

September 2008 Edition

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Saturday, September 20th at 6pm
 Malley Senior Recreation Center
 3380 South Lincoln Street, Englewood 80113

MEETING AGENDA:

6:00pm – Setup, sign-in

6:30pm – Potluck Dinner

A-M please bring a Salad, Side Dish or Dessert,

N-Z please bring a Main Dish.

Please bring a dish to feed at least 12 people.

7:00 pm –Main Program

**PROGRAM: “Slides of 2008 RMKC Koi Show
 Judges’ Decisions”
 Narrated By Bob Winkler**

Slideshow of 2008 RMKC award winners and
 the reason behind the judges’ selections.



The Pond President’s Message

Summer activities are over for the club. Now we can all take a break and slide into Fall and Winter. A pretty short break though. Soon it will be time to get our individual ponds ready for the cold weather. If you are new to pond keeping rest assured there are plenty of experienced club members who can advise you on what to do. Don’t hesitate to ask for advice if you need it. That’s what the club is all about.

Hopefully for the September meeting at the Malley Center we will be showing the slideshow that was presented at the awards banquet following the judging for our koi show. Many of you probably couldn’t make it to the koi show so this is your chance to see what went on at the show. I hope to have it narrated by one of our expert club members. They will in essence describe the judge’s reasoning for selecting certain koi for the different awards. Could be interesting.

Once again I need to encourage members to stand up and volunteer to be on the Board of Directors. As RMKC members we all have a shared responsibility. A small number of us have carried this club for an extended length of time. PLEASE, do your part! If you want to discuss a board position call me or email me.

John Flowers
 President

2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 20th.....Regular Meeting & Pot
 Luck

October 18th.....Election of 2009 Board

NovemberNo Scheduled Meeting

December 6thHoliday Party

MAZURI KOI FOOD AVAILABLE

During last years koi show we had a vendor selling Mazuri koi food. This year we decided to save our members money we would purchase the food directly from the manufacturer and sell it to our members at a reduced cost.

We purchased 40 20 lbs bags of koi platinum wheat and platinum bits for a cost of \$38.50 each. Now the RMKC's treasury needs your help. Much of the food was not purchased during the show, so now we have it available for sale. The cost of the koi food to you will be \$35.00. This is a substantial reduction from the retail of \$52.41. If you would like to take advantage of this excellent value, please call us at 303-283-9113 or email at bjfnjbf@yahoo.com. We will have the food for sale at the upcoming September 20th meeting or we may be able to make arrangements for delivery.

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RMKC BOARD & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

The RMKC October meeting will be geared toward voting in a new board. Although it is always a let down to see the old board go out, it is also fun to get started with a new group. The **board positions** and a brief description of the duties are as follows:

President – Is the organizer and driving force behind the club's events of the year. With a good board for support and delegation tactics, this position is very rewarding.

Vice President – Assists the President in all functions and steps in if the President is unable to attend a meeting or function.

Secretary – Takes minutes at board meetings and club meetings and sends out thank you cards.

Treasurer – Pays club bills, collects dues, attends club functions to collect fees, keeps an ongoing monthly balance to be reported at board meetings.

Member at Large (2 positions) – Organizes our annual Koi on the road program at local garden store expos, manages the club storage facility for items needed at functions, participates in club activities.

All board members are also encouraged to attend monthly board meetings and participate in as many club functions as possible throughout the year.

Please consider helping out the club by serving on the board. You learn a lot about the club, the Koi and the people. It is a worthwhile experience.

We also have committees to assist with our annual activities. If you are not interested in a board position, consider serving on one of the **committees** listed below:

Membership Committee – We know that the members are the backbone of this club and we need to keep them involved and informed. This committee would have two to three members and would be primarily responsible for 1) retaining current membership 2) following up with members who have lapsed 3) recruiting new members.

Education Committee – Organizes programs and speakers at our monthly meetings at the Malley Center.

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Pond Tour Committee – Responsible for organizing ponds and a picnic for our annual pond tour in July.

Auction Committee – There are many people needed each year for the auction, however if someone could head up the event and manage the volunteers, it would help out the board a great deal.

Show Committee – Our show is the biggest event of the year. Don't let that be a deterrent, it is also loads of fun and a great learning experience. We need a committee to keep the show on an even keel.

