

ZNA Potomac News

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Presidents Message

This is an exciting time of the year. All the Koi are becoming active and the pond care requirements are ramping up quickly. Take care to watch for danger signs in your ponds. The club had a wonderful outing to Quality Koi Farm in New Jersey. The staff did a fabulous job showing us the mud ponds, the green houses, and their fish. After a catered lunch, Mat conducted an excellent demonstration on how Breeder's cull their young fish. The separation of less than one year old koi into the saleable categories was extremely informative for the prospective buyers, which we seem to always be. The remainder of the afternoon was spent looking at the fish and trying to decide which to provide a new home. I believe most of those in attendance found a new Grand Champion waiting to happen.

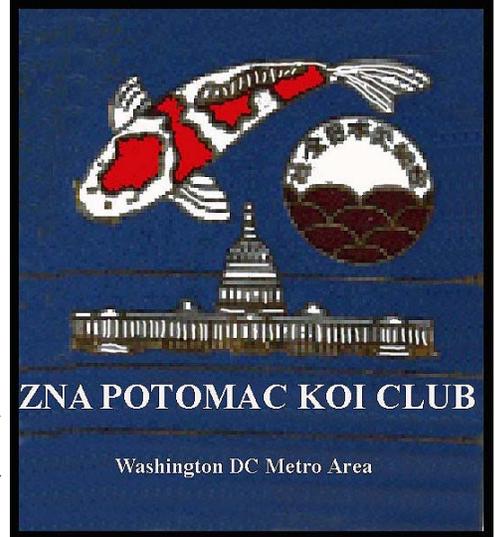
I was very happy with the two fish I choose. Mat, Ross, and Tara brought the koi to the Southern Koi Expo in Winston Salem, NC for me to enter. I must say that my Nisei Quality Koi did well, receiving a First and a Second Place in their categories. Quality Koi should also be congratulated for winning Grand Champion of the First American Breeders Association show.

I want to remind everyone about the Young Koi Auction on May 20, 2007 at Smitty's Building

Products on Richmond Hwy, north of Ft. Belvoir. The fish are already in quarantine and they are some of the best young fish I have seen in a while. They were received directly from Japan and will be in quarantine for a month by the time of the auction. This is an excellent opportunity to select some fine young koi. Young Japanese koi are becoming more difficult to obtain with the increased inspection requirements on imports.

Planning for the show in September is underway. We will be posting the sign-up forms on the web-site soon. We will have a limited number of tanks available, so reserve yours as soon as they are posted. We are expecting a large interest in this show. We already have commitments from a number of vendors and serious inquiries from some of the top koi keepers in the area. Watch the web site for more details in the near future.

The club is trying to schedule activities which will provide the members with information essential to healthy koi. But we cannot do anything without members. We need everyone to go to the website and fill out the



membership form. The cost is not much for the benefits you can derive from the meetings and the activities. Bring your registration form to the Auction if you have not already sent it in.

Together we make a difference,
Mike Frady



Showa



Kohaku

NEXT Meeting is May 20, 2007 at the ZNA Potomac koi Auction.

Quality Koi April 14th Trip Roundup

What a blast we had at Quality Koi in New Jersey!! The weather was calling for rain that day but it held off and by early afternoon it was sunny and in the low 70's. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day. I left bright and early Saturday morning with another ZNA Potomac member, Tyrell, riding shotgun and my son Jimmy in the back. We went up to Maryland House and met up with the Fradys, the Poppes and Margaret Linn. We then caravanned the rest of the way to Quality Koi where another member and soon to be KHA, Terri Janas, was already waiting for us.

We then spent some time looking at the koi in the greenhouses before we toured the farm. So next we off to see the mudponds. Unfortunately I didn't take notes but there are over 30 mud ponds. While we walked Mat and Ross of Quality Koi explained how the farm worked and the ups and downs of koi breeding.

While after the walking tour it time to sit down and have some lunch. We had a very nice catered lunch consisting of subs and chips. The location for lunch was a very interesting greenhouse that is in the middle of construction. While we ate Mat explained some of the process of building and maintaining the greenhouses which was very fascinating.

After lunch it was time for a culling session by Mat. They scooped up about 40 uncultured sankes and the culling began. This was a real education in learning the differences between total junk, pond quality, show quality and tategoi. Of the 40 or so koi we culled about 30% were total junk another 50% were pond quality and the rest were show koi. None of the koi we culled made it to the tategoi tank. Culling is an art with many variables. You have to take color quality, sheen, body shape and pattern into consideration. It is something that clearly takes years to master and even then....

When the culling session was over we broke apart. Some went off to look for koi to buy while I went off to see how one of the other new greenhouses was coming. Mat showed me how the massive filtration systems work for koi keeping at a farm level. I was certainly impressed by the "bigness" of it all. After that I helped Terri Janas look for some koi to buy. The kujaku pictured is now hers and is a fantastic example of the variety. I suspect this koi will do very well at the shows in 2008 after it comes back from the mud ponds for another season. I, on the other hand did not buy anything and believe me it was not easy (I was waiting for the annual 555 event).

So after several hours of looking at koi and talking koi with our good friends at Quality Koi it was finally time to leave (after all they were only open that day to accommodate us). We bid our fond farewells and hit the road for the drive back.

For those of you that missed the trip I would suggest visiting their website at <http://www.qualitykoi.com> . Also they will be at our show in September so you can see them then or feel free to go up there with me at the end of October for the Main Event where they pull their mud ponds for the season.



Culling

Quality Koi April 14th Trip cont.



Kujaku from Quality koi



Try and pick the best yamabuki from this crowd!



ZNA Potomac members discussing life on the farm to the left while on the right is an empty fry pond. By now this pond is full of water and awaiting the massive amounts of fry.



Inside one of the greenhouses

Mud Pond Koi!!!!

As many of you know, Quality Koi has an annual event called the 555 event. Every May 5th they open up their website and allow you to pick tosai have grown in their mud ponds. The price includes the koi and the mud pond fees. For an additional cost you can purchase insurance on it which gives you 100% satisfaction guarantee. This means if come October you don't like the koi or something happens over to it over the growing season you can get your money back minus insurance or 100% store credit for another. The greatest part about this event is that you are invited to the mud pond pull in October so you can actually see your koi as it comes out of the mud. These koi generally go in at about 7" and come out at 15-17". So as an early Fathers Day present my wonderful wife Carolina purchased 4 of them for me. Also pictured below is one Mike Frady got. Save this issue of the newsletter so you can compare them with the outcome in the November newsletter!



Mike Frady's pick above
Tancho kohaku



Jim North's 4 picks
Showa, kohaku, sanke, kohaku



ZNA Potomac Website News!!!

Site News

Well I know many of you were waiting to hear about my trip to Japan. Unfortunately it was cancelled by Mother Nature. Two days before I was to leave we a couple days of high winds that blew over 25 very large trees on my property. So instead of going to Japan I have been cutting up and hauling off trees. So unfortunately there will be no Japan pics for the website. I will be adding the Quality Koi pics and pics from the upcoming auction very soon. Also starting very soon the newsletter will not be available on the website until at least a month after it is emailed or mailed out. Please make sure I have a current email address for you so you can get it on time.

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/water related issues and the second two discuss koi appreciation matters or water quality matters. The first link is a link to getting the perfect ph. The second health link is about possible tumors. The first appreciation/water quality link deals with utsuris. This topic ran the gamant from utsuris to gosanke and was very educational . The second deals with different qualities of shiro or white. 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](mailto: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

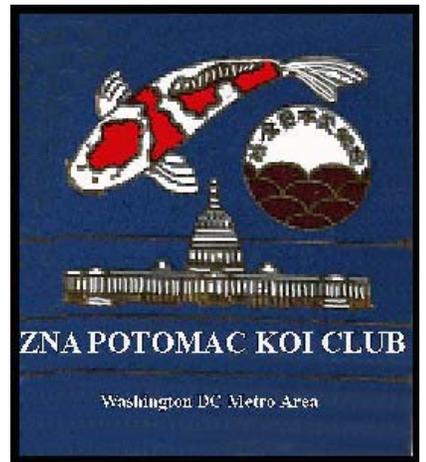
ZNA Potomac Membership renewals are now past due!!!!!!

Please fill out the attached membership renewal form and return now or bring to the koi auction on May 20th. 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 Carlby Lane
Alexandria VA 22309



Tancho, Shiro Utsuri and Ki Shusui

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

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