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The Atlanta Koi Club would like to thank Pike's for allowing us to use their corporate facilities in Norcross for the January meeting. There was plenty of room for the members who showed up, and a great media setup. The club has been given permission to use the room as often as we need with the request that we hold the meeting on a Saturday, because they need to make special accommodations for a Sunday meeting.

The different chairpersons let the members know what was happening for the year. We also met Harold Biggio, a new member that is taking the KHA training course. There was a pleasant surprise awaiting me the next day in my emails, that we have another member taking the KHA course as well.

As the meeting progressed the various appointed officers presented reports on what was happening this year.

- Ron Scott gave a report on the 2007 budget which was approved by the members present. Ron then gave a brief synopsis of what was happening with the 2007 AKC show.
- Herve Rijnveld spoke about the inventory of the club trailer. If anyone has borrowed a couple 8' tanks, or Koi Club signs and not returned them, would you please contact Herve and let him know you have them.
- Jay Drew spoke about this year's Auction and that it would be held on May 19th.
- David Pugh spoke about the Pond Tour and asked if there were anymore ponds that would like to be on the tour.
- Michael Anderson spoke about the AKC website.
- Susan Brown had to leave early and was unable to remind members that memberships were due for this year.

Gary Montalto said that the results for the survey would be completed for the February meeting which will be held at the Carter Center. Gary gave preliminary survey results to the respective chairpersons to help in their planning.

The members present were introduced to Harold Biggio who recently joined the AKC. Harold is in the process of becoming an AKCA Certified Koi Health Advisor (KHA). It is with great pleasure that I learned Joe Hatfield, a current member, is also taking the KHA course.

This is a long intense course designed to help people with ponds, who have developed health problems with their fish. I want to point out that **KHA's are advisors and not vets**. This does not diminish their effectiveness for helping members. They have certain rules that must be followed If one KHA is good, two are great.



Ikeage beauty....

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Pond **T**our **2**007

The planning for the 2007 Pond Tour is well under way. To date 15 members have volunteered to host the tour. To facilitate travel between the ponds we have broken the tours into two geographic regions – Northeast – Gwinnett area (June 2 & 3) and Northwest -Cobb area (June 16 & 17), I have added in-town Atlanta Ponds to the first tour. Tour hours are from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M.. This year we will offer tickets on a *per vehicle* basis, as recommended in the AKC Survey. We are planning to make tickets available at a couple of local sponsors as well as through PayPal. If you have not yet volunteered to host and are interested, please contact us at tour@atlantakoiclub.org

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In addition to these two weekends, we will host a VIP Pond Side Soiree on June 2 from 7 – 10 P.M.. We hope you will join us for beverages and light refreshments. Tour hosts are invited to attend this special evening, and an additional 40 tickets will be available to the public at an additional cost.

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In the next couple of weeks, we will send out questionnaires for the hosts to complete to assist tour participants in planning their itinerary. Since we are still putting together final plans, we are not able to share all of the specifics this month, but we hope to have everything in place for the big announcement in next month's newsletter and on the AKC website, www.atlantakoiclub.org

Thanks for your continued support.

David Pugh and Kathy Adkins



Upcoming Koi Shows

Here's the skinny on upcoming koi shows. Be sure to mark your calendar.

FEBRUARY 17-18 2007 San Diego CA
20th Annual Show
www.koiclubsandiego.org

March 9-11 2007 Central Florida Koi Show
Orlando FL
www.znaska.org
www.orlandokoi.org

May 4-6 2007 Southern Koi Expo
Winston Salem NC
www.southern-koi-expo.com

September 28-30, 2007 Koi America 2007
Carroll County Shirley Arena
Westminster, MD.
<http://www.carrollcountyagcenter.com/>



Koi Auction and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19th, 2007
11:00 AM



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when the WATER
temp is below 50° —
don't feed the fish!



Atlanta Koi Club Regular Monthly Meeting

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Pike Family Nurseries Corporate Office
January 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Members present were: David Boyd, David Marier, Peggy Fricke, Ron Scott, Herve Rijnveld, Susan Brown, David Pugh, Jay Drew, and Kathy Scales.

