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June, 2017

By the Pond

by Diane Giangrande

Hi All,

Thank you to the Chaffer's for hosting the May meeting. We were very fortunate that the rain held off. Bob and Sue have a beautiful pond and we got to see the DIY foam fractionator that Michael Anderson built and Bob installed in action. It was amazing how much foam was coming out. Of course, we couldn't have a meeting without Sue's famous deviled eggs and she did not disappoint! And thanks to Ken for leading the discussion on Koi nutrition as it relates to koi food. It was very informative.

I hope everyone received their May/June Koi USA and read the article about the 2016 Atlanta Koi Show. A huge thank you to Ken for writing the article. It's great publicity and will hopefully make the 2017 show that much better! If you subscribe, please bring the magazine to the June meeting so we can take a group photo for the "Who's Reading KOI USA" section of the next edition.

The June meeting will be at the home of Jim Dricker and Elaine Zitomer

I have personally not seen their pond yet and am looking forward to it. Hope to see everyone there.

Remember, we will hold an election for the Property Manager position at the June meeting. If you are interested in running you will have an opportunity to throw your hat in the ring at the meeting.

Thanks,

Helpers to Solicit Donations Still Needed!

We are in desperate need of committee members to help in soliciting donations for our annual koi show. Minutes a day, hours a week, or a chunk of time on a weekend... we can use them all!

We have a list of donors to begin with and are always broadening the list through cold calling, email contact, and follow up. There is a bit of training so that you are well versed in the process. There will be lots of emailing, completing online forms, and phone contact.

Maintaining a master list of donors during the process gives us a snapshot of which donations to expect and required follow-up while providing a springboard for next year's big ask. I've found that many donors are happy to talk about their products and some are ecstatic to support the community through a donation of their products.

Please contact Ken Jett to become a part of this fun team! Email him at kenjettmiami@gmail.com

Coming Soon!

The 2017 Atlanta Koi Club Koi & Goldfish Show is just around the corner! Start thinking about the volunteer slots that you would like to fill. The sign-up list will be out soon.

The June Meeting will be held Saturday, June 10th at the home of Jim Dricker and Elaine Zitomer. This is the time of year we shift from Sunday afternoon to Saturday night due to the heat, so the Executive Meeting will begin at 5:00 PM with the General Meeting starting at 6:00 PM. Ken Jett will lead a discussion on Water Quality and Water Management. Park anywhere on the street and enter through the front door. Please bring chairs if you have them. Soda, bottled water, a variety of sandwiches and fruit will be provided. If members would like to bring beer or wine they are welcomed to do so. Jim and Elaine's address will be sent to members via email. Jerry Johnson

Our Summer Social will be held on Saturday, July 15th at the home of Diane Giangrande. The Executive Committee Meeting will begin at 5:00 PM and the Summer Social will begin at 6:00 PM. As we get closer to the Summer Social I will send out a reminder email with the address of Diane.

**Please remember our Sponsors:
Pondscapes of Atlanta and The Koi Store**



Bakki Shower by Diane Giangrande

I am happy to say that I just had a bakki shower installed and it is up and running. So, a lot of people are probably wondering.....why a bakki shower? Well, I can tell you my reason, but first let's start with a little bit about my pond. As a lot of you know I got into the koi hobby because there was a fountain in my backyard when I bought my house in November 2011. The following January, much to my surprise, I found a goldfish in the fountain among all the leaves. When spring came I cleaned the fountain and went to Petsmart to get the goldie a friend. Then I started reading up on fish in ponds and decided to get a few koi from the now out of business Wakoola. From that point on I was hooked and shortly thereafter found the Atlanta Koi Club. In the summer of 2012 I built my first pond – it was 2500 gallons and I loved it! However, as all you koi kichi know, 2500 gallons got small really quickly. In the spring of 2015 I broke ground on the expansion and now have an 11,000 gallon pond. The original 2,500 gallon pond had a GC Tek AlphaOne 4.25 bead filter and when I expanded I added a GC Tek AlphaOne 9.3 LH bead filter. Well, I thought – wow – I have 11,000 gallons now I can add more fish. And add more fish I did – lots more! As there is always something to learn in the koi hobby I am always reading about all things koi and in the course of my reading I came across bakki showers and how wonderful they are for adding biological filtration. In my set up I was relying on the bead filters to do both mechanical and biological filtration and even though I was way overrated for my size pond, I was not happy with the water. So, fast forward to this spring where I purchased a bakki shower. One of my personal pet peeves with bakki showers is that I don't like the way they look when they are sitting on the edge of the pond. In most cases this is done so the water can return to the pond via gravity. I was able to put my shower with my filters and have the water empty from the shower into a pipe that returns to a TPR on my inside pond. The media I am using is H-1 media from China. Most of it I already had in my water fall box and I just relocated it to the bakki shower. Something I learned the hard way is don't stack this media next to and on top of each other when it is fully submersed. The media

was disgusting! For the bakki shower I stacked the media perpendicular to each other being careful to leave space between each piece to allow a lot of air and hopefully not get any clogs. At the moment it's only been running a few days, but so far so good. I'm hosting the social in July so you'll be able to see my set up then.



