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By the Pond



Clay Melancon President

April was a busy month for the club. We had a lot of fish for the auction and a lot less people bidding this year, but preliminary figures show we actually did better than last year and we signed up several new members. I definitely appreciate every ones enthusiasm and hard work that made the auction a success again.

Our next meeting will be on May 15th at Vicki and Carl Knill's house. Mike Hammock, owner of Hammock Koi Farms will be there with the Kohaku for the club grow out and he will have other fish to purchase as well. I understand that he is going to speak on ways grow your fish properly and how bring out the colors in them.

There are only eight ponds that have been volunteered for the pond tour. We need a between ten and twelve ponds in order to have a decent pond tour. We are trying to get members to volunteer their ponds for Saturday June 25th one day only, and also we would like concentrate them in the north Atlanta/Marietta area due to the cost of fuel prices. However, any member is welcome to show their ponds and again, if you would like to volunteer, or know a non-member who would like to show their ponds, please contact me with the information.

I look forward to seeing all of you and personally meeting our new members.

Clay Melancon



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The Charleston Showa Koi Club is having a pond tour Saturday May 14th. They have twenty six ponds to be toured. Tickets are \$10.00 per person with a portion of the proceeds going to the Animal Humane Society. Tickets will be available on April 1st. If you are wish to participate, go to their web site: Charleston Showa Koi club and all the information and contacts are there for you to purchase tickets.

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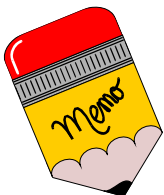
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Where are the Meetings in 2011? If you would be willing to host a meeting, please contact Vicki Knill.

15 May— Carl & Vicki Knill

12 June Summer Social— Phyllis & Mike Loudermilk

10 July— Chuck & Heddy Hamman

13 August (Saturday evening)— Wakoola Water Gardens

11 September (set up for Koi Show)

16-18 September Koi Show Coastal Pond Supply

9 October—Election of officers ??

13 November Winter Social ???

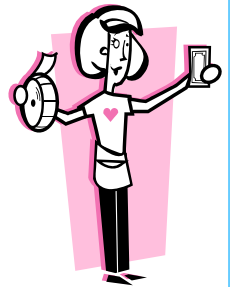
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BADGE... OTHER TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED

FOR \$1 EACH.



Call Joe Hatfield or Gary or JoAnn Elmore



We are very fortunate to have three certified KHA's in our club. These folks are willing and able to help you with questions/problems with your fish or pond.

Just a reminder about our 2011 Grow out.

Mike Hammock has some wonderful koi and I think everyone should take advantage of this opportunity to buy high quality young Kohaku At out 2009 Koi Show Dale and Patti Gengerich won Young Champion with a beautiful Utsuri they bought from Mike. I invite you to check out his website: <http://hammockkoi.com/>

The cost is \$50.00 per fish which will be collected by our club Treasurer Gary Lee. Please make checks out to; Atlanta Koi Club. Bring the checks to the May meeting so you can collect your pond's new addition. Mike has informed me the quality of koi will be worth much more than the asking price.

I need to let Mike know how many koi to bring so if you have not yet, please let me know if you would like to buy any Hammock Kohaku tategoi. I can be reached at; vp@atlantakoiclub.org



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This is a little reminder about the Atlanta Koi Club's Kohaku Grow out coming up in 2 weeks.

We have extended the invitation to join us to the Middle Georgia Koi Society.

If you have not yet signed up for this opportunity please do so as soon as possible. You can contact me at; vp@atlantakoiclub.org

If you have not paid for your koi, please send a check made out to, *Atlanta Koi Club* and send it to our Treasurer;

Gary Lee

2001 O'Shea Lane

Marietta, GA 30062

Mike Hammock of, <http://www.hammockkoifarm.com> will also be bringing other koi in addition to the Kohaku for the grow out. Mike has some beautiful Hi Utsuri, Shiro Utsuri and Yamabuki Ogons among others. The Yamabuki Ogons will be of Izumiya bloodline, 16-18". Visit his website and see what you like. If you have a special request don't hesitate to contact Mike and let him know what you are interested in. Mike would rather bring what people want. Contact him at; mike@hammockkoifarm.com or 865-828-3250.

Mike should be informed by this weekend how many Kohaku for grow out and what other koi to bring. The koi need time to be prepared for the trip so, get your requests in now.

