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### By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC



Charlie Atwell talks to folks at the AKCA booth.

The past weeks have been both exciting and sad. The AKCA seminar with all the excitement and wonder of all the new things there are to learn and see was tempered by losing Sally, our Ki-Utsuri to a tumor.

The 2006 AKCA seminar was held in Buffalo NY this year. It was a learning experience and fun for the people attending. There were old friends to see and new ones to make. Everyone was there to have a good time and learn the newest information available to the koi community. Buffalo was cool after leaving Atlanta, the temperatures were in the upper 70's and sunny. We landed on time and took a cab to the host hotel where the fun of musical rooms occurred. Anyone involved in planning an event will tell you that there will always be some problems that happen at the last minute. There had been some confusion about our room that the hotel handled in a professional manner. Also attending the seminar from our club were Brenda and Charlie Atwell, Vicki and Carl Knill, and Vicki Vaughan. It is always interesting to watch Brenda and Charlie work a seminar. Vicki had brought some of the t-shirts she had made for the upcoming show to sell at the seminar. I saw a number of people purchase them.

The next day we took a tour of Buffalo and were treated to many great architectural sites. It was nice meeting the different people from around the US on the tour. We got to meet a number of people it was nice being able to put faces with familiar names. It was also nice being recognized by the different people. I am not sure if it is because we are infamous or they were being nice. There were a number of questions about our upcoming show by both people interested in showing as well as vendors, that we did our best to answer.



Brenda Atwell & artist, Patti Magee

Vicki Vaughan at AKCA.



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The seminars we attended were informative, and I got to meet some of the respected and knowledgeable people in the koi world. Vicki Vaughn was one of the guest speakers there, as was Helen Roberts another noted figure. We were fortunate to have both at our table on the last night along with Carl Forss of Keirin Koi and Carol Weiss. It was a memorable evening, because talking to Vicki and Helen was interesting and fun. We also had the Manus's from the Charlotte club at our table. Myrtis is a hoot. She reminded me of our neighbor

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Wanda (who was babysitting the boys and kids for us while we were gone). Both of whom are interesting characters and have very similarities in their lives. Carl has said that he will be bringing high quality koi to our August meeting. He worked the room and table like a pro. He had brought some beautiful koi to be judged and sold at the seminar. Carl said he would bring whatever the members in our club want. I am looking forward to seeing what he has in Ochibas as well as Asagis. So, please remember to mortgage your homes, and bring your checkbooks. (grin)

Sad to say, we will be replacing one of our kids. Sally our Ki-Utsuri had developed what we feared was a tumor during the fall and in the past month looked like she swallowed a softball because she was filling with what we thought and hoped were eggs. While we were at the AKCA seminar, we asked Vicki Vaughn if she could look at her. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, Vicki gave us Ova-prim and Betril to help induce spawning. If that didn't work, we were told we would need to strip the eggs from her.

David Marier and Jay Drew came over on July 1, to help administer the shots. After catching and sedating her with oil of cloves, David Pugh gave her the shots and we placed her in our show tank in the garage. The next morning we went out to see if she had spawned, but were disappointed.

After sedating Sally again, we attempted to strip the eggs from her but only got blood and something that we were not sure of to come out. At that point the decision was made that it was time to end her suffering. Her right side had sores from where she had rubbed along the side of the pond and we were not sure what else to do. Vicki will be doing a necropsy to find out the exact reason for Sally's tumor.

One of the things that I have come to realize since coming back from the AKCA seminar is the fact that our club has no one local to call in an emergency. There is need for someone in our club to become certified as a Koi Health Advisor (KHA). There were a number of members who had begun the courses, but never completed them. After talking to Don Manus, who is a certified KHA I have come to understand how important it is to have someone that we can call if there is an emergency.

Thanks to Bill and Lynn Dowden for having us at their home for the July meeting. Bill and Lynn worked hard to see that we were well fed and entertained. Bill was also kind enough to fill in as our speaker once you get him started it is hard to stop him. The show committee got plenty of work done before the membership meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting at Ron & Robin Scott's home.



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## Yamabuki Grow-out Contest



Remember April 2005? No? Sure you do. That's when the club took a trip to the Chattanooga Aquarium, and then got to go to Cohutta Fisheries FISHING!! We chose our yamabuki long-fins from a slew of babies. Well, the time has come to put those babies into competition. There will be a special judging at the koi show for these fish.

Ribbons will be awarded in these categories:

Longest fins Darkest color Brightest Gin Rin Largest fish Smallest fish  
Lightest color Longest barbells Fattest fish AND... **Ugliest Owner**

*At least it wasn't decided to do fattest, largest & smallest owner :-)*

Yep, you guessed it .... **Shorty** thought up ALL the categories.....

