

ZNA Potomac News

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Shiro Utsuri

Presidents Message

Well what a spring we almost had. The fish are as confused as I am, they keep swimming to the surface to look at me looking at them, and neither knows what to do. I hope that the supposedly short winter has finally gone and we can start growing out our fish again.

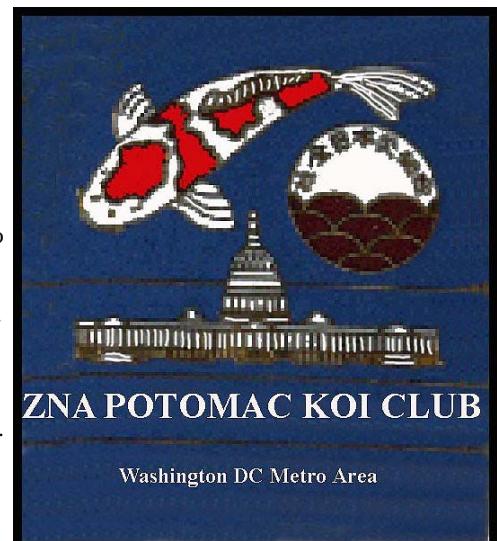
This past Sunday afternoon, some of us toured the Meadowlark Gardens Park facilities in Vienna, VA, with the Park Director. Everyone came away with the feeling that this is going to be an awesome show site. The Park has given us permission to set up in an area adjacent to the Park and the parking lot, for easy access. We have ample room for vendors, a picnic area for guests to sit and discuss Koi, a food vendor area, and space for seminars and a Wet Lab. The area for the Show Tanks is close to the parking lot entrance so transport should be simple. The Park is providing connections to water and electric and will have staff on hand during the show to assist with any problems which occur with the Park facilities. The Park Director has graciously given us permission to hold our Reception in the Visitor Center, with staffing assistance. I am already thinking which Koi will get to enjoy the Park trip. Please plan to help and bring your Koi to this event.

As most of you know, we are going to Quality Koi in

New Jersey on April 14. We enclosed a form with last month's newsletter for those who are interested. Please contact one of the Board Members to let them know you are attending, so we can advise Quality Koi. Everyone is welcome and it should be a wonderful time. But how bad could any day be when you are looking and talking KOI!!!

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Young Koi Auction on May 20, 2007 at Smitty's Lumber Yard on Richmond Hwy (US 1) just north of Fort Belvoir. Many of the Koi we have auctioned in the past have been winners at the Koi Show, so come and pick out your favorite and get it ready for September. See our web site for specifics about the auction location and times.

I want to encourage you to think about attending the AKCA Seminars, this year in Phoenix, Az. It is truly an educational event that you will recommend to others once you attend. If this year is too difficult to schedule, then let's start planning for Jacksonville, Florida in 2008. It makes a nice vacation.



ZNA POTOMAC KOI CLUB

Washington DC Metro Area

Keep watching the temperatures and don't be tempted to feed (overfeed) before the weather is better. Watch the parasites and treat your fish at the first signs of problems. Contact one of the Board members if you are having problems, spring is a tough time for the hobby.
See you at Quality Koi
Mike Frady



Yamabuki Ogon

NEXT Meeting is April 14. 2007 at Quality Koi in NJ.

