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## By the Pond



Mike Roach, President AKC

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HELLO FELLOW AKC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS! Just felt like putting that in all CAPS because I so enjoy being a part of this organization and meeting all of you! As I'm writing this in late July) Mother Nature has graced us with great temps the last couple of weeks and it looks the will continue into the last week of the month as well! Very nice weather for sure!

For those of you who made the trek out to Chuck and Heddy Hamann's home in Arnoldsville, I know you will agree with me when I say that it was well worth the ride! Chuck and Heddy, thank you for hosting our July meeting. Your pond and yard are spectacular...and lunch was delicious. We also had a great opportunity to listen to Carl Forss and Vicki Vaughan discuss current topics: Vicki discussed new chemicals to combat the little critters that attack our koi, while Carl chatted about a recent pond building project which was fascinating. Thank you Carl and Vicki!



Well, we're getting into August...and just around the corner is our 15th Show at Coastal Pond Supply. The Show Committee has been working to put everything together and they're doing a great job! For those new to the club, the show is a blast and I encourage everyone to jump on board and join us in what will be a great presentation this year. You can take a look at pictures of previous shows on our web site under the Pond Show link. If you're interested in volunteering, please let us know. Additionally, if you have any interest in being one of our pond committee members for 2010, let me know. Now is the time to learn all you can from the current committee! I'd love to hear from you.

Take care everyone, and have a great summer everyone!!!

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**AKC CALENDAR**

The currently planned meetings and events are:

**August 9, 2009** Harm & Ev Garrin

**September 13, 2009** Work day for Koi Show @ Coastal Ponds

**Hosts:** David Boyd & David Pugh

**September 18-20,2009** Koi Show @ Coastal Ponds

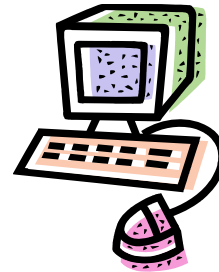
**October 11, 2009** Elections Doug & Nancy Tatz

**November 8, 2009** Winter Social Keenan & Danielle Nix



The *REFERENCES* pages of our web-site have been extensively updated. Most books can be purchased on Amazon or by looking up "books" search engines. Check it out!

<http://www.atlantakoiclub.org/referernces/references.htm>



Jason Lye has posted some videos on UTUBE. They are about the last IKEAGE at FlatRock Koi. Enjoy![http://](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPYbm0FcyUU)

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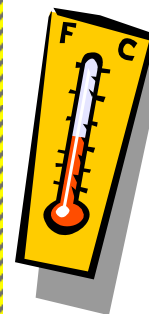
Volunteers are needed to help with every aspect of the koi show. Please contact Bill & Peggy Fricke if you are willing to work. Jobs are available at all skill levels. The koi show is a huge undertaking and we all have a wonderful time.

**Let's Celebrate!**



This is AKC's 20th Anniversary year! Let's plan a year long party !!

With all the high temperatures.... keep a close eye on water levels.



Evaporation can become a serious problem very quickly. Check the pH regularly, too. Keep those KOI healthy!

## Thought My Pond Was All Female

I have been doing this pond thing for going on 9 years now. I had a plan way back when. Build the pond, filter it good and see how it goes. Started like all, buying low end koi and having fun seeing them grow. After about 3 years, this was not enough. I fine tuned my pond, added high end filtration: RDF, moving bed K1, Bakki shower and auto-make up water.

After the new pond syndrome was over, I started to settle into this hobby (obsession). At one time I had over 30 in my 12,000 gallon pond. Thank God for the AKC koi auction. This year I am down to 16. Over the last few years I started to thin the herd removing the mutts and male koi. Kind of thought I had all female koi left. I never had a spawn in all the years of doing this. This year I realized that 4 out of the 16 are male.



It was the day of the pond tour. All hell broke loose, a pond full of foam, loss of scales thrashing and pure mayhem. I was a bit confused and upset but I soon thought what if. The 16 koi in my pond are all imports and I consider them above average. Maybe it was me but I was hopeful that the loss of scales and abuse would not be in vein. So I let them eat the eggs and thought that the strong and/or lucky would survive. That's what I wanted anyway. Who wants a few hundred trash koi. What would you do with them all? Who would be left? Would any turn out to be up to my standard? It was a waiting game

of sorts.

My large 30" female Shusui was chased by Mr. Showa, Mr. Gin Matsuba, Mr. Ochiba and Mr. Sanke. I was amazed at the size of the eggs. This female is big and has one of the best body conformations of all the koi in the pond. Out of the thousand or so eggs laid, all were eaten except a few.



I counted about 15 baby koi today. Looking close, there are 4-5 that really caught my eye. It's amazing to see their growth and they all take after their mother. At this young age, they are big boned and busty. Like I said, a few have great patterns to match the body, the rest will be nice and sold at auction in a year or two. The best is a Showa that likes to hide in the rocks. When I get a glimpse of him/her, I say to myself, maybe I should keep a few of the males around for the fun of it all. Who knows, this may be another chapter in the Castel pond journey.

