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## By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

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The February meeting was a surprise for one member and very informative for the members attending. There was also more discussion about offering the current show tanks we have to members. Ron Scott also made an announcement to the board about our non-profit status.

The Atlanta Koi Club held it's meeting at the Carter Center and we would like to thank them for the opportunity to meet, as well as see the koi that were donated by members for their koi pond. It is a great treat to see all the koi swimming in the pond as well as hearing how well kept they are. I recommend a trip to the Carter Center to walk around the grounds and see the koi pond. It was also a great surprise for Ray Brock, who was celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, the club brought in a cake and celebrated with him.

After singing "Happy Birthday" to Ray by the members attending, Herve Rijnveld and Ron Scott discussed the show tanks that will be for sale this year. The rules were discussed and a time limit of April 15<sup>th</sup> set for buying the tanks. After that date the tanks will be open for sale to other clubs. I strongly recommend that anyone wanting a tank to contact Herve via our website as soon as possible. There are a number of clubs showing great interest in our tanks.

Gary Montalto, spoke at the meeting giving the results of the survey that was taken by the membership to assess what could be done to help improve our club. Many of the results were not a surprise, while some were. The results are being linked to our website for members to view.

This weekend we had the pleasure of seeing an old friend of ours across our creek. Unfortunately, I am not good at sneaking up, so the best I could do was get a picture of him as he was leaving.



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 I also have the pleasure of announcing at the AKC has received approval from the IRS to be a non-profit organization. This will allow members to make donations to the club and receive a tax benefit from this. Thanks for all the diligence and hard work, Ron. We really appreciate your efforts! 

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**P** The Atlanta Koi Club proudly announces  
**O** Pond Tour – 2007. This event is held  
**N** every two years and affords the public the  
**D** opportunity to peek into the backyards of  
**T** some of our members. This year the tour  
**O** will occur on two weekends in June. Sev-  
**U** enteen member families have graciously  
**R** volunteered to share their ponds with  
**2** you. Each pond will offer the owner's  
**0** unique interpretation of koi keep-  
**0** ing. This is an excellent chance to gain valu-  
**7** able insight into the world of ponds for the  
experienced and novice alike. To maximize  
the time you can spend at the ponds and  
minimize the travel time between ponds  
we have arranged the ponds by geo-  
graphic area. The tour booklet suggests  
an optimum route, but you are welcome to  
customize your itinerary.

### Dates and Location

#### Northeast and In-town Atlanta

Dates: June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 9 am – 5 pm

#### Northwest Atlanta

Dates: June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9 am – 5 pm

### VIP Evening Social Date: June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Your invitation for the VIP Evening Social is only \$10 per person and will afford you the opportunity to mingle with the pond tour hosts at one of the premier ponds in the Atlanta metro area. This pond was one of two featured last year in Ponds Magazine. (Space is limited to 40 tickets for this event)

Each weekend pass will provide you with a keepsake tour booklet listing directions to the ponds arranged in a geographic order and the pond descriptions. The VIP Invitation will provide you location information for the evening



Our February meet-  
ing was at the  
Carter Center. We  
heard the survey  
results and cele-  
brated Ray Brock's eightieth birthday! We really enjoyed visiting this  
venue. Thanks.  
*Photos by Joe Hatfield*

**CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE :**

[http://www.fishnpond.com/html/khv\\_photogallery.html](http://www.fishnpond.com/html/khv_photogallery.html)



## Upcoming Koi Shows

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

**March 9-11 2007 Central Florida Koi Show**  
Orlando FL  
[www.znaska.org](http://www.znaska.org)  
[www.orlandokoi.org](http://www.orlandokoi.org)

**May 4-6 2007 Southern Koi Expo**  
Winston Salem NC  
[www.southern-koi-expo.com](http://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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## February Meeting Minutes

Members present were: David Boyd, David Marier, Peggy Fricke, Ron Scott, Herve Rijnveld, and Susan Brown.

Club President David Boyd called the meeting to order. David and the club wished Ray Brock a HAPPY 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!

David then introduced Gary Montalto to present the results of the Koi Club Survey. Gary thanks all who worked on the survey with special thanks to Herve for all his help. A synopsis of the results of the survey will be posted on the website.

Susan Brown, Membership Chairperson welcomed new members Mike and Phyllis Loudermilk and new sponsor Mihoko Chambers from ReMax Home Sales who offered to make a donation to the club for every house that she sells from a club referral.

