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CALENDAR of EVENTS

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Due to the Corona Virus
(COVID-19)

Steering committee Meetings
are canceled until further
notice.

If there is club business to
contend with please notify the
club president at

president@koicsd.org

*The Club has been holding
Steering Committee Meet-
ings on Zoom for more info
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME RENEWING MEMBERS

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Upcoming Events 2020

**No General Meeting until
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have been put on hold or
canceled
PLEASE
check the venue before you
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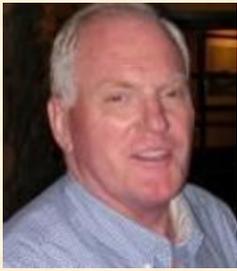
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The President's Corner

June 2020

This is the month that we all hoped would start something like the old normal for meetings.

Sadly, we were wrong.

But if there is any good to come from this enforced lock down, isolation, restrictions, we as Koi keepers can certainly dig in and find it.

First thing that comes to mind, of course is to wash our hands. We probably heard it all through childhood, from our parents and teachers and...Koi Jack. Initially it was to keep Gill Disease in check, and more recently KHV— remember the thorough disinfecting we did at the show with the nets, and restrictions on not re-using the transport bags we brought our fish to (and from) the show in. So now this new normal, Wash Your Hands For 20 Seconds, has become even more of a habit. Good for us, and also good for the fish whether you simply reach in to stroke their sides once in a while, or feed them individual bits of koi food as Kay Corbin does with her fish — To make sure everyone gets their fair share.

We also have a reason, a necessary destination, when we go outside. Not just to hit the grocery or curbside pick up from our favorite restaurant when we're lured by their specials. Instead we HAVE to go out each day to feed our fish and watch them for illnesses or scrapes or simply counting noses and realizing just how much peace and calm they give us. Pity the apartment dwellers who have no yards to host koi ponds. No weeding, we'll admit that given the prodigious amount of grass and weeds the rains we had in March and April brought out. That job brought us out as well, but our koi pond makes the excursion so much more enjoyable. All those hungry gaping mouths that you just MUST feed them. Maybe feed them to keep them from crawling out of the pond and joining you. And there will be no highway patrol flashing their lights at you to stop and explain just why you're out of the house.

And talk about essential jobs. Not just the feeding, but routine filter cleaning and water testing. You've been doing that, right? Now's your chance to get into the habit of doing it every day. (A second trip out of the house once the feeding and observation is done. Just to make sure everything's all right.)

Likewise, your koi won't object to your wearing a mask — or not wearing a mask. Again, the Highway Patrol, local police, or that funny neighbor who insists that everyone follows the directions to the letter (you remember him from grade school, don't you) will never hear about your error from your fish. Wear your mask. Don't wear your mask. If you stand there with a measure of koi food in your hand, they will never report you. And they won't give you the wary eye as Fido does or run to hide as Fluffy does.

After all, they are part of your family and fully understand that an alteration to the shape and color of your face does not interfere with what your hands carry to go into their stomachs. Which might be a whole container of cooked white rice left over from your take out Chinese, or slurpy spaghetti noodles bare of any contaminating sauce or maybe even a big chunk of watermelon or wedge of orange or cabbage for them to play with.

And above all they understand about quarantine. Maybe they are even gloating about your quarantine and isolation and saying "A-ha! Payback time! You had me quarantined for 30 days, now the shoe's on the other foot (or fin)."

Please keep in mind that when our gatherings can once again commence, we'll have larger than usual monthly drawings — both because of your donations, and the generous donations from the vendors at the show of koi food and pond products.

Let us hope that our gatherings will begin again soon and we can hear the stories of how koi and koi ponds kept others sane.

We're hoping for the restart in June, but it looks more like July or later. Hoping, too, you are staying home and well and safe. And enjoying your koi as much as I am.