Thanks for reading. May have a few pictures in the next newsletter to stir your interest!!

Steve



See this garden and pond at the August meeting. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs.



Sometimes I think I tend to use koi & goldfish shows as an excuse to travel and visit good friends, but winning something is always nice, too. Carl also enjoys getting away to spend time with fellow fishy aficionados. When traveling to far off events car pooling can really cut expenses and ease the boredom of driving by taking turns behind the wheel, thus Gaye Jones usually offers her huge Denali for transport if we are not taking the RV.

This year's shows started off in May with a road trip to the koi & goldfish show in Warner Robins GA hosted by the Middle Georgia Koi Society. We took our RV complete with Poodles and a Schnauzer. Being able to camp out right on site was a great convenience and the club members were the friendliest you could ever meet. For a first time show they did an excellent job under the guidance of Bart Atkinson, I was able to help out by benching all the goldfish entries in the show for Judge and Goldfish Guru Peter Ponzio. My koi did well as did my long fins winning Best Long Fin A & B. But it was my goldfish that did the best when my red and white Telescope was awarded Grand Champion. This particular goldfish I bought 2 years ago at the show in Chicago and grew it out from a small under 3 inch fish. My blue Ranchu also was awarded the AGA Judges Award.



The next show on the calendar was the Louisville Koi & Goldfish Show as always on Memorial Day Weekend. Unfortunately Carl had to work so Gaye & I loaded up the Denali with goldfish (I left the spawning koi at home), little dogs, and headed to one of our favorite shows.



Again I was able to lend a helping hand to the club by benching the goldfish entries for Bay Bateman to judge. Now, I have to say that every year this show has by far the best banquet food of all the shows because it is a smorgasbord of dishes prepared by the club members. If you're on a diet... beware.

This time Gaye won top honors with her Ranchu taking Grand Champion and her Ryukin receiving the AGA Judges Award. Good job Gaye! One of my goldfish won Most Unique, at least I think it was for the fish. We went with AKC Friendship Awards. For koi we chose a stunning Gin Rin Kohaku which we later found was owned by Dick and Brenda Thomas. This koi also earned the club's AKCA Award. Dick is the President of NMZNA out of Indianapolis for whom I had the privilege to judge the goldfish show last year and you could never meet a nicer couple and good friends. For goldfish we presented the award to Jan Thompson one of the koi judges for her Jikin. Jikins are quite rare and this was the first time either Gaye or I had seen a real one.

In July Carl & I packed into the Denali and headed to Chicago with Gaye. The Midwest Pond & Koi Society was also the site of the American Goldfish Association Annual Seminar & meeting which pushed goldfish entries over 100 to almost match that of koi. Judging goldfish was Art Lembke who was shadowed by his wife and Candidate judge Nichole. Both Art and Nichole went on to judge koi with Jan Thompson. This time the goldfish Grand Champion was won by Bay Bateman's Ryukin and Gaye won Baby Grand Champion with a Ranchu and was again awarded the AGA Judge's Award for her Oranda. This Grand Champion win made Bay a multiple GC owner therefore to mark the occasion Steve Childers stepped up and announced that as a result of her multiple wins Bay joins the elite "Royal Order of the Red Heads Sorority". Bay was then fitted with a red wig to take her rightful place in the sorority. MPKS always has a



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# Treasurer's Report

June 2009

by Stephen Castel 7/26/09 <sup>6</sup>

<b>Checking</b>		
	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$9,684.57</b>
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>		
	Checks and Payments	<b>-\$1,827.66</b>
	Deposits and Other Credits	<b>\$</b>
	Service Charge	<b>\$</b>
	Interest earned	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Ending Balance on Bank Statement</b>	<b>\$7,946.91</b>
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>		
	<b>Cleared Balance:</b>	<b>\$7,946.91</b>
	Checks and Payments	<b>-\$3,199.79</b>
	Deposits and Other Credits	<b>\$1,330.00</b>
	<b>Register Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$6,077.12</b>
<b>Savings</b>		
	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 12,377.39</b>
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>		
	Checks and Payments	<b>\$ -</b>
	Deposits and Other Credits	<b>\$ -</b>
	Service Charge	<b>\$ -</b>
	Interest earned	<b>\$ 1.02</b>
	<b>Ending Balance on Bank Statement</b>	<b>\$12,378.41</b>
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>		
	<b>Cleared Balance:</b>	<b>\$12,378.41</b>
	Checks and Payments	<b>\$0.00</b>
	Deposits and Other Credits	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>Register Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$12,378.41</b>
<b>Certificate Of Deposit</b>		
	<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 6,124.59</b>
	Interest	<b>\$ 178.03</b>
	<b>Register Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,302.62</b>
<b>Total Assets:</b>		<b>\$24,758.15</b>

**Celebrating our 15th Koi Show!**



**September 18-20, 2009**

Coastal Pond Supply  
2101 Tucker Industrial Road  
Tucker, GA 30083

Koi and Goldfish		Show Times:
Vendors		9 AM-5 PM /aturday
Pond Dry Goods	Showing Koi,	9 AM-2 PM /unday
Vendors	Long-fins (butterfly) and Goldfish	

**No Admission Charged**

This past month many of the plans for the show have been finalized. Here are the decisions made by the show committee and the executive board.

