

BLUE WATER POND CLUB

WINTER FISH KILL 2013-2014 ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL CAUSES SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE - #3

During last winter's severe cold, many of us lost some or all of our fish.

The reasons this happened seem to be varied: - some lost all, some lost only Koi, some lost goldfish but not Koi, some lost big ones, but not small etc..

We have been presented with this unusual opportunity to try to uncover some of the reasons why this all happened.

We might call it an "unplanned experiment" on the critical factors that cause winter kill, and hopefully we can reveal ways to prevent it in the future..

In order to help figure out what factors really contributed to this disaster, we have compiled a list of possible contributing factors.

Please answer the questions about your fish and your pond to help explain the critical factors that have contributed to this fish kill.

We will compile all results to check for common factors that may have contributed to this unfortunate event. Hopefully this will lead to some useful recommendations for the future.

This is Version #2 of the Winter Fish Kill study. Many of you brought up factors at our last meeting you felt contributed to the die-off. These have been added to this Verion #2 of the Questionnaire.

=====

Your name _____

Address _____

Tel Number _____

E-mail address _____

YOUR FISH—

How many fish did you have alive before the winter?

Large Goldfish:- ____ Small ____

Large Koi - ____ Small ____

Other Species _____

How many fish died during the winter?

Large Goldfish:- ____ Small ____

Large Koi - ____ Small ____

Other Species e.g. Frogs, Toads _____

YOUR POND –

How big is your pond?

Length _____ Width _____

Depth at Deepest Point _____

Volume _____ Gallons – if known

WINTERIZATION

Did you use a **Heater** _____ What Kind _____ Watts _____

Was the heating coil at the **Surface** _____ Or at the **Bottom** _____

Did you use an **Aerator** _____ What Kind _____

Was the Air outlet near the **Surface** _____ or near the **Bottom** _____

Or in between? _____

Did an **Air Hole** remain open all winter? _____

Did snow cover the Air Hole? _____

Did you use a **Thermometer** to measure Temperature at the Surface and in the deepest Hole?

Was your **Pump** running during the winter? Yes _____ or No _____

If the pump was running to circulate water during the winter, was the **intake** near the **bottom** _____ half-way up _____ or at the surface _____?

Did electrical failures contribute to the winter-kill situation? _____

For example a short circuit, wet extension cord, burned out heater element , broken light bulb, air pump clogged etc.

Do you remember when you stopped feeding fish in the fall? _____

What kind of feed you were using? _____

“Fish Tales”

***Here’s your chance to tell what you think really happened to kill your fish!!
We heard a few “Tall Tales” the other night!***

Can you suggest other factors that may have contributed to winter losses we haven’t included in this Questionnaire?

PLEASE RETURN your Questionnaire to:-

David Johnston,
1080 Braemar Lane ,
Sarnia, N7V 3B5

Tel = 519-542-2867.
E-mail= dhjohnston@xe.net.

Please call or email if you have further questions.
If you have signed up above and provided your e-mail, we will send you the results of this survey.
Thanks, and good luck with your fish this coming winter.

David J.