Al Pierce
President Koi Club of San Diego

Notes from the Board

May 2020

Phyllis Spoor

Fun Filled Koing



In this time of Stay At Home and Covid 19, our club President Al Pierce is being very progressive and interactive. We conducted our May Steering Committee meeting via Zoom with each of the attendees signing in with their interactive pictures on the screen. Present for the meeting was Al Pierce, Tamsie Pierce, Matt Rhoades, Phyllis Spoor, Jessica Lynch, Jack Chapman, Greg Ruth, Ben Adams, Lenore Wade and Kathy Stewart. Very lively meeting with everybody chiming in. Biggest disappointment was we couldn't get our ice cream at Sizzler on our break. We had to have our ice cream at home after the meeting.

Due to the virus there will be no monthly on site koi meetings. Your koi officers and fellow members remain available for information, help or anything you want to share. If you have any pictures of your koi, pond or information/questions. that you would like to share please send them to Jerry so he can include them in the next newsletter.

Due to the shutdown and a lack of a volunteer to chair the next show, our 2021 Show is on hold. Del Mar Fairgrounds has nobody booked for our March weekend. The big companies are not booking. To book now we would have to make a substantial deposit. We think it's more prudent to wait and see.

Our Non Profit status is still on hold.

Also, we received communication from KOI USA that they have ceased publishing due to lack of advertisers and subscribers to support the cost. The last issue was March. They will refund money for advertisements not printed etc. There was no word about refunding members' subscription money. I for one will really miss our fantastic KOI USA magazine. I'm sure we're all sad to see it go.

Dear Jack and Linda

Thank you for hard work during the Garden closure.

The date for the reopening of the Garden has been set as follows The schedule is subject to change based on state and city orders.

6/1 - 14 Soft open to JFG and Balboa Park members only

6/15 Open for the Public

Office staff who had been working from home will return to normal office hours beginning 5/26

Thank you again and see you soon.

Emiko



KHA KORNER

by

“KOI” Jack Chapman

“Beni” or “Hi” Ramblings for Kohaku

A year ago I wrote on this topic and have updated and added a little and will repeat at this time. So my pond temp reached 72 F last week during warm spell. Time to start feeding 3 times a day and up the protein for whatever it is you want to accomplish with your koi during this summer’s growing season which has already begun when your pond hit say 67/68 F. WHAT – you say you have not set any goals or things you want to improve with your koi this year?? – SHAME ON YOU (LOL). Seriously – give it some thought – from status quo to better growth or improved color. Also, give improved water quality a thought as it is also important in achieving your other goals associated with the appearance of your total koi collection and the individual koi attributes. Lots of possible ideas, but thought I would ramble on (as I do) about the color RED. So why the color red - it was the first color observed on carp that created the idea of a better looking fish. Articles that address the best overall appearance when viewing a collection of koi in a pond all agree that red is the primary or dominate color of choice. To quote Galen Hansen M.D., “The Granddaddy of all koi is the Kohaku.”; Bob Spindola “...the king of koi is the majestic Kohaku.”; Lucio Garcia “... undoubtedly *hi* is the most important marking in koi”; or (don’t know who gets credit for) “The hobbyist journey begins with Kohaku and ends with Kohaku.” You get the picture, right? Koi farms in Japan have literally spent multiple generations (both human and koi) improving the color red and introducing new varieties of koi that include the color red through intensive selective breeding. There is just no way I can pay the proper amount of respect to the subject of “*beni*” or “*hi*” so I’m just going to scratch the surface in a few key areas and maybe give you some ideas you might want to explore in more detail on your own. I love this koi stuff (XOXO) and I can honestly tell you it’s been the single most difficult subject for me to gain any real understanding of and I’ve got a long way to go with no honest expectation to ever having a full understanding of *beni* development. You know there are large sections of books and many articles that address this subject area with some general pearls of wisdom when it comes to buying and developing *beni* or *hi* in Kohaku. Each koi classification with *hi* has its own specific features. I would like to speak to just the Kohaku as we don’t have the space nor the time to cover the many different types of *beni* or *hi* in today’s koi. With only color in mind, today’s *hi* in the Kohaku has been developed from one or more of the initial 5 Kohaku bloodlines. So what can we say in general about the Beni of the Kohaku class?

