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By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

June has been another good month for the Club. We had our Auction, which went well despite a couple hiccups. Then there was the Summer Social and next week we will be heading off to the 2006 Koi Seminar in Buffalo NY.

The auction was held at Coastal Pond and there were a number of sellers and even more bidders. I am not sure what the final total was, but I know I was busy trying to keep up with the people checking out.

I want to thank our Auction Chairperson Jay Drew for working hard at getting it organized, as well as the many people who worked hard at making it a success.

I especially want to thank Bill and Peggy Fricke along with Peggy's mother Marylyn Carroll for the work that they have been doing since they joined. They have volunteered every time we have a function. Or maybe Peggy has and Bill just gets dragged along. Though seriously, they and every other hard working volunteer are really appreciated for the work they do.

The Koi Club descended on East Cobb at Hal and Susan Brown's house for the Summer Social. As always at Hal and Susan's it was a great meeting that was both fun and relaxing. There was plenty of good food and members that I had not seen in a while, with whom it was nice to visit with. Hal and Susan's daughter Cheli and her friend Lynn took many pictures which we hope we can get loaded on to the AKC website for all to enjoy.

It was also made more special by Hal and Susan's friend Bill Brown (no relation to Hal and Susan) who had his model railroad running around the yard. Steve Castel's sons (picture to left) were fascinated by the wonderful sight. It is always fun to watch the young at heart having fun. I do remember Steve's wife Laura sighing as she walked into the backyard. I could hear the words "don't touch" forming in her mind as the boys ran towards the train.

The last weekend in June, David and I will be heading to Buffalo for the annual koi seminar. We have been looking forward to it since last year when we attended the Tulsa Pow Wow. It is a great way to meet the different people that have become koi enthusiasts as well as learn how to take care of our kids. I promised Toni I would take pictures and there will be more information on the seminar to come in a later article.

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THANKS, FRIENDS!

Thanks to all who helped with the club Auction last month! We had a lot of work to do in setting up,

breaking down and all the jobs in between and somehow we managed to get it all done for another year.

A special thanks to those who helped set up Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Here are some photos from the auction; check out the auction page at http://atlantakoiclub.com/
Auction/2006/2006.htm for more.



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As always, a very special *thank you* goes to **Bill and Lynn Dowden and all the people of Coastal Pond Supply** for their generous support again this year.

Jay Drew

Jay Drew
Auction Chairman



On June 6, 2006, Bogey the Brave swam up the rainbow river and became a dragon.... He was hatched April 29, 2004.

Bogey added knowledge to the koi file when he had a mouth formed for him at a Koi Health Seminar. He was born with a small opening instead of a mandible. He was not getting enough nutrition because he couldn't get food.

His mouth was surgically re-formed and he managed to grow a little and bring much joy to his people: Herve & Nancy.

In the last few weeks of life, he grew listless and emaciated. The mouth was no longer operational. He contributed to our knowledge about koi health. Thanks! Bon voyage, Bogey.



Interested in Goldfish?

Join the Goldfish Society of America and learn more about this hobby... www.goldfishsociety.org

The World's Oldest Koi



One of the reasons that the Japanese people value an outstanding Koi is that they consider them to be *living jewels*. When Koi are purchased, they are looked upon as long lived creatures to be passed down from generation to generation. The story of the oldest recorded Koi is fascinating, and the information below is taken from June 1997 issue of Koi USA magazine. The full story is a transcription of a radio broadcast done by Dr. Koshihara, and first published in "Live Jewels" in 1968. It is reprinted verbatim in Koi USA, and my writing does not do justice to the event.

Hanako is the name of this Koi that lived at the base of Mt. Ontake. When Dr. Koshihara would call Hanako from across the pond, she would come to his feet to be petted on the head. Occasionally he would take her out of the pond and embrace her. This was his favorite spot at the side of the pond, and he went there often.

