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By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

“Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don’t.”

That is how writing an article for the newsletter is. One day everything flows well and there is no problem coming up with ideas on what to say. Others, there are no ideas flowing. I am having one of those days, so, I will keep my musings/ramblings to a minimum.

Thanks to Robin and Morris Smith for allowing us to visit their home and ponds. Morris was kind enough to give a brief description of his ponds and the work he has done on them so far.

Vicki Vaughn brought some Hezorea baby koi to sell at the meeting. She gave an interesting talk on how these koi were raised. There were a number of new members present to meet the older members, and to purchase stock for their ponds.

A quick reminder on a couple things:

First is the Koi Auction on June third . Please check our website for details on when the auction will be if you are interested in buying or selling koi.

Second is the club survey. If you have not done so by now, please take the time to go to the survey site and take the survey. It will help us to learn what you as members want in our club.

(Don't try this at home.....) We also discovered a new test for checking the chlorine level in your pond. We had the house pressure washed, and the gentleman who did the work was so worried about NOT getting chlorine into the pond — **he had his son taste the water coming out of the filter to check for chlorine.** Er, Uh. HmMMMMM?

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest sponsor for our club: American Pond Pro LLC — located in Marietta GA.



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**KoiPhen Koi Nationals and Pond Expo²
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Visit the website for more information www.koiphenshow.com



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Koi Across Niagara

It's seminar time, again. If you are planning to go — I hope you've made your plans.

The Niagara Frontier Koi & Pond Club has worked hard — no one here needs that part explained. It's show time.

The have a full schedule of programs and seminars, as well as luncheons and dinners for socializing. There's a pond tour, and, of course, there are many side trips for those of you who go early.

Be sure to take pictures and share them with those of us who had to stay home.

Take a look at their great website....for details and just good information:

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Book Corner

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Did you know the AKC has a library? As a matter of fact the AKC has a new librarian, too, and along with that change has come about a few changes in the process of checking out material from our library.

1. The complete library inventory is available on the club website, www.atlantakoiclub.org under the tab Club Library.
 2. The inventory lists the media type, title, author and deposit information if required.
 3. To check library material out send the title of the requested item to books@atlantakoiclub.org with Library Request in the Subject line. This will avoid the request form ending up in the spam folder.
 4. If available, the requested item will be delivered to the next club meeting. If the request can not be fulfilled you will receive an email notification.
 5. You may check the material out until the following meeting. For longer check out periods just ask.
 6. Deposits, if required, are accepted in form of a check made payable to AKC with the title in the memo area. The check will only be cashed if you fail to return the item. This saves you from having us camped out in your front yard until you return the material.
- Any member in good standing may check out material from the library.

We recently added some new titles to the library as the result of a donation from Linda Reed.

A Step-by-Step Book About Tropical Fish by Dr. C. W. Emmens

Koi – A Complete Pet Owner's Manual by George C. Blasiola II

Goldfish & Koi in Your Home by Dr. Herbert Axelrod

Your Garden Pond by K. H. Wieser and Dr. P. V. Loiselle

Water Gardens for Plants and Fish by Charles B. Thomas

If you have a favorite title that you feel should be included in our inventory for others to enjoy, please alert the librarian.

I hope you will visit the website and check to see if there is something that piques your interest.

Come One, Come All to the Koi Auction and Plant/Equipment Sale Saturday June 3rd, 2006.

Auction starts at 11am with an Overflow Sale after the Auction. It will be at Coastal Pond Supply, 2101 Tucker Industrial Road, Tucker, GA 30084

Details and registration forms can be found online at www.atlantakoiclub.org and remember, pre-registration is mandatory, so get those forms in. We are going to need several volunteers to make the auction run as smooth as possible. Set up nights are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6pm. Volunteers please arrive Saturday morning at 9am to get your assignments and to help prepare for the auction start time at 11am.

Questions? Email auction@atlantakoiclub.org.

 For information on advertising or to become a Sponsor of the Atlanta Koi Club please contact **Kathy Scales** at kcales77@bellsouth.net or call 770-605-0689



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TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The deadline for posting your COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS response to our Membership Survey is approaching fast! You should have received emails containing the link to the survey site on the internet. If for some reason you haven't, PLEASE contact Toni Anderson to get your current email address added to the distribution list.

For those who normally receive the Newsletter via U.S. Mail, you should have received a hard copy of the Survey along with a postage-paid reply envelope. If for some reason you did not, PLEASE contact Herve Rijnveld, and he will see that you get a replacement copy.

