

# VALLEY OF THE SUN



# KOI CLUB



## Desert Koi Newsletter December 2007

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### Presidents Message

By Corey Garrett

**KOI CLUB DUES ARE DUE.** To clear up the confusion of multiple dates dues are paid hence due, the Valley of the Sun Koi Club officers set the date of current membership as January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In an effort to bring everyone up to the January date and not over charge any member, if you paid after June 2007; you are considered current through 2008. Listed below are the dues current members.

If your name is not on this list our records indicate your membership is/has/about to expire. Please if there is any correction contact our treasures Derek Tang at [derekmtang@hotmail.com](mailto:derekmtang@hotmail.com).

**What are your Valley Of The Sun Koi Club current and past benefits?** 2007 AKCA Seminar and 2006 AKCA Seminar tuition assistance, 100 Vendor dollars at the 2006 & 2008 Koi Shows, Discount to *Koi Nations* and *Koi USA* magazines, free Water Quality and Koi Health Seminars, discount to Goldfish Guide, 10% discount to Koi and Koi supply vendors, monthly meetings with educational topics and free Matzuri Koi food raffle, 2008 Koi growing contest (*courtesy of CTK Ponds and Manufacturing*), annual picnic, monthly newsletter and the help and friendship of all of us.

**After January 31<sup>st</sup> membership benefits will stop for 31 of our friends and family. Are you one of these?**

Current through December 31, 2008

- Russell David
- Steven Del Carlo
- Iwalani & Zach Huntington
- Bob Shepler
- David Dudgeon
- Gary Long
- Gary Ures
- Patrick Still
- Richard Vandenberg
- Steven Pritchard
- Bradley Beloit
- Michael Cox
- Arne Grant
- Don Troutman
- Jim and Gena Stackhouse
- Don Chantermerle
- Dickinson



*HOLIDAY PARTY - MEETING*

*SUNDAY December 16, 2007*

*Join the club at the home of  
Ursula and Frank Valdez*

*4834 E. Sunrise Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85044  
480-785-9442*

*Please RSVP ASAP*

*Plan to bring a dish for 6 people*



## Meeting Minutes

Valley of the Sun Koi Club Minutes  
November 18, 2007

The meeting was held at Rob Shepler's home in Phoenix. We thank him for opening his home.

The meeting was called to order a few minutes after 2 pm by our President Corey Garrett.

Derek Tang, Treasurer, discussed his November Treasurer's Report. David Yee motioned to accept and Corey Garrett 2nd to accept. The ayes had it. The Report was accepted.

The main discussion was the February 2008 Chinese Cultural Center Show. John Kovacich asked for an explanation regarding purchasing the show tanks and getting \$100 vendor dollars back. Corey Garrett explained we are renting the show tanks not purchasing them, they are very expensive. It was also explained we needed to inform Corey whether we are going to show fish or not. There will not be any extra show tanks. We also talked about a grab bag for \$65 to \$100 in which we will receive a Koi and agree to show it next year. We all agreed it would be great; Brian Connelly will be supplying the Koi. We will need volunteers for the show including setting up and tearing down.

Next meeting will be with Frank and Ursula Valdez. It will be our Christmas Party and everyone is asked to bring a dish to contribute to the potluck.

Bryan won the AKCA Koi of the Year. Congratulations. In Tucson- Bryan McCleney won Young Champion plus other prizes for his Sakai Bred Kohaku. Arne Grant won Baby Grand, novice grand champion and other prizes.

As we ended the meeting Rob Shepler talked about his pond and the spray on pond liner. A very interesting talk. Thank you.

Submitted by: Donna Kovacich, Secretary



## Goldfish Eyes Vs- Koi Eyes

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**Telescoping Eyes:** The particular characteristic of this fish is on its pair of big protruded eyes. The eyes should be big and round. Big when comparing to the size of its head not so big as to cover more than half of its head. The eyes should be round and symmetrical in size and position.



**Bubble Eyes:** The sacs under each eye are the bubbles, which should be round and symmetrical. The fluid inside the sac should be clear.








**Koi Eyes** should be clear, not bulging nor sunken. Eyes should be symmetrical and evenly placed on the head. Koi eyes are just like our eyes, telling you if the Koi is ill. A "red eye" an eye with hi pigmentation, at one time was not considered show quality. Now judges will include red eyes in the total presentation of the fish.

Photo from KOI.COM **GINRIN YAMABUKI SOLD @ \$1500**

# 2008 GREATER PHOENIX OPEN KOI AND GOLDFISH SHOW FEBRUARY 8-9-10

## VENDOR DOLLARS VENDOR DOLLARS

**\$100.00** vendor dollars to each Valley Of The Sun Koi Club membership (one per family) who actively participates in the 2008 Greater Phoenix Open Koi Show. To receive the 100 vendor dollars you must:

-  Purchase a show tank for Koi in the 2008 Greater Phoenix Koi Show
  -  Give at least 4 hours of volunteer work
  -  Purchase a banquet ticket
  -  Must be dues current for 2007-2008 (Pay one year of dues at the time of registration if not current)
  -  The money/Vendor Dollars MUST be spent at the 2008 Greater Phoenix Koi Show Koi Club Onsite Vendors
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### Ask Bryan:

**Question:** Is it ok to keep Goldfish in Koi ponds?

**Answer:** Yes, other cold-water fish such as Goldfish and Shubunkins will live happily in Koi ponds. However you should be aware that certain types of fish such as Rudd and Orfe are more sensitive to some medications. Make sure that you check any treatments before use in your pond.





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To:

Happy Holidays  
Come Celebrate with the Club  
Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>

See inside for details