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By the Pond



Mike Roach, President AKC

Wow...the heat is upon us. As I am writing to you, the date is June 20th, just one day before the Summer Solstice and the official beginning of summer for 2009. Call me crazy but I thought summer was already here, with the high temperature today reaching 95°, so you have to wonder what the summer has in store for us this year. Take cover everyone and stay cool!

I want to say a special thanks to Michael and Phyllis Loudermilk for hosting this year's summer social. Your home and ponds are absolutely beautiful! The theme was Italian, and with all the food there, it was really a feast. I personally enjoyed all the great conversation! The evening also allowed us to say a personal thank you to those involved with this year's Pond Tour...first Gloria and Dave Jones who organized it all, along with all the Pond Owners and Sponsors who so graciously shared their ponds with those taking the tour. Thank you!

This year's social also served as a great opportunity to celebrate the Atlanta Koi Club's 20th Anniversary! I believe this club has a lot to be proud of. Although I'm somewhat of a newbie in the club, the club itself has seen many great successes over the years having hosted many great events, including auctions, shows, tours, and even the AKCA Seminar in 2003. But, the strength of the club lies at its core, you, the members and sponsors of the AKC. The successes would not be there without you.

As we celebrate this great landmark, I wish to extend a special thanks to each of our sponsors and the contributions they have made to help make the AKC a successful club. For one such sponsor, the contributions have been MANY! Coastal Pond Supply has gone far beyond the traditional sponsorship having provided facilities for both storage and events, not to mention the utilities that go hand in hand with the events. I'm not sure that we can all grasp what that means for us, but it has meant quite a large savings for the club. This would not have been possible without Coastal Pond Supply and their owners (and also club members) Bill and Lynn Dowden. Thank you!

Lastly, I encourage your patronage of all our sponsors. Their success is also our success.

Have a great summer everyone. Thank you for all that you do, and please take care!

Mike



Getting Koi Attention!



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AKC CALENDAR

If you would be willing to host the
November Social, please contact
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678-297-7926

Michael

The currently planned meetings and
events are:


July 12, 2009 Chuck & Heddy Hamann

August 9, 2009 Harm & Ev Garrin

September 13, 2009 Work day for Koi
Show @ **Coastal Ponds**

Hosts: David Boyd & David Pugh

October 11, 2009 Elections Doug &
Nancy Tatz

 **November 8, 2009** Winter So-
cial . We need a host with inside enter-
taining space



Peggy's "outside in" pond is a restful retreat!



Harvey's fish are bright and cheerful!

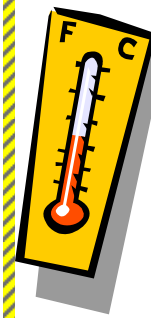


Koi Shows and Events

Midwest Koi Society Annual Koi &
Goldfish Show July 10-12, 2009.
Darien, IL. Contact Bryan Bate-
man
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The *REFERENCES*
pages of our web-site
have been extensively up-
dated. Most books can
be purchased on Amazon
or by looking up "books" search
engines. Check it out!



With all the high
temperatures....
keep a close eye
on water levels.
Evaporation can
become a serious
problem very
quickly. Check
the pH regularly, too.
Keep those KOI healthy!

Let's Celebrate!



This is AKC's 20th Anniversary
year! Let's plan a year long
party !!



Treasurer's Report

Stephen Castel

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For: **May 2009**

Checking

Beginning Balance:

\$16,397.87

Income Categories:

Total Income

\$220.00

Expense Categories:

Total Expense

\$6,933.30

NET

\$9,684.57

Cleared Balance

\$9,684.57

Uncleared Payments

\$3,150.70

Uncleared Deposits

\$750.00

Register Ending Balance

\$7,283.87

Savings

Beginning Balance:

\$ 12,376.34

Income Categories:

Total Income

\$ 1.05

Expense Categories:

Total Expense

\$ -

Savings Ending Balance

\$12,377.39

Uncleared Transactions

\$ -

Register Ending Balance

\$12,377.39

Certificate Of Deposit

Beginning Balance:

\$ 6,124.59

Payments

\$ -

Register Ending Balance

\$ 6,124.59

Total Assets:

\$25,785.85



Auction Results !!!!!!!!!!!

Hope everyone is doing well. I, for one, have been busy with my business, kids, family, and vacations. Last but not least taking care of my wet pets and of course The Atlanta Koi Club. This year has been another start to a great season. The koi seem to grow daily. I started to mix my own food, 1/3 wheat, 1/3 color and 1/3 high protein. After 8 years, the pond seems to function on its own. I call it mature autopilot.

So even with this year's down turn in the economy, the auction was a great success. We had as many bidders as last year and sold all the koi. I think we had more volunteers then ever. It seems that the longer the club is in existence, the more people get involved. I can't thank Peggy Fricke more for the fine work she did getting the club on board with the event. Without involvement, the club would not be what it is today.

