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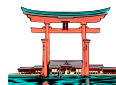


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Dedicated to Sharing the Joy of Keeping Koi

By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

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It was a cold and blustery day when the Atlanta Koi Club met at *Just Add Water* rare plant Nursery. We were happy to be able to hold the meeting indoors and to get a number of things accomplished. The membership chose "Koi Person of the year" and decided whether we should remain part of the ZNA.

Jody Karlin owner of *Just Add Water* was our speaker for the meeting. He delivered an interesting dialogue about the differences between the North and South — his wife is a Southerner and there are many mysteries about the South he still hasn't figured out. He spoke about his business installing commercial water features and aquariums. He described the different filter systems he uses. He showed us his turtle collection of which a number are endangered. Many thanks to Jody and his family for being our hosts.

Our meeting was fruitful and we finished a number of things. David Pugh gave a brief description of the *Pond Tour* and Jay Drew spoke about the *Auction* on May 19th. The Auction will be in place of our normal meeting for May. I hope to see a good number of members there, as you could be dragooned into working as a volunteer.

We also decided for the AKC not to remain as a ZNA friendship club. There are not enough interested members, so it was voted to demit our membership in ZNA. If a member wishes to join ZNA, contact Michael Anderson for information.

Congratulations to Ron Scott for being chosen our *Koi Person of the Year*. Ron has worked hard to help make our club what it is today. Many thanks for all the work you did to get our non-profit status.

A number of our members are going to be attending Southern Koi Expo the first weekend in May. This is the first show in Winston-Salem and Susan Reed needs to be congratulated for getting it off the ground. Ed and Susan worked at our show last year to "learn the ropes."

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AKC CALENDAR

May 19— Annual Auction at Coastal Ponds. No official meeting, any business will be conducted at the auction.

June 10— *Summer Social*, hosts Steve and Laura Castel in Woodstock

July 7— Hosts Mihoko Chambers & Larry Sheets, **night meeting on Saturday**

August:12— ???

September 9— ???
Show prep meeting

October 14— ???
Election of Officers

November 11: *Winter Social*, Hosts — Michael and Kathy Adkins in Cumming

To host a meeting contact
David Marier (770) 995-8984



Upcoming Koi Shows

Here's the skinny on upcoming koi shows. Be sure to mark your calendar.

May 4-6 2007 Southern Koi Expo
Winston Salem NC
www.southern-koi-expo.com

September 28-30, 2007 Koi America 2007
Carroll County Shirley Arena
Westminster, MD.

<http://www.carrollcountyagcenter.com/>



If you go on the pond tour — please take pictures of our members' ponds and share them with us. We'd love to see your views of the ponds & gardens.

WELCOME

At our April meeting we welcomed three new sponsors to the AKC family. Thank you so much for joining us in learning about koi. We hope you will enjoy being part of our club.

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Web Changes Alert !!

The following changes have been made to the club website....

The guestbook has been deleted. The guestbook was getting hundreds of spam entries each month. It took hours to remove them each month. The guestbook simply became more trouble than it is worth.

The summary report of the 2006 membership survey can now be accessed. Look at the bottom of the main page where the guestbook entry form was located. You will find a link to a PDF version of the report.

The 2007 Pond Tour page is up and running. As soon as the details are sorted out, we will post information on when/where/how to obtain tour booklets.

The 2007 Koi Show page is up and running. It will be updated with the names of vendors and award sponsors and other information as we get closer to show time.

Information and applications for the **2007 Auction** are up and running and downloadable.

Koi Auction & Plant Sale Information

This month's meeting is at Coastal Pond Supply in Tucker for our Annual Koi Auction. Saturday May 19th is the date and 11am is our start time. Not only do we auction off the koi of individual members, members sell plants and unwanted equipment too! If you want to sell your koi, goldfish, plants or equipment, please mail me a registration form. Forms can be found online along with all the details on all the auction rules on our website: www.atlantakoiclub.org.

We also need a great number of volunteers to pull off an auction so please sign up. Our volunteer chair, Peggy Fricke has our list of volunteers and is working hard to try and fill those empty slots. If she hasn't contacted you already, please volunteer by sending her an email at bpfricke@yahoo.com. Our needs range from Set up Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the auction and include working the registration desk and check-out, working the plant and equipment tables, numbering bags and transporting fish, bowling teams, and clean up. If you are not sure about how to do one job or another, we have several people that can help. Don't be afraid to sign up, we need your help. Saturday morning we will need volunteers to arrive at 8am to get the final details of the auction ready for starting on time.