There are only two types of *hi* – purple-based and orange-based. Purple-based is very appealing due to depth and density of the color, especially in young koi, but some judges think it can lack refinement and longevity. It is known to rapidly deteriorate in ponds with poor water quality and/or maintenance. This very bright *hi* (sometimes referred to as hard *hi*) can just disappear especially in the wrong water environment. I have a friend from another koi club who went to Japan and got a very beautiful 2 year old Kohaku of this *hi* type for 2K and two years later it did not have a single cell of red color. However, I don’t think most of us (me included) would not have just loved to have this koi in our pond!!! The orange-based *hi* is said to require time and is not without its difficulties to mature and finish, but in the end is considered superior.

When buying or developing *hi* in a Kohaku you need to be observant of the individual scale characteristics. **BIG TIME!!** The best case scenario would be when it’s hard to distinguish the individual red scales when looking at the *hi* plate, due to the depth of color with not over-the-top luster. You want to have what they (judges) refer to as youthful scales – as in continuous smooth surface since with age the scales will over time become concave in shape and not reflect light as well. Proper environment and nutrition can prolong the time a koi has youthful scales and this can make ALL the difference when seen in a larger and older koi. **BIG TIME (again)!** The bloodline history is vital as you want to know what you can expect of the *hi* in the future. Are the scales a darker red in the center of the individual scales throughout the koi’s body and is the center *hi* color expected to enlarge and cover the entire scale or is it receding (not good). It is always great to have the opportunity to see older siblings of the same parents to judge what the future of your koi can possibly be.

When it comes to color the shade of red is not an important factor (in judging) but the uniformity of color is paramount!!!

Hi on the head can be a little darker as its position is over bone and not in a scaled area – but you want the difference to be minimal. It is said that the *hi* develops first on the head and will mature towards the tail. It is also said “you buy the red and bet on the black” for Sanke and Showa. In other words, don’t expect new red to develop in an area where there is no visible evidence of any red. The *hi* needs to be homogeneous in nature. Side note: the *sumi* or black in Sanke and Showa is said to develop from the tail to the head. You want the *hi* to look like it is sitting on top of the koi and been painted on with it getting better each year to when it finishes and you think uniform shiny wet red and white paint look. The white (*shiro*) part of your Kohaku is very important and the subject befitting a separate article – but let it be said that in my opinion it’s the pearl porcelain look of the *shiro* in contrast to the wet red paint look of the red that makes a GRAND CHAMPION.

The *kiwa* is important and the back edge of the *hi* plate needs to be very clean as the top scale at the end is red over white (can be scalloped or a straight line). On the front *hi* plate edge the *sashi* can be one or two scales but you want the same number of scales as we now have a white scale over the first red scale. As the koi gets older and under your excellent care the total area contributed to *sashi* can tighten up (judge’s term) and become less in total area (a good thing).

Lastly, but of prime importance is the water quality and nutritional requirements to develop your prize Kohaku be it a \$10/\$100/\$1,000/\$10,000 or even a \$100,000 dollar Kohaku. Kohaku are said to do very well in the green waters of a Japanese mud pond so you can buy one and pay for it to be grown out in a mud pond for one to five or six years. Or you can buy one and grow it out in your mud pond or your koi pond. It has been reported that Kohaku raised in concrete ponds will finish earlier than in other types of ponds. I like to see my koi so I’ll pass on the pea green koi pond in my back yard as a way to improve the *hi* in my Kohaku. We are only doing the *hi* color part for this article so when it comes to nutrition to enhance the red color you can think processed color foods by any of the major brands of koi foods and they will work. And you can augment their diet with spirulina (algae– if you don’t have them swimming in it let them eat it – I use a sinking food from Tomigai as a good source of spirulina). Freeze dried shrimp are great and it’s what’s in the shell that you’re after for the red color enhancement. Red yams and red marigold flower pedals will enhance *hi* color. Want that wet paint look think possibly silkworm pupae, cabbage, Montmorillonite clay, kelp, squid and even Manda Nishiki. NOW – don’t forget, too much of a good thing can/will have adverse effects on your Kohaku and certain other koi classifications. BIG TIME! Your Kohaku and other koi can develop a pink cast of color in their *shiro* areas. Shiro Utsuri and Asagi are on the list for NO color food necessary - unless you want red spots and too much red respectfully. Been there and done that with Shiro Utsuri.

Water quality is important and constant good parameters are vital. The water for Southern California has attributes that are said to enhance the development of *sumi* (black) shimmies in Kohaku as well as other koi classifications.

Well, believe me when I say this only scratches the surface on the subject of buying and developing the *hi* in your Kohaku. If you made it to the end of this article I hope you have cause to think about what you would like to accomplish with your koi this summer and just maybe some food for thought in areas you might want to seek out more details.

Special Note: Maybe the best article I’ve had the pleasure to read multiple times on the subject of *Beni* in koi was published in the 1999 JAN/FEB issue of Koi USA magazine written by Lucio Garcia, MSAE titled “Differences in the types of Hi.” Just a great review and wealth of info on the koi subject of *hi*.

Lastly I’ve often wondered when to use *beni* or *hi* when speaking or writing - So a Special Note for those of you that would like to be Japanese language correct when using the words *beni* and *hi* when written or spoken. With this virus stuff keeping me at home more these days, I’ve had the chance to do some koi reading and I would refer you to Koi USA July/August 2010 James Reilly article “Japanese and Koi Understanding” page 12 when he wrote “... ALL the world languages are either a ‘topic’ or a ‘subject’ language. And that is what my explanation of *beni* versus *hi* describes. That is, *hi* as subject (descriptive), and *beni* as a topic (judgmental). ... Japanese is the only spoken language that combines BOTH topic and subject orientation. Instead, it is the sentence that the word is used in that designates if it is being used as a topic or a subject. ... To westerners, who require the subject and topic nature of a word, simply try and appreciate that color is a subject (the *hi* is very bright) and discussion of color is a topic (this *beni* is coming along nicely).” Now that I know the grammar rules - stupid me still finds it difficult for some sentences and I don’t want any calls or emails about my above article usage of the words except from the newsletter article editors LOL.

To all please stay safe and healthy.

r/koi jack

NOTICE

Dear KOIUSA Subscriber,

We're sad to say you won't be receiving any more issues of our magazine. We've been forced to go out of business due to a steep decline in advertising revenue even though subscriptions have remained fairly stable over the last year or two. You should know we've greatly appreciated your support and loyalty.

We'd gradually been losing advertisers. We ended up down 10 advertisers for the May/June issue compared to last year. We lost 3 of them during the last month. Some didn't renew annual insertion orders. Some changed insertion orders mid-stream to reduce ad size & cost. Some shifted from full to seasonal/part-time. Some cancelled insertion orders mid-stream. Some won't answer emails or phone calls. Some won't pay outstanding invoices. Some phone #'s ring out of service. COVID-19 or accelerated shift to digital advertising? Take your choice. Short Answer: Too few advertisers providing too few advertising dollars for far too long and an unknowable future.

Although under no legal obligation to do so, the AKCA has decided to help make it up to our most recent subscribers – the new subscribers who signed up during the last year and have received few, if any, issues for their money. If your first issue was the **Jul/Aug 2019 issue or later** and you have **1 or more issues owed** you, the AKCA will mail you an equal number of back issues from before you subscribed – **up to a maximum of 6 back issues per such subscriber**.

If this is something you wish to pursue, please send me a letter with your name, address, phone #, email address and subscription date if known. We'll cross-check our records and if you qualify, we'll send you back issues once the dust has settled from dissolving KOIUSA Inc.

And thank you again for your support and loyalty. You're a special part of this hobby's wonderful family.

Best wishes,

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Hi everyone! I do hope this finds you in good health and spirits.. In case anyone was wondering what was up at the rescue, we are still plugging along. I have finished the frame for the new rescue pond. It is 20 foot long by 10 foot wide and 4 foot deep. I have set 2 feet into the ground and 2 feet above ground. The construction is 2x12 and reenfocrer with support on the sides then back filled with DG

I just laided the liner in as I needed to move some koi from the front above ground pond, it was on the verge of giving out, so drastic measures were needed. I placed a plate of metal over the bottom drain area and set the liner in and filled the pond.

Moved over a couple fish and added the pump and filter.

The plan is this.

A 3 inch drain into a large priming pot with 3 inch fittings in and out. It will then flow to the pump with 2.5 inch fittings from the pump to a 3 way Jandy valve that will allow me to control the flow into 2 filters. One is a 4000 Ultima II with Zeolite and the other is an 6000 Ultima II with bio media. Both will return to the pond. I will have an 80 watt UV plumbed into the 6000, but may not need it. I will also have 2 RTP and the main water will go thru a series of small falls. I am hoping that I can have a finished look to this pond .

My other thought is to build a sump behind the pond and do a gravity flow to it. This would create a gravity feed filter for mechanical filtration as well as bio.

The saga continues.

I would like to thank Steve of San Diego Pond and Garden for the donation of a NEW pump to get me up and running. The pump has 2.5 inch intake and output as well as pushing 6440 GPH. All my other used pumps make noise, gotta be good to neighbors. Thanks for all your support

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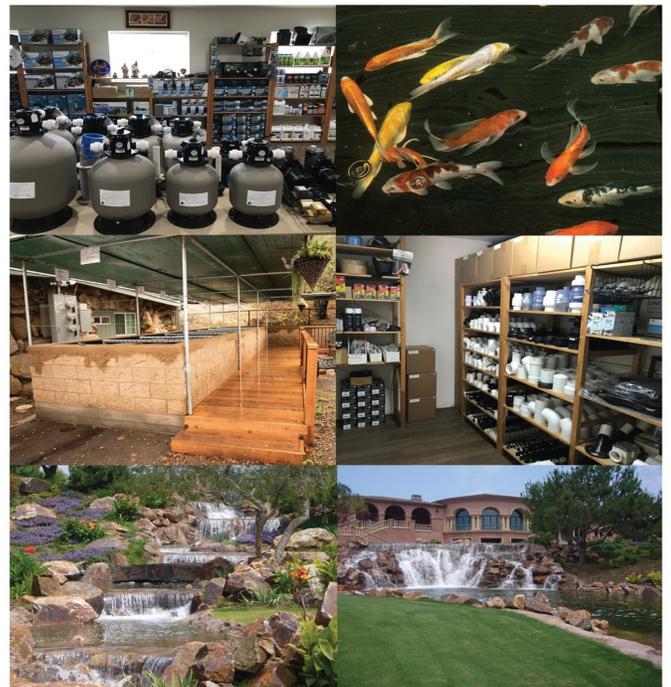
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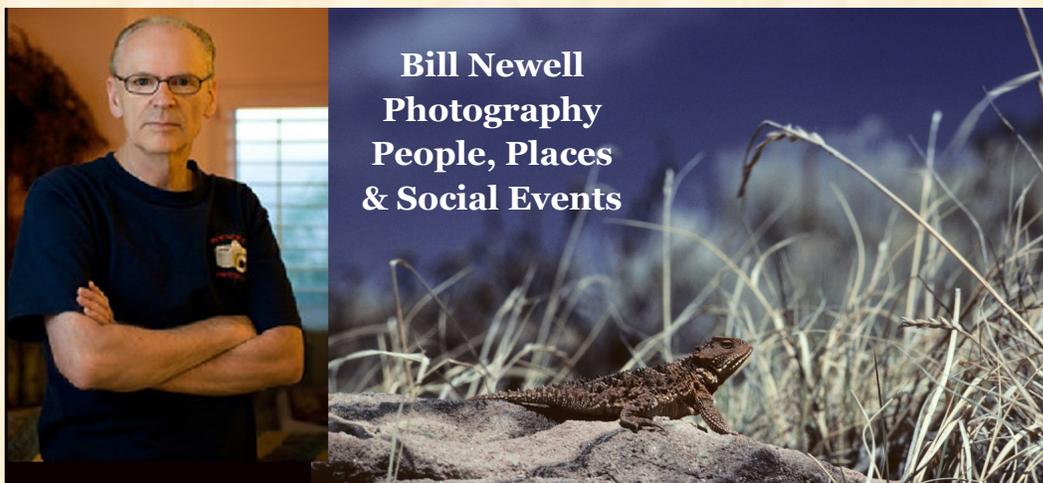
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On behalf of the Koi Club of San Diego I want to thank both of **these** extraordinary photographers for their continued effort to capture the spirit of club members during our gatherings. From the Ponder Profiles, to monthly meetings, **Koi Rescues** and special events, **Phyllis Spoor and Bill Newell are always ready at a moments notice and we thank you!**



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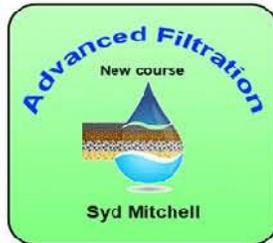
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Nijikawa was mixed at all ponds. Great Growth. Need more Research on how to handle. "I believe Nijikawa has Tremendous Potential"

Isa:

Nijikawa was used with 50% ratio, but finished in two weeks. Result is inconclusive. But "I think that Nijikawa maybe the ONLY Good Koi Food Made Outside of Japan"

Hasegawa:

Nijikawa reminds me the great quality koi feed made in Japan 30 years ago! Only 15% used in Sansai pond, it completely changed the koi this year!

Marusaka:

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Ozumi Ikarashi:

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[Link to "Old Pond Syndrome" by Taro Kodama](#)





Final Diagnostic Report

01-May-20

Kennebec River Biosciences Reference No.: M20042902

Client Reference No.:

To: Lorraine Corriveau

Site Tested:

Purdue Univ. Vet. Teach. Hosp., 625 Harrison Street, Thorntown, IN US 46071

Samples Submitted for Testing by Molecular Biology:

Number	Species	Tissue/Sample	Preservative	Salinity	Date Received
5	koi	gill	ethanol	fresh	29-Apr-20

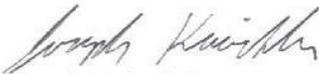
Results:

Sample #	Sample ID	Tissue/Sample	Target	PCR
1	1	gill	KHV (CyHV-3)	Not detected
2	2	gill	KHV (CyHV-3)	Not detected
3	3	gill	KHV (CyHV-3)	Not detected
4	4	gill	KHV (CyHV-3)	Not detected
5	5	gill	KHV (CyHV-3)	Not detected

Evaluation:

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for using Kennebec River Biosciences, Inc. for your fish health needs.

Sincerely,


Joseph Keierleber
Molecular Biologist


Cem Giray, Ph.D.
Chief Science Officer

Note from the Editor: I have included this in our newsletter as a sample of what a dealer does to protect our ponds and their investment. There are a number of dealers and breeders that follow this type of protocol. I appreciate the ones that go the extra mile to safe guard our hobby. I redacted (always wanted to redact something) the name of the dealer. This is posted in an online forum (facebook KCSD). If you would like to know the dealer check out <https://www.facebook.com/KoiClubofSanDiego/>

Thank you to the dealer for doing due diligence and your utmost to safe guard our hobby

Jeremiah RJ Myers

Editor Newsletter KCSD



Editor Note: I have included the links below so that many of you can have a better understanding of Potassium Permanganate . It is NOT the clubs endorsement of your use of it nor will the club be responsible for any outcome of its use or misuse. It is however part of the learning process and if used properly can be beneficial to your pond. **Potassium Permanganate is extremely dangerous to both your koi and yourself. Please read all the cautionary material on handling and use. I have posted this because a number of people have asked me about Potassium Permanganate Tx**

I had included the Roark article on PP TX but was informed it was outdated and newer information exist that is more precise. Therefore I have added the link to the Roark method in case anyone wants to see what he was doing. I would recommend that if you have never used Potassium Permanganate that you do a bit of research first as it can kill all your koi if not used properly. On the other hand it can be pretty useful if used correctly.

We are all adults and quite capable of making our own decisions, AFTER doing some research and understanding the issues.

I am leaving the links in as a source of information only .

The KCSD is not responsible for your usage of any product and will not be held responsible any results from your using any of the linked information.

At the rescue sanctuary I use PP as needed and have never had an issue with it. Most of the times I use it between fish

New Links 3/2020

IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE LINK OR KNOW OF A LINK THAT IS INTERESTING AND RELATED TO THE HOBBY PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL IT TO ME.

JERRY

Taro Kodama Koi Farm Article on Salt Use

A Little About Mamoru Kodoma

Koi Vet in San Diego Area

AKCA (ASSOCIATED KOI CLUBS OF AMERICA)

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[Roark article on PP Tx](#)

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