The pond is located deep in the mountains of the Mino Province. The waters are pure that feed this pond which is less than 20 feet across. Besides Hanako, there are five other fish that swim in this pond, and each is also old. They are 170 years, 155, 151, 141, and another 141 years old. The Koshihara family had been the village head for many generation from the time of the Tokugawa shogunate, and the house and pond had been with the family since the beginning.

Hanako died on July 17, 1977 at the age of 226 years.

How was Hanako's age determined?

Dr.Koshihara was often asked how he could tell the age of the fish, and he responded in the article as follows:

As a tree trunk has its annual rings, so a fish has its annual rings on its scales, and we have only to count them to know the age of a fish. As a matter of course, we ourselves cannot do it. It requires a specialist's aid and the use of a light microscope. Now, what was it that made me think of ascertaining the carp's age?

My grandmother on maternal side, who left this world at the advanced age of 93 some eight years ago, is said to have been told by her mother-in-law. "When I was married into this family, my mother-in-law said to me, that carp has been handed down to us from olden times; you must take good care of that. When I was told this story I became very curious to know how long the carp had lived. I found out Hanako's age by the aforesaid method, but you can easily imagine how greatly I grieved when I was forced to take a scale off her beautiful body. I caught her in a net very cautiously, and repeatedly saying. Excuse me. I took off two scales from different parts of her body by using a strong pincette. The scales were examined by Prof. Masayoshi Hiro, D. Sc. Laboratory of Domestic Science, Nagoya Women's College. It took two months for him to acquire a satisfactory result. By using a light microscope, he photographed every part of the scales. It seems he took a great deal more trouble than that. When it was ascertained beyond doubt that the carp was 215 years old, we two exchanged a look of delightful surprise.

It's All About the Koi

How koi kichi are you? You'll have the opportunity to find out at the July meeting. There will be some great koi stuff in the raffle. I've been going to the farthest reaches to find interesting koi items.....well at least to Buffalo, NY. The beauti-

ful, the rare and of course the mysterious wrapped box.





Treasurer's Report Ron Scott					
堂		For	May 2006		
	Beginning Check Book Balance:		\$7,317.88		
Incom	e Categories:				
2100	Club Store		\$60.00		
2500	Misc.		\$59.65		
	Raffles - Monthly Meet- ings Only	\$59.00			
	Interest on Club Check- ing Account (Only)	\$0.65			
2700	Membership		\$880.00		
	Member Badges	\$25.00			
	Membership Dues	\$254.00			
	Koi USA Subscription	\$51.00			
	ZNA Membership	\$100.00			
	Vendor Sponsorship	\$450.00			
		Total Income	\$999.65		
Expen	se Categories:				
200	Club Store	Canopy Tent	\$100.00		
600	Koi Auction	'	\$423.32		
700	Misc.		\$353.58		
	Food at Club Meeting	\$150.00	·		
	Other Misc Library Items & Tenn. Aquarium Trip	\$203.58			
800	Newsletter		\$45.80		
1300	Membership		\$360.00		
	Koi USA Subscription	\$60.00			
	Club Membership Bro- chure	\$300.00			
		Total Expenses	\$1,282.70		
NET			(\$283.05)		
	Checkbook Ending Bal- ance		\$7,034.83		
	Uncleared Transactions		\$300.00		
	Bank Statement		\$7,334.83		







Yep. Ware ARE having fun. The party last month went on and on. Koi, trains, gardens, pond, food, friends — the list goes on.



Want to see more of the Summer Social? Go to our website and look for the tab "SOCIALS". There are over 100 small photos so that even those with dial-up can see them and celebrate all the good times!

www.atlantakoiclub.org

June Meeting Minutes



The club President David Boyd called the meeting to order. Members present were David Marier, Vicki Knill, Ron Scott, Jerry Hord, Jay Drew, Kathy Scales.

Koi & Goldfish Show

It was discussed that this years koi show was originally planned to be smaller than last year but due to the cancellation of the Koiphen show there would be an increase of entries and visitors. The Executive talked of what changes would be required to accommodate the larger number of attendees. A vendor package and exhibitor package is being constructed and should soon be available to download off the club website.