Susan will be ordering Atlanta Koi Club decals for all members and sponsors. Two per family will be provided at no cost and additional decal can be purchased at \$5.00 per decal. Susan will also be selling Koi Show pins at our monthly meetings

Pond Tour Chairperson David Pugh requested that all pond descriptions be submitted to David by February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer Ron Scott reported that he has received notification that the Atlanta Koi Club has been approved for non-profit status. The status was approved to be backdated to September 20<sup>th</sup> 1990 and the club does not owe any back taxes. Ron is in the process of filing tax returns.

Ron also reported that the club's checking and saving accounts have been changed from Bank of America to BB&T. This change will save the club banking fees. At present the club has a balance of \$19,000 in our savings account and \$1,900 in our checking account.

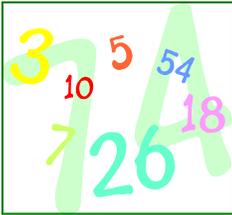
Herve Rijnveld, Property Manager reported that he has been unable to acquire the trailer registration from Smokey Sullins and will try to arrange a time to pick it up.

Herve also announced that the club will sell all of our soft shell tanks. The proceeds from the sale will help to defray the costs of purchasing our new hard tanks. Club members will have first choice at purchasing the tanks. The cost of the tanks will be \$250 for the 6 foot 450 gallon tanks and \$300 for the 8 foot 750 gallon tanks. A sign-up sheet will be at the meetings. **The deadline for payment of these tanks will be April 15<sup>th</sup>.** The unsold tanks will be sold to Susan Reed of the North Carolina club.

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Treasurer's Report - Checking		3	
by Ron Scott		For: January 2007	
<b>Beginning balance:</b>		<b>\$1,862.00</b>	
<b>Income Categories:</b>			
2300	Koi Show		\$20.91
2500	Misc.		\$42.06
	Raffles - Monthly Meetings Only	\$42.00	
	Interest on Club Checking Account (Only)	\$0.06	
	Banking		\$19,254.00
	Opening Checking Account at BB&T	\$250.00	
	Closing of Bank of America Account & Putting at BB&T	\$19,004.00	
2600	Pond Tour		
2700	Membership		\$1,827.04
	Member Badges	\$5.00	
	Membership Dues	\$1,272.00	
	ZNA Membership	\$100.00	
	Vendor Sponsorship	\$450.00	
	Bank Says membership deposit \$.04 more than was	\$0.04	
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$21,144.01</b>
<b>Expense Categories:</b>			
500	Koi Show		\$20.91
700	Misc.		\$150.00
	Food at Club Meeting	\$150.00	
1300	Membership		\$20.00
	Koi USA Subscription	\$20.00	
1400	Bank Charges		\$1,842.06
	Opening Savings & Checking Accounts at BB&T	\$500.00	
	Transferring Funds to Savings Account	\$1,342.06	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,032.97</b>
<b>NET</b>		<b>#####</b>	
	Checkbook Ending Balance		<b>\$20,973.04</b>
	Uncleared Transactions		<b>\$0.00</b>
	Bank Statement		<b>\$20,973.04</b>

## What Is Your Pond's *Magic Number*?



**PPM** stands for *parts per million*. It is a ratio, not a specific amount. Examples are: one pound in a million pounds, two ounces in two million ounces, three grams in three million grams, etc.

OK, but what does this have to with our nishikigoi ponds? The reason for understanding PPM is that many information sources will give pond treatments in PPM. It is then up to the pond owner to know the volume of their pond system and then calculate the grams (if dry) or liters (if liquid) of the chemical that are needed. Why all this talk about metric? Because it a more accurate measuring system that our old English system. Also, metric is the measurement standard system used in medicine.

The keys to using PPM are:

- Know your pond system water volume in US gallons
- Convert the US gallons to liters (multiply gallons by 3.7834)
- Divide the total liters by 1000 this is your pond's "magic number"
- For dry chemicals, multiple "magic number" times specified PPM dosing rate to find the total number of grams needed
- For liquid chemicals, multiple "magic number" times specified PPM dosing rate to find the total number of milliliters needed
- Use a gram scale (from the kitchen department of a Super Store) to measure the dry chemicals
- Use a glass measuring cup's metric scale to measure the liquid chemicals

Some quick examples: Our pond is 10,000 gallons or 37,834 liters. We divide that by 1,000 to get 37.834 as our pond's "magic number". We need to dose a dry chemical at 2PPM. We multiple the "magic number" by 2 and get 75.668 grams. Many weeks later we need to dose the same pond with a liquid chemical at 25 PPM. This time we multiple the "magic number" by 25 to get 945.85 milliliters.