Newsletter Editor – The Newsletter Editor is responsible for creating and compiling the club's monthly newsletter. The letter is issued 10 months of the year (we take a break for November and December). Many members submit information which helps immensely. The Editor is also responsible for notifying vendors when it is time to renew and gathering their ads. It is a lot of fun and now much easier since we have gone to distribution via email. If you have questions regarding this position, please feel free to contact me:
Jennifer Trueblood:

email: jenntrue1@aol.com
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Please help your Rocky Mountain Koi Club by becoming involved and volunteering for one of the board positions or committees. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact John Flowers

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► Case Study:

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Upon arrival, 14 large Koi were safely netted out of their pond and quarantined in a smaller holding tank. My initial observation was that all of the fish were obese. Also, several of the fish had kinked backs or tails, including one large gray butterfly with a fully kinked spine, a smaller similar fish with the same condition, and a large orange koi with only a kinked tail. Most of the fish appeared to have some degree of spinal abnormality. However, all the fish were actively swimming with minimal difficulty, and considering their body condition it seemed they were all eating well.

These abnormalities were most likely caused by either lightning strike or electrocution. There is no treatment for the condition, but as long as the fish are swimming and eating well, there is no real concern other than the uniqueness of their shape!



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The water quality showed no nitrites or nitrates, the Ph was 6.4 (6.8-8), the alkalinity was 50 (100-180), and the water was very soft. It is uncertain how well the water was maintained prior to purchasing the property.

Several of the fish were netted, sedated, and given through physical exams and skin scrapings. No significant abnormalities or wounds were noticed on any of their gills, fins, or skin. Some unusual parasite eggs were noted microscopically, but, it was later determined that this was most likely just environmental contamination and

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not a true pathogen of the fish.

The fish were returned to the quarantine tank, and then once the pond was completely cleaned and refilled (measuring the water to ensure accurate gallons); I advised salting the fish at 0.3% for 2 weeks to minimize stress and any potential pathogens. The appropriate amount of food to be fed to the fish was also discussed. Obese fish are not healthy fish, just like us or any of our pets.

With a little help from the builder on how to manage water quality and check the filters, the little pond of crooked fish continue to do very well!

Dr. Jena Questen is a highly qualified koi vet in Colorado. She invites RMKC members to email questions to her regarding koi diseases, conditions, something you heard through the grapevine or saw in your pond. You can email your questions to

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By Mike Anger

Mouth rot is usually caused by the gram negative bacteria, *Flexibacter columnaris*. It causes reddened areas on the skin, sometimes containing white colored growths looking like a fungus. It is most often seen on the lips around the mouth or the fins, and typically occurs on previously injured or traumatized tissue. The bacteria grows best in warmer temperatures, and may be a greater problem if there are other diseases/infections and in poorer water quality. It may be difficult to notice at first, but the Koi will start changing behavior: it will not eat, and tends to stay away from "the crowd." Closer inspection will reveal the lesion though you may need to net and bowl the fish for closer inspection.

The mouth is a difficult place for infections to heal. The jaw is constantly moving and it is frequently being rubbed on the filthiest places of the pond such as the bottom. Because of this, if possible, it is best if the Koi is isolated in a quarantine tank. An untreated infection may soon eat away and involve the bone of the jaw (osteomyelitis) which may be extremely difficult to cure.



This Koi has mouth rot and is being examined while sedated. If you see involved bone, gently scrape away until you see clean bone. Apply hydrogen peroxide with a clean swab and allow it to foam.



After the H₂O₂, I might apply some betadine solution to the wound or Debride medicated ointment. After that, I dust on Orahesive powder which helps dry and seal the wound.

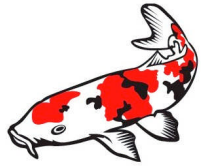
I then seal the site with Friars Balsam which protects it.



Inject the Koi with antibiotic; best to consider one of the aminoglycosides such as amikacin or gentamycin as this is a gram negative rod. Remember that too much of this type of antibiotic can cause kidney failure!



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An additional small injection adjacent to the infection may aid in accelerating healing.



This is the same Koi pictured above several weeks later.



When it is difficult or impossible to catch the involved fish to treat directly, consider increasing the salt in the pond to .3%, feeding medicated foods (with antibiotics) and/or adding Chloramine-T to the pond (remember that you need to know your water hardness and pH to select the correct dose) or copper sulfate.

