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## November, 2021

### By the Pond

Dear fellow AKC members,

I splash to you my sincere greetings and a heartfelt farewell as your faithful AKC VP,

As the month of November eagerly cools us down, my tenure as your AKC VP is quickly coming to an end...

I have thoroughly enjoyed many of the opportunities this responsibility has afforded me. In the last two years, my role as your VP was challenging and indeed rewarding. I have enjoyed working alongside professionals and serving so many of you. I would be very remiss if I didn't mention my wife, Rhonda, and her invaluable patience and noteworthy contributions in helping me...and the AKC. She has helped me immensely in this role (and with life in general for that matter)! Many of my duties and contributions were done with Rhonda's direct influence and selfless contributions. Thank you, Rhonda!

Many of you reading this newsletter also helped me in my role as the AKC VP, but I wanted to mention a few very special folks who have, for me, not only been very helpful, but who have been strong supporters, "volunteer wonders" and special friends through these two challenging and rewarding years:

Richard Bethany & Cynthia Landon (superior volunteers and much respect and love as friends)

Bob & Sue Chaffer (superior volunteers and friends)

Angie Jones (strong volunteer...our next AKC VP?)

Dr. Chad Bishop (is there a Doctor in the house? Yes!...and a damn good one!)

Kim Munie (an absolute "gem" of a human being)

Diane Giangrande (superior volunteer and friend)

For our most recent meeting: A very special "thank you" to Bob & Sue Chaffer for not only saving me for my scheduling dilemma, but by opening up their home...AND also volunteering to present an informative training topic!

My last request: I encourage you, more of you, to step up and support the AKC and our new AKC VP - Marlon Tiller and our AKC President Diane Giangrande. If you haven't volunteered or haven't been able to volunteer...and if your situation allows, please lend a hand, your time, knowledge or voice for events, training topics and meetings. Like with many other situations in life, the success of this club is only made possible by volunteer commitments, donating time and knowledge...for the club and *it's future*. With that said, "Marlon, let me know if you need me for a training topic?!" :)

My sincere gratitude for this opportunity to work alongside my fellow Board members and to serve each of you.

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A final word about our winter social scheduled for 13 November at 6pm.

REMEMBER: You can only park at the school. (The map will be attached to this Newsletter's cover letter, to assure privacy to members only.)

NO parking available at the Mohs' residence.

Please Bring the following:

Qty

**\*\*1 Side Dish: a Veggies, casseroles, salads, appetizers or desserts - Theme is Southern Comfort food!**

1 Big, friendly smile (per-person attending)

Hope to see you at Brad & Diana Mohs residence on 13 November @ 6PM to mingle, eat, be very merry... and besides...I heard Diana is passing out \$100.00 bills to the first 50 people attending. **\*\*Although this is only a rumor I heard...it hasn't been verified :)**

Stay safe, healthy and keep the volunteer spirit alive!

Kevin

"Your almost-former AKC VP"

## **The show was a success!!!!**

After many days and hours of work, the show is over and was a success! A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered - we can't do the show without you! So many of you went over and above and it didn't go unnoticed, but any help is greatly appreciated.

Diane & Chad

Show Co-chairs

## **Coastal Pond Supply has moved**

UPDATE: apparently we have been remiss in not updating y'all about our move. Coastal Pond Supply is now about 1.4 miles north of our old location at 2706 Mountain Industrial Blvd - at the corner of North Royal Atlanta Dr. Note: if you GPS us, it will zip you by the entrance and take you next door to Public Storage. Best way in is off of North Royal Atlanta Dr., opposite Preferred Roofing. You will LOVE the new showrooms. (Yes, the kitties love it too.)

## **Would you like to host a meeting?**

We need hosts willing to volunteer a pleasant afternoon hosting a Koi Club meeting. It's not hard to do, and the club financially helps a lot, too! By hosting a **monthly club meeting**, you would supply refreshments (water, soda, wine, and beer) in addition to a heavy snack such as Subway sandwiches, pizza, tacos, chips, etc enough for about 35 people. Your efforts will result in a check for \$200. And be prepared to show-off your pond.

