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Koi weren't the only ones gobbling food at the August meeting!!! FOOD FIGHT!!

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By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

The August meeting was held at Hal and Susan Brown's home, and as usual, they did a wonderful job of hosting our club. It was great seeing the number of people who showed up for the meeting. We had many new faces there as well as our regular members. I made a point of talking to as many as possible. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening for everyone. When I stopped by the next day with my family to show them Hal and Susan's pond, the Brown's were taking it easy after a hectic couple days getting things ready for the meeting..

In another month, the Atlanta Koi Show will be taking place and the planning has been finalized. I want to let people know they need to begin reserving their tanks because they are going fast. I am looking forward to what I hope will be one of our best shows yet.

At our September meeting, one of our points of business will be the nomination of candidates for the offices of President, Secretary and Property Manager. Hal Brown has already begun getting his nomination committee together and will present us with a list for our elections in October.

One final note, when testing your ponds be sure to take a control sample of your tap water and test it was well. The pH levels have been jumping around and not staying stable... check the pond pH regularly and adjust the water as needed.

I'd also like to welcome our newest sponsor:



Pond Depot is our newest sponsor. They have sent goodies which have been part of our raffles. Thanks! Note the 10% off code at the bottom of the card!

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AKC CALENDAR

I encourage all members to attend our monthly meetings and also consider hosting a regular meeting or one of the two socials. The currently planned meetings and events are:

September 14: David Boyd & David Pugh are on site hosts... Koi Show Planning and Set-up @ Coastal Ponds

October 12: Ev Garrin — Election of Officers

November 9: Winter social, Bart & Kathy Adkins are hosting the social. See article on page 10 for details.

If you want to host a meeting in 2009, Please contact me (vp@atlantakoiclub.org or 678-297-7926)



Vicki Vaughan talked about getting your fish ready for a show and how to quarantine when you bring them home. She also talked about the ease of netting fish if you first use a seine net.



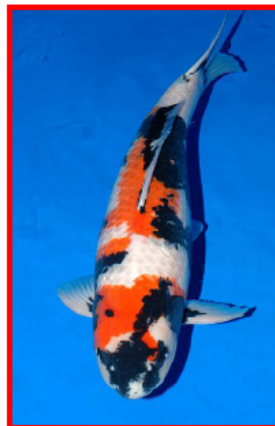
Have you seen the new pages on our Web-site?

Our KHA's are adding all kinds of great koi keeping info articles for reference on our site.

www.atlantakoiclub.org/KHAinformation

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Annual Koi and Goldfish Show September 19-21 2008



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The 2008 Koi and Goldfish Show Cometh....

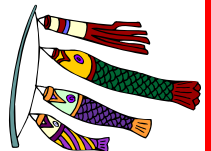


In September the 14th Annual Koi Show will be held and become a part of history. For the third year we will have a goldfish competition as well. There has been a great deal of behind the scenes work to make this event a reality. Now it is up to the members of the Atlanta Koi Club to put forth the final push to make this show a success. Consider sponsoring an award, volunteering to work the show, or at the very least attending the show, banquet, Vendor Appreciation Party, or all three. This year we will have a special drawing on Sunday for a door prize so get your entry when you arrive at the show on Saturday or Sunday.

The September meeting will be held on September 14th at Coastal Pond to allow us an afternoon to get most of the show setup done. This entails rinsing tanks and aquariums and general cleanup of the warehouse. Pizza, hot dogs, and liquid refreshments will be provided. We hope to see a large turnout.

On Friday, September 19th from 7pm until 10pm is the Vendor Appreciation Party at Coastal Ponds. This is your chance to meet the judges in an informal setting and to browse the vendor booths before the show opens the next morning. If you purchase a fish during the event, you may enter that fish in the show for a \$5 per fish fee. We will have community tanks set up for each vendor. This is your opportunity to participate in the show without all the work involved in netting and transporting your own fish. Food and drink will be provided. This has proven to be a really fun evening.

