



# The Prairieland Splash

## Prairieland Koi And Pond Society

**March Meeting: Saturday 11 Mar. 9:00 AM.**

**Luthy Botanical Gardens, located adjacent to the north end of Glen Oak Park, Prospect Ave. Peoria**

It is hard to believe that we have finished the first two months of 2012 and it is time to think about opening your pond. I know that many of you have many years of experience and developed your own checklist to follow. If you would like to share please provide me your information , I will collect it and publish it along with some of the information from the membership guide concerning pond opening in next month's newsletter. I do hope that most of you received the e-mail with information concerning the use of Chloramines in Peoria's water supply. Jeannie Clarke has been in contact with Illinois American Water and verified that they in fact are now using chloramines to treat the water, while this process provides for better protection for us it is very harmful if not fatal to your fish. Jeannie's full article is in this months newsletter.

Well I survived my first Pond Club meeting, I do appreciate the large turn out I think there were 37 members in attendance also I apologize for starting the meeting a little late, I was told the meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM, I will try to do better.

I hope that everyone's pond have survived the winter so far, this is our first winter with fish in the pond and we have kept a our skimmer and bio- filters running with only a couple of small issues. I think we picked the right year for our first winter experience.

The March meeting will be held at the Luthy Botanical Garden, Bob Strietmatter will be the guest speaker, I understand his presentations are always interesting and I know I am looking forward to the meeting. We hope to see you there.

PrairieLand Koi & Pond Society

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**Think!!  
Spring!!**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance:	\$4,429.18
Income:	\$ 272.25
Expenses	<u>\$1,750.00</u>
Ending balance:	\$4,683.85

### **PKPS DUES**

**\$ 20.00**

**By 1 April**

Don't Forget to check the website:

[www.pkps1.com](http://www.pkps1.com)

## AN IMPORTANT ALERT

To all using Illinois American Water except Pekin.

Please be aware that the Illinois American Water in Peoria are now using chloramines to disinfect the water. So far this only affects Illinois American Water, (Including Hanna City, Bellevue, Rome, Dunlap etc).

Chloramines will be used in more and more communities. Chloramines will not dissipate by spraying into the air. They will last for a long long time and will kill your fish. Instead of attacking the gills, it goes into the blood vessels and kills them dead. Chloramines are chlorine combined with ammonia. Some water treatments will break down the chloramines into chlorine and ammonia, but if it doesn't break down the ammonia, it still could be a killer. Not all treatments list this information on the label. Kullscape sells Pond Detoxifier and doesn't list this but the information sheet lists that it does treat both chloramines and ammonia. There is a product AmQuel which handles them both, plus many others. Just read the label and if they don't say, call the company. These products may be added to your pond just before you add the untreated water.

You may also look into a garden hose filter sold by [www.biz.com](http://www.biz.com), [www.pondalgaesolutions.com](http://www.pondalgaesolutions.com), as well as others.

Chloramines will affect the safety of automatic waterers. Unless the chloramines are treated before they are put into the pond, they will kill your fish.

### PRAIRIELAND KOI & POND SOCIETY

#### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2012

Place: Todd Bong's house

Attending: Todd Bong, Vince Smith, Brenda Smith, Jean Clarke, Allen Kruger, Greg Cantrell, Letriana Cantrell, Karen Hofstetter, Karen Dickerson

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by President Todd Bong.

#### PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

There were not changes or corrections. Minutes were accepted as written.

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### **FEBRUARY'S CLUB MEETING**

Comments received after the meeting indicated that everyone was happy the meeting started promptly at 9 a.m. and that the speaker was very good. A negative comment received was that not everyone could understand what was being said. The Board agreed that our new amplifier needs to be used at all times. No one has returned the form passed out at the February Club meeting asking for input on how the Club can be improved.

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### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The questionnaire requesting suggestions on ways to improve the Club and the questionnaire requesting member information for a club directory will be attached to this month's newsletter and will also be put on the website.

Jean Clarke informed the Board that Illinois American Water is starting to put chloramines in Peoria's water system. Kari Houle with ICC spoke to the members at this month's Club meeting about the danger to fish. Discussion was held concerning whether the Club should offer members the opportunity to purchase product that combats chloramines. **Allen will re-search products and report at the next Board meeting. Jean Clarke will put together an e-mail and send to Allen Kruger to send to all members living in Peoria.**

Karen Hofstetter told the Board that she did not give a receipt to people paying dues at February's club meeting. She will make sure those people receive a receipt either at March's club meeting or by mail.

Brenda Smith reported that she sent Hornbecker's an e-mail about the club meeting but has not heard back from them. Allen Kruger reported that Terry & Carol Maltas have finalized the small tour to take place after the meeting at Hornbeckers.

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