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By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

The Atlanta Koi Club would like to thank Harvey Siskin for hosting this year's Summer Social. Although the temperatures were high, it didn't stop a number of members from attending. There were both some old members we have not seen in a while and a few new faces as well.. Harvey's oasis in the middle of Atlanta was a great place to be.

In another week we will be driving to Jacksonville for the AKCA seminar. I have been talking with a number of members who are planning on attending to watch Hal and Susan Brown receive their award for *Koi Persons of the Year*. If anyone else is wanting to join us, the reservation information can be found on the KoiUsa website.

www.koiusa.com

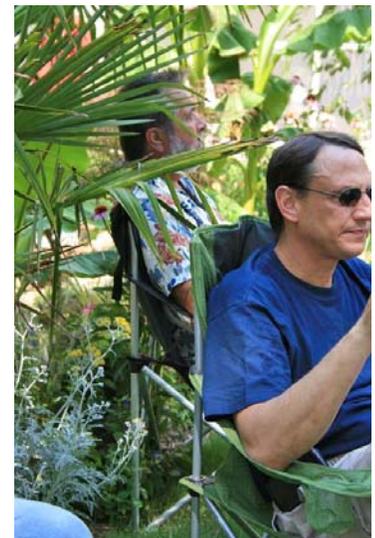
Lastly, in a couple weeks the AKC is going to be helping to rebuild the Scottish Rite Hospital's koi pond. I am hoping that people have gotten in touch with Bill Fricke to let him know you wish to volunteer to work and help in any way possible.



2008 Show Pin by Norm Call.



PARTY PICTURES...



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Atlanta Koi Show Update

David Pugh

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This is the 14th Annual Show and all is progressing.

Show Dates/Location:

September 19–21, 2008
Coastal Pond Supply
2101 Tucker Industrial Road
Tucker, GA 30083

Judges

Koi/Long Fins Ray Jordan – Head Judge
Bryan Bateman - Assistant

Goldfish Peter Ponzio



Purple



Dark Heather

Volunteers: We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the show. Bill Fricke will have the sign-up sheet at the July meeting. If you sign-up then you will have your choice of t-shirt colors.

This year we will be selling black shirts and the volunteer shirts will wear either Dark Heather or Purple.

Each shirt will have the Atlanta Koi Club logo on front and a fresh, new design on the back

Vendor Appreciation Party

Last year many of you know that our more formal judges' dinner was cancelled due to the thunderstorms that raged through Atlanta. Since the judges and the other participants at the Vendor Appreciation Party had such a good time we asked this year's judges for their preference. They have decided to attend the party. We hope you will mark your calendars and attend the party, too. This event is held at the show venue from 7 – 10 pm on Friday, September 19th.

It offers you a chance to visit the vendor's booths early and to meet and chat with the judges and other koi/goldfish addicts. The food is not bad either.

Trophy Sponsors:

If you are interested in sponsoring a trophy, please contact one of the show chairpersons. Sponsorships range from \$25 to \$200. The names of all sponsors will be listed on the AKC website, unless you request anonymity.

One complimentary ticket to the Banquet will be given for each Trophy category at or above the \$100 sponsorship cost, so that you can present your sponsored trophies at the Awards Ceremony. We already have 5 of the trophies sponsored.

Additional Information:

As always if you have suggestions or questions contact the show committee at koi-show@atlantakoiclub.org or at atlantakoishow2008@yahoo.com

If you know of anyone who might be interested in having a vendor booth please let the show committee know or have them contact us as well.

I encourage all members to attend our monthly meetings. The currently planned meetings and events are:

July 13: Terri Foruta & Kathy Rifkin

August 10: Hal & Susan Brown

September 14: David Boyd/ David Pugh_Koi Show Planning and Set-up @ Coastal Ponds (Koi Show: September 19-21 2008)

October 12: Ev Garrin — Election of Officers

November 9: Winter social, Mike Roach and Adam Therrell

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Pink Cloud Water Lilies

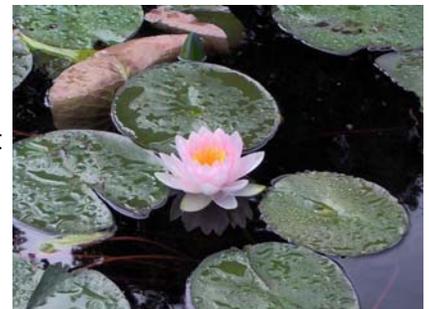
Vicki Knill

This spring my 2- 6 year old hardy water lilies were so pot bound in their 30 gallon Rubbermaid tubs that I was unable to dislodge them. One plant with very luminous pink flowers became so full of lily pads on the water's surface the pot was unable to touch the bottom of the pond resulting in a water lily mass that roved the pond.

