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By the Pond



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Boy how time flies! It's already September and I'm already wondering where the year has gone. Well, I started thinking back over the year and I can tell you where the time went...we're all spinning our wheels faster than we've ever done before — trying to make-do in a tough economy, which of course makes it feel like time is flying past us.

Of course I can also look back and see that I've had some fun times amidst all the craziness. We had a great Spring Auction, and wonderful Summer Pond Tour, and now we've got a great Koi and Goldfish Show coming up in just a few weeks, September 18-20! And it's not just any show, this is our 15th show in our 20th year as a club! Our club has a lot to be proud of. The Show Committee, in conjunction with Coastal Pond Supply, is going through final preparations as we round the final turn into this fun event. But don't make the mistake that we're ready. We still need your help.



ONE TEAM!

Why did I just say...ONE TEAM? As we did last year, the September club meeting is on September 13th, just 1 week prior to the show and will be held at Coastal Pond Supply. This is our opportunity to really kick it into high gear and do what our club does best...pull together as ONE TEAM and help set up for the show. Together as ONE TEAM, the time it takes to set up is drastically reduced! I have to tell you that I've heard from other clubs how impressed they are that the Atlanta Club does this. So, let's do it again!

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In addition to setting up for the show, we'll have a very, very brief meeting where we will share with you some pertinent information about the October meeting...you're wondering what pertinent information? Well, the October meeting is traditionally the meeting where we, as a club, vote for open officer positions. The nominating committee is currently pulling together nominations for the Vice President and Treasurer positions. I will be announcing these nominations at September meeting. While we're at

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AKC CALENDAR

The currently planned meetings and events are:

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

November 8, 2009 Winter Social
Keenan & Danielle Nix



Let's Celebrate!



This is AKC's 20th Anniversary year! Let's celebrate at the Koi Show!!

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.



Want to show off your pond? Have the club meeting for October.

If you are willing to host the October meeting...please contact Michael Anderson immediately.

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Anatomy. A muscular membranous partition separating the abdominal and thoracic cavities and functioning in respiration. Also called midriff.

A membranous part that divides or separates.

A thin disk, especially in a microphone or telephone receiver, that vibrates in response to sound waves to produce electric signals, or that vibrates in response to electric signals to produce sound waves.

A contraceptive device consisting of a thin flexible disk, usually made of rubber, that is designed to cover the uterine cervix to prevent the entry of sperm during sexual intercourse.

A disk having a fixed or variable opening used to restrict the amount of light traversing a lens or optical system.

Nope, I am not talking human anatomy here. No discussions of midriffs or birth control (I leave that you, your significant other, and an OB/GYN). **This is about the maintenance of air pumps such as Airtech, Alita, Hiblow, Hakko and several other brands.** The pump commonly used to supply air to stones in ponds, to air domes on drains, to air-driven fluid beds, and to air stones in non-pressurized filter chambers with matting or other media. If you don't have some of these on your ponds... don't even tell me.

These air pumps typically have two things in common. They have **pad filters** under the lid that need to be cleaned at least once a year!!! You will be surprised at the dirty they will collect, especially if the pump is outside. The second is that they need to have their **diaphragm** replaced. Their diaphragm is a synthetic rubber membrane that creates the air flow when it is forced to move back and forth. Because that sucker is constantly in motion, it flatly can wear out and crack. When that happens...low or no air pressure is coming out.

Most makers will say to replace the diaphragm once a year. The kits (**which need to match the brand and model**) can cost in the range of \$50-\$75. Yep, it ain't cheap. But a \$300 air pump with a broken diaphragm is providing zero value! I finally had an *Alita 80* diaphragm go out after 2 years of service outside in Dallas and 2 years outside in Atlanta. Am I telling you to wait 4 years to replace those diaphragms? Heck no.

What I am suggesting is the following:

- Clean the air filter underneath lid twice a year — it is easy to get to
- Clean the pump inside and out at least once a year
- At least once a year examine the pump's diagram and consider replacing it
- Have a spare diaphragm kit on site!!!
- Follow the installation instructions in the kit (ladies will, men won't)
- Remember that the fish and filter bacteria need O₂ to live. In the summer heat, water holds much less O₂ than in the winter. You don't want an air pump down for days in the summer!!! Do your routine maintenance and have spare parts on hand!



A Japanese Dragon Fairy Tale

Once upon a time, long, long ago there was a small village by the tall mountains. The people of this village were always afraid of dragons that roamed in the surrounding mountains.

One day, their fear and anxiety brought all the villagers together to discuss their problem and find some ways of living peacefully without this constant fear. After much polite discussion, they decided to dig pits here and there to trap dragons. Every able-bodied villager came out to dig deep pits around the village and, particularly, along both sides of the mountain pass leading to the village.

