



Koi Chronicles

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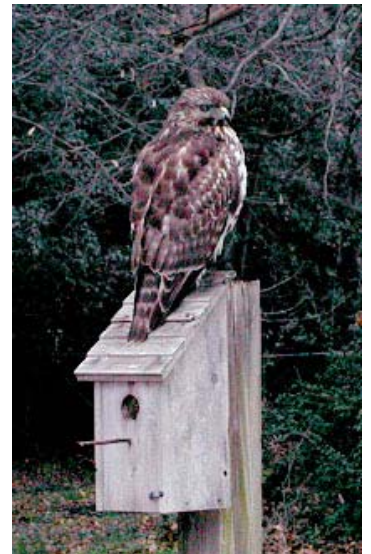
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By the Pond

David Boyd, President AKC

This weekend was a good time for yard work and pond cleaning. It is that time of year that we look forward to the plants coming up in our garden. The crocuses have been up for a month now, and the daffodils are starting to bloom. The string algae are almost 4 feet long in some spots of the pond. It is a wonderful sight to see, if not a pain to have to clean out of the filter basket ever couple days. When we first saw it beginning to grow, we panicked. We were not sure what was going wrong with the pond. After some checking on the internet, we found out that we have a healthy pond and there was nothing to be afraid of. There are varying views on whether to allow it to grow. So we calmed down and watched it grow. The koi love to swim in it and munch on it. We did go out and purchase some brushes to use to clean out some of the longer filaments. It is like winding cotton candy around a stick. Insert among the algae and twirl. Our garden loves the nutrients from the algae.

On a Sunday morning, we were looking out the window and observed a visitor. She came winging in from our neighbor's yard. After alighting on the bluebird's house, she began to survey the area. Sighting something she flew into the tree and quickly pounced. We didn't see what she had caught, but it was a sight not many people get to see everyday — a Cooper's hawk hunting. (We looked her up on the internet). She left, and after an hour returned to see what else was on the menu. Luckily she never considered the koi. She stayed perched on the birdhouse for 10 minutes, and left for the day. I was able to get some wonderful pictures of her.



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UPDATE!



Update on KHV and Koi Research at UGA

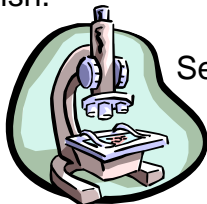


To date the only tests available for accurate detection of KHV in fish have been the DNA or PCR assay and the In Situ hybridization assay. Both require a necropsy of the fish. The DNA test is only accurate if the fish is actively shedding virus.

We have finally finished validation of our serological (blood) test for antibody (to KHV) detection in fish. This allows for a non-lethal sample of blood to be drawn from the fish and the lab is able to determine an antibody titer.

What this means is that we are now able to detect any fish that as been exposed to KHV and mounted an antibody response to the KHV antigen. This will allow us to determine carrier fish that are asymptomatic and or vaccinated fish.

This test will allow breeders to screen their brood stock and for retailers to assure their customers they can expect healthy fish.



Secondly we are in the process of generating a vaccine for KHV. The NAWGS (National Association of Water Gardening Societies) fundraiser has allowed us to make great strides in this effort.

The 2005 Koi Health Seminar was a great success and we thank Herve Rijnveld for bringing Bogey over for experimental surgery. We hope he's doing well! (see article on p. 4)

The 2006 Koi Health Seminar is tentatively scheduled for February.

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Vicki Vaughan
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'Em Koi Shows Are Classy Affairs

Zeke: Do you know how many standard Classes of Koi there be?

Bubba: Let me see, was it nineteen 'er twenty we had at the last show?

Zeke: Dang it, Bubba. I asked 'bout standard classifications, not about what was done at last year's show.

Bubba: What's the different? Ain't our shows following standards? Lawd, I hope we ain't done something wrong. I told you to watch that Shorty feller. He is right sneaky for a tall man.

Zeke: Leave Shorty out of this. We followed standard for Classes such as Kohaku, Taisho Sanke, Showa Sanshoku, Utsuri Mono, Goromo, Hikari Moyo Mono, Hikari Utsuri, and others.

Bubba: Ok, smart guy, what happened to those "A" and "B" classes? You done left 'em out. I got ya thar, fair and square.

Zeke: Dadburn it Bubba, now listen up. For show purposes lots of clubs commonly change the standard classes by adding breaking Doitsu into an "A" for kohaku, sanke, showa), and "B" for others. They may even add classes for them frilly longfins. Ya gotta read the entry form to know what the club has in mind.