Tying a brick to the tub helped keep it stationary until the koi decided to spawn. All the bashing around in the stems and pads eventually managed to pop the rectangular mass of roots from the anchored tub. Left free floating the koi started to forage in the huge root system. I cut the root mass into 3 sections, trimmed down the top and moved everything into a vacant 100 gallon stock tank. I will take the smallest section for myself but the other 2 larger sections are looking for new homes. These are large sections that can be further divided and shared. I believe the name of this water lily is "Pink Cloud".

The water lilies are free but I'd like the new owner of each root mass to sponsor 2, \$25.00 goldfish trophies for our show in September. Not only do you get a huge, beautiful water lily, but you also get to present 2 trophies at the banquet.

If you are interested, please contact me Vicki Knill at either 404-277-9876 or Kingyokoi@gmail.com



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I love going to the Louisville Koi & Goldfish Show held every Memorial Day weekend. It is the best "take your shoes off, kick back and relax" kind of show where Charles & Carolyn Phelps let you come and play in their backyard. Tents are set up on the spacious manicured lawns providing plenty of shade under the Vendor's tent, Koi & Goldfish tent and Dining tent. You could go barefoot all weekend if you wanted, I'm sure no one would mind. Members of the Greater Louisville Koi and Goldfish Society never stop smiling and working to make everything run smoothly.

This year I took 7 small koi with me to show. The UV lights on the big pond were old and in need of changing. After fumbling around with nets in the green water we gave up and set our nets in the pond with smaller koi. We loaded up the motor home, got the 3 poodle girls and were off for a fun weekend. Ours was not the only RV that the Phelps graciously allowed to park in the farther reached of their property. Art and Nicole came with their newly acquired RV, "Chateau Lembke" and 2 more doggies. Those exhibitors and visitors who didn't stay at the "Phelps RV Park" checked into a Holiday Inn minutes from the show.

Friday afternoon I sat with the benching team learning the computer program which would help me later this fall to bench goldfish at our own show. Vendors arrived with everything pond related, and most especially amazing koi and goldfish. Taro Kodama from Hawaii arrived with top quality Japanese koi. Russ and Kari Peters of PSKoi out of California had 3 tanks of tategoi in various sizes but all top quality. When Mike and Ron of Southwest koi & goldfish arrived it became like a feeding frenzy with people swarming their goldfish tanks. Later that evening Carolyn Phelps orchestrated members into presenting a wonderful dinner buffet.

Saturday morning I was Candidate Goldfish Judge shadowing Judge Peter Ponzio who is probably one of America's foremost authorities on goldfish. Also accompanying us was Bay Bateman the newest goldfish judge who's husband Bryan was judging koi with Henry Culpepper. Last year the goldfish tanks were moved from under the vendor tent to the koi show tent. Set up in the middle of the ring of koi tanks this allowed more room for vendors and let the goldfish judging proceed without disruption of the public. The Louisville show is considered to be a medium sized show but the quality of koi and goldfish entries were of a very high standard. Peter, Bay & I found the goldfish entries to be very



Goldfish Judges: Vicki Knill candidate judge; Peter Ponzio head judge; Bay Bateman judge.

competitive but even with such strong competition the Grand Champion was an easy walk away for the 3 time GC Ranchu and AGA GC Goldfish of the year for 2007 owned by AKC member Gaye Jones. Reserve Grand Champion went to a very deserving Ryukin, also owned by Gaye. Baby Grand Champion was awarded to a stunning short finned Ryukin owned by Carolyn Phelps. Art Lembke's large imposing Oranda was awarded the Judge's AGA Award. I chose a beautiful veil tail calico Ryukin to receive the AKC Friendship Award.

Koi Judges Bryan Bateman and Henry Culpepper had the

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Annual Koi and Goldfish Show

September 19-21 2008



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2007 Grand Champion Showa
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AKC Friendship Award—veil-tailed calico Ryunkin

daunting task of choosing from among some high quality koi entries. Grand Champion A was ultimately awarded to a huge Sanke over 24" owned by David Knox. Reserve Grand Champion went to a Kohaku over 24" also owned by David Knox. Grand Champion B was awarded to a Gin Rin A, Sanke owned by Lee Aronfeld. Young Champion was a Sanke owned by Troy Head and Charles Phelps' Hikari Moyo a doitsu Sanke took home Baby Champion..