Media as it came out of the waterfall box

Bakki Shower continued from page before



Media being stacked in the Bakki shower



Bakki shower



For Sale by Club Members

100 gallon Rubbermaid stock tank. We paid \$141, used once at the recent auction and open to offers. Contact us at 678-682-1486.

Karoy & Cheryl Jacobs

Members are encouraged to list any surplus equipment, etc that they would like to give, sell, or trade on the newsletter. To list any offerings, just send an email, with photos, to the editor at rchaffer@comcast.net.



May's Meeting

Sunday, May 21st had a dark and stormy beginning. Fortunately, the rain gods relented on the deluge, and the skies parted into a beautiful afternoon. The meeting was held at the pond of Sue and Bob Chaffer. After a sumptuous Subway lunch, the members were entertained with an enlightened discussion by Ken Jett concerning the essential ingredients of Koi food.



Typical foam of organics discharged from the fractionators.

ATLANTA KOI CLUB

May 21, 2017 – Home of Bob & Sue Chaffer

Topic: Koi Nutrition – Ken Jett
Attendance: 37

Monthly Officer Meeting Minutes

Executive Officers:

Office	Name	Term	Present
President	Diane Giangrande	2017-2019	X
Vice-president	Jerry Johnson	2016-2017	X
Secretary	Ken Jett	2017-2019	X
Treasurer	Ron Scott	2016-2017	X
Equipment Manager	(open)	2017-2019	

Appointed Chairpersons

Committee	Name	Present
2017 Auction	Gary Elmore	
2017 Pond Tour	Melanie Onushko	X
2017 Show	Diane Giangrande	X
	Jerry Johnson	X
Membership	Melanie Onushko	X
Web Master	Michael Anderson	X
Newsletter	Robert Chaffer	X
AKCA Director	Gary Elmore	
Publicity	Karoy and Chery Jacobs	X
Volunteers	Ken Jett	X

Executive Team Discussion Items

Auction: general discussion about results, issues, and potential enhancements for next year. Checks for fish were mailed out based on Auction Chair's totals per Ron.

Pond Tour: general update of success and potential enhancements for next year including ticketing.

Show: general discussions regarding pin, shirt, and trophy plans. Current list of vendors discussed along with plans to solicit more. Judges confirmed are head judge, Jason Gueverra, Dale Gingerich, and a candidate judge. Troy Head is confirmed to head up the Benching Team.

General:

Discussion regarding by-law consideration for loaning club property.

A call for nominations to fill the role of equipment manager.

A reminder to discuss review auction rules at next executive meeting.

Ron made motion to adjourn, Jerry seconded, passed unanimously.

Meeting was held at the home of Bob & Sue Chaffer. Ken Jett led an interactive discussion on koi nutrition. New members were welcomed: Richard Clifton (returning previous member), Alan Puch, and Alison Zavodny. Potential new members Stacy and Kevin Casebier attended.

Please send corrections or updates to Ken Jett at kenjettmiami@gmail.com with "AKC Meeting Minutes" in the subject line.

No corrections were identified in last month's minutes.

Atlanta Koi Club
As of May 31, 2017

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:

\$21,373.71

INCOME STATEMENT

Income

2400 Koi Auction		\$650.00
2420 Fish	\$650.00	
2500 Misc.		\$35.00
Raffle - Monthly Meet- 2545 ings	\$35.00	
2600 Pond Tour		\$1,345.00
2620 Ticket Sales	\$840.00	
2630 Advertising	\$505.00	
2700 Membership		\$190.00
2720 Name Badges	\$10.00	
Membership		
2730 Dues	\$180.00	

Total Income

\$2,220.00

Expenses

200 Club Store		\$171.72
245 Fish Bags	\$171.72	
600 Koi Auction		\$11,655.00
620 Fish Owner	\$11,625.00	
630 Plant Owner	\$30.00	
700 Misc.		\$285.61
Food for Monthly Meet- 740 ing	\$150.00	
Misc. Item for 795 Club	\$135.61	
(Bonzi Club Meeting Sup- plies)		
900 Pond Tour		\$484.49
910 Host Gifts	\$196.88	
920 Postage	\$9.55	
930 Printing	\$155.64	
940 Supplies	\$122.42	
1100 Rent		\$185.00
1101 Rent @ Coastal	\$185.00	
1400 Bank Charge		\$24.33
1466 PayPal Charges	\$24.33	

Total Expenses

\$12,806.15

Month Net Income/(Loss)

(\$10,586.15)

ENDING BALANCE:

\$10,787.56

Outstanding Checks:

						\$6,170.68
07/18/16	EFT	\$137.20		05/22/17	EFT	\$600.00
09/07/16	EFT	\$65.00		05/22/17	EFT	\$281.25
10/08/16	1311	\$16.85		05/22/17	EFT	\$585.00
10/24/16	EFT	\$216.00		05/22/17	EFT	\$292.50
11/14/16	EFT	\$121.78	7	05/22/17	EFT	\$843.75
05/17/17	EFT	\$620.10		05/22/17	EFT	\$956.25
05/22/17	EFT	\$232.50		05/23/17	EFT	\$532.50
05/22/17	EFT	\$485.00		05/24/17	EFT	\$185.00