The club President David Boyd called the meeting to order. David introduced the Board and appointments: David Boyd - President, David Marier - Vice President, Peggy Fricke - Secretary, Ron Scott - Treasurer & Koi & Goldfish Show Chairperson, Herve Rijnveld - Property Manager, Susan Brown - Membership, Ron Scott, Koi Show Chairman, Jay Drew - Koi Auction Chairman, David Pugh Pond Tour Co-Chairperson,, Kathy Adkins, P.R. Director & Pond Tour Co-Chairperson, Toni Anderson, Newsletter Editor, Michael Anderson & Mike Hutson, Webmasters.

Treasurer Ron Scott reviewed the 2007 budget. A copy of the budget was e-mailed to all the members. Several questions were clarified by Ron and the budget was approved by the membership.

Ron also updated the club on the progress of our non-profit status. All of the paperwork has been filed and all the questions have been answered. We are just waiting for an answer from the IRS. Ron will report back to the club as soon as he hears anything.

Koi and Goldfish Show Chairperson Ron Scott reported that the Koi Show will be held at Costal Pond Supply again this year September 14th, 15th and 16th. Thank you Bill Dowden! Set-up will begin on Thursday September 13th. There was discussion as to having a Friday night meet and greet as we had last year. Last year's was a great success. The club is looking into purchasing hard shell tanks and selling our old tanks. The proceeds from the sale will help to defray the costs of the new tanks. It was also mentioned that a secure storage area be provided for people to store purchased items while at the show. The proposed area will be housed by the front by the store area.

Volunteers for the show are needed and were encouraged to call Ron.

The Koi Auction will be held May 19th at Costal Pond Supply. Chairperson Jay Drew is working on the details and is looking at having a baby fish sale as we did last year. Details will be posted on the website as they become available.

Volunteers for the auction are needed and were encouraged to call Jay.

The club's inventory has been completed. Herve Rijnveld, Property Manager thanked Bill Fricke, Ron Scott and Bill Dowden for all their help. Herve gave special thanks to Bill Dowden for building an enclosure for the clubs property. Herve mentioned that several tanks and other equipment are unaccounted for and asked the club to call him if you have any of the missing items. A clipboard with Herve's contact information will be placed on the trailer for better accounting. Herve also reported that the trailer registration will be transferred to Dekalb County.

Pond Tour Chairperson David Pugh reported that there will be northwest and northeast tour this year. The dates for the tours are: Northwest will be June 2nd and the Northeast will be June 16th. There was also discussion about having a VIP Tour get-together on Saturday evening at an additional cost. Currently there are 14 members signed up to host their ponds. Anyone interested in having their pond in the tours please call David Pugh.

Volunteers for the tour are needed and were encouraged to call David.

Vice President, David Marier announced that February meeting will be held at the Carter Center. He also asked for suggestions of topics for upcoming meetings. David asked the membership to e-mail him if you have any suggestions. There will be no May meeting due to the Fish Auction and the April meeting will be moved to April 15th.

Harold Biggio one of our new members is close to completing his training to be a KHA (Koi Health Advisor). Harold has offered his services to the club and its members. There was discussion on how the club can support Harold. Harold will also take over the clubs library.

Michael Anderson reminded the club that Toni, the Newsletter Editor, would welcome articles for the monthly newsletter.

The meeting concluded and the membership enjoyed great refreshments provided by David Pugh and David Boyd.

Peggy C Fricke



Art by Coleen Melton
KOI USA

At the January meeting David asked us to write a monthly column for the newsletter. We also discovered a lot of folks were in the dark about the AKCA's KHA program. So, we thought a brief review of KHA would be a good starting point.

Who: Koisan is the little guy in the picture left. Harold Biggio and Joe Hatfield are the club's Koi Health Advisor **candidates**.

Where / When: "God willing and the pond don't overflow," Both Harold and Joe will get their certification at the 26th Annual AKCA Seminar this June in Phoenix.

What: According to Spike Cover, the visionary KHA Program director, "the idea [for the KHA] grew out of the AKCA's desire to get more help, primarily veterinarian help, for the hobby. [However,] after examining the situation, it was concluded that... **vet help for the hobby was unlikely in our lifetime.**" So, building on the tradition of "hobbyists help[ing] other hobbyists," the program was born in 2001. This led to the idea of creating a course that assured a minimal [but challenging] level of competence and required continuing education to maintain certification. Currently there are 117 certified KHAs scattered across 26 states. In the Southeast, neither Georgia nor Alabama has a certified KHA.

