



Charleston Showa Koi Club

Last meeting... Linda Lewis



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's a time to reflect on the past and make resolutions to make this next year the best one ever. We had a very good meeting at the home of Gwen and Bob Lowe. As always the food that our club prepared was fantastic. Thank goodness we don't do this every week or I'd be as big as a horse. We did elect new officers at the Dec. meeting. They are named in the club minutes. Take a look at them. These are the people you need to be familiar with. If you have a problem, let them know. If they can't help you then maybe they can find someone to help. Let's jump into 2012 with a renewed

spirit filled with enthusiasm for our club and the advancement of koi education. Let's also continue to have some fun in the process.

From the desk of the President Robert Lewis

I am looking forward to serving as the President of our club for the next two years. I am sure we have a good plan to move the club in a positive direction. I have met with the Executive Board. We have a plan set for the next few meetings.

We are, as you have read, going to have a short talk on Chagoi at the January meeting. February we are planning a talk on how to get that perfect picture of your Koi. We will have some hands on picture taking so bring your camera. In March we will be picking Koi of the Year and Koi Person of the Year. For those of you that don't know, Koi of the Year is a photo contest so pay close attention in February if you want to win.



Minutes from 12/11/11 Rudy Ludge

Cindy welcomed all old and new members to the meeting and thanked Bob and Gwen for hosting the Christmas party at their beautiful home. There was a correction to last month's minutes, Kathy gave the presentation on Asagis and not Ralph. Ralph then gave a treasury report and said that we have \$3972 in the account and \$1000 of that is for the pond tour. He then reported that the charities that we gave to this year: we gave \$2000 to the Charleston Animal Society, \$300 to Mr. Kodama for the Japanese Earthquake Relief and \$500 to the Charleston Basket Brigade. He then talked about the KOI USA subscriptions. He said he will explain everything in an article in this newsletter. Kathy said the pond tour committee is still accepting ponds for the pond tour and Linda and Richard are still accepting ads for the booklet. There was no old or new business that was reported.

Since this was Cindy's last meeting as president she thanked everyone for their support as President and the year before that as Vice President. She also thanked all the other officers for their help. At this time Cindy announced the nominee's for the club's officers: Robert Lewis for President, Kathy Over for Vice President, Susan Markham for Secretary, Ralph Owens for Treasurer and Johnna Hansen for AKCA Director. Since there were no other nominee's mentioned, the above names were elected to those positions. At this time the meeting was adjourned. And as your outgoing Secretary, I would like to thank all those who helped and support me the past two years. I could have not

done it without you. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

RUDY LUTGE

From the desk of the pond tour Chairman

Our next pond tour meeting will be prior to the meeting on Sunday the 8th of January at Linda and Robert Lewis's

We will be finalizing the ponds and advertisements for the book.

From the Pond

By Robert Lewis

Over the years I have talked a lot about Kohaku. Let's talk a little about one of the more common varieties, the Chagoi. The Chagoi is one of the oldest varieties and is close to the natural carp. The Chagoi can be dark brown, light brown or even kind of green. The most popular color is peanut butter. This color of Chagoi will get darker and lighter as the seasons change. It will always come back to the light brown or tan color.

A Chagoi, as a rule is a very friendly fish that loves to eat and tends to get large. They will be the first to eat out of your hand and some can even be petted. Everyone needs one of these gentle giants in their pond.

What should you look for in a good Chagoi? (First thing, as with all koi shopping, the dealer is very important.) We have discussed the color. Now let's talk about the body. The body is very important. The body of a Chagoi should have the shape of a blimp. It should be large and imposing when swimming

through your pond. The head should be large and house shaped. The peduncle (the area just before the tail fin) should be thick and round. The pectoral fins should be large and in good proportion to the body. The scalation needs to be even. Some have a fish net looking scale pattern. The fish net pattern has a darker looking line that goes around the scales. This pattern is preferred by most hobbits but not a must. This is just a quick overview of the Chagoi. Come to the next meeting to learn more about this gentle giant. We'll have pictures and discuss the Chagoi

Calendar of events...2012

Jan. 12 Robert and Linda Lewis
Feb.12

Meeting times and places may be subject to change.