Ok, so I tried something different this year and soon learned what people really want!!! They want to see the koi in the tank, see the people bidding against them and look at the auctioneer straight in his eye as he does his job. Note to Steve: if it ain't broke, don't fix it. After a short reorganization during the event, we were soon back on track. I think next year will be the best of the best for the koi club auction. After 2 years, the third year (for me) will be the best, most organized event in the club's history.

This was the first year with no errors. We had no issues with club members and the accounting of koi and reimbursement. I am pleased to recognize the people involved with the accounting and justification concerning the financial aspect of this year's auction. In addition, we all need to thank the event sponsor "Coastal Pond". Without their generous support and financial backing (water, use of facility and hard work), this auction would not be an event at all.

The Results!!!!!!

Total Sales:	\$9,450
Total Bidders:	72
Number Of Koi/Goldfish:	363
Projected Net Profit:	\$1,900
Actual Net Profit:	\$1,400



Mid-year Arigatos!

Can you believe half of our anniversary year is over? What a bash the mid-year social was!! Wow. The Loudermilk's surely do know how to party! I hope y'all had as much fun as we did!

It's been a busy year. The meeting hosts have out done themselves with great venues and programs. Much to do and much to learn. Thanks everyone!

Our club sponsors have helped make the year successful. ! I ask the membership to please remember our sponsors when you are considering purchasing fish, food, filtration or other products for your pond needs. They can supply local expertise, and not just excellent products Thank you so much.

The Auction report is just above this article. It shows a wonderfully planned auction — and a successfully planed one. Thanks Steve. Of course Steve's contribution was just part of the picture-... The big thanks go to Bill and Lynn Dowden for providing us with a place to have such events.! Thanks again!

I look forward to seeing everyone at meetings and our show during the second half of the year.

Michael Anderson Vice President

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Party Time!!



Harvey's huge koi gate keeper is a real standout.



Billy and Brenda have some pretty butterflies!





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Photos by
Joe Hatfield and Toni Anderson



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KHA CLASS STARTING - \$100 REGISTRATION FEE ELIMINATED



Some say they joined a Koi club to be better keepers of their Koi babies. They even give the babies names. We name dogs, cats, and horses, but fish? OK, Koi fish, too. Some want to build a pond and do it right the first time or remodel and get it right the second time. I told everyone I was just too old, too poor, and too lazy to want to build something two or three times to get it right one time so I joined a Koi club in California.

Some have a need to do their best at whatever they do, and being involved in the AKCA programs and local Koi club functions put them in a position to learn more than the average hobbyist ever dreams of. It's about our Koi's health, our ponds, learning to do it right, being the best at what we do, making friends, supporting our clubs, and finding that doing all this turns out to be fun. We would not put this much effort into something otherwise. In life we work hardest at that which is the most enjoyable and gives us pleasure. Being able to give good advice, help someone find a solution, winning some recognition at a show or pond tour, or helping solve a Koi health problem lets us feel the pride. Pride, self satisfaction in doing well, and a sense of helping, being valuable, and being needed is our reward for having fun within this wonderful hobby.

While many participate in our Koi and/or water garden hobby there are, unfortunately, those who are missing out on some of the potential satisfaction of being fully involved in helping themselves and helping others. Part of the mission of most of our clubs is to promote good Koi husbandry and/or to show our Koi. We can not show Koi if they are not healthy. We can not even maintain them very long in the back yard pond if we do not learn to keep them healthy. We all need to understand good Koi husbandry. The AKCA invests a great deal of time and money to develop, maintain, and continually update and improve the Koi Health Advisor (KHA) Program so many KHAs can give back to their hobby by sharing what they have learned. The KHA program is wasted if not taken advantage of. Are you missing out on the self satisfaction of learning to be a better Koi keeper both for the good of your own Koi and for the satisfaction of being able to help others do what we do – promote good Koi husbandry, our hobby, and our clubs? KHAs are not geniuses that know everything but are part of a dedicated group that has highly qualified teachers, mentors, and veterinarians they can call on. Individually each KHA is one, but working together they are over a hundred trained people sharing their experiences and knowledge to help each other find the right answers.

Over the past 8 years since the KHA program has been in existence some of the old timers who were the first KHAs have retired and are no longer involved. It is time for some of the newer members of AKCA affiliated clubs to get involved and join the KHA program to continue the tradition of sharing the knowledge. That may be you. Classes are soon to start so a decision needs to be made now whether you are going to get involved or sit on the sidelines, be a watcher or enjoy being a player. Help yourself, your club, and fellow members promote good Koi husbandry as you join me in feeling good while having fun and sharing the pride.

The AKCA-KHA Committee has reconsidered the KHA class \$100 registration fee and eliminated it. With a goal of improving good Koi health husbandry it is more important to continue to help educate our members to keep abreast of ever improving knowledge. This is accomplished in a number of ways including KHA Certification, KHA Continuing Education, and articles in our magazine, KOI USA. Membership in any AKCA affiliated Club and a two year subscription to KOI USA is now the only basic requirement to take the class. The \$100 registration fee is gone. This is in keeping with our focus on education and promoting the hobby. To promote the hobby we must first promote you.

