



Koi Chronicles

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Members gather to chat before the October meeting.

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By the Pond

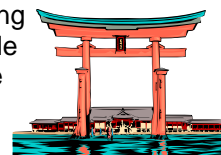
David Boyd, President AKC

It is 2:30 on Thursday afternoon, and I decided to sit outside on a beautiful day to work on my newsletter article. The sun is shining, the leaves are falling and the fighter planes are having their practice runs around the house. It is always exciting to watch them circle the house and see how low they pass overhead. Now and then you get a large cargo plane that decides to scare you by coming in at treetop level.

I am still feeding the Koi, so they are getting lunch while I sit here. I am astounded every time I see them on how graceful they are. I remember when each and everyone was brought home. How they went from being 6 inch "I am not sure what you are" to the beauties they have become. It has been a long and exciting time learning about them and how to care for them. Each of us can remember the problems we encountered while learning.

I know I am rambling a bit, but the past month has been a very busy and stress-filled time for me. We had the show, I had inventory at work the following week, unfortunately we lost some friends and we had our club elections. The beginning of October, I had to take some time and not think about Koi for a little while. I am sure there were a few others in the club who took sometime off as well. Now it is time to resume wondering how to make our club work.

The show went well, but not as well as hoped. We had to tap into the club's savings account to cover the final bill for the show. I have already been receiving suggestions on what we can do to make next year's show better. While they are good suggestions, here are some of the problems that we are faced with for next year.



We currently have no Show Chairperson, Vendor Liaison nor Registration Person. Each of the persons handling those positions has stated they no longer wish to work them. They have requested a rest from the stress involved with the show. In short, some of the core workers are tired and becoming burned out.

Suggestions are good, but they don't get the job done if you can't find the people to fill the important positions. In addition, Koiphen, an internet club has decided to host a show in Nashville the week before we would have ours (9-11 September 2006). This will cause a conflict with some of the vendors, who might not want to do two shows so close together. It could be we may not have a show next year, just the judging of our Longfin Yamabuki Ogon contest. We will have to decide on this as a club.

I won't go into what is involved with inventory at work, just to say it was long and time consuming.

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We lost two of our members in the past weeks as well. Ed Sheren and Thomas Reed passed away. While I did not know Thomas, he and Ed will be missed by us and their loved ones.

David Pugh and I would like to thank all the members who showed up for the October meeting. Not only did we get to clean out the refrigerator, but we had a good time as well.

David Marier won the post of Vice-President, with Ron Scott retaining the post of Treasurer. It helped that Robin Smith endorsed Ron whole heartedly. (She was his opponent for those members not here.) We are looking forward to working with Mr. Marier in the upcoming year.

Also the positions of Librarian and Advertising Chairperson have become vacant, if anyone is interested. Please contact me if interested.

October Board Meeting Minutes

Vicki Knill

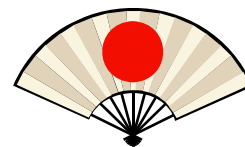
Present David Boyd, Vicki Knill, Ron Scott, Susan Brown, Doug Tatz

President David Boyd brought the meeting to order.

A discussion followed concerning the 2005 koi show and possible changes which may need to be implemented next year. While being an enjoyable show, it did not generate revenue for the club. Ron Scott reported the charity silent auction brought in \$1,156.00 which will be given to the UGA research of KHV.

Possible changes for next year's show discussed were, moving the show to a different venue, team up with another type of show i.e., plant, bird, or aquarium show, moving the show to a spring date etc. Other ideas were also mentioned. The executive welcomes any views from the membership. There may be a questionnaire implemented on the website to aid members with voicing their ideas.

At the November meeting there will be a large number of raffle items available, These are surplus donated items the club has accumulated which the members can benefit from.



The meeting closed and the membership enjoyed the hospitality of "The Davids" lovely home, yard, and lots of delicious food.



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Butterflies, Dragons & Long Fins

Joel Burkard/Pan Intercorp

In the twenty some odd years that I had lived in Japan I had never seen a "long fin" koi, but in 1988, I started to get inquiries from both koi keepers and koi dealers asking about "dragon carp" and "butterfly koi": koi that had long flowing fins. I was aware of the long fin carp from Indonesia, but these massive grey and brown brutes were definitely not the elegant koi that people were asking for.



It wasn't until the following year that I had my first encounter with a dragon carp at Kanoh's Nishikigoi Shop in Tokyo. It was an exquisite 18 inch platinum with fins that were at least seven or eight inches long! The proprietor, Mr. Hajime Kanoh, invited me in for tea and proceeded to give me the history of what he called "onagagoi," in English, long tail koi.