What is your pond's "magic number"?

Michael Anderson

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## It's a 3-fer Show!

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Our 2007 koi show is already in the planning stages. With that in mind, I thought you needed to know about some of the new standards for showing fish.

Before 2006 — there were only standards for judging nishikigoi in a koi show. Goldfish were not there, and certainly those long-finned koi were left back in the pond. Things began to change. More and more goldfish were included in shows to add another dimension to the fish show experience. Goldfish standards were decided by a national organization. When shows began adding long-finned koi to the show list, a problem arose. How do you judge long-finned koi? Much as we may love them ... they are just not the same as regular finned koi. Long-fins are often longer and leaner than their short-finned counterparts. Their fins are not “standard” by any means. After a lot of discussion with breeders and judges, AKCA developed standards for judging long-finned koi. An article appeared in the Nov./Dec. issue of KoiUSA detailing the standards. With Ray Jordan’s permission, I am condensing this article to share with you.

1. **Body Shape: Finnacle and Deportment** — outweighs all other standards combined ! Long-fins should have NO missing or deformed fins, barbels, eyes or other body parts. Pompoms and longer barbels — if balanced —are acceptable. Strong body conformation and fins which allow effortless movement give the fish the best impression.
2. **Color** — Colors should appear thick and uniform with the same hue all over the body. Pattern edges should be sharp and colors should not bleed into one another. Speckling is undesirable.
3. **Pattern** — Long-fins should display the same type of desirable pattern characteristics already standardized for regular koi. A kohaku with long fins should look the same as a standard kohaku except for the graceful fins. Because long-fins have longer, thinner bodies, it is wise to avoid patterns which make them look longer. Wrap around designs accentuate the positive aspects of long-fins.
4. **Overall Appearance / Elegance** — Higher quality long-fins have a “luster” produced by youthful looking skin and a healthy sheen which really makes the color pop. The best fish will be graceful swimmers with fins neither too long or too short and elegantly displayed as they swim effortlessly around their tank.

I also asked Steve Childers for comments or suggestions about showing fish. He added this information:

**My only suggestion on education would be for the membership to limit their entries to the top 1 or 2 koi/goldfish/long-fin for a variety/size. Someone who brings 10 long-fins the same size is putting themselves and their fish through undue added stress. Also, I would suggest that they enter them on Friday evening if at all possible so as to give time for adjustment to the show water and such...it's easier on the fish and allows for smoother registration. (Steve Childers)**



### From the AKCA Minutes...

Harold Biggio, a KHA student from Atlanta, is in the process of significantly improving the KHA portion of the “AKCA web-site. The effort will include a new and very improved forum, archives for newsletters, forms for downloading, CE policies & procedures. Harold is donating his labor. Thanks! Harold.



### AKCA Seminar Attendance Pins

AKCA is awarding pins for Seminar attendance. Pins are for 5, 10, 15 & 20 years attendance. In order for the year to count ... you must have attended as a **registrant**. The years are cumulative and not necessarily consecutive. Go to the AKCA web-site ... or our web-site ([www.atlantakoiclub.org](http://www.atlantakoiclub.org)) to fill out the form. You must be at the banquet to receive the pin. [www.AKCA.org](http://www.AKCA.org).

**Attention Techies!** If you read the koi bulletin boards — **Koi Shack** to be exact — keep watching those rotating banners at the top of the Main Chat Board. Our AKC banner is there advertising all three of our major club events! That means the hard core koi kichi will know about our events. Way to go! And... it's free!



### Koi Person of the Year!

We will nominate and elect a **Koi Person of the Year** at the April meeting. Look around. Who has really worked to help the club? Who helps the most with club activities? Who encourages members in their koi keeping quest? The award may go to an individual or a couple. The winner(s) receive a certificate at the AKCA Seminar in Phoenix.



# A Glimpse Into UGA's Koi Health Management Seminar 2007

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Carolyn Weise, Ecological Laboratories, Inc.

We have to thank Bart and Kathy Atkinson. I'm sure they didn't know it when they brought their large koi to the Koi Health Management Seminar for "free consultation" that they would offer the rest of us a valuable experience in return. The gorgeous showa from Japan was to be anesthetized so blood could be drawn to determine KHV status before allowing the fish to enter their pond.