Gaye Jones and I admired all the koi, but chose a Goshiki with very cool tancho and inazuma (lightning) patterns. This beauty was owned by Troy Head of the Louisville club.



AKC Friendship Award—inazuma Goshiki

Of the 7 little koi I brought I was very pleased to win Best Gin Rin A with a Kohaku and Best Longfin with an Asagi. Carolyn Phelps presented me with a complimentary show pin depicting the show's poster. It was the first time the GLKGS had a pin commemorating the show. The Louisville members are the hosts with the most when it comes to banquets. An amazing all you can eat buffet under the tent made it a beautiful evening with lots of food and friendship.

Sunday morning both goldfish and koi judges walked around the tanks talking about the fish and answering questions. Anyone attending a show should never miss this opportunity for such a great learning experience. I have learned so much about koi and goldfish by attending the Sunday morning walk with the judges at various shows I've attended. Carl and I had such a great weekend, we hated to pack up and leave but we left knowing we would be back again.

Once again we see that Harvey has a beautifully landscaped pond grouping. Great job, Harvey. Lunch was no slouch either. Bill Fricke and Cloris Brown BBQed the delicious chicken.





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Treasurer's Report

Stephen Castel

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<u>Checking</u>		
	Beginning Balance:	\$17,874.36
<u>Income Categories:</u>		
	Total Income	\$274.00
<u>Expense Categories:</u>		
	Total Expense	\$7,790.45
<u>NET</u>		
		(\$7,516.45)
	Cleared Balance	\$10,357.91
	Uncleared Transactions	-\$952.02
	Register Ending Balance	\$9,405.89
<u>Savings</u>		
	Beginning Balance:	\$ 12,351.79
<u>Income Categories:</u>		
	Total Income	\$ 2.62
<u>Expense Categories:</u>		
	Total Expense	\$ -
	Savings Ending Balance	\$12,354.41
	Uncleared Transactions	\$ -
	Register Ending Balance	\$12,354.41
<u>Certificate Of Deposit</u>		
	Beginning Balance:	\$ 8,000.00
	Register Ending Balance	\$ 8,000.00
<u>Total Assets:</u>		\$29,760.30



SSTI... What to do!

SSTI is an abbreviation used in health care for “skin and soft tissue [injury] infection”. These are often referred to by Koi Keepers as “sores” or ulcers. These range from little red “pimples” through ulcers and move on to the large gaping lacerations from predator attacks. Often we (your KHAs) are called too late and the disease has progressed to a system-wide internal blood infection (sepsis) and the probability for a favorable outcome is rather slim. The key to managing these injuries/infections is to **catch/treat them early**. In this article we’ll talk about the “hidden killers”, “what to look for”, “what to do” and “when to ask for help”.

The Hidden Killers

For our Koi this can be hard. Often lesions start on the belly (ventral surface) and aren’t readily noticed. Often they aren’t found until a koi is near death (moribund) and is pulled. At that point the disease could be irreversible.

So, an important thing to do is find a way to frequently view the “belly” of your koi. Feeding time is a good time to not only enjoy watching your koi, but to also check for health problems. One way to do this is to always feed your koi in the same location. It would be ideal if this were the shallower portion of your pond.



There is any number of ways to get a look at the underside and range from simple and inexpensive to high tech and expensive.



Place a lightweight **Acrylic Mirror** on pond bottom. These are available on internet from about \$50. Probably 2’ x 2’ would be adequate. You need to get a hole drilled and attach a lanyard so you can retrieve and clean periodically.

Purchase/Use an **Under Vehicle Inspection Mirror**. These are used by law enforcement and some parking garages to check the under carriage of a car for bombs. They can be found on the internet for about \$40.



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Install an **underwater video camera system**. These can be found on the internet for about \$140.

There is yet another, often disregarded, “killer” – **sores on the head, around the mouth or over the gill plate**. These are often disregarded as being too small to bother with. Wrong! It is especially important to **catch/treat these early** and the earlier the better the chance of success. Why? These have very little tissue between the outer surface of the skin and the underlying bone.

If they get a head start, they deteriorate very rapidly and can move very quickly to an internal infection. Once bone is involved they are nearly impossible to reverse. The result: loss of bone and tissue, a gaping wound and ultimately death.

What to Look for



Stage 1: Early: Looks like a “bruise” or is a small reddish spot which may or may not be raised.



Stage 2: Ulcer: The skin is broken and the “sore” has “eaten” into the underlying tissue. Notice the red area surrounding the ulcer depression. This area shows that the ulcer has developed a localized infection.



