



PKWS JUNE 2018 Issue

Editor:

Carol Mathis

## ***PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS***



Kathy and Jon Rankin's pond

I am writing these paragraphs prior to the Pond Tour on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kathy and Jon Rankin's pond is one of the eight on this year's tour and as most of us have not had the pleasure to see the beautiful landscaping work they've recently completed, I thought I'd give you a sense of the pleasure that tour attendees who make the drive to Albemarle will experience.

With all of our attention focused at present with last preparations and anticipation of the Pond Tour, I'll confine my remarks to just a few quick information items.

First, please note that the location for our meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> has recently been changed. The meeting will be at the home of LeAnn Swieczkowski and Kathy Connolly. For those of you who were at the meeting last year when they hosted us at their home, I don't need to provide any hype. For those of you who were not with us, their backyard is an oasis and a treat to see. Join us if you can.

Next, we want to try to standardize information going out about each meeting and information requested back. The plan is that we will use the survey form that we tested for the May meeting. The host for each meeting will let Cecelia, our Treasurer and club e-mail administrator, know what they plan to prepare. Cecelia will then send out the survey form to everyone. In addition to using the form to indicate whether you plan to attend or not, you can use the Comments column to indicate what you plan to bring for the potluck. All of this is with the understanding that an RSVP via the form and indicating what you plan to bring are not absolute requirements. If you won't know until the last minute if you can come to a meeting, or if plans change so that you are able to attend when you thought you couldn't, please come.

There has been a flurry of membership activity and I want to welcome and make everyone aware of four new PKWS members:

Robyn and Ryan Jacobs

Gary Karpovich

Christian and Christina Kropec

Debbie and Paul Waldman

Finally, if you haven't already done so, plan on attending the July meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Lora and Scott Moberg. We will have a speaker that evening, biologist, Jerry Cutlip. The topic should be of broad interest: "Know Your Enemy, The Life and times of the Great Blue Heron."

Myles

## UPCOMING EVENT

*Happy Koi of Greenville invites you and your families to join us at our*

**4th Annual Open House**



214 Hyde Circle  
Mauldin, SC 29662  
(864) 236-5925

Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: 10-6

Hotel: Fairfield Inn  
3821 Grandview Dr  
Simpsonville, SC 29680

**EVENTS**

Saturday-  
Q&A 11-12  
Lunch 12:30-1:30  
Grow Out 2:00  
You Be the Judge  
Koi Auction 3:00  
Koi Judges will be Present  
so you will be able to ask  
any questions  
General Koi sales all day

Introducing our new spring  
collection for Grow Out  
-Koromo  
-Goshiki  
Lottery Drawing

**PKWS 2018 OFFICERS**

President: Myles Weiner 440-537-4094

Treasurer: Cecelia Smith 704-365-3803

1<sup>st</sup> VP/Secretary: Mary Ellen McClain 704-553-2556

2ndVP/Secretary: Ray Bell 803-415-2310

**APPOINTED OFFICES:**

Membership: Cecelia Smith Pritchett

Property Manager: Leo Bollinger 704-614-0737

Newsletter: Carol Mathis 704-455-8587

Webmaster: Brannon Raines 704-576-9479

**JUNE SOCIAL**

Saturday, June 9, 2018

**5:30 p.m.**

LeAnn Swieczkowski and Kathy Connolly

3300 Parting Brook Court

Charlotte, NC 28210

Telephone: 704-560-4322

**Directions: I-485 to Johnston Road North Exit 61A. Follow Johnston Road to Birnen Drive, take a right. Turn right on Deer Brook Lane, Turn left on Parting Brook Court.**

***Taste Buds and Hearing***

Koi have taste buds almost everywhere on their bodies. They have taste buds, on their lips, within their mouths, their fleshy barbells, and even their fins and tail are covered with taste buds.

Koi are unique in that they can hear up to 3,000 hertz, while most other fish cannot hear frequencies above 1,000 hertz. This is due to a unique amplification system they have which connects their inner ear bones to the swim bladder. This connection to the swim bladder greatly improves their ability to hear, as well as assists in balance and orientation.

## MINUTES OF PKWS MAY MEETING

Minutes of May 12, 2018

The May meeting of the PKWS was convened at the home of Susanna and Bobby Wicker in Charlotte, NC. There were 33 in attendance, including guests. President Weiner opened the business meeting at 6:20 PM.

**Reports:** Myles Weiner shared operational details for the Pond Tour on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed a round a draft of the brochure for members to look at. We have eight ponds on this year's tour – Laughlin, Mathis/Bollinger, Rankin, Williams, Penix, Moon, Theroux, and Raines, and eight sponsors: Secure Turf, Peaceful Ponds, McGirt Supplies, Aqua Escapes, Ponders, Fun Outdoor living, Koi USA, and Wil-dology (Birdhouse on the Greenway). LeAnn Swieczkowski has designed the brochure and former member, David Jordan, will be taking care of the printing. The Tour will run from 9:00 to 3:00. (After the meeting, signage, forms, and water were distributed.)

Gina Navarrete asked whether the \$10 charge to take the tour may be waived for anyone signing up for membership on the day of the tour. It may.

Publicity efforts have started. Myles has sent notices to koi clubs in Raleigh, Greenville, Charleston, and Atlanta. Information has also been sent to people who have contacted the club in the past year. The tour is already posted on the website of Creative Loafing Charlotte. Brannon Raines volunteered to take care of posting info on Facebook and on Facebook sites of some local media outlets.

**Old Business:** Myles led a discussion about treating for mosquitos around a pond. This followed a round of communications that had been initiated by Cathy Goodrich on the subject on our e-mail dodo platform. There was consensus not to use a spray repellent near a pond. Mosquito dunks, mosquito bits, mosquito fish and citronella plants are all good options for controlling mosquitos.

There was also discussion about deterring heron. Crocodile heads, plastic snakes, and utilizing a motion activated water head, such as Scarecrow, were popular suggestions.

**New Business:** The new attendance survey form that was used on a test basis seemed to work well. Cecilia Smith said that she would set it up so that in the future, replies will not automatically go to all members. Myles suggested using the Comments column for people attending a meeting to indicate what they intend to bring for the pot-luck. He expressed the intention to make the form a standard process for people to follow for each meeting with two provisos. First, that the process needs to begin with the host indicating what they intend to serve as a main dish, and people who forget to respond or find out at the last minute that they are able to attend, not feel that they shouldn't because they hadn't indicated via the form that they would attend.

Myles announced that one of the tour sponsors, Fun Outdoor Living in Indian Trail, is offering PKWS members a \$500 discount on any projects of \$6,500 or more. Fun Outdoor Living installs outdoor kitchens, hot tubs, spas, and other products for patio relaxation and entertainment.

**Announcements:** There is a change in location for the next meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the home of Kathy Connolly and LeAnn Swieczkowski.

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**Good of the Body:** Debbie Williams shared her experience skydiving for the first time – she said it was exhilarating.

Brannon Raines announced that his daughter, Anderson will be graduating high school next week and will attend Appalachian State in the fall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Leo Bollinger and seconded by Brannon Raines at 6:55. The annual plant exchange took place at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Myles Weiner, President*

## Want to fight back against mosquitoes?

### Here are a few tips to help in the battle.

By Erik Tate  
Operations Manager  
The Water Garden

1. Install a water garden. Yes, that's right, I said "install a water garden." It is a common misconception of non-pond owners that water gardens breed mosquitoes. But, water gardens are not an additional concern for the increase of a mosquito population. In fact, a water garden helps fight against mosquitoes. Bodies of water are a natural attractant of dragonflies and damselflies. These creatures are often called Mosquito Hawks. The average dragonfly consumes hundreds of mosquitoes per day. Dragonfly larva also eat mosquito larva. Also, most water gardens contain fish. The fish eat the mosquito larva that may still end up in the pond.
2. Empty anything in your yard that is holding water unnecessarily. This is where most residential mosquito problems originate. Downspouts, pots, toys, tarps, etc collect water and provide the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.
3. Treat other areas with [biological mosquito control](#). [Mosquito Dunks](#), [Mosquito Bits](#), and [Microbe Lift's Biological Mosquito Control](#) are all natural biological treatments that you can add to any water that needs it. These areas include fountains without fish, birdbaths, low areas of the yard that puddle, etc.