This is an important lesson to all hobbyists. After six month quarantine, Bart and Kathy brought the fish to the veterinarians to draw blood for the all-important final fate of this fish. The act alone shows fortitude and priority not readily available to most hobbyists, to put their expensive koi into the hands of a blood test. If the tests show no KHV antibodies, the fish will remain in the family to enter their pond. If there is a positive result to the tests, which will rule out any chance of error, the fish has two choices: euthanasia or heat treatment. Either way, it can never be kept with normal, KHV-free fish if the test is positive. Ideally, the fish would be put down to prevent any chance of contaminating other stock in the future.

If no testing were done, the fish would still have a 50/50 chance of having KHV. Is it better not to test the fish – a simple blood test which is accurate and inexpensive – and possibly lose every fish in the pond? Anybody who is not quarantining fish is risking disease, but they are still not ruling out KHV by a mere quarantine. Do a blood test. Have your veterinarian take the blood for you if you are not comfortable or do not know how to do this yourself. Call Vicki Vaughan. Then send it to the Koi Lab at the University of Georgia, attention Vicki Vaughan.

What the attendants at the training seminar gained from this experience was to witness trained veterinarians collecting blood. We learned that MS222 (or any anesthesia) is not as effective in cold water temperatures. The fish simply did not want to go to sleep. It seemed to take forever while the group stood around watching, waiting, with syringes and test tubes. A centrifuge sat near the building, plugged in and ready for the 10-minute preparation to separate out the serum from the blood. We saw how difficult it can be to find the vein, even if you are an expert. Now we know. We gained knowledge and confidence from this valuable experience.

Next, they brought another fish, a large female that had stopped feeding and was basically sitting on the bottom by herself. She started to gain weight through her mid-section last summer. We thought it might be a tumor. She was in a female-only pond so there was no breeding. Dr. Stephen Hernandez-Divers did an Endoscopy on the fish, with a projection screen for all to watch. He first entered through the gills to check for disease and found everything fairly normal. Then he made an incision (with scissors) into the abdomen and put the Endoscopy into the body of the fish. It was spell-binding to watch as he probed his way through the koi's system. There was no tumor. There was nothing but eggs. This fish had been unable to discharge her eggs and they were becoming calcified. She was extremely fortunate that Bart and Kathy brought her in when they did, before it became septic. As it happens, Dr. Hernandez-Divers and Dr. Erik Johnson have made a date to remove the eggs and spay the fish. She will live and we were all there to witness it.

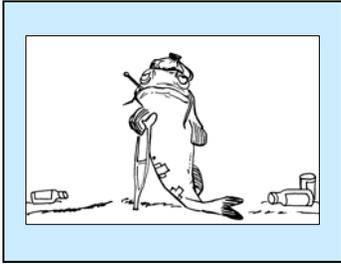
And Kathy and Bart probably just thought they were getting free assistance. Thank you, Bart and Kathy for what you gave to us! We can never repay you...

There were other volunteers at UGA's seminar. Every veterinarian, professor and microbiologist, and even Carl Forss, were there on their own time and pocketbook to teach others how to better care for their fish. Retailers will be better able to protect themselves and their customers from KHV and hobbyists will know how to double-check the health of their fish, and treat when needed. The money invested was well-spent – on our food (which was superb!) and laboratory expenses and such. Michael and Toni Anderson are always there to volunteer their services as "Vicki's Posse" in whatever is needed to make the weekend a success. Vicki was there and we all know how much pain she was in, but

that didn't slow her down. Carl was his ever-present, ever-willing, dedicated self, doing all the behind-the-scenes work to make such an enterprise happen. All I did was show up for the miracle. These people handed it to me. Thank you. And thank you to my employer who volunteered the products to hand out to all who attended; we all know how prestigious Microbe-Lift has become, so you got something else of real value. I'm proud to work there and grateful to have met the fine people at this seminar. I hope to do this again next year. *[Editor's note: 3 AKC members were attendees at this year's conference— Bart & Kathy Atkinson and Harold Biggio. Congratulations!]*



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## Aeromonas Alley

Winter arrived in Georgia a little late this year. We have now seen our nightly temperatures dip to the upper teens and low 20's. Once the temps hit 45 degree F, our little fishes went into a condition of *Torpor*. (They just are not moving very much).

Webster's says *torpor* is a condition of mental or physical inactivity or insensibility; lethargy or apathy. "Many of the people I am forced to work with are in a state of *torpor*."

