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By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

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Greetings and salutations! The holidays are now behind us, and we are preparing to begin a new year. The 2007 Koi Show committee has been meeting to discuss and plan the show. The Pond Tour is also in the planning stages.

It has been a difficult month for me, since I have a cold that doesn't want to leave, but I am not letting that stop me as we (the officers and committee members) work towards planning 2007. The Show committee has met once and discussed what needs to be done. We plan on looking at a site before the January meeting and deciding if it meets our needs. From there it will be a matter of getting in touch with the vendors from this past year, and having everything in place before the year is far along.

This year's pond tour is making progress with a number of ponds being volunteered to be shown. As always, we have room for more.

I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting.

Ikeage Collage

Our winter social was an Ikeage held at the Gonzalez farm in Martin GA. If you attended, you know how wonderful it was. If you missed it, here are some pictures to show just what we did.



This snapping turtle had done some real damage to the fish.

The showa has just come from the mud pond.

We gathered pond side to watch the harvest.

The workers soon learned how really back breaking this work is!

Morris & Don toast the harvest with Sake



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Pond Tour Planning!

As we start the planning for Pond Tour 2007, I am soliciting input from the membership. Please send me an email or even a note with your thoughts pertaining to:

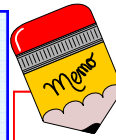
- Are you interested in having your pond on the tour?
- What is the best month for the tour - May, June, July or August?
- Do you have suggestions to enhance the experience for the attendees?

Please send your comments and information by the end of January, I will compile the results and report back to you all at the February meeting. Then we can formalize the dates and proceed with planning.

Thanks,
David Pugh

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Upcoming Koi Shows

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

FEBRUARY 17-18 2007 San Diego CA
20th Annual Show
www.koiclubsandiego.org

March 9-11 2007 Central Florida Koi Show
Orlando FL
www.znaska.org
www.orlandokoi.org

May 4-6 2007 Southern Koi Expo NC
www.freewebs.com/triadkoiclubupcomingevents.htm

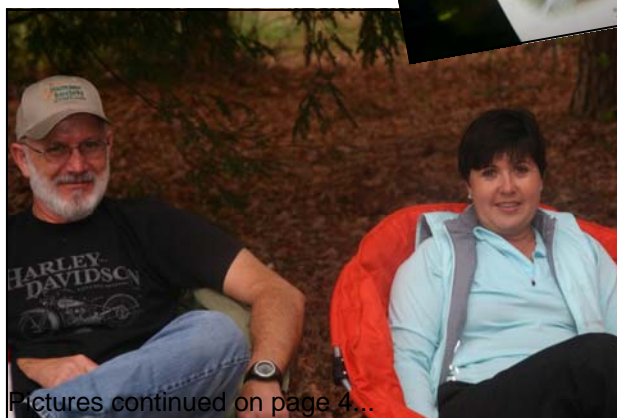
September 28-30, 2007 Koi America 2007
Carroll County Shirley Arena
Westminster, MD.
<http://www.carrollcountyagcenter.com/>



From the fish balloons and ceremonial sake to hard work and a fabulous pig roast/ BBQ chicken feast — we had a wonderful day.



The weather threatened to turn to rain, but held off until we were fed and dark had just come. WOW! Talk about luck.