How: Spike also noted that "the focus of the course is to learn and subsequently teach [other hobbyists] ways to keep [their] koi healthy. We all intuitively know that keeping any animal healthy is preferable to treating it after it becomes sick. That said, the program recognizes that sick happens (sorry, couldn't resist that one). So we include diagnosis and treatment in our course material."

"The KHA are not vets... In addition to, "first, do no harm," there are rules that restrict the KHAs' activities: they must not violate [federal and state] laws governing their activities and they may not charge for their services. (Obtaining reimbursement for direct out of pocket costs [however,] is permissible)... And, they cannot issue prescription medications. [However, there are] mechanisms for... [vet] consults so that such medications may be obtained if required."

"As envisioned... [KHAs] would give presentations at local, regional and national meetings, write articles for newsletters and other publications and discuss the principles of good koi health with individuals. If a koi owner had trouble with a pond or fish within the KHA's local area, they would either do a telephone consult or make a pond visit... determine the cause... and suggest potential solutions."

Well that's it... right from the "horse's mouth." We're excited by all that we're learning and awed by all that we have yet to learn. For us this is the start of an adventure... one that we hope you will share.

Coming issues: Here are a couple of topics we're thinking about for coming issues:

- The Art of Koi Keeping: *Benign Neglect* (translated... "It's not smart to mess with Mother Nature!")
Your Pond **CAN** Kill-----You! Tricks for staying healthy.

As you're part of this little adventure, we need your input. Email Koisan the topics you're interested in, so we can target the columns to the your "hot buttons."

Also, please understand that **we're not yet certified**. Feel free to email or call one of us if you "hit the wall" on a husbandry or health issues or if you just need a "sounding board." We might not have the answer and might be limited by what we can do until certification, but we have a really good rolodex and generally will know of someone who can help.

Here's to an uneventful spring for all... **Koisan**



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AKC MEMBERSHIP SURVEY – RESULTS PRESENTATION AT FEBRUARY MEETING



As most of you know, last year we conducted a survey of our membership's opinions on a variety of topics affecting our Club, with the intention of providing our Elected Board with a tool for future planning and direction for the AKC. The frenzy of club events and activities last fall, the holiday break, the January meeting's Officers presentations...all combined to impede finding an opportune time to present the survey results, until now. So join us at the February membership meeting to hear a presentation summary of what our members think, feel, and say about their past experiences and future desires for the AKC.

P.S. There will be a weapons check at the door, as the Messenger doesn't wish to get shot while simply delivering the message. :-)

See you all at the February meeting.
Gary Montalto
AKC Survey Chair



Don't Be a Rude Customer

Good manners require that we keep business and socializing separate. This means when someone buys a koi — or has a winner — we should not ask about the price of the fish. Why shouldn't I ask how much a koi cost? I'm a consumer. I need to know so I can figure out whether a particular koi was within my budget. And besides, why shouldn't I know? Who really cares??

Actually there are a couple of reasons why you shouldn't ask. When you ask a price, you are asking much more...you are asking about the relationship built between a breeder/dealer and the hobbyist. That relationship is NOT yours — it is between the seller and the buyer. You have to work out your own relationship. You can't ride someone else's coat tails.

High quality koi may not even have a "set price." It would depend on the buyer and the dealer relationship. If the dealer knows the hobbyists and the hobbyist knows koi (most people couldn't tell the difference between a \$50 and a \$5000 koi), the dealer is likely to lower the price if the dealer knows the koi is to be well cared for and shown. Top honors at koi shows will yield recognition for the dealer which will equate to future value and sales.

Rudeness is the other reason. If you ask about a koi's price, would you not think it rude for the person to respond in a very truthful manner, "None of your business"? It isn't any of your business what one individual or another pays for their koi.

This brings us to another matter — shoppers who eavesdrop on those conversations. There again... it's between the buyer and the seller and not the onlookers.

Please, oh, please don't interrupt these negotiations by commenting on the koi in question. Let the entire transaction go through without interrupting.

When it's your turn — you can have the seller's complete attention. Taking turns It's a good thing.