Mosquitoes have always been annoying and in recent years the concern of disease such as West Nile have brought a new level of concern to mosquito control. Fortunately, there are ways to help reduce the mosquito population in your yard.

DISEASE	SYMPTOMS	TREATMENT
<a href="#">Anchor Worm</a>	Red pimples that develop into whitish protrusions that look like 1/2 inch splinters	<a href="#">Aqua Prazi</a> & <a href="#">Medicated Food</a> or <a href="#">ProForm LA</a> or <a href="#">MinnFinn</a>
<a href="#">Dropsy</a>	Fish become bloated and scales stick straight out, giving them a "pine cone" appearance.	Isolation tank with warm water (70°F - 75°F), add <a href="#">Minn-Finn</a> .
Fin/Mouth Rot	Deterioration of fins from the outer edges in, and/or deterioration of the membrane surrounding the mouth.	<a href="#">Tricide Neo</a> Tricide Neo is also used for Ulcers or <a href="#">Minn-Finn</a>
<a href="#">Flukes</a>	Flukes or Monogeneans are tiny, often microscopic and are one of the <b>main causes</b> of <b>ulcers</b> .	<a href="#">Aqua Prazi</a> or <a href="#">Prazi Pond Plus</a>
<a href="#">Fish Fungus</a>	White coating or cottony fuzz on body and fins, may be greenish in color (algae).	<a href="#">ProForm C</a> or <a href="#">Minn-Finn</a>
Gill Disease	Sunken eyes, listlessness, gasping for oxygen.	Isolate, <a href="#">salt</a> (1 lb per 25 gal) plus <a href="#">MinnFinn</a>
<a href="#">Ich</a>	Fish scratch against objects, white spots appear, eyes become cloudy	<a href="#">Minn-Finn</a>
<a href="#">Oxygen Deprivation</a>	Gasp at surface, stay by waterfall in a.m., loss of appetite	<a href="#">Increase aeration</a>
Pop Eye	Eye(s) become inflamed and reddish in color	Isolate, <a href="#">salt</a>
<a href="#">Trichodina</a>	Younger Koi (under one year) will show symptoms very quickly while Koi aged two years and more may not show any adverse signs until the infestation levels become much higher. Flicking and rubbing as they try to relieve the irritation caused by these <a href="#">parasites</a> .	<a href="#">ProForm C</a> or <a href="#">Minn-Finn</a>
<a href="#">Costia</a>	Koi have difficulty in breathing, slow erratic gill movements, they spend time near airstones and water returns, & they may be seen to rub and flick against the side of the pond.	<a href="#">ProForm C</a> or <a href="#">Chloramine-T</a> or <a href="#">Minn-Finn</a>



The following form and return it with your membership dues to:

**Cecelia Smith, 11079 Caroline Acres Rd, Ft Mill, SC 29707**

Please print clearly (this information will only be used for club records). Please print your names) as you would like them to appear on your name tag(s). You can also find an electronic copy of this form on our website.

Name(Last): \_\_\_\_\_

**PKWS MEMBERSHIP FORM**

The Piedmont Koi and Watergarden Society (PKWS) is a not for profit organization. The membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Annual Membership Dues for a family for the first year is \$55.00 AND INCLUDES UP TO TWO (2) NAME BADGES. Additional nametags may be purchased at a cost of \$15.00 each. For renewing members the dues are \$24.00 Please complete

First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Dues: (New member) \$55.00 or (Renewal)

\$24.00(Circle One) Additional Name tags (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