The classes are all on line at your own pace except for the hands on lab which will be held at the AKCA Seminar in Nashville, TN, May 19-20, 2010. Classes start at your convenience anytime from July 1 through November. An early application allows you more time and greater assurance of a seat.

Interested? E-mail Tim Czech, KHA Class Coordinator at 65blcc@gis.net and ask for an application and particulars. If you have questions, I am khajerry@yahoo.com. Since you are already involved, take the next step. We need YOU!

Jerold Kyle, KHA



Jim & Mary have a quiet retreat.



Mary & Donna have an ever-changing landscape!



Billy & Brenda have a tropical plants & Asian decor.



Harvey's waterfall is spectacular!



Bill, Peggy, & Marilyn have a breathtaking view of Mt. Peggy and the fish.



Pond Tour '09

Thanks Gloria for being the Tour Sponsor!!



Deepak & Priya have just started on their koi journey! Good luck!

Celebrating our 15th Koi Show!



**ATLANTA
Koi CLUB**

September 18-20, 2009

Coastal Pond Supply
2101 Tucker Industrial Road
Tucker, GA 30083

Koi and Goldfish	Show Times:
Vendors	9 AM-5 PM Saturday
Pond Dry Goods	Showing Koi, 9 AM-2 PM Sunday
Vendors	Long-fins (butterfly) and Goldfish

No Admission Charged

The show committee has been hard at work trying to make this the BEST show yet! Now that we have much of the planning done, we are turning to you, the members of the Atlanta Koi Club, for some suggestions and help! You can email your reply to doubledavid@aol.com – in the subject line please put Koi Show or something like that so I can find your email if it goes to spam or find one of the co-chairpersons at the July meeting. We have to place a July deadline on responses so that we can finalize the plans. This is your chance to have a say in the show without having to be on the committee.

Website

All show materials have been posted to the website. We hope you have already checked them out or will do so.

Vendors

We still need a few dry vendors. If you know of someone that is interested in a space, please refer them to Peggy Fricke or have them contact the show committee at vendors@atlantakoiclub.org.

Cost Control

One of the major costs encountered by the show is when we give each volunteer a t-shirt. The cost of a custom t-shirt is now exceeding \$12.50. One idea we are discussing is to offer members that show up for the set-up or volunteer a t-shirt at a huge discount (\$7.50, your cost \$5.00).

While this does not totally cover the cost, it makes a dent in the overall outlay. We typically buy 12 dozen shirts to obtain a quantity discount. In the past 60 – 70 shirts have been given to volunteers this means a potential savings of \$350 to the overall budget. What are your thoughts?

Banquet

The caterer we have used the past two years has closed up shop and we had to find a new one. We have found one and will be able to offer great food once again at the banquet. We are looking for ideas to get more club members to attend this year. Tickets are typically \$35 per person which covers the cost of the food and rental of the facility. If members were offered a discount would you be more likely to attend? What amount would make this offer appealing? Is there anything we can do to get more club members to attend?

Friday Night Vendor Appreciation Party

Many questions here! As a member is you aware we have this party on the Friday night before the show? We have food, beverages (wine, beer, sodas, water, etc.), and offer you the opportunity to shop during the party? This is also a great chance to talk with the show's judges in a relaxed atmosphere. Did you know that if you buy a fish you can enter it into the show for a small fee or free if you have a tank reserved? Would you assist by supplying either a side dish or dessert (should feed 12 – 20) for this event? We have the entrees covered.

Finally, thanks in advance to all who respond and all that help us in our quest to make this year's show a celebration of the club's 20th Anniversary and our 15th Anniversary of hosting a show. We look forward to your suggestions on these topics or any other topics we may not have thought to include!

Your show committee:
Toni Anderson
Peggy Fricke
Vicki Knill
David Pugh





Membership

Robin Scott

The June meeting was our summer social, held at the Loudermilk's house. Lots of great food, a beautiful pond, house and yard. We had a ton of members and guests present.

Please join me in welcoming Bob and Sue Chaffer & Tom and Karen Worthington, our newest members to the club, and look for them at our next meeting.

AKC's total membership is currently at 145 members plus 7 Sponsors.

Hope to see everyone next month, July 12th at Chuck and Heddy Hamann's.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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(Check One)	Individual:	\$30 for 1 Yr. _____;	\$54 for 2 Yrs. _____
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Other: KOI USA Magazine Subscription: \$20 for 1 Yr. _____
 *Name Badges: \$5 each. _____

Names: _____ & _____
 First Last First Last

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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.

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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:
Robin Scott, 4331 Filppen Trail, Norcross, GA 30092.

* 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.

July Meeting — Home of Chuck & Heddy Hamann
Sunday, 12 July 2009 Officers meet @ 1 Members meet @ 2

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To find the address and directions, please refer to the e-mail which announced the newsletter.



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