It was decided to have free admission to the show. The parking area at the show entrance would be restricted to allow flow of traffic to and from the show. Parking would be available at the parking lots of surrounding businesses which are closed weekends.

Kathy Scales is working on the show catalogue. All trophy sponsors will be listed in the show catalogue and on display at the show.

Koi Auction

Jay Drew reported the success of the auction. Ron Scott stated seller checks would soon be sent out.

The meeting closed and the membership enjoyed the summer social with lots of fine food and good friendship. Hal & Susan's yard was perfectly suited for entertaining, the view of the beautiful koi in their huge clear pond was breathtaking.



For Sale: Roll of 6 oz. felt, Pond Pad Underlayment. A must for going under pond

liner. 7.5 ft. wide by 100 ft. long (approximate, probably longer) \$150.00 If interested— call Ron Scott (770) 446-1733

If you were at the club's June social then you saw the beautiful paintings by Bobby Stickland but did you know he also paints by commission?

Pick out your favorite koi, a single fish or multiples. Bobby will visit your home, take pictures of the pond and koi and discuss the format and colors you want to match you home decor. All this for a very reasonable cost. A beautiful work of art and you picked the subjects phone: 404-403-4060.

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This bunch loves to eat, and the food was abundant at the June Social.

Yummy!



Bill & Lynn's Koi Journey

Back in 1988, Lynn worked for a commercial design/build fountain company. Their supplier, the manufacturer in Canada, wanted to expand his distribution and have a distributor for the Eastern US for his products. Coastal Fountain was



Club Calendar for 2006

July 9, 2006

Location: Bill & Lynn Dowden,

Tucker Speaker: TBD Topic: TBD



Location: Jay Drew & David Marier, Lawrenceville

Speaker: Vicki Vaughan & Carl Forss

Topic: TBD

Koi Dealer: Keirin Koi

September 10, 2006

Location: Wakoola Water Gardens, Cumming

Topic: "Show Preparation"

September 15-17, 2006

Koi Show

Coastal Pond Supply

Tucker, GA

October 8, 2006

Location: Michael & Kathy Adkins, Norcross

Speaker: TBD Topic: Club Elections

November 12, 2006

Location: TBD

Topic: Fall Social and Installation of Officers

born. After a year or so in business, someone figured out that I even sold small spray heads that could be used for a pond. Then they asked for a pump to go with it.... Then the liner..... Coastal Pond was born.

I had a 1000 gallon concrete pond in the early 80's that I had built before anyone knew anything about ponds. Bought fish and plants, which were immediately eaten, from Tricker through their catalog. Enjoyed the learning experience, even though I still didn't really know anything.

Then in 2002 we added the addition to the back of the house, and the lpe deck, and, of course, the ponds. Since we are "The Coastal Pond," we really didn't have much choice except to really do it big and right. So we did our best without going to extremes with life support equipment and filtra-

tion. We preferred to go with plants and a simple skimmer. Then, overnight, we rescued 3 large (+/- 40 lbs of) koi. So we added the ozone system as a good way to filter the pond and learn more about it at the same time. Since then we have enjoyed our pond pets - especially at feeding time. Sitting out at the pond in the evening, listening to the streams and waterfalls, is a wonderful way to unwind.

Be sure to come to the July meeting and see these beautiful ponds and fish. The waterfall is spectacular. Bill & Lynn also have a great collection of lovely water lilies to see.





Put Your Pond on the Web!

The Wizards of the web are searching for photos of mem-

bers' ponds to go on the web-site. If you have a digital camera, then, there's no problem. If you have a film camera, make a bunch of pictures and have them put on a disc when you have them developed. You can let us use the disc to download the pond pictures and put them up. Check out the ponds already there at www.atlantakoiclub.org

KOI & GOLDFISH SHOW T-SHIRTS

Yes! This year the Atlanta Koi Club will be having it's Inaugural Goldfish Show added to the venue. As a fund raiser to help raise money needed to provide this show we will be selling some very cool T-shirts. The shirts are 100% cotton of a beautiful sapphire blue and come in Medium, Large, X-Large and XX-Large.