Volunteers will receive a show t-shirt and are encouraged to wear it while you work at the show. T-shirts will be available at the September meeting and at the Club Store during the show. To be considered a volunteer you will need to either help with set up at the club meeting or work during the show (we hope you will consider some of both).

Volunteer sign-up for the show can be done at the August or September Meeting. If you sign up in August we promise to let you pick a t-shirt size and color. If you wait until September we will do our best to have your size in a color you like.

AKC members can purchase banquet tickets at the discounted rate of \$25 per ticket. The banquet is held at the Tucker Elks Lodge and besides the Greek influenced menu there will be a cash bar, some great auction items (proceeds to KHV Research), door prizes and lots of fun. You can purchase tickets at the August or September meeting. If we still have reservations available we will sell them at the club store.

The Vendor Party is Friday night, September 18, from 7 – 10 pm. Join us for food and refreshments and the first opportunity to check out the vendor booths. They are encouraged to be open during the party. If you have ever thought about entering a fish, but did not want to go through the work of catching and transporting your own. This is your chance to buy one at the party and enter it in the show. AKC members will not be required to pay the usual fee.

We need trophy sponsors. If you sponsor \$100 in trophies the banquet fee is waived. That is a great savings. You can sign up at the August or September meeting.

We look forward to this 15<sup>th</sup> Show and 20<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary celebration; but we cannot do it without you. Thanks in advance for your support.

**Show Committee**

- Toni Anderson
- Peggy Fricke
- Vicki Knill
- David Pugh





Officers Present: Mike Roach Michael Anderson Bill Fricke Steve Castel JoANN Elmore

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Equipment Rental for North Carolina and Nashville Shows are still a go.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It has been suggested that someone be on site at Costal overnight during the Show in case of power outage. Additionally it was suggested to have a generator and supplemental air ready to be put in place if needed. Bill Fricke will check on the cost of a generator and air.

The Show Committee (Toni Anderson, Peggy Fricke and David Pugh) reported the status of the upcoming Show. David discussed the results of the poll of the Membership concerning the cost of T-Shirts and Banquet Tickets. Resulting from the opinions shared, T-Shirts will be free to members who help with set up and work the show. Additional shirts will be available for purchase by the other members and visitors.

Toni reported that the Members who attend the Banquet will pay \$25.00 per person. The Caterer's charge is \$23.95. Hopefully this will encourage more Members to attend.

Peggy said there is still one Vendor spot available.

Elections for Treasurer and Vice-President will be held in October. Volunteers and suggestions are welcome. An election Committee will be set up.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

The cost of the Banquet and T-Shirts was presented to the Members.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoANN Elmore - Scribe

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great floorshow at their banquet.

For the AKC Friendship Award the koi we chose was the most brilliant flawless Platinum Ogon over 24" that I had ever seen. The platinum was so bright it glowed making the milky white of it's Kohaku tank mate seem dull. During the awards presentation to our surprise we learned the owners of the Ogon were Dick and Brenda Thomas! I told Dick and Brenda that since we obviously like their koi they should bring them to our show. In the goldfish show there was a novice exhibitor Ethan Beckler who entered 6 large home bred Ryukins all beautiful. We chose one of these

Ryukins for our Friendship Award.

Our next show will be by far our favorite and that is our show, then we will get to host our friends and hopefully send them home with awards and many fond memories.

Vicki Knill





# Membership

Robin Scott 9

The July meeting was held at the Hamann's home. Great food, a beautiful pond, house, yard and lots of information on Koi medications from Vicki and a great presentation by Carl about building a pond. We had 27 members and a guest present.

Please join me in welcoming Cindy Martin and Ted & Kathryn Miko, our newest members, to the club and look for them at our next meeting.

If you've ordered a name tag and haven't picked it up Ron and I will have all of the tags that have been ordered with us at next month's meeting. Be sure and get your name tag.

AKC's total membership is currently at 148 members plus 7 Sponsors.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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

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**Robin Scott, 4331 Filppen Trail, Norcross, GA 30092.**

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# 9 August 2009 Meeting

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Officers meet @ 1 Members meet @2

Please be sure to bring your lawn chairs....

Please check your announcement letter for the directions to this event. For personal security reasons we do not publish the addresses of members' homes.



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