One day, a traveler was passing through the area and heard strange groaning sounds nearby. Alarmed by the sounds that had greeted his arrival, he sped down the trail. Discovering the pit where the sounds came from he found a large dragon trapped in a pitfall and trying to jump out. Seeing the traveler, the dragon begged him for help: "Please, help me out of this trap, and I will never forget your kindness." Out of mercy, the traveler dragged a felled tree and lowered it into the pitfall. And the dragon climbed out.

As soon as the dragon was out of the trap, he said to the traveler, "I am grateful for your help, but because humans made the trap to catch me, and since you are a human I will have to kill you." The traveler was utterly speechless and very frightened. Mustering his courage, however, he said, "Wait a minute, Dragon-san. It is patently, obviously, clearly, and without question unfair and outrageous to kill me after I saved you. Fairness demands that we should have a few impartial parties to judge who is right." The dragon agreed and both of them traveled until they found an ox.

After listening to their story, the ox said, "Well, it is the fault of humans. We, oxen, too, have a grudge against humans. They drive us hard and even whip us for their own benefit and then they butcher us mercilessly. This is all very unfair!"

Next, they went to a pine tree. The pine tree listened to their story and said, "Humans are always wrong. They cut us down for lumber and for their firewood. What have we done to them to deserve that? Nothing, we just mind our own business and yet they cut us down. They just have no heart!"

Listening to the second opinion, the dragon was elated and ready to attack the traveler, when a hare came hopping toward them. "Phew, just in time, Hare-san. Please, judge our case," and the traveler told the hare what had happened. The hare, then, said, "**Fine**, but before I make any judgment, I must see the original scene."

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it, please mark it on your calendar now to attend the October 11th meeting where you can log your votes. Remember that every vote counts!

One more piece on the Show...we do still need volunteers for the weekend of the Show, so please, if you haven't already volunteered, please consider helping out. Even if it's an hour or two, it will be helpful. And folks, it is fun! Contact Peggy or Bill Fricke at 770-300-9438.

Please take care everyone, and have a Safe Labor Day Holiday!
Mike



Treasurer's Report

by Stephen Castel

8/29/09

For: July

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| | | |
| | Checking | |
| | | |
| | Beginning Balance: | \$7,946.91 |
| Cleared Transactions | | |
| | Checks and Payments | -\$2,496.81 |
| | Deposits and Other Credits | \$ 1,505.00 |
| | Service Charge | \$ - |
| | Interest earned | \$ - |
| | | |
| | Ending Balance on Bank Statement | \$6,955.10 |
| Uncleared Transactions | | |
| | Cleared Balance: | \$6,955.10 |
| | | |
| | Checks and Payments | -\$2,220.40 |
| | Deposits and Other Credits | \$2,306.00 |
| | | |
| | Register Ending Balance | \$7,040.70 |
| | | |
| | Savings | |
| | | |
| | Beginning Balance: | \$ 12,378.41 |
| Cleared Transactions | | |
| | Checks and Payments | \$ - |
| | Deposits and Other Credits | \$ - |
| | Service Charge | \$ - |
| | Interest earned | \$ 1.05 |
| | | |
| | Ending Balance on Bank Statement | \$12,379.46 |
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| Uncleared Transactions | | |
| | Cleared Balance: | \$12,379.46 |
| | | |
| | Checks and Payments | \$0.00 |
| | Deposits and Other Credits | \$0.00 |
| | | |
| | Register Ending Balance | \$12,379.46 |
| Certificate Of Deposit | | |
| | Beginning Balance: | \$ 6,124.59 |
| | Interest | \$ 178.03 |
| | Register Ending Balance | \$ 6,302.62 |
| Total Assets: | | \$25,722.78 |

Celebrating our 15th Koi Show!



September 18-20, 2009

Coastal Pond Supply
2101 Tucker Industrial Road
Tucker, GA 30083

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Koi and Goldfish | | Show Times: |
| Vendors | | 9 AM-5 PM Saturday |
| Pond Dry Goods | Showing Koi, | 9 AM-2 PM Sunday |
| Vendors | Long-fins (butterfly) and Goldfish | |

No Admission Charged



Atlanta Koi and Goldfish Show 2009

Thanks to the many who have volunteered to help during the show. If you have not yet volunteered be sure to contact Peggy Fricke.

Our next club meeting will be devoted to setting up the show venue. We hope to see a large crowd at Coastal Pond on Sunday, September 13. Be sure to wear something that you don't mind getting dirty. The show site is a warehouse most of the year. Last year we had a great turnout and we were done by 4:30pm.