Saturday the show officially opens to the public at 9 am. Some of us will be there at 7 am to get the details finalized. Volunteers should be sure to stop by the club store to check in and to get your Volunteer's Choice Ballot. Judging begins at 10 am. All of the show information follows:



Location

Coastal Pond Supply
2101 Tucker Industrial Road
Tucker, Ga 30083
800-782-6179

Show Hours

9/20 – Saturday 9 am-5pm
9/21 – Sunday 9 am-2 pm (10a-Noon Judges Discuss Koi)

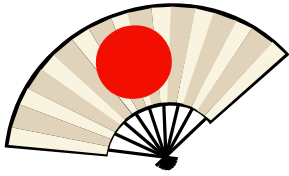
Banquet

9/20 – Saturday
6:30 pm Cash Bar
7:00 pm Appetizers
7:30 pm Dinner and Awards Presentation



Our Awards Banquet will be held at the Tucker Elk's Lodge on Saturday night (9/20/08). This banquet is our way of thanking attendees and honoring the winners. We welcome all club members to support the club and our show by attending this banquet. Banquet tickets will be available at the club store for last minute purchases. The cost is \$35 per ticket for a great buffet style meal catered by Ray's Brick Oven & Grill.

On Sunday things will wind down as folks begin to pack up and head home. The show will be but a memory. At 10 am, all are invited to attend the judge *walk about* where the judges move from show tank to show discussing the various koi. This is the chance for owners to have their fish critiqued and for others to learn what is good or bad about a fish.



Atlanta Koi Club Regular Monthly Meeting

Hal & Susan Brown
191 Kings Row
Marietta, GA

August 9th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Executive members present were: David Boyd, Michael Anderson, Steve Castel and Peggy Fricke.

Club President David Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed the club members to Hal and Susan's beautiful back yard and pond.

David thanked all involved in the project to rebuild the pond at Scottish Rite Hospital. Gloria Jones from Pond Professionals showed the club slides of the pond rebuild. The new pond grand opening should be in late fall.

The Koi and Goldfish Show is just around the corner and planning is going well. The show will be held on September 19th, 20th and 21st, at Coastal Pond Supply. THANKS AGAIN to Bill and Lynn Dowden!!

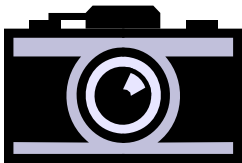
Our next meeting will be at Coastal on September 14th at 2:00 pm to help set-up for the show. The Hotel arrangements have been made for the Courtyard Atlanta Northlake on La Vista Road. The banquet will be held at the Elk's Club. Harvey Siskin our Advertising Chair is working on articles about the Koi Show.

Bill Fricke will be calling everyone to VOLUNTEER! Please call Bill if you are interested in helping. Our club is strong because everyone in the club is ready to help!

David then turned the meeting over to Vicki Vaughan who gave a very informative discussion on how to prepare your fish when you are ready to move them for the show.

The club was then treated to a great feast and good company with the Brown's in their beautiful back yard. , *kado*

THANK YOU Hal and Susan!



Most August Meeting photos are by Joe Hatfield.

Thanks, Joe.



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Banquet Menu (For more details about each dish, check the August newsletter...p. 11)

Appetizer Station

Eggplant Bruschetta, and Spinach Pie,

Salad Station.

Asian salad or Greek Salad with Garlic Bread Knots.



Entree Selection.

Pasta Primavera, Lasagna, Lemon Chicken Piccata or Shrimp and Grits.

Dessert Option

New York Style Cheesecake with a side of fruit topping, 5 layer chocolate cake, or a fresh made fruit dessert,

Beverages Regular and Decaf Coffee Un-sweet and Sweet Tea

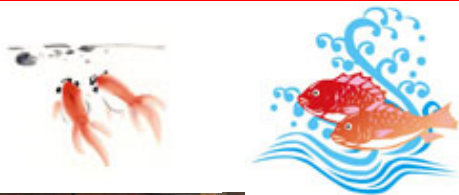
The Elk's Club CASH bar will be available to all banquet attendees beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Appetizers will begin being served at 7:00 P.M. and Dinner will be served at 7:30 P.M.

Tickets for the banquet and awards ceremony are \$35 per person. Please support our show and awards banquet by attending.



We will have an auction of several koi/goldfish related items at the banquet.





A message from Harosan...

There are two parts to the KHA program: **Certified KHAs** and **Professionals** who take the KHA course. The Professionals derive their livelihoods from work related to Koi or Koi ponds; Certified KHAs are explicitly NOT allowed to earn money from Koi or Koi ponds. The reason being that the law in most states says that 'an individual can provide emergency medical assistance to another's pet... if requested... and if that help is rendered free'. Since the AKCA self-funds against liability to itself or Certified KHAs, it feels that the rule must be strictly applied, otherwise, KHAs do and the AKCA supports practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

I understand why the program feels it must include "any" money in that rule, but that very rule does not allow me to write books, perform research or host seminars, as I would expect to be paid for doing that.

So, effective August 15, my status was changed from Certified KHA to Professional so that I could avail myself of those privileges. I've really enjoyed my time as the club's Certified, then Master KHA. I now look forward to writing books and sharing my love and knowledge of Koi and Koi Health in seminars.

