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June 2015

By the Pond

by Diane Giangrande

Hi Everyone,

As the saying goes – better late than never and this definitely applies to the show this year. I am happy to report the show will be at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds on October 9-11. And for the first time, at least to my knowledge, we have a corporate sponsor to help defer some costs. A huge thank you to The Koi Store for being the 2015 Atlanta Koi Club Corporate Sponsor. In addition Vicki Vaughn will be conducting a wet lab at the show and we hope to offer a few other seminars as well. There will be more details to follow as we are still in the planning stages. Also, The Gwinnett County Master Gardeners will be having a plant sale in the Fairgrounds so that should help with attendance.

Dale Whaley of Fish Lips will be doing the trophies this year. We used her trophies last year and they are gorgeous! Start thinking about which fish you want to enter in the show so you have a chance to win. It would be great to get more participation from members to support the club. And don't think that just because you don't have a 36" Showa that you can't win something. There are plenty of awards for non-gosankes.

We need lots of help for the show including:

- PR/Advertising
- Show trophy sponsorship coordinator
- Show donation coordinator
- Show store coordinator

If you can help with any of the positions, please let Jerry or I know.

Thanks,
Diane

Upcoming Koi Related Events

Open House and Koi Seminars
Happy Koi of Greenville, Mauldin SC
June 20th 10:00 AM

POND TOUR

Saturday June 27th!!!

Get your books now, we will run out the day of the tour!

Everyone, please try and sell a couple of books. This is a major fundraiser for us. I've done the booklet, but with no Flower show this year, we need to all help SELL! Prices are \$15 each, the same the majority of you paid the last tour who came 2 per car.

Buy tickets at atlantakoiclub.org, Atlanta Koi & Pond, Atlanta Watergardens, Blossom & Bloom, Coastal Pond Supply, Koi Store, Randy's Water Gardens, Splendor Koi

If you have already offered, or would like to help for a few hours the day of the Pond Tour, June 27th. Please contact Melanie ASAP. Melanie_o@comcast.net or 770-315-5200. Thank you.

Do you have something interesting to share?

I'm sure that every one of us has bragging rights to something we did to our pond. How about sharing it with others? Or, perhaps you have a craving to understand some obscure aspect of Koi husbandry in a pond environment? If so, please share your information in our newsletter by contacting the editor.

Don't forget about the Ask a KHA section. Send your questions in!

June Meeting **L. Chase Tomkosky**

Our scheduled social meeting for late June has been postponed but the good news is that we will have a meeting on the regularly scheduled day, June 14th at 1:00 (officers), and then 2:00 for general membership.

We will meet at:

THE KOISPOT

6361 Joanna Street

Lithia Springs GA 30122

Peter Berg and his mother Connie have been selling koi for a few years now and this year they have really stepped it up with great imported fish from Japan. You can see some of their inventory on the link below but they have many others not yet listed. There are also 2 pictures attached.

http://www.ebay.com/sch/koispot/m.html?_nkw=&_armrs=1&_ipg=&_from=

Fish will be for sale and a nice one donated to our raffle. Club members **always** receive a 10% discount by the way. We have not decided on a speaker topic yet but I will say some interesting ones are being considered. The event will be rain or shine and please don't forget to bring a chair.

This class has two varieties

Patterns are similar to Gosakes with addition of scale reticulation in blue or black

Goromo has reticulation only on red

Goshiki has reticulation on white/black only (new style) or red and white/black (old style)

Koromo are usually classified as white based non-metallic koi with a red dorsal pattern and having a matsuba (mesh) like scale border ornamentation on the red pattern with white skin. Koromo are like a kohaku with an overlaying matsuba pattern on the red pattern.

Goshiki (*pronounced Go' skee*) are one of the older koi varieties. The word Goshiki means five colors in Japanese. The five colors are black, gray, blue, white, and red. Goshiki are black based non-metallic koi with a red dorsal pattern and usually having a matsuba (mesh) pattern on white, grey or black skin. Old style goshiki have matsuba pattern scattered over the entire koi including the hi pattern. New style goshiki have an improved kohaku like hi pattern with little or no staining of the red markings. The skin color varies from light gray to black and may or may not have matsuba scale ornamentation.

