

# ZNA Potomac News

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## Presidents Message

### President's Notes

I cannot believe how fast this year is going. It seems like yesterday that I was carrying the Toys for Tots to the collection point. I am not complaining, because I love the warmer days when the Koi are active.

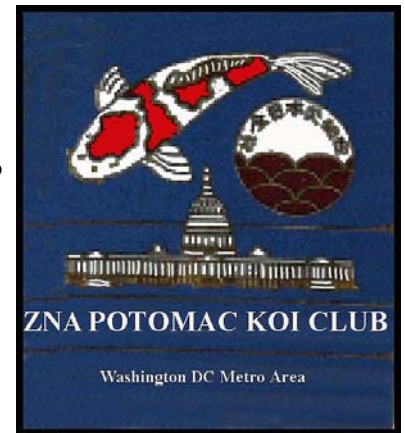
I hope that by now, all of you have submitted your checks and forms for membership. I want to encourage you to become full ZNA members this year. You will receive the Nichirin magazine with many photos of wonderful Koi and stories about the hobby in Japan. Please sign up as full members and support not only ZNA Potomac, but the entire ZNA organization.

Chuck and Doris Poppe and Carolyn and I attended the Central Florida Koi Show in Orlando, Florida. It was a very nice show with over 300 koi for judging. While the weather could have been a little more cooperative (high wind and cool temps), overall it was a very nice time. During the CFKS, we had the annual ZNA US District President's meeting. One item that was stressed was communication with the non-member hobbyists about

the benefits of belonging to a ZNA koi club. We want to continue to invite hobbyists who are not members of a club to our activities and meetings. We learn from each other's successes and problems.

We are working on the preliminaries for the Koi Show in September. We need volunteers to help chair or serve on the numerous committees. Please raise your hand and take an active part, call or email the Show Chair Jim North and let him know where you can help. One area where volunteers will definitely be needed is in the setup (Thursday) and take-down (Monday). If we are going to be able to keep costs down, we must have help. Think about it, the show is for all of us.

Our next koi adventure is to Quality Koi Farm in New Jersey. We toured the facility last year and everyone had a wonderful time. This year, Matt has planned a presentation on Tategoi. We all have problems at times envisioning what a koi will look like in the future, Matt we give us some aids to help our imaginations. He has said that he should have the fish segregated which will be in



the 555 event. So mark 4/27/08 on your calendar and come along.

One last item is the AKCA seminar in Jacksonville, Florida this June 27-29. Everyone should attend at least one seminar to hear the presentations and attend the meetings. This is an opportunity to attend a relatively close event. The information for sign-ups is located in the KOI USA, the AKCA web site, or I can get you the information. Think about attending this fun and informative event with your fellow hobbyists.

See you at Quality Koi on April 27,  
Mike

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

## More Spring Tips from our KHA

Spring has arrived and our ponds water is beginning to energize. We can see our wet pets looking for food and the nice green algae carpet growing. If you are like many, water changes have been infrequent over the winter and the buffering to keep a steady PH has declined. This occurs from not replenishing its supply through water changes, addition of baking soda, acid rain and snow melt. Plants and algae produce carbon dioxide which immediately becomes carbonic acid in the water which is what drops the PH. Plants do this at night and this tends to be when deaths begin to occur. As the water approaches a PH of 6, it can easily be further reduced at night leading to a PH crash causing acidosis to the Koi. During daylight that same waters PH can easily swing all the way up over a PH of 9 which can cause alkalosis. There are also other sources that produce acids, like fertilizer run off and debris in the water.

Any PH swing in between is enough to cause a major headache to them. Sometimes you will notice flashing on the bottom or jumping early morning or evening. This is often mistaken for a parasite instead of a PH swing. Some symptoms of Acidosis and alkalosis are, they try to escape their water by actually jumping out. They produce excess mucus and the fins and tails may fray. Some may then calm, lie sideways or clamped on the bottom. Some can go into shock and die. Adjust your pH slowly over the next 24 hours if you see signs of this. Sudden fluctuations in PH, hardness and alkalinity don't give the fish enough time to adjust it's blood chemistry causing greater stress.