My thanks to Duncan Griffiths for his expert photography.

If you want to contact Mike Anger regarding advice on Koi health, water quality, pond building, etc. or if you would like him to write an article on a specific topic; you can email him at **MAnger4963@aol.com**.

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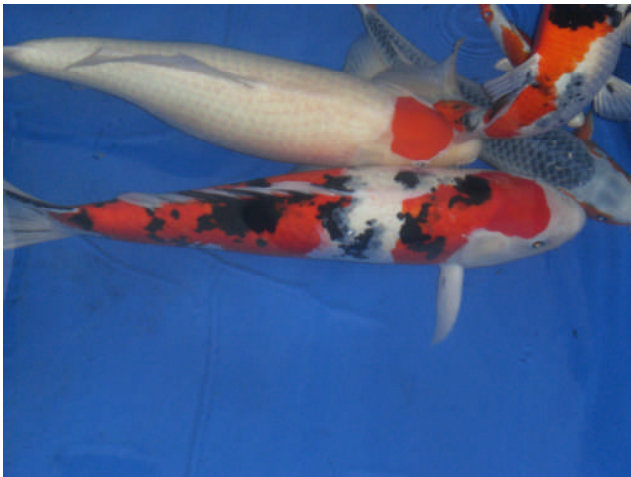
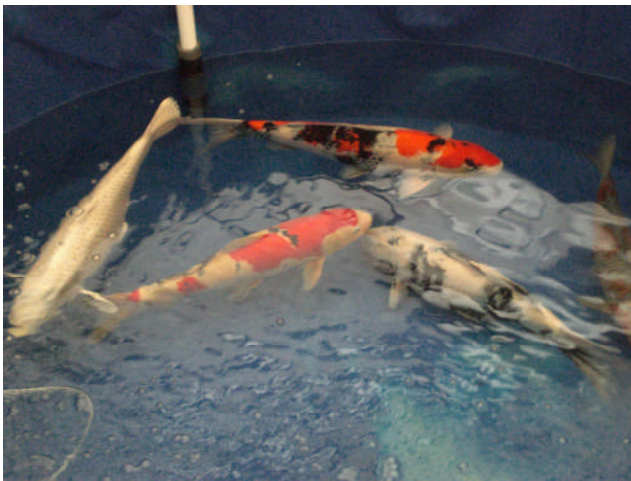
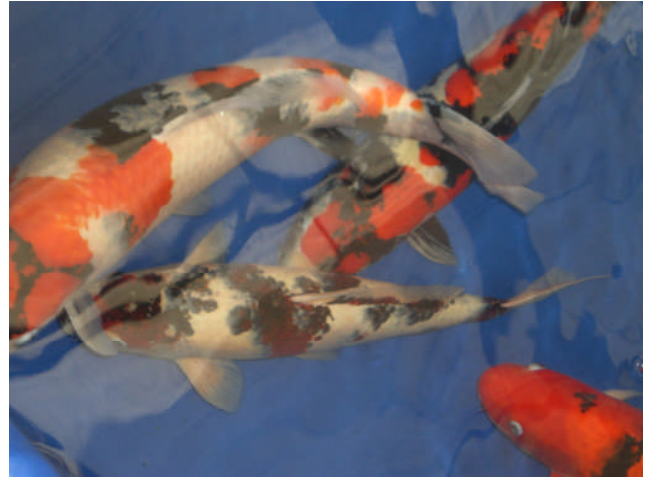
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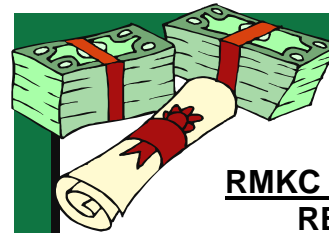
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Beginning Balance

as of 7/31/08:

\$11,288.26

Deposits:

4,536.68

Withdrawals:

9,050.52

Ending Balance as of

8/31/08:

\$6,774.42

A detailed report is available
upon request.

Jeff Langeberg

RMKC Treasurer



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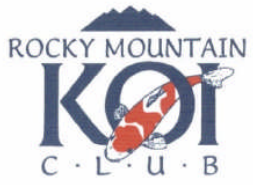
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