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8th Annual NMZNA Show a Huge Success

At the 8th annual show banquet, club President Dick Thomas asked several groups associated with the show to stand up. Dick asked show set-up and tear-down volunteers to stand; he then asked banquet volunteers to stand; next he asked the folks who helped with vendors to stand. He then asked water quality, trophy sponsors, and club table helpers to stand. Finally, when everyone in the room was standing, he issued a heartfelt thank-you.

As Dick so graciously pointed out, it takes the efforts of the entire club to put on a koi show.

Thanks also to our show location host, Seasons Gardens, for allowing us to use their facilities.

This year, we hosted over 90 koi and 35 goldfish; the quality of the fish was outstanding, and judging was difficult. Thanks also to our honored judges, Art & Nicole Lembke, who judged both the koi and goldfish.

8TH ANNUAL NMZNA WINNER'S BOARD- KOI

Grand Champion A	Scott & Joni Kendall
Grand Champion B	Scott & Joni Kendall
Reserve Grand Champion	Dick & Brenda Thomas
Mature Champion	Scott & Joni Kendall
Junior Grand Champion	Marc & Tamara Skaggs
Baby Champion	Troy Head
President's Award	Bryan & Bay Bateman
AKCA Award	Bryan & Bay Bateman
Most Unique	Dick Hadley
Tategoi	Dick & Brenda Thomas
Best Male	Troy Head





Koi Grand Champion



Koi Reserve Grand Champion



Koi Mature Champion



Koi Junior Champion



Koi President's Award



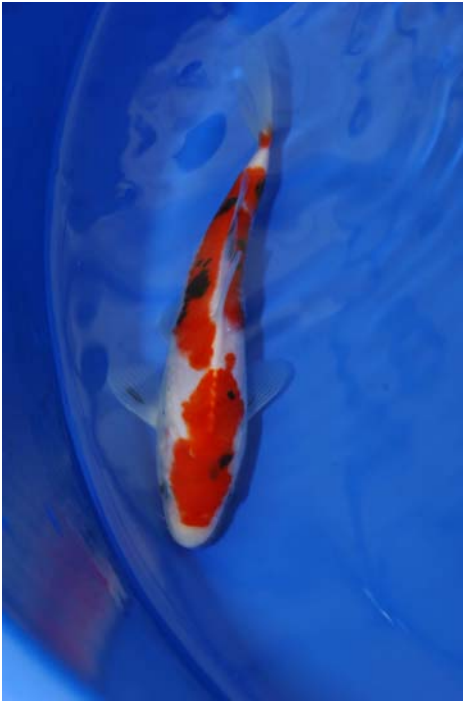
Koi Most Unique



Koi Tategoi



Say Cheese!



Koi Baby Champion



Koi Best Male



Koi AKCA Award



Those are the biggest goldfish I've seen, swimming in those blue vats!



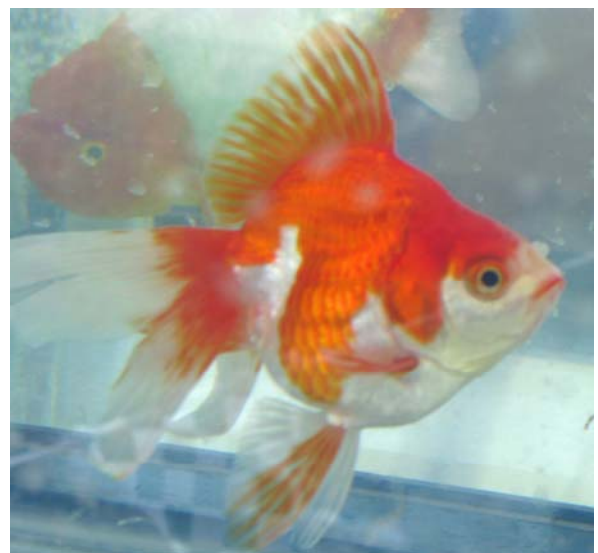
Goldfish Grand Champion



Goldfish Reserve Grand Champion



Goldfish Baby Grand Champion



Goldfish Reserve Baby Grand Champion



AGA Award Winner

8TH ANNUAL NMZNA WINNER'S BOARD- GOLDFISH

Grand Champion	Tun Tun (Fred) Win
Reserve Grand Champion	Bruce & Lari Pett
Baby Grand Champion	Dan Young
Junior Grand Champion	Bruce & Lari Pett
Baby Champion	Troy Head
Judge's Award (AGA)	Tun Tun (Fred) Win
Friendship Award (Louisville)	Bruce & Lari Pett
Friendship Award (MPKS)	Carolyn Phelps



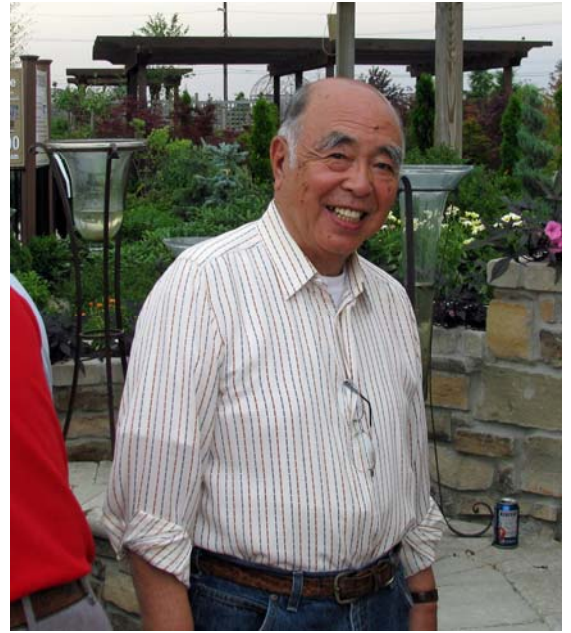
MPKS Friendship Award



Louisville Friendship Award







Ten years ago or thereabouts, my late wife Millie and I along with a few others decided that we wanted to start a club that had a focus on koi, the acquisition of koi knowledge from a Japanese perspective and that possessed a spirit of family and kinship. We didn't care about making large sums of money for a treasury, and we certainly didn't much care about the politics of power or becoming the biggest koi club from wherever. When visitors came to our early meetings and shows they were struck by the tremendous sense of family and camaraderie that our members exhibited, and slowly but surely, they joined the membership. On paper, our numbers are small, but in quality and spirit, we're off the charts, both in membership and in fish quality at shows. When ZNA judges come to our venue from different parts of the country they ALWAYS comment on the friendly and apolitical personality of our membership. They feel relaxed and at home at our events and always have.

Back in the early days Margueritta Armstead and Gail Nolen welcomed us to their home and shared their awesome cooking and hospitality so that we could host seminars taught by Brett Rowley and Ron Goforth. The late Ken Terrill used his connections at Lincoln Park Zoo to get us behind the scenes at the Shedd Aquarium after one of the very first seminars on KHV presented by Myron Kibus, the virus' discoverer and an early supporter/friend of our group.

In the early days, those of us who started the club were its treasury as well and as we progressed, vendor members like the Weynschens and our recently departed friend, Kevin Clark, continued to make generous annual donations. Even this year, in tough economic times with slow sales, Ron Weynschenk made a very generous monetary donation to our treasury. At every show, the membership as a whole has embraced the raffles and the club auctions and shown their support.

This year's show was our finest yet and thinking back on how it all started and how we've scrambled to make it all work brought just a hint of a tear to my eye. That, and missing those who've gone ahead or are now too old and sick to participate. They've been great years and the membership has made them so. I know that Dick, who is already in Cleveland today, will have much to say about who did what and when, but I know that he won't thank himself. Ergo, a special thanks to Dick and Brenda for their respective chairmanships, and thanks as well to Marc and Tamara for a wonderful job in the vendor tent and to Chester for the water quality. My personal thanks to everyone else who pitched in and schlepped a vat, hauled a hose, wiped down a tank, entered data in a computer, sweated it out in the quonset hut and especially to those of you whose generosity kept the dream alive this past weekend.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,

Bob Brudd

Vice-president and one of the surviving founders



Club Auction Fish—Supplied by Koi Acres

