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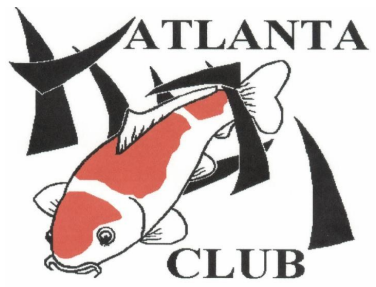


The March meeting will be held at:

**The home of
Melanie Onushko
Alpharetta , GA**

**Sunday, March 10 at 2pm
(No Officers Meeting This Month)**

**Please bring your chairs
Guest Speaker, Chuck Jones
Wet Pets
Dahlonega, Ga**



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By The Pond

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Well its getting to be a new pond season (even though its 29 out, but this is Georgia and will change soon) JoANN and I are headed to the Central Florida Koi show next Wednesday, as well as others from the club. One of our members from Macon, Bart Atkinson, is going to be one of the Judges at the show. I recently was promoted to Candidate Judge so we now have two in our club.

Included in this edition of the newsletter is an invitation from KOI Organization International for three of their advance level courses. This the only time they will be offered this year so I wanted to give everyone that is interested a chance to register. We will be talking about K.O.I. in the future. it was founded by the creator and two other heads of the AKCA KHA program that is now all but defunct. We have a scholarship for the KHA program set up by Hal and Susan Brown. To my knowledge the last to use it was JoANN and I back in 2008. The Brown's have agreed that the K.O.I. program will also apply. On the K.O.I. website are many levels of courses. K.O.I. 101 is free (I have always liked that price) and is a great read for any newcomers to the hobby. KOI 202 is basically the equivalent to the KHA program plus two more coeres. When you have completed this you will receive your C.K.K. (Certified Koi Keeper) certificate. You can buy the cources one at a time, or save money and buy them all at once for a little over two hundred dollars. When you have completed the program (and I am the one for K.O.I that keeps the records). You will be reimbursed for the course cost and in ADDITION you will also receive 150.00 toward a microscope thanks to the Susan and Hal Brown scholarship. This a great opportunity to get a valuable education at no cost to you. I hate doing this in the newsletter but I will be at the Central Florida Koi Show in Orlando during the next meeting and the deadline for Professor Strange's courses is in two weeks. I will give a talk about KOI at the May meeting (April is the auction). If you have any questions, I will be more than glad to answer them. Just e-mail me at gelmores54@live.com. There is no start/stop time for the CKK program. There is also a third level for your continuing education in addition to the first 3 courses. I think there will be no problem taking any of these classes as they are stand alone and do not depend on previous classes. At the least check out their website. <http://koiorganisationinternational.org/>

As you may or may not know Marian has had to step down as membership chair and volunteer chair. If anyone would like one or both of these jobs let me know. Marian will be missed at these jobs. She will still be an active member but does not have time to handle these jobs.

Japanfest has not given us an answer so it looks a though we will have the show at Coastal as discussed at the last meeting.

Flower show, auction and pond tour are all coming up in the next few months and we will need everybody participating to make them all a success.

That's all for now (probably not but that's all I can remember at one stretch) Meeting will be at Melanie's. Direction's will be coming on a seperate e-mail.....Later....Gary





Hello K.O.I. Members!

DEADLINE EXTENDED To March 15th! Several folks asked for more time to sign up - so Professor Strange has generously extended the deadline to sign up for his 3 courses!

Generally, these courses **take only a month to complete!** They are self-paced, with final deadlines issues by Professor Strange. Several students have finished courses in as little as a week! K.O.I. offers these courses in winter, so as not to overburden students when they have pond and outside chores.

If you've never taken the **Bacteriology** course (or took it years ago) - you'll find you can start using the information this spring as we enter Aeromonas Alley (if you're not familiar with that term, you need to read the free eBook by Richard Carlson entitled "Coming Out of Winter.") The course has evolved over the years, and is now more comprehensive than ever!

Professor Richard Strange's EXCELLENT K.O.I. Courses:

- #313 - Common Bacterial Diseases of Koi
- #520 - How & Why of Koi Nutrition
- #521 - Water Quality and Koi Physiology

This is the only time that these courses will be offered in 2013! Professor Strange of the U of TN is one of the country's leading experts on fish and aquaculture. It's a tremendous honor to have him teaching for us! Registration ends **MARCH 15**. Each student will be mailed a CD which has the course content and assignments, a schedule of when all assignments are due and how to contact the Professor.

Please see the **K.O.I. web site** for details about each of the courses. Use the **K.O.I. store** to purchase your courses, and yes, you can take all 3 at once!

Questions? - email Karen - pattist@snet.net

Good Times at the February Meeting!



POND and WATER GARDEN TOUR

June 22, 2013 Saturday 9:30am - 5:30pm
ATLANTA KOI CLUB

SAVE THE DATE!



You don't want to miss this biennial event to visit some of our member's beautiful ponds and gardens. Whether you already have a pond, planning a pond or just want to escape to a little bit of paradise, we welcome you.

Koi have been kept for centuries. First for food to survive winters in inaccessible areas of Japan and then for enjoyment. The oldest known koi in captivity scaled tested 226 years. Believe it or not.

Koi and gardens come in a variety of beautiful colors and patterns. So, come visit with us and enjoy living art in motion.

Future updates will be posted at:

www.atlantakoiclub.org



WHAT IS CARP POX

This is the time of year when water temperatures are dropping all over the south. This is also when Carp Pox starts to appear on some of our fish. I get a lot of calls and emails from folks that see this on their fish and want to know what it is, if it is dangerous, and if it should be treated. Let's talk about it in this article.

What does carp pox do?

Carp pox is usually more unsightly than harmful to the fish. The lesions can develop all over the external surface of the fish, though commonly on the fins. At first the lesions are flat, firm, smooth and translucent, but they can grow thicker on the body. They are milky to greyish-white in color and may cause scarring. In extreme cases individual lesions can grow and join, covering a lot of the body surface, but rarely the whole fish.

The disease will not normally kill the fish. If the infection only attacks small areas of the body, then the fish will not be distressed. However, lesions covering the mouth or gills may impede feeding or respiration, causing greater distress. There is evidence to suggest that the number of mucus producing cells of the fish become reduced. In severe cases, normal growth of the fish is affected and they may become thin and the skeleton may be damaged.



Carp Pox is not really a pox at all. It is simply a Herpes virus which causes abnormal dermal cell growth and/or neoplasms, very much like that of a wart on a human. No, it is not the same Herpes virus as in KHV (Koi Herpes Virus/ Cyprinid Herpes Virus 3).

Specifically and scientifically, Carp Pox is referred to as Cyprinid Herpes Virus -1 to be exact. It is a harmless aesthetic problem that is very common to Koi. It is very much temperature related, as most times it only shows itself in colder water temps, or dropping water temps, only to disappear later as the water warms again.

The most common way it appears is as white to pink lumps on fins, tails, or bodies of the Koi.

Because this is a virus, it is contagious. It has been found that it is not a real threat in most average situations. At least not to the degree that it is worth isolating that fish from the rest of them you may have in the same tank or pond. However, the likelihood of it spreading increases as the fish load increases, and as the organic load of the system they are housed in increases. In other words, if your pond or tanks are very crowded with fish, or extremely dirty, than it can more easily spread due to the increased degree of physical contact between fish.

It is most commonly seen on the fins and tail, but as stated above it can also appear anywhere on the body. In most cases it will only appear in cold water, and usually goes away as the water warms in the spring and summer months. It can come and go at any time of the year, and in any temperatures.



Most times a given fish with this problem will only have it come and go for a season or two. After that, it many times will go away forever. There are the rare cases of fish that get these lesions all over their bodies, and they never go away, and increase in numbers over time. In these cases, I would consider getting rid of it. These cases are very rarer. In these rare cases, and even normal cases, there is some speculation that it is brought about due to environmental conditions. Having high concentrations of pollutants, or simply dirty high organic load systems cannot help. No one knows for sure so keep your water clean.

I do not recommend that you attempt to remove these lesions, as you could cause more damage than good. In some cases they can easily be removed however, with little to know damage to the fish. If you do attempt to remove the lesions, I would then isolate the fish and treat to avoid secondary infections.

I would just leave the affected fish alone, and see if they went away on their own. The photos in this article show several examples of what the pox looks like.



Minimizing the problems with carp pox - what can I do?

There is no treatment for carp pox. Good water quality is the best way to avoid disease outbreaks. Water temperature is a key factor to carp pox infections occurring, although fish are more likely to experience problems when they are stressed or debilitated.

The following measures will also be beneficial:

Reducing stress within the fish population – Carp pox is more likely to infect fish when they are stressed. Stressors include high stock densities, poor habitat and poor water quality.

Careful management of stock levels – Keeping your stock densities low is important to avoid carp pox infections. High fish stocks cause stress to the fish making them more susceptible to infection.

Regular monitoring of water quality – Decreasing water temperatures are often a cause of carp pox. The temperature of the water cannot be controlled, but regular monitoring of water quality (dissolved oxygen content, pH and ammonia) that can be managed is essential to prevent problems within a fishery.

For more information about monitoring water quality managing stock density, and good habitat, see the relevant fact-sheets in this series.

Carp pox is one of the easiest conditions to spot on fish, but unless it is present in high numbers or large lesions are present, it should not be of immediate concern, it's just ugly.



Joe

Note of interest:

I have experimented with several possible cures with some very good success. I have cleaned the lesion with PP and treated with Abreva My regiment is being researched at several universities

We are very fortunate to have three certified KHA's in our club. These folks are willing and able to help you with questions/problems with your fish or pond.

**Contact Joe Hatfield, Gary or JoAnn Elmore at:
http://www.atlantakoiclub.org/KHA%20Information/kha_information.htm**



**Atlanta Koi Club
Executive Committee Minutes
February 10, 2013**

The Executive Committee met at Coastal Pond Supply. All Officers were present. Minutes of the January 13 meeting were approved.

Old Business – Mr. Elmore said he was awaiting a response from JapanFest regarding our request for no increase in rent for 2013. He does not expect an accommodating response. Other venues and show arrangement possibilities were discussed, including holding at Coastal. Also discussed were alternate venues for the show banquet. The Secretary will advise Koi USA Magazine once the show dates and venue are decided, probably the 3rd. weekend in September. There was discussion of inviting certain pond-related manufacturers, as well as the usual vendors.

New business – Melanie Onushko has agreed to host the next regular club meeting. The new VP will have to preside inasmuch as the Elmore's will be at the Central Florida Koi Show. The three nominees for VP are Chase Tomosky, Mihoko Sheets and Jon Hastings, one of whom will be elected at today's membership meeting. Mr. Scott reported the Flower Show is coming together. Doug Tatz is the Flower Show Chairman, so any recommendations regarding same should be directed to him. Marian Allen agreed to enlist volunteers for the Flower Show event. Hal Brown agreed to conduct the election of the VP at today's meeting. The meeting began at 1:00 p.m., and ended at 1:38 P.M.

Membership Meeting

The Secretary read the minutes of the January 13 meeting, said minutes being approved by the membership. The President brought everyone up to date on where we stand relative to JapanFest and the show. Robin Scott addressed the Spring Flower Show. She introduced Mr. Lyle Collins of the Southern Trillium Company which will do the scene landscaping/pond setup. The Flower Show will be held at the Cobb County Civic Center March 15, 16, & 17. Marian Allen will be enlisting volunteers. Mike Anderson asked if the club's insurance was AKCA dependent. The Executive Committee will investigate. At the President's request, Hal Brown conducted the election for the Office of Vice President. Each candidate then spoke relative to his/her background, qualifications, and interest in the position. After ballots were counted, Chase Tomkosky was declared the winner. The meeting began at 2:00 p.m., and adjourned at 3:15 p.m. 34 members were present at today's meeting.

Gary Lee
Secretary

Atlanta Koi Club
Financial Statements
Year to Date
As of January 31, 2013

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME

2730 Membership Dues \$ 234.00

Total Income **\$ 234.00**

EXPENSES

410 Insurance \$ 527.00

700 Misc. \$ 192.50

710 Trailer Registration \$ 42.50

740 Monthly Meeting \$ 150.00

1101 Rent \$ 185.00

Total Expenses **\$ 904.50**

Net Income (Loss) **(\$ 670.50)**

BALANCE SHEET

Assets (not including property in inventory)

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Total Assets **\$ 13,832.35**

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Net Worth **\$ 13,832.35**

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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 ____

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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: Peggy Fricke

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