Bubba: Why do all that extree work?

Zeke: 'Cause by using all them extree classes at the show, we give more folks a chance to take home some ribbons and glass! We all get a hoot from that!

Bubba: I'm all for it! I got one open space left on the mantle just fer that 2005 Grand Champion trophy.

Zeke: Bubba, you been sipping from a Mason jar again?

It's time to start getting your pond & garden ready for the Pond Tour

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Any serious breeder would have culled Bogey so fast, its little tancho head wouldn't even have spun. I broke the rules. Guilty! After all, among the koi that hatched in our aquarium was this feisty little guy, a runt with a squashed-looking mouth. At feeding time his little golden gin-rin body would furiously flash among his much larger siblings. The black tancho-spot on top of his head would bob-and-weave in battle, his little black dorsal fin cutting through the frenzy like a shark's shiny rudder.

Yet, he had difficulty consuming food, and he remained small. His unusual eating technique involved rolling his body from side-to-side and slurping food particles into the corners of his mouth. Then he'd have to work at it to get the food into his throat. We'd often see him with a bloodworm sticking out of his mouth, like a cigarette in *Bogart-esque* fashion. Looking cool with his crooked grin – he'd casually ward off his larger tank mates – until he could swallow the dangling worm. How could I not call the little guy Bogey?

One day I had a chance to discuss Bogey's situation with Vicki Vaughan. She was attending our koi club meeting and suggested I bring him to the UGA lab in Athens, Georgia. Several of her colleagues would be in attendance, and they'd be happy to examine him.

So, on a cold Saturday in February, I packed up Bogey for the 60 minute drive to the Veterinary School. Mr. "Cool" was not concerned as he patiently waited his turn in the Lab while a hodge-podge of students furiously slashed and dashed his unfortunate fallen koi-comrades into squishy slide specimens. Fear not, I kept a watchful eye on the blood-thirsty crowd, and was ready to defend Bogey against any over-enthusiastic student mistaking him for an necropsy candidate!

Dr. Erik Johnson decided to tackle Bogey's case. One drop of oil of cloves was enough to put him under. His mouth was examined and found to be congenitally small. In Dr. Johnson's opinion this defect would cause severe problems in the future, unless the mouth was surgically enlarged. The sides could either be cut wider – but would most probably heal back - or part of the lower mandible could be removed altogether – a more drastic alternative.

While the various experts in attendance brainstormed the options, veterinarian Russell Breckwoltd came up with the idea of placing sutures at each corner of the mouth, essentially giving Bogey a permanent "smile", to keep it from sealing back. This intriguing idea was agreed upon, and Dr. Helen Roberts provided dissolving sutures in preparation for the surgery.



Cutting Bogey's mouth open.

Dr. Johnson used a Sterile Loop to guide sutures into the mouth and out the gills. Once both sides were threaded, he used a small pair of scissors to cut open the corners of Bogey's mouth. Finally, he stitched the sutures in such a way as to wedge open the little mouth without impeding the gill function. Very neat indeed!



Threading the Sterile Loop through the gills.

The whole process took less than 10 minutes, and soon Bogey was recovering in his holding tank. Dr. Johnson's concern that Bogey might throw a fit when he discovered the stitches was unfounded. The patient was soon casually swimming around while eyeing us reproachfully, as if to say: "We're not playing that again, Sam!" With his new stitch-whiskers Bogey was one cool cat-fish.



Bogey sports his "stitch whiskers"!



Bogey checks out his new smile.

An hour later we went home and before long Bogey was greedily scavenging for food, happy to be back with his tank buddies. Sometimes when I look at this funny little fish, he'll pause and give me an impish glance before quickly dashing away. The long-term success of his surgery still remains to be assessed, but for the time being I'm grateful that Bogey escaped the culling process and that he can continue to delight all with his amusing antics. In appreciation to the team that helped Bogey, I'd like to say, on his behalf, "Here's looking at you, Vets."



Chattanooga Aquarium Tour

The trip is set and we are accepting reservations. Besides the Aquarium tour we will make a stop at the Cohutta National Fish Hatchery where we will have a dinner provided.

Bonus!!!

Additionally, this will be the first chance to obtain one of the Long fin Yamabuki Ogon for the contest that the club will sponsor. Vicki will have a tank of them at Cohutta to choose from. Cost is \$15 per fish. Vicki will have bags and oxygen to facilitate traveling with your choices. I will be locating coolers so we can pack them safely (want to volunteer to bring a cooler?? See David Pugh at the March meeting). Rules for the contest should be available at the March meeting. For those not going on the trip, we will offer a follow-up chance to purchase fish at the May meeting.