Several years earlier, a few Japanese breeders had crossed the Indonesian long fin with nishikigoi in hopes of getting back some of the hardiness and vigor that had been lost through years of inbreeding for color and beauty. The results were quite surprising, a koi that was extremely hardy, was very fast growing, and had long fins, long barbells and in some cases pompom nostrils similar to those on fancy goldfish.

The appearance of these "hire naga koi" (long fin koi) caused quite a stir in the usually ultra conservative world of Japanese koi, with breeders and hobbyists competing for these suddenly coveted koi amid skyrocketing prices. The quality and popularity of the water-dragons progressed until inevitably some were entered into koi shows. At this point, the airinkai decreed that these were **not** koi and therefore were ineligible to be shown or judged in koi competitions.

Without the possibility of being shown, the interest in long fins declined almost overnight in Japan, leaving a few long fin ogon, matsuba and karasu scattered around the country.

When I asked Mr. Kanoh where I could secure a supply of these unique koi, I was told it would be very difficult as no one was breeding them any more. Indeed, I found this to be the case, hearing the same story from every breeder that I contacted.

Interest in butterfly koi had reached an all time low in Japan when, in October of 1991, it was announced that the Emperor Akihito was going to Indonesia on a goodwill tour and would be

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presenting Indonesia's President Suharto with fifty "hire naga nishiki koi" (long fin nishiki koi) as a symbol of friendship and economic cooperation between Japan and Indonesia. The photos that accompanied this press release showed some strikingly elegant shusui, asagi and even kohaku with long, flowing fins. It goes without saying that an endorsement of this nature, coming from the Emperor of Japan, catapulted the long fin

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An Early Christmas Gift from KoiUSA

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The AKCA and KOIUSA Inc. Boards have approved a Holiday present for all of the KOIUSA magazine subscribers that will be included with the Nov/Dec issue of KOIUSA magazine. This present is a new tri-



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fold Koi ID poster created by Tom Graham. This compact item **will not** replace the current Koi ID poster sold thru the AKCA Bookstore. This tri-fold poster is a new product developed by Tom Graham. The AKCA and KOIUSA Inc. Boards voted to purchase enough of these new posters to include one with each magazine to our current subscribers only, magazines sold by dealers will not include this gift. Tom plans to sell these tri-fold posters on his own for about \$9-10 each. There are no **current** plans for AKCA to carry this new item at our AKCA Bookstore.

So, if your members act fast to subscribe to KOIUSA magazine, you can get one of these tri-fold Koi ID posters for free. I know this heads up is late getting to your club members so I will ask the AKCA Board at the November meeting to purchase enough tri-fold posters to be able to send one to all **NEW KOIUSA** magazine subscribers who subscribe in November or December.

Here is an opportunity for your club members to get a \$9 value Koi ID tri-fold poster free with their \$17 one year subscription to KOIUSA magazine as a club member.

Doug Dahl

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koi right back into the limelight of Japanese koi keeping.

Here in the United States, there has been a steadily growing interest in the butterfly koi. At the first annual Washington Koi & Watergarden Society Koi Show, a jet black long fin karasu was awarded third place kawarimono by judges Shunichi Yoshida and Shoichi Litsuka who have also judged the All Japan Combined Nishikigoi Show. The Northwest Koi and Goldfish Club Show featured a special category for long fins this year that attracted some beautiful examples of the long fin that are becoming available these days. Rumor has it that exotic koi such as long fin akame kigoi are being developed in Japan and may be available soon.

Time will tell...

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Many of you have heard of Koiphen. Koiphen is a website (www.koiphen.com) started by Stephen and Mary Height. The site hosts what is probably the most currently active koi-related bulletin board system (www.koiphen.com/forums/).

The "regulars" on the board have created a de-facto community that "meets" more often and shares more with each other than is possible with a traditional koi club. The only limitations are your access to the internet and available time.

The Koiphen regulars decided to create and host the Koiphen Koi Nationals and Pond Expo Show at the Opryland Hotel Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN. The show will be held on September 8-10, 2006. The Judges for the show will be the led by AKCA Judging Committee: Bob Finnegan, Galen Hansen, and Art Lemke. Because the date of the show conflicted with other AKCA clubs' show dates, the AKCA Board was asked to consider taking action. In the AKCA Board meeting for October, the Board decision was made not to take action. That leaves the AKCA Judges free to officiate at the Koiphen Show.