Goromo



Goshiki



Nishikigoi Yearbook Volume II

submitted by BR, Michael

Years ago the best koi magazine in print was without a doubt Nishikigoi International. Like many other magazines, it did not survive the economic mess of the recent past. The good news is that Nigel Caddock, the man behind Nishikigoi International, is producing a yearly magazine titled Nishikigoi Yearbook. The first issue of Yearbook was Volume 1 in 2015. Just a few weeks ago Nigel release Yearbook Volume 2 for 2015. These magazines are packed with great articles and photographs. I highly recommend everyone take advantage of the special package price of both Volumes 1 & 2. For more info please see the following site. <http://www.nishikigoiyearbook.com/shop/>

Adding Plants

With the above in mind, it is very important in the case of adding plants, that they be treated prior to their introduction into the pond. There are many commercial treatments, which can accomplish this, but I prefer to use potassium permanganate or 37% Formalin. In the case of Formalin, which is more readily available, simply put the plants in a container of water and add the appropriate amount of Formalin (3cc per every ten gallons of water) and leave them in this solution from overnight. They now should be pathogen free and can be introduced into the pond. Rinse the plants. **DO NOT ADD THE WATER THEY WERE SOAKING IN TO THE POND. DISCARD IT IN AN APPROPRIATE WASTE DRAIN.**

Quarantining New Fish

As you should be aware by now, it is very important to quarantine all new fish before adding them to the general population of your pond. The fish currently living in your pond, as well as the pond water itself, potentially house a certain type and quantity of parasite and or bacterial strains. Your existing fish's immune system is capable of keeping these under control due to the tolerances acquired over time. When you add new fish without quarantining, you could be introducing new pathogens, which your existing fish haven't built immunities too. This could cause health problems for your existing fish. At the same time, the new fish could not be prepared for the pathogens currently living in your pond and on your existing fish, and they too could become sick and possibly die. It is recommended quarantining all new arrivals.

Proper Acclimation

To insure the health of your new fish, it is vital to properly acclimate them to the body of water in which you are releasing them. The most important element of acclimation is temperature compatibility between the water they are shipped in and the water they are released in. If the fish have been in the bags for less than four hours, follow the steps outlined in Temperature Acclimation. If they have been in the bags for more than four hours and appear distressed in any way, and the temperature difference is less than ten degrees between the bags and the tank or pond, you could consider releasing them immediately. If they do not appear distressed, or the temperature difference is greater than ten degrees, then follow the temperature acclimation procedures below. It is critical for you to have checked the water quality in the tank or pond PRIOR to releasing them. Especially check the pH, temperature, ammonia, and nitrite. The pH should be between 7 and 9, and you should have ZERO ammonia or nitrite.

Temperature Acclimation

If the fish appear to be ok in the bags upon arrival home, promptly float the shipping bag, with the fish inside, in the pond or aquarium. Your goal here is to get the temperature in the bag exactly the same as in the pond or aquarium. This will take anywhere from 15 minutes to one-half hour, depending on the temperature difference between

them to your tank or pond. I prefer to use my hands, but that can be difficult for the inexperienced hobbyists. **NEVER PUT THE SHIPPING WATER INTO YOUR TANK OR POND.**

Other Hints and Suggestion

- 1) ALL NEW FISH SHOULD BE QUARANTINED IN A SEPARATE FACILITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE TO SEVEN WEEKS BEFORE INTRODUCTION TO YOUR POND.
- 2) Once you pick up your fish, transporting them for more than an hour in hot weather may require you to keep them cool. Your goal is not really to cool the water, but to keep it from getting hotter. The hotter water gets the less oxygen it can hold. So, for this reason, you may need to utilize ice, but not in direct contact with the water in the bag. If needed, put it near the bag to cool the surrounding area, but not directly against the water.
- 3) WARNING: Koi are known for jumping out of new, unfamiliar waters the first 24 hours or so after release, it is best to cover your pond during this time. A secondary method would be to float something such as Styrofoam on the surface to give them a feeling of security as well as to detour any jumping.

Your Fish Have Bugs Part 2 (continued)

Chemical Acclimation

Ammonia becomes more toxic as the pH rises above seven. When a fish is in the shipping bags, especially for more than four hours, carbon dioxide builds up as a byproduct of their respiration. This carbon dioxide when mixed in the water changes to carbonic acid, thus lowering the pH. Also ammonia is rapidly rising due to the respiration, but it is not as toxic or harmful to the fish due to the lowered pH. The pH in shipping bags can commonly drop to five or six because of this reaction, so even though the ammonia can exceed ten ppm, it is not very harmful to the fish, because it is in the form of ammonium at these pH levels. You must realize however, that fish cannot be housed permanently in these low pH levels. It is the worse of two evils though.

As soon as you open the bag, you are releasing the carbon dioxide from the bag; therefore the pH will rise very quickly. When the pH rises, the ammonia in the bag becomes instantly more toxic. The same holds true if you add pond or tank water to the bag. If the pH of your tank or pond is where it should be, (7to8.5) then by adding this water to the bag, you are also quickly raising the pH, thus causing the ammonia to become toxic. If the fish are then left in the bag for a longer time, the ammonia can harm them. Therefore, do not add pond or tank water to the shipping bag. When opened, simply release the fish to their new home, but do not dump the water from the bag into the pond or tank.

To summarize, if the fish have been in the bags for less than four hours, float the bag to get the temperature to within five degrees of your tank or pond. Then release them without dumping the bag water in the tank or pond. If they have been in the bag for four hours or more and appear distressed, and the temperature in the bag is less than ten degrees different, it is better to release them as soon as possible, rather than leave them in the deteriorated bag water. If the temperature difference is more than ten degrees, float them only enough time to get it to within ten degrees, and release them.

Atlanta Koi Show

Gary Elmore

Well, I secured judges for the new date of the Atlanta koi show. Troy Head is to be the head judge and Dale Gingrich will be the second judge. David Hardcastle will be judging Goldfish.

We picked up a couple of vendors and talked with others. It is going to be tuff as there are already shows on either side of our new date. Got positive response about moving out of the warehouse. Brett Wilson (president of Middle Ga) has promised to show this year and I think we will get several

You guys missed a hell of a show. 41 tanks, 168 fish and spectators every where. Biggest crowd I have seen of koi people. (not as many as Japan fest but most of those were not fish people) 160 attended the banquet.

For Sale

Aquadyne 4.4 filter with blower - \$2000

Lifeguard pump - \$100

Aqua UV 5 bulb - \$300

Contact Diane Giangrande for info.

Aquadyne 16000 (4.4 Classic) for Sale

The Model AD16,000, previously named the 4.4 Classic, bead filter can handle a pond up to 16,000 gallons or 330 pounds of fish. The filter and blower are in full working order. List price for a new one is over \$3,500. Used price is \$2,000. It will be for sale during the pond tour, if it is not sold prior to the pond tour. If interested contact: mcasan@ourimages.net

(ed: Sorry, but the photos could not be copied from the email)

Pond-Pull Meeting at the Koi Store (Flatrock) in Watkinsville on May 17th, 2015



Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

Executive Officers:

Office	Name	Term	Present
President	Diane Giangrande	2015-2016	x
Vice-president	Chase Tomkosky	2014-2015	
Secretary	David Pugh	2015-2016	x
Treasurer	Ron Scott	2014-2105	x
Equipment Manager	Jerry Johnson	2015-2016	x

Appointed Chairpersons:

Committee	Name	Present
2015 Auction	Steve Castel	
2015 Pond Tour	Melanie Onushko	
2015 Show	Diane Giangrande	x
	Jerry Johnson	x
Membership	Mihoko Chambers	x
	David Marier	
Web Master	David Marier	
Newsletter	Robert Chaffer	x
AKCA Director	Gary Elmore	x
Publicity	Open	
Volunteers	JoANN Elmore	x

By Law Amendments

A draft is included in this month's newsletter. There will be a discussion regarding edits or changes, and depending on breadth of the changes recommended, a vote on these amendments at the June meeting.

