

ZNA Potomac News

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Presidents Message

President's Notes

Some of us just returned from Jacksonville, Florida and the AKCA Annual Seminar. What a nice event. The people of Jacksonville and the North Florida Koi Club were very nice and accommodating. The informational seminars were excellent and much needed information was available.

I participated mostly in the Judges program along with Chuck Poppe. It was a true learning experience for not only me, but for all those who attended and could hear the reasons behind the Judge's selections. I truly enjoyed my time.

Congratulations go out to Terri Janas who was the ZNA Potomac Koi Person of the Year. The work that Terri has done for KHA program and for all those who call with koi health problems has been tremendous. Please take the time to congratulate her the next time we are together.

Chuck and Doris Poppe also were recognized and presented a special pin for attending 25 Annual

Seminars. Only two couples have ever received that honor in the history of AKCA. The knowledge that these two wonderful people have is irreplaceable and they are truly a Club Treasure. Utilize their knowledge when you have a question or problem.

The Koi Show is coming and we will need volunteers. Also it is time to start to register for tanks for your show fish. The forms are now on the web site, so fill out and send in. The attendance is expected to be great, so if we run short on tanks, the first in are the first allotted tanks. Get the forms in quickly.

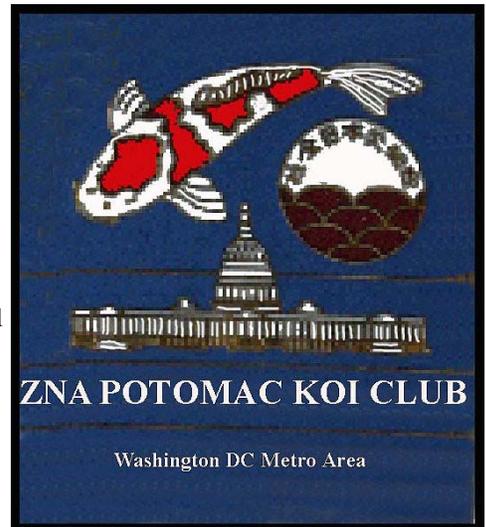
As a second issue on the Show, I sent an email out about a special raffle based on Trophy sponsorships. Please try to find sponsors or sponsor trophies yourself in honor of someone or for your favorite variety. The club needs the sponsorships to help offset the costs of putting on the show.

The next few

months will be very busy as we prepare for the show. Call now and volunteer to help. Call Jim or I and pick out somewhere to help. Get your forms in now as well as your sponsors.

Thanks for all your work with Koi,

Mike



Kujaku

Next Meeting: July 20th!!! Pat and Terri Janas's house in Ashburn. See page 10!!!!

How to: Picking up a shipment of koi

Ok so you searched all the koi shops in the area and you just can't find the koi you want. What to do? Well there are other options. One of them is to wait until your local koi shop has more koi to choose from *or* you could go online and buy koi from eBay (not recommended) or many of the regular koi shops that have photos of koi you can buy online. This is not an article to help you choose koi on online but an article to help you along after you have done so. Here is a few pointers anyway: Photos can be manipulated so it's a good idea to know what to look for. It's a good idea to only buy from dealers you have purchased from in the past (at shows etc). Generally they know if you are a repeat customer (let them know just to be sure) so they will not want to risk your business by not being upfront with you on your koi selections. I have koi friends all over the world so if I am buying from a dealer I have never done business with before I usually can find someone that has. Better yet sometimes I will have them go take a look at the koi I want to buy in person so I get an unbiased review. So lets say you've done all that and you've made the deal and bought the koi. Now they need to get shipped. Most dealers will NOT ship the koi directly to your door. Too many chances of Fedex or UPS messing up and your koi get lost in the mail and die. Generally they use something like Delta Dash. They will take your box to the airport near them and put it on a plane and it will then arrive at an airport near you where you will pick it up. This IS in my opinion the best way to do it! So lets go over the steps to successfully picking up your new koi from the airport.

