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October, 2015

By the Pond

by Diane Giangrande

Hi All,

This is going to be short and sweet, as the show is just a few days away and it is all consuming.

If you didn't make last month's meeting, you missed a good one. Grand Koi has an amazing facility. For those of you who attended, you know that they very generously offered 2 fish for raffles at the meeting, and as I mentioned last month, their generosity continues with a donation of a magnificent Tancho for the banquet auction. The fish is pictured below.

A few of us attended the South Carolina show and it was great. We will continue to have our shows on back to back weekends going forward. We spoke to a lot of the members and I'm happy to report that some are scheduled to come to our show after not having attended for a while. I am really looking forward to our show. We have some new vendors coming in so you will not want to miss it. Thanks to all who have signed up to volunteer.

Thanks, Diane



Nominations Announcements

It's me again. The job is done. You folks did a **GREAT** job with all of your suggested prospects for the nominations. Altogether we had **10** people suggested for Vice President and **8** for Treasurer. I, on the other hand, did an **awful job** of convincing people to accept the nominations! There were a few simple "NOs" and several "MAY BE LATER-ONS, WHEN THINGS SETTLE DOWN A BIT".

So far, we have ended up with only **Jerry Johnson** accepting the nomination for Vice President and only **Robin Scott** accepting the nomination for Treasurer. However, as you know, the nominations are open right up until election day. So do not be bashful; let me know if you think of someone else.

Thanks again for all of your help. Hal Brown

People, people, people.....

The 2015 Koi and Goldfish Show is fast approaching and we need your help. There are many slots available in Signup Genius that have to be filled before next weekend. There is no simpler job than working the Club Store or the Food Court for 2 hours - yet there are 18 slots for those jobs unfilled. We'll be in an indoor, air conditioned exhibit hall - no worries regarding rain or sun or heat or herons.

We are serious - if you don't sign up using Signup Genius and volunteer, you will not reap the benefits of being a volunteer. What are those, you might ask? First and foremost, volunteers get the satisfaction of helping the Atlanta Koi and Goldfish Show be the best show it can be and the comradery that comes with these types of events. Yeah, while very true I didn't think that last part would phase many of you and I can sense some of you rolling your eyes right now. So how about this....

As a volunteer, you will get a free show t-shirt with an incredible print on the back. Below is the logo for the t-shirts this year. Also as a volunteer you will get a free lunch from the food court. Instead of asking Gary, Bob, and Sue to slave over a hot grill that we didn't think would survive the trip from Coastal, we've reached an agreement with Jets Pizza to stock the Food Court. For non-volunteers, t-shirts will be \$12, pizza \$2 a slice, drinks \$1, and the scorn of Diane and I priceless.

This is a new venue that we think you will really like with events going on all throughout the both days. Wet and Dry Vendors will be selling throughout the two days of the show. On Saturday, the Gwinnett Master Gardeners will be selling plants from 9:00 AM until Noon. We will have seminars on fish health, water quality, and koi judging starting Saturday at 10:30 AM and going throughout the afternoon. As an added feature, the judges have agreed to talk through their scoring process as they judge your fish on Saturday afternoon - an unheard of concept in most shows (which requires the "gallery" to be quiet and hold comments so pretend you're at a golf tournament and not your son's or daughter's or grandson's or granddaughter's or for some of you your great-grandson's or great-granddaughter's soccer game).

We can't make this the event it should be without volunteers. So please go to Signup Genius and get involved by committing to one or more of the many jobs still available. Ignoring them doesn't mean the job goes away - it just means we have to scramble at the last minute and hope we get coverage or do it ourselves. Here is the link to Signup Genius and if you have any questions or problems contact Diane Giangrande.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a48afae22a75-20152>

See you at the SHOW!!!!!!

Jerry Johnson

This is reprinted from last month as some of it was cut off:

There seems to be some confusion over the auction rules that need clarification prior to the 2016 auction. From the rules on the web site:

Who can sell?

The auction is open to active members who wish to cull their ponds: either individual members or household memberships. There is a limit of one seller per household. Active members are classified as those who attend 5 or more meetings in a year or have volunteered for 3 or more Club events within the past year. Members who meet combinations of these requirements will also be classified as active per the Membership and Auction Chairs' discretion. Membership must be current and the Membership Chair will determine eligibility of members who wish to participate. Members who do not meet the above requirements will be considered non-active. Non-active members will be able to auction fish at a reduced percentage. Non-members will not be able to have fish auctioned or sold.

Percentage of Sales

All sales are divided into the following classifications. **Active members will receive 75% of any sale with 25% of any sale going to the club. Non-active members will receive 50% of any sale with 50% of any sale going to the club.** Active members who need assistance from the club catching and transporting fish will be required to use the 50/50 split classification. Non-active members who need assistance from the club catching and transporting fish will be required to use a 25/75 classification. 25% of any sale will go to the member and 75% will go to the club. All sales are final, no refunds are available.

