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February was an interesting month for me. I started getting emails immediately from people right away on how the club should be run and I chaired my first meeting at Flat Rock. I got several e-mails afterwards, pro and con, learning process I suppose. We covered a lot of business and I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting. Again, thanks to Carl and Vicki for sponsoring our meeting and I hope everyone had a good time.

The club worked an information booth at the Southeastern Flower Show February 25-27. Volunteers were able to gather thirty five e-mail addresses from people who want to be added to our mailing list and we also have e-mails of several of the local garden club societies and lawn care services that are interested in our upcoming events and want to be notified. As a matter of fact, I had several vendors and societies ask if we were going to have a pond tour this year. I had no idea that other people besides fish folks were interested in a pond tour. I said we were, so don't make a liar out of me, we need a committee to do this and we should get some additional members out of this for ours efforts. I would like to personally thank our members and sponsors who volunteered their time to do this for the club.



I hate to ramble, but I do have a few more things to add. The auction is coming up in early April and we need folks to bring fish to auction and again, volunteers to work the event. Set up is April 10th Sunday morning at 10:00 am at Coastal Pond Supply in Tucker Ga. The auction is on April 16th Saturday, time to be determined for volunteers to arrive. We need 10 to 15 folks for set up and 15 to 20 to work the event, the more volunteers the easier it is on everyone. Unfortunately, our person who has been our P.R. Director for past events is ill and can't do a volunteer list. Anyone who can volunteer for the auction or do a volunteer list, check with me or Steve Castel, he has graciously agreed to be auction chairperson again this year. Also, the February/ March *Koi Chronicles* will be coming out soon. We apologize for the delay.

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Call Joe Hatfield or Gary or JoAnn Elmore

We are very fortunate to have three certified KHA's in our club. These folks are willing and able to help you with questions/problems with your fish or pond.

Where are the Meetings in 2011? If you would be willing to host a meeting, please contact Vicki Knill.

13 March Splendor Koi

16 April is the auction... 10 April is set up @ Coastal

15 May Harvey Siskin

12 June Summer Social Phyllis & Mike Loudermilk

10 July ?????

13 August (Saturday evening)

11 September (set up for Koi Show)

16-18 September Koi Show Coastal Pond Supply

9 October—Election of officers

13 November Winter Social



Bill Dowden found this web-site and thought we would enjoy it. Yes, it is all in Chinese. You will not need to speak or understand Chinese to figure out what is going on. The clip lasts several minutes and is really a fun show. I gather it is some kind of talent contest.

How well are your fish trained? Can they do this?

Enjoy — courtesy of Bill. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3X6iKxeqh8&feature=player_embedded



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A “New Product” for helping our Koi and Goldfish: MinnFinn 4



There is a new product on the market for us Koi Kichi people that in my opinion is fantastic. It is called “MinnFinn”.

I have discussed and was part of the original testing of the product. Paul Curtis, from California, has spent the past 7 years developing, testing, evaluating, and marketing to the koi health people of our hobby. It was awarded the New Pond Product of The Year in 2010. This product is almost too good to be true.

I have used Minn Finn on my pond and numerous other ponds and QT facilities and it works Great. The nice thing is that it only take one hour to completely treat and normally only one treatment to eliminate all know parasites and bad bacterial. Like all products used with our fishies, you must know your water volume exactly and measure this products liquid to the milliliter and the neutralizer to the gram. All the past negative publicity about MinnFinn on several Koi Forums can be traced back to poor protocol, faulty math and a lack of abiding to the detailed instructions. Remember that not doing the math will kill your fish. If you think your pond is 2500 gallons and it is actually only 900, the chemical treatment will kill your fish.

MinnFinn is a safe and biodegradable treatment for your Koi and Goldfish. MinnFinn treats a number of organisms found on the outside of your fish. MinnFinn eliminates PROTOZOA parasites, FLUKES and many external BACTERIAL infections. MinnFinn has effectively eliminated protozoa infections, fluke infections, red sores on fish and bacterial gill infections.

The product can eliminate most PROTOZA infections in one treatment (i.e. Costia and Trichodina). Cases of ICH will require three treatments with one day between treatments. Bacterial Gill Disease was effectively treated in one treatment and Red Sores cleared up in one to two. Flukes were cleared in one to three treatments (applied as for ich) depending on the species of fluke.

