

NEXT MEETING
February 17, 2013
3rd Sunday 2:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE - NO JANUARY
2013 MEETING

LOCATION:

DIRECTIONS: Specifics will be addressed in the February newsletter.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
LSKC**

Greetings a-fish-a-nados,

Our New Year's party and auction was great fun. The LSKC webpage has photos posted. You can tell we are having FUN. Note Scott Sartorius, grinning, passing the torch to me. Paul Moss and son Trevor deftly led the auction, raising \$443.50. Thanks to everyone who generously donated items of such quality. Our party hosts, Pat and Buddy Bush, were the lucky high bidders for the large female Showa donated by Purdin Koi Farm. Our thanks also go to Ryan Vo for transporting and keeping the Showa in the interim.

Since then your new officers have met and agreed on much. Dues remain at \$25 per household. Hint hint. Buddy Bush was re-elected treasurer. Pat Bush will continue hospitably welcoming new members. Jaimie Jameson is our new secretary, so you members will know what we know! And Don Bayer, our first vice president, is happy that Paul Moss will be the club's second vice president. And I am humbled by the confidence you all have placed in me to lead this wonderful club in 2013.

Our 2:00 February 17, meeting will be at Scott and Linda Sartorius' home, 1650 Neptune Lane, Houston, 77062. After delivering your food goodies to their kitchen, join Scott out back where he will share with us some thoughts about their pond setup. After we enjoy visiting and eating, our planning meeting will provide an overview of host homes, possible travel destinations and speakers. Bring suggestions please.

This year we hope to make these meetings a resource for each of us. So February's topic will focus on equipment and gadgets. Let us know what you have discovered that makes koi keeping easier. The where, when, how, and why of your favorite stuff.

Consider bringing a friend along. We want to grow this club!

And finally, think about opening up your yard for a day in May to folks for the pond tour. That's how I first met many of you back in old 2012....

Melanie Nau

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

Month	Host	Date	Speaker/Topic
January		20	NO MEETING
February	Sartorius	17	Gadgets and tools used to manage your pond.
March		17	To be announced.
April		12	To be announced.
May	Pond Tour	5 & 6	POND TOUR – NO MEETING
June		16	To be announced..
July		21	To be announced.
August		18	To be announced.
September		15	Nomination of Officers.
October		20	To be announced..
November		17	To be announced..
December		**	Christmas Party & Auction on January 1, 2014

Please stop by the Welcome Table at each meeting, check in and pick up a nametag if you don't have one so new members can get to know you.

LKSC Membership News

If you have anyone contact you about koi needing homes or homes needing koi, please contact Randy Martin, xtremeflyr@yahoo.com or Paul Moss, paulbkm@gmail.com.

Thanks to our rescue partners.

Invitations & News from Other Koi and Pond Clubs, Associations or Societies

Houston Pond Society
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If you have not already joined the Houston Pond Society and paid your 2013 dues, now is the time. Dues for the entire year 2013 are only \$50.00. Come join in the fun and friendship of fellow pond enthusiasts.

JANUARY 5, 2013

The January meeting will be January 5, 2013 at 12:00 noon and will be hosted by Bev Mendenhall at her home at 4311 Greeley in the Montrose area. Greeley is just off Richmond between Shephard and Spur 527 to downtown.

FEBRUARY 2, 2013

The February meeting will be held February 2, 2013 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be hosted by Dan and Andrea Cook at 218 Leyden Court in Katy. More info to follow.

MARCH 2, 2013

This month's meeting will be a field trip for brunch to [Brenardo's at the Galvez Hotel](#) in Galveston. We will meet at Bernardo's at 11:00 AM to enjoy their fabulous brunch.

APRIL 7, 2013

Bill and Shirley Kielman will host this month's meeting at their home at 2222 West Lonesome Dove in Deer Park. There will be a speaker, Linda Gaye the former director of Mercer Arboretum. The meeting will start at 12:00 noon. More information later.

See you at Bev's
Dan Cook

Texas Koi & Fancy Goldfish Society (TKFGS)

January 20, 2013: Sunday at 1:30 pm. At Water Garden Gems, 3136 Bolton Rd., Marion, Texas

April 13-14, 2013: 19th annual Fish Sale and Spring Seminars. At Water Garden Gems, 3136 Bolton Rd., Marion, Texas

October 12-13, 2013: 21st annual Koi and Goldfish

Show. At Water Garden Gems, 3136 Bolton Rd.,
Marion, Texas

For a list of future TKFGS events go to
www.texaskoi.com

Articles

Feeding Koi to Develop a Strong Champion Body

Shape and Best Color Development

by Ray Jordan, Texas Koi & Fancy Goldfish Society

50F – 60F - Do not feed adult koi. Important that koi be fasted (2-3 yr. old koi for 4 to 6 weeks/older koi 6 to 8 weeks) at 55F - to cause re-absorption of excess fat. Also allows koi to rest and develop stronger color purity and depth.