We want to thank Koi Affiliates for providing the koi, and hope that we can continue to make this a yearly event featuring a different variety each year.

Trip Details

David Pugh will be accepting bus reservations by mail or at the March meeting. This trip is open to all members and their invited guests.

Reservations are non-refundable and can be sent to:

David Pugh
814 Fern Street
Marietta, GA 30067

Or for further information
Home - 770.937.0864
Mobile - 678.357.2707
E-mail – doubledavid@aol.com

Please make the check payable to **Atlanta Koi Club**. If you include your email address, you will receive a confirmation. Additionally, please include a phone contact in case of an emergencies.

Date: April 2, 2005

Departure Time: 10:00 am **Return Time:** 7:00 pm

Cost: Bus is \$25 per person (non-refundable)

Aquarium Entry Fee: Individual Responsibility (see chart right)

Visit the Tennessee Aquarium website,
<http://www.tennessee.org/index.asp>

Itinerary: (All Times except initial departure are approximate)

Depart: Cobb Civic Center (10:00 am)

Arrive: Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga, TN (11:30 am)

Lunch: Individual responsibility

Depart: Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga, TN (2:30 pm)

Arrive: Cohutta Fish Hatchery, Cohutta GA (3:00 pm)

Depart: Cohutta Fish Hatchery, Cohutta GA (5:30 pm)

Arrive: Cobb Civic Center (7:00 pm)

2004 GROUP RATES available to groups of 10 or more:

	General Admission	Group Rate
Aquarium	\$14.00 adult / \$7.50 child	\$12.75 adult / \$6.50 child
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Park in the lower portion of the lot nearest Fairground. Look for the Atlanta Koi Club sign. There is a Dunkin' Donuts and a Burger King nearby.

Something's Fishy



Sanke Last month we learned about the **Kohaku** — a pearly white fish with bright red markings. The next fish to study has a lot in common with the Kohaku. It is either wagoi or doitsu — scaled or scaleless. It is a pearly white fish with bright red (hi) markings, but there is a difference. This fish also has black (sumi) markings. All of the markings should be very distinct and deep in color. The hi/sumi patterns should look balanced when viewed individually or from above. This is a Sanke.



Showa After the Kohaku and the Sanke — both white fish with red or red and black markings are two black fish. The first of the black fish has three colors, too. There are both wagoi and doitsu varieties as well as divisions according to how much of each color is present. The traditional variety of this fish has deep black sumi, bright red hi, and pearly white in almost equal parts. Newer varieties of this fish have less sumi and more shiro (white). When these fish are babies the sumi and hi are not strong. As they mature, the color grows more distinct. There should be more sumi than any other color. There are several pattern styles of this fish. This is a Showa.



Utsuri

This show category features black koi with either white, red or yellow markings. The sumi (black) markings on the head will reach down to the nose. Utsuri should have a striking, large sumi which are emphasized by the contrasting color.

Tancho

This show category is distinguished by the red mark, or tancho, on the head. This category includes koi from the Kohaku, Sanke and Showa varieties that have the round red mark on the head, and no hi (red) markings anywhere else.



Big Doin's at AKCA

Michael Anderson

AKCA Doin's

Koi Person of the Year 2005

Each year prior to the AKCA Annual Seminar/Convention in June, each AKCA affiliated club is asked to select a "Koi Person of the Year" for their respective club. He/She, or multiple persons from the same household, may be selected. The "Koi Person of the Year" is/are someone who has made a significant contribution to Koi keeping and/or to AKC during the past year. At the AKCA Seminar the "Koi Person of the Year" from each club is presented with a framed award certificate during the Saturday night banquet if the recipient is in attendance. If the recipient is not in attendance, a member of AKC may represent the award winner and receive the award. The deadline for submitting our Koi Person of the Year is May 1st. We will elect our Koi Person of the Year at our April meeting. This gives all members many weeks to consider candidates. Remember you must be present to nominate and vote.

AKCA Koi of the Year

All affiliated Clubs will be entitled to one Koi Photo Entry which will represent the club in the photo competition at this year's AKCA Annual Seminar. AKCA rules do not allow the Grand Champion of a show to be entered. The AKC tradition is to enter the Reserve Champion from the previous show. Therefore we will submit a photo of our 2004 Reserve Champion which is a Sanke owned by Smokey Sullins.

