asked to assist.



We will discuss at our September 16th general meeting. This will be a Zoom meeting at 7:30 PM. Email [info@sckoi](mailto:info@sckoi.com) at least one hour prior to meeting time for the login credential link. We encourage local koi club members to join us if they are interested in helping organize and run the ZNA NorCal Koi show here in San Jose next year.

On Saturday August 16th we visited Gary and Jane's pond in Fremont. We were tight on space for the group this time but managed to fit our group. While the weather was forboding at the beginning, the light rain brought enchantment to their garden with a island feel – thank you for the excellent shared dishes, we enjoyed the time together. On a side note, if you are experiencing difficulties with your pond project, hosting a pond social is actually a good thing – you get expert advice and education on how to tackle challenging pond issues and make new friends.

Flipping fins, we are wrapping up our annual membership drive August 31st. Dues help the club provide regular meetings, events, and Koi community support. Thank you to those who have renewed or are new members. Welcome. If you are not receiving emails from the club, send email to info@sckoi.com so we can be sure we have your current information.

Our next summer pond social is planned for September 20th, 1 – 4 PM in Livermore. Our hosts will be Sharon and Doug. Thank you to those members who host events for the membership. It is an enjoyable experience to meet up with fellow members and enjoy the ponds and share these hobbies together.

As always, if you have any questions about Koi, ponds, or water gardening we are available to help. Email info@sckoi.com or attend one of our meetings

Happy Koi Keeping

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2025-2026 Membership Drive – Join/Renew Today

Annual Membership covers dues for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Club dues are \$50.00 per year per household. To join / renew, send name and contact information with dues to: **SCVKWG, PO Box 54368, San Jose, CA 95154.**



Alternatively, you can pay dues online using Zelle. Email treasurer@sckoi.com for instructions and Zelle identifier. We are a 501c3 Non-profit organization.

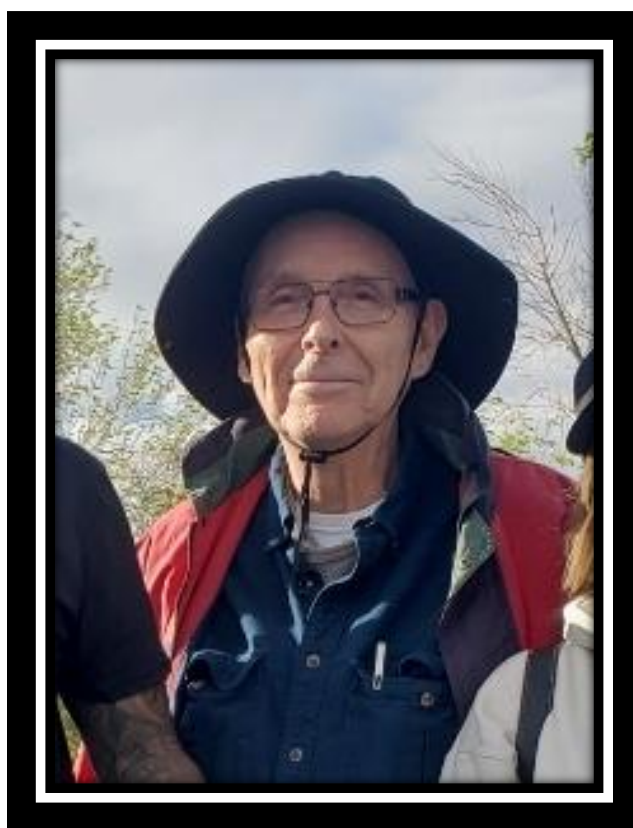
Koi Person of the Year Contest – Our Winner for 2025!

Each year it is our club's tradition to select a Koi Person of the Year from our membership. Award is given and the winner is highlighted here in our newsletter.

Our annual Koi of the Year award for 2025 has been bestowed upon the person shown below as the club's Koi Person of the Year recipient. Thank you for your outstanding contribution to the club and the hobby of Koi Keeping in general.



Congratulations to our Koi Person of the Year!