Vicki Knill

## Show Time!



Yes, it is getting "nigh on to" KOI SHOW time in Hot 'Lanta! The Show Committee is working very hard to make the show a real winner. The show has been re-planned due to the cancellation of the Koiphen National Koi Show that was to have taken place the second weekend in September. The Koiphen show cancellation leaves a lot of pent-up interest in a koi show in September. AKC should have exhibitors and guests from far and near. When folks are in town they can also visit the Georgia Aquarium. Between that attraction and our show, everyone should have a whale of a good time.

So what is different about this year's show?

- **Location:** we have graciously been offered the use of Coastal Pond Supply's facilities in Tucker. Much thanks to Bill and Lynn Dowden!!!
- **Scope:** this event will be our 12<sup>th</sup> annual koi show and...our first annual goldfish show!
- **Reception:** a "Meet and Greet" reception will be held on Friday at 7:00pm at Coast Pond Supply for Judges, vendors, exhibitors, and AKC members.
- **Awards Banquet:** it will be held at the show hotel, Hampton Inn in Tucker, on Saturday evening. Get your tickets early!
- **Tank Discount:** AKC members get \$20 off the cost of their first 8' tank. Much thanks to Charlie Atwell for the suggestion!
- **Ribbon Sponsorship:** This year we offer the sponsorship of a set of 3 koi award ribbons (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) for \$15. There are 96 combinations of koi class and size from which to select.

Between lowering the cost to AKC members of their first 8' tank and having a \$15 sponsorship level for ribbons, every household can now afford to take an active roll as an Exhibitor of koi and an Award Sponsor.

For show details, and ordering show shirts, see the show page on our club's site: <http://www.atlantakoiclub.org>

Michael Anderson

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If you're reading this, then chances are you have a koi pond and, chances are you might find yourself sitting mesmerized by their fluid swimming and watching how they interact with their environment. If you have a koi pond then chances are when you were a child you had goldfish. and yes, chances are you also enjoyed sitting, watching them interact in their own little aquarium world. Often this is how a hobby begins as a childhood fascination.

When it comes time to build our first pond many of us immediately decided to have goldfish in our pond, after all we enjoyed watching them in our youth. Then came the discovery of koi, but to have koi we needed a bigger pond because koi "grow." Many goldfish such as Comets and Shubunkins can live quite nicely with koi, but once you enter into the fascinating and sometimes bizarre world of fancy goldfish then an aquarium or separate pond is required. We delight in the visual enjoyment our koi and goldfish bring us. As with hobbies we have a desire to learn more and acquire the best specimens we can afford and that hobby leads us to the point where we want to show off what lovely fish we have collected. We want to gather with others like us in friendly competition with our fish, therefore exhibiting in a koi show seems a natural progression. This provides us with the opportunity to have knowledgeable judges examine our fish and determine how good we are at choosing and raising fine specimens.

A koi breeder is an artist, he plans and breeds his koi in a wild kaleidoscope of colors and patterns to be living jewels in our pond. The body shape or canvas stays the same just the picture displayed on it may vary. With goldfish it is not the picture that changes so much but rather the canvas, Goldfish are living sculptures that have been molded into wild and unusual body shapes.

To add these living sculptures to your hobby of fish keeping only requires maintaining an aquarium or if you prefer, the addition of another smaller pond. Having an aquarium means you can enjoy watching your fish year round from a comfortable chair. As for me, I added a small 1,500 gallon pond as part of my patio with spitters and air stones providing circulation and aeration connected to a small filter system. Fancy goldfish are too trusting and slow to avoid predators therefore my small pond is covered. Even the smallest backyard can accommodate a goldfish pond. I also have an aquarium but I use it for quarantine.

Some beautiful imported goldfish are available on the Internet. With just the click of a mouse they can be shipped to your door. Show quality goldfish can be bought at very affordable prices. Importers with beautiful goldfish from whom I have bought are:

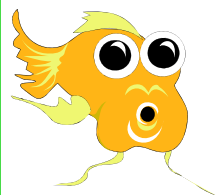
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I love my koi and have 2 huge ponds and a quarantine pond to attest to my passion. I also love my goldfish and delight in seeing their little bulldog faces as they race to greet me when I approach their pond. I have entered both koi shows and goldfish shows. While catching and transporting koi can be daunting but very rewarding. Catching and transporting

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**Chantilly**



# Treasurer's Report - Checking June 2006

by Ron Scott

Beginning Check Book Balance:		\$7,034.83
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## Income Categories:

2100	Club Store		\$156.50
2300	Koi Show		\$12.00
2400	Koi Auction		\$11,710.50
2500	Misc.		\$1,035.15
	Raffles - Monthly Meetings Only	\$144.00	
	Interest on Club Checking Account (Only)	\$1.15	
	Misc. - (Fish sold @ summer social)	\$890.00	
2700	Membership		\$204.00
	Member Badges	\$10.00	
	Membership Dues	\$174.00	
	Koi USA Subscription	\$20.00	
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,118.15</b>

## Expense Categories:

100	AKCA Dues		\$100.00
300	Flower Show		-\$18.00
500	Koi Show		\$587.50
600	Koi Auction		\$8,454.10
700	Misc.		\$1,138.69
	Food at Club Meeting	\$250.00	
	Other Misc. - Fish sold @ summer social & survey copies	\$888.69	
800	Newsletter		\$35.62
1000	Raffles		\$107.70
1300	Membership		\$40.00
	Koi USA Subscription	\$40.00	
1400	Finance Related Charges		\$9.53
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,455.14</b>
<b>NET</b>			<b>\$2,663.01</b>
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	Uncleared Transactions		\$870.00
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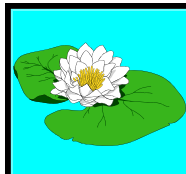
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This year goldfish competition will be added to our koi show and I urge everyone to consider goldfish keeping. Among the regular awards there will be a trophy for a first time exhibitor to win also a trophy for junior exhibitor for anyone under 18 years.

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## August Meeting Plans

The August meeting will be a real treat for everyone. Why? Well... our guest dealer/speaker is Carl Forss of Keirin Koi. Carl is an extremely well-respected US koi dealer and is one of the top ten koi dealers in the US!



Known for his ability to choose high-quality koi, his fish have consistently won top prizes at major shows including the All-Japan show.

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He is bringing fish for us to purchase! If you would like to buy really nice Japanese koi — NOW is the time. If you want to buy specific varieties of koi/at certain price points ... please send your wish list and spending limits to Toni (Xanxan@comcast.net) immediately.

If you are just looking, and want to buy from what ever choice he brings... then just come to the meeting. It is much easier if Carl knows in advance what you are looking for.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Carl and to hear what he has to say about those wonderful creatures called Nishikigoi.

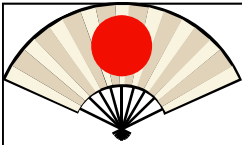
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## July Meeting Minutes

Vicki Knill

The club President David Boyd called the meeting to order. Present were Dave Marier, Vicki Knill, Jerry Hord, David Pugh, Michael & Toni Anderson, Susan Brown, Ray Brock.

The discussion for this meeting was to center on the up coming koi show.

**Show Tanks;** This year the club will provide member and volunteer rewards. All those who are AKC members prior to the show will receive \$20.00 off their first 8 foot tank. All show volunteers will receive a free 8 foot tank. Ray Brock will have a list of show volunteers with assigned duties. AKC member/volunteers can choose which discount they prefer to utilize. Vendors will have 6 foot tanks available to them.

Club members will be able to shop the vendor booths Friday evening. If desired they can purchase a fish and enter it in the show before Saturday morning closing of entries utilizing the vendor's tank.

**Meet & greet,** Friday evening will be at the show site. Dinner will be pot luck, members are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to share. David Boyd & David Pugh are looking after dish selections, those bringing food can notify them at; doubledavid@aol.com. Meet & greet is an opportunity for members, exhibitors, vendors and judges to mingle prior to the show.

**Trophy sponsors.** There are still plenty of openings for trophy sponsors available. Those who sponsor a trophy of \$50.00 or more will be entitled to a free banquet ticket and the opportunity to present the trophy to the winner. Categories available are posted on the club website. Koi show ribbon sponsors are also needed for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons.

The banquet will be Saturday night at the hotel. Dinner consists of delicious B-Q with the choice of 2 meats for the cost of \$30.00 per plate.

Pictures are required for all koi entries. Pictures should be 3x5 inches or 4x4 inch will be accepted. Pictures need to be clear of one fish only. These pictures will be placed in the judges book to facilitate each fishes identity by the judge.

**Yamabuki grow out contest.** The long finned Yamabukis purchased by members in the spring of 2005 will be judged at the show. There will be prizes awarded to the winner of each of the categories. The categories as announced in the May 2005 executive minutes are: Longest fins Fattest Lightest color Darkest color Longest barbells Brightest Gin Rin Largest fish Smallest fish Ugliest Owner

We will invite the show vendors to judge the entrants.

The Executive meeting closed and the membership enjoyed the hospitality of Bill and Lynn Dowden's yard with their cutting edge yet beautiful ponds.