Champion of Champions

All AKCA affiliated Clubs holding Koi Shows will be entitled to enter their Grand Champion to represent the club's show in the photo competition at this year's AKCA Annual Seminar. This fish could become the "Champion of Champions" and be featured on the cover of KOI USA Magazine. Therefore we will submit a photo of our 2004 Grand Champion which is a Showa owned by Smokey Sullins.



Treasurer's Report - Checking

by Ron Scott

For January 2005

Beginning balance \$5,729.35

Income:

Membership \$774.00

Name Badges \$20.00

KOI USA Subscription \$20.00

Monthly Raffle \$83.00

Checking Account Interest \$0.51

Total Income \$897.51

Expenses:

KOI USA Subscription \$20.00

Meeting Expense \$100.00

Newsletter Postage \$10.36

Newsletter Printing \$39.98

AKC Web Site (Dec. & Jan) \$59.90

Total Expenses \$230.24

NET \$667.27

Bank Statement \$6,396.62

Uncleared Transactions \$40.00

Checkbook Ending Balance \$6,356.62



ZNA Zing!

Zen Nippon Airinkai (ZNA) was organized in 1968 by Nishikigoi fanciers in Nippon as a non-profit organization. Since its creation, ZNA has become the premier international association for the appreciation of koi.

ZNA has scores of Chapters, or local clubs, in Japan and 26 Chapters outside of Nippon. In the USA there are seven ZNA Chapters with AKC having the distinction of being the only ZNA Friendship Club in the USA.

ZNA makes certified judges available to judge koi shows. Judges travel at their own expense and enjoy the hospitality of the club hosting the show when they arrive. ZNA produces the monthly NICHIRIN magazine. NICHIRIN provides the opportunity to appreciate photos of the highest quality koi in Japan, and learn about famous koi breeders.. ZNA membership has the added benefit of hospitality and friendship with hobbyists in many countries of the World.

For a local koi club to a ZNA Friendship Club, at least ten members must also join ZNA. For full Chapter status, at least twenty five members must join ZNA. ZNA membership is \$100 and includes the NICHIRIN magazine . All members of the local club will benefit from increasing the koi knowledge in the club and from having ZNA certified judges for their show.

The ZNA membership year is from May to the end of April. Please consider joining ZNA or renewing your ZNA membership when you pay your AKC dues.

Atlanta Koi Club's Annual Koi Auction

Saturday April 23rd Coastal Pond Supply, Tucker

This is the best way to thin the herd, to make room for new koi, or if your pond is overcrowded.

As a new koi enthusiast, this is one of the best ways to get quality koi at the best prices.

Setup starts at 8:00 a.m. Auction starts at 11:00

Contact Doug Tatz for tank reservations and to volunteer to help

Dtatz@fhlbatl.com 770-926-6096 leave a message.





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Presented personally by

Vicki Vaughan

*Director, Aquatic Services, University of Georgia,
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This evening program will train you on how to keep your koi pond customers happier, how to avoid problems, the current status of the koi AIDS viruses and how to avoid or deal with them, fish health problems and solutions that you need to know, diseases, diagnostics, prevention, and real answers to your questions! Etc., etc.

Learn from the best before the problems happen!

FRIDAY MARCH 18th

An all evening event. Starts at 7 pm and goes until at least 10 pm – and until the very last question is answered. Pre-registration by phone/fax/e-mail thru Coastal. Total cost only \$50.00 pre-registered – or \$70 at the door – plastic accepted.

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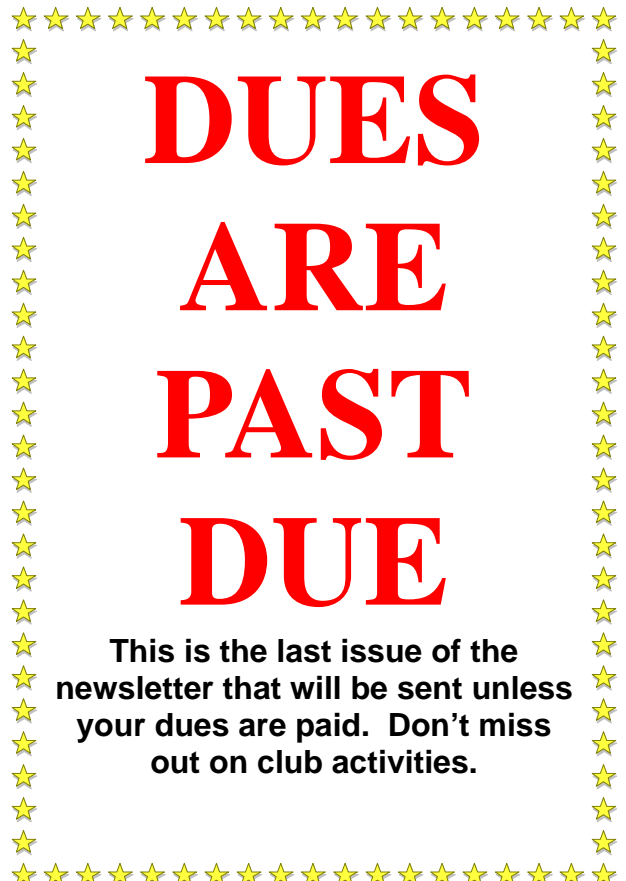
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out on club activities.**

