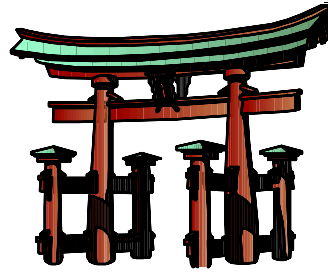




SEKC

ZNA SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAPTER



August 2009

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Club Focus

Worthing & District BKKS visit our members ponds on Sunday 2nd August.

We had such a good day out at the Worthing Koi club on Sunday 12th and are really looking forward to the return visit on 2nd August. The SEKC members that are to open up their ponds for the visit are:

Keith and Jean in Worthing;
Leyon and Rose in Locks Heath; Pat and Rocky in Totton; Tim and Hillary in Salisbury and Peter and Barbara in Salisbury.

There will be a buffet laid out for our guests and our own members at Peter and Barb's home. If you can help Barbara during the afternoon it will be very much appreciated as we are expecting around fifty including SEKC members.

Barbara is compiling a list of names of volunteers who have kindly offered to prepare food for the occasion. Please contact Barbara on **01722 340313** if you intend coming along to join in the festivities and she will update the list.

August General Meeting, Friday 28th. 8 p.m. at the Titchfield Parish Room.

Agenda

Open meeting, welcome and apologies for absence

* *Discuss Koi Health*

* *Tea/Coffee*

* *Q & A session*

* *A.O.B.*

* *Close*



Club Visit to Cuttlebrook Koi Farm Sun. 16th August

The club have organised a trip out to Cuttlebrook Koi Farm owned by Mark and Lisa Davis, to look at their premises and koi, bred on the farm.

If you are interested then please contact me for so that I can confirm numbers to Lisa. We will use our own transport, doubling up where we can. Some of us are meeting up at Tothill Services on the A34 at 10 o'clock. We aim to reach the koi farm between 11:30 and 12 noon. If you need directions please contact me. *Pat*

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Worthing & District BKKS Visit the SEKC for Pond Visits



Bernie's great pond and koi

We boarded the mini-bus and set out to meet up with Roger and Heather at the Tesco Xtra car-park near Chichester.

They very kindly escorted us throughout the day. The first pond visit was a few minutes drive away. The pond belongs to Bernie and is 18 ft by 10 ft with a depth of 5 ft.

5,000 gallons. This pond was built in January 2003 and the first fish went in by May of that year.

Our second pond of the day belongs to Mary and Gary and holds 15000 galls. There is a large vegetable filter also. The main pond has under floor heated by a 60.000 BTU boiler and 2 heat exchangers. Fantastic pond and set-up.



Mary & Gary's terrific 15000 gall pond



A collection of ponds in this garden belong to Dianne & Rod

Guess what, these people are serious about koi! Dianne and Rod have several ponds and growing on tanks plus quarantine and vegetable fil-

ters in their garden. The main pond is 8020 galls. There is, so I am told, the original pond, which holds 1850 galls plus in the shed there is a quarantine/growing on tank of 330 galls and a further quarantine tank of 777 gallons. Additionally there is yet another, a 260 gallon tank for quarantine. Whew!

Lorna and Brian have a 3,000 gallon pond of block and fibreglass. The pond currently houses

12 koi including the Worthing 2005 Grand Champion Sanke named Jenny.

Pond number five belongs to Eileen and Nick. The pond is constructed using a wooden frame 3.5 ft above ground and sits on 8 ins of concrete. The bottom of the pond is 2.5 ft below the ground. This pond holds 3500 gallons and only took 2 days from start to finish. The pond is run on a nexus easy 300 and the pump is a sequence 10.000 which returns the water to the pond via a 55 watt u.v.



Lorna & Brian's pond



Mind your backs! SEKC members intent on getting a good look at Eileen and Nick's koi

The final pond of the day belongs to Heather

and Glen and is 12 ft x 8 ft 8 ins x 6 ft deep and contains 3671 gallons. The pond contains about 30 koi and there is also a quarantine system of 220

galls with a black box filter, uv, pump and air pump containing a number of small koi.



Heather & Glen's pond

At the end of the pond visits the Worthing BKKS invited

us to sit down to a fabulous buffet, at their club meeting venue.

We would like to thank the club for their kind hospitality and generosity during our visit to them. We thoroughly enjoyed our day viewing some very nice koi, ponds and gardens and are looking forward to meeting up with them again on 2nd August when the club visits our members ponds.

Tategoi (Show & Grow) Competition



Ready, steady, GO!!

Members met up at Worthing Aquatics on Sunday 19th July to take part in the club's Show & Grow competition.

Twelve Maruyama kohaku were chosen for us by Arron, for the competition. Each member was to draw a number out of the box and find out which koi had the corresponding number on the

reverse of each certificate.

No one was disappointed with their drawn kohaku as all the koi were of a very high standard. There was a certificate with each fish showing the size and the breeders name.



Some very happy koi keepers

To round off the day we all gathered over the road from Worthing Aquatics at the Spotted Cow for a Sunday roast and with a full belly returned to Worthing Aquatics for bagging up. We all have a commitment to look after and encourage the growth of our new kohaku. Now let the race commence!

Pat

Louise Andrews

We are deeply saddened to hear of the tragic accident of koi vet Louise Andrews.

Louise was scheduled by the SEKC to give our members a talk at our September meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. Louise was rapidly making a name for herself in the Fish Veterinary field and was very keen on talking to koi clubs to pass on her knowledge to fish keepers.

The SEKC send all our condolences to her family and friends.

(See page 4 for an update on the September meeting.)

Don't forget we're on the web.
www.sekc.org.uk

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.

Date	Programme of Events 2009
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.
Sun. 16th Aug. 2009	Club to visit Cuttlebrook Koi Farm. (Please contact Pat for directions to the koi farm.)
Fri. 25th Sep. 2009	*A talk on Koi health by Peter Watson at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 23rd Oct. 2009	Club Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 27th Nov. 2009	Club Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
December 2009	No Meeting

* Change to previous diary entry: Peter Watson has kindly offered to give a talk to members on koi health.

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

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Peter Webber for the Salisbury, Wiltshire area: 01722 340313

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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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