

# ZNA Potomac News

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## Presidents Message

### President's Notes

Well the weather has sure changed since the last time we were together. I do not believe that we would find sitting on the deck and chatting the most pleasant of experiences, even with the warmth of our friendships. I have watched the koi sink lower toward the bottom of the pond during the past couple of weeks as the days grow shorter and the temperatures cooler. Time to sit by the fire and talk about our koi and tell fish stories.

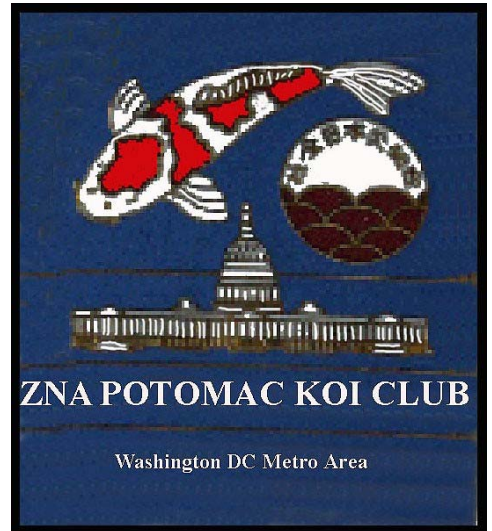
It has been a busy month for us. I have been to California twice and Florida once since the last meeting. It has been a wonderful opportunity to see different koi and to talk to hobbyists across this country. Everyone should try to make a show other than ours to get a broader perspective of the hobby. This February the Seminar and Show in San Diego should be extremely informative and a great time as well as the show in Orlando in March. Every-

one is encouraged to book a flight for San Diego and see what is happening on the West Coast, it is a great experience.

I want everyone to mark December 14, 2008 on their calendars for the next meeting. It will be held at the Hunan East Restaurant, on Richmond Hwy, as it was last year. The meal will be party style with a cost of \$15.00 per person beginning at 2:00 PM. Please plan to come and bring Toys 4 Tots, which will be delivered to the Marines. See everyone at the restaurant; please call me with questions, 703-360-9142.

The topic at the December meeting will be the calendar for 2009. The first topic for the calendar will be the vote on the Spring Young Show and Auction. Please come prepared to discuss and decide upon the topic.

I wish everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving and a most wonderful



Holiday Season. Remember that there are many people who find this a difficult season, try to help those who need our help and remember the kids by bringing unwrapped Toys 4 Tots.

Together we make a difference,

Mike



Ray Abel's pond pull pg 3

**Next Event: December 14th Holiday Party see page 6**

## A Tale of Two Pond Pulls

It's become a tradition for some ZNA Potomac members to make the trek to Nisei Koi Farm and Nishikigoi of Niigata for the late October and early November pond pulls. This year was no exception.

The first pull was at Quality Koi/Nisei Koi Farm in Carneys Point, New Jersey. It was a cold blustery day but spirits were high as anxious owners awaited the first glance of their koi since they were returned to the mud pond last spring. My son and I arrived as they were just starting to serve lunch (perfect timing). The pull I was there for were koi that were spending their second season in the mud since tosaï. So after chatting with old friends for a bit and enjoying some lunch we were off to one of the many ponds where all the koi are American bred.

Matt, Ross and Bob started at one end of the pond and very methodically drug the net from one end to the other end where a very excited crowd awaited. Finally they arrived and everyone watched in fascination as the koi could finally be seen as more than just shadowy figures in the muddy water. One by one the koi were bagged and brought from the pond to the transport. I can tell you its quite the experience to see your koi emerge after a long season looking bigger and better then ever before! The pond was finally empty and it was time to head back to the main area at NKF for measuring and photographing. My own koi had a great season and went from 18" in March to 22" in October. I am very happy with her progress. The big question now is....Do I leave her another year or bring her home? We'll see in the spring when we take our annual ZNA Potomac field trip to NKF. You'll be there right?

For more info about our friends at NKF please visit <http://www.qualitykoi.com/>



Matt's pretty happy with this one!



My NKF showa at 8", 18" and now 22" after a second season in the mud pond



Some of the koi pulled that day.