1. Get your quarantine tank ready well in advance. Yes all koi come with parasites free of charge so it is important to QT them before releasing them into your pond (even if you buy them locally!)
2. When you buy your koi be sure to pay for shipping in ADVANCE. You do not want to mess with paying for shipping at the airport.
3. Check what time the shipping office closes. The Delta office at Dulles closes at 9pm. It generally takes 30 minutes to an hour for your koi to get there from the time the plane actually lands so make sure your flight comes in well before 8pm. Direct flights are always the best.
4. Plan the route beforehand. We all know what traffic is like around here so give yourself some time to get there and back.
5. Shipping day: Items to bring with you. Hand truck (only needed if you can't carry a 30 or more pound box), you might bring an o2 tank, bags and water but quite frankly if the bag leaked that much they are already dead. Bring a camera just in case the box is damaged. Airlines don't generally insure live animals but dealers will usually do you right if there is a problem.
6. Getting there: At Dulles you park right at the shipping building so don't worry about paying for parking or having to walk.
7. Tip: Many of the airlines share buildings with other airlines so you might want to call and see what it says on the building. They also move pretty often so always check.
8. Tip: Bring the waybill number! I already mentioned that but just in case you missed it.
9. Inspect the box when you get it. The bottom is usually slightly damp. If the box has holes insist on opening it while you are still there.
10. Resist the urge to open the box unless it is really necessary. Usually when you move the box you'll hear them inside and know they are ok.
11. Put the box in your car or truck sideways so that they don't slam their noses or tails when you speed up or put on the brakes.
12. At home: Do NOT use a razor to cut open the box. Pry the tape off the old fashioned way with your hands. A razor may puncture the bag and you do not want that at this point of the game. Open the box slowly as the light will scare the koi if you are too fast.
13. Float the bag in your Q-tank for 30 minutes or so to equalize the water temperature (yes Q-tank, not pond).
14. Open the bag and lift the koi out into your Q-tank. Or you can gently pour them and the water from the bag into a bowl and then quickly lift them into the Q-tank. Whatever you do, do NOT dump the water from the bag into your Q-tank. It is full of ammonia.
15. Follow regular QT procedures and then release them into your pond.



Delta Dash building at Dulles (notice its at Virgin Atlantic)



The box should be sideways when traveling.



Open the box carefully to avoid bag damage.



Always float the bag in your Q-Tank.

Show Time!! Transporting Your Koi to a Show

So you've given it some thought and you made the decision to show your koi. Now you need to figure out how to get them there! Hopefully this article will make it a little easier for you. Before I get into that please remember that there are other club members that have been showing koi for years so don't hesitate to ask for help. We were all new to showing koi at some point. Below is a list of items you will need:

- Blue viewing tub (needed at the show so the judges can view your koi)
- Net (to catch your koi in your pond and also to be used at the show for judging and benching)
- Boxes or coolers and some newspaper (for carrying the bags of koi, they should be at least 6" longer than the koi and half as wide as the box is long)
- Bags (the same type of bags you brought your koi home in, try your local koi dealer and get twice what you need)
- Rubber bands (you'll need these to seal the bags)
- Oxygen tank w/regulator (this can usually be borrowed from another club member)
- Sock net (optional, but I wouldn't bag koi without one)
- Ice packs (if the weather is hot you will want to keep the bags cool while transporting)
- Pond water or dechlorinated water (just in case a bag leaks etc you may want to have a few gallons on hand or at the very least carry some dechlor)
- Hand truck (unless you want to carry all those heavy boxes you may want to use one)
- A/C (I'm not a big fan of air conditioning but if its hot then you need to use it to keep the koi from cooking!)
- Koi (duh, it is a koi show after all, be very careful when choosing, do NOT bring any that are sick or weak)



So you should gather up all these supplies to have on hand for show day. Don't wait until the last minute to get them. Traveling with your koi can be stressful enough without having to hunt down items at the last minute. You should stop feeding your koi for about a week before show time. This is important! They will make a big mess in your show tank if you don't! About the same time you stop feeding you should be planning out your route to get to the show. You need to see when koi check-in is and plan accordingly. Give yourself plenty of time to get there but not so much that you will be waiting for tanks to get filled! On the day you leave you want to pack your car with clothes etc. (if you are staying at hotel for the show) BEFORE you bag your koi. The last thing you want to do before leaving is to bag the koi, load them in your car (boxes sideways) and then leave. If it's a long ride bring drinks and food or go through a drive-thru but do not stop and risk the inside of the car heating up. It's not worth the stress on you or the koi.

You've made it to the show so now what? All shows are slightly different but normally you will bring your koi in and stop by the show check-in desk. They will tell you your tank number assignment. Find your tank and start floating your koi bags. After about a half hour go ahead and take them out of the bags and into the show tank being very careful not to release any of the bag water into the tank. Take your bags with water to an area where you can dump them without it being in an area where people walk. Most shows have an area set aside for dumping water so check with the show desk if you are uncertain. Leave your net and blue tub at your show tank. If you want to mark your tub or net with your name then do it in a place that is not obvious. You do not want the judges to know who owns your koi before judging. Its not fair to you or them. Put your boxes and bags back in your car and relax and enjoy the show!

