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MAKC '05 Reserve Grand Champion

Owned by C. David Knox.

Way to go, David!



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By the Pond

David Boyd, President AKC

I want to thank Mark Snow and Teresa Bramblett for hosting the August meeting. Teresa was very good about making sure that everyone had something to eat. I also want to thank Scott Taylor for his interesting lecture on goldfish. The portion on how to determine the gender of your goldfish was very insightful and kept everyone's attention. I could not wait to let my co-workers who have goldfish ponds know the next day. We also had a number of new members attend who had been on the pond tour to our different homes.

I wish to thank everyone who opened their ponds for the August Pond Tour. It seems that I was incorrect in the August Newsletter in saying that the weather should be good. Saturday at our pond was not bad, the rain held off until about 2 pm. Then, it only lasted an hour. We had a good number of people show up for Saturday's tour. Sunday was another story, the rain started about 10 am and continued off and on until evening. Although we didn't have the people, we did Saturday, there were a good number of people who braved the rain to view our pond. We also had Brady Brandwood, from Koifixx DVD Magazine attend the tour making a video of some of our ponds on the tour. He will be planning on attending this year's Atlanta Koi Show to include more of our club's adventures in an upcoming article.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the show.

Specifically— setup and tear down. No experience is necessary.

Let Ray Brock know if you are available. Registration information is located on our website. For vendor information, please contact Brenda Atwell. All contact information is on our website. Please try to get your registration forms in as soon as possible. The cost of tanks will be going up September 5th and availability is limited. We will have bags at the September meeting that you can purchase to transport your koi to the show. We are still looking for donations for our silent auction to benefit KHV research. Anything you can donate will be appreciated. KHV is becoming more widespread and we need all the resources to help battle this disease. One final note for the Atlanta Koi Show, the Yamabuki Ogon grow out contest will be judged at the 2006 show, not this year. I have had a few members ask if it was this year.

In August, Hal Brown was appointed as the Nominating Committee Chairperson. He has chosen a group of group of members to help assist in finding candidates who will run as Vice-president and Treasurer. The nominees will be announced at the September meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

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ZNA News: ZNA HQ in Japan has graciously continued our status as a Friendship Club despite the fact that we have less that the required 10 members.

They have sent us an award for our Show Grand Champion!



AKCA News: AKCA has sent us an award for our Koi of the year.

Our club tradition is that our show's Reserve Champion must be owned by a club member and that it automatically becomes our AKCA Koi of the Year.

This tradition is now a formal show rule listed on the show registration form. Our Grand Champion will automatically be entered in the AKCA Champion of Champions contest that will be held at the 2006 AKCA Seminar in Buffalo, NY.

After the AKCA Seminar, the owner of the Grand Champion will receive the photo of their koi used in the AKCA Champion of Champions contest.

Michael Anderson ZNA/AKCA Representative

Fish Bags

for moving koi to the Koi Show will be for sale at the September meeting.

Bags are two sizes: 20" x 48" x 4 mil 15" x 30" x 4 mil

All bags are \$1 each!

Wet Lab at The Atlanta Koi Show .

Vicki Vaughan has graciously taken the time from her schedule to once again hold the Wet Lab at the Atlanta Koi Show this September.

Registration is \$50 per person. Register early as there are only 25 seats available. This WetLab is a great value considering the amount

of information given and koi experience.
Vickie will be bringing microscopes to use and sell.

Contact David Pugh atlkoishow2005@aol.com to register.

Attention: AKC Show judges, vendors, and volunteers. For your convenience, lunch will be provided on site Friday Sept. 16th and Sat. Sept. 17. Atlanta Koi Club would also like to invite you to stop by our hospitality area at La Quinta Inn between 7 pm and 10 pm, Friday Sept. 16th.



Please wear your Show Badges for admittance to all events.

We hope to make your visit a pleasant one and are looking forward to seeing you.