Pictures continued on page 4...



~~~~~ Your Attention Please ~~~~~

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We are doing our Annual Club Inventory count and would kindly request that you return any borrowed items - including library books, tanks, nets, covers, and etc. - as soon as possible. Please contact me to arrange the return, or if you have any questions.

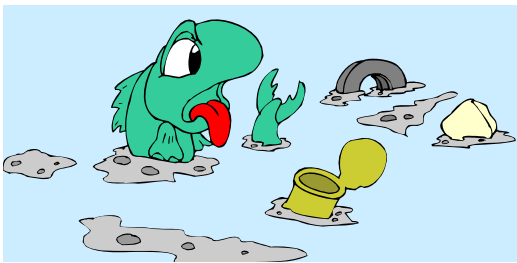
Thank you,
Herve Rijnveld, Equipment Manager
stuff@atlantakoiclub.com

Ikeage Report

Check the web-site (www.atlantakoiclub.org) for the Ikeage pictures. Choose the tab "Socials".
Photos for the newsletter and the web-site were contributed by Ev Garrin, Michael Anderson, and Toni Anderson.

Dilution is the Solution to Pollution!

Michael Anderson



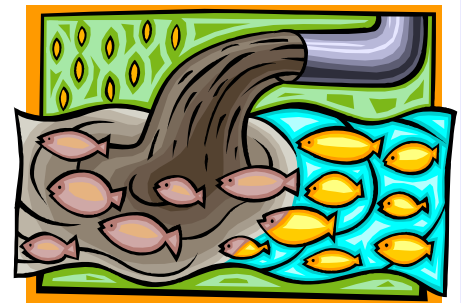
By pollution we mean anything added to the pond that is not wanted in the pond. Pollutants may come from outside the pond or from within the pond itself, i.e. oil leaking from a submerged pump. Some pollutants are easy to identify and control and/or remove, i.e. leaves, pollen, dead rats, etc.. Most of the harmful pollutants that dissolve into the water are hard to identify or quantify. Surface water runoff that can enter the pond is often a major source of pollutants. This is why all ponds should be designed with a raised edge or at least

some type of channel around them so that the surface water will not enter the pond. Other pollution is the by-products of the biological processes going on in a pond of fish and plants. Yes, I said plants. No, I am specifically talking about water gardens. Most koi ponds have algae on the walls, and, perhaps in the water column. So again...fish **and** plants.

Some pollutants can be prevented...but many can not. So the real question is how to do with water pollution that constantly getting worse? For most ponds the only solution to pollution is dilution. By dilution we means regular water changes. Partial water changes can reduce the amount of anything dissolved in the water but not totally remove it. A water change out is considered to be when a measured amount of water is drained from the pond system and then replaced. The best way to remove water is to purge/drain the filter system and/or the bottom drains to waste. Just adding water and letting the pond overflow will not accomplish the desired results unless significantly more water is transferred. *Water added to replace what was lost by evaporation is **not** part of a change out!*

It is considered appropriate to change out 10 to 20 percent of a pond's water per week. Any water replaced after a weekly back flush of a filter system or other maintenance actions should be included as being part of the weekly change out amount. When making the water replacement with tap water that contains chlorine or chloramines remember to use a dechlorinator such as sodium thiosulphate (ST). Don't forget to turn off the water when the pond is full! Better yet, put an inexpensive flow timer shutoff device that hook directly on the hose. Those devices can be obtained from the gardening department of your local DIY store for \$20 or less.

Should I do water changes in the winter? Yes! When the water temp drops into the 50s or less, the koi immunity basically comes to a halt. They are far more susceptible to the negative impacts of poor water quality. So if there were any time in the year when you want the very best water quality....it is in the cold months of winter and early spring. Maintain high water quality in the winter to reduce the probabilities of koi health problems in the spring. Remember, dilution really is the solution to pollution.



We Are the Champions, My Friend.....

The November 3-5 2006 Charlotte Koi Show was swept by Atlanta Koi Club members.

Supreme Grand Champion & The Judges Award — David Knox
Reserve Grand Champion & Best Doitsu — Bart & Kathy Adkinson
Grand Champion Long-fin & Best Size 4 — Susan Reed
Best Hikari Muji & 2 Friendship Awards — Jason Montgomery
Best "B" Gin Rin — Brenda & Charlie Atwell
Ribbons were awarded to: Bart & Kathy Adkinson; Brenda & Charlie Atwell; Jason Montgomery; Susan Reed
(I hope I got all these correct.... Forgive me if I goofed)

Congratulations!



The gathering places at the pond and on the hill were always busy. We saw all kinds and conditions of fish. We laughed and cooked ... Basically, we shared our love of koi and good times.

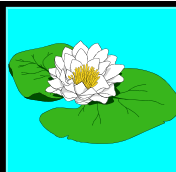


