18th Annual Golden Empire Koi Show

“The Biggest Little Koi Show in the West!”

Held in conjunction with the Fall Harvest Home & Garden Show
At the Kern County Fairgrounds
October 20th, 21st, and 22nd 2017

The show is an open invitational. Any Koi hobbyist (No koi dealers please) interested in showing at our event is cordially invited. Space is limited so please register early.

Each year we are continuing to improve our show for both the koi hobbyist and the public. Please join us for the Biggest Little Koi Show in the West!

To reserve a show tank or for more information please call Show Chairman:
Ron Unruh at (661) 619-6353
Or email secretary@bkwgs.com

Website www.bkwgs.com

The Kern County Fairgrounds are located at 1142 P Street, Bakersfield, CA 93307
**Meals**

**Friday October 20th, 2017**

**7:30 pm, Judges’ Welcome Dinner:** Join us for a memorable Basque dinner and evening of food and friendship. This is a no host event and usually runs about $25 per person for dinner/tax/tip. Our club hosts the Show Judges and Special guests. If you are interested in attending this dinner please mark the box on the entry form. We require a head count for the reservation.

**Saturday October 21st, 2017**

**12:00 noon, Koi Show Exhibitor’s lunch:** Each year our club holds a lunch for the judges, people exhibiting koi, the vendors in the koi show, and the Koi show staff. The lunch is held at the show site. This year, any of the above mentioned persons who purchase a ticket to the banquet, will receive one free lunch ticket. Additional tickets will be available for $5 each.

**7:30 pm, Annual Awards Banquet:**
Hotel Rosedale
2400 Camino Del Rio Court
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Tickets are $40.00 each and must be purchased in advance, **no later than October 1st, 2017**, by contacting:

secretary@bkwgs.com

Or sending payment to:

BKWGS
PO Box 13314
Bakersfield, CA 93389

**Checks should be made payable to BK&WGS**

We cordially invite our friends, former members, current members and koi enthusiasts, to join us for any of these meals. Reconnect with old friends and enjoy good food. You do not have to be a koi exhibitor to attend. However, a ticket/reservation is required for each of the events.
Bakersfield Koi and Water Garden Society
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ENTRY FORMS AND FEES

1. This is an open show (i.e. open to all Koi hobbyists) and will be conducted English style where each entrant’s fish are kept together within their own tank(s).

2. All entries must include an entry form and applicable fees. Entries submitted without fees will not be registered until fees are received.

3. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Bakersfield Koi and Water Garden Society. Koi cannot be accepted into the show for judging until payment is received.

4. Entry fees: **PreRegistration** (before September 15th) **$50** entry fee (first 3 fish), $5 for each Koi after the first three. Entry fees include 1 tank (no tank will be stocked beyond the 100% load as determined by the calculations shown on the entrant worksheet). Additional tanks are $50 at preregistration and $60 after September 15th. Supplemental entries (made after the initial fish entries have been benched and checked in) are $5 per fish. Registration after September 15th is $60 per tank and is on a first come first served basis with no guarantee a tank will be available. If no tank is available, entrant’s name can be placed on a stand-by list and entrant will be informed if a tank becomes available.

5. Entrants may, by mutual agreement of exhibitors, share a tank.

6. **Entrants are limited to 3 tanks.**

7. **Each entrant is responsible for providing a net and tub for use only with their tank.**

ENTRANT REQUIREMENTS

1. This is a hobbyist only show. **All Koi entered must be owned by and accompanied by the registered entrant.** Koi dealers, even part time or informal fish dealers are not allowed to show fish. Koi dealers may assist their customers by transporting Koi to the show for them; however, **the actual owner of the Koi must be present no later than 9:00 AM Saturday to sign the official entry form at the registration desk in order to qualify to receive awards.** If a winner is found to be in violation of this ruling, any and all awards will automatically be forfeited. This policy is intended to prevent any misperceptions regarding the integrity of the Koi dealers which we all depend upon.
2. Past Grand Champions—Once a Koi has won Grand Champion at a Golden Empire Koi Show Show, it is not eligible to participate in the next subsequent BK&WGS show.

**PRE-SHOW PREPARATIONS**

1. **Very important:** For the protection of your Koi, feeding should be discontinued for a minimum of 5 days prior to the show.

2. Be sure that your Koi are in good health. Koi with any signs of sickness or parasites will be disqualified. Look your fish over carefully top to bottom **before** you bring them. The decision of the Show Chairman will be final in this matter.

**DELIVERY AND REMOVAL OF KOI**

1. Check-in of Koi will be available on Friday between 12 PM and 6:30 PM, and Saturday between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Late arrivals after 9:00 AM Saturday will neither be accepted nor judged.

2. Each entrant will be assigned a tank upon arrival and benching will take place in order of check in.

3. **Very important:** Each entrant must remain with their Koi until the Koi are measured, classified, and released into their tank(s). Entrants having multiple tanks may designate which of their fish go into which tank as long as the tank load criteria is maintained. A separate “Koi Entry Form” should be completed for each tank you have reserved.

4. Digital photos for benching purposes will be taken of each fish during check-in at no charge.

5. All Koi will be handled **only** by the Show Chairman’s designated handlers.

6. All entries must be left on exhibit for the duration of the show until approximately 4 PM Sunday. If you live more than 100 miles from the show site and need to leave early, please contact the Show Chairman, **PRIOR** to the show for approval to leave at 3 PM. **No** releases will be authorized before noon on October 23rd. Release times will be scheduled to facilitate ease of traffic around show venue.