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It's Election Time Again ...

Hal Brown heads a committee to secure

nominees for the upcoming election of

Vice President & Treasurer.

If you are interested in running for office, please contact Hal.

Hands191@msn.com

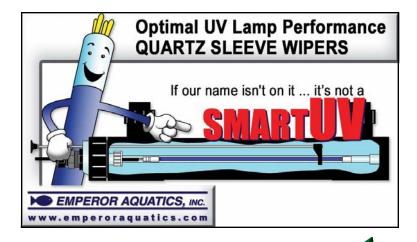
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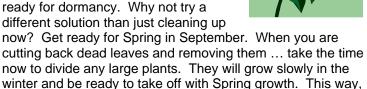
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It's Time to Begin Winterizing the Plants

No, I'm not rushing the season. As the weather cools, the plants begin getting ready for dormancy. Why not try a different solution than just cleaning up



This would also be a perfect time to work with the plants around the pond, too. If you divide now — the plant has all of Winter to recover. In Spring all it has to do is grow.

you only have to clean up the messy plant stuff once.

If you have a garden or have pond plants — divide and share. Bring your "share" plants to the meetings in September and October. Other club members will be glad you did.



September 11 — Club Meeting @ Scott's pre-show planning



September 16-18 AKC 11th Annual Koi Show — Atlanta Trade Center

October 9 — Club Meeting & Elections

November 13— Winter Social



Treasurer's Report

Ron Scott

Beginning balance \$2,636.88

Income:

Koi Show \$725.00 Koi Store \$53.00

Monthly Raffle \$30.00

Checking Account Interest

\$0.13

Total Income \$808.13

Expenses:

Pond Tour \$474.88 Koi Show \$269.33

Monthly Raffle \$78.21 Meeting Expense \$300.00

Meeting - Speaker Expense

\$744.40

AKC Web Site \$29.95 Insurance (7/31/05-7/31/06) \$941.00 Banking Charges \$14.00

Total Expenses \$2,851.77

NET -\$2,043.64

Checkbook Ending Balance \$593.24

Uncleared Transactions \$100.00

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Atlanta Takes Koi America by Storm!

Not only did the exhibitors from Atlanta take bunches of ribbons and glass at Koi America ... Atlanta Koi Club was one of the best represented clubs there — and we aren't even part of MAKC! GO ATLANTA!!



This motley crew hung out for a while at the AKCA booth. In addition to these folks, David Knox, Trevor And Wanda Royal from Atlanta attended the show.



Hey, there.
My name is Chantilly Knill.
I won Judge's Mature Kingyo
Award. I'm not the only Atlanta
fish to win at Koi America. Just
read below some of these
pictures.



This huge Ochiba won our Friendship Award. Her tank mates were a doitsu Ochiba of equal size and a stunning butterfly Sanke. The owners were Novice exhibitors!



(I-r) David Marier, Wanda Royal, and David Knox pose after collecting a bunch of ribbons. **Way to go!**



Michael Anderson presents our AKC Friendship Award to Donna and Richard Steel.

More Scenes from Koi America 2005



Vicki Knill receives the trophy from Judge Peter Ponzio for her Mature Kingyo goldfish, Chantilly.

David Marier receives the MidAtlantic Koi Club President's Award
of MAKC. (Kawarigoi-19-21")

David Knox receives Reserve Grand Champion award from Galen Hansen. (Kohaku over 24")

> Wanda Royal receives the Show Chairman's Award from Jim Reilly. (Showa 16"-19")



A whole lot of judging going on!

Seminar Speakers and topic info...