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by Ron Scott		For Year: 2006			
		(01/01/06 thru 12/31/06)			
					2006
	Beginning balance:	January 1, 2006	\$3,977.57		Budget
Income Categories:					
2100	Club Store		\$381.50		\$500.00
2200	Flower Show		\$2,000.00		\$2,250.00
2300	Koi Show		\$13,786.62		\$9,000.00
2400	Koi Auction		\$11,710.50		\$11,500.00
2500	Misc.		\$2,888.10		\$3,555.00
	Raffles - Monthly Meetings Only	\$659.00			
	Interest on Club Checking Account (Only)	\$8.10			
	Returned Check Fee	\$0.00			
	Banking Charges	\$0.00			
	Newsletter Advertising	\$0.00			
	Koi For Learning	\$0.00			
	Misc.	\$2,221.00			
	Transferring Funds From Savings	\$0.00			
2600	Pond Tour		\$750.00	2005 Tour	\$3,000.00
2700	Membership		\$5,119.00		\$5,850.00
	Member Badges	\$170.00			
	Membership Dues	\$3,066.00			
	Koi USA Subscription	\$333.00			
	ZNA Membership	\$200.00			
	Vendor Sponsorship	\$1,350.00			
3000	No Category		<u>\$0.00</u>		\$0.00
		Total Income	\$36,635.72		\$35,655.00

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Expense Categories:				6
100	AKCA Dues		\$100.00	\$100.00
200	Club Store		\$100.00	\$3,150.00
300	Flower Show		\$1,767.03	\$2,000.00
400	Insurance		\$941.00	\$950.00
500	Koi Show	Includes \$ 346.49 for 2005 show	\$10,842.43	\$8,125.00
600	Koi Auction		\$8,958.21	\$8,525.00
700	Misc.		\$3,863.80	\$4,259.40
	State of GA Incorporation Charges	\$957.07		Catchup thru 2006
	Food at Club Meeting	\$1,434.24		
	Website Fee	\$196.75		
	Other Misc. - Library Items, Club Trips, Fish Sales, Other	\$1,275.74		
	Friendship Awards	\$0.00		
	Monthly Meeting Speaker Expenses	\$0.00		
800	Newsletter		\$371.26	\$380.00
900	Pond Tour		\$0.00	\$2,837.00
1000	Raffles		\$975.27	\$420.00
1200	Donations		\$18.48	\$250.00
1250	Advertising		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
1300	Membership		\$776.28	\$1,370.00
	Producing Name Badges	\$0.00		
	ZNA Membership Payment	\$76.56		
	Koi USA Subscription	\$339.00		
	Club Membership Brochure	\$300.00		
	Related to Sponsorship	\$60.72		
1400	Bank Charges		\$37.53	\$278.50
1999	Not Categorized		\$0.00	\$0.00
		Total Expenses	\$28,751.29	\$33,644.90
NET			\$7,884.43	\$2,010.10
	Transferred to Savings		\$10,000.00	
	Ending Checking Balance as of Dec. 31, 2006		\$1,862.00	
	Savings Account as of Dec. 31, 2006		\$17,657.94	
	Total Club Funds		\$19,519.94	


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2006 Major Club Event Summaries				
Income	Flower Show		\$2,000.00	\$2,250.00
Ex-penses	Flower Show		-\$1,767.03	-\$2,000.00
			\$232.97	\$250.00
Income	Koi Show		\$13,786.62	\$9,000.00
Ex-penses	Koi Show	Adjusted for 2005 ex-penses	-\$10,495.94	-\$7,778.51
			\$3,290.68	\$1,221.49
Income	Koi Auction		\$11,710.50	\$11,500.00
Ex-penses	Koi Auction		-\$8,958.21	-\$8,525.00
			\$2,752.29	\$2,975.00
Income	Pond Tour	Adjusted for 2005 income	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Ex-penses	Pond Tour	Didn't have in 2006	\$0.00	-\$2,837.00
			\$0.00	-\$587.00



Thanks for all the help, Myrtis !



Yummy, Yummy, Bill likes BBQ chicken!



The lines weren't really long, but the food was delicious!



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This weekend I moved seven of my “chosen” koi from their pond to a temporary winter home. Just for this year, they will spend some time vacationing in Ken and Carole’s Smithtown, LI, NY, new 26,000-gallon pond. But one fish won’t be going with them. “Pickles” is the fish that has chosen to remain behind. She’s the first koi I ever bought, in 1992, for a whopping \$30 plus tax from the local rip-off pet shop (that’s no longer in business). She was named by a friend’s daughter. The kid called her the “pickle fish” so we named her Pickles.

Pickles and I have a fourteen-year relationship that has taught me a lot about caring for koi. In many ways she was my practice fish. I learned about *Aeromonas* from Pickles. I cried while giving her the intraperitoneal injections. I was sure she was going to die or that I was going to penetrate a vital organ by mistake. She was so tame, so used to being handled at that time that she didn’t need any anesthetic for our daily ritual. I had her in a 2’ x 3’ filter box so I wouldn’t have to chase her for the treatment. She didn’t complain. Then, when a new fish was added to the pond it was Pickles that introduced them to our feeding regimen, sort of taking the newbie under her wing. She made a great dorm mom. But this time, she isn’t going south with me either because next week (or soon thereafter) I will be leaving this house and pond behind. The new owners will be here.

