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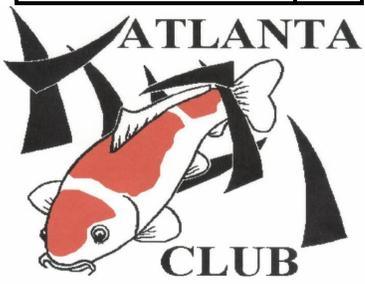
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By the Pond



The May meeting was held again at Carl and Vicki Knill's home and it has almost become a yearly ritual of sorts to have a breeder bring fish for a club grow out. The Shiro Utsuri offered by Mike Hammock from Tennessee were gorgeous and many of them had patterns that very well could be show quality in just a few years. Many thanks to Carl and Vicki for having another grow out for the club this year and helping members get a quality fish at a great price. Vicki and Carl are firm believers in the art of keeping Koi and advancing the hobby by teaching and helping new members grow a show quality fish through a grow and show program. There were also several new members at the meeting and I hope you all enjoyed it. Welcome!!

The meeting started with the results of the auction in April. The club did post a profit and that the results are in the May newsletter for members to view. Many members questioned why they were not getting the newsletter on line and our new Editor, Karla Justice has just gotten an updated membership list, so everyone should receive this month's newsletter. Karla has done a wonderful job in the few months that she has been Editor, but she is new, and vulnerable, so please overwhelm her and send any stories or articles that you



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Feel would be good reading for other members. The more articles the better the newsletter will be, and you can write about your own trials and tribulations.

The officers would like to add another, and yes, and here's the bad word, volunteer position, Reporter. We would like to have someone who attends most of the meetings and enjoys taking pictures. They would also be responsible for picking a member and have them featured in the upcoming newsletter, Member of the Month. They would be given a short questionnaire to fill out about themselves and give it back to the reporter, who would in turn, send it to the editor to publish along with their picture. Many members know faces and names but not much else about their fellow members. Many of us have other hobbies and interest besides keeping Koi and we would learn a little about a fellow member, and who knows, you might even have some of the same interests. If anyone would like to apply, please contact one of the officers on the web sight. One other note; the website is being upgraded and revised, so my letter and the newsletter are on the home page, not on the original tab section. Just click on either and they will pop up.

The show is only four months away, the third week in September. Please start thinking about volunteering for positions and times that you will be able to help out. The sooner you sign up, the better the chance to get one of the easier positions, and they do go quick. It doesn't matter if you can work the whole show or just a few hours, every little bit helps. Marian Allen has graciously agreed to do the volunteer list for the show. The show was a great success last year and this year should prove to be even better, so please sign up.

One more thing needs to be addressed between now and the show. Gary Elmore, our Equipment Manager, has requested that we get together at Coastal and help rearrange our supply trailer. This shouldn't take long, maybe half a day, and would probably be done on a Saturday morning, weather permitting. We will discuss a date and time at the June meeting.

Our next meeting place will be posted by Carl in the coming weeks. We still have a lot of details to iron out concerning the show, so please make the meeting if you can. We would like to get everyone involved with the show and any ideas and suggestions from you to help improve the show from last year would be appreciated.

Sitting by the pond with your family and friends watching nature in your own yard, can't beat it, and always relaxing.

Clay Melancon

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.

Contact Joe Hatfield, Gary or JoAnn Elmore

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http://www.atlantakoiclub.org/KHA%20Information/kha_information.htm

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THE AKC SOCIAL----JUNE 10th, 2012

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our home Sunday June 10th at 2pm for the annual Pot Luck Summer Social. Hal will be smoking Pork and Salmon and I will be making a few other things. Please bring a side dish of one of the following.....fruit, veggies, salads, desserts. etc.

A contact information e-mail has been sent to get in touch with me to co-ordinate if you would like.

Our VP Carl Knill has two Judges coming to talk about their findings at the member's ponds they visited. We all will be able to learn a lot about our fish pets and what to look for when we want to add more. What a delightful program.

I can tell you from past socials the fun of being together with all you good people and good refreshments makes for a wonderful time. The details of directions etc. will soon be e-mailed to all of our members. Please come, kick back and enjoy.





Wanted: AKC Photographer / Reporter

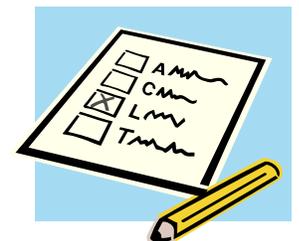
The club needs someone who can photograph and/or video the club meetings and events. Being a professional shutter bug is not a prerequisite, just someone who has a knack for digital media. The job description is simple: attend meetings and events, take pictures, pick out the best ones and send them to the Editor and Webmaster.

If you are interested in being the new AKC Photographer, please inform Clay Melancon, AKC President.

Wanted: Information

I'd like to put more Sponsor, Pond and Koi related articles in this newsletter, but I'm just the Editor. I need **YOUR** help.

Please email me any written articles, pictures, or links to web sources that would be of benefit to the AKC and I will post them in this newsletter.



Until we get a dedicated AKC Photographer, please help the newsletter by taking and sending me pictures of club meetings.

The deadline for newsletter information is the first day of the Month. Thank you,

reporter@AtlantaKoiClub.org

**Atlanta Koi Club
Financial Statements
Year to Date
As of May 31, 2012**

INCOME STATEMENT

REVENUES

Koi Auction	\$14,939
Koi Show	250
Membership & Sponsorship Dues Income	2,438
Misc.	8

Total Revenue **\$17,635**

EXPENSES

Koi Auction	\$12,132
Membership Expenses	195
Insurance Premium Paid	407
Rent Expense	1,090
Show Expenses	177
Misc.	714
Newsletter Expenses	133

Total Expenses **\$14,848**

Net Income (Loss) **\$2,787**

BALANCE SHEET

Assets (not including property in inventory)

Cash in Bank	<u>\$22,202</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$22,202</u>

Liabilities

Total Liabilities **\$0.00**

Net Worth **\$22,202**

"Meet Our Members"

Terry and Karla Justice

1] TELL US ABOUT YOUR POND: Our pond is in our front yard and is circular in shape with a 6 foot cement walkway all the way around it. It is approximately 5,000 gallons with a center jar fountain. It measures 13 across and 4.5 feet deep. We had our pond built in 2005 by a professional landscape architect. The sides are stacked with castle rock and although there are rocks in the bottom of the pond we are working now to remove those rocks.



2] HOW LONG HAVE YOU KEPT KOI? We began keeping koi in our pond the year it was built in 2005.

3] HOW MANY KOI DO YOU HAVE? We have about 13 adults and we just bought 10 babies from Mike Hammock at the grow out in addition to a new Shiro Utsuri.



4] WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST POND BLUNDER? Our biggest blunder was about 3 years ago. We normally try to drain our pond once a year and clean it. We were in the process of doing this and kept our koi in a holding tank next to the pond. We normally finish the pond cleaning in one day and return the koi to their clean pond in the same day. However, we decided to leave our fish in the holding tank overnight. Unfortunately, the tank did not contain enough oxygen to support all our fish. We lost about 5 or 6 fish including our favorite fish (a black/orange longfin named "Spooky") when they decided to jump out of the holding tank. One fish died in the holding tank. We still mourn that loss!

5] WHAT OTHER INTEREST AND HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE: Terry's hobbies include martial arts and reading. Karla's hobbies include traveling and reading and sitting on the beach in Destin. We both love to play with our grandchildren who are Scarlett 6 and Nikolai 5. We attend church at First Baptist Church of Locust Grove where we are active members. We have 3 dachshunds (one is in the picture on page 1).





PRIVACY POLICY

Our Privacy Policy is very simple, and does not require any legal terms.

You are the Members or Sponsors of the Atlanta Koi Club (the “Club”). You are vital to the success of the Club, and we do not want to do anything to compromise your personal information. Any such information will be safeguarded as if we were your primary financial institution. It will not be shared with others without your express written permission, unless required by law. We may, however, share your name and contact information with certain trusted affiliates; for example, to order or renew your subscription to Koi USA Magazine.

All reasonable and practical measures will be taken by officials of the Club to protect our data bases containing your personal identifying information.



WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

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: _____ & _____
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Address: _____

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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: Peggy Fricke

* 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.