After neutralizing, MinnFinn does not require water changes making it very simple and safe to use. MinnFinn is neutralizable so the treatment is ended immediately with the application of NeuFinn. Once neutralized it is like the treatment was never there. MinnFinn is safe to discharge directly into open water bodies. It is registered with the EPA. MinnFinn is the most effective yet environmentally benign therapy on the market today. Not only is MinnFinn more effective on a wider variety of pathogens, it is also non-toxic and not persistent in the environment as Formalin and Malachite Green are. MinnFinn is non toxic and safe to use. While it has a strong smell and you need to avoid contact, there are no long term affects like formalin and malachite green. Both formalin and malachite green are both cancer-causing and can create severe long and short term health problems to the applicator. MinnFinn is as effective against flukes as praziquantel while controlling other pathogens that might be present. MinnFinn is also cheaper to apply and has no negative environmental impacts. MinnFinn should be stored in a cool place out of direct sunlight. With proper storage the shelf life is 1 year. This product can be used throughout the year and has shown to be compatible with fish in water containing salt. Like all therapies, it is not recommended for use in combination with ANY other treatments. Follow the directions listed with the products. If you have questions, give me a call.

Ask for MinnFinn at Costal Pond. Bill has taken all the necessary steps to become a distributor and have the product available for Atlanta Koi Club members.

Joe



Attached are pictures of Masaharu Hoshino's Tosai. His farm name is Koda Koi Farm and he is the second generation to run the farm. His father started the business. There is info on Masaharu and his Farm is in a recent issue of Koi USA as it was his Gin Rin Showa that Henry Culpepper bought and won so many big awards with. Masaharu has also won major awards at The All Japan Show and the Nogosai Show in Niigata

The following picture is a sample of this year's breeding in the 12-13cm range:



And this picture is a sample of the koi in the 13 to 15cm range:

Right are the Sekiguchi Showa high grade is from the Middle GA Koi society grow out that will start at their show on Saturday April 2, There are few more available for \$240.00, but that price is for pre-pay only and the deadline for us to receive payment by this Sunday, March 6th.

Sekiguchi Showa are very highly regarded and sought out all over the world by knowledgeable collectors.

Masaharu will be at our Farm from March 30th to April 4th. During that time we will be attending the Middle Georgia Koi Show as a vendor and Masaharu will be judging the Koi show on Saturday.



★ **Now, for the Atlanta Koi Club special offer:**
Vicki and I can offer the Koda tosai 13-15cm (as seen in the second photo) to the club members at a very reasonable

price as an opportunity to participate in a mud pond grow out. This is similar to what many high-end buyers do when they purchase fish in Japan. I think that Goshiki would be a good choice in that Masaharu has won a number of high awards recently in the All Japan Show for his Goshiki. He has crossed a Hosokai Goshiki with a Hiroi Goshiki and has been very successful with this breeding pair.

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I can ask Masaharu to add extra Goshiki to the shipment. As I mentioned in our phone conversation, I do not get to choose when Masaharu comes to visit. I just get an email that says "I am coming, please get my room ready."