So, the long and short of it is... there's nothing sinister here and no big secret... I disagreed with a rule, but I've honored that rule. I will continue with my mini-lab, research and writing and I'll be around. I'll 'march to a different drummer', but I will still be Harosan, the KoiEMS guy...



Thanks for the read...

Harold Biggio

Need Bags?

Transport bags in several sizes will be available for sale at the next meeting at Coastal. We buy them in bulk so you get the best prices. Remember to double bag koi for transport. Buy extra ones so you don't have to risk an accident by re-using bags.



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Beginning Balance: **\$10,162.91**

Income Categories:

Total Income **\$185.00**

Expense Categories:

Total Expense **\$2,619.42**

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(\$2,434.42)

Cleared Balance	\$7,728.49
Uncleared Transactions	-\$1,027.31
Uncleared Deposits	\$2,220.00
Register Ending Balance	\$8,921.18

Savings

Beginning Balance: **\$ 12,356.94**

Income Categories:

Total Income \$ **2.62**

Expense Categories:

Total Expense \$ **-**

Savings Ending Balance	\$12,359.56
Uncleared Transactions	\$ -
Register Ending Balance	\$12,359.56

Certificate Of Deposit

Beginning Balance: **\$ 8,000.00**

Register Ending Balance **\$ 8,000.00**

Total Assets:

\$29,280.74



Party Time at the Brown's pond.

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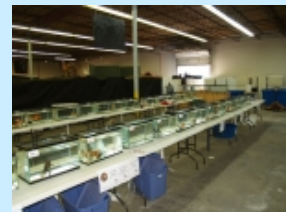
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**SHOW
 WHAT'S
 HAPPENING**




**On Sunday,
 September 14, 2008**
 — AKC will convene at
 Coastal Ponds for our September meeting.



At this meeting we will do the preliminary set-up for the koi & goldfish show that will be held on September 19-21. There are jobs for every skill level. We need everyone's help!

**Last chance to get
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Lunch will be served.




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August in **Hotlanta** can be oppressive. One way to escape the heat is to head north to Darien IN, just southwest of Chicago to the MPKS Koi & Goldfish Show. If you choose to fly, the airport of choice is Midway. Aug 22-24 the Midwest Pond & Koi Society hold their show in the Darien Sportsplex where the temperatures are cool and comfortable. It had been 2 years since my last visit to this big show so I was thrilled and honored when they asked me judge their goldfish show. Gaye Jones was also planning to attend the show so Carl and I accepted her invitation to car pool. Gaye recently traded in her Mercedes for a Yukon XL with more room for fish. Gaye decided to buy goldfish at the show to exhibit rather than take hers for the trip up and back. This is always an option one can utilize when attending a large show.

The great thing about the MPKS Show is the close proximity of Chicago. One could enjoy the sights of Chicago in the days prior to the show, buy some fish from the vendors to exhibit then, bring home their souvenirs, fish and trophies from a great holiday.

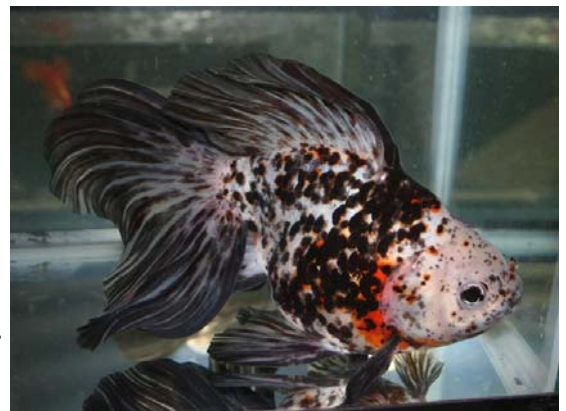
Hotels within a mile or two from the show are Holiday Inn, and La Quita. The official show hotel, La Club with the reasonable rates of \$89.00 a night was about 6 or 7 miles from the show site but just across the street of the banquet location. La Club had a very nice complimentary breakfast buffet and happy hour.

Koi Show Chairmen were Bryan Bateman and Kevin Karstens, two very friendly and knowledgeable fellows. Koi judges were, Head Koi Judge Dr. Virgil Hettick, Ph.D. a certified ZNA judge from California. Assisting was Pam Spindola also from California and Henry Culpepper from Florida as Candidate Judge. Ironically years ago Virgil and Marilyn Hettick were the proud owners of a Standard Schnauzer who was a relative of my new puppy.