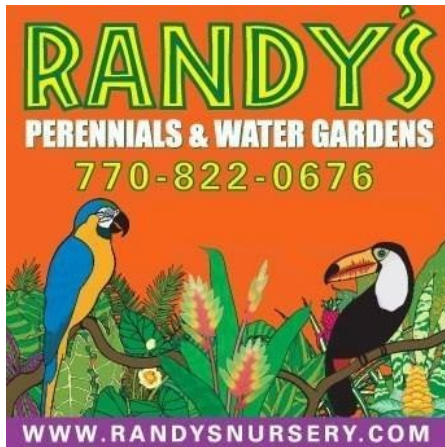
**Social meetings** include the main course, refreshments, and sides, and each member brings their own side specialty.. You will be reimbursed with a \$250 check.

Really, it's not difficult, and it gives you bragging rights, too!

Contact our Vice President if you are interested in hosting.

## Please remember our Sponsors:

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## Equipment for sale by Club Member

Microscope for sale - Nikon Alphaphot-2 YS2 with hard carrying case - \$325



See this site for specs - <https://microscopeinternational.com/nikon-alphaphot-ys-2-microscope-four-objectives-carry-case/>

Contact Diane Giangrande if interested - [dianewg@aol.com](mailto:dianewg@aol.com)

## MEMBERSHIP Melanie Onushko

Our main greeter at the show, Elaine Zitomer, did a great job of welcoming people and telling them about the koi club, if they were interested. As a result of her efforts, we are welcoming 21 new people into the koi club! I hope we all get to meet them at the November Social. Please say, “hello” to: Past members Jim & Carole Barber, and Rita Sembajwe. Also, welcome new members Jeff Beck, Christopher & Gillian Brown, Joe & Deborah Cantalis, David Cline, William Hornsby Jr., David Jaffor & Mohtadi Farideh, Glenn Kicklighter, Ralph & Lavonia Manns, Derrick & Lisa McCalla, Ganesh Panneer, Allison Robinson, André Williams & Christine Rivera

**We are now 156 members strong!**



## October's meeting

Our October meeting was hosted by Bob and Sue Chaffer at their pond. During the repast of Subway sandwiches, chips, and brownies, we held our election of next season's officers...namely Vice President and Treasurer. Congratulations to our two new officers: Marlon Tiller will be our new Vice President, and Angie Jones will continue as our Treasurer.

The weather was great, and so was the crowd!

Bob Chaffer presented a discussion concerning tannins, assisted by Jim Dricker, and another topic discussing his recent installation of a whole-house standby generator, which had been precipitated after a three-day power loss, during which three of his largest Koi died from oxygen starvation when the air pumps stopped.





## Our October's Koi show at Gwinnett County Fairgrounds in Lawrenceville

Our Annual Koi show was held the weekend of October 16 and 17. Judging was on Saturday, and on Sunday...explanation of judging by judges, plus rescue Koi auction.

**Many, many thanks to the 33 members (out of 133) who worked hard to make this a successful event**



# You May Already Have a Solution to Your Green Water Problem

By Ken Austin

Certified Koi Keeper – Koi Organisation International

I am often contacted by pond owners who want to know why their pond water has turned green and what can they do about it. I seldom try to solve pond problems over the phone so I usually visit the pond in question. It is not unusual for me to find that the pond has a UV unit. The primary purpose of these devices is to kill the algae that are causing a pond water to have a green color. It could be the pond owner has simply forgotten why it was there or how to keep it in good working condition. Once the UV unit is repaired, often the green water problem goes away. Does your pond have a UV unit? Do you know how to maintain it?

I have listed several tips here, but you should also read the owner's manual for your unit. If you do not have a copy, owner's manuals are often available on the internet.

