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Making choices at Carl's tanks is always difficult.

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By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

I want to begin by thanking Ron and Robin Scott for hosting our August meeting. It was a good meeting for both officers and members. The officers accomplished a number of things concerning the show and the members were able to purchase a number of quality fish from Carl Forss from Keirin Koi. I also managed to twist Hal Brown's arm (as he tells it) to be nominations chairperson for this year's upcoming elections. By now he has chosen his committee members, and they have been hard at work exploring choices for nomination.

The plans for the upcoming show are coming along well. The club members are working hard getting things ready. We have the exhibitor and vendor packets out on our web site. There are currently twelve vendors coming to our show, ten of whom are selling fish. I can't give an exact number of fish that will be in the show as that number is changing with people contacting us for tanks and we won't know the total until the day of the show. The banquet has been sold out and we have people on a waiting list to see if there will be seats available.

Carl Forss had told the club to send him a list of what we wanted to him to bring for us to purchase. The fish he brought were of show quality and I look forward to taking Tosh the doitsu Ochiba shigura we got from him to the upcoming show. A number of other members were doing their best to decide which koi they were going to buy from the choices available.

Hal Brown will be contacting the people on his list of nominations to find out if they are willing to accept being nominated. The positions being voted on are President, Secretary and Property Manager.

One final note, to anyone that currently has any club property, I am requesting that they return it to the club trailer by October 1st or be prepared to receive a bill for replacing the property they have. The trailer will need to be inventoried before the old officers are out of office and new officers installed.

This will help us determine what needs to be replaced as well as having a list for the IRS. The club is in the process of getting the non profit status that many of the members have been wanting. The IRS will be looking at our inventory and possibly conducting an audit. Therefore it is necessary to have all records up to date and ready for them to look at. While the club tries to support all its members in time of need, there limits as to how long any member should keep property out.

If anyone feels they don't have to return or pay for the property they have after October 1, 2006, it will be considered theft of club property.

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Treasurer's Report

July 2006

Ron Scott

		Treasurer's Report	July 2006
Income Categories:			
2300	Koi Show		\$819.00
2500	Misc.		\$0.82
	Interest on Club Checking Account (Only)	\$0.82	
		Total Income	\$819.82
Expense Categories:			
400	Insurance		\$941.00
500	Koi Show		\$47.37
600	Koi Auction		\$80.79
700	Misc.		\$752.07
	Incorporation Annual Fee & IRS Fees	\$752.07	
1300	Membership		\$60.72
	Related to Sponsorship	\$60.72	
		Total Expenses	\$1,881.95
NET			(-\$1,062.13)
	Checkbook Ending Balance		\$8,635.71
	Uncleared Transactions		\$0.00
	Bank Statement		\$8,635.71

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

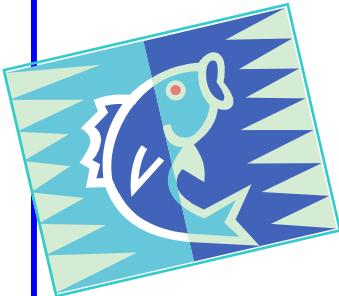
At least it wasn't decided to do fattest, largest & smallest owner :-)

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

Vicki Knill

Nishikigoi Purchasing Etiquette

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At our September show we have the good fortune of being able to select and purchase koi from a multitude of koi dealers. To make shopping an enjoyable experience for you, other buyers and the dealers, please note the following koi buying etiquette tips:

- **Wait for your turn.** If someone is looking at a koi in a bowl or tank, do not tell the dealer that you want to buy it. His or her being there to inspect the koi first gives him or her exclusive right to decide if he or she wants to purchase it. That is, for that moment at least. The prospective buyer should not be conversed with during his/her perusing of the "tubbed" koi. **Wait your turn.**
- **Don't 'insult' the fish that a buyer has decided to purchase.** Remember that people should buy koi based on what they like, and not what others like. Some of us are so eager to show our koi judging skills that we sometimes end up pointing out all the flaws in a koi that someone has already purchased. This not only disappoints the buyer but likewise offends the seller. And it will certainly not favorably impress the dealer. If you want to judge, join the AKCA Judging program.
- **If a koi is returned to the tank unpurchased, then it's your turn** to have a look at it, and nobody else should try to take that koi away from you while you're inspecting it.
- **Don't ask the koi dealer to 'bowl' every single koi you find interesting.** Only those that you are seriously considering for actual purchase should be subjected to the stress of being inspected in a vat. Thus, try to narrow down your selection in the tank first before asking the final contenders to be bowled for inspection.
- **Don't over-inspect the koi to the point of almost dissecting it.** Inspection stresses the fish and can even lead to injury if they finally decide to escape. Of course, it is also wrong to simply buy a koi without inspecting it. Just be considerate of the koi and the dealer when doing your inspection. Remember too that you're tying up the dealer while he's letting you inspect his fish.
- **Do not ask the price of the koi except one-on-one with the dealer.** It is particularly impolite to loudly question the price of a koi with a crowd standing around. It is improper to expect the dealer to blurt out the price to anyone other than the prospective buyer. Asking the dealer the price with a crowd around puts him in an uncomfortable spot.
- **Should you haggle or not?** It depends. If you're well-acquainted with the dealer, then they will probably allow you to do so.

KOHAKU : The Kohaku is the most popular variety of Nishikigoi. So much so that there is an expression, "Koi avocation begins and ends with Kohaku." Kohaku are white koi with a red pattern. The fish on our club logo is a Kohaku.



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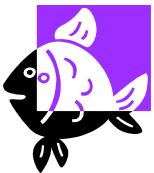
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Fish Show Etiquette — or Behave Yourself!

(Don't make me call my flying monkeys)

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Remember a Koi /Goldfish Show is about appreciation of fish, their color and uniqueness. The pride and feelings you have for your fish are matched by every other fish keeper at the show. By following a few simple courtesies everyone can have a fulfilling experience.

Do not touch the water in the tanks or allow children to do so. Don't tap on the aquariums, either. LOOK — DON'T TOUCH.

Do not go into the area inside the show tanks /aquariums. This area is for the Judges and show officials. All fish can be viewed easily outside the ring of tanks or aquariums.

Do not disturb, question, or distract the Judges while they are working. They have a lot to do and the fewer distractions they have the better for all participants. You may watch the judging silently and with respect. The Judges will describe their selections at the awards ceremony and on Sunday morning — tankside.

Do not point out which fish are yours or identify any fish as belonging to anyone when the Judges are working. To have fair competition anonymity of the fish keepers must be maintained.

Do not speak ill of anyone's fish. One person's eye for beauty is another person's eye sore.

Do not bring food, drink or anything else over the tanks /aquariums. A lot of effort is directed towards water quality and fouling the water in any way is unhealthy for the fish.

Keep an eye on your fish to assure they are doing well and not in trouble. If you see a problem notify a show official.

Blurring the Showa and Sanke Lines

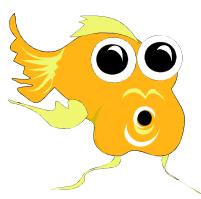
Bryan Bateman

It's getting more difficult to differentiate some of the Showa and Sanke because the breeders have been bringing Sanke blood into the Showa lines to improve the black (sumi). It used to be you could tell the two apart just by the appearance of the black, with Sanke having more of a deep blue/black and Showa having more of a gray/black - not as shiny. This isn't the case any more.

Not all Showa have black in the mouth. In general, Showa black is more of a wrapping pattern, and Sanke more of a stepping-stone pattern - like comparing Bekko with Shiro Utsuri. The pectorals are the easiest to tell - Showa having a blocky (moto guro) black and Sanke having stripes (tejima)... most of the time. Sometimes Sanke have black on the head and sometimes Showa don't. The black does sometimes disappear on a tossai, to re-appear later on, but this is a characteristic of certain bloodlines. This probably makes it all about as clear as mud, but that's the fun of it.



Here are our 2004 Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. Which one is a Sanke and which is a Showa?



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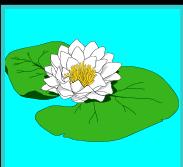
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Color the Koi

There are so many terms which refer to the colors of our koi. Often we just say, "red, black, blue" out of frustration or because we just don't know the correct word. Here's a tiny sample of the words we need to know:

Japanese Word	Fish Variety	Definition
Hi	Hi Utsuri	red markings
Aka	Aka Bekko	red body color
Sumi	Bekko	black markings
Karasu	Karasu .. Crow	black body color
Shiro	Shiro Bekko	white body color
Ai	Ai Goromo	blue body color
Cha	Chagoi	brown body color
Ki	Kigoi	yellow body color
Kin	Kin Matsuba	gold scales
Gin	Gin Rin Showa	silver scales

MPKS Show Report

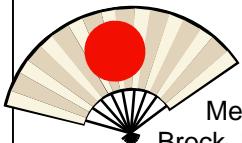
Vicki Knill

Last May while attending the Louisville Koi & Goldfish Show we had been encouraged to visit the MPKS Show in August. So, we again loaded up the motor home and headed to Chicago for the Midwest Pond & Koi Society Koi Show and the Goldfish Society of America National Goldfish Show. To keep packing time to a minimum it was decided to take only goldfish with us. In 30 minutes I had 3 bags of goldfish caught, double bagged with O2 and packed in Rubbermaid totes.

Driving, the trip takes 8-10 hours. This year the MPKS moved the show to a new site at the Darien Sports Complex located in a southwest suburb of Chicago. The show took up 2 hockey rinks set side by side in one building. The red rink held the 29 koi vats with koi vendors set up around the outside. In the center of the blue rink where the club tables with raffle items ,and the seminar area. Around the sides where goldfish and dry item vendors. The goldfish show stretched between the two rinks with 10 gallon aquariums set at easy viewing height on the metal bleachers.

The 80 aquariums where pre-booked prior to the start of the show with no more available for those who didn't reserve. Hockey rinks without ice can still be very chilly. The koi fared well in the cooler area too. Coming from warm August ponds into the cool vats there was no show spawning going on, every vat stayed pristine.

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August Meeting Minutes

Vicki Knill

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Members present were, David Boyd, David Marier, Ron Scott, Vicki Knill, Jerry "Shorty" Hord, Ray Brock, Kathy Scales, Michael Anderson, David Pugh, Jay Drew.

President David Boyd called the meeting to order. This meeting would concentrate on final preparations for the koi & goldfish show.

David Pugh stated the show would require at least 2 laptops and 2 printers to manage the show. These would be provided by the owners and contain the necessary programs. Vendor tables will need to be rented. So far only 7 of the vendors require tables.

All banquet tickets are arranged through David Pugh and Kathy Scales ONLY. At this time all tickets have been sold. Seating for the banquet is now only available to trophy sponsors. Anyone wishing to attend the banquet may do so by sponsoring a trophy of \$50.00 or more.

David Boyd & David Pugh will be organizing the food for the Meet & Greet Friday night. Beverages including beer and wine will be provided by the club, let them know your preference.

Due to low pre-admission the Wet Lab conducted by Vicki Vaughan has been canceled. Vicki will be in attendance to discuss any koi related issues.

David Boyd and Vicki Vaughan are donating 10 gallon aquariums to the club for the goldfish show, estimated number to total 28. Vicki will also provide air stones and tubing. These aquariums will be stored in the Coastal Ponds warehouse when not needed.

Gaye Langley has accepted the task of benching the goldfish show entries. Terry Cusick Chairman of The Goldfish Society of America will be visiting to assist with judging.

Ray Brock will graciously pick up judges from the airport and take them to the hotel. Ray will also take the judges to dinner Friday night.

Volunteers are still needed to help at the show, those interested can contact Ray Brock at 770-469-5361. The meeting concluded and the membership enjoyed the hospitality of Ron & Robin's relaxing backyard.

