

ZNA Potomac News

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Showa and Sanke

Presidents Message

President's Notes

Well the winter is starting to lose its grip on the weather. These past sunny days have brought the koi out of the doldrums and looking for a meal. Do not start feeding yet, check your water temps and wait for more consistent warm days. If you are like me, the waiting is very hard.

We have started planning the activities for the coming year. The show is scheduled for September 12-14 at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens again. It should be an even bigger and better show this year. We have commitments from Judges, vendors and hobbyists already. Make sure you mark your calendar for this major koi event.

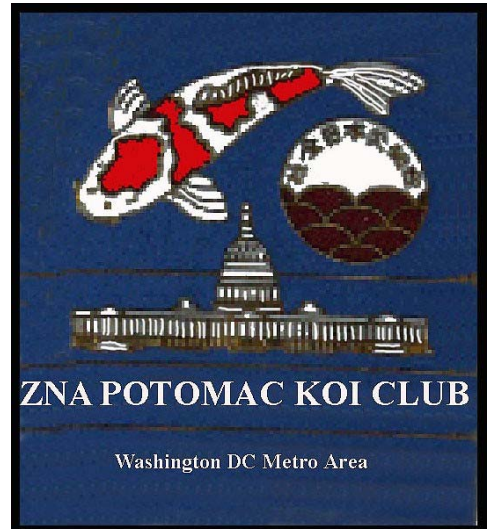
We are planning for a Young Koi auction this spring in May and another trip to Quality Koi in New Jersey on April 27, 2008. We would like to have another Pond Tour this fall in the October time frame. We will need help with each of these activities so volunteer early. We also hope that you will seriously consider attending the AKCA seminar in June in Jacksonville, Florida. It is a very good learning opportu-

nity and a chance to meet and talk with other hobbyists from across the country.

I want to congratulate Terri Janas on achieving an Advanced Koi Health Advisor. Terri has worked extremely hard on this achievement as well as responding to numerous requests for assistance. She is a wealth of knowledge about koi health. Congratulations Terri!!

Turelle has been working with an Elementary School in Manassas who would like to build and maintain a pond. Turelle has made a presentation and the next step well be to assist the school in designing and building the pond. We need your help with parts and supplies, so if you have an extra items that you would like to donate, please call Turelle or me.

This is an exciting time of the year. Remember that spring is a hard time on the fish as the ponds start to re-establish itself. Watch your fish and they will tell you how they are feeling. See you at one of the activities. I



am heading to Florida for the ZNA US District Presidents meeting and Central Florida Koi Show. I will let everyone know the results after I return.

Mike



Goshiki

Next Meeting: Quality Koi in New Jersey April 27th. More info coming to website and in the next newsletter

Springs tips from our KHA

As spring is approaching and our loved jewels are waking up, it is time to take a look at your Koi health supplies. Being prepared prior to a problem and identifying one early, lessens stress to them which aids in a speedier and hopeful recovery.

Basics:

Water test kits (check expiration dates) Ammonia, Nitrite, Nitrate, KH, GH and salt.

Dechlor/ Ammonia binder, Baking soda for KH (buffering), Calcium Chloride/Epsom Salts for GH, Salt. I also suggest using Koizyme for spring start up and winter shut down does as recommended on the label. This lowers the gram neg. and gram pos. bacteria count in the water as a Koi's immunity is at it's lowest now.

Quarantine set-up:

If you don't already have this, please purchase a proper Koi net, sock net and bowl. This greatly decreases damage and stress that can occur as you net or move them. As you do a closer inspection in the bowl, swirl them around first. This makes them dizzy and easier to examine. Microscope, slides, Clove Oil or MS222 to sedate, cover for QT lessens stress. Heater to slowly reach 74 deg. Nitrofurazone can be added to the QT water to help lower the bacterial count. Ultimate is a nice product to condition the fresh QT water as is NovAqua. Meticulous water quality is your greatest ally when healing so decide whether your QT or pond is better for healing. Koi like company, consider adding a friend in a QT setting.

In water Chemicals to treat parasites:

Pro-Form C, Prazi, Dimilin,

Medicines-simple ones:

Medicated food, Tri-Cide Neo for ulcers and fin rot. Use Tri-cide Neo carefully and buffer with 1 tsp. baking soda. Iodine is a great product to have on hand and gentler than Potassium Permanganate or peroxide. It can be used for many things like topically cleaning external injuries like fins, bruising or beginning ulceration. I have had good success scraping off Carp Pox lesions and cleaning with Iodine and a cotton swab, but wait until summer to treat this and place them back in the pond. Make sure no Iodine enters in the eyes, gills, mouth etc. Rinse well after applying. If a deep wound, consider applying Neosporin or Debride wound ointment after the iodine.

Most importantly, do your water testing now, especially check your KH levels. KH will start to deplete rapidly as the days are warmer as well as we are entering our rainy season. I prefer to keep mine in the 100-150 range. Keeping your GH at 5-8 DH will also stabilize your PH to avoid swings.

As always, call or e-mail me with any questions. Wishing you a safe and healthy spring start-up!

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Winter is almost over...finally!



Just a sampling of some of the items to have on hand



Water quality is paramount for happy, healthy koi

March Meeting Round-up

The March meeting was held March 2nd at Pat and Terri Janas's house in Ashburn Virginia. We all had a great time and really enjoyed seeing their brand new pond. We ate snacks and drank while we discussed the clubs upcoming events. These include the trip next month to Quality Koi, the spring koi auction and of course the show. Chuck Poppe gave a great run down of his and Doris's recent trip to Japan which lead to a discussion on the history of the All Japan Show which was very informative. Turelle discussed a pond at a local school in Manassas that needs a rebuild. After that Pat grilled some hot dogs and we all enjoyed a nice cookout. Thanks to the Janas's for having us!!



Chuck and Turelle checking out the shiros



This is one serious pond!



Don't fall in Terri!



A tour of the filter room



We weren't the only ones hungry.

Mystic Koi/Koi-Bito Omosako Grow-out

Remember in the last newsletter when I mentioned the grow-out contest that Mystic Koi and Koi-Bito were going to hold? Well four ZNA Potomac members signed up as well as members of many other ZNA clubs around the country. The koi will be judged by Omosako and the end of the contest and the winner will be announced. This is a very long contest and will be very educational for all involved. Below are the entries by our members: Terri Janas, Mike Frady, Turelle Holmes and Jim North. I'll let you see the results a year from now when the contest ends.

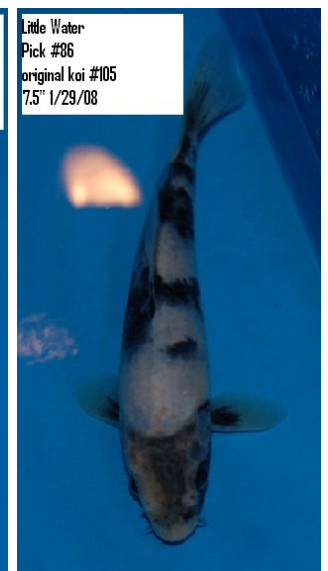


Jim North's entries

Terri Janas's entry



Mike Frady's entries



Turelle Holmes entries

ZNA Potomac Website News!!!

Site News

Great news for the website this month!!!!!!!!!!
Included now on the website are show results.
Now you can see highlight photos from the show
and download a ZNA Potomac 2007 Show
screensaver for your computer!

Website/Newsletter Editorial

Welcome to the 2008 koi season. Spring is finally in sight and it's time to get outside again and enjoy our koi. It's also time to renew our membership to ZNA Potomac. For most of you I'm sure the choice to renew is a no brainer. The cost is minimal, in fact we have the cheapest membership of ANY ZNA club in the USA. Some of you may be thinking well what exactly does ZNA Potomac offer for the money? That's not exactly the way I look at it. A club is made up of it's members and they set the tone of the club. Basically you only get out of it what you put into it. For me I really try and put a lot into it and therefore I feel if the membership cost were quadrupled it would still be a bargain. But that's just me. Still not convinced? Well then I offer up this last bit then. This year I hope to grow the newsletter even more as I have done in the past. I also will continue to make sure that the newsletter only contains original articles and not repeats or articles lifted from other clubs or magazines. Speaking of the newsletter articles did you know that one of the articles from year appeared in Koi USA as a feature article? At least two others were used in other clubs newsletters and many of the photos seen first here have been used in Koi USA and Koi Nations. Now that's the best I can do for the club...how about you? See you all at the next meeting :-) !

~Jim North

Would you like your pond listed at our clubs website? Please email me the information below with three digital photos of your pond and koi and I will list them for you on our website.

Bio

Keeping koi since:
Introduction to koi:
Favorite Variety:
Why:

Pond Info

Size:
Number of koi:
Plants:
Liner:
Filtration:
Future Plans:
Personal Koi web page:
Email submissions to jnorth@znapotomac.org

Would you like to write an article for the newsletter? Is there a topic you would like to see an article on? Do you have any general questions or comments on the newsletter or website? If so, then please email me at:

[Jnorth@znapotomac.org](mailto:jnorth@znapotomac.org)



Upcoming Events

April Meeting– April 27th The April meeting will be held at Quality Koi in New Jersey. We had a great time last spring when we went to visit them and I expect this year will be even more fun. Once again we will tour the farm and learn about koi. More details will be in the next newsletter.

May Meeting– TBA The May meeting will be at the same time we hold our annual koi auction in Alexandria. More details to be announced.

ZNA Potomac Koi Show The dates have been announced and this year it will be Sept 12-14. If you would like to be involved in planning the show please contact Jim North at 703-330-2002.

More meetings and events are being planned and will be announced in upcoming newsletters



Don't miss out on our upcoming events!!!!

Koi Quiz

1. Photo A is a _____
 - a. Kikokuryo
 - b. Kumonryu
 - c. Shiro utsuri
 - d. Haijiro

2. At what water temp can you resume feeding your koi?
 - a. 31 degrees
 - b. When it comes to a boil
 - c. 65 degrees
 - d. 50 degrees

3. The gentleman in photo b is _____
 - a. Ray Abel of Nishikigoi of Niigata.
 - b. Matt McCann of Nisai Koi Farm/Quality Koi.
 - c. a koi thief so quick stop him!
 - d. a professional carp fisherman.

4. What kind of koi food should you be feeding in Spring?
 - a. High growth
 - b. McDonald's Happy Meals
 - c. Spring/Autumn Mix or Wheat germ based food
 - d. raw steak with a slice of lime

5. If a koi measured 11" at the ZNA Potomac Show it would be in what size category?
 - a. Size 12
 - b. Size 11
 - c. Size 2
 - d. Size 4

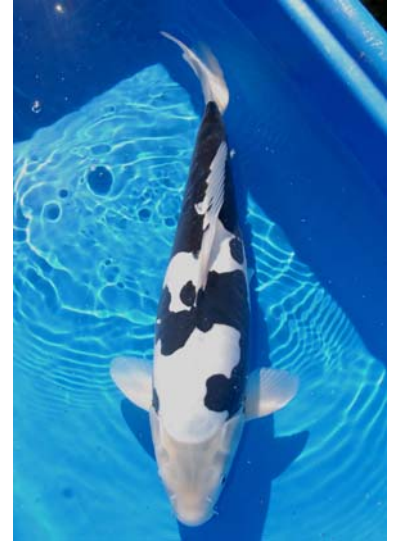


Photo A



Photo B

Extra credit: Name the variety of koi the gentleman in Photo B is holding?

2008 ZNA Potomac Memberships due now!!

All ZNA Potomac memberships are now due! Please fill out the form on the next page and return it with your check to ZNA Potomac. Thanks for being a ZNA Potomac member and we look forward to another great year!

Sick Koi or Pond? Call our KHA

Spring is here and with it sometimes cause problems for our friends. Don't despair you can call Terri Janas for help. This is a free service and the KHA course is an AKCA class if you are interested in becoming a KHA.

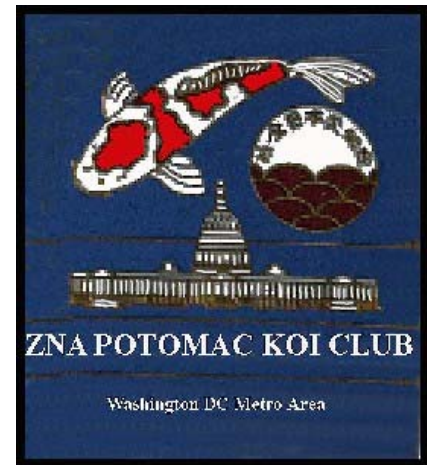
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If your koi look like this then get some help quick!



ZNA Potomac Koi Club Membership Application



Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address: _____

Included is my check for \$25 for a one year membership _____

Included is my check for \$85 for a one year membership
WITH a subscription to Nichrin Magazine _____

Save a stamp and email my newsletter _____ Please send my newsletter via USPS _____

I have koi I'd like to sell in the May koi auction Yes _____ No _____

I want to show my koi at the ZNA Potomac Koi Show in September Yes _____ No _____

Information for website photo album (optional)

Keeping koi since: _____ Favorite Variety: _____

First Introduction to koi: _____

Why do you keep koi: _____

Pond Size: _____ gallons

Number of koi: _____ Plants: Yes / No Liner type: _____

Filtration, pump etc: _____

Future Plans: _____

Personal Koi web page: _____

Make Checks payable to: ZNA Potomac



Send Application and check to: ZNA Potomac
c/o Doris Poppe
4502 Carlby Lane
Alexandria VA 22309



It's a bird, it's a plane...no it's a koi that does not want to be netted. Always be careful when netting your koi

Classified Section

Do you have something pond or koi related you would like to sell? List it here for the low price of \$5. Ads for free items are free. Ad will run until it sells! For ZNA Potomac Members only. *Thanks!*

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In Memorial

BRUCE GREFRATH, one of the original members of ZNA Potomac, died this winter. While he had many illnesses and injuries, Bruce and his wife Susan participated actively in every major event of the club. This was recognized by the award of Koi Persons of the Year in 2006. Bruce will be sorely missed as a club member and a friend. Susan plans to maintain the pond and the koi.