Thanks, Vicki Knill

Vice President, Atlanta Koi Club



Koi Chronicles needs a new editor. The current editor wants some time away from the crunch of monthly newsletters. She loves to do the *Chronicles*, but needs a break. The newsletter comes out (in good years) eleven times. Each time it comes out there should be a letter to the membership that is connected to the internet to go download the newsletter for reading. A copy is sent to the web-master for putting up on the web. Another copy is sent to the the folks



who mail out paper copies to those without web connections. During the month you will likely be asked to do mass mailings, etc.

The new editor should be computer literate in using Microsoft products — or similar software. Experience as an editor is not a must. Being able to “drag-and-drop” articles into spaces is a necessity. If you can write the articles you would really be ahead of the game. It would also be helpful if this person could use a photo editing program to resize and touch-up photos.

Templates and clip-art are provided — as well as back issues and photos.

Please contact the current editor for more information. Reporter@atlantakoiclub.org



Atlanta Koi Club

Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2011

Officers Present: **Clay Melancon** **Gary Elmore** **JoANN Elmore**

This was a very short meeting as the main emphasis was setting up for the Saturday Auction.

Thank you Steve and the Members who helped set up for the Auction on Saturday.

The price for the Pond Tour has been determined to be \$20 a car load for early purchase and \$30 purchased the day of the Tour. (Currently the Tour is on hold due to lack of Ponds.) Susan did a great job, but is not able to spare the time ongoing. Thank you Susan.

A Paypal account for the club is still in process.

The May Meeting will be at Vicki and Carl Knill's and the Kohaku for the grow out will be selected.

Mike Hammock will also bring other Koi with him for purchase.

Koi Person of the year will be voted on at the May Meeting.

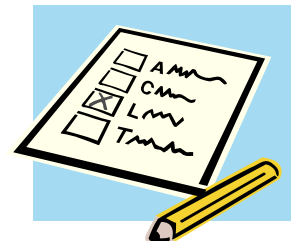
Respectfully submitted,
JoANN Elmore - Scribe



AKCA News

It's Time to Elect Koi Person(s) of the Year!

The 2011 AKCA Seminar in Indianapolis had to be cancelled this year because of renovation construction that would interfere with the seminar. A 2012 location has not yet been determined. This brought up the question of Koi Person of the Year, AKCA Koi of the Year and Champion of Champions. Certificates will be made for the Koi Person of the Year and Koi of the Year will still be featured in KOI USA. The judges will do the Champion of Champions in October when they have their judges seminar.



I did not have the voting of our Koi Person of the Year until I knew what would be happening as a result of the cancellation. The voting is usually done at the March meeting. Results must be handed in to AKCA asap therefore, we will vote at the April meeting which is the set up for the koi auction at Coastal Ponds. I encourage everyone to come out help set up the May Meeting and vote.

Vicki Knill



Atlanta Koi Club
Financial Statements
Year to Date
As of April 30, 2011

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME

Membership Dues Income	\$2,042.50
Auction Income	13,607.95
Miscellaneous Income	<u>888.71</u>
Total Income	\$16,539.16

EXPENSES

Newsletter Expenses	\$150.10
Club Store	(111.40)
Koi Show	194.02
Koi Auction	10,990.04
Insurance	225.00
Raffle Expenses	0.00
Rent Expense	960.00
Donations Expense	13.10
Membership Expenses	20.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	259.63
Total Expenses	<u>\$12,700.49</u>

Net Income (Loss) **\$3,838.67**

BALANCE SHEET

Assets (not including property in inventory)

Cash in Bank	<u>\$26,185.01</u>
Total Assets	<u>26,185.01</u>

Liabilities

Total Liabilities	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Net Worth **\$26,185.01**

Knill's Ponds

The May meeting will be at my home. It has been a number of years since we've hosted a meeting but, I think that is mostly because we are always renovating something. Nothing has changed, some of the floors are looking awful where we pulled up the carpeting and have not yet put down the planned ceramic tile. That will wait because we are getting ready to upgrade the filtration of the ponds. We may have to wait for nice floors but at least the koi will have nice water.

We bought our home knowing eventually there would be a pond or two in the backyard. Now there are 4 ponds. The first was the 5000 gallon koi pond which is now home for the Butterfly or Longfins including 3 Grand Champions. The larger koi pond is 15,000 gallons and is the residence of our Nishikigoi. Off the patio is a 1,500 gallon goldfish pond for fancy goldfish only. Follow the walkway to the back of the yard to find the 300 gallon quarantine pond. The ponds are of a formal style with raised walls. You'll see lots of paver stones, hardscapes are Carl's profession. Carl installed the hardscapes and I planted the gardens which by the way I am reducing to save maintenance time. I hope you enjoy yourself.