Coastal Pond Supply is located at:
2101 Tucker Industrial Road, Tucker, GA 30084
And can be found on the web at:
<http://www.coastalpond.com/>

Contact the auction chairman, Jay Drew, if you have questions at
auction@atlantakoiclub.org.

Why and How We Should Quarantine

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Spring is in the air, birds are chirping, and the fishies are up. As every red blooded Koi Kichi person is contemplating, "What fish should I get next"? We have an Auction and Sale coming up very soon and there will be some keepers there for us to add to our collections.

Before you take that new Hi Utsuri home we need to talk about the **Big Q**. That's right **Quarantine**. Quarantine is the best known method to reduce disease introductions. You gotta do it. There are several reasons to quarantine "ALL" new fish. Here are a few for consideration:

- The new fish "WILL BE STRESSED" and very susceptible to disease and parasite attack.
- Second, you do not want to subject your collection to and outbreak of any kind that the new guy may bring to your pond.
- Third, even though your pond is very clean of what you think are all those bugs you don't have, the new little fishie has not been subjected to what ever you have living there. On top of the stress of the auction, the ride home in a plastic critter receptacle, the new surroundings, and if you just float the bag and drop it in, utsuri will not be given the best chance for survival. We want the best chance to survive.

What is a Quarantine Tank?

Ideally, you want a tiny little version of your pond. You will need to have a pump, filtration, aeration, a net to cover the tank, a small aquarium heater, and do not forget to conduct water changes often, along with religious daily testing. Things you utilize for you Q tank "SHOULD NOT BE USED" in your regular pond. (Cross Contamination and stuff). What size tank you say. That depends on how many fish you buy at the auction and how big they are. In a pinch, a 50 gallon garbage can will do (cleaned and disinfected of course). Most feed and seed stores here in the south sell Rubbermaid 100 gal feed tanks fairly cheap (\$73). Larger containers of course are better depending on the size of your new fish. You can even put small fish into a 30 to 40 gallon aquarium. What ever works. The Important thing is that you have near-perfect H2O conditions all the time.

What Kind of Filtration?

The filtration need not be sophisticated. Small filters can be obtained from most pond supply dealers. It should have a mechanical section to filter solids, and a biological section to clear ammonia, and convert nitrites and nitrates. The tricky and time consuming part is to have a cycled filter before your fish get home. Think about adding some filter medium from your existing pond. Many hobbyists run their Q tank all the time to keep the filter cycled just in case they just can not live with out that sanke in the window.

Adding a pond fish to the Q Tank.

It has been proven that a good practice is to place one or two small koi from your pond into your Q tank to help cycle the filter and to introduce your pond conditions to the new fish. Use one that you would not mind losing just in case.

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How Do I Treat The New Fish?

Once you get home with your new additions, again do not get into a big hurry. Don't start throwing a lot of chemicals on top of you're very stressed out, new and expensive fish. When you get the fish home, float the bag for at least 30 to 45 minutes before you add to the tank. Do not dump the bag contents of ammonia, poop laden water into your pristine Q tank. Have a cover for the tank to protect from jumpers and you may even want to float a large piece of Styrofoam to give a hiding place for the fish. (It makes them feel warm and cozy)

LET THEM REST for a few days. Observation of the new arrivals is a very good practice. The tank should start out with a very light salt load if any. May be less than .1% and then over the next week or so push the salt up to .3%. If you plan to treat with Proform C, salt will need to be zero. Please don't dump the salt into the tank and risk burning your fish. If rock salt touches their skin it will burn. Dissolve the salt in a bucket and distribute around the tank very S-L-O-W-L-E-Y. Do not feed for the first two to three days. When a fish is under stress they will expel the food not utilize the food for nutrition. Let the fish adjust first, they won't starve.

If you do not have a microscope to check for parasites and treat specifically, we must assume they have everything. Doc Johnson has a "Shotgun Treatment" that he recommends that won't hurt the fish. This is his recommendation slightly modified.