## **Where is your UV unit?**

UV units are commonly installed either as part of the plumbing on the discharge side of the pump or in the skimmer housing. One manufacturer even offers a decorative water fountain (spitter) in the shape of a fish, which is actually a UV unit.

## **What does a UV unit look like?**

There are numerous styles and designs, but since all UV units require electrical power, they will all have an electric cord. To find the UV unit on your pond, look for something with an electric cord. If what you find isn't a pump and it isn't a light fixture, it probably is a UV unit. Another common feature is UV units have a tubular housing connected to water pipes that allow water to flow into and out of the unit.

## **How do I know if my UV unit is working?**

Near the end of the unit where the cord is attached there will be a clear plastic ring. This is called a halo ring, because it emits visible ring of light when the unit is receiving power. Keep in mind that UV emissions gradually dissipate with several months of use and a unit may not be killing much algae even though the halo ring is lit.

## **What needs to be done to keep a UV unit in working order?**

### **If the unit does not work at all:**

- The bulb could be burned out
- The ballast could be defective
- There could be a short in the wiring
- It could be unplugged or there is no power to the receptacle where the unit is plugged in.

### **If the unit works, in other words the halo light is lit:**

The bulbs lose their emitting power over time and need to be **replaced every year**.

The crystal tube can be dirty or discolored and should be cleaned every year and replaced every 5 – 10 years. Some units have a plunger rod that can be pulled out and pushed back in – this action wipes the crystal tube clean. Do this weekly along with your other routine pond maintenance activities.

There is a rubber seal and an O-ring for the crystal tube cap and the end cap that can become cracked or brittle and should be replaced with each new crystal.

## **Electrical Precautions**

Always turn off the power before handling or servicing a UV unit. Only plug it in using a properly grounded plug on a circuit protected by a GFCI. The electric cord should be allowed to droop down from the receptacle. This is called a drip loop and it allows any rain water or irrigation water that accumulates on the electric cord to drain away from the receptacle. When you reassemble a unit, make sure all the parts, seals and O-rings go back into their original positions. Hand tight is usually all that is necessary to create a water-tight seal that will prevent the unit from shorting out.



### **Oldest Koi on Record**

**One of the oldest koi on record is Hanako. She was a female koi with a scarlet coloration who lived to a whopping 226 years of age! She weighed in at 7.5 kg and is considered a Japanese koi who have a maximum lifespan of 40 years. Her age was verified through her last owner who had her scales tested in a laboratory. Hanako had become attached to all her owners and even let them pat her head. She would come when her name was called, and she survived through generations of different owners who provided her with proper conditions. She belonged to the Koshihara family, and after being handed down many times, she sadly passed away in 1977. —**



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**Atlanta Koi Club  
Financial Statement  
As of October 29, 2021**

**BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:**

**\$13,986.49**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                            | <b>\$0.00</b>             |
| 2300 Koi Show                            |                           |
| 2120 Show Pins                           | \$198.00                  |
| 2140 Club Equipment Sold                 | \$50.00                   |
| 2145 Fish Transport Bags                 | \$31.00                   |
| 2150 Misc. Club Store Sales              | \$118.00                  |
| 2310 Banquet Tickets                     | \$920.00                  |
| 2320 Vendor Participation                | \$2,075.00                |
| 2330 Show Auction                        | \$4,675.00                |
| 2335 Koi Auction                         | \$1,131.39                |
| 2340 Show Sponsor                        | \$200.00                  |
| 2342 GF Show Sponsor                     | \$25.00                   |
| 2350 Tank Rental, non-<br>vendor         | \$190.00                  |
| 2362 Goldfish Tank Rental,<br>non-vendor | \$120.00                  |
| 2375 Koi Show Raffle Ticket<br>Sales     | \$1,020.00                |
| 2378 Food Court Concessions              | \$451.00                  |
| 2380a T Shirt Sales                      | \$1,075.00                |
| 2395 Seed Money Return                   | \$300.00                  |
| 2500 Miscellaneous Income                |                           |
| 2510 Donations                           |                           |
| 2545 Monthly Raffle                      | \$126.00                  |
| 2700 Membership                          |                           |
| 2730 Membership Dues                     | \$748.00                  |
| 2720 Name Badges                         | \$90.00                   |
| <b>Total Income</b>                      | <b><u>\$13,543.39</u></b> |