2011 Koi Auction Financial Results

As of April 29, 2011

Gross Income from all sources		\$14,332
(less seed money for cash registers)		(400)
	Net	\$13,932

Income by Source

Fish Sold	\$12,676	
Overflow Sales	---	
Members' Equipment Sold	[263] *	
Food/Drinks Sold	248	
Plants Sold	125	
T-shirt/Pin Sales	236	
Koi Food Sold	[84] **	
MinnFinn Sold	[98] **	
Misc. Auction Income	<u>202</u>	
	Net	<u>\$13,487</u>

Expenses

Amounts Paid Sellers	\$9,601	
Advertising	758	
Equipment/Water Chemicals	274	
Food/Drinks	126	
Misc.	<u>231</u>	
Total Auction Expenses		<u>\$10,990</u>

Net Profit (after payables) \$2,497

* Proceeds from sale of members' equipment payable to the American Red Cross for the Japan earthquake/tsunami relief effort

** Payable to Coastal



As always, Coastal Ponds were very accommodating in letting us use their space for the auction. Many thanks to all the volunteers. I think this has been one of the best years for volunteer turn out.

Even though we did not get the amount of bidders that we had in the past, I feel that the auction was still a success.

I am happy to say we made a decent profit for the club. We also raised almost \$300 for the Japan Relief effort.

I am looking forward to the upcoming meetings and summer months. Again, a great big THANK YOU to everyone involved.

Stephen Castel

Kohaku Grow-out

The Hammock Koi Farm Kohaku grow out is going to be a great opportunity for members of the AKC & MGKS to purchase superior American bred and grown koi. I am excited that Mike Hammock has graciously agreed to provide us with top grade koi at a club only price. At the May meeting Mike will also instruct us on how to encourage optimal growth in the koi and ways to maintain the color. While members will be encouraged to bring their koi to be shown in next year's koi show this is by no means considered mandatory. The grow out is an exercise in koi husbandry. Enjoy the chance to buy a beautiful koi, learn from a professional how to raise it. Prove to yourself your ability to raise a beautiful living jewel in your own pond.



Grow out koi are \$50.00 each. Selection of koi for the grow out will be by random draw. We are doing a random draw in a fair manner. The koi for the grow out will each be individually photographed the the pictures will be placed face down on a board showing a number on the back of the picture.



Members will draw a number from a box and that number will match the picture of the fish on the board. In addition to the Kohaku Mike will be bringing Shiro and Hi Utsuri, Showa, Sanke and Yamabuki for those also want to pick some top quality koi.





The April meeting was our annual koi auction.

The May meeting will be at the home of Carl & Vicki Knill. Hope to see all of you there.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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Type of Membership: **Household:** \$50 for 1 Yr. _____; \$90 for 2 Yrs. _____
(Check One) **Individual:** \$30 for 1 Yr. _____; \$54 for 2 Yrs. _____
Sponsor: \$150 for 1 Yr. _____

Other: KOI USA Magazine Subscription: \$20 for 1 Yr. _____
 *Name Badges: \$5 each. _____

Names: _____ & _____
 First Last First Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____ Best Email: _____

AKC is a volunteer organization. We need as much help and support as you can provide, no matter how insignificant. In which of the following areas can you help?

Host Meeting ____, Pond Tour ____, Auction ____, Koi Show ____, Hold Office ____, Flower Show ____

To save money, we provide our newsletter in color via email several days earlier than mailed copies.

Would you like to receive your newsletter via email? Yes or No.

We try to publish a membership roster annually. It is given only to club members and AKCA, the Associated Koi Clubs of America. May we publish your address, phone number and email? Yes or No.

Make checks payable to **Atlanta Koi Club** and submit with application to: Peggy Fricke 4876 Royal Drive Duluth GA 20096

* Please consider buying **Name Badges**. For only \$5, you will get to know and be known by everyone and also receive a free raffle ticket every time you wear your badge to a Club Meeting.

May Meeting

Sunday, 15 May 2011 @ Carl & Vicki Knill's home.

Fish sale from Hammock's Fish Farm ... kohaku grow-out.

Officers meet at 1 Members meet at 2

Driving Directions:

You will find driving directions in the letter notifying you of this meeting. We do not publish directions to members' homes.

Look for the club signs.

Be sure to bring your lawn chairs!