The show is over and you've gathered up your trophies and its time to go home. Break out the bags and boxes and rubber bands. Most shows will have an oxygen tank for you to use. They also will supply you with a piece of hose to

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Transporting Koi to a Show cont.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5 wrong way



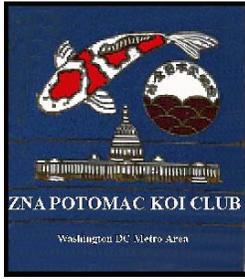
Photo 6 right way

put on the air nozzle so that it doesn't contaminate your bag. If you use someone else's tube be sure to disinfect it in the disinfecting tank. You can avoid all of that by having your own air tank. Same as with going to the show: You should have checked out of the hotel and you should have everything packed but the koi. Follow the same instructions. Net, bowl, bag and then leave. Make sure you do a box count before you go. I know a certain ZNA Potomac President that left one at Allentown last year (yes it can happen to anyone!!). One of the best things about bagging at the end of the show is that there is no shortage of other koi hobbyist around that can lend a helping hand. Once you arrive at home you may want to QT them for a while. Either way you want to float them for a while and then release always making sure the bag water does not get into the pond.

Bagging koi:

1. Have your net, boxes, bags, blue tub, rubber bands and oxygen tank at the pond before beginning. Bags should be doubled and for ease of use roll down lip so it stays open.
2. Use your net gently to catch the koi you want to bag. Try hard not to stress the koi out with jerky, quick movements of the net.
3. Bowl the koi in your blue tub. Do this by sinking one side of the tub and guiding the koi in. Do NOT lift koi out of the water with your net. Photo 1
4. Using the bag (or a sock net) scoop up the koi into the bag. The bag should only end up with enough water in it to just cover the koi dorsal fin when the bag is lying on its side and has been inflated with oxygen. It's a bit tricky but the more you do it the better you'll get. Photo 2
5. Now that the koi is in the bag you want to get all the air out of the bag. Photo 3
6. Insert the air line from the oxygen tank and inflate the inner bag. Photo 4
7. Seal the inner bag with a couple rubber bands and then seal the outer bag with rubber bands.
8. Put the bag on its side in the box making sure you pull the corners in so there isn't a corner the koi can get stuck in. Photos 5 and 6
9. Put some newspaper on top of the bag and then seal the box with some tape so that it doesn't open while you are driving. Your koi will travel calmer in the darkness of a closed box or cooler.

Tips: Multiple koi in one bag– This is fine as long as you don't over do it. These are your koi we're talking about so the most I ever pack in one bag is 3. These would be koi that are smaller than 15". 15" to 20" I might do two. Larger than 20" probably one per bag. You don't want them packed in tight where they could injure themselves on the way to the show or back. So how do you get more than one koi in a bag? With smaller koi you can simply bowl them all at the same time. With larger koi you will want to use multiple bowls and a sock net to move them from the bowl to the bag. My last tip is the same as the one I started out with. Showing your koi should be fun and not stressful. Get help from other club members if you aren't sure of yourself.



ZNA Potomac Koi Club

Koi Show September 12-14 2008

[Http://www.znapotomac.org](http://www.znapotomac.org)



Welcome to ZNA Potomac Koi Show

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for considering the 2008 ZNA Potomac Koi Show. We are excited about this year's program and location. The move from the National Arboretum to Meadowlark Gardens last year was a positive move for you the exhibitor and for everyone who wanted to visit and see some of the finest Koi on the East Coast as we expect to have 200+ koi at this event. We will also have some of the best National vendors selling both Koi and merchandise. The Judging will be conducted by highly experienced Japanese, American and British ZNA, AKCA and BKKS judges. The awards ceremony will be Saturday evening at the Park during the reception.

Please complete the registration forms and the Koi Tank Load forms. The forms should be submitted as early as possible to ensure that your tank(s) is/are reserved. We expect to have some exceptional entries this year.

In addition, the 2008 Koi Show will host a microscope and other koi health demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday. This is a walk in event so there is no need to reserve a seat for this. Northern Va Bonsai Society has agreed to setup a display and answer questions about their club and bonsai techniques. Other seminars and discussions will be on-going during the event.

The Park will be open for your enjoyment, with Koi Show visitors receiving a discounted admission to the Park. So plan to come early and stay all day both Saturday and Sunday.

Michael Frady, President
Jim North, Show Chairman
ZNA Potomac

SHOW EVENTS: September 12-14 2007

Friday Afternoon: Koi Show Entries Accepted: 10:00am– 4:00pm at the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Show Site. Open to all hobbyists. Space is limited. Reservations and fee required. Contact Mike Frady: (703) 360-9142 or e-mail mfrady@znapotomac.org

Saturday: Koi Show Judging, 10 -3 pm. Participants and spectators will be allowed to observe and listen to Judges' comments and decisions. No communication with the Judges is permitted during judging.

Saturday & Sunday: All Day Entertainment/Koi Seminars: We will be hosting several events and activities at this years show. On Saturday, there will be seminars starting at 1pm. Koi health demonstrations will be on-going both Saturday and Sunday. During both days the public can enjoy the Bonsai trees that will be on display by one of the DC area Bonsai clubs.

Saturday Evening: Awards Reception, 6:30pm – At the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Visitor Center. Come enjoy the Awards Reception where we will have Judges' Commentaries, show awards, and Koi Camaraderie. Special Raffle drawing at the Awards Reception. The winner MUST be present! Beer, wine and appetizers will be served during reception. The reception is free.

Sunday Morning: Judges' Commentaries: 9:00–11:00am, Koi Show Judges will lead groups around show tanks describing the different types of koi and will comment on the big winners.

General Raffle Drawing –Saturday 11-4pm on the hour and Sunday at 1pm.

VENDORS OPEN FRIDAY (12-5) ALL DAY SATURDAY (9-5) AND SUNDAY (9-3)

Trade Show Information: Jim North jnorth@znapotomac.org

Show Information: Mike Frady (703) 360-9142 mfrady@znapotomac.org

KOI SHOW ENTRY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

ENGLISH STYLE JUDGING

Show Pre-registration entry fee is \$50. \$60 after 8/15 .

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Koi Show Entry Pre-registration\$ 50.00 per tank. After 8/15 \$60

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Awards Reception: Saturday night at the visitors center at the show site.

Hotel info:

Embassy Suites Tysons

8517 Leesburg Pike

Vienna, Virginia, USA 22182

Tel: +1-703-883-0707 Fax: +1-703-760-9842

Rate is \$107 per night. Ask for the ZNA Potomac rate when reserving your room.

Make checks payable to: ZNA Potomac Chapter Koi Club

Mail this form and the fish load calculator form to:

ZNA Potomac Koi Club
c/o Mike Frady
8109 Cooper ST
Alexandria, VA

ZNA Potomac Koi Club Show Koi Load Calculator

	Under 8"	8" – 12"	12" – 16"	16" – 20"	20" – 24"	24" – 28"	Over 28"
Kohaku							
Sanke							
Showa							
Bekko							
Utsuri							
Asagi/Shusui							
Koromo/Goshiki							
Kawarigoi							
Hikari Muji							
Hikari Moyo							
Hikari Utsuri							
Tancho							
Gin Rin 'A' (Gosanke, Utsuri)							
Gin Rin 'B' (all others)							
Butterfly (Long Fin)							

Each Koi under 8" (Size 1) counts as 0.3 fish points.

Each Koi 8-12" (Size 2) counts as 1 fish point.

Each Koi 12-16" (Size 3) counts as 2 fish points.

Each Koi 16-20" (Size 4) counts as 5 fish points.

Each Koi 20-24" (Size 5) counts as 8 fish points.

Each Koi 24-28" (Size 6) counts as 12 fish points.

Each Koi over 28" (Size 7) counts as 18 fish points

Total up all the fish points for the koi you are entering to determine the number of show tanks you will need.

A six-foot diameter tank should not contain more than 20 fish points, 25 at a maximum.

No eight-foot diameter tanks are available.

- All fish entered must be owned by the registered participant. **(Dealer owned fish not allowed)**
- Owner or his **designated representative** and a member of the entry committee will be responsible for placement of fish in the assigned tank. **The Entry Committee is the final authority regarding classification and size. Fish deemed by the entry committee to be showing possible signs of any type of disease or parasites will be disqualified.**
- Koi with Kin/Gin Rin **must** be entered in the appropriate Kin/Gin Rin category.
- No changes in category are allowed by owner after fish are entered. However, the entry committee does have the authority to make final changes in category and size.

KOI SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

Sponsored by Zen Nippon Airinkai Potomac Chapter

THIS IS AN OPEN KOI SHOW –“ENGLISH” STYLE JUDGING. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL HAVE OWN TANK. ACCEPTING ALL HOBBYIST ENTRIES. DEALER OWNED KOI NOT ALLOWED. Each entrant must provide a net and blue tub, which is to be used in that person’s tank only.

DATE: September 12-14 2008

PLACE: Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna VA 22182

ENTRY FORMS AND FEES:

1. Pre-registration forms should be submitted until 9/5/08. Requests after that date should be made by telephone calls to Show Chair or President.
2. Make checks payable to **ZNA Potomac Koi Club**
3. Changes in entry forms after submission will be by approval of the Show Committee only.
4. Entry fee: All Entrants - \$50 per tank . \$60 per tank after 8/15
5. Show **registration is** on a first-come first-served basis at a cost of **\$50 per tank entry fee** (price increases to \$60 after 8/15) with no guarantee that a tank will be available.

DELIVERY & REMOVAL OF FISH

1. FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF YOUR FISH DO NOT FEED THEM FOR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW.
2. **Every effort should be made to drop off koi on Friday.** Please notify Show Chair if you need to bring them Saturday morning before 9am.
3. After checking in with the entry committee, all entrants must remain at the entry area until their fish have been measured, classified, and released into the assigned tank. **The Entry Committee is the final authority regarding classification and size. Fish deemed by the entry committee to be showing possible signs of any type of disease or parasites will be removed immediately.**
4. No fish may be bagged or removed from the show site until all fish are identified to the satisfaction of all entrants, and the “OK-to-bag” announcement is made on the Public Address System (about 3 pm on Sunday). In cases of extreme need, the Show Chairman may permit early removal of fish if photos are available and positive identification is possible.
5. At the close of the show, oxygen and rubber bands will be provided by the ZNA Potomac Koi Club. Entrants are responsible for bags and carrying containers.
6. All fish must be picked-up by 3:30pm, Sunday. Unclaimed fish will be held by the club for 15 days, thereafter, they become the property of the koi club. The koi club will not be responsible for any fish not claimed.

JUDGING

1. Judging will begin promptly at 10 am Saturday.
2. Injuries that will leave permanent scars or deformities will count against the fish, while those considered temporary will be overlooked in judging.
3. The decision of the judges and/or the entry committee is final. Any contingencies not covered clearly by these rules will be subject to the decision of the Show Committee.
4. **Participants and spectators will be allowed to observe and listen to Judges’ comments. No communication whatsoever with the Judges is permitted.** Any individual in violation of this requirement will be asked to leave the premises. If the violator is a participant, this will result in his/her disqualification from the competition.
5. Move-ups will be automatic. All award categories will be filled.
6. Awards will be presented at the Awards Reception on Saturday night.

CLASSES AND SIZES

1. All seven sizes will include the traditional 13 classifications. Hariwake will be judged in the Hikari Moyo Class and Goshiki will be judged Goromo.
2. DOITSU: There is no specific Doitsu Class. Doitsu must be entered into the appropriate regular scaled class.
3. GIN RIN: Koi with Kin Gin Rin markings **MUST** be entered into the appropriate Gin Rin Classification.
4. LONG FIN: All long-fins will compete against each other in their respective size class.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All necessary and reasonable precautions will be taken by the Club to safeguard the koi entries. **Entries are accepted with the understanding that the participant agrees to hold the Club, its officers, its directors, its members and the City of Gardena and its employees harmless in the event of fish Death, Disease, Injury, Disfigurement, or Loss.**
2. No one is to handle any fish except the entry committee. Anyone wishing to inspect their fish must first contact the Show Committee.

WATER QUALITY

Every reasonable effort will be made to maintain the water quality of the tanks at a high level. Initially, water will be treated with a chlorine-chloramine-neutralizing chemical. After introduction of fish, ammonia levels will be carefully monitored. Tanks will be vacuumed and water will be changed as needed. A water quality committee has been established to insure that the best possible water quality is maintained at all times. At no time will any substance be introduced to the water, which is not generally deemed appropriate for use with koi.

July Meeting

Two meetings to go until the 2008 show so don't miss them so you'll be up to date on everything planned for the show. This meeting will feature a demonstration on bagging your koi for transport to a show.

Date: July 20th Time: 2pm

Where: Pat and Terri Janas' house.

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Ashburn VA 20147

ZNA Potomac
C/o Mike Frady
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Alexandria VA 22309

July Meeting July 20th See inside for details!!