## How Old Is This Koi ?

Joel Burkard/Pan Intercorp

Why is there never a simple answer to a question about koi? Japanese breeders use the name ***tosai*** to indicate koi that are less than a year old. The term has been adopted by koi keepers the world over, and is often confused or misused.

Most koi are spawned in May or June, and technically, the name ***tosai*** should only be used from the time they are harvested until the end of December. This means that "tosai" are available for purchase in the fall.

Once January rolls around, they become ***ake nisai*** or "early two year olds", and are no longer considered ***tosai***.

When they are again harvested in the fall, having lived through two growing seasons, they are referred to as ***nisai*** or "two year olds".

This is an excerpt from a longer article found at <http://www.koi.com/reference/tategoi/10.php> and is reprinted with permission

**Koi Across Niagara** – While this was the theme promoting the 25<sup>th</sup> AKCA Seminar no koi were sent over the falls. The AKCA was represented by the Atwells and the Davids with a cameo appearance by the Knills who were traveling back to Canada to attend a wedding. Vicki brought along some of the Koi and Goldfish t-shirts she is selling to support the goldfish portion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Koi and Inaugural Goldfish Show that AKC will host in September. She was nice enough to donate one to the Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club for the raffle.



**The Koi Kichi gather in the lobby to trade stories and experiences.**

The seminar was a great chance to see many of the folks we had met last year and to meet a few new ones. It also offered a chance to promote our upcoming show. For those who have never attended, this is something you might want to consider. Next year is scheduled for Phoenix, or more accurately Mesa, AZ. Anyone should jump at the chance to leave the hot muggy weather here in Atlanta for the sweltering heat of the desert in late June. Just remember it is a *dry heat*.

This year we took part in an architectural tour of Buffalo, NY. The highlight was a guided tour of the Martin House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. It is being restored to its former grandeur and offers Wright fans a great chance to see many of the

mainstays of Wright design. We also visited Forest Lawn Cemetery the final resting place of many of Buffalo's most distinguished citizens. We learned that one of the most popular mortuaries was owned by the Amigone family. Others spent the day touring Niagara Falls and riding the Maid of the Mist.

When we visited the vendor area we saw some very familiar faces. Maybe you can recognize one or two. The lady with Brenda Atwell is Patti Magee, (see DVB's article on p. 1) whose work some of you now own after holding the winning ticket at the AKC July meeting's raffle.

Friday and Saturday was spent attending seminars. The subject ranged from an update on KHV, a discussion of Asian plant and roots, and a demonstration on building a trickle tower. Other koi health related seminars were held as well. This is an excellent chance to hear some of the big names in the koi world in one place.

Saturday evening found us at the Banquet. One of the vendors kept trying to sell us a very expensive fish and used every means at his disposal. You will have a chance to add one of his collection to your pond at the August meeting, but I don't think the service will be quite the same. We did not give in, but had a great time.



**It's amazing just how versatile koi dealers are...**

It is at the banquet that the Koi Person of the year from each club is awarded, as well as the Koi of the year. Following the banquet was an auction.

Sunday we boarded a bus for the pond tour. Ponds were located all over the area, and the entire tour including lunch took a little over 5 hours. We returned to the hotel just as the skies opened and a fierce storm ensued.

We certainly thank the NFK&PC for their excellent hospitality. We had a great time and were able to add Beef on Wek and Original "Wings" to our list of local favorites. Next year we plan to take the train trip to the Grand Canyon since even though I lived in Phoenix for a short while I never made the drive.



**Vicki Vaughan and Dr. Helen Roberts get set up for the wet lab.**



**The Knills are checking out booths.**





# Membership

Please join me in welcoming Fred Westbrook to our club. We are glad you decided to join us and hope to see you soon. I would also like to welcome Josette Costa and Kristie Lane owners of our new sponsor KOL KOI Inc. Look for their advertisements on our web page and newsletters.

We had a great time at the Dowden's wonderful pond and home. Lynn out did herself with a delightful meal, and Bill gave a very informative talk about his pond filtration and set up. 36 members were in attendance and 3 guests. We now have 152 members and 8 Sponsors.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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\*\* Zen Nippon Airinkai (ZNA) is an international organization dedicated to the koi keeping hobby. Members receive the Nichirin magazine. Membership runs May through April of each year. There is no prorating of dues. Full dues are always paid.

**August 13, 2006 Meeting**

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**Executive meeting @ 1 and Members meet a@ 2.**

**In order to protect the privacy of our club members, the directions to their home is in the e-mail which you received notice of the newsletter.**

**Please remember to bring your lawn chairs.**

**See you there!**



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