7. All necessary precautions will be taken by the club to safeguard the koi entered in the competition. Therefore, all participants in the show will agree to hold the club, its officers, and members blameless against any loss or injury to the fish. Anyone wishing to inspect their koi once they have been released into the tanks must contact the Show Chairman or his designee.

8. At the close of the show, Sunday about 4 PM, each participant will be polled to ensure that all their fish are in their assigned tank(s). **All entrants must be present at that time to gather and claim their Koi.** Even though no fish should have been moved out of their assigned tanks, no Koi will be allowed to be bagged or removed until all fish are identified to the satisfaction of all entrants, and officially released by the Show Chairman. Out of towners will be given priority for fish removal and BK&WGS members will assist them as desired. Oxygen, bags, and rubber bands will be provided.

9. Any Koi not claimed at the conclusion of the show will become the property of BK&WGS.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

If the need arises for you to cancel your entry once it has been accepted by BK&WGS, you must contact the Show Chairman by telephone, mail or email, informing him of the cancellation. Entry fees will be refunded if **a)** the cancellation is received a minimum of three weeks prior to the show and **b)** another exhibitor can be found to occupy the vacant tank. Refunds will be made by check **after the show has been completed** on October 22nd, 2017. No refunds will be given for no-shows.
JUDGING
1. Judging will begin following the close of registration and fish check-in Saturday morning approximately 9:00 am.

2. Prior to judging, the Show Chairman and staff will verify that all of the Koi are entered in their size. If an error is made, corrections will be made during judging, if it is possible without disrupting the flow of the show.

3. During the judging:

a. Efforts will be made to allow participants to listen to the judges comments. However, all participants and spectators must refrain from communicating with the judges. As in golf, quiet is required in the judging area.

b. All inquiries should be directed promptly to the Show Chairman.

4. The decisions of the Judges and the Show Chairman are final.

AWARDS PRESENTATION
1. Awards will be presented at the Saturday Night Banquet after dinner on October 18th. There will be a short discussion of the major winners by the judging team.

2. MAJOR AWARDS for the Koi competition:

- Grand Champion
- Reserve Grand Champion A
- Grand Champion B (Non-Gosanke)
- Champion Long Fin
- Reserve Champion Long Fin
- Best in size 1 = under 9"
- Best in size 2 = 9<12"
- Best in size 3 = 12<15"
- Best in size 4 = 15<18"
- Best in size 5 = 18<21"
- Best in size 6 = 21<24"
- Best in size 7 = 24<27"
- Best in size 8 = 27"+

- Baby Champ (Yogyyo) size 1 & 2
- Young Champ (Wakagoi) size 3 & 4
- Adult Champ (Seigyo) size 5 & 6
- Jumbo Champ (Kyori) size 7 & 8

- Best in Variety - Kohaku
- Best in Variety - Showa
- Best in Variety - Taisho Sanshoku (Sanke)
- Best in Variety - Utsuri Mono
- Best in Variety - Bekko
- Best in Variety - Asagi / Shusui
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- Best in Variety - Long Fin B
- Best in Variety - Doitsu

- Novice Award
- People’s Choice
- Most Unique Award

- Tategoi 1st, 2nd, 3rd
AWARDS BANQUET

1. This function will be a combination of a gathering of all Koi enthusiasts, a wonderful dinner, presentations, discussion of the major winners, the award ceremony, and a raffle. You will not want to miss it.

2. When: Saturday Night, October 21st, 2017
   Where: Ballroom, Hotel Rosedale 2400 Camino del Rio Court Bakersfield, CA 93308
   
   Program: (Timeline is subject to change, please check at Show information booth for update upon arrival at show)
   
   7:00 PM    Meet and Greet
   7:30 PM    Dinner.
   Judges introduction and commentary on the show
   Award ceremony
   Raffle
   
   Cost: $40* per person (reservations must be made by October 1st !)
   You must have a ticket to enter the banquet facility and attend the awards presentation.

   VERY IMPORTANT: GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY, AS WE MUST HAVE A HEAD COUNT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE SHOW.

3. For reservations, fill out the enclosed form and send with your check or money order made out to the Bakersfield Koi and Water Garden Society. Tickets will be included in the exhibitor’s packet at time of Koi check-in. Non-exhibitors may purchase their tickets in advance from BK&WGS Show Chairman Ron Unruh at secretary@bkwgs.com or complete the show registration form and send in with payment.

LODGING

A block of rooms has been set aside for the Golden Empire Koi Show Guests and Exhibitors at the Hotel Rosedale. Cost per room will be $71 per night based on two night stay, plus applicable taxes. To get the group rate refer to hotel code Koi17. There is a great breakfast buffet for those staying at the hotel.

Hotel Rosedale will be the site of our Awards Banquet on Saturday evening.

Hotel Rosedale
2400 Camino del Rio Court
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Local: 661-327-0681
Fax: 661-637-1822
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KOI SHOW REGISTRATION

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City __________________________________ State ______ Zip Code __________________________

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Return this copy with registration
KOI ENTRY FORM 2017  
(Submit Separate Form for each Tank)

Name ______________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________
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Address _________________________________________________________________________________________

City _________________________________________________  State  _________  Zip Code ___________________ 

Phone (_________) _______________________ e-mail____________________________________________________

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6’ Tank Limit 100 pts

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