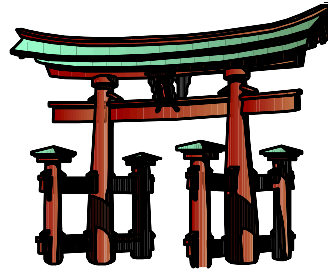




SEKC



ZNA SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAPTER

April 2009

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Club Focus

Change of Plan to April General Meeting Agenda.

Unfortunately Louise Andrews will not be available for the April meeting. Louise, a fish veterinary expert has sent her apologies to the membership for her absence. So as not to disappoint we have made arrangements for Louise to give a talk to club members at our September meeting.

In place of the postponed talk the club will hold an open meeting with a "Hints and Tips" section, where some of our more experienced members can pass on ideas that have been picked up over several years of koi keeping.

April General Meeting, Friday 24th.
8 p.m.

Agenda

- * Open meeting, welcome and apologies for absence
- * "Hints and Tips"
- * Tea/Coffee and Raffle
- * Open Forum
- * A.O.B.
- * Close

Reminder - Membership Renewal



For those of you that may have overlooked sending in your subscription, please do so as soon as possible. Any late membership costs the club money so please submit now.

PS: Any new members that have joined the club this month, a copy of the club rules is enclosed with your newsletter.

Up and Coming Trip:

Sparsholt College, Winchester 16th May.

Unfortunately we do not have much interest from our members, to date. Should we want to continue this event as a club event we will need your support.

Please contact Barbara or Pat giving names and numbers soon. Hopefully we can come up with a reasonable size group.

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SEKC Results of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 27th March

Committee posts — 3 Mandatory: There were no nominations received for the three mandatory posts. The Treasurers position and the Secretarys position remain unchanged, with a vote of confidence given by members present. There were no offers from the floor to take on the open position of Chair so until this post can be filled the Committee have agreed to have a rotating Chairperson.

Chairman	Open
Treasurer	Keith Shakes
Secretary	Patricia Genovese
President	Peter Webber

Committee's Report for the Annual General Meeting

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2008. We have, with the help of our extended Committee this past twelve months been able to bring new ideas and projects to work towards. The main one that took place was the koi photographic competition, held in September and which arose out of the idea that 2008 could be the year to organise a closed show. Whilst this did not come off because it was difficult to reach a high enough number of koi entries to make a closed show viable, the photographic show which took it's place was a great success, thanks to those club members able to participate and the hard work of Roger and Heather and the benching team. The results of the show took place at the January club meeting with certificates going to the owners of the winning koi. A great idea that paid off.

We aim to keep booking speakers for some of our meetings as members have requested although this is becoming more difficult as we run through the list of known speakers quite quickly, therefore we always welcome your suggestions on likely candidates. Some of our speakers that have visited us during the past year are: Collette Harrison of Bonsai Trees. Collette who kindly gave a demonstration on how to keep junipers and pines in good shape encouraged me to pick up the cutting tools and attack a bonsai or two of my own. Peter Watson gave us some good tips on photographing koi and overwintering our koi ponds. These two topics with

Peter's humour kept us focused and enthused. Rod and Gerry Isted of Koi Health Limited gave us an update on changes in fish disease detection. Very enlightening. All of these talks were well received and enjoyed to the full.

We were able to arrange several trips out during the year to Worthing Aquatics, where several members bought a koi or two! A coach trip to Holland for the Dutch Koi Show took place in August and was thoroughly enjoyed by those participating. We played host to the Middlesex and Surrey Borders club for pond visits in June and repaid the visit to see their ponds in September. Members who opened their gardens for the visiting club were: Ken and Nic, Malcolm and Margaret, Rocky and Pat, Tim and Hillary and Peter and Barbara. There was plenty to eat and drink at the end of the day and the visiting club donated a plant for the raffle, which they then went on to win heralded by much laughter and our friendly insults! The club held the Annual Christmas meal in January at the Crown Hotel, Lyndhurst, where we were served good food and relaxed in good company.

Our Open garden meetings were a success with members gathering together at the pond-sides of: Keith and Jean in Lancing in the month of June, which was very enjoyable, Pat and Elwyn, from Lepe who welcomed us into their beautiful garden and showed us the recent changes to the pond, in July. In August members were invited to Malcolm and Margaret's home for a koi netting, handling and bagging demonstration. This proved very popular especially with new members. A buffet was laid on and members enjoyed the day basking in the sunshine or walking through the colourful garden.

Congratulations were in order for two of our members: Christine Woolger and Heather Payne on receiving their well earned status as local certified judges for the ZNA. At our April meeting Peter Webber was pleased to make an official presentation of the certificates to Christine and Heather.

