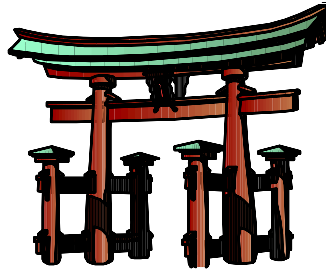




# SEKC

## ZNA SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAPTER



May 2009

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Club Focus

### Really Worth a Visit ...

Club event. "Countryside Day" at Sparsholt College, Winchester, Saturday 16th May.

National Aquatics Training Centre: Amazing fish of all kinds. Nearby, the tranquil fishing lake.

Plus plenty more for your enjoyment.

Meet up at the college at 11 a.m. Please let Barbara know beforehand if you are coming along so that she can look out for you on the day.

£7. entry fee. OAP's £6. School age children £4.

### Summer Monthly Meetings

Based on requests from newer members, we're trying to provide meetings in an atmosphere where they can ask questions and learn.

Therefore at our summer meetings, (June, July & August) to be held at the Titchfield Parish room we will be doing a series on Koi basics and hoping to cover all those things you may have known once and forgotten.

This is to be an opportunity for members to ask those nagging questions and get those long awaited answers.

I am looking forward to our summer monthly sessions. All members are welcome as your expertise is valuable to the success of the series.

*May General Meeting,  
Friday 22nd. 8 p.m. at the  
Titchfield Parish Room*

### Agenda

*Open meeting, welcome and  
apologies for absence*

*Around the table discussion.*

*Tea/Coffee and Raffle*

*Q & A session*

*A.O.B.*

*Close*



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### Membership Renewal Important, note the following ...

Please send in your membership if you have not already done so. Don't lose contact with friends and miss out on forthcoming club activities as this will be your last newsletter.

*A bit of fun ...*

**BBQ Season!**

We are about to enter the summer and BBQ season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity, as it is the only type of cooking a 'real' man will do, probably because there is an element of danger involved.



When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine ...

- (1) The woman buys the food.
- (2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables and makes dessert.
- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.

Here comes the important part:

- (4) **THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.**

More routine ...

- (5) The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery.
- (6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation.

Important again:

- (7) **THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.**

More routine ...

- (8) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table.
- (9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

- (10) Everyone **PRAISES** the MAN and **THANKS HIM** for his cooking efforts.
- (11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed her night off. And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women ...

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**From Spring through to Summer**

At long last the evenings are a lot brighter. This is the time we tend to spend more time with our koi. We look forward to warmer days with our pets. As heat plays a great part in the well being of our koi we hope to see them flourish once the colder weather has abated.

Unfortunately we tend to get temperature fluctuations at this time also which can cause some problems. If you have a smaller gallonage and a shallow pond then this is more noticeable. However if you have some sort of covering over the pond this will certainly help to keep the wind chill off the pond during those changeable early summer days.

No matter how things play out the summer is the time when we and our koi become more lively, so do enjoy the season and I am sure we will have happy healthy koi and therefore happy healthy koi keepers.

Pat

## Tategoi (Show & Grow) Competition

We talked about the club running a tategoi competition at the last club meeting and many members present wanted to take part. Therefore the committee have arranged with Arron of Worthing Aquatics to pick out ten (approx 8 ins size) kohaku's for us when he visits Japan early June.

The koi will be photographed individually by Arron and each photo will be consigned a number. Ticket numbers will be put into a hat and members who wish to enter the competition will draw from the hat. The ticket number drawn will relate to one of the photographed koi. This kohaku becomes that member's tategoi.

This we feel is the fairest method to conduct the competition. A price of around £100 per koi has been agreed with members and with that in mind Arron will choose for us.

### KOI FOOD, VIRASURE

The club have the following for sale to members at low prices:

15 kilo bags mixed pellet koi food. 6 mm (med.) £57.

60 tablets Virasure. £28.

Please contact Peter on:  
**01722 340313** for availability.

*PLEASE EMAIL ME MY NEWSLETTER ...*

If you are a regular web user and have an email address why not have your newsletter sent to you by this method.

Please contact me with your email address if you are interested. *Pat*

## SEKC welcome Worthing & District BKKs on Sunday 2nd August 2009. Pond Visit.

We would love to have some of our newer members open up their garden for the above event.

Don't be shy. It's really a good experience. The visit will last between 30 minutes and one hour and this will be a good chance to meet up with koi keepers from another club and talk with them about their koi keeping experiences.

Please let me know if you can open up for our guests and a visiting time will be allocated to you. *Pat*

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## Club Clothing

Don't forget that we have a catalogue of clothing for our members to browse through for that special item.

All clothing bears the SEKC logo and a club t-shirt or jacket is a must for our coming summer activities such as our organised events and pond visits to other clubs etc.,

Just ask a committee member if you want to see the catalogue and we can arrange this. Choose something to suit you, there is a wide choice. All colours available and the quality is good too.

Don't forget we're on the web.  
[www.sekc.org.uk](http://www.sekc.org.uk)

Date	Programme of Events 2009
Sat. 16th May. 2009	Countryside Day. Sparsholt College, Winchester.
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.

**Please support your club and attend as many club events as you can.**

**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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