



Charleston Showa Koi Club

Last meeting....

Our last meeting was held at Carolina Koi Farms. Robert gave a talk on how the farm was transformed.



Our next meeting...

Our next meeting will be held April 19th at Butch and Lorna's home. Robert will give a power point presentation on Koi. This should be a very interesting meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Pond tour update...

Things have gone pretty well with the tour so far! We have the booklet together and should have copies by the next meeting.

Now to the important information.

1. We need help with the finale, we are only a few and we will need a lot of people to handle the crowd.

2. I have a list of jobs that need to be done; if you don't have your pond on tour and you haven't volunteered to help you will be getting a call to help. We need every member present at the finale, if nothing else to answer questions for people.

3. A. We need 2 people to help set up and serve food.

B. We need 2 people to help with parking.

C. We need 2 people to greet guest.

D. We need 2 people to sell raffle tickets.

E. We still need people for clean up from 6:45 till 8:00.

F. We still need a few people to put our signs the night before the tour.

G. We need each member to bring a salad of some kind. We need it the day before or the early morning of the tour.

H. We need each member to get a donation from someone or some where. It can be fish, pond, watergarden, gift card or anything we can use for raffles or door prizes. Please bring these Sunday!

Our list could go on, please e-mail or sign up at the meeting!

Central Florida Koi Show

By Linda Lewis

Johnna, Robert, and I went to the Central Florida Koi Show in Orlando the weekend of March 13th. Oh boy! Another road trip and we were so excited. It seems every year that it gets better and better. Not to be repetitive, but it was even **better** than before. Ralph and Sue, Ray, Joy and Dan, Jim and Mary, Lorna and Butch, Antoine and Mimi attended the show. Every time I looked up, I saw someone else I knew. We would gather around to discuss what we had just seen or heard; it was just great. Ask anyone who attended the show about the tram ride (ha! Ha!). The more the merrier is all I can say.

We made many contacts for pond tour donations and ask several vendors to attend our finale. We reunited with some of our koi friends and vendors from as far away as Florida, Arkansas, Louisiana, and the Cayman Islands. We actually met and took pictures of Tara and his father Mr. Kodama. Tara manages Kodama Koi Farm, a leading supplier of Japanese Nishikigoi and products, home based in Hawaii. His father, Mr. Kodama, is the founder and chairman of Milyoshike, Co. Ltd, a reputable Koi dealer in Japan. He was a lecturer at the show and it was an honor to attend and learn about Koi quality.

Our own Ralph and Sue traveled with their fish to Orlando and entered a Kohku and a Sanke.

Best Jumbo was a giant Chogoi app. 36-38 inches long. One of the longest fish I have ever seen.



Our good friend, Lee Aronfeld's big Kohku took Grand Champion



Mr. and Mrs. Kodama (far left and center front)

Calendar of events...

April 19 – Pond tour meeting at Butch and Lorna
1:00-1:55

April 19- Butch and Lorna 2:00

May 3 - Trish and Kathy....Grow out

May 03 – last grow out photo

June 13 is the pond Tour

June 14 Robert and Linda

July

August

September

September 18 – 20 Atlanta Show

October 11 Cindy and Charlie

October 16 - 18 NCKWS show in Cary, NC

November 6-8 Charlotte Show

December

Meeting times and places may be subject to change.

Dues are due, please pay Ralph at the next meeting or mail them to him.

Open letter to all AKCA Affiliated Clubs.

Plans are underway for the next KHA Certification Class. As new friends join our clubs we are finding more and more of them have heard of the KHA program but do not fully understand who, what, where, when, and more importantly, the why of the KHA program. We need your help. Will you please distribute the following article to your members through your newsletters, bulletins, web sites, or however else you communicate with members? Support of the KHA program usually has a positive effect on a club. Those clubs without a current KHA might make an extra concerted effort to find an interested participant as the KHA Program can only help you keep abreast of current information. Some clubs even reimburse for the needed books to encourage members to join. Your support of the KHA program will put KHAs in a position to better support you. That is what KHAs and clubs do—support each other and good koi husbandry. If you have any questions please ask me at khajerry@yahoo.com or if you would like articles on Koi Health for your newsletters, let me know. I just want to help. Thank you, Jerold (Jerry) Kyle, KHA.

Koi Health Advisors (KHA) are not Koi EMT's

It Is Time To Join The KHA Program!

.....by Jerold Kyle, KHA

Thinking about being a Koi Health Advisors (KHA)? It is definitely something to consider, a way to learn to be a better keeper of your own Koi, a way to support the AKCA, your local Koi club, your Koi, your friends, and the community. The primary value of a KHA is not to be available at 10:00 pm when someone calls in a panic and says, "Help, my Koi is lying on its side and hardly moving - What should I do?" It may sound harsh, but one Fish=20Veterinarian said to me the reality is that the best thing for the pond owner at that moment is to take two aspirins and go to bed. What! ?? The point is that by the time one got that call it was probably already too late. The whole purpose of becoming a KHA is not to be a Koi EMT but to learn and teach good preventative koi husbandry principals in order to help prevent this kind of situation.

There is no silver bullet and there is no magic wonder drug to learn about so you can always be a heroic Koi EMT and run around saving lives. Koi health is much like people health in that prevention is the best medicine. It is a lot less stressful on both the patient and the KHA. It is about the environment we live in and the air we breathe for both people and Koi. People that eat right, exercise right, get proper rest at night, drink plenty of liquids are generally healthier than those who don't. How does a Koi eat right, you ask? KHA people know. Exercise? Do Koi exercise? The healthy ones do and a KHA knows how. Proper rest and plenty of liquids? I must be kidding with

the plenty of liquids, right? Nope, it's called osmoregulation and is just one of the things a KHA learns about. There may be no silver bullets but there is a ton of information in the KHA Program that when put together will make someone much more knowledgeable than the average pond owner. Their Koi will be more healthy and comfortable too.

There is a greater personal comfort level when one understands the ins and outs of water quality and good Koi health along with knowing there is a support group to turn to when one does not have the answers. We don't all have all the answers but KHAs all have the Veterinarians and qualified teachers along with more advanced KHA members who want to help and are part of the KHA support group. It is gratifying to be involved with such a dedicated group of people. Every club needs and prizes the KHA that is part of their group but they need more. Unfortunately, there are still too few KHAs with some clubs doing without altogether. It is an honor and a privilege to be in a position to help other club members by sharing knowledge. It also feels good to be respected. KHA is at the forefront striving to keep up with the newest, ever changing, Koi husbandry information, new meds, and new technology. The KHA Continuing Education Program helps make being and/or having a KHA in a club invaluable.

KHA Classes begin in July and you can sign up from then until the end of November. However, the sooner you get started the more time you have and the easier it may be. It is time to think about being involved in improving your knowledge and value to your club. Except for the final Lab portion of the class, which will be held at the AKCA Annual=20Seminar May 19-23, 2010, in Nashville TN, everything is handled on line at your own pace. The quizzes are "open book." If you do not know the answer you are directed where to look. There is so much information that the greatest lesson may be in the learning where to look. The admission fee of \$100 will be refunded if one completes the course within two years which means if you stick with it, the course is free as AKCA picks up the tab for you. The KHA Class Coordinator is Tim Czech who can be reached by e-mail at tim.czech@wel-design.com. Interested? You should be. Let Tim know if you are considering joining this dedicated group and he will send you the details.