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Much of my time was spent attending some of the great lectures. Each topic whether it was concerning koi, goldfish or both was presented by a professional in the field, most often a judge. My favorite was a public participation challenge called, "**Ask the Judges & Public Judging**". For goldfish, 4 aquariums were set up each with 4 representatives of a type, Orandas, Ryukin, Ranchu, and Telescope eyed. With the help of 4 judges, the participants were told what to look for when judging that type. The participants scored the 4 fish 1st, 2nd, 3rd on score sheets. The judge explained his order of preference, and a discussion of reasons followed. After the groups were judged we then decided on Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. The koi judging followed the same format with 2 vats set up each containing 8 -12" koi. One vat had 4 small Showa and 4 Kujaku. The other had 4 large Showa, 4 small Kohaku and 5 Hikari Muji (one solid color) with one being a doitsu just to make it interesting. It was great fun and such a learning experience to find if you picked the same fish as the judges. These fish were also for sale after the demonstration, a nice way to hear what a judge had to say about a fish before deciding if you wanted to buy it.

Carl and I had the AKC Friendship Award to present for our chosen koi. This is a koi that didn't already win a big award but, given the chance, is one that I would like to take home. The koi was a very beautiful Budo Goromo with a deep purple coloration set on a striking white background, all this on a doitsu! Such a beautiful combination is not easily found. This koi is owned by Bill Doyle. Since our own club is having a goldfish show I wanted to also take along a Friendship Award for a goldfish entrant. I had an award made up and presented it to Andrew DeSantis for his beautiful big white Ranchu with contrasting red fins and tail.

We had such a wonderful time seeing koi and goldfish aficionados we already knew and meeting new ones. Being able to hangout and talk to professionals in the hobby was a valuable learning experience too. I wonder what interesting seminars MPKS plans for next year?



Show Time!

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The Show Committee is working very hard to make the show a real winner. Our koi and goldfish show is only a few weeks away! AKC should have exhibitors and guests from far and near. Check out the show page on the web-site for a list of vendors to date. At publication, there were nine fish vendors and several dry vendors.

So what is different about this year's show?

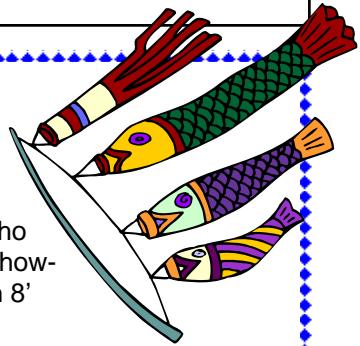
- **Location:** we have graciously been offered the use of Coastal Pond Supply's facilities in Tucker. Much thanks to Bill and Lynn Dowden!!!.
- **Scope:** this event will be our 12th annual koi show and...our first annual goldfish show!
- **Reception:** a "Meet and Greet" reception will be held on Friday at 7:00pm at Coast Pond Supply for Judges, vendors, exhibitors, and AKC members. Shop early for the best choice of goodies.
- **Awards Banquet:** it will be held at the show hotel, Hampton Inn in Tucker, on Saturday evening. Ticket sales have filled the venue.
- **Tank Discount:** AKC members get \$20 off the cost of their first 8' tank.
- **Ribbon Sponsorship:** This year we offer the sponsorship of a set of 3 koi award ribbons (1st, 2nd, 3rd) 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, ordering show shirts, to get a copy of the show poster or booklet — see the show page on our club's site: <http://www.atlantakoiclub.org>

Koi Show Update

The 12th Annual Atlanta Koi Club Koi Show and Inaugural Goldfish Show is rapidly approaching. Koi and goldfish fanciers will converge on Coastal Pond Supply, 2101 Tucker Industrial Road, Tucker, GA to share their love of all things finned. This year we offer club members a who volunteer to work at the show a free 8 foot tank so that they might share in the experience of showing some of their fish. Club members who are not volunteers will receive a \$20 discount on an 8' tank rental. (Members may not have both) If you haven't reserved a tank do so immediately.



Friday, September 15 from 7 P.M. until 10 P.M. is a special **Meet and Greet** that will welcome all of you to share in a little fish talk and great libations. Come meet the judges and see what the vendors have brought to tempt your desires. There will be plenty of food, drink and conversation. A big bonus is that you will have the chance to buy fish and enter them in the show the next day.

The show kicks off with judging on September 16. Our judges are Pam Spindola, Chuck Poppe, David Young and Scott Taylor. They will be assessing the entrants and choosing the winners.

Brady Brandwood of **Koi Fixx** will be filming the show for an upcoming edition of his DV magazine.