Please read the above sections and contact the executive board if you have questions. The percentage of sales a member is entitled to will be enforced at the 2016 auction using these rules.

September's Meeting at Grand Koi

Grand Koi is now a sponsor of the Atlanta Koi Club.

The owners are ViJay Thotakura, and his Aunt Rani Yalamanchili. The Grand Koi Farm opened this past April. The plan is to open to the public this fall, and to deal only with the Very Best, Top Quality Imports from Japan. Trips are made several times a year and upon arrival they go through an extensive Quarantine process before being placed in the green house for sale. The farm also deals heavily in International markets on line. Watch soon for internet sales.

The Club got a peek at what is soon to be a super place to buy top class koi.

Congrats to Doug Tatz and Felix Morales on winning koi at the Grand Koi meeting.

Joe

(If you go to www.grandkoi.com they did a nice piece on the meeting with pictures.)



For Sale by Club Members

I'm looking to reduce my stock due to upcoming Japan trip. Price range from \$500+ Here are some of the kois I'm offering... Dainichi showas and Isa showa.

Very high quality go-sankes. If interested, please contact me via email for appointment, james.lu@ibc-ma.com

Thank you. James Lu



How do you get rid of Autumn Leaves

Here are two methods to collect those pesky leaves that kamikaze into our ponds each fall. If you have an idea you'd like to share, send a photo to rchaffer@comcast.net, and you will bask in the greatness in ingenuity!!



If your pond has some degree of circulation, this removable net is made from 1/2" mesh screening, with a 3/4" PVC bracket.

1/2" mesh bird netting is spread over two pyramids constructed of 3/4" Dia. Electrical conduit. (The bird feeder in the foreground is optional).

Showa Breed-out

We finally have some dates set for seining, culling and picking out of our koi. It has been tough with all that is going on in the next month...a meeting, 2 shows, plus all the other business the Koi Store has going on surrounding that stuff. The good news is we have some Showa to pick from. Vicki did a great job of keeping them alive and healthy. The extra good news is that Vicki also kept the non-showa from the first cull and they are REALLY thriving. We will have a chance to pick out some Kohaku, shiros and anything else that comes with that batch. This is a bonus and you still get to pick 10 Showas if you want (considering we get enough to go around).

Many have expressed interest in the final cull, and that happened on Sunday September 27th. The Showa are in a pond that is easy to Seine (Vicki said that will take 30 minutes) . You will get the first real good look at the fish we will be taking home and you will learn a lot about what to look for.

Vicki will then scrape and clean the fish as needed and we come back on October 18th to pick out our fish. This is where it gets tricky..... The Showas will be spread out in as many tanks as possible/feasible and you will get ample time to look them over BUT.....we will all have a limited time to choose. Do the math here folks. 35 spots at 5 minutes each to pick is 3 HOURS!! And that is just one round... We are going to have to get creative and nothing is set in stone yet but I just wanted everyone to be in tune with the scenario. You may have just a few minutes to pick a few fish. Picking order will be completely random btw and will be decided that day. If you cannot make it on the 18th you can come back anytime AFTER to get your fish. Sorry if that does not work for some. You could send someone to pick for you I guess...

THINGS WE ALL NEED OR NEED TO REMEMBER: The fish should be clean but we all still need a good quarantine system. You should be bring a large bucket or tub to hold your fish as they are picked. This is a learning project more than anything else so please stay flexible and patient with the process. It is very tough to pick out Showas at this size and age but we will all learn a lot about how they develop. The weekends are set but exact times are not. Please DO NOT reply all but feel free to contact me with any questions.

L. Chase Tomkosky

Koi Show T-Shirts

The picture to the right is will be printed on the T-shirts of each volunteer participating in our Koi Show this weekend, October 10th and 11th.



Selecting a Showa Tosai

Showa can be the toughest young koi to select. Showa can also take several years to develop. So picking tosai (this year's koi) can be a challenge. Many times the sumi (black) is very deep under the skin and only comes out as the fish grows. For this reason, when you see gray areas in the shiroji (white), the underlying sumi will appear later. High quality hi (red) is an orange-red, not a blue-red. Young showa will usually have yellow-orange hi that will get darker and redder as the showa grow. Showa development is something that takes years.

Start selecting a young showa by looking at the head. The head should have all three colors: hi, sumi, and shiroji. Look for a good kohaku head with a lightening stripe (menware) or a Y shape (hachiware) in sumi on the top of the head. Remember that showa tosai may not develop sumi until later, so try to pick a koi with good red and white with some black coming out.

Second, look for a good kohaku pattern on the body. It should be balanced. Then check to see if sumi is present or coming up all over the body. Showa sumi tends to finish from the back forward. So if there is some good sumi in the back and hints of black on the front, this may be a good showa to select. Also look for sumi starting, below the lateral line. This tends to develop stronger and spread to the top. Sumi that originates from underneath may be more stable than sumi that does not wrap the body. Do not worry if the sumi looks to be poor quality at an early age. Sumi develops later in most good quality showa. It is also okay to have orange hi at a young age because the hi improves as the fish grows.

