



January, 2014

By The Pond

Ready for another year? I am certainly ready for the return of Spring and the end of this frigid weather. Please pay attention to your pond plumbing in this unusually cold weather. Cover what you can, keep everything running if at all possible, and remember - if it can go bad then it will, so check things often.

We will meet at Coastal Pond Supply this Sunday. I know Chase is working on a visit to Sunpets for later this spring. That will be very interesting for sure. If anyone would like to host a meeting this year, get with Chase and book a month. April is taken as we will have the auction that month. I will try to nail down the date soon for that.

We will have a budget to look at and add to this meeting. If you have any suggestions for budget planning please let me know. We have already discussed bringing back Koi Bucks and one or two other ideas.

Speaking of koi bucks, I am going to start with THIS meeting. I know we have not voted it in and if we don't then this will be the only meeting with them. That will be a big portion of this month's program. I will come up with an educational test that we will all take and then discuss. Winner will receive \$50 koi bucks, 2nd will be \$30 and then 4 - \$10 buck winners. These will be good at the fall show and if you

participate all year you could have a nice nest egg to purchase that new Showa you find (or anything else you want to spend it on at the show.) Hopefully we can get more folks to show up at the meetings.

It does not appear that we will have a pond tour this year as nobody has volunteered to chair the event. We will have the auction and the show as normal. If anyone would like to be in charge of either event then let me know. If anybody wants to be MORE involved then let me know...I can/will find things to keep you busy. One position we really need is someone to handle the publicity for the club. Social media, contacting the print media, flyers etc.....I believe we could generate even more traffic with the proper message. Look what the Brown's did with the pond tour. They did a great job PROMOTING the pond tour which paid off in the end results. Not just in money but with new members as well. I don't have the time to do this job well but would really love to have someone in charge of it.

For those of you that did not make it to Flatrock last month, you really missed some world-class fish and food. Vicki smoked some Boston Butts that were great. Fish that came in (we finished unboxing them at 4am on Sat morning) were very nice with some of the nicest long fins in this country. There were many, many nice fish to choose from also.

Ever wanted to be in on the Koi rescue side of things? I will discuss the plans to expand this program at this meeting also.

Anyway, I hope we have a great time this year and actually get some things accomplished at the same time.

See ya Sunday.....

Gary

Membership Information

Welcome to 2014! We hope everyone had safe and happy Holidays and are excited about another productive and informative year with the koi club.

As Gary noted, there are several key positions needing to be filled this year. Our club needs input and ideas from everyone, don't be shy, step up and share those ideas.

As we begin our new year, it's time to renew memberships for most members. I'll have the membership roster at the upcoming meeting and will be able to tell you if you are current or if membership dues are needed for you and your family.

Membership dues are:

\$50/household annually or \$90/2 years

\$30/individual annually or \$54/2 years

A membership application is attached to this email and if you could print it and bring it to the meeting, that would be most appreciated. If you cannot make the meeting, please mail the application and dues to:

Atlanta Koi Club

c/o David Marier

884 Vistavia Circle

Decatur, GA 30033

See you Sunday!

Financial Reports

Please see the attached financial reports. We will be voting/approving the 2014 budget at this meeting, please have any suggestions/questions ready to discuss.