The Saturday evening banquet has sold out. We are at capacity. This should be another great evening where attendees can eat, chat and even get to bid on a few special items. Banquet auction profits will be donated to UGA KHV research.

Sunday is the final day and again offers you a last chance to shop at our vendor area. There are 10 fish vendors offering all price ranges of fish. You are sure to find several that would look great in your pond.

Be sure to wear your name tags to the show and greet our out of town guests. We should have quite a few.

For full details visit the club website at www.atlantakoiclub.org

Nishikigoi Nomenclatures to Note

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KOHAKU : The Kohaku is the most popular variety of Nishikigoi. So much so that there is an expression, "Koi appreciation begins and ends with Kohaku." They are Shiro (white) koi with a Hi (red) pattern.



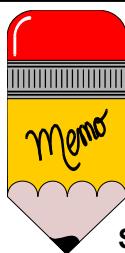
TAISHO SANSHOKU (SANKE): Taisho Sanshoku, commonly called Sanke, are Shiro koi with Hi and Sumi (black) patterns. The name Taisho refers to the reign of the Taisho Emperor, Yoshito, who was the grandfather of the current Emperor Akihito. Sanshoku mean three colors.



SHOWA SANSHOKU (SHOWA): Where Kohaku and Taisho Sanshoku have red and/ or black markings on the white ground, Showa Sanshoku, commonly called Showa, have Hi and Shiro patterns formed on the Sumi background. The name Showa refers to the reign of the Showa Emperor, Hirohito, who was the father of the current Emperor Akihito.



GOSANKE: The translation of this term is "honorable three houses". It is used in the Nishikigoi hobby to collectively refer to Kohaku, Taisho Sanshoku (Sanke), and Showa Sanshoku (Showa). The term Gosanke has historical significance in Japan. The Tokugawa Gosanke were three branches of the Tokugawa clan of Japan. They were descended from Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu through younger brothers of his heir, Tokugawa Hidetada. Ieyasu established the three houses to provide successors to the Tokugawa Shogunate in case the main line should become extinct.



Make a Note ...

September 10 — Club meeting @ Wakoola Meeting starts at 1 P.M. for officers and 2 P.M. for members.

September 15-17 12th Annual Koi and Goldfish Show @ Coastal Pond Supply

September 15 - Fish Registration 1-7 P.M.
Meet & Greet begins at 7 p.m. — Club members socialize with judges, vendors and each other

September 16 - Koi Show - 9 A.M.—5 P.M.
Banquet — begins at 7 @ Hampton Inn

September 17 - Koi Show 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

October 8 — Club meeting - David Boyd & David Pugh — Club Elections

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Membership

Susan Brown

We have three new members, Rudy Clarke and JoANN and Gary Elmore. We are so glad you decided to join at the August meeting at the Scotts. Welcome to our club.

Everyone had a wonderful time. The weather, food and atmosphere were top notch and the fish Carl Forss brought were beautiful. Sixty Members attended and 4 guests. We have a total of 155 Members and 8 Sponsors. Hope to see you at the September meeting at Wakoola and the Koi 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:
Susan G. Brown, 191 Kings Row, Marietta, GA 30067.

* Please consider buying **Name Badges**. For only \$5, you will get to know and be known by everyone and also receive a free raffle ticket every time you wear your badge to a Club Meeting.

** 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.

10 September 2006 Meeting @ Wakoola
Executives meet at 1 Members meet at 2. Come early and shop.

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Directions from Atlanta (its easy!)

Find your way to the Interstate 285 (the perimeter road) and go to the top side of Atlanta. Go to the interchange with GA 400 (an expressway.) Go north on GA 400 to Exit 12B (heading west) on McFarland Road. Go 1.2 miles to the intersection of Union Hill Road (there is a stoplight at this intersection and a Citgo on the right.) Turn right on Union Hill Road. Go 1.2 miles to Wakoola Water Gardens - which will be on the right. You will have to look through the trees to see our rustic wooden building, but there is a sign out front. If you miss the building don't worry because Union Hill Road dead ends into Shiloh Road about 1/2 a mile on up the road. Turn around and come on back.

What's on the agenda? Finalizing plans for the koi show.



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