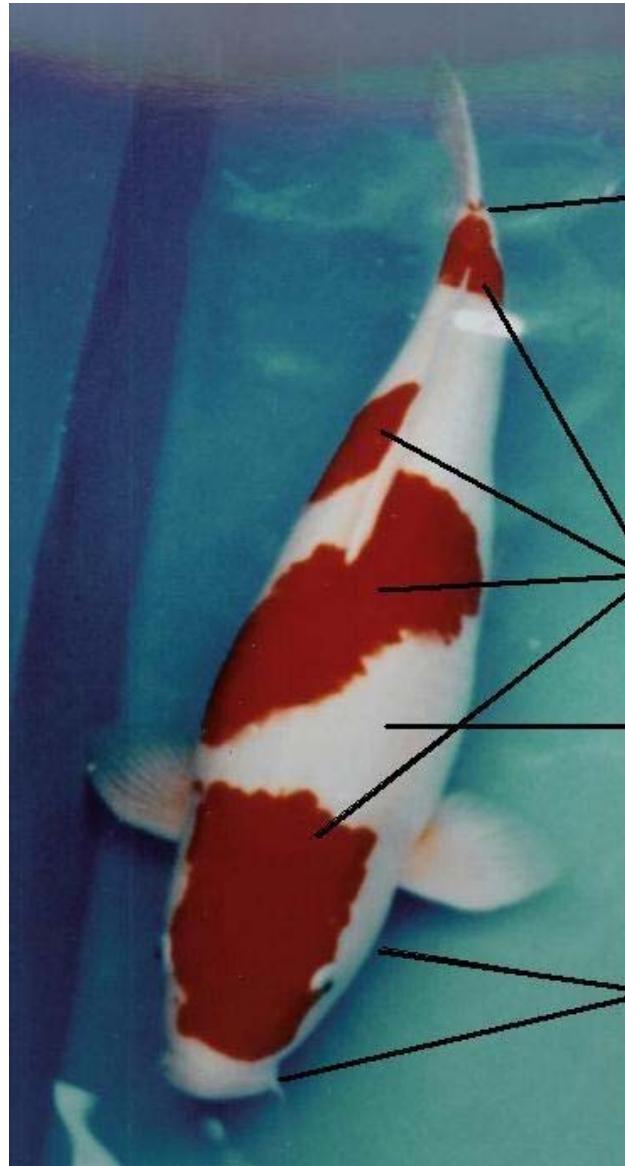
Breakin' It Down: Kohaku

Kohaku is one of the 13 varieties of koi. They first appeared in Japan between 1804 and 1830. Improvements to the kohaku into the ones we see today started around 1888. A kohaku is a white koi with a red pattern. The pattern can take many shapes which give each kohaku its uniqueness.

The kohaku pictured below is a yondan-kohaku (four steps). Note that it has the Japanese style body shape. Round and full but with the medium body depth like the wild Japanese carp and not the deeper body depth of a doitsu-goi! The beni (deep red) and shiro (glistening white) have reached their peak at the same time on this koi.

Text and yondan photo by Chuck Poppe

Yondan(4 step) kohaku



Marutan (crown) kohaku
with poor beni(red)



Sandan(3 step) kohaku



Tancho kohaku

UGA Seminar Report

In February I had the privilege of going to the UGA Koi Health Seminar. As a Koi enthusiast and a KHA student, I was in my glory. It was an incredible 3 days, meeting other Koi Kichi's and being taught by the best of the best. The instructors included Vicki Vaughn, Dr. Eric Johnson, Dr. Helen Roberts, Jay Shelton, Dr. Brian Palmiero and Dr. Stephen Hernandez-Divers.

Some of the many highlights were Water Quality with Jay Shelton, who is an aqua research scientist at UGA. He focused on the physical, chemical and biological qualities of water which promote fish growth and "Happy Fish". Interesting to me was he highly recommends having water tested by a lab if their behavior is off and you aren't able to find a reason. He said to watch out specifically for Lead, Copper and Zinc as high levels of those often go undetected. Dr. Palmeiro is a fish veterinarian from UPenn. He discussed Biology and Physiology of fish focusing on how stress from Chemicals (ex. water and meds), Biological (ex. crowding, parasites), and Physical (which includes temp. changes, handling and noise) affects our Koi. He discussed signs to watch out for and prevention and management in each area. Much time was spent with Dr. Johnson discussing infectious diseases, the infamous Parasites and Bacteria. KHV was a big topic. As well as hobbyists, many students there included retailers and breeders very focused on learning about KHV and more importantly quarantine protocol. We were also taught how to anesthetize and draw blood samples as well. It is much harder than it looks to find the vein, requires very steady hands and practice! Keirin Koi was there and brought a beautiful Koi recently shipped in from Japan that they tested for KHV. This added to the excitement and of course we all hope results turn out negative. For me the best way to learn is hands on, so I loved the wet-labs which takes up a good part of two days. The Doctors patrolled and helped us for hours and hours. We scoped quite a high number of Flukes and Trichodina on the LFS Fish. It's wonderful to be able to learn to scrape, use the scope and identify these bugs but.... now what you gonna do! So of course we learned about meds, chemical treatments and practiced giving injections. They also taught us how to safely do a gill snip and by practicing, it helped me to take my own prior fear out of doing one.

Did you know they can now do Endoscopies on Fish? Well at least Dr. Divers and Doctor Johnson can! We were treated to that experience with Dr. Divers on a very swollen Kujaku. This instrument allows the Doctor to see the whole picture inside a fish and we were able to join in and watch on the big screen. It is a small non-invasive incision, which he inserts a microscopic instrument into so he is able to see all the internal organs, gills etc. This Kujaku was severely egg impacted. That was something else. They explained normally in a severe case such as this it would require an 8-12 inch incision to remove the eggs with a minimal chance of survival and an ugly scar. But now using an endoscope and small suction device, the incision is less than an inch with a 95% chance of recovery. I have tried to hit some of the highlights for you because honestly I could write pages about my experience. Did I mention the Cuban Pig Roast, Art Gallery with Koi paintings and beautiful facilities!! These Instructors are also a hoot to spend time with and learn from, so much fun that I am going again next year! Hope some of you will join me!

