



June, 2014

### By The Pond

Well, once again another month has come and gone. For those that did not make it to Flatrock last month, you missed a good one. Vicki cooked up a wonderful meal and the 4500 new fish were more than you could look thru, although there were a few of us that tried. We presented Diane Giangrande her award for Reserve Grand Champ in the longfin division from the Middle Georgia show. She purchased a very nice Shusui longfin, about 6 to 8 inches long from Flatrock at the show and entered it. Diane has a good eye as this fish beat out many in the 20" plus size.

JoAnn and I went to the Louisville show over Memorial Day weekend. It is held on the farm of Charles and Carolyn Phelps and the scenery is great. Since Charles is the head of the American Koi Judges Association, around 15 to 20 judges show up with their fish to show instead of judging. This makes for an extremely high quality batch of fish. Head Judge was a husband

and wife team from Australia. Interesting to hear how they judged compared to US judges. Both are very knowledgeable with koi. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion were both won by Nelson Castro out of California. He had them flown in for the show. There are photos on next page.

I have a story about that show. I lost by winning..... Last year Jason Gueverra picked the "most unique" and gave it to a ginrin Kumonryu. I gave him a hard time about it because I have seen several and at the time owned two of them. Well, I bought this fish at our auction this spring, a ginrin Kumonryu, and took it to the show just to prove to Jason that it was not unique. Guess what? It won Most Unique and proved HIM right and me wrong. Sometimes it does not pay to win.....

This Sunday's meeting is at Diane Giangrande's and we'll meet at the regular time, 2:00pm, executive board will meet at 1pm.

We look forward to seeing everyone there. Chase has us a program lined about plants and ponds. There will be some for sale and some for the raffle, along with Koi Bucks and other goodies. See ya Sunday....

Gary

**Financial Report:** Ron Scott is out of town and we'll post the financials when he returns.



**Membership Information:**

Please join me in welcoming our newest members; Ben Esser, Martha “Marty” Davison, Jody Kassel and returning members, Brad and Diana Mohs.

**Miscellaneous Stuff:**

The Atlanta Koi Club has a Facebook presence, please like our page and follow other koi friends from across the country and world.

Our website has been updated and the calendar tab reflects the meeting dates and hosts. Specific addresses will only be sent via email to official members.



Our club is STILL looking for a permanent newsletter editor. The pay is great and it isn't much work, please see Gary or David if you'd like to help out.

Grand Champion Sanke from Louisville.



Show preparation continues; September will be here before you know it. There are a lot of opportunities to help out and learn more about showing koi. See Gary or JoANN to help.

Reserve Grand Champion Shiro Utsuri from Louisville.



Any member wishing to submit photos or articles/information for the newsletter, feel free! Just see David, thanks!