The way Pickles chose to remain in Uniondale was unique and I never expected it from her. My friends, Lou Cerami and Gene Wong, had come bright and early to drain the pond once again and remove the fish I would take to Florida (and over winter in Smithtown until Florida is ready for them). To make this as easy as possible, I removed the fish from the quarantine tank first, giving the two goldfish and one shubunkin to Joy Stockmeyer and the five young koi were put into the big pond (for the new homeowner). Then, as each Florida-bound koi was hoisted from the bottom of the near empty pond it was carried to the quarantine tank in a sock net to await the next leg of its journey. They all did very well. It was finished in less than an hour! I had a net tightly stretched over the top of the quarantine tank. The fish would wait until tomorrow to see their new winter pond.

Sunday morning came and went with about a dozen volunteers carrying furniture and boxes out of the basement. After they left, I started getting ready to move the fish. I let the dogs out while I got myself packed up. Shortly after that I heard the dogs barking and I went to see what was up. They weren’t barking at the fence. They were barking at something behind the quarantine tank. It was Pickles, very dry and covered with dirt, barely breathing. But the dogs knew they had found something that didn’t belong there, luckily for Pickles.



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I quickly dropped her back into the quarantine tank where she just sank to the bottom and laid there on her side, not really breathing. Experience taught me that if she was going to make it she would need the cleanest water available. So, I scooped her back out and into the big pond where all the water was fresh and moving nicely. The other koi all came to her aid. It was amazing to watch as they righted her and swam her around. She kept trying to sink to the bottom but the other fish were right there keeping her up and moving! I swear they talked to her, and before long she was swimming. Yes, Pickles is going to stay in Uniondale. She was trying to find her way home and if it wasn’t for the dogs, she might have not have made it. The other seven fish are quite happy in their new temporary home. Going from 6,000 to 26,000-gallons in the Gugliucci pond didn’t seem to hurt them one bit! Thankfully they had a Microbe-Lift pond waiting for them. They will do fine.



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So, I had my very own “fall koi harvest” this year, in Uniondale, Long Island, and I carried some pretty large koi in big bags of water, thanks to Suburban Water Gardens who gave me the bags for this occasion. Yes, and I have the painful muscles to prove it. But once I get to Florida, it will all be worth it...

We are one step closer to the ultimate goal.



Membership

Susan Brown 11

I would like to welcome Harold Biggio, and Pat & Sabin Gianelloni to the Atlanta Koi Club. Hope to see you at the January meeting. I also want to apologize to anyone I might have offended during the time our computer was down and we couldn't receive any e-mails. If you e-mailed me during the month of November until right before Christmas, I did not receive them. Everything appears to be working correctly at this time.

Thirty-six members and 9 visitors attended the November fish pull. We now have a total membership of 166 and 9 sponsors.

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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.

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Susan G. Brown, 191 Kings Row, Marietta, GA 30067.

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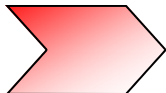
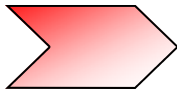
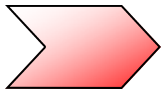
Meeting Date: Sunday, 14 January 2007

Executives meet at 1:00 p.m. Members meet at 2:00 p.m.

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Topics for Discussion @ Meeting	Responsible Party
Introduction of Board and Appointments	David Boyd
2007 Budget	Ron Scott
Non-Profit Status Update	Ron Scott
Koi Show	Ron Scott
Inventory Results	Herve Rijnveld
Pond Tour	David Pugh
Library Disbanding	David Pugh
Auction	Jay Drew
Upcoming Meetings	David Marier
Koi Rescue	Doug Tatz
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Membership	Susan Brown
Other Business/Conclusion	David Boyd



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