## A Tale of Two Pond Pulls cont.

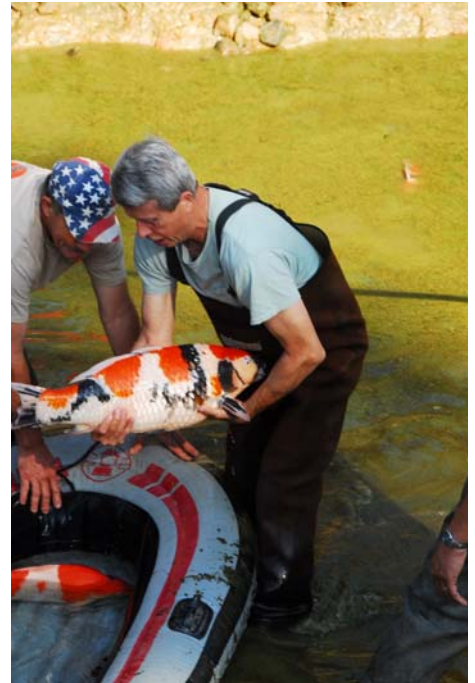
Early November finds many club members headed south to Nishikigoi of Niigata in Midlothian Virginia. Some of the finest Japanese bred koi now residing in the USA are placed into Ray Abel's mud ponds for the season.

It was an absolutely beautiful day for a pond pull. The weather was just amazing for November. We arrived early for this pull as it was it was big girls I was there to see. When we arrived the pond was almost drained and ready to be pulled. These girls were so big there was no need to seine the entire pond as they could easily be caught with a regular net. Koi after koi came out of the pond all seemingly bigger than the next. I'm sure the sizes ranged from 26" to 30"+. The koi were bagged and then transported to show tanks to be measured and placed in indoor ponds later in the day.

After all the koi were pulled it was time for lunch and Ray fed all of us a very wonderful meal. The afternoon was spent viewing the koi that had been pulled and checking out the koi from earlier pond pulls and the koi that were for sale. There were hobbyist from all over the place so it was a good time to catch up with them and find out what was happening in their corners of the world.

All in all it was great time and everyone enjoyed themselves!

For more info about Nishikigoi of Niigata please go to:  
<http://www.nishikigoiofniigata.com/>



WOW!!!



That sanke is as heavy as it looks!



Couple of the big girls after the pull.

## On the Road with Mike Frady

During the past 6 weeks, I have been to three different Koi Shows. As an AKCA candidate judge, I was assigned shows in Jacksonville, Florida; Bakersfield, California; and San Jose, California. The experience was like none I have ever experienced. I can be as nerve-racking for a first time judge on this side of the show as on the exhibitor-side for a first time hobbyist.

The First Coast Koi Club Show in Jacksonville, Florida was a nice size show with around 150 koi. The quality was nice and the opportunity to judge with Steve Childers was great. The Mandarin Garden Club Park was a very nice setting for the show.

Next came the Bakersfield Koi and Watergarden Club, in Bakersfield, California. The show is a smaller show with a very informal feel, but some very nice large koi. The head judge was Burt Ballou, who taught everyone while also judging. The show was held in conjunction with the Kern County Home Show at the Fairgrounds, so the traffic was heavy all weekend. The site was nice with shade from the 90+ degree heat. The ZNA Potomac Friendship Award was presented to a most unusual Kawarigoi.

Well, the last trip was back to the West Coast, this time by myself. I travelled to San Jose, California for the ZNA NorCal Koi Show. The opportunity to judge and learn from US District Chairman and Fully Certified Judge Ron Goforth was worth the long flight. The koi were wonderful with 95 of the 110 koi being Gosanke (Kohaku, Sanke, or Showa). Very tough decisions in the size 4 and 5 categories. The Friendship Award went to a very nice Goshiki. I enjoyed the experience even if my knee did swell up to the size of a volleyball before the flight back. Everyone should visit other shows and learn from the judges and from the hobbyists



ZNA Potomac Friendship Award winner at Bakersfield

Remember, every time Koi hobbyists get together we learn. Some times we are the teacher, sometime we are the student, but we learn something. Visit other shows, get different perspectives and look at the koi. It is worthwhile.