Michael Anderson, AKCA/ ZNA Representative



Water Temperatures ... and Feeding Koi

Fall has finally come to Atlanta. Our temperatures are really cooler this week than they have been in months. With this change in season comes a change in feeding habits. Keep watch on the water temperature in your pond. As the temperature drops — and finally stays at these lower levels — feed less often. Koi have very primitive digestive systems. Since they are cold-blooded animals, they are the temperature of the surrounding water. Their systems cannot digest food below 50 F or above 85 F. The food basically rots in their gut. This causes bacterial infections and can cause death. Here's a basic guide to feeding. REMEMBER: These are WATER temperatures ... not air temperatures!

- under 50 F (10 C) ----- do not feed
- 50 F -55 F (10-13 C)---- 1-2 times a week
- 56 F -60 F (13- 16C)---- 2-3 times a week
- 61 F -68 F (16- 20C)---- 1 time a day
- 69 F -72 F (21-22 C)---- 1-2 times a day
- 73 F -79 F (23- 26C)---- 3-5 times a day
- 80 F -86 F (27- 30C)---- 3-4 times a day
- above 86 F (31 C) ----- do not feed



Water Babies at the October Meeting



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Treasurer's Report

Ron Scott
For September 2005



Beginning balance
\$5,534.41

Income:

Koi Store	\$40.00
Pond Tour	\$210.00
Koi Show	\$9,982.50
Membership	\$334.00
Name Badges	\$10.00
KOI USA Subscription	\$17.00
ZNA Dues	\$100.00
Monthly Raffle	\$43.00
Checking Account Interest	\$0.62

Total Income \$10,737.12

Expenses:

Flower Show	\$0.00
Pond Tour	\$0.00
Koi Auction	\$0.00
Koi Show	\$8,607.39
Koi Store	\$1,214.15

Membership	\$0.00
Name Badges	\$61.84
KOI USA Subscription	\$17.00
Monthly Raffle	\$0.00
Meeting Expense	\$100.00
Newsletter Postage	\$0.00
Newsletter Printing	\$0.00
AKC Web Site(Sept. & Oct.)	\$59.90
Seminar Expense	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00
Misc. Club Expenses	\$0.00

Total Expenses \$10,060.28

NET \$676.84

Checkbook Ending Balance	\$6,211.25
Uncleared Transactions	\$671.69
Bank Statement	\$6,882.94
Uncleared Transactions	\$671.69
Koi USA Subscription	09/12/05 \$17.00
Greg Jucha	09/22/05 \$654.69



The www.akca.org website registration page for the 2006 AKCA Seminar in Buffalo, NY is up and running. There is an early registration discount for registering before April 1, 2006. There is an additional discount for first time AKCA Seminar attendees and this year there will be a special 15% rebate of

Package I or II costs following the seminar for people who stay at the Hyatt Regency Hotel-Buffalo during the seminar. Instructions on how to apply for this rebate will be in your registration packet when you pick it up at the seminar. Let's head to the Falls. Shuffle off to Buffalo! The AKCA Board would like to know which 3 cities would you most like to visit as part of an AKCA Seminar.

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Shlepless in Seattle... A Visit to PanIntercorp

Michael Anderson

Weeks ago I had to go to Seattle on a business trip that lasted over a weekend. Not my idea, but what can a feller do? So, on Saturday I figured I would go for a quick visit to Pan Intercorp in Kenmore, Washington. Kenmore is on the north side of Lake Washington and just a few minutes



PanIntercorp Entrance

drive from Seattle, Kirkland, Redmond and other area cities. So why go to Pan Intercorp? It is one of the top koi dealerships in North America. It is owned by Joel Burkhart. Joel came to our July meeting, and gave a great presentation about koi. Both the topic and presenter were entertaining. Joel has several web sites such as: www.koi.com, www.nishikigoi.com. Check 'em out.

I arrived just before noon and thought I would just say "Hello," give the fish a quick look and be gone. NOT. I did meet Joel. As expected, Joel was a great host and a hoot to discuss koi topics. We inspected his pond behind the office, the outside ponds, the several greenhouse ponds, and the display ponds in the sales house. He had a tank of kohaku from Sakai of Hiroshima....my American Express card starting sweating. In the big display ponds there was a long fin kumonryu that also spoke to me. And there was a LARGE ginrin showa that was fantastic.