The Committee are keen to help our new members who are just developing their skills in koi-keeping and who have many questions to ask. This is why we try to devote time in our monthly meetings to do just this. So when planning the diary of events for 2009, the Committee with members approval decided to extend our monthly meetings to include June, July and August 2009, here at our usual venue the Titchfield Parish Room on the fourth Friday of the month. 2005 was the last time we held summer meetings here. There is a feeling that the interruption to our club meetings at

SEKC Results of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 27th March, cont'd ...

** Club News & Reviews*

Titchfield over recent summers has resulted in a possible loss of new members or would be members. We can hold teach-ins at these summer meetings and keep the bonding process going throughout the year. Whilst we greatly enjoy meeting up at member's home on a Sunday, and we can continue this to a lesser degree - the loss of new members and even having to relay to those koi keepers that contact us during this period wanting to come to a meeting, by us then having to tell them that the next meeting at Titchfield is a couple of months away - is perhaps not helping to build up our membership. So we will see how it goes.

The Committee cannot say a big enough thank you to all those members who kindly invited us to their homes over the summer months. We had a wonderful time at all the events. Thank you also for your contributions to the many buffets and raffles that we have put on, it is all very much appreciated.

With arrangements made already for spring, summer and autumn we look forward very much to a busy and active year, 2009 with members getting together in the organised events put on by your Committee.

Always keep a check in your newsletter for club events and make a note in your diary well in advance ensuring that your favourite event will not be missed. Please attend as many of them as you can. Your support is very important to the club without you there would be no club.

Patricia Genovese (Secretary)
On behalf of the Committee for the SEKC.

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Review – April Meeting

After the AGM Tim and Peter set up the projector and laptop and Tim kindly gave us a review of his recent 'koi hunting' trip to Japan.

Tim entertained us with photo's of his princely purchases as well as some of the amazing koi he had to, reluctantly, leave behind.

With a couple of self portraits of Tim taken in his hotel bedroom revealing all whilst donning his hotel kimono (not a sight for the

faint hearted), we spent a captivating hour or so listening to Tim's account of his trip. Tim had taken numerous pictures of the various koi farms, people and places he visited for us to enjoy.

Thanks Tim for entertaining us at the meeting.

Club News & Reviews

Tategoi Competition

After Tim's slot at the meeting the committee suggested that members might like to take part in a Tategoi competition this summer.

How does it work?

We could ask Arron of Worthing Aquatics if he could pick out a number of koi for us when he visits Japan in May. Participating club members can decide beforehand which variety of Gosanke to choose for the tategoi competition. We would need at least ten competitors and going by the interest shown at the meeting we should not have a problem with this number. The price members willing to pay for the koi would need to be agreed beforehand also. We would be thinking maybe around one hundred pound - as a guide.

Should you wish to enter the competition and once all koi are spoken for we will randomly select the position for each person to come and pick their koi, by pulling numbers from a hat.

This should prove to be a popular event, as all of the koi purchased will be brought together the following year to be judged and the koi deemed to be the best will win the competition.

Please notify me (Pat) if you are interested in this competition as soon as possible to enable the committee to inform Arron of the quantity, price and variety we will have decided on.

Fishy Day Out

Members arrived at Worthing Aquatics on Friday 20th March to get a good look at Arron's new arrivals. Tim's purchases were viewed and admired and members made their own purchases. A pub lunch was arranged with members enjoying a satisfying day out.

Date	Programme of Events 2009
Fri. 24th Apr. 2009	POSTPONED DUE TO ILLNESS A talk on Koi and Pond welfare introducing fish expert: Louise Andrews. At the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m. (See last entry.)
Sat. 16th May. 2009	Countryside Day. Sparsholt College, Winchester. (Not many numbers received to date.)
Fri. 22nd May. 2009	Club Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 26th Jun. 2009	Club Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th Jun. 2009	The 2009 BKKS National Koi Show
Sun. 12th Jul. 2009	SEKC pond visits to Worthing & District BKKS.
Fri. 24th Jul. 2009	Club Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 2nd Aug. 2009	Worthing & District BKKS visit SEKC for pond visits.
Fri. 25th Sep. 2009	A talk on Koi and Pond welfare introducing fish expert: Louise Andrews. At the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.

The dates in green ink are new dates for your diary, be sure to make a note of them.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Titchfield Parish Room, High Street, Titchfield, Fareham, Hants.
7:30 pm for 8:00 pm start, fourth Friday of the month unless advised otherwise.

For further information on all the clubs social events, call Barbara on 01722 340313. Activities for 2009 are being arranged, so remember to keep a check on what is happening on the social scene.



Club "Life Line" for Members with Sick Koi

Ken Saunders for the Eastleigh, Southampton area: 02380 571403

Steve Layley for the Fareham, Portsmouth area: 01489 557748

Peter Webber for the Salisbury, Wiltshire area: 01722 340313

Keith Shakes for the Worthing, West Sussex area: 01903 753275

If our contact cannot help you with your particular problem themselves, they will ensure that you are put in touch with someone who can.

*Have a Good Month,
Pat*



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