Winner – Don Chamberlain
Member and Koi Keeper

Thank you to all our entries. Next Koi of the Year Contest in 2026.

Koi Appreciation

There are over a hundred different varieties of Koi, each with their own unique name that describes the fish by its colors, patterns and body conformation.

Here are some samples; can you name some of their characteristics?

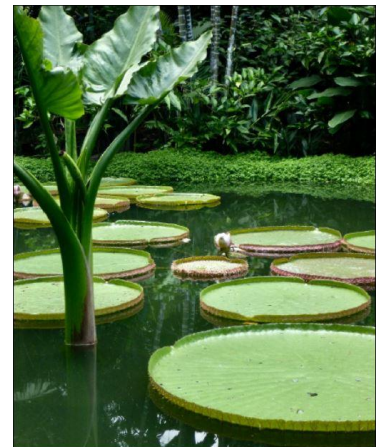


Sumi	black
Shiro	white
Hi	red
Gin rin	silver metallic sparkle in fishes scales
Hikari	overall metallic luster
Doitsu	mirror-like appearance on both sides of dorsal fin but otherwise appears scale less

Today there are millions of Koi enthusiasts around the world that share the common goal to raise happy and healthy Koi.

IWGS Summer Update

The Summer issue of the Water Garden Journal has been published. To access Vol 40-2 , go to <https://iwgs.org/journals/>, or click on the Resource Tab at IWGS.org. Please note that you must be an IWGS member to access the Journal. Our club's login in **sckoi** and our login credential is **sanke**.



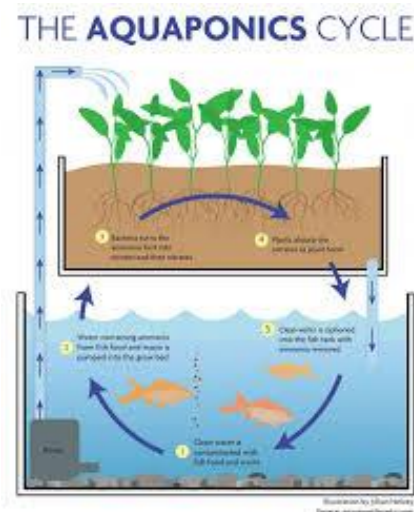
Do-It-Yourself Backyard Aquaponics Systems

Backyard aquaponics as a hobby emerging as more people wish to experiment with it...

Aquaponics is a hybrid food growing technology that combines aquaculture (growing fish) and hydroponics (growing veggies in non-soil media and nutrient-laden water).



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Got an aquaponics system you want to show off? Email info@sckoi.com.

2025 Club Business

Can you believe we have been meeting for over 40 years and talking about Koi ponds and water gardens? Crazy... "Koi Kitchi" ... we just love our hobby.

The club in summer chill season mode, we have had two pond socials this season at member's ponds. Shout out to our pond social hosts. Our next scheduled event a pond social Saturday, September 20th. RSVP to info@sckoi.com to reserve your spot. Space is limited to 20 guests.

We wrap up our annual membership drive at the end of the month. Support the club through membership. To renew membership, send name with current contact email / phone # and \$50 dues to: **SCVKWG, PO Box 54368, San Jose, CA 95154**. Alternatively, you can pay dues online using Zelle. Email treasurer@sckoi.com for instructions and Zelle identifier.

Our next meeting, September 16th via Zoom at 7:30 PM will be a discussion on the option to have our region host the ZNA NorCal Koi Show in San Jose in 2026. If this was to occur, we need all of the regional clubs on board to organize and run the show. Join us for a lively discussion, all club members of SF Bay Koi Club, ZNA NorCal, and Monterey Bay Koi Club are invited to attend. Email info@sckoi.com at least one hour prior to scheduled meeting time for login credentials.

We are a 501c3 Non-profit organization.

Research shows people join koi clubs hoping to get more enjoyment from their hobby. With regard to club meetings, members generally like two things best: Learning about things that can improve their enjoyment of Koi and related topics and socializing with others who enjoy the hobby.

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Business card size	\$45 per year
Quarter page size	\$95 per year