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**Expenses**

|                                   |                            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| 200 Club Store Expenses           |                            |            |            |
| 240 Equipment                     | Rubbermaid Carts           |            | \$409.80   |
| 500 Koi Show Expenses             |                            |            |            |
| 510 Show Awards                   | Grow out awards            |            | \$85.05    |
| 515 Facility Rental               |                            |            | \$3,500.00 |
| 517 Water                         |                            |            | \$150.00   |
| 520 Banquet Costs                 |                            |            |            |
| Centerpieces                      |                            | \$226.65   | \$2,451.49 |
| Caterer                           |                            | \$1,800.00 |            |
| Drinks from the Davids            |                            | \$424.84   |            |
| 530 Equipment Rental              |                            |            | \$300.00   |
| 535 Labor                         |                            |            | \$150.00   |
| 540 Food and Drink                |                            |            | \$112.21   |
| 550 Judges gifts                  |                            |            | \$369.51   |
| 560 Lodging                       |                            |            | \$1,292.60 |
| 579 Show Banquet Auction Items    |                            |            | \$177.55   |
| 580 Security                      |                            |            | \$360.00   |
| 590 Water Quality                 |                            |            | \$415.35   |
| 592b T-shirts                     |                            |            | \$1,863.55 |
| 592f Food Court Expense           |                            |            | \$85.49    |
| 593 Show Passport Booklet         |                            |            | \$895.00   |
| 595 Misc.                         | caution tape, binder clips |            | \$238.92   |
| 599 Show Seed Money               |                            |            | \$300.00   |
| 2320 Vendor Participation         | refund overpayment         |            | \$135.00   |
| 700 Misc. Expenses                |                            |            |            |
| 710 Miscellaneous                 | trailer tag                |            | \$30.00    |
| 740 Monthly Club Meetings         |                            |            | \$450.00   |
| 1030 Monthly Raffle Items Expense |                            |            | \$24.99    |
| 1110 Storage Expenses:            |                            |            | \$640.00   |
| 1310 Name Badges                  |                            |            | \$255.00   |
| 1400 Bank Charges                 |                            |            |            |
| 1465 Credit Card Charges          |                            |            | \$169.34   |
| 1466 PayPal Charge                |                            |            | \$29.54    |

**Total Expenses**

**\$14,890.39**

**Month Net Income/  
(Loss)**

**(\$1,347.00)**

**ENDING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:**

10/29/2021

**\$12,639.49**

**Atlanta Koi Club  
Financial Statement  
As of September 30, 2021**

**BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BAL-** **\$15,379.46**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**Income** \$0.00

2300 Koi Show

2310 Banquet Tickets \$440.00

2320 Vendor Participation \$3,335.00

2340 Show Sponsor \$1,150.00

2350 Tank Rental, non-vendor \$530.00

2362 Goldfish Tank Rental, \$50.00

2500 Miscellaneous Income

2510 Donations \$1.00

2545 Monthly Raffle

2700 Membership

2730 Membership Dues \$120.00

2720 Name Badges

**Total Income**

**\$5,626.00**

**Expenses**

200 Club Store Expenses

240 Equipment Trailer, straps, \$6,939.45

1400 Bank Charges

1466 PayPal Charge \$79.52

**Total Expenses**

**\$7,018.97**

**Month Net Income/(Loss)**

**(\$1,392.97)**

**ENDING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:**

8/31/2021

**\$13,986.49**