Family memberships are allowed two survey responses, so please encourage your "delinquent" partner to submit their own survey response if they haven't yet done so.

This GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY to let the Club Officers know what you think about the AKC and offer suggestions for improving our club may not be repeated anytime soon. Regardless of the length of your membership, PLEASE voice your opinions by completing the Survey.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED SURVEYS IS JUNE 15, 2006.

Greater Louisville Koi and Goldfish Society Show Update

Vicki Knill

Every Memorial Day weekend is the date of the Greater Louisville Koi & Goldfish Society Show. This was our first visit and for those who have never attended please let me recommend you put this on your "To Do List" for next year.

The show is held on the beautifully manicured property of Charles and Caroline Phelps. We were told the Phelps have graciously hosted the show for the past 6 years. Three large tents provided cover for the koi show, vendors & goldfish show, and banquet area. A small permanent building was built with restrooms, concession and to provide a storage place for the club's show equipment.

Charles and Caroline allowed visitors to view their own pond and prize winning koi. Caroline's rose garden with it's award winning tea roses is a sight to behold. Next to the large roses is a garden of miniature roses which leads to the lily pond with it's small goldfish. The shaded gazebo allows one to take in the colorful sight of the yard.

Held annually at the same location the Louisville Koi & Goldfish show has become a regular event for the public. A full-page article with color pictures about a club member's pond was featured in the newspaper just before the show acted as a reminder to the public of the event. While show exhibitors, vendors and other koi club members were allowed to park on the large expanse of lawn the general public were guided to park at a school just behind the property. Fencing and trees provided privacy from the school but a small gate was open allowing visitors access to the property.



Carl and I traveled in our RV and were able to park on site. From our vantage point we could observe the steady stream of visitors to the show. Vendors were happy to be kept busy with the crowd. At 3pm closing on Sunday the vendor tent was still full of visitors, while others walked past the show tanks, some of which by that time were empty.

For the **Atlanta Koi Club Friendship Award** we selected a Gin Rin B 20-24" Bekko owned by John Sprinkle. This female was of a beautiful size and shape. Her color was that of ice white which was even more enhanced by the sparkling

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Treasurer's Report

by Ron Scott		For	April 2006
	Beginning Check Book Balance:		\$6,884.78
Income Categories:			
2100	Club Store		\$110.00
2500	Misc.		\$67.59
	Raffles - Monthly Meetings Only	\$67.00	
	Interest on Club Checking Account (Only)	\$0.59	
2700	Membership		\$920.00
	Membership Dues	\$350.00	
	Koi USA Subscription	\$20.00	
	ZNA Membership	\$100.00	
	Vendor Sponsorship	\$450.00	
		Total Income	\$1,097.59
Expense Categories:			
500	Koi Show		\$268.83
700	Misc.		\$154.47
	Food at Club Meeting	\$150.00	
	Other Misc. - Library Items & Tenn. Aquarium Trip	\$4.47	
800	Newsletter		\$71.82
1000	Raffles		\$150.89
1200	Donations		\$18.48
		Total Expenses	\$664.49
NET			\$433.10
	Checkbook Ending Balance		\$7,317.88
	Uncleared Transactions		\$0.00
	Bank Statement		\$7,317.88

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gin rin. The black was a deep lacquer with nice size and even spacing.



Atlanta Koi Club members exhibiting at the show included David Knox who won:

Best Mature with a Showa over 24" Piedmont Koi & WG Friendship Award with a Kawarimono 16-20" Best Size 3 with a Showa and Best Sanke.

Carl and I decided to leave the koi at home and brought our very portable goldfish to exhibit. Gaye Langley also made the drive up from Atlanta with her beautiful goldfish.

Goldfish awards won were:

Gaye winning the GFSA Award with a large red & white Oranda and first place in 3 division categories. I had the pleasure of winning the MPKS Friendship Award with a Shubunkin as well as first place in 4 categories with other goldfish.



There were some excellent quality fish available from the vendor tanks. I bought a newer variety of goldfish to come out of Asia, a Goshiki Dragoneye, a very cool patterned fish.

This show is one of the most relaxing and friendly shows I've been to. I hope to make it more of an annual event and suggest ya'll check it out.



The Auction is Saturday, June 3 —

Volunteers are needed for this event. Please attend the auction and

help us have a successful event.

Contact Jay if you need info

auction@atlantakoiclub.org

The June meeting at the Brown's is a covered dish party. Please contact the hosts and let them know if you are attending, and what you are bringing