Now is the time to be keeping a close eye on KH and GH test kit numbers. Together they keep the PH stable. KH (alkalinity) is used up quickly as the pond awakens. If needed, raise them slowly and keep a maintained level of alkalinity using baking soda between 100-150 and a general hardness between 50-80. For general hardness you can use a 50/50 of Calcium Chloride (rock salt) and Epsom salt for magnesium.

1 lb. of baking soda raises the KH (alk) 75 pts. for every 1,000 gals.  
1 lb. of calcium chloride/Epsom salts raise the GH 50ppm for every 1,000 gals.

We are also entering Aeromonas alley. Aeromonas and Pseudomonas are bacteria found in most ponds which begin to grow fairly quickly in water temps. over 50 deg. especially in debris laden ponds because this is their source of food. Accumulating foam on the surface of the pond is a sign that your dissolved organic compounds are too high and a water changes are in order. Water changes should be small so they can acclimate, but more often now.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy spring start-up!

Terri Janas

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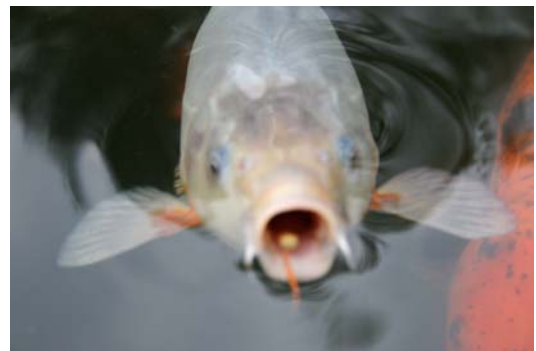
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Spring is here and with it will come algae and DOCs to a dirty pond



Examine your koi for signs of ulcers etc



Yes they are hungry but remember to feed sparingly until the temps stabilize

## April 27th Trip to Quality Koi!!!

**This is an event not to be missed!!!!** Come join us April 27th 2008 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 to sai. 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

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!

### 2008 Show Update

Just a quick update on the ZNA Potomac  
2008 Show to be held Sept 12-14 2008.

### Judges

ZNA Japan judge –TBA  
Bernie Woodlands BKKS  
Jim Reilly ZNA  
Bob Winkler AKCA  
Erwin Santos ZNA candidate judge  
One more judge– TBA

### Vendors

Vienna Aquarium  
Mystic Koi  
Quality Koi  
Eastern Nishikigoi  
More to be announced in the coming months

~Jim North

Would you like your pond listed at our clubs web-  
site? 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](mailto: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:

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## Koi Quiz

1. Photo A is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Kikokuryo
  - b. Yamabuki Ogon
  - c. Chagoi
  - d. Kin Matsuba
  
2. What type of food should you be feeding at this time of the year?
  - a. McDonalds Happy Meals
  - b. High Growth
  - c. Color Enhancing
  - d. Wheat Germ
  
3. The gentleman in photo b is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Matt McCann of Nisai Koi Farm/Quality Koi.
  - b. Ray Abel of Nishikigoi of Niigata
  - c. Toshio Sakai
  - d. Turelle Holmes
  
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 14" at the ZNA Potomac Show it would be in what size category?
  - a. Size 12
  - b. Size 14
  - c. Size 3
  - d. Size 4



Photo A



Photo B

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

## 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



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# 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.

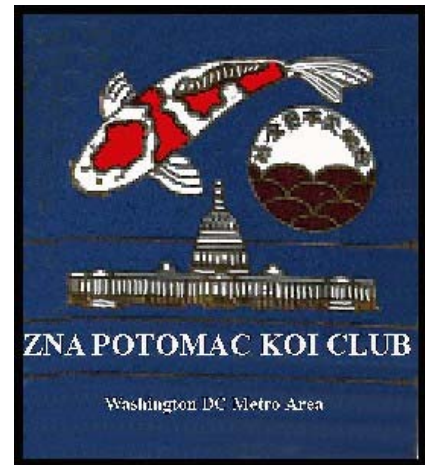
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If your koi look like this then get some help quick!



# 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





One big Chagoi!

## 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!*

**Vienna Aquarium & Pets**  
**Northern Virginia's Home for Koi**  
 303 Mill St. NE, Vienna, VA 22180 Phone: 703-242-0553

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 5003 Sudley Road, Catharpin VA 20143  
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