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AKCA Business Meeting/Wet Lab

The AKCA Board of Directors met last month for the AKCA annual business meeting and wet lab at the Ramada Inn on Shaw Avenue in Fresno. The event was well-attended with 29 registrations and 25 attendees with two coming all the way from Canada. The wet lab was conducted by Dr. Nick Saint-Erne and is reported to be the largest wet lab he has held.

Attendees met in the morning and enjoyed a keynote address by Larry Iles, editor of Koi USA, where he said the AKCA and Koi USA will be more focused in the future on the koi hobbyist, rather than the koi purist. This does not represent so much a shift in the direction of the organizations, but a course correction as neither the AKCA nor Koi USA were intended to cater to purists.

The wet lab was comprised of a series of lectures delivered by Dr. Saint-Erne that outlined the varied issues affecting koi health, general issues of anatomy, behavior, and the impacts of disease or parasite infestation. The lectures were rapid paced but there were frequent breaks and time for questions and answers.

Following the lecture series, Dr. Saint-Erne dissected a koi that died and had been frozen. He introduced the attendees to various specific anatomical features, explaining the possible causes of the fish's condition. (Video of the dissection will be posted on the Koi Whisperer web site once that video has been fully processed)

The meeting concluded with a banquet and winners of the Koi of The Year award were announced. Ron and Malise Unruh took the Koi of The Year award for 2011-2012 and Greg Mariano received a second place award for the 2010-2011 year.

Additional winners will be listed in the Koi USA magazine as well as additional coverage of the business meeting. The Central California Koi Society would like to thank the AKCA, the Board of Directors, Dr. Saint-Erne, and all the attendees for coming to Fresno to enjoy unseasonably comfortable weather, good friends, and the opportunity to share time with other koi enthusiasts.



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June General Meeting Minutes

Rosimeri Tran

June 16, 2012

The June general meeting was held at the lovely home of John and Sue Kendall, members enjoyed touring around their beautiful landscaped backyard, which for those of you who are new, Sue is a master gardener she has a beautifully landscaped property. As we entered the Kendall's backyard we enjoyed the jazz music playing in the background, members enjoyed viewing the beautiful koi in their pond. There was ample shade in the back to escape the heat of Fresno. Laverne Wright discussed how previously she had a koi diagnosed with dropsy, which is also called pinecone disease, generally it is a fatal prognosis. But she was fortunate enough that her koi recovered and is now doing well. Dale also mentioned his step son was having problems with the koi. Greg discussed koi show expenses, such as the club purchased two show tanks along with netting material which Seng has volunteered to make the net covers for the show tanks. There was discussion of the pond tour, it wasn't quite as busy as previous years but we have gained one new family to add to our club. KOI USA is looking for writers, they need articles for their magazine, so don't be afraid to submit an article. They are reaching out to the hobbyists and are looking for articles that would appeal to all those interested in koi ponds. By now you should have gotten the May/June issue, in that issue I wrote two articles, one was on our koi show last year and the other was regarding my journey as a KHA.

We have begun the preparations for our 2012 koi show at Fig Garden village, it will be held the last weekend in September, set up will be on Friday September 28th and the koi judging will be on Saturday September 29th and it ends on Sunday September 30th.

We still have 5 of the Garrison's kohaku growout available for sale; you can view their pics on the digital version of the newsletter at <http://seanstephens.wix.com/whisperer#!interest/vstc5=events>, the koi which are available are #4, #9, #11, #14, and #16, the cost is \$50.00 which helps offset the cost of feeding them. They will all be shown at the 2012 koi show then taken home to see how they develop next year.