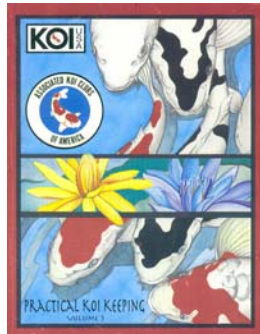


Library

Jane Lu

AKCA Koi USA Practical Koi Keeping Volume III

This book is a compilation of Koi USA magazine articles. Topics include Don't let flashing fool you, The art of photographing koi, kawari mono and how to make an origami koi. DIY projects are automatic feeder, strainer, foam fractionator and bottom drain that prevents complete accidental draining of the pond.



Check It Out

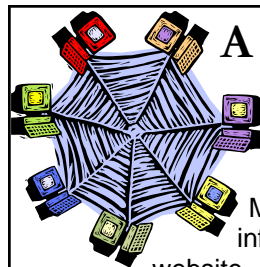
The March club meeting will be held at Coastal Pond Supply in Tucker. The Dowdens have graciously offered the space and refreshments. Be sure you bring your lawn chairs to the meeting because there is no seating in the warehouse! Bill has arranged for John Gray to be our speaker. He is one of the most experienced pond builders in the greater Atlanta area (he's been building them professionally for over 15 years.) He built the Dowden's pond in their backyard.

The Executive Meeting begins at 1 P.M. and the General Meeting is at 2 P.M.

Be there!!

Future Events

March 13 — AKC Meeting Coastal Pond Supply
March 11-13 — Central Florida Koi Show
March 18-27 — Macon Cherry Blossom Festival
April 2 — Trip to TN Aquarium & Cohutta Fisheries
April 10 — AKC Meeting — Ed & Susan Reed
April 23 — Auction @ Coastal Ponds
May 15— AKC Meeting — Hal & Susan Brown
May 21-22 — Spring Pond Tour
June 12 AKC Summer Social — Katy & Shorty Hord
August 6-7 — Summer Pond Tour
August 12-14 — Koi America
September 16-18 — 11th Annual Koi Show
November 13 AKC Winter Social — Pugh & Boyd



A Word From the Web

David Marier, Webmaster
www.AtlantaKoiClub.com

Most of our members get club information from the newsletter via the website. A few of you review the website for other koi information. It doesn't matter how you use the website, but I'd like to point out some other features of that might be of interest to you.

First of all, there is a link to the current and most past issues of "Koi Chronicles". **Secondly**, the events calendar has club meeting information, locations, speakers, etc. A quick glance at it and you will be able to plan your local koi events.

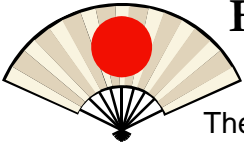
Two areas that I'd like to point out are the "**Virtual Pond Tour**" and the "**Guest Book**". Currently, we have a limited number of ponds on the virtual tour. I'm looking for more volunteers, please. Send me a few pictures of your pond (.JPG please) with a brief description, and I'll include them on the website. Addresses will not be used. Secondly, the guest book is an area where any viewer of the website can drop a note or comment. Several of these are questions regarding koi, usually they will include an email address. What better way to start a koi "pen pal" relationship.

On the members' page, we also have the ability to list club members via their email addresses. This is another way for other koi hobbyists to contact you. Personally, I've been contacted about new foods, koi rescues and other koi products from the website. If you'd like to have your name and email added, please let me know.

Lastly, I've asked Mike Hutson to assist me with web mastering duties. He'll be updating the website also with the intent of becoming the webmaster in the near future. If any one else would like to help out, please let us know, also if you have any ideas to add to the website, let Mike or me know.



Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!!!



February Board Meeting Minutes Vicki Knill

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The club president David Boyd called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the last Executive meeting were approved.

There was a discussion concerning the trip to the Tennessee Aquarium on April 2nd. The bus contains 53 seats. There is a group of members and guests from Macon who would like to reserve 10 seats. The club would hold 3 seats, 1 for Vicki Vaughan and 2 to be made available for raffle at the March general meeting.

The club only has a couple Friendship Awards remaining. We agreed to purchase 10 more for future gifts at koi related activities.

Susan Brown has found a company who can produce the club name tags at a substantially lower cost than we are presently paying. It was decided to use this company when ordering new name tags.

A rough draft was presented of an information flyer about the club. This flyer would be used to inform the public of what the AKC is all about. It would be distributed during functions such as the Flower Show, Koi Show and, Pond Tour. The club could also place flyers in select pond stores.

Vicki Vaughan has some 6 month old yellow Yamabuki long-finned koi which can be made available for another koi growing contest. Jerry (Shorty) Hord offered to write up the guidelines of the contest. The young koi will be available at the May general meeting.

Vicki Knill is gathering advertisers for the Pond Tour Book but there is still a need for more ponds for the tour.

David Marier stated the website will have links available for sponsors.

Jerry Hord has plans underway for the Flower Show display, but there is a need for volunteers to help build and take down the display. People are needed to present the display during shifts extending from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. every day of the show. Volunteers would be granted free access to the Flower Show and the club would reimburse parking cost.

Michael Anderson presented the names of judges who will be judging this year's Koi Show.

Head Judge: James Reilly AKCA & ZNA

Steve Childers AKCA

Burt Ballou AKCA

Joe and Sherri White will be in charge of benching and water quality.

David Boyd said he has been questioned if it is necessary for Chairpersons to attend the Executive meetings. If Chairpersons cannot attend an Executive meeting, they need to submit their report to the club President prior to the meeting so it can be read at the meeting.

The meeting was closed and the general meeting was held in the pleasantly aquatic atmosphere of the Atlanta Water Gardens.



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Membership

Susan Brown

Thank you for updating your current address, e-mail, phone number, etc. We still have a few members that need a phone number or e-mail correction. If you have not been receiving notification of your newsletter and information about the club, you might be a candidate. Notify me if you are having a problem.

If you do not have a name badge or want a new one with a magnetic clip, consider ordering one at this time. The cost has gone down to \$5.00 a badge, and you don't have to poke holes in yourself or clothing when you wear it. The badges ordered at the February meeting will be available for pick up at the meeting this month. Check with me.

We had 44 members and 4 guests attend the February meeting at Atlanta Water Gardens. At this time, the club membership is 142.

In January there were 136 on the roll and 38 present.

Hope to see you all at the March meeting.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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Date: _____ Check No.: _____ Check Amount: _____

Type of Membership: **Household:** \$50 for 1 Yr. _____; \$90 for 2 Yrs. _____
(Check One) **Individual:** \$30 for 1 Yr. _____; \$54 for 2 Yrs. _____

Sponsor: \$150 for 1 Yr. _____
Other: KOI USA Magazine Subscription: \$20 for 1 Yr. _____
*Name Badges: \$5 each. _____
**ZNA International Koi Club: \$100 for 1 Yr. _____



Names: _____ & _____
 First Last First Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____ Best Email: _____

AKC is a volunteer organization. We need as much help and support as you can provide, no matter how insignificant. In which of the following areas can you help?

Host Meeting ____, **Pond Tour** ____, **Auction** ____, **Koi Show** ____, **Hold Office** ____, **Flower Show** ____

To save money, we provide our newsletter in color via email several days earlier than mailed copies. Would you like to receive your newsletter via email? Yes or No.

We try to publish a membership roster annually. It is given only to club members and AKCA, the Associated Koi Clubs of America. May we publish your address, phone number and email? Yes or No.

Make checks payable to **Atlanta Koi Club** and submit with application to:
Susan G. Brown, 191 Kings Row, Marietta, GA 30067.

* Please consider buying **Name Badges**. For only \$5, you will get to know and be known by everyone and also receive a free raffle ticket every time you wear your badge to a Club Meeting.

** Zen Nippon Airinkai (ZNA) is an international organization dedicated to the koi keeping hobby. Members receive the Nichirin magazine. Membership runs May through April of each year. There is no prorating of dues. Full dues are always paid.