The next important thing to check is the pectoral fins. Ideally, the inner 1/3rd of the fins (close to the body) should be sumi. As the pectoral fin grows, the black seems to remain the same and the surrounding white area seems to enlarge. If the pectoral fins are all black in a young koi it may be all right, because this too can grow to have acceptable Showa fins. All other fins should preferably be shiroji, but some sumi is acceptable, especially at the base. No hi should be in any of the fins.

Bottom line: You are looking for a both a good kohaku and a good shiro utsuri to be able to choose a good showa. If you take all the sumi away from a showa you should have a good kohaku and if you take all the hi away you should have a good shiro utsuri.

L. Chase Tomkosky

Show Grow out Reminder: We will be selecting our showa on October 18th at 2:00. Get there an hour or so early if you want to preview the fish. A more detailed email will follow soon.



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Topic: Koi Show

Attendance: 45

Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

Executive Officers:

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

Appointed Chairpersons:

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

AKC Facebook Page

Diane reported on the increased followers on the AKC Facebook page. She asked club members to post only positive comments that would not cast the club in a bad light with other followers.

Koi and Goldfish Show

The event will take place at the Gwinnett Fairgrounds from October 9 – 11, 2015. It will be an indoor event. Check the club website for all of the details.

The Gwinnett County Master Gardeners will host a plant sale on October 10 as a part of the show.

The Hilton Garden Inn has been selected as the host hotel offering discounted room rates, a shuttle to the show venue, a discounted breakfast and hosting the Saturday evening awards banquet.

The show will feature wet and dry vendors, judging of koi and goldfish, raffles and seminars. The Friday night Vendor Appreciation event will take place on October 9th starting at 6:30 pm giving members a chance to visit the vendors and meet the judges while enjoying a selection of free food and beverages.

Trophy sponsors are still needed. You receive one free banquet ticket for each \$100 in trophies you sponsor.

Members are encouraged to recommend dry vendors to the show chair persons.

Be sure to check the club website often for show updates.

2015 Elections

Elections for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer are supposed to be held in October, but due to the show dates these will be moved to the November social. Diane has designated an election committee with the plan of holding the election at the Fall Social in November. Individuals interested in being candidates can announce the day of the elections.

November Social

Anyone interested in hosting the club's November social should contact Chase at vp@atlantakoiclub.org or via his contact information found in the membership list.

Other Meeting Minutes

Introductions (New or Returning Members)

None

November Meeting Date Update

Fall Social, see the newsletter or watch for details in an email

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 last month's minutes.

Artwork at Auction

The beautiful piece of artwork shown to the right was designed by David Boyd.

It will be auctioned at the Koi Banquet Saturday evening.



Financial Statement
Year to Date
As of September 30, 2015

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: **\$6,897.16**

INCOME STATEMENT

Income	2100 Club Store		\$30.00
	2145 Fish Bags	\$30.00	
	2300 Koi Show		\$2,813.48
	Banquet		
	2310 Ticket Sales	\$688.48	
	Vendor Par-		
	2320 ticipation	\$525.00	
	Koi Show		
	2340 Sponsor	\$1,175.00	
	8' Tank Rental		
	2350 - Non Vendor	\$425.00	
	2500 Misc.		\$242.00
	Monthly Raf-		
	2545 fle	\$242.00	
	2700 Membership		\$374.00
	Membership		
	2720 Badges	\$49.00	
	Koi USA Sub-		
	2735 scriptions	\$25.00	
	Club Sponsor-		
	2745 ship	\$300.00	
	Total Income		<u>\$3,459.48</u>

Expenses	200 Club Store		\$26.11
	Club Equip-		
	240 ment	\$26.11	
	500 Koi Show		\$3,068.79
	Show Adver-		
	505 tising	\$566.85	
	510 Show Awards	\$1,727.55	
	Show Pipe &		
	516 Drape Costs	\$74.76	
	Show Banquet		
	520 Costs	\$382.00	
	Show Water Quality Test/		
	590 Treatment	\$317.63	
	1300 Membership		\$25.00
	Koi USA		
	1325 Subscription	\$25.00	
	1400 Bank Charges		\$24.95
	Misc. Banking - Credit Card		
	1465 Reader	\$24.95	
	Total Expenses		<u>\$3,144.85</u>

Month Net Income/(Loss) **\$314.63**

ENDING BALANCE: **\$7,211.79**

Outstanding Checks: \$2,486.87

	05/06/15	EFT	\$240.00	09/28/15	EFT	\$203.42
9	09/16/15	EFT	\$393.45	09/29/15	1276	\$25.00
	09/25/15	EFT	\$1,625.00			