

ZNA Potomac News

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Quality Koi pond pull

Presidents Message

President's Notes

Well the temperature has sure fallen during the past few days. Autumn is here and the trees are starting to drop their leaves. And as usual they all head for the pond, I believe it is a leaf magnet. Watch the temperature of the water and feed as appropriate.

Ever since the show, I run into people who tell me what a great show we had. They comment on the quality of the fish and how everyone was so nice. It was such a nice change from other shows around the country. I would like to thank all those who participated in our show. To Dr Knox and Lee Aronfeld, I know the burdens of travel, but I hope that you will please return with your fish to your second home club on the Potomac. To those who are local and worked hard bagging each others fish all day on Friday, I thank you for making a difference in the hobby by helping each other. To those who are local and worked to set up and take down or bench or photograph or man a table, it is you who helps to make the show a success.

I am already excited about next year's show which will once again be the weekend after Labor Day. Jim North has volunteered to be the Show Chair, so begin to think about how you can help. We need every member to participate in organizing, staffing, and working in some fashion if we are to be successful again. Next year should be even bigger and better.

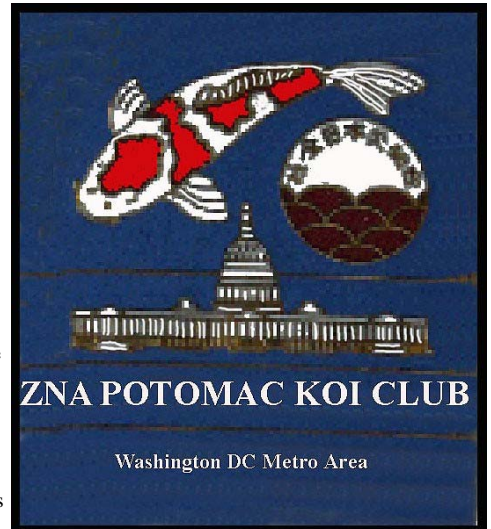
For those who missed the October meeting and Pond Tour, you missed a treat. We visited Young Doan and Ed Gillenwater's pond before ending at my house for the meeting and dinner. There were 15

members who made the drive and everyone enjoyed the day. We started out from Vienna Aquarium, who started us off with snacks and drinks and some members took advantage of the stop to view fish. Both Young and Ed have beautiful ponds. Both took time to explain the filtration processes they use, which was evident by the clear water. At the Frady's everyone was fed and the business portion was conducted.

The next meeting is December 2nd at the Hunan East Restaurant. See page 8 for details!!!

On Oct 28, Jim North, Jimmy North, Turelle Holmes, Terri and Pat Janas, and Mike and Carolyn Frady made the drive to Quality Koi in New Jersey for the Main Event Weekend Pond Pull. It was a wonderful time. Quality Koi holds a 555 event in the spring where people can purchase a 7-8 inch koi that will be placed in a mud pond and then in October, you see how the fish grew and developed. You are making the decision usually made by the Breeders as to which fish to keep and invest your time and money for the future. Well those little 7-8 fish came out of the mud pond at 15-20 and much more developed patterns. While Jim and I did not have as much luck as others, our fish were still very nice. I am glad that I bought Insurance.

Terri and Pat had a really nice Kujaku that went into the mud pond at 21 inches and came out a stunning 26 inch beauty. What a difference the mud makes. I also had a male that came out of the



mud on Tuesday that did not look so hot going in but was pretty nice coming out. It is now a keeper.

I hope that everyone can make the Christmas/Holiday party as our December meeting at the Hunan East Restaurant. So watch the temperatures for feeding, watch the web site for information on meetings, and watch your own health as winter approaches.

Together we make a difference,

Mike



Mike's replacement kohaku. See pg 4.

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The Little Pond That Could

I recently had the pleasure of visiting members Turelle and Pam Holmes at their house in Manassas Va. Turelle had told me about his pond but seeing is believing. The title of this article is a little misleading. It really should be The Koi Keepers That Can. You see this pond is only 1200 gallons and usually has somewhere in the neighborhood of thirty koi in it. When I say thirty koi I don't mean thirty 5 inch koi. They range from 8" to 24". Don't try that at home folks! For the past several years Turelle and Pam have won numerous awards with their koi. This includes multiple All Around wins at the annual MAKC shows, several best in variety for their stunning shiro bekko and numerous other awards including several at our last show. This kind of track record flies in the face of the traditional koi thinking of bigger is better...or does it? The fact is Turelle and Pam's level of dedication to the hobby is enormous. They have shown over and over that it doesn't take a big pond with big money and expensive koi to compete and win at koi shows. What it takes is big dedication backed by solid husbandry skills. The photos speak for themselves so I'll let them do the rest of the talking.



Very healthy, very big and very nice



Turelle's small but very effective koi pond



Always hungry



Enough filtration to filter a pond 10x bigger

October Pond Tour/Meeting Wrap-up

What a beautiful day it was for the October Pond Tour and Meeting! We started out at Vienna Aquarium where Chris and company treated us to snacks and sodas before we headed off to see a few ponds. After viewing the koi at Vienna we head out to Yung's pond in Fairfax. Very impressive pond with some very nice koi! After that we took a leisurely drive to Falls Church to see Ed Gillenwater's pond. This was also an exceptional pond! There were many beautiful koi to see and for those of you interested in filtration then you should really talk to Ed about how to do it right. We finally left there and headed off to the Frady's where we had a wonderful early dinner while we discussed club business. All in all it was another successful pond tour for ZNA Potomac!



Chris pointing out a few things



Yung's pond



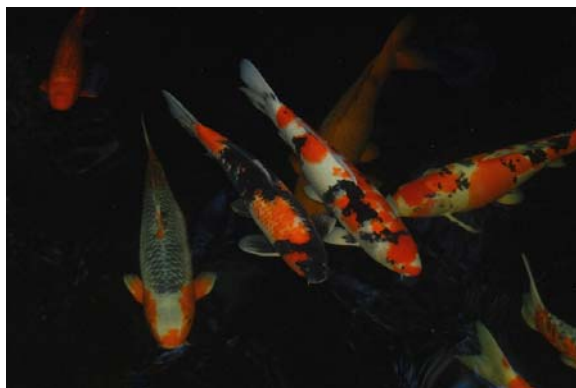
Hand feeding



The view from up top



Ed's filter setup



A small sampling of Ed's koi



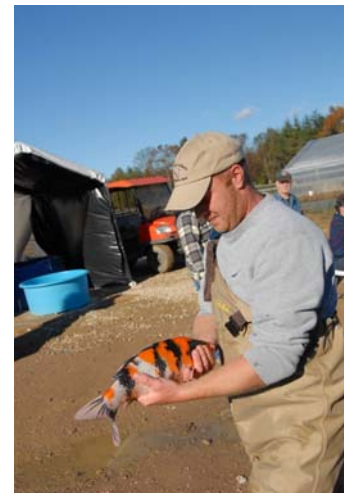
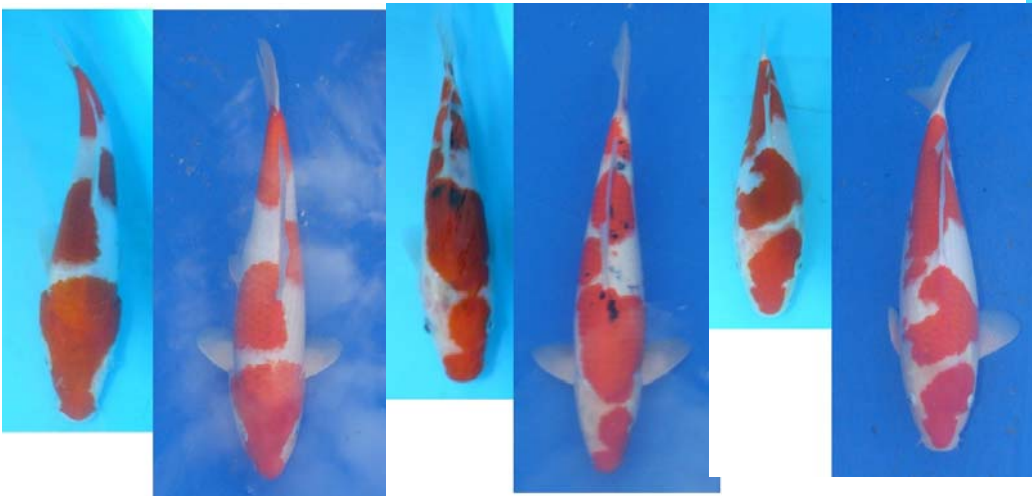
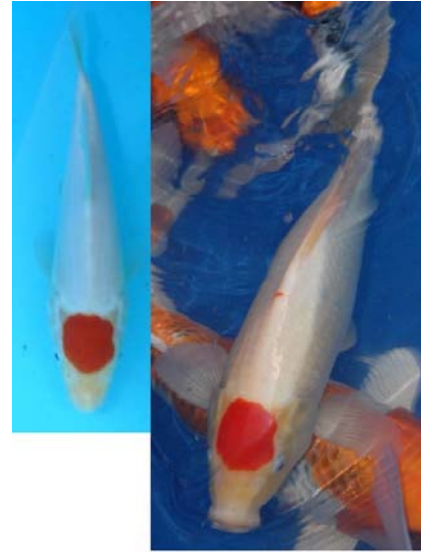
Ed Gillenwater's pond



Checkin out the Frady's pond

Quality Koi/Nisei Koi Farm October 2007 Mud Pull

Remember back in the May 2007 newsletter when I talked about the Quality Koi 555 event? In case you don't remember Mike and Carolyn Frady and I bought a few of these koi to be grown out in the mud ponds over the summer. Well on October 28th we were there in New Jersey with club members Turelle Holmes and Pat and Terri Janas and Mike and Carolyn Frady to see our koi come out of the mud ponds. What a spectacular day it was! Mat and Ross were already pulling the first pond when we arrived so we joined the crowd pondside to watch as 128 koi were pulled from the mud. What a fantastic feeling waiting for your koi that you haven't seen in months to finally emerge from the muddy water bigger and better than the last time you saw it! Unfortunately for the Frady's their tancho managed to escape the net the first time around and it wasn't until much later in the day that it was finally pulled. It turned out to be male and Mike is trading it in. All of these koi went into the pond measuring 7-8" and came out measuring 16-18". Pretty impressive! The day wasn't without disappointment though...one of my kohakus came out very good but unfortunately had damaged its pec fin at some point and it healed badly. The good news is that you can buy insurance on any of the mud pond koi at Quality Koi which would have meant a replacement for me. Below are before and after photos of the koi we had in the 555 event. Pat and Terri also had a beautiful kujaku in the long pond that went in at 24" however I missed its final measurement and I don't think I'll have it by the time we send this newsletter out. Unless you have plans to go to Japan for the fall harvest next year then I strongly urge you to consider going with us next year to this event.



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! Coming soon to the site are photos from the pond tour and the quality koi event! For those of you that check my personal koi web page that will be receiving a facelift in the near future. Please remember the newsletter will not be available on the website until at least 3 months 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. On a side note look for my copper and zinc article in this months KoiUSA!

Other Koi Web News

Many of you know I am the moderator at <http://koi-bito.com/forum> well thanks to that I have some insider information for you. Right now we are in talks with Mystic Koi and Omosako to hold a Koi-bito grow-out contest. Basically you buy an Omosako shiro utsuri from a special batch of koi that Mystic Koi is receiving from Japan. You get to pick based on a draft style drawing. Then you grow and care for the koi for a year and then the Omosako family will photos of them all and determine the winner. I can't say what the prizes are yet but they will be very nice indeed. Obviously these koi will be shipped from California and to save on shipping if any of the local members are interested we can have them all shipped to me and you can pick up yours from my house. You must be a member of koi-bito but memberships are free. This contest has NOT been finalized yet! So please look for details or email me for more info.

Website/Newsletter Editorial

I received a lot of great feedback on the newsletter and website at the last meeting. Thanks to you all that took the time to contact me about it as I really appreciate your comments.

~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



15th Holland Koi Show, August 2007

Doris and I travelled to Holland, August 15 to AUGUST 21 TO VISIT AND TAKE PART IN THE 15TH Holland Koi Show. It was truly a grand international show with visitors and participates from all parts of the world.

The show had 497 koi entered in 65 tanks (vats). They were judged by five teams of judges which were also international. My team included members from the United States, South Africa, Holland, Germany and Beligum. Other judges came from England, Japan and Taiwan.

There were over 100 dealers/artists filling 145 booths for over three days. Around 26,000 persons attended the show. They included 23,500 paying visitors plus the volunTERS, participatants,etc.

380 new members joined the club which brought the membership up to 4809 members. 120 of the members were volunteers who did the work of making The show successful.

This show is worth to the trip to see as is the Country it is held in and the people who put it together and support it.



Grand Champion

Text by Chuck Poppe
Photos by Rene Gerritzen.



Grand Champion B



Mature Champion



Adult Champion



Baby Champion



Koi Quiz

1. Photo A is a _____
 - a. Tancho kohaku
 - b. Tancho showa
 - c. Tancho sanke
 - d. Ai goromo

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

3. Kuchibeni means _____
 - a. tail+red. Red on the tail of a koi
 - b. mouth+red. Red on lips of a koi
 - c. its like kuchi kuchi coo only different
 - d. mouth+black. Black on the lips of a koi

4. Who is the gentleman on the left in Photo b?
 - a. George Bush
 - b. My Uncle Ernie
 - c. Peter Waddington. Author of Koi Kichi 1 and 2
 - d. Some guy buying a koi

5. If a koi measured 15" at the ZNA Potomac Show it would be in what size category?
 - a. Size 2
 - b. Size 15
 - c. Size 3
 - d. Size 4



Photo A



Photo B

Extra credit: Name the gentleman on the right in Photo B?



ZNA Potomac Christmas Party!!



Join us for a fun afternoon of friends and food at the Hunan East Restaurant in Alexandria Va at 2pm on December 2nd!!!! ZNA Potomac will once again be collecting unwrapped toys for the **Toy for Tots** program so please bring an unwrapped toy.

Date: December 2, 2007

Time: 2:00pm

Where: Hunan East Restaurant at the corner of Sacramento DR and Richmond Hwy (RT 1) in the Sacramento Shopping Center.

Menu: The meal will be Family Style and will consist of soup, multiple entree selections, and tea.

Price: Roughly \$15 per person and one unwrapped toy.

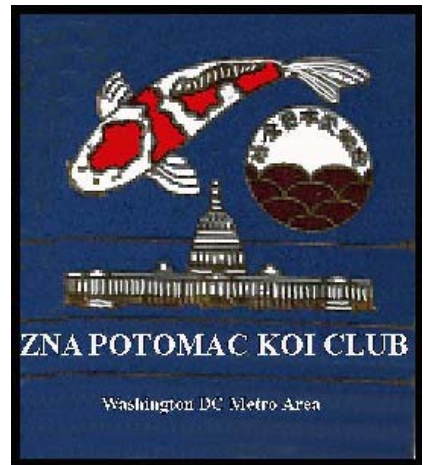
RSVP: Mike Frady mfrady@znapotomac.org 703-360-9142 no later than 11/25/2007



Please use <http://www.mapquest.com> to find directions to the restaurant from your house.



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



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 _____

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



Koi America Grand Champion 2007



ZNA Potomac member Jim North's tank at Koi America 2007

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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