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Those Tricky Hikarimuji, Hikarimoyo and Kawarigoi

Joel Burkard

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The literal translation of Hikarimuji is "light without pattern". The "light" part refers to the bright metallic sheen that characterizes the varieties that belong in this category. The "without pattern" portion indicates that the koi in this category should be a single color. Hikarimuji are very popular with the neophyte koi keeper, possibly due to the fact that they show so well against a green background. (Green water is the scourge of all koi keepers, but it seems to be particularly prolific in new ponds, or ponds that lack adequate filtration.)

Some examples of Hikarimuji varieties are:

- Yamabuki Ogon (metallic yellow)
- Platinum or "Purachina" Ogon (white metallic)
- Orenji Ogon (metallic orange)
- Nezu Ogon (metallic gray)

And just to confuse the already confused, Matsuba Ogon which flaunts the rules by having a reticulated net or pinecone pattern set against a metallic background that can be either red, white, gold, orange or yellow.

Hikarimoyo, which translates as "patterned light", is an ever-growing category of bright metallic koi that have distinctive patterns. Many of these varieties have been developed as a result of crossing the Hikarimuji with the Big Three, and other varieties.

Kohaku that have an overall metallic sheen are called Sakura Ogon. Metallic Sanke are called Yamato Nishiki. The metallic yellow and white of the Hariwake are very popular, as are the various metallic Doitsu (German) varieties such as Kikusui and Doitsu Hariwake.

One of the more popular varieties of Hikarimoyo is the Kujaku, which translates to "Peacock". The name aptly describes this colorful and radiant variety. The Kujaku was created in the early 1960's by Mr. "Nishi" Hirasawa of Hiranishi Fish Farms. In recent years Kujaku have received a lot of attention, and with their increasing popularity, are often judged in a category of their own. The Kujaku is a metallic or Ogon koi with the reticulated net-like pattern of the Matsuba on its back. This net pattern is overlaid with either a gold, yellow, orange or red Kohaku-type pattern creating a striking effect.

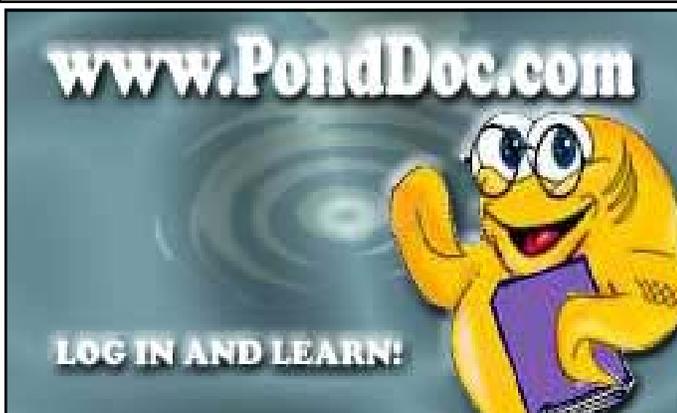
The literal translation of Kinginrin is "Gold and Silver Scales." Kinginrin is the name given to the metallic flake or "diamond scale" effect, where the scales themselves reflect light like tiny silver and gold mirrors.

Commonly referred to as simply Ginrin, this type of scale can be bred into nearly every variety, namely; Ginrin Kohaku, Ginrin Showa, Ginrin Sanke, Ginrin Kujaku, etc. Ginrin varieties are especially popular and have been well accepted in the United States. This popularity runs contrary to Asian preferences, where Ginrin varieties are considered much less desirable than The Big Three. Last, but definitely not least in popularity, comes the category of Kawarigoi. The literal translation of Kawarigoi is "Changing" or "Different" koi.

Into this category fall all the varieties both named and unnamed that either have unstable characteristics, or do not fall into any other recognized category. As you may well imagine, Kawarigoi contains literally hundreds of different examples and provides an all-inclusive category for anything new that might come along.

Ranging from the spectacular to the bizarre, Kawarigoi provide the most diversity and are quite possibly America's uncrowned favorites. At a recent Koi Show sanctioned by the Associated Koi Clubs of America (AKCA) and held in Arizona, a koi belonging to the Kawarigoi category took top honors and was proclaimed Grand Champion!

In Japan, it is said, that koi keeping begins and ends with Kohaku, leaving no question as to which is their favorite variety. Here in America, it seems unlikely that that sentiment will prevail. Perhaps due to our independent spirit and pioneering heritage, or simply because the hobby is still in it's growing stages, we tend to find a stronger attraction to a much wider variety of koi. Ah the beauty of koi keeping in America, celebrating the diversity, different strokes for different folks!