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Vicki Vaughan — wet lab

Carl Forss —Buying Koi in Japan / Japan's 2004 Earthquake / Building High-end Koi Ponds

Andrew Majsztrik of Vision Landscaping -- Koi Ponds: Garden Ponds (fish & plants), Purpose Built (Koi only), and Hybrid Ponds (true koi pond with plant accents)

Charlie Atwell -- Identifying Koi-- how to identify the different varieties

Steve Castel -- DIY Pond Equipment -- building a rotary drum filter -- and other interesting projects for the DIY ponder

Joe Pawlak — Black Water Creek — the joys of fish farming, breeding and raising koi for the marketplace

Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up and take-down at the show. We need help after the wetlab for clean-up so the next seminar can be presented.

Be All That You Can Be!

Have you always wanted to something fantastic for your fellow man but didn't know what? Are you looking for the purpose of your existence? Have you sometimes asked yourself, "Is this as good as it gets?" Do you feel there is something meaningful missing in your life? Well, folks I have the answer to all your questions:

The Atlanta Koi Club Charity Auction to Benefit KHV Research!!!

Yes siree you heard right. Get involved! Participate! Dig deep into those pockets!

During the Koi Show Sept. 16 - 18 we will be having a silent auction of fabulous items, and there are two ways you can help. One way is to donate something for the auction. What better reason do you need to go shopping??? Just think of it, every time you whip out that credit card it will help save the lives of thousands of koi! There's no time to waste, get out

> to that store and start buying anything you think might bring in a good price at the auction...

The other way you can help is to attend the auction and bid! This is a silent auction where you write the amount of your bid on a bidding sheet. We already have some items for the auction so you won't want these lovelies get away. Amazing works of art, paintings from England, China and the furthest reaches of the Orient.

To see more of these original paintings on silk —visit the club's website. If you want to help by donating please contact

me, Vicki Knill 404-277-9876 or Dragonkoi2@cs.com

Are you listening to me? This is your big chance to do something useful with your life! Contribute! Be all that you can be!

Check It Out!

The Scott's have two ponds. The first is a 300 gallon goldfish pond. Originally it was a preformed pond built as a Mother's Day gift for Robin. The larger pond sports a waterfall and stacked stone work. This pond is 23' X 11' X 4' deep and contains 6,300 gallons of water filtered by 2 vortex chamber, a bio filter and a UV light.



Thirty-two standard and long-finned koi — along with 10 goldfish, call this pond home. They range in size from 3" to 30". Come see their wet pets and relaxing pond....



TRINKS

The Great Pond Tours of 2005

I would like to say, THANK-YOU to all those who put their ponds on the Great Pond Tours of 2005. There were so many compliments about the wonderful pond owners and the helpful advice they provided. People

traveled from out of state to tour the ponds, some where returning for a second year.

Many of those taking the tour were looking at ponds "before" building and also thought wisely of perhaps joining the club to continue learning more before making costly mistakes. If you see any of these smart people at the meetings please give them a warm welcome.

During the summer tour Brady Brandwood of KoiFixx DV Magazine toured some of the ponds video taping the ponds and interviewing the homeowners. KoiFixx Magazine provides subscribers with a DVD to view rather than a paper magazine, how cool is that. KoiFixx DV Magazine will have a booth at the koi show.

So far it looks like pond tour book sales went great. Twice, I had to have more books printed. Although the final figures are not yet in, it looks as though all but 3 of the 10 stores selling books sold out.

The pond tour books have information in them about ponds and koi which will still make them valuable even after the tours are over. Any remaining books will be available at the koi show.

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always paid.

Membership

Susan Brown

We are so happy to welcome the following new members to our club: **Brad Bemis, James Davidheizer, Michael Pullen, Debby West, Mike and Cheryl Einspahr, Bill** and **Peggy Fricke** and **Marilyn Carroll**. What a great group! All of our members are willing to help each other anyway they can. If you need any information about the club or fish, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The August meeting was held at Mark and Teresa's wonderful home where we were privileged to have one of our own experts, Scott Taylor, speak about Goldfish. We had 35 members attend and 4 guests. Our total membership now stands at 182.

Hope to see you at the September meeting where we will learn all about our upcoming Koi Show.

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