



# The Koi Whisperer

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## The Koi Whisperer is Now On The Web

Sean Stephens

While the Koi Whisperer has been available on the Internet for some time (check out our past issues to see how long), we have always created the print edition first, then adding it to the web later. We have changed our focus and will be creating web content, then assembling a print edition from that.

While the two processes are similar, eg. writing an article, there are distinct differences between the two. Perhaps the most notable difference is that we can further develop the reading environment. We can place photos closer to their associated articles and can even add slideshows and videos to the article. If we thought it absolutely necessary, we could add background music to accompany your reading time, however, as our tastes in music are probably very different, we will refrain from doing so at this time.

You might be wondering what will happen to the print edition. A continued print edition serves the club in a number of ways. Chief among them is that we have a number of members who still prefer to receive the print edition rather than read it on their computers. They will continue to receive their print edition for as long as they like.

Secondly, it allows us to have a "printer friendly" version of the newsletter as printing from the new web page formats often generates unpredictable results. The version you print will be the same format and style as the version we continue to mail out.

A third purpose is that it encapsulates the newsletter so we can archive it as a single pdf formatted file. In this way, we can provide back issues in an easily-portable way.

A larger web presence will bring more prominence to the club and our mission to promote the koi hobby. Several tools are available to help us reach that larger audience and we hope to reach many more in the coming months.

You can view the newsletter directly at the web page: <http://www.wix.com/seanstephens/whisperer>, or go through our club web site and click "Newsletter."



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# AKCA Report

Rosimeri Tran

AKCA – January 13<sup>th</sup> 2012 Meeting

The 2012 AKCA Business Meeting/Banquet – KHA Wet Lab will be held in Fresno on June 30<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup>. The location will be at the Ramada University in Fresno with room rates at \$78.00 + tax, the Saturday night banquet will be \$30.00 each and the Saturday lunch will be \$17.50 each. The registration form has been completed and sent to Bob Payne for final review and approval as well as the color page ad. There will be a 50/50 raffle to help raise money for us as well as our host club, Central California Koi Society. Tom Holder was recommended to be the keynote speaker at the 2012 AKCA Business meeting/Banquet.

Richele Voelkl, (Burt's daughter) was introduced to the Board, she has been asked to replace Connie Friehoff as bookstore manager as Connie has resigned from that position.

A motion was passed to raise the annual dues of the Canadian clubs from \$50 to \$100 due the added insurance benefit that they now have.

## Scientific/KHA

The banquet and KHA wet lab will be held at the Ramada Inn in Fresno location and time will be decided and current KHA students will be notified. The KHA will open the lab session to all AKCA club members to observe. Students ONLY will have hands on experiences in the Wet Lab portion but all will benefit by attending the lectures and interacting in the question and answer segments. 2011 proved that opening lectures to non students broadened the scope and complexity of questions and subject matter to the benefit of all. Any already currently Certified KHA who volunteers to assist in any way will receive a Reward of Merit pin for participating. It is all about promoting good koi health and husbandry.

## KOI USA

Larry Iles has replaced Joe White, who resigned as Editor. Approved by the board was a \$100.00 bookstore credit for any club or club member bringing in a FULL page color add for at least 3 issues; \$50.00 credit for a ½ page ad for 3 issues. The KOI USA Board felt it needs a change of their website to make it look more professional, further discussion will be needed to address the financial constraints to create a professional website and the monthly maintenance will be identified and approved before taking any further action.



# Membership Letter

Rosimeri Tran

Hello current CCKS members and prospective new members, I have attached our membership form and would appreciate it if you each would take some time to fill this form out when paying your dues at our upcoming February meeting or when you mail it to me. It helps us to update our mailing list as sometimes phones numbers and emails may change. Membership dues will remain the same as always at \$35.00 per family and checks can be mailed to me at 5832 E. Erin Ave, Fresno, CA 93727 and are due as of February 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. Feel free to also pay your dues at our February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at Greg and Gloria Mariano's home at 1:00p.m.

Thanks for your continued support and may we all have a wonderful new year for both ourselves and our koi, I hope to see everyone at the February meeting, and if you haven't been to a meeting, please do join us as we are always packed with information along with a question and answer session that may assist you. There is a raffle and we will be reviewing our plans for our club for 2012.

See you there,

**Rosimeri Tran**

CCKS – Secretary

Certified KHA

AKCA – Director



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AND RENEWAL FORM**

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BIRTHDAYS of MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD (name/mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have a koi pond? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Do you wish to have your phone number listed on the roster? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Do you wish to have your E-mail address listed on the roster? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Would you like to receive the monthly newsletter via E-mail instead of US mail?