June Board Meeting Minutes

Rosimeri Tran

June 19, 2012

The June board meeting was held at the home of Dale and Sandy Winn, all officers and directors were present. The treasurer's report was \$3939.35, the pond tour brought in \$251.75 income. The directors and officers began discussing the upcoming September koi show. The following was discussed: koi pin, this year it will be a kohaku to commemorate the grow out kohaku, we submitted a check to the AKCA for the premium insurance, we are awaiting the AKCA to submit the insurance certificate so we can give this to Fig Garden property management. We are seeking out banquet rooms for the koi show banquet. This year we will have koi show chairpersons they are Rosimeri Tran and Tony Palazzo. The flyer is being revised and will be distributed soon. Our show judges are Norman Call of the AKCA and Michael Hernandez, of the Shinkokai Association. Raffle items have been purchased they are, IPAD 2, TV and a Kindle Fire. Rosimeri will secure that all awards are accounted for and order more as necessary, raffle tickets need to be ordered by Me and Eds.

Our next general meeting will be at the home of Dale and Sandy Winn, on Tuesday, July 17th at 7:00 p.m., I hope to see everyone there as we will be discussing the koi show prep and seeking out volunteer assistance.



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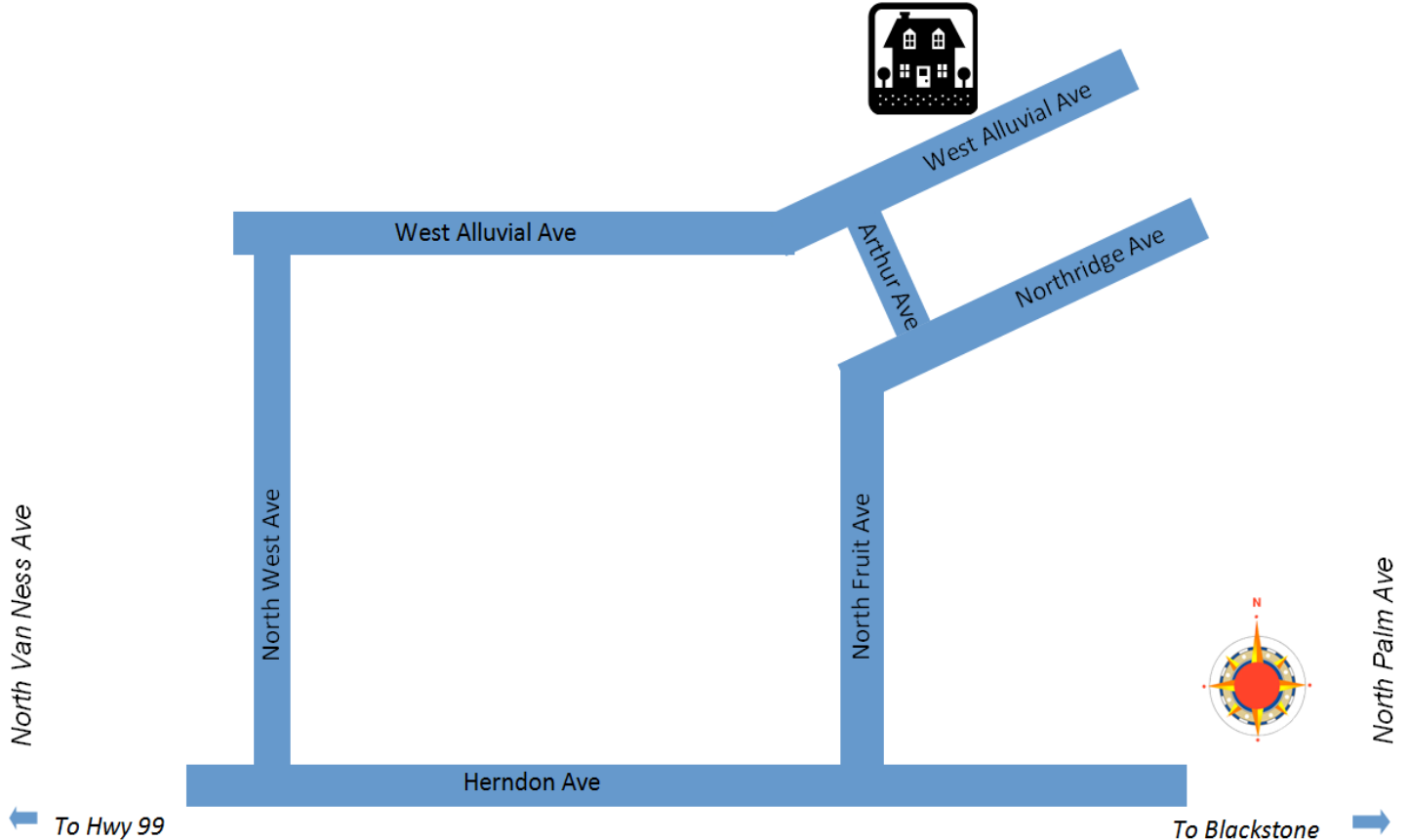
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July Meeting

