



Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer's Report - Checking

			For: April 2007
	Beginning balance:		\$3,039.48
Income Categories:			
2300	Koi Show		\$600.00
2500	Misc.		\$103.00
	Raffles - Monthly Meetings Only (March & April)	\$103.00	
2600	Pond Tour		\$65.00
2700	Membership		\$625.00
	Member Badges	\$15.00	
	Membership Dues	\$160.00	
	Vendor Sponsorship	\$450.00	
		Total Income	\$1,393.00
Expense Categories:			
		Total Expenses	\$0.00
NET			\$1,393.00
	Checkbook Ending Balance		\$4,432.48
	Uncleared Transactions		\$0.00
	Bank Statement		\$4,432.48



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How Do Fish Get Sick



Here's a great picture I found on the net. It's called a Venn diagram and it is used to explain the inter-relationships between groups.

Look real closely at the little red



star in the middle. That represents a **disease**. Notice **disease only occurs** in that little bitty area **where all three of the circles overlap**. The **bug** doesn't make the fish ill. **Not by itself**. **Poor water quality** doesn't make the fish ill. **Not by itself**. A **husbandry issue** (like overcrowding) doesn't make the fish ill. **Not by itself**.

All three must get together and join forces to have enough power to make the fish ill.

Now look at the three spokes in the form of an inverted Y around the star -- **stress**. Look closely and you'll see that each occur when two of the three circles -- the contributing factors -- cross. So, either a bug combined with poor husbandry; poor husbandry joining with poor water quality or, poor water quality joined by a bug will act as a stressor. Everything else (which is the majority of the picture) represents the Koi's normal Shangri-La.

Let's think about this. It's the key to showing us what to do to help our Koi cure itself. You heard me right. Despite what we **want** to believe, **you and I don't cure our Koi; our Koi cure themselves**.

Your Job

Well, Mother Nature had everything balanced -- the bugs were happy, the water was cool and the fish were playing a game of tag. Then you came along and crowded Kois and a whole bunch of its brothers and sisters, and neighbors yet, into a closed environment then got busy with life and let things go amuck. The crowding stressed; the poop built up and your water quality tanked; and, the bugs said "thank you very much" and went digging for their noon meal.

Look back at the diagram. Two thirds of the things that need to combine to cause illness are under your direct control -- water quality and husbandry.

Benign Neglect

Really. Our only jobs are to feed, house and change their linen every so often. Here's the deal Ma Nature made with us. 'You provide a pristine environment and your Koi will provide you with hour after hour of relaxation and pure enjoyment.' Now we can't do anything that will harm

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the fish (like overcrowding them) and we have to do our jobs; but **we need to spend way more time just sitting by the pond enjoying our hobby for Pete's sake.**

The problem begins when we worry more about our comfort zone than what is in the Koi's best interest. It's when we read about the latest, greatest new chemical, take off to KoiMart and dump it in the pond that our battle with Ma Nature begins. And it's not nice to mess with Mother Nature. (Think biblical like in locust, plague... you get the idea).

Wound and Ulcer Management

The operative phrase is **pristine environment**. Look back at the diagram. Two of the three contributors of illness are under your control, right? It seems to follow then, that for our Koi to get sick, **we "am" the major contributor to the illness**. So: fix the problem. Clean out the poop, move a few families to the suburbs and you've given Koisan a big boost in fighting those bugs. **Get out of the way and let him / her cure itself.**

That wasn't too hard. But you're not sold? You want one of my magic pills right? You don't have time to do all that? Well. You just created a bunch more work for yourselves.

- Add salt at 0.1 % (1 pound or 1 ¼ cups per 100 gals) each day for 3 days. Maintain this level by adding salt for the amount of water you change each week at rate of 0.3 % (3 pounds or 3 ¾ cups per 100 gals).
- Call one of the KHAs and get them to come by and **see if you need to clean the wound /ulcer**, and then show you how to do that. They'll badger you into promising NEVER to clean the wound unless you are **ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY SURE** that it's infected.

If it requires cleaning, it requires a topical antibiotic. You have what you need in the EM kit you put together in April – Provodone Iodine 10 %. Dry the lesion, swab the inside of the freshly cleaned wound / ulcer and about 1/8 " around the lesion, no more than that or you'll be damaging healthy tissue. While the Iodine is still wet, liberally sprinkle on denture powder. Wait 15-30 seconds and blow off excess. (Left the powder off the list).

If you feel like you have to clean and treat the wound / ulcer a second time, don't. At this point re-treatment is problematic and definitely an art, so call one of the KHA's before destroying what you just accomplished.

What else? Nada... nothing... **Your job. Keep a pristine environment and your Koi will heal itself.** Healing generally occurs in 3-6 weeks. Well I've ranted interminably in this article. Maybe Joe can jump in next time and explain what to do when you slipped and your water is less than pristine.



'Til next time. Koisan Harold





Membership

Susan Brown

Please join me in welcoming Candace and Earl Hider; Bryan Houlette and Jon Worthington; Ray Louis and Charles Hankinson; and Chris Williams. I really enjoyed meeting you at the Auction and hope to see you at the next meeting. We are so glad you decided to join us.

AKC's current membership is 128 members and 9 Sponsors. We had a good turnout for the Auction which started on time and we had great volunteers from our membership. Things moved extremely smoothly and all fish were sold and clean up finished at a reasonable time. I especially want to thank Pat Gianelloni and Marilyn Carroll who helped me out at the Membership Table.

Don't forget the VIP party will be held at our house and we would love to see you there. Details are in this newsletter and on our web site. If you are interested, notify David Pugh.

If any of our members haven't received a decal and want one, look for me at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

"Dedicated to Sharing the Joy of Keeping Koi"

www.AtlantaKoiClub.org



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. _____

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.

Summer Social at the home of Steve and Laura Castel

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Sunday, June 10, 2007

Officers meet at 1.

Social begins at 2.

In order to protect our members' privacy, you will find the directions and phone number for this meeting in the letter announcement for Koi Chronicles being put up on the web.

Thanks.

See you there!



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