Trophy sponsorships and banquet tickets are still available. Remember that you get a \$10 per banquet ticket discount if you are a club member this is the least expensive banquet ticket around. We hope many of you will come to share the fun of the evening. The banquet is held at the Tucker Elks Lodge and there is a cash bar. We will have a Greek inspired buffet this year.

Plan to attend the Vendor Party on Friday evening, September 18 (7pm – 10pm). It is one of the best events at the show and it is all free. Just who doesn't like free food, drink and the ability to shop. This is a great chance to be a part of the show. If you decide to purchase a fish during the Vendor Party you can enter the fish in the show for a small entry fee. If you already have fish in the show the fee is waived. This is the only chance you have to participate like this.

Remember to bring your **Koi Bucks** to use for shopping at the vendors booths. The only place they are NOT valid is at the AKC booth.

Show Committee

Toni Anderson
Peggy Fricke
Vicki Knill
David Pugh



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

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Fricke still needs to check on the cost of a generator and air. Will also check into rental cost.

As a resolution to having an overnight guard, the following alternative is being explored. Vicki and Carl Knill will park their RV outside Coastal and hook into the electric. If the electric fails they will be alerted in the RV and call Bill Dowden.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Pond Tour made \$300. Gloria Jones did an outstanding job. There was some discussion about the next Tour and the logistics of pond locations. Some ponds had very little traffic due to their remote locations. The pond Owners spend a great deal of time getting ready for the tour and it's disappointing to have few people attend.

Members and Workers will get a free hotdog at the Show.

Brochures describing patterns of the varieties Koi will be sold at the show. Flat Rock Koi Farm has also planned to sell them so 50 will be purchased from Flat Rock and 50 from Coastal.

Still have not had contact with Monster Koi. If he does not attend the spot will be offered to first Hammick and second to Kodama. Kodama will already be present as a dry vendor and will have catalogs of his fish.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

The Vendor Booths for the Show have all been sold.

Don't forget to buy Tickets to the Banquet which will be a Greek Buffet.

Need sponsors for the various Trophies. Sponsors will receive a free Banquet Ticket. Steve Casteel volunteered to Sponsor the Grand Champion Trophy. Sponsorships are available for as little as \$50.

A free hot dog and drink will be available to Members wearing their name tags at the Show.

Volunteers are needed to plan next year's Show

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So, the traveler, the dragon and the hare all went to the pitfall where the dragon had been trapped. The hare said to the dragon: "I must see exactly how you were before this traveler rescued you. Where exactly were you?"

Eager to show where he was, the dragon jumped right into the pitfall.

The hare asked, "Was this felled tree in the pitfall when you fell into it, Dragon-san?"

"No, it was not."

So, the hare and the traveler took the tree out of the pitfall.

The hare, then, said to the traveler: "Traveler San, now, be on your way."

Then, with a rustle of quick footsteps on dry pine needles, the traveler was gone. And the hare, too, hopped away.

(This story came to me via e-mail...no attributes were given. It reminds me of Br'er Rabbit stories.)



Membership

Robin Scott 9

The August meeting was held at the Ev and Harmon Garrin's home. Harmon Bar-B-Q's hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone and there were desserts galore. If you haven't seen their pond and yard it's a beauty. Michael showed a very informative video describing the different varieties of Koi (he just wishes the fish were his instead of one's at the All Japan Show). We had 43 members and 6 guests present.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members: Bill & Sue Hudson; Dale Berrong; Charles & Marcy Jones and Folissa-Arnold Olvlayode 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 the next meeting. Be sure and get yours.

AKC's total membership is currently at 154 members plus 7 Sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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(Check One) Individual: \$30 for 1 Yr. _____; \$54 for 2 Yrs. _____
Sponsor: \$150 for 1 Yr. _____

Other: KOI USA Magazine Subscription: \$20 for 1 Yr. _____
*Name Badges: \$5 each. _____

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 ____

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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.

* 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.

13 September 2009 Meeting

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Officers meet at 1 — Members officially meet at 2...come earlier if possible

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From Norcross, Lilburn, Lawrenceville: Find Jimmy Carter Blvd and take it South (It changes its name to Mountain Industrial Boulevard at highway 29 by Home Depot), cross over the railroad bridge and go past Sears warehouse (on the left) and turn right onto Hugh Howell Rd. Take the first left, at Bruster's Ice Cream = Tucker Industrial Road. We are ½ block on the left, four buildings behind Bruster's.

From Stone Mountain, Snellville, Athens: Take 78 West past Stone Mountain Park and exit at, and turn right onto, Mountain Industrial Boulevard. Go +/- 2 blocks and turn left just after SAM'S CLUB on your left. Go one short block, turn right, we are ½ block up Tucker Industrial Road on your right.

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