- Temperature should be 72 to 78 degrees in quarantine. Warm the fish no faster than one degree per hour, up to the mid seventies, or if you want to combat Koi Herpes Virus, use the same "one degree per hour" heating from their ambient temperature up to 86°F for four days with seven days being better. Heating your fish to 86 degrees will also kill Ich and ends bacteria overgrowth. Make sure you have plenty of O2 in warmer water.
- PH must be buffered. Small Q tanks are subject to PH crash. (Check Daily along with ammonia.)
- After two to three days and if you wish to treat with the broad spectrum Proform C, treat per instructions. 24 hours after the last Proform treatment then treat with salt.
- Salt to 0.3 to 0.6% over a period of several days.
- Feed Romet or Medikoi food. It will help control bacterial infections.
- The Q tank can be treated with Dimilin, even with salt, to handily control comparatively rare but large parasites like Anchor Worms and Fish Lice
- Prizi or Prazi containing medications control of Flukes on Koi. A Formalin treatment *on the way* into the quarantine where the above will be applied will break the lifecycle of Costia and prevent it emerging in the quarantine tank.
- Small and numerous Water Changes are a definite requirement. 10 to 15% every other day maybe. (Don't forget to replace the % salt after the water change)

Finally, Quarantine should last for at least 14 to 21 day after you complete treatments, so long as with water changes the water quality can be properly supported. Watch your fish for signs of stress or disease during the process.

Quarantine is an essential part of our hobby. Enjoy!



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The planning for the pond tour is complete. We will have a total of 16 ponds on the tour, including the VIP Social. Descriptions of the ponds are on the website. Booklets will be available at through PayPal, at four Pikes locations and Atlanta Water Garden's early next month. If you are anxious and don't want to wait to get your reservations in you can always send your check to:

David Pugh
AKC Pond Tour
814 Fern Street
Marietta, GA 30067

The tour dates are June 2 & 3 and June 16 & 17 from 9am to 5pm each day. The VIP Social is on June 2 from 7pm to 10 pm.

Tickets are priced at \$25 per vehicle which includes admittance to both tour weekends and \$10 per person for the VIP Social. There will be only 40 tickets available for the VIP Social.

We will continue to update the website as details become available. We want to thank the tour hosts and look forward to a successful and entertaining tour. Tour hosts should plan to pick up Atlanta Koi Club signs at the Koi Auction.

Put Your Pond on the Web!



The Wizards of the web are searching for photos of members' 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.

Pond Tour is in June. When you travel to members' ponds — take photos. Share them with the club. Let us put them on the web-site.

Check out the ponds already there at www.atlantakoiclub.org



A Quick Peek at Prep for SKE

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These two photos are a part of a whole bunch of pictures found at www.koishack.com "Koi Chat"...SKE.



The first picture is of AKC members Susan & Ed Reed who are the movers and shakers of SKE.

The second picture is of members Bart & Kathy Atkinson and other koi kichi packing in the good food at

the show. Good Luck!

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Treasurer's Report

Ron Scott

Executive Meeting Minutes

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April 15, 2007

Members present were: David Boyd, David Marier, Ron Scott and Peggy Fricke.

Old Business:

David Boyd reminded that all soft shell tanks must be ordered and paid for by April 15th, 2007

Susan Reed from the SKE contacted Herve and would like to purchase some of the tanks on credit. After consideration the board voted that all tanks must be paid for in cash. A vote was taken. Ron Scott moved and David Marier seconded.

The Executive committee voted to keep six eight foot tanks. A vote was taken. David Boyd moved and Ron Scott seconded.

The Executive committee voted to form a committee to research in depth the Koi rescue project. Peggy Fricke moved and Davis Boyd seconded. When complete the findings will be presented to the club for a vote.

Fourteen hard shell tanks will be purchased for the Koi Auction now and the balance of the tanks will be purchased before our Koi Show.

The Executive committee will remind that membership that Susan Brown has the Atlanta Koi Club decals for all members and sponsors.

The Executive committee will conduct a vote with the club membership for Koi Person he Year.

New Business:

Michael Anderson brought to the Exec committee that our ZNA friendship status is in jeopardy. We must have 10 members that belong to ZNA and we only have 3 at this time. After decision the executive committee voted to respectively withdraw from ZNA. A vote was taken. David Marier moved and David Boyd seconded.

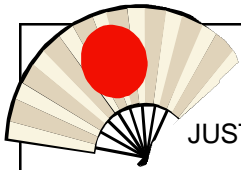
A suggestion was made that the club have a booth at Japanfest. After discussion it was decided by the board that the club would research the cost and requirements and bring it to the membership for next year's show.

Peggy Fricke

		For: March 2007	
	Beginning balance:		\$3,017.66
Income Categories:			
2100	Club Store		\$827.00
	Blue Tanks	\$800.00	
	Bags of Romet at March meeting	\$27.00	
2300	Koi Show		\$100.00
2500	Misc.		\$0.20
	PayPal	\$0.20	
2700	Membership		\$440.00
	Membership Dues	\$190.00	
	ZNA Membership	\$100.00	
	Vendor Sponsorship	\$150.00	
		Total In-	come
			\$1,367.20
Expense Categories:			
200	Club Store		\$283.57
	2007 Trailer Registration	\$69.56	
	Romet sold at March meeting	\$214.01	
700	Misc.		\$180.00
	State of Georgia Incorporation Charges - annual renewal	\$30.00	
	Food at Club Meeting	\$150.00	
1300	Membership		\$801.98
	Producing Name Badges	\$381.19	
	Member Decals	\$399.61	
	Misc. - Literature Holders	\$21.18	
1400	Bank Charges		\$79.83
	Misc. Ink Cartridges & updated Quicken	\$79.83	
		Total Expenses	\$1,345.38
NET			\$21.82
	Checkbook Ending Balance		\$3,039.48
	Uncleared Transactions		\$0.00
	Bank Statement		\$3,039.48

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April 15th Meeting Minutes

Peggy Fricke

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Atlanta Koi Club Regular Monthly Meeting
JUST ADD WATER Rare plant Nursery 3062 E. Hightower Trail

Conyers, GA

Executive members present were: David Boyd, David Marier, Ron Scott and Peggy Fricke.

Club President David Boyd called the meeting to order and announced that a committee will be formed to research in depth the Koi rescue project. The members of the committee will be David Boyd, Smokey Sullins, Michael Anderson, Herve Rijineveld and Bill Dowden. A vote was taken. David Marier motioned and David Boyd seconded. When complete the findings will be presented to the club for a vote.

David reminded the membership that all soft shell tanks must be ordered and paid for by April 15th, 2007. The tanks will be available for pick up the weekend of the Koi auction. The club will keep six soft shell eight foot tanks. The committee was also approached to see if any of the tanks could be purchased on credit. The Executive board voted that all tanks must be purchased and paid for at the time the tanks are received.

It was brought to the attention of the executive committee that our ZNA friendship status is in jeopardy. The club must have 10 members that belong to ZNA to keep our "Friendship Status" and we only have 3 members that belong at this time. After discussion on the matter the club voted to notify ZNA that we will be respectively withdrawing for the time being. Members are encouraged to still be involved with ZNA if they are interested in the organization. Michael Anderson will notify ZNA. The vote was taken. Peggy Fricke motioned and Bill Dowden seconded.

A suggestion was brought to the Executive Committee that the club should have a booth at Japanfest this year. After discussion it was voted on that the club would research the cost and requirements and bring the findings to the club for exhibiting at the next years Japanfest.

Jay Drew, Koi Auction Chairperson reminded that Koi auction will be on May 19th. All registration forms must be in as soon as possible. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE AUCTION!! The Fricke's have the sign-up sheet and a list of job that we will need help with. They will be calling for assistance.

"Koi Person of the Year" was selected. The nominees were Ron Scott, David Boyd and David Pugh, Bill Dowden and Hal and Susan Brown. Congratulations to RON SCOTT. Ron has tirelessly helped with everything from the clubs finances to Koi shows. And a special thanks to our other nominees. They all have put in many hours of work and assistance to the club and its members.

Harvey Siskin, Chair of the mentorship program encouraged members to join and help with the Koi Mentorship. This program would pair up experienced club members with new club members to help guide them in the joys of Koi keeping. Bill Dowden offered the use of Coastal Pond for any classes the program will like to hold. THANKS BILL!

Susan Brown, Membership Chairperson welcomed new members Page Southerland & Gabe Weaver; Jim Compton; Gloria Jones; and Paul Arguin. Three new sponsors were also welcomed: Terrier Excavation; The Pond Professionals, and KOL Koi.

The meeting concluded and the membership enjoyed great refreshments and an enlightening discussion on pond water filtration and a tour of the beautiful gardens, compliments of Jody and Kim Karlin.



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Membership

Susan Brown

Please join me in welcoming Jim Compton, Gloria Jones, and Paul Arguin as new members of AKC. We are so glad you decided to join us. I would also like to welcome The Pond Professional as a new Sponsor and welcome back KOL Koi as a Sponsor. Thank you for your support. Check out their ads in this newsletter and our web site.

We now have 121 members and 9 Sponsors. The attendance for the April meeting was 34 members and 7 guests. If you were unable to attend and you love rare plants, you might want to check out Just Add Water. Our hosts were fabulous and Jody gave a very informative and hilarious presentation. More decals were handed out to appropriate members.

If you haven't received your decal and want one, look for me at the Auction. Hope to see you there.

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. _____

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Names: _____ & _____
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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.

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May 19th Meeting is our AUCTION!

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AUCTION BEGINS AT 11:00



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Will our auction be a big success?

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