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IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER:

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11th Annual Northern Midwest ZNA Koi Show & Pond Expo

On June 16th and 17th, 2012 the NM ZNA will hold its 11th Annual Koi Show & Pond Expo at the Carmel City Center in Carmel, Indiana. This is an open koi show to all koi hobbyists and will have English style judging. Judges for the show this year will be Ray Jordan from San Antonio, Texas and Henry Culpepper from Orlando, Florida.

Tank reservations are being taken with the six foot tanks at \$50.00 (\$40.00 for club members) and the eight foot tanks are \$65.00 (\$55.00 for club members). Please get your

reservations in quickly to assure a spot in the show.

A variety of vendors will be on hand to satisfy your fish, pond, and art needs. Please be sure to support our vendors.

For more information about the show please see the club's website at www.nmzna.net.

Contacts for the show:

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Dick Thomas:
rdthomas99@comcast.net

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See you at the show!

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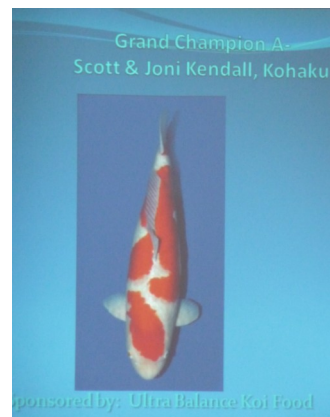
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Marc & Tamara Skaggs



2011 Grand Champion

General Meeting— April 28, 2012

The spring quarterly meeting was held April 28, 2012 at the home of Steve and Cheryl Childers. All enjoyed a variety of soup, chili, sandwich fixings, salads and delicious desserts. The meeting covered many aspects of the upcoming show in June. Dick introduced

the officers for 2012 as well. A total of 15 members attended the meeting. Dick Thomas presented a slide show of the judging program that was offered at the Kodama Koi Academy the previous weekend in Chicago. Everyone took part and lots of discus-

sions ensued on the answers of each fish. There will be a brief meeting in May at the Louisville Show to go over show preparations. Hope to see many members in Louisville..

Zen Nippon Airinkai – Northern Midwest Chapter

Eleventh Annual Open Koi Show

Carmel City Center

June 16th and 17th, 2012

Show Rules

THIS IS AN OPEN KOI SHOW – ENGLISH STYLE JUDGING – ACCEPTING ALL HOBBYIST ENTRIES. DEALER OWNED KOI WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. THE KOI'S OWNER MUST BE PRESENT AT CHECK IN TO SIGN THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES THAT ARE LISTED BELOW, WHICH WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

- Registration (at least three weeks before the show) Member entry fee: 6' tank \$40.00, 8' tank \$55.00. Non-members entry fee: 6' tank \$50.00, 8' tank \$65.00. Make checks payable to NMZNA and mail with a copy of the signed, **Koi Show Entry Form** and the **Show Tank Registration** form to the Koi Show Chairman.
- Refrain from feeding fish for at least five days prior to the show. This is critical to the health and welfare of your koi. Water quality is difficult to maintain if your fish are littering the bottom of the tank with waste. A dirty tank also presents a negative image to the judges and viewing public.
- We ask that every attempt be made to ensure that fish be checked in and benched between 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM (EST) on Friday, June 10th. Fish check-in will be permitted after 8:00 PM by pre-arrangement ONLY. Participants are required to bring their own blue showing bowl, koi net, and netting to cover the show tank.
- The Benching Committee reserves the right to reject fish of questionable health from participation.
- All fish entered will be benched at show site for proper classification and length. If necessary, fish measurements and classification corrections will be made by the judging committee.
- Upon show check-in, each entrant will be assigned a number corresponding to his/hers show tank(s).
- Fish will be handled during the show BY AUTHORIZED SHOW PERSONNEL ONLY.
- In accordance with ZNA rules, koi dealers or their immediate family members are not allowed to enter fish.

It is our intent that judging will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Participants are asked to refrain from holding conversations with the judges until the Koi Show Chairman has announced that the judging has been completed and all the decisions are final.

- Only authorized personnel determined by the Koi Show Chairman will be allowed with the judges during the judging of the koi. This will be adhered to strictly and NO EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED.
- Every necessary and reasonable precaution will be taken by the Koi Show Chairman, the benching staff, the water quality chairman, and the judging team to ensure the safety and welfare of all fish on exhibit. Therefore, all participants in the show will agree to hold the club, its officers, and members blameless against any loss or injury of fish.
- Any contingencies not covered in these rules will be subject to the decision of the show committee.
- The KOI SHOW concludes at 3:00 PM on Sunday. Anyone traveling over 200 miles may check out at 2:00 PM (EST) on Sunday afternoon.

Entries are accepted with the understanding that the participant agrees to hold the Club, Club Officers, Club Directors, NMZNA members, City of Carmel and its employees harmless against any loss or injury to the fish.

Dick Thomas

NMZNA 2012 Koi Show Chairman



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Northern Midwest ZNA

Eleventh Annual Koi Show

Show Tank Reservation Form

Koi Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Show tanks, subject to availability...don't wait to register!!!

Non-members:

8 foot tank = \$65 each X _____ tanks = \$ _____ Total

6 foot tank = \$50 each X _____ tanks = \$ _____ Total

Members:

8 foot tank = \$55 each X _____ tanks = \$ _____ Total

6 foot tank = \$40 each X _____ tanks = \$ _____ Total

Total: \$ _____

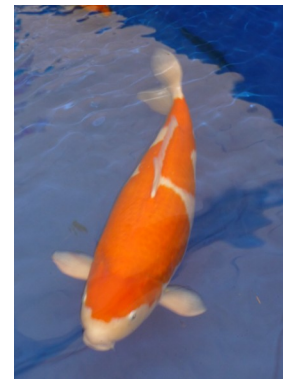
Entries are accepted with the understanding that the participant agrees to the Show Rules, and hold the Club, Club Officers, Club directors, NMZNA members, City of Carmel and its employees harmless against any loss or injury to the fish.

Koi Show Exhibitor's Signature _____ Date _____

Registrants should mail their check made out to NMZNA, with the **Koi Show Entry Form**, and this signed **Show Tank Reservation** form to:

Dick Thomas
1548 Tanglewood Drive
Lafayette, IN 47905

Please register by May 15th



NMZNA 2012 Banquet Reservation

The Awards Banquet will be held in the Meridian/Pennsylvania rooms. The menu tentatively will include a chicken entrée and roast beef. The amount of food will be prepared according to the number of reservations, if you wait too long to get your reservations in, you may get only the leftovers. Please register by May 15th.

Mail this form with your check.

6:30 PM ... Conversation and drinks

7:00 PM ... Welcome and Dinner in the Banquet Room

After Dinner ