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By the Pond



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SKE Reserve Grand Champion — Owned by Smokey Sullins !

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May has been an good and bad month. The good part is that we attended the inaugural show of the Southeast Koi Expo in Winston-Salem and the Koi Auction at Coastal Ponds. The bad is that we are fighting to keep from losing the koi kids.

The Southeast Koi Expo was in full swing at set up when we arrived. People were hurrying to get the tanks set up and filled for the koi that were due to arrive the next day. David and I lent a hand getting the tanks set up and we got to meet a number of new people from other clubs that Susan Reed had gotten to come help as well. On Friday with the tanks ready for visitors, the koi began to arrive. There were a number of beautiful living jewels there. Pictures can be seen on a link to our website.

Saturday the judging was in full swing when we arrived at the convention center after breakfast. I was busy with my camera taking pictures and watching as the judges went from tank to tank and then back to review a particular fish that caught their eye. The goldfish had been judged first and then the koi were inspected to see which would be the champions. Reserve Grand Champion award was won by Atlanta Club member Smokey Sullins (RGC).

Special thanks to everyone from the Atlanta Koi Club who helped to make both SKE and the auction a success

Our Koi Auction was held May 19th and from what I have heard was a success. Jay Drew our Auction Chairperson learned from his experience last year to make this year's auction a pleasurable experience for both the people that worked the auction and the people who were buying fish. I am sure Ron Scott will be happy to give the final totals at our next meeting.

I had been speaking with Harold Biggio and Joe Hatfield about this spring possibly being a bad year for koi owners and sad to say I have learned this is true. In the last 6 weeks, we have lost 5 of our precious kids. I have heard from Harold and other members that we are not the only pond with this problem. We are doing all that we can to stop the problem, but are getting very frustrated with the results. We have managed to save a couple, but it is not pleasant having to decide to put one of the kids to sleep.

One final note, June is going to be a busy month for David and me. We have the upcoming Pond Tours (June 2 & 3 and June 16 & 17) and VIP Social (June 2, 7-10PM) at Hal and Susan Brown's home. Tickets are still available for the Tours and VIP Social.

Later in the month, we will be flying to Phoenix to attend the AKCA annual Seminar. I am looking forward to seeing our friends from other clubs there.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our June Meeting.

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AKC CALENDAR

June 10— *Summer Social*, hosts Steve and Laura Castel in Woodstock

July 7— Hosts Mihoko Chambers & Larry Sheets, **night meeting on Saturday**

August:12— Josh & Amanda Bare, Norcross

September 9— Bill & Peggy Fricke & Marilyn Show prep meeting



October 14— ???
Election of Officers

November 11: *Winter Social*, Hosts — Michael and Kathy Adkins in Cumming

To host a meeting contact
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Upcoming Koi Shows

Here's the skinny on upcoming koi shows. Be sure to mark your calendar.

September 28-30, 2007 Koi America 2007
Carroll County Shirley Arena
Westminster, MD.

<http://www.carrollcountyagcenter.com/>



If you go on the pond tour — please take pictures of our members' ponds and share them with us. We'd love to see your views of the ponds & gardens.



SKE HIGHLIGHTS



The Grand and Reserve Champion Goldfish!



David, Jay/ Bart & Kathy Jason and David P. are all at the Banquet...

Atlanta folks did really well at SKE. And the big winners are: (l-r) Dr. David Knox —Grand Champion Kohaku; Smokey Sullins — Reserve Grand Champion Sanke; Gaye Langley — Grand Champion Goldfish; Vicki Knill — Reserve Grand Champion Goldfish



And the winner is.....David makes presentation to Bart.

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Thanks

Thank you to all who participated in this year's auction. We had another great year; it was quite a success. Thanks especially to all the volunteers who helped with set up, working the event, and break down of the auction. Special thanks goes to **Bill & Peggy Fricke** for their work on signing up all our volunteers, to Bill's tireless work helping to set up all three days leading up to the Auction, and to **Smokey Sullins, Josh & Amanda Bare** and **Mike Hutson**, who worked endlessly on set-up or break down. Special thanks also go to **Bill & Lynn Dowden** and **Coastal Pond Supply** for all their work and the most important, the location. Thanks again to all!

Now it's time to focus on the Pond Tours in June and the 13th annual Koi Show in September!

Check out photos of the event on the 2007 auction website.

Jay Drew
2007 Koi Auction Chairman

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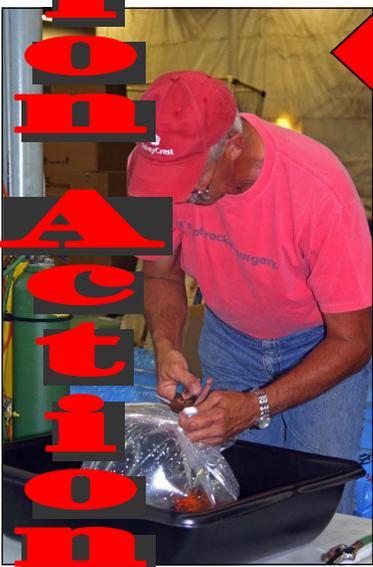
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