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President's Corner



Happy summer everyone. As I write this, summer has just begun but the weather is very mild with temps in the 80's but high 90's and low 100's are just around the corner. How are your koi doing? Is your water quality still good? I hope all is well.

Did some of you get to attend the AKCA KHA wet lab that was held here in Fresno recently? I'm sure that those that did came away with a wealth of knowledge. While the event hasn't occurred as I am penning this, I know that there were 29 people registered for it. That is really a good turnout.

Your board has been really busy lately planning for the 2012 koi show. Amanda Stephens has already created the flyer and you should see it in this newsletter. A 32" LCD TV was purchased a few months ago for the show raffle and Treasurer Harry Imfeld bought a Kindle Fire that he donated for the raffle. There are a lot of things that have to be done to prepare for the show, some little and some quite major. But it's all being done. Last year's show was a big success but this year's promises to be better.

Please check elsewhere in this newsletter for this month's general meeting date and location. Dale and Sandy Winn volunteered to host this month. Most of you have been to the Winn home and know how beautiful it is. If you haven't, you won't want to miss it.

Before I close, I'd like to thank John and Sue Kindle for hosting the June meeting. Everything was perfect and we all had a good time.

Monday, July 2: I woke up late this morning which is unusual for me. But I'm recovering from the wet lab and business meeting that I mentioned above. From what I hear, we had the biggest turnout for the wet lab that Dr. Nick Saint-Erne has given. Although we only had two KHA students, both from Canada, we had more than 25 attendees. A few of the actual students had to cancel because of family emergencies. I can tell you, it was a fun and informative weekend and all is going well with the AKCA. In fact, KOIUSA editor, Larry Iles said during his keynote address that KOIUSA and the AKCA will be headed in a slightly different direction to include all koi hobbyists, not just koi purist. I said "slightly different direction" because this was probably the intent of the AKCA anyway. You will hear more about the wet lab and business meeting in a future issue of KOIUSA and in our newsletters. You may also read more in this issue, depending on if our newsletter editors and club secretary got a chance to write more before issue deadline.



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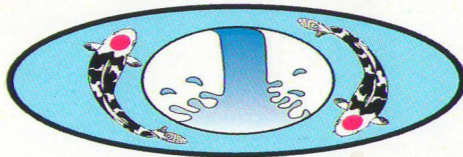


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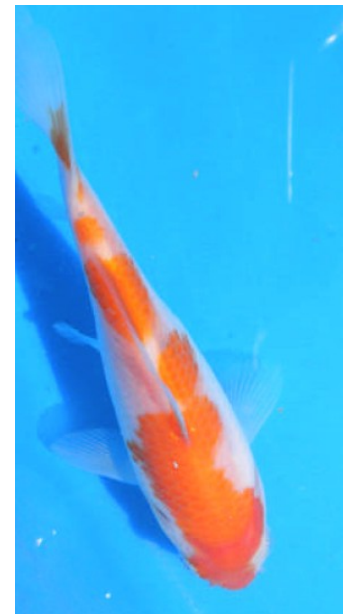
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