Did I end up *purchasing* fish?. **Duh.** I got the longfin kumonryu for Toni, and a 4- step ginrin kohaku for me. Joel and I arranged to have him ship them the following Thursday



Part of Joel's herd...

night via Delta. The direct flight arrived at 5:30 A.M. on Friday. We got to the Delta Dash office at the South Terminal around 7 A.M. and the box was there waiting for us. We got

Koi Show Re-cap

2305	Admission	\$724.00
2310	Banquet Tickets	\$975.00
2320	Vendor Participation	\$8,000.00
2330	Auction	\$849.00
2340	Koi Show Sponsor	\$1,875.00
2350	Tank Rental - Member	\$640.00
2360	Tank Rental - Vendor	\$410.00
2370	Misc.	\$600.00
2375	Raffle Sales	\$882.00
2380	Club Store Merchandise	\$1,146.50
2385	Bench Picture	\$0.00
2390	Advertising	\$0.00
2730	New Members	\$210.00
	Silent Auction for KHV	\$1,156.00

Total Income \$17,467.50

Expense Categories:

500	Koi Show	
505	Advertising	\$673.31
510	Awards	\$3,131.32
515	Facility Rental	\$4,800.00
520	Banquet	\$1,184.33
530	Equipment	\$3,738.42
540	Food	\$1,120.09
550	Gifts	\$188.32
560	Lodging	\$442.96
570	Printing	\$5.62
575	Postage	\$7.40
580	Show Security	\$1,428.00
585	Film for Bench Pictures	\$113.79
590	Water Quality Tests	\$10.98
	Show Pins	\$581.13
	State Sales Tax	\$110.43
595	Misc.*	\$1,134.46
	Donation for KHV Research	\$1,156.00

Total Expenses \$19,826.56

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the box home and put the koi into our QT.

We were impressed with the koi packaging. The bags were sitting inside a 2-piece foam box that fitted perfectly into the cardboard box. This is a much better system than using individual pieces of foam inside a box. It kept the bag from moving around and adds great strength. Joel also included recommendations for the QT about salt levels, not feeding for 3 days and other items.

By the time you read this, the new girls will be in the main pond. We hope they will be as happy there as we are to have them. And I did not have to shlep them in from Seattle!!!

Dear Fellow Koi Lovers,

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I hope everyone is doing well. I am sending this email to make you aware of the latest on line auction being run to benefit KHV research.

AKCA - Project KHV is continuing to make significant progress in the fight to find a solution to KHV. Peter Enfield has generously donated several of his famous Koi Slates. We are conducting an on line auction that ends November 1, 2005 of a one of a kind koi art piece. This a beautiful Grand Champion Shiro Utsuri hand crafted in fused art glass embedded in a grey slate base. Estimated value is \$1,000. Current bid is only \$500. Please go to our Project KHV website and look at the photo and read more about this work of art and the auction rules. I have also attached a file with photo of koi slate.

http://www.texaskoi.com/akcaprojectkhv/Auction/on_line_auction.htm

Best Regards,

Ray Jordan

p.s. Please pass this information along to all your koi club member/friends and help find a solution for KHV by making a donation to Project KHV and/or bidding on this gorgeous and unique piece of art.

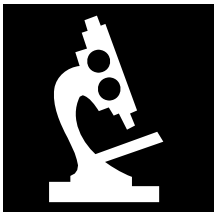
(This auction may be over when you get your newsletter. There will be other auctions. Check back.)

Koi Health Management Seminar

February 17-19, 2006 Athens, Georgia

The Koi health Management conference is designed for veterinarians, hobbyists, retailers, and producers involved with ornamental fish. Conference topics cover all aspects of fish husbandry, and the labs range from beginner to advanced levels. Ample staff will be available for individual instruction. Each day concludes with a roundtable Q & A session.

The conference is limited to 40 participants. Cost for hobbyists is \$500.00 plus room and some meals. (Friday evening reception, continental breakfasts, lunches and refreshment breaks are included.) All lab supplies are furnished, as well as instructional materials.



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Membership

Susan Brown 9

We want to welcome Tom and Phung Smith to our club from Kennesaw, Ga. We are so glad you decided to join us. Hope to meet you soon.

The October meeting was held at David Boyd and David Pugh's wonderful home. Everyone had a fantastic time. We had 32 members attend and 3 Guests. Our current membership is now 191.

You should have received (via e-mail) a current Membership List with everyone's name, address, etc. **if** I have your correct e-mail address. If you have not received this information please e-mail me at *hands191@msn.com* or call 770-973-2092 to give me your correct info. Also, notify me if there are any other errors that need to be corrected. If you do not have an e-mail address and want a copy of the Membership List, contact me.

Hope to see you at the Atwell's home for the November Social.

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