I believe education is how we grow and serve others so a Huge Thank You goes out to all the Wonderful Instructors for giving that gift to me! Text and photos by Terri Janas



ZNA Potomac Quality Koi Trip April 14th!!!!!!

This is an event not to be missed!!!! Come join us April 14th 2007 in the caravan to Quality Koi just over the Delaware line into New Jersey. We'll spend the day touring a working koi farm and learning how to pick tosai. There will be plenty of koi available for purchase as well as a chance to leave them for the summer to grow out in one of their many mud ponds!

Where to meet to join the caravan: We will be meeting up at Maryland House on I95 North approximately 24 mile north of Baltimore City. Look for our white and red ZNA flag.

What time: We will be at Maryland House from 9am to 9:30am. If you are running late and want us to wait for you please call Jim North at 703-929-9813.

Suppose I don't want to get up that early: You can meet up with us at Quality Koi as well. Below is the address and a link to directions.

**Quality Koi Company
104 East Quillytown Road
Carneys Point NJ 08069**

<http://www.qualitykoi.com/pages/directions.php>

For more information contact: Mike Frady 703-360-9142



ZNA Potomac Website News!!!

Site News

Not a lot to report on for the website this month. There will be many updates in the next few weeks though so check it regularly. We have made a lot of progress on the show so there will be many updates to that section soon. On a personal note I am going to Japan this month so there will be many pictures added to my own site from that trip as well some addition to the ZNA Potomac site. As you may or may not know many of the photos in the newsletter are from my own personal collection. I suspect after going to the Wakagoi Show in Japan I will have many, many more photos to share with you.

Newsletter Web Extras

Since this newsletter is printed it would be difficult for you to use the links so go to www.znapotomac.org. The links will be found by clicking on the month of the newsletter under the newsletter section on our site. For each newsletter I will comb a couple of the koi web forums and post links to various topics of discussion on koi. The first two links deal with koi health related issues and the second two discuss koi appreciation matters or water quality matters. The first link is a link to a parasite id photos. The second health link about alternatives to injections. The first appreciation/water quality link deals with bead filters. This was a very heated thread and ruffled some feathers so tread lightly and resist commenting. The second deals with showa opinions. I hope everyone finds these useful links. A couple tips on using forums. None of the links I post will be to spam sites or anything like that so please go ahead and create an account at these sites as they are free and it is the only way to view many of the photos at these sites. If you are an AOL user I recommend you use Internet Explorer when visiting koi sites as many of the features on these sites do not work with the AOL browser. Thanks and I'll see you on the web!

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



ZNA Potomac 2007 Public Koi Auction May 20th!!!

Don't miss the Annual ZNA Potomac Public Koi Auction on May 20th 2007!

ZNA Potomac will once again be holding a Spring koi auction. This event is open to the public and encourage all koi lovers to attend. Up for auction will be 100 smaller koi as well as some larger koi being auctioned by ZNA Potomac members.

When: May 20, 2007

Where: Smitty's Lumber Yard

8457 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309

Time: 11am

For more information contact Mike Frady
at 703-360-9142

*ZNA Potomac Members only– If you would like to auction off donate some of your koi at the auction please contact Mike Frady so we can have a tank available for your koi on the day of the auction. Cost for members is 25% of what your koi sells for unless you donate them to the club in which case its free. You will be able to set a minimum price.



Some of last years auction koi



17" Kikokuryu for auction



17" Shintaro kohaku for auction

ZNA Potomac Membership renewals are now due!!!!

Please fill out the attached membership renewal form and return by the end of April. It's going to be a great year and we hope everyone renews their membership!

Thanks to you our fantastic members!

ZNA Potomac Board

**ZNA Potomac Koi Club
Membership Application**
[Http://www.znapotomac.org](http://www.znapotomac.org)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

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 _____

Information for website photo album (optional)

Keeping koi since: _____ Favorite Variety: _____

First Introduction to koi: _____

Why do you keep koi: _____

Pond Size: _____ gallons

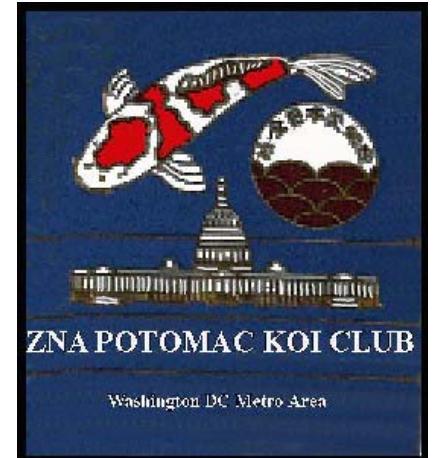
Number of koi: _____ Plants: Yes / No Liner type: _____

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 Carly Lane
Alexandria VA 22309



Shusui

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Do you have something pond or koi related you would like to sell?
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