The front of the shirt has a picture of a goldfish with the words, *Atlanta Koi Club Koi & Goldfish Show*. The back of the shirt has a picture of 2 circling koi a regular fin and long-finned.

There are 3 easy ways to buy one either; -attend a club meeting and buy one -fill out the form and mail it in with your payment and your shirt will be mailed to you -visit the club's website and order it Online, and your shirt will be mailed to you.





and cheering the workers on!

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Goldfish Show Chair	
,	Send to:

Vicki Knill 3363 Sanford Drive Marietta, GA 30066

Our annual koi show is one of our largest income generators ... but more than money, it generates good will for our club toward the greater koi community. It is so easy to sit back and "let the others do the work" — yet, it is time for each of us to step up and help our club move forward.

So often we hear "I don't know how — ". The koi show is a perfect venue for

Volunteers Needed for our 2006 Koi Show that require only the willingness to help.

If you absolutely cannot help — at least participate by coming by the show

learning more about the koi hobby. There are many jobs — most, in fact,

Here are some jobs which need volunteers: workers in the club booth (store); selling raffle tickets and having drawings; helping set up tables, chairs, tanks etc.; helping plan and host the hospitality suite; driving to the airport to pick up judges., and many more. Sign-up at the meeting.



A GREAT BIG "THANKS" TO ALL INVOLVED IN THE SURVEY

The Membership Survey data collection process has now closed. After all the work and preparation to create and administer the Survey, we are pleased to announce that 96 responses were logged. Hopefully, you were not too bothered by the stream of "reminders" that you saw in your email in-box over the last month.

Our work is not done yet. All the data still remains to be tabulated, analyzed, and reported to the executive committee. Still, we firmly believe everyone's efforts will be amply rewarded as our Club evolves in response to the membership's stated needs and desires.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those current & former Club members who have taken the time and opportunity to make their opinions known. It was a long Survey and required quite a bit of effort to complete.

We'd like to especially acknowledge Peggy Fricke and her Mom, Marilyn Carroll, for taking care of all the hardcopies and mailings, as well as Toni Anderson for her tireless work in acting as our newsletter and email "nag".

Again, much thanks to all participants in this endeavor.

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What's Scampering Through ⁸ Cyberspace?

Have you spent any time cruising through cyberspace lately? Maybe you should grab that mouse and move!

There are a bunch of koi-related bulletin boards where you might learn more about koi and koi keeping.... You should sign on ... and then, if you don't feel comfortable "talking" you can just be a "lurker". Have fun.

www.koishack.com This is a new bulletin board. There are many people on it and all levels of koi keeping skills.

www.koimag.com This is an international bulletin board with much to learn. Look for the tab for bulletin board.

www.koibito.com This bulletin board is based in Japan. Yep. You'll see folks here who also cruise the other boards.

www.koivet.com This bulletin board is locally run, but international in scope. There's a lot of info about koi care on the website. too.

I'm always getting e-mail from folks wanting to sell YOU something. I usually click the delete button on those.

Once in a while I check them out and pass along the web-site to you. This is the web-site of an artist who has a lot of koi related things together. I have not had any dealings with the artist, but I have dealt with the company who sells the stuff.

www.cafepress.com/guhl . Check it out.



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Membership

I would like to welcome Peggy Saemisch and Sherri Deloach to Atlanta Koi Club. We hope to see you soon. The next meeting will be at the

Dowden's beautiful pond. Come and join us.

Hal and I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend the June social. We enjoyed everyone and the delicious food you brought. What fun! We had 73 people attend 49 members and 24 guests. Our club membership is now 151 plus 7 Sponsors.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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are .always paid.

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The directions to the meeting were included in the announcement for the newsletter being posted. We are trying to protect our members' privacy.



Don't forget the lawn chairs!



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