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_


Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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Rosimeri Tran  
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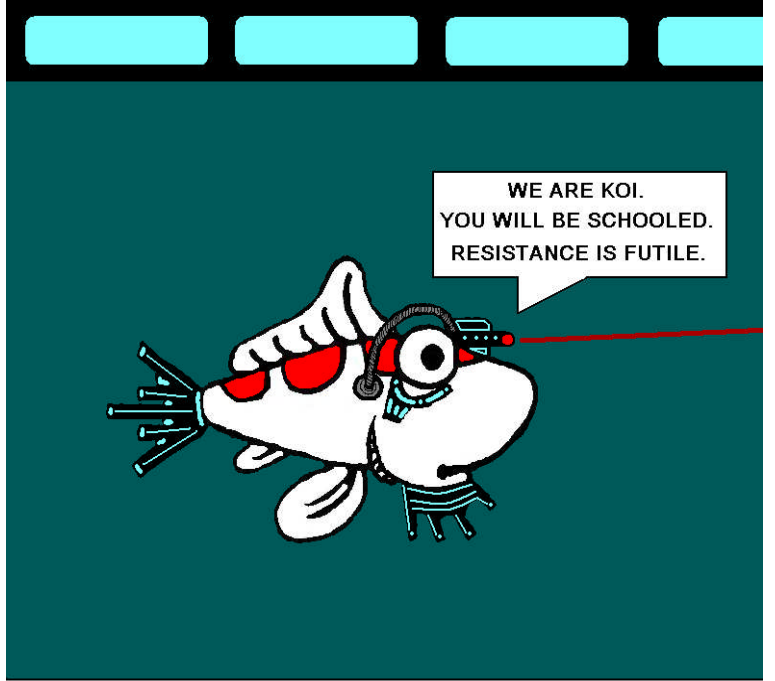


# Jan and Feb Birthdays

Please join the Koi Whisperer as we wish a happy birthday to:

- Mona Weaver ..... January 21
- George Tuttle ..... January 29
- Rosimeri Tran ..... January 31
- Seng Tran ..... February 4
- Janet Vukovich ..... February 6
- Sandy Forbes ..... February 19
- Mark Franich ..... February 21
- Robbin Franich ..... February 22

# The Tail End



Yet another reason to quarantine...

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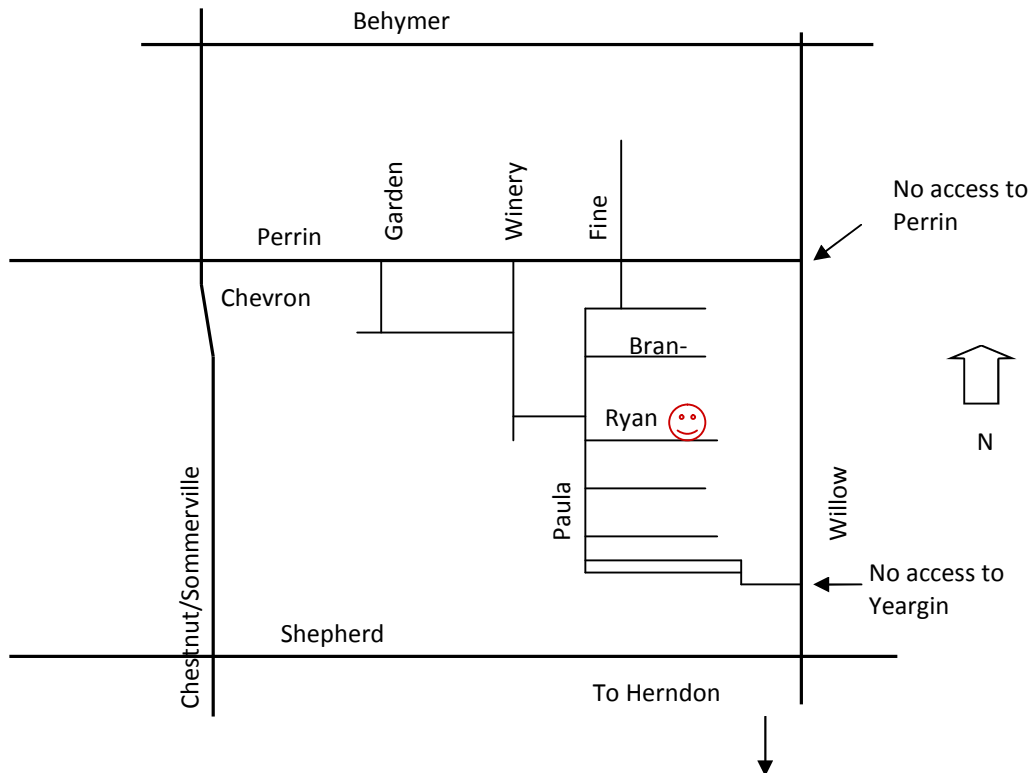
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# November General Meeting

Our holiday party this December will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Gloria and Greg Mariano. You can find them at 2898 E. Ryan Lane, Fresno, CA 93720-4494



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## President's Corner




Welcome everyone to the beginning of the 2012 club year. I hope everyone had fun during the holidays and got enough rest in preparation of a new year. I also hope that your koi are all healthy and have tolerated the cold weather well.