Koi and Goldfish Show

The chairpersons are still in the process of scouting locations. They have narrowed the possibilities to 3 locations and should be able to announce the location at the June meeting.

Other Meeting Minutes

Introductions (New or Returning Members)

David Esser

June Meeting Date Update

Check the newsletter or club website for the date and location.

Updates/Corrections

Please send corrections or updates to David Pugh at doubledavid@aol.com with the AKC Meeting Minutes in the subject line. No corrections were received for the February meeting

Proposed Amendments to AKC Bylaws

The following amendments have been discussed and approved by the executive committee. They are submitted for your review in accordance with Article XIII - Approval & Amendments to the Bylaws:

These Bylaws may be approved or amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3s) of Members present at any regular or special meeting of the Membership provided a quorum is present and further provided that proper notice of said meeting is given as specified in these Bylaws. The full text of the Bylaws, or amendments thereto, which are proposed must be made available to each Member at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which such Bylaws or amendments thereto are to be voted upon. The use of an electronic and/or paper distribution shall be deemed proper notice.

Discussion and voting is planned for the June meeting.

Amendment 1

The membership list is to be considered as club property and as such will be subject to the bylaws as listed in **Article XIV-Section C**. As such, the use of the membership list for any purpose not specifically related to the club, including but not limited to the promotion of personal and professional services, will be considered a violation as will sharing the membership list with any non-member.

A member found to be in violation of this amendment, will be dropped from the distribution of the list on the first infraction; and if the behavior persists, they will be subject to expulsion from the club in accordance with the bylaw listed in **Article II-Section D**.

Amendment 2

Newsletter advertisements will be limited to the sale and/or trading of member owned koi, pond, or koi club related items.

Amendment 3

Members will be given the option to “opt in” enabling the club to share their email address with selected sponsors for commercial purposes related to club activity.

Amendment 4

The use of Atlanta Koi Club in social media falls under the auspices of the executive committee or their appointees.

FYI

Article II-Section D - A Member may be expelled by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Membership in good standing at a regular meeting for violation of the Bylaws, non-payment of dues or for conduct deemed by the Membership as detrimental to the Club. A quorum of the Membership is required at a regular meeting for an expulsion vote to be held.
Article XIV-Section C - The Club property is to be used exclusively for non-commercial purposes that further the purposes of the Club.

Atlanta Koi Club
Financial Statement
As of May 31, 2015

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BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: **\$18,297.83**

INCOME STATEMENT

Income

2500 Misc.		\$31.00
	Monthly Raf-	
	2545 fle	\$31.00
2700 Membership		\$147.00
	Member	
	2720 Badges	\$21.00
	Membership	
	2730 Dues	\$126.00
Total Income		<u>\$178.00</u>

Expenses

500 Koi Show		\$500.00
	Show Facility	
	515 Rental	\$500.00
600 Koi Auction		\$11,798.65
	Member's	
	Equipment	
	610 Sold	\$405.00
	620 Fish Owners	\$10,759.50
	630 Plant Owners	\$589.50
	Cost of Water	
	670 for Auction	\$44.65
700 Misc.		\$150.00
	Monthly	
	740 Meeting Food	\$150.00
900 Pond Tour		\$1,044.32
	930 Printing	\$1,044.32
1000 Raffles		\$28.08
	Monthly Meeting Raffle	
	1030 Items	\$28.08
1100 Rent		\$185.00
	Rent	
	1101 @Coastal	\$185.00
1400 Bank Charges		\$48.94
	Misc. Banking	
	1460 Costs	\$8.99
	Misc. Banking - Credit Card	
	1465 Reader	\$39.95
Total Expenses		<u>\$13,754.99</u>

Month Net Income/(Loss) **(\$13,576.99)**

ENDING BALANCE: **\$4,720.84**

Outstanding Checks:

						\$2,233.69
04/18/15	1265	\$236.29	05/26/15	EFT	\$185.00	
05/06/15	EFT	\$240.00	05/29/15	1271	\$1,044.32	
05/18/15	EFT	\$28.08				
05/19/15	EFT	\$500.00				

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