60F – 70F - Begin feeding low protein food (.025%) of koi body weight daily. Slowly increase to 0.5% as water temperature rises closer to 70F.

70F – 85F - Increase feeding of low protein food to 1.0% up to 1.5% of total koi body weight as water temperature rises.

80F – 70F (Water Cooling Down) - Increase feeding with HIGH protein food to 2.0% to 3.0% of body weight.

70F – 65F (Water Cooling Down) - Decrease feeding with LOW protein food to 1.5% to 1.0% of body weight.

65F – 60F (Water Cooling Down) - Decrease feeding with LOW protein food to 0.5% to 0.25% of body weight.

1) Best results will be from ponds containing similar sized koi. Either keep all small koi (less than 14 inches), or medium sized koi (15 inches to 24 inches) or larger koi (over 24 inches) together in same pond. Mixed sized koi ponds limit larger koi from developing to their full potential. Smaller koi feed more aggressively and will get too much food and get too fat while larger koi will get less food and grow less.

2) Water quality and highest possible levels of aeration are most important. You must not feed more food to your koi than your filter system can handle and still maintain high water quality.

3) Natural sunlight is very important. If you cover your pond be aware that if you filter too much sunlight the koi's ability to develop color, especially it's shiny quality, and full depth will be prevented.

4) Feed fresh high quality koi food. Vitamins lose potency in a few weeks. Store in air tight containers in cool, dry area.

5) Never feed color food. Color food harms color layer and dulls the skin sheen. This will confuse owner as to proper condition. 6) Always better to feed too little than too much. Most hobbyists feed too much and feed incorrectly based on season and food type.

7) Koi is a four season fish. To develop best body shape it is important that two year old koi and older koi fast (not be fed) for 4-8 weeks each winter. Water temperature should be kept at about 55F during this time and the koi be allowed to rest and develop full color depth and shininess. Larger and older fish need longer fast. (8 weeks). Medium sized and younger koi can have shorter fast (4 weeks)

8) Feed high quality low protein food almost all year. Low protein food is between 30% to 34% protein. Try different high quality koi food brands. Some are better than others. Brand is not important but commercial Japanese koi foods are usually best. Watch white color as well as red. You want both colors to develop together and be bright, clean and deep.

9) Feed high quality high protein food for short period only 4-8 weeks (maximum) after water temperature starts coming down (early fall). This is when you should feed high protein food. High protein food is between 36% to 44% protein. Stop feeding high protein food when water temperatures drops below 74-75F. Increase aeration and filtration to maximum when feeding high protein food. **Watch water quality very carefully when feeding high protein food. Switch to low protein or reduce amount of food given. Many Hobbyist filter systems cannot handle.**

10) Estimate total koi body weight in pond and feed recommended % of food daily based on season and water temperature divided into intervals of about 2-2-1/2 hours. Takes koi about 2- 2-1/2 to digest food in warmer water and 4-8 hrs in colder water when feeding is begun. So in warmer ideal water temperatures feed 5-8 times daily the individual portions totaling daily amount needed. In cooler temperatures feed 1-3 times daily.

11) If you want you can continue feeding after dark but only once in evening and again once before sunrise. Koi need to rest most of night.

12) Watch carefully for any sign of floating koi feces. If seen you are feeding too much or too often or both. Reduce feeding or switch to better quality food.

13) Watch water conditions carefully. If foam is seen on surface in morning this indicates more organics than your filter can handle. You need to reduce feeding, or increase filter maintenance or increase filter size, increase aeration, or try different koi food with less protein. Turn off pond skimmer occasionally at night to better determine foam production in mornings which indicates more organics than your system can process. Three things are necessary to successfully grow a koi into Grand Champion quality. They are listed in order of importance:

- **Highest Water Quality**

- Proper feeding and care
- Koi with best genetics capable of growing large and developing deep beautiful color and shiny skin ❖

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From the Editor

In case you did not notice above, there will be no January 2013 meeting. Since we had our New Year's Day party on January 1st, we thought it might be redundant to have another meeting in January. Besides, January is not the best month in Houston. So, we will begin the year with our February meeting at the home of Scott and Linda Sartorius.

If you took the time to look at this Newsletter, you should have noticed we have a new item. Starting with this issue, our Club President, Melanie Nau, will have a communication to all members under the heading "From the President's Desk". I feel this is a good addition to our Newsletter and a chance to let Melanie give you her thoughts.

As we say hello to Melanie, I want to say thanks to Scott Sartorius for his past years of service as our President. Scott became President while he was still relatively new to the Club and did an excellent job of always being there to encourage and support our membership. So as Scott passes the torch to Melanie, I feel confident this will give him more time to develop better beers to brew and more time to share them with his fellow koi keepers. I'll drink to that. Thanks Scott.

Donnie Bayer
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