Various Parasite Treatment Protocols for the Pond						
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Common Pond Parasites						
Anchor Worm	Physical removal followed by topical treatment of site. Use an organophosphate to clear worms from pond.	organophosphate	organophosphate		dimilin	dimilin
Apiosoma	Combination of formalin and malachite green or potassium permanganate					
Argulus	Physical removal followed by topical treatment of site. Use organophosphate to clear worms from pond.	organophosphate	organophosphate		dimilin	
Chilodonella	Combination of formalin and malachite green	potassium permanganate	Combination of formalin and malachite green	Combination of formalin and malachite green	salt	Combination of formalin and malachite green

This chart is compiled from various well known sources for the treatment of parasites in the pond.

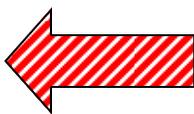
These sources only give you an idea of which chemicals they use to eradicate parasites. I did not, however, give the dosing rates. Before you begin any regimen of treatment, please consult one or more of these references and someone experienced in the use of these chemicals. Ask the KHA guys, for example.

Diagnosing which parasites the fish have may require the use of a microscope.

Please be very cautious when adding any chemical to your pond. READ all directions very carefully and measure very accurately. Pay close attention to any caveats concerning what else can be in the water. For example, some chemicals require that NO SALT should be in the water during treatment. Some must be used alone and others may be combined.

These treatments often have water changes as part of the protocol. Be sure to do all required water changes.

Michael Anderson



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Common Pond Parasites						
Costia	Combination of formalin and malachite green	potassium permanganate	Combination of formalin and malachite green	Combination of formalin and malachite green, chloramine-T	formalin	potassium permanganate
Epistylis	malachite green				salt	Combination of formalin and malachite green
Flukes (gill and skin)	Combination of formalin and malachite green	Chloramine-T or formalin and malachite green or organophosphate	Combination of formalin and malachite green or potassium permanganate	Combination of formalin and malachite green, chloramine-T	Prazi or supaverm	supaverm
Leeches	organophosphate	organophosphate	organophosphate			
Tricodina	potassium permanganate	Chloramine-T	Combination of formalin and malachite green	potassium permanganate	Salt or formalin or potassium permanganate	potassium permanganate
Ichthyophthirius	malachite green	Chloramine-T	Combination of formalin and malachite green	Combination of formalin and malachite green	Salt or formalin	Combination of formalin and malachite green



Membership

Susan Brown

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Well it is that time of year when Dues are Due. I e-mailed the dues due notice the beginning of January and we have had a good response. I am looking forward to hearing from the rest of you soon.

Make your check out to AKC and Mail to: Susan G. Brown 191 Kings Row, Marietta, GA 30067.

If you have any questions or information that needs to be changed on our Membership List please send with check.

To show appreciation for your support, decals with our logo on them are in the planning stage. We hope to distribute to members at the meetings and send to our Sponsors. The decals will be easy to put on your vehicle (or whatever) and easy to take off.

As I am sure you know,

Household Membership	\$50 for 1 year	\$90 for 2 years
Individual	\$30 for 1 year	\$54 for 2 years
Sponsor	\$150 1 year	
Koi USA magazine subscription	\$20 1 year	
Name Badges	\$5	
ZNA International Koi Club	\$100 1 year**	

**Note ZNA's year runs from May to May

The attendance for the January 2007 meeting was 35 members and 2 guests. We currently have 164 Members and 9 Sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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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.

Meeting Date: Sunday, 11 February 2007
Executives meet at 1:00 p.m. Members meet at 2:00 p.m.
Carter Center

From North of Atlanta —Take I-75 or I-85 South to Exit 248C, which says "Freedom Parkway, The Carter Center." Continue on Freedom Parkway about 1.8 miles, following the signs to The Carter Center. As you loop around The Carter Center, follow the signs to entrance # 3 (Executive Offices).

From South of Atlanta & Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport —Take I-75 or I-85 North to Exit 248C, which says "Freedom Parkway, The Carter Center." Continue on Freedom Parkway about 1.8 miles, following the signs to The Carter Center. As you loop around The Carter Center, follow the signs to entrance # 3 (Executive Offices).

Please be sure to wear your club badges to this meeting so the folks at the Carter Center will be able to recognize members easily.



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