These judges had the job of assessing over 160 koi before awarding top MPKS 08 Friendship Award Koi honors of Grand Champion to a size 7 Kohaku owned by Lee & Sheila Aronfeld. Reserve GC went to a size 7 Showa owned by Kevin & Sheila Karstens. Grand Champion B was given to a size 7 Koromo owned by Bryan & Bay Batman. Gaye and I chose a promising size 2 gin rin Showa for the AKC Friendship Award. This young koi was proudly owned by Bob and Ann Passovoy. The Passovoy's daughter Robin made the coveted best in variety awards. The beautifully made melted glass works of art depicting each variety were breathtaking.

I knew I would have my work cut out for me judging goldfish at this show because the Chicago area is home to some big time goldfish aficionados. With an entry of 101 goldfish perhaps it might have made for a good movie. The quality of fish entered was phenomenal and I had to make some difficult decisions but Grand Champion went to a Mature blue Oranda owned by Bay Bateman. This Oranda was mesmerizing with its iridescent scales and billowing fins. Reserve



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Grand Champion went to a very powerful active Mature Charcoal Ranchu owned by Paul Korf. A stunning young short fin Ryukin was awarded Baby Grand Champion for owner Bay Bateman. Reserve Baby GC went to a black and white Bubble-eye owned by Carol Loeppert. Carol later told me she bought the little bubble eye for the aquarium in a retirement home she helps at and had borrowed it to enter in the show. The residents will be so pleased with the trophy and rosette their little goldfish won. Gaye picked out Carol's enormous calico broad fin Ryukin to receive the AKC Friendship Award.

Carl, Gaye and I all had such a great time with a wonderful bunch of people and can't wait to do it again but the highlight of my weekend was when I got to have my picture taken with Henry Culpepper at the infamous Koi Shack! *WooHoo!*



Special Show Seminars

We have two seminars scheduled during the koi show.

1. **Developing a Judge's Eye** Try your hand at judging – participants will judge three fish of the same variety and get to compare their choices to an AKCA judge's choices. This seminar will be limited to 10 persons and will repeated once. Fish will most likely be available for purchase after judging.

2. **DIY – Build a Moving Bed Filter** – participate in an instructional exercise of building a 55 gallon moving bed filter. The filter can be used for a quarantine filter or part of a bigger system. The filter will include a new air pump and new K1 media as well as the tank and diffuser system. The filter will be sold during a silent auction.

Winter

Social

Club members Bart and Kathy Adkins have invited us down to Macon to their home for the winter social. The date is 9 November 2008. They'll furnish the main course and we'll bring the other trimmings...

The club will rent a commercial bus so we can travel together. This way, we will be able to have fun on the trip and leave the driving to someone else. We can each contribute to the cost... with the club picking up the remainder of the cost. Of course if you want to drive... we'll give you directions.



The Adkins have a spectacular pond and garden to share. They also have a lovely new home where we can take refuge if the weather is non-compliant.

Mark your calendars. This is a really special treat.



Membership

Susan Brown 11

Please join me welcoming the following new members to AKC: Mary Wyatt, Carolyn Swanson, Michael Martin and Dan Cameron. We are delighted you decided to join us. Also, we would like to welcome a new sponsor Pond Depot.com. Jeff Krenner has been kind enough to send some nice items for our raffle the last few meetings. Check out his web site.

Hal and I really enjoyed seeing everyone on Aug. 9th at our pond for the meeting. Our only disappointment was not being able to visit with everyone longer. We had a total of 73 attend, 54 members and 19 guests. We now have 171 members and 6 sponsors.

Looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting.



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 *Name Badges: \$5 each. _____

Names: _____ & _____
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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.

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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.

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Directions to Coastal: KOI & GOLDFISH SHOW WORK DAY SET-UP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008 — EVERYBODY AT 1:00 P.M.

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From Norcross, Lilburn, Lawrenceville: Find Jimmy Carter Blvd and take it South (It changes its name to Mountain Industrial Boulevard at highway 29 by Home Depot), cross over the railroad bridge and go past Sears warehouse (on the left) and turn right onto Hugh Howell Rd. Take the first left, at Bruster's Ice Cream = Tucker Industrial Road. We are ½ block on the left, four buildings behind Bruster's.

From Stone Mountain, Snellville, Athens: Take 78 West past Stone Mountain Park and exit at, and turn right onto, Mountain Industrial Boulevard. Go +/- 2 blocks and turn left just after SAM'S CLUB on your left. Go one short block, turn right, we are ½ block up Tucker Industrial Road on your right.

From Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport:

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