Harold and I discussed what the next article should be and we agreed that we should remind everyone that the next possible cold water problem that we may encounter is that ugly rise of "Aeromonas and Pseudomonas" and the problems they might bring us. (So y'all watch out now, ya here?)

If one discusses Aeromonas, Pseudomonas needs to be lumped into the discussion as well. These pathogenic bacteria are the primary cause of all ulcer disease, fin rot, and mouth rot. That's right, ALL.

Although they can do the above damage, they have a primary and good function and that is to breakdown fish feces; their favorite snack. However, if one of our little fishes has a wound from a rock, a nibble of skin that has been taken out by a parasite, or a bump on the nose from foraging, the Aeromonas will attack those open sores. They are very opportunistic and will take the easy road to fresh food.

Let's think of these bugs like we think of cold or flu germs that could affect yours or my immune system. They (germs and aeromonas) are with us all the time, ever present, always a threat, but only attack us when we lack the ability to fight them off.

Richard E. Carlson, AKCA, teaches us that the Aeromonas activity levels and the Koi's immune system are directly tied to our pond's water temperature. These temperatures or "Magic Numbers" are guides for us to follow for everything we do with our fishes and the ponds themselves. If we are aware of this temperature connection then we can be ready to prevent or catch problems as early as possible. For example, don't feed until a certain temperature is reached, the temperature that has an effect or lack of in some cases on medical treatments, and temperatures when our fishes are most likely to get diseases.

*We will refer to those temperatures as "Aeromonas Alley". The temperature range where we can expect problems to pop up. "Aeromonas Alley" is when the ponds temperature is between 40 and 60 degrees F. That alley way of temperature where our little fishes are in the most danger of Aeromonas infections and Parasite attack.*

*Aeromonas become active at 42 F and remain to well above 90 degrees F. Our koi's immune system does not become effective to fight off infections until above 45 degrees F. We do not begin to feed our fish until above 50 degrees F. So, by the time our little fishes can even help themselves, those bugs are already doing the dastardly deeds. So what are we to do?*

Consider these steps to reduce Aeromona loads in our ponds:

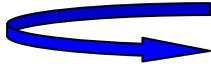
- Remember that all bacteria thrive in high (I say any) organic environment. Clean, Clean, Clean your pond. Clean the bottom, clean your streams, and clean your filters. Clean often. Don't wait until a problem pops up.
- Conduct water changes. If we conduct a 10, 20 or 30% change weekly, it stands to reason we reduce Aeromonas by that same value. (The fishes love fresh water and don't forget to dechlor).
- If possible, treat your pond with Potassium Permanganate. A therapeutic dose of 2ppm for 4-8 hours will do. (PP is very dangerous if not properly administered. Know what you are doing or ask for help).
- Salt to .2 - .3% (after PP) for 14-21 days. This will reduce parasites. (Do this when H2O temperatures are above 45 - 50 degrees F, salt has a temperature lowering effect on the H2O).
- DO NOT get in a big hurry to feed when temperatures go above 50 degrees F. Food means feces. Aeromonas feed on feces. Less feces, less Aeromonas. Less Aeromonas, fewer ulcers. Get the picture? When you do feed, feed an immune system enhancing feed for the first few weeks (14-21 days). Last year our club, through Coastal Pond, acquired Romet. I hope we do it again this year.
- Use Lymnozyme above 45 degrees F. This product is a proven natural enzyme that starves aeromonas. Some people like to begin a regiment in the spring (above 45 degrees F) and again in the fall only. What ever helps.

Watch your critters for signs of problems. If a problem should arise, take the appropriate health action early. Your fishes will love you for it.

**Koisan** (aka Joe Hatfield)

**\*\*\* CLUB SHOW TANKS \*\*\***  
**FOR SALE – LIMITED QUANTITIES SPECIAL OFFER TO AKC MEMBERS**

The AKC Board has decided to sell its flexible blue show tanks and use the proceeds to purchase 40 hard-shell tanks. Major benefits of the hard shell tanks include ease of installation and ease of cleaning, which are some of the most time consuming aspects of setup and breakdown at our Koi Auctions and Shows. Hard shell tanks are also very durable and will neatly stack for easy storage.



**WIN – WIN – WIN**

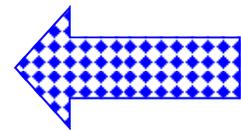


The good news is that there is strong demand for our old flexible tanks. Per prior agreement with Susan Reed of the North Carolina Triad Koi Club - which is organizing the Southern Koi Exposition (SKE) this May - all of our flexible tanks will be loaned to her for the duration of that event.