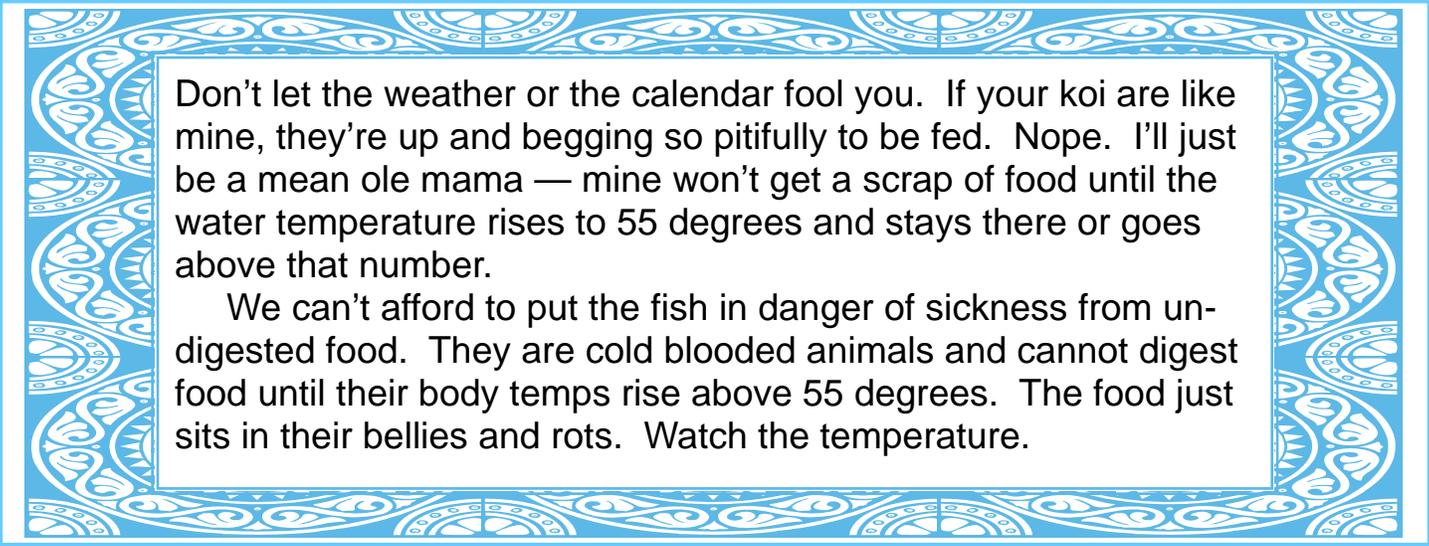
We will offer these koi to the AKC members for \$75.00 each and an additional \$50.00 will get them a spot in the Mud pond from the end of April until 1 month before your show. At that time, you can either pick up your fish at the farm or we will bring them to the Atlanta Koi Show. A tank is reserved for this purpose. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 13th and we will offer a \$25 discount on pre-payments received prior to then making the total only \$100. Orders can be placed by calling Flat Rock Koi at 706-769-8951 or via email to carl@flatrockkoi.com. Send your payments with a check payable to Flat Rock Koi to Flat Rock Koi, 3831 Flat Rock Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677

We invite the club members that are able to visit Flat Rock on Thursday, March 31st afternoon/early evening to personally select their fish, have some wine and cheese, and meet Masaharu. Unfortunately we will need to get ready to leave to go to the Show on Friday Morning and won't return until Sunday evening which leaves only Thursday evening. Anyone that wants to participate, but can't attend on Thursday, March 31st can have Masaharu make the selection for them. Selection will be made in the order that your requests are received by us. On average a koi will double in size during this period of time. What in essence is happening is the club member pays \$125.00 (\$100 with prepayment) for a 12inch +/- Goshiki that will be worth more in the range of \$500.00 a month before the show. I will take pictures of each koi so when we harvest, each can be identified.

We would make sure that there were enough Goshiki all in the same quality range for all to choose without being disappointed. We would make sure there were more available than needed. For example, if there were 25 people involved, we would have 35 available for selection.

I think this would be both fun and educational for the club. We hope that you will elect to participate in this exercise.

Our best regards,
Carl & Vicki
Flat Rock Koi Farm



Don't let the weather or the calendar fool you. If your koi are like mine, they're up and begging so pitifully to be fed. Nope. I'll just be a mean ole mama — mine won't get a scrap of food until the water temperature rises to 55 degrees and stays there or goes above that number.

We can't afford to put the fish in danger of sickness from undigested food. They are cold blooded animals and cannot digest food until their body temps rise above 55 degrees. The food just sits in their bellies and rots. Watch the temperature.



Atlanta Koi Club
Financial Statements
Year to Date
As of February 28, 2011

INCOME STATEMENT
INCOME

Membership Dues Income	1,270.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>139.64</u>
Total Income	<u>\$1,409.64</u>

EXPENSES

Newsletter Expenses	42.51
Raffle Expenses	0.00
Rent Expense	480.00
Donations Expense	13.10
Membership Expenses	20.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	157.31
Total Expenses	<u>\$712.92</u>

Net Income (Loss) **\$696.72**

BALANCE SHEET

Assets (not including property in inventory)

Cash in Bank	<u>\$23,120.56</u>
Total Assets	<u>23,120.56</u>

Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$0.00</u>

Net Worth **\$23,120.56**



Help Wanted

Koi Chronicles needs a new editor. The perfect person for the job would be someone who is interested in forwarding the koi hobby and who likes challenges. The newsletter comes out (in good years) eleven times.

The new editor should be computer literate in using Microsoft products — or similar software. Experience as an editor is not a must. Being able to “drag-and-drop” articles into spaces is a necessity. If you can write the articles you would really be ahead of the game. It would also be helpful if this person could use a photo editing program to resize and touch-up photos.

Templates and clip-art are provided — as well as back issues and photos.

Please contact the current editor for more information. Reporter@atlantakoiclub.org

Thanks.



Going Once! Going Twice! Sold!

It's that time again. Yes, it's time to volunteer!!!. Volunteer for the auction, flower show, pond tour and koi show.

This will be my third year as chair for the koi auction. I really love this event. You get to see all those people come from all over to share in the joy of buying a koi. Not only that, but it may be one of yours. I am constantly thinning the herd to make room for the large girls. Two years ago my two large imported females united with three of my males in a suds fest (LOL). Well this year all the offspring are pushing 16 inches. I have 20 or so that are going. The sale proceeds will go for buying my koi food. It's kinda like the lion king. The natural life cycle of a koi enthusiast. You build a pond, you raise koi, they have babies, you get rid of the babies to buy food. Well not really like the lion king but you get the point.

So this is a special year for all of us to come together and volunteer. We have a few members who are not well and I encourage all of you to come and support the club. Help me make this the best year for the auction, flower show, pond tour and koi show. The date is set.

Set-up on the 10th of April and the auction is on the 16th. Fill out your applications and send them to me. You'll find them on our web-site: www.atlantakoiclub.org

And don't forget to volunteer.

Thanks,
Steve Castel.



PEA SOUP, BUT, BUT, IN MY POND?

One of the most misunderstood happenings every year in the life of pond keepers is the spring PEA SOUP. The cries of "oh my god, my pond is green" echo throughout the land - somewhat akin to the age old cries of "the plague, the plague". However, a little under-standing, a splash of education, and maybe it "t'ain't so bad after all".

The winter pond is very much like a refrigerator. It stores up all kinds of leftovers and organic stuff (leaves, fish poop and pee, dead things, squirrel droppings, etc). The food in the refrigerator doesn't really rot too badly, too quickly, but when we pull its plug and leave the door open for the spring-clean out - watch out. All of the leftovers have had time to age. Now they process into other forms - very rapidly. The stuff in the pond has also had time to prepare to process.

A lot of it has converted from ammonia to nitrites to nitrates already, and the rest is ready to convert very quickly. But these nitrates (read nitrogen fertilizer) have had nowhere to go. The plants have been asleep in the winter chill and have not been able to convert them to plant stuff (the plants, remember, eat the nitrogen through their roots and convert it into more plant cells to make the plant bigger. In other words, the plants take the fertilizer out of the water and purify the water. Remember, the plant may be "in" the water, but the fertilizer itself is no longer in the water: it is in the plant, which is only surrounded by the water).

Contributed by Bill Dowden



The February meeting was held at Flat Rock Koi. What a beautiful new greenhouse! The weather was great and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you Carl and Vicki. There were 37 members present along with two guests. Last month's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Our great club currently has 130 paid members. If you haven't yet paid your membership dues please send your dues to Peggy Fricke as soon as possible.

If you've ordered a name tag and haven't picked it up, they will be available at the March meeting — so be sure and get yours.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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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. _____
Sponsor: \$150 for 1 Yr. _____

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

Names: _____ & _____
First Last First Last

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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:

* 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.

Sunday, 13 March 2011 Meeting

Officers meet @ 1:00 P.M. Members meet @ 2:00 P.M.

Hosted by: Splendor Koi 1552 Rosewood Circle Marietta GA 30067

From I-75 North or South:

Take Exit 263 and head east toward Roswell. (120 loop) Stay on 120 until you reach Lower Roswell Road. Turn left onto Lower Roswell. Take a left at Lott Avenue. Rosewood Circle is on the right. Turn right, and Splendor Koi and Pond is on the left at 1552.

From Cobb Parkway:

Turn onto Roswell Road (near the Big Chicken) heading toward I-75. Go under I-75 and turn right onto Lower Roswell Road. Take a right at Lott Avenue. Rosewood Circle is on the right. Turn right, and Splendor Koi and Pond is on the left at 1552.

Please bring your lawn chairs.