I want the 2012 club year to be exciting and fruitful for everyone. In the past months I had been thinking big, like having large koi shows and maybe someday having an AKCA seminar in Fresno. But that may only be important to a small number of members (or one). What's important is that we do things for a common cause and as a group. The club by-laws say that the purpose of the club is to create, promote and enlarge the hobby of keeping, breeding, appreciating and exhibiting Koi, to disseminate information about the hobby to the membership and public, to engage in educational social activities related to the hobby etc, etc. I love koi but I also love people. Since I became a member of CCKS, I've been mostly about people. This year I hope to continue being about people but I hope to do more about koi. So I'm hoping to have more information about the keeping of koi. One last thing on this subject, last year after a few of the meetings, I was a little disappointed about the number of members who attended and was wondering if I should continue my efforts. My thinking on this has changed. Whether there are 5 or 50 people attending, I am committed to the club and will try to do my best by putting in the hours and effort it takes to do my best. And it really doesn't matter how many people attend, what matters is the commitment we (officers and board of directors) give to those who do attend.

I've commented about this before, but your officers, directors and editors are the best group of individuals I've worked with. As a team, we accomplished a lot last year. I expect we'll do the same this year. This team is really great when it comes to ideas, inspiration, networking and just plain ole blood sweat and tears (manual labor). During our first board of directors meeting, we'll be making plans for the year, hoping to make it good for our members and the AKCA as well.

Okay, as has been the custom the last few years, the first meeting of the year will be at my home but on Saturday, February 18th at 1:00. I thought about having it on the second Tuesday of February but as is always the case, that day falls on Valentine's Day. Gloria and the board thought the following Saturday would be better.

There is road construction in the area, so please take a good look at the map elsewhere in this newsletter. Cold cuts and goodies will be served. Gloria is hoping that you will call her (298-2638) so she will know how much food to prepare. For first timers, don't worry about it. Just show up. Hope to see you all at the first meeting.



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# FEEDING AND TEMPERATURE

BY  
Greg Mariano, KHA

*I've been thinking of introducing short articles in this newsletter regarding information I've gathered over the years. Most of the information will be from the AKCA koi health advisor course in which I participated in 2011. Some will be from articles and other koi hobbyists.*

From time to time I meet koi kichi who are unaware that there is a relationship with feeding, water temperature, growth and koi health. As this article is written, it is winter and the air and water temperatures are low. Many hobbyists are still attempting to feed their koi and wondering why they aren't eating as much or are acting ill. I feel that this first article should be about water temperature and feeding. There are many aspects of koi feeding that are important including nutritional value, age of the food, where it's stored, etc. But let's keep this short and concentrate on feeding times and amount.

Koi growth takes place when the water temperature is above 59 degrees. Below that a koi's metabolic rate slows and food intake is slowed. KHA instructor Chris Neaves wrote in a 2002 article that at water temperature below 50 degrees, feeding should be restricted and even stopped. Fasting for a few weeks will not hurt them. He feels that undigested food in the gut could cause the food to ferment and produce toxins. I learned from a koi hobbyist/veterinarian, that koi will continue to digest the food but at a much slower rate. Regardless, poorly digested or uneaten food in your pond leads to poor water quality.

My koi had been sitting at the bottom of the pond, barely moving when the temperature was very low. Today, as I write this, it has been raining, the sun shining off and on and the water temperature is about 46 degrees. The koi are active and swimming around. I want to feed them but I know they will eat algae in the pond if hungry. Their metabolism will dictate that. If there is a period of relatively long and warmer temperature during the winter, I may feed them something of low protein value and it will be a small quantity. I know several koi hobbyists who will not feed them at all until the water temperature is in the mid to upper 50's with no ill effects.

Following are feeding recommendations by ToMiGai (water temp in Fahrenheit):

- 82 and > ..... Feed once daily
- 72-82 ..... Feed in small, frequent quantities, total amount no more than 3% body weight
- 55-72 ..... Feed once daily
- 50-55 ..... No more than twice weekly

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