Stage 3: “Blood Poisoning” (sepsis): The fins and body show “spider web” veining and the white areas of koi start to become red. The vent is normally swollen and inflamed

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What to Do

Stage 1: Pull and examine the “sore,”

- If the “redness” is coming from scale pocket, remove any dead or dying scales as these will keep the area from healing. Treat the scale pocket with a q-tip dipped in 10 % Providone Iodine and seal.
- If “sore” is open, treat topically and seal

Note:

Sealing is considered to be **controversial** by some in the hobby and is believed to be ineffective. On a personal note, before I sealed my results took weeks to months. With sealing healing occurs within days to weeks.

If on head or gill plate and there are any signs of infection consult with your veterinarian or a KHA. If it were me, I'd pull the koi to a treatment tank and start feeding medicated food, then contact my vet on first signs of infection and get an antibiotic for injection

Stage 2: Pull to treatment tank and treat the ulcer topically and seal about every 3 days for a period of 10 days. Start feeding medicated food and depending on extent and amount of infection, you may want to consult with your veterinarian or a KHA on the necessity of starting antibiotic injections. Raise salinity to 0.5 % to help with osmoregulatory stress.

Stage 3: Isolate the koi because it could infect your other koi. Consult with veterinarian or KHA as antibiotic injections are a necessity.

Note:

A treatment tank is a mini-pond and needs all the filters and aeration found in your main pond. The key is to do twice weekly water changes and to keep the water pristine. There's a saying... 'you can't heal koi in a cesspool.' It's also important to help the fish with osmoregulation by salting the pond between 0.3 – 0.5 % (sometimes even 0.9%). The concentration depends on the degree of illness and extent of the wound.

When to Ask for Help

1. Any lesion on the head or gill plate that have even the smallest open “sore.”
 2. Any open “sore” that becomes inflamed and infected.
- At the very first signs of “blood poisoning” (sepsis).

Each KHA and advanced pond owner has their favorite topical treatment. There is no “right” medication. If you've had no experience with treating SSTI then call and talk with one of the KHAs on what to use and the procedure to follow to treat your koi...

That's it from Koisan... happy ponding

Photos for this article came from a variety of sources including: H. Biggio, www.koiquest.co.uk; www.supercircuits.com; www.mirrors-r-us.com; www.backyardpuddle.com



Thought for the Day...

Gary & Steve chowing down

...and the fish keep right on swimming





Membership

Susan Brown⁹

I would like to welcome Bill Barnette, Rev. Moon Su Yun and his wife Ji Soon Yun, and Jill Oldaker. I am so glad you decided to join and look forward to meeting you soon. Also I would like to welcome a new sponsor Flat Rock Koi and thank them for the wonderful, and interesting meeting they hosted. What a fun way to learn. We have some great sponsors and certainly appreciate their support.

Thank you Michael Roach for doing a great job filling in for me these last two months. And thank you Toni Anderson for all that you did to help while I was gone. Hal and I were very disappointed to miss the last few meetings but will be at the July 13, meeting and hope to see you all there.

We had 27 members and 12 guests attend the June meeting. We now have 166 members and 5 Sponsors.

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Sunday, July 13, 2008 Meeting

Flowers of Giverny 10305 Medlock Bridge Rd Duluth, GA 30097-5996 Hosted by : Terri Foruta & Kathy Rifkin
Officers meet @ 1 Members meet @ 2 Bring lawn chairs just in case we need them....
 Phone: 770/476/5952 if you get lost...

From GA 400:

Take the **Old Milton Parkway Exit (#10)** heading east (right at the top of the ramp if you are heading north, left at the top of the ramp if you are heading south).

Travel approximately 7.5 miles east on **GA-120E (aka State Bridge Road)** turn left onto **Medlock Bridge Road (aka GA-141, N. Peachtree Parkway.)**

Travel approximately 1 mile and the location is in a shopping center on your right.

From I-85 (from the south):

Take **Jimmy Carter Boulevard — GA-140W exit**. At the top of the ramp, take a left onto **Jimmy Carter Boulevard** traveling west.

Travel approximately 2.5 miles and turn right onto **Peachtree Industrial Boulevard/GA-141 N Access Road**.

Get onto **Peachtree Industrial Blvd/GA-141 NW**

Travel for approximately 0.6 miles and take a left onto **HOLCOMB BRIDGE ROAD NW**

Travel for approximately 0.2 miles and take a right onto **PEACHTREE PARKWAY NW/GA-141 N/PAUL DUKE PKWY**

Travel for approximately 6.4 miles to the location which is in a shopping area on your right. Yes, by then the road will have changed names again...this time to **Medlock Bridge Road**.