Susan has offered to purchase the flexible tanks after the show. There are also 2 other clubs that have expressed an interest in buying the tanks.

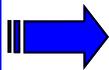
The board has decided to give priority to our Membership. Prices are more than 50% off the original cost.

	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Price</u>
450 Gallon 6 foot flexible tank ...	\$250	\$300
750 Gallon 8 foot flexible tank ...	\$300	\$350



Our Club has 21 six foot flexible tanks with a capacity of 450 gallons, and 21 eight foot flexible tanks with a capacity of 750 gallons. All tanks are in excellent condition. We may keep up to 6 flexible tanks for special/emergency purposes, i.e. koi rescue, loan to moving members, etc. The total number of tanks available for sale will be finalized at the next Club meeting.

Interested members should email Herve at [stuff@atlantakoiclub.org](mailto:stuff@atlantakoiclub.org), and specify the size and number of tanks you'd like to purchase. This is a one-time offer, so be sure to put your name in the hat! Depending on demand, the Board may have to resort to a lottery-type system to allocate the limited number of tanks.



**Deadline for this offer is April 15, 2007.** Buyers will have to make payment in full at that time. They can take possession of their tanks after these are returned from the SKE show in May.

Herve Rijneveld  
 Equipment Manager  
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The board approved purchasing an advertising banner to be displayed on KoiShack.com. The board agreed that this would give the club good exposure at a relatively low cost. (ed. note: *The banner was free to the club, and is running*)

Doug Tatz has volunteered to provide Koi rescue for the club and has brought a proposal to the board. Doug has supplied a list of items that he will need. The board has requested that he bring the list with the associated cost to the next months meeting for discussion and vote by the clubs membership.

The meeting concluded and the membership enjoyed celebrating Ray Brock's 80th birthday with a birthday cake and refreshments provided by Toni and Michael Anderson.

Peggy C Fricke, Secretary

## More About the Surprise ...

This was a complete surprise to me.

When I walked over to the cake for the first time, I, out of the corner of my eye, saw the name *Ray*, nothing clicked. Then some one said, "happy birthday," and I looked again and realized it was a birthday cake for me. Totally shocked. How did they know it was my birthday Month? What's going on etc. These questions in my mind.

Needless to say I was surprised and would like to thank everyone involved. Nicest thing that has happened to me in a long-long time.. Thanks again!

**Ray**



# Membership

Susan Brown 9

In March we will remove members that still owe dues from the active Membership List. We certainly would miss you sooo please send in your checks today along with any updated information you might have... Make the checks out to AKC and mail to Susan Brown, 191 Kings Row, Marietta, GA 30067. All pricing information is listed below on the Membership Application. Hope to hear from you soon. We are looking forward to an exciting year and hope you will be a part of it.

Please join me in welcoming Kyle Vermillion and Mark and Danielle VanZorn. We are so glad you decided to join us and hope to see you at the next meeting. Also, we have a new sponsor Mihoko Chambers with RE-MAX who has graciously offered to give the club a percentage of any club member's referral to her that closes on property. Thank you, Mihoko.

We had 35 members attend the February meeting out of 165 members and 10 sponsors.

## Dues are past Due!

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

"Dedicated to Sharing the Joy of Keeping Koi"

[www.AtlantaKoiClub.org](http://www.AtlantaKoiClub.org)



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: Household: \$50 for 1 Yr. \_\_\_\_\_; \$90 for 2 Yrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check One) Individual: \$30 for 1 Yr. \_\_\_\_\_; \$54 for 2 Yrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Sponsor: \$150 for 1 Yr. \_\_\_\_\_  
KOI USA Magazine Subscription: \$20 for 1 Yr. \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Name Badges: \$5 each. \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*ZNA International Koi Club: \$100 for 1 Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last First Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC is a volunteer organization. We need as much help and support as you can provide, no matter how insignificant. In which of the following areas can you help?

Host Meeting \_\_\_\_, Pond Tour \_\_\_\_, Auction \_\_\_\_, Koi Show \_\_\_\_, Hold Office \_\_\_\_, Flower Show \_\_\_\_

To save money, we provide our newsletter in color via email several days earlier than mailed copies. Would you like to receive your newsletter via email? Yes or No.

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.

**March Meeting:  
Sunday, 11 March 07  
Executives meet at 1  
General Membership meets at 2**

**Directions and address are in the notice letter you received announcing that the newsletter was posted.**



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