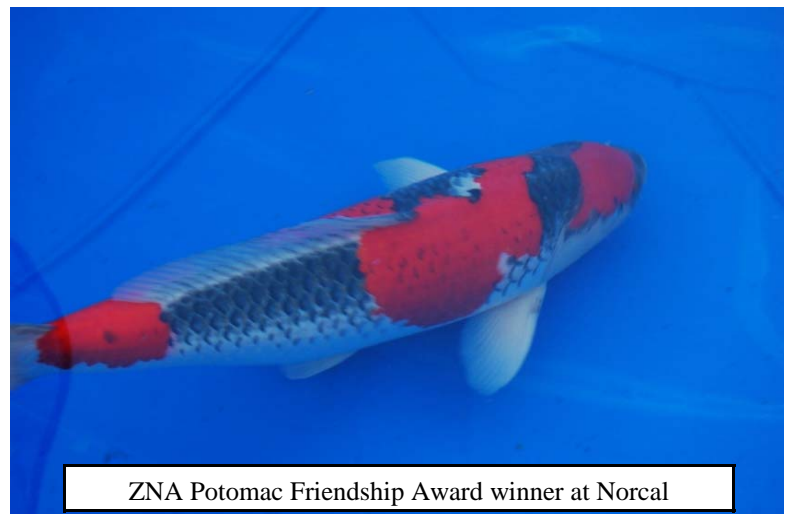
Upcoming events:

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| San Diego       | February      |
| ZNA SoCal       | March         |
| Central Florida | March         |
| Louisville, Ky  | May (Memorial |

Day weekend)

Visit and support other clubs and hobbyists.

~Mike Frady



ZNA Potomac Friendship Award winner at Norcal



Bakersfield GC



ZNA Norcal GC photo by Dan Cheng

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](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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## Upcoming Events

### December 14, 2008– ZNA Potomac Holiday Party



It will be held at the Hunan East Restaurant, on Richmond Hwy, as it was last year. The meal will be party style with a cost of \$15.00 per person beginning at 2:00 PM. **Please plan to come and bring Toys 4 Tots (unwrapped toy with a \$10 value)**, which will be delivered to the Marines. See everyone at the restaurant; please Mike Frady with questions, 703-360-9142.

More meetings and events are being planned and will be announced in upcoming newsletters including the entire meeting schedule for next year



**Don't miss out on our upcoming events!!!!**

## Koi Quiz

1. Photo A is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Sanke
  - b. Tancho Showa
  - c. Tancho Sanke
  - d. Tancho Utsuri
  
2. At what water temp can you resume feeding your koi?
  - a. 31 degrees
  - b. When it comes to a boil
  - c. 65 degrees
  - d. 50 degrees
  
3. The gentleman in photo b is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ZNA Judge Jim Reilly
  - b. AKCA Judge Bob Winkler
  - c. Some random guy
  - d. Club secretary Mike Walker.
  
4. What kind of koi food should you be feeding now?
  - a. High growth
  - b. Shrimp
  - c. Nothing if the water is below 50 degrees
  - d. raw chicken with a slice of lemon
  
5. If a koi measured 9" at the ZNA Potomac Show it would be in what size category?
  - a. Size 9
  - b. Size 11
  - c. Size 3
  - d. Size 2



Photo A

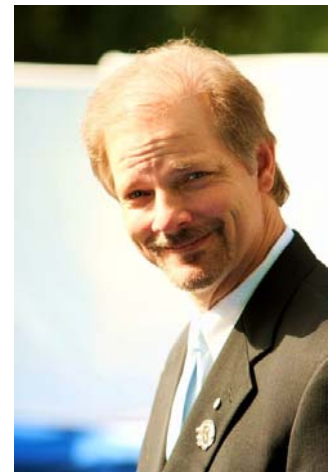


Photo B

**Extra credit: What is the event that the gentleman in Photo B is attending?**

# 2009 ZNA Potomac Memberships

ZNA Potomac memberships are due before Spring starts. Now is a good time to get it in early by filling out the form on the next page and returning 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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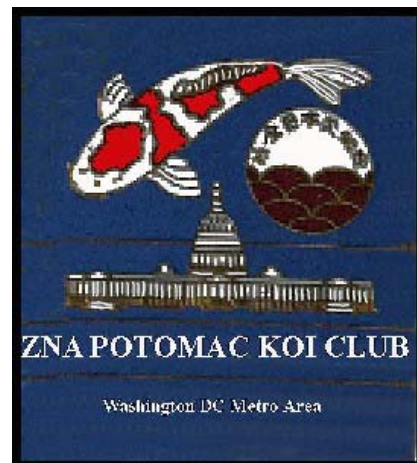


If your koi look like this then get some help quick!





# 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 Terri Janas  
43553 Coal Bed Ct  
Ashburn VA 20147



I hope you all enjoyed the newsletters this year! We'll see you all again in print in 2009!  
~Jim North

## 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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**For all your koi and pond needs!**  
 5003 Sudley Road, Catharpin VA 20143  
 703-753-7566



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Holiday Party Dec14th!! See inside for details!!

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