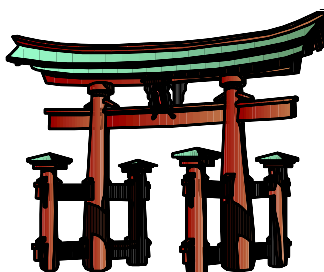




SEKC

ZNA SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAPTER



May 2006

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Forthcoming Events

Club Visit

Sun. May 21st. 10:00 a.m.

A visit to Geoff Kemp of Connoisseur Koi has been arranged on this date.

Geoff Kemp has offered to give members an informal talk at his premises on Sunday 21st May.

Meet at the following address at 10:00 a.m. prompt, please. This is just a morning visit.

Geoff & Tina Kemp
Kenney's Farm
Maggs Green
Abortfield
Berkshire RG2 9JZ

£20 vouchers available, (to be handed out on the day).

Please let me know if you intend to come along. Thanks, Pat.

SEKC Talk

The South of England Koi Club

FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2006

**8:00 P.M. AT THE TITCHFIELD
PARISH ROOM**

**This Month's Speakers - SEKC
ZNA
Members:**

Roger and Heather Payne

"Japan - South to North"

Free admission for
Members.

Non-Members £2.00

includes light
refreshments, tea & coffee



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**August 18th - 20th August 2006
14th Dutch Koi Days,
ZNA Dutch Chapter Koi Show**



The SEKC have managed to get hold of a few seats on a coach, to visit the Dutch Koi Show this year. Bookings are being arranged by Terry Wells of the South East Section of the BKKS.

The Committee have been trying to find a way of getting over to Holland for this years show and have, only a short time ago, heard that we can. Terry is offering our club a few seats on the coach. The news of this trip has proved very desirable to many of our members, resulting in almost all of the available seats being snapped up already.

If you would like more information on the possibility of extra seats being made available, or - for the lucky ones, pick up point, times etc., please contact Barbara Webber on: 01722 340313.

Meetings at the Titchfield Parish Room

This month's meeting - Friday 26th May, will be our last meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room, as we are meeting at members' homes over the next three months.

Friday 22nd September will be our next meeting at Titchfield, when we have the pleasure of a visit from Gary Hillier (BKKS Judge), who will be our guest speaker for the evening.

During the summer we will enjoy visiting some of our members to see their koi and ponds. Check the diary dates page of your newsletter to get the run-down on whom and on which date we will be visiting.

A Warm Welcome to New Members

John & Patricia Bagnall.

Koi Myths

Author: Richard Guest of Pets Parade Team

Every pastime has its share of old wives tales and myths and koi keeping is no exception. Any one who has kept koi for a few years will have heard or read the same old stories doing the rounds. Many of these pearls of wisdom are passed on as "facts" with little thought being given as to their origin or accuracy. Much of the time misleading information does no harm and in a hobby such as ours there are many ways of achieving the end result. Often there isn't just one correct way of doing some thing. But on many occasions received wisdom can be the cause of major problems, expensive for the koi keeper and possibly fatal for the koi.

Here is one such myth.

A new pond should be run for several weeks before introducing any fish, to let the pond mature.

The filter that is the "heart" of a pond system won't mature until it has a complement of bacteria living in the filter media. These bacteria live off the Ammonia and Nitrite produced by the fish, no fish—no waste products—no bacteria. You can run the pond for weeks or even months but the filter won't start to mature until you add the first fish.

I would like to mention one other myth I heard recently, but this one has the ring of truth to it.

Apparently if you cross the palm of a koi dealer with silver it will bring seven years good luck, Well worth trying I think!



Gerry & Rod Isted

Koi Health and Welfare

There was a good turnout for our April talk with guest speakers Rod and Gerry Isted.

The club would like to thank Rod and Gerry for a most interesting talk on koi health. We are always eager to learn of ways to improve and maintain healthy koi.

Opposite is a diagnostic chart compiled by Rod and Gerry.

Note: A list of poisonous plants is available to members. Ask Pat at the next meeting or telephone and a copy of the list will be forwarded to you.

Disease Diagnosis 2 Framework Primary Cause of Disease

	Likely Occurrence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water Quality</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Products of Respiration & Excretion - Dissolved Oxygen Level - Toxins - Organic (plants, oils) - Toxins – Heavy metals - Toxins - Others - Chemical (Water supply, spillage, paints/ coatings) - Organic Content - Leechate • <i>Parasites</i> • <i>Bacterial Disease</i> • <i>Viral Disease</i> • <i>Other Ailments</i> 	High/ Med
	Med
	Low
	Low
	Low
	Low
	High
	Low
	High
	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary Pathogens - Opportunistic Pathogens 	Med / High
	Very Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Controlled by Legislation - Carp Pox (common occurrence) 	High
	Med/ Low

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North of England and South of England Chapter ZNA Pins

If you are interested in koi club pins here are examples of both the North of England Chapter and the South of England Chapters club pin.

(1) ZNA(UK) CHAPTERS ZNA North of England Chapter old pin. pink

(2) ZNA North of England Chapter new pin. orange

(3) ZNA South of England Koi Club (SEC)

(4) ZNA South of England Koi Club (SEC) - trophy pin



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Date	Programme of Events 2006
Sun. 21st May 2006 (10 a.m.)	Members visit to Geoff Kemp of Connoisseur Koi. Geoff to give us a talk during the visit.
Fri. 26th May 2006	Guest speakers (who are also ZNA members) Roger and Heather Payne are to give members an informal talk. At the Titchfield Parish Room, 8 p.m.
Sun. 25th Jun 2006 2:30 p.m.	Members to meet at Ken and Nicky's home at Eastleigh, Hampshire, for our June open garden meeting.
Sun. 30th July 2:30 p.m.	Members to meet at Heather & Roger's home at Waterlooville, Hampshire, for our July open garden meeting.
August 2006 (date to be confirmed)	BBQ and Seminar to be held at Malcolm & Margaret's home.
Fri 18th—20th Aug. 2006	Weekend trip to ZNA Dutch Chapter Koi Show, Holland.
August 2006 (date to be confirmed)	Members to meet at Chris & Angie's home in Winchester, for our August open garden meeting.
Fri. 22nd Sep 2006	Guest speaker Gary Hillier, BKKS Judge. At the Titchfield Parish Room, 8 p.m.
Fri. 27th Oct 2006	Meeting at the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 24th Nov 2006	Guest Speaker Craig Baldwin of Sparsholt College, Hampshire. At the Titchfield Parish Room. 8:00 p.m.

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.

Please note events shown in green ink are new dates for your diary.

Club "Life Line" for Members with Sick Koi

**Malcolm Pallant, Steve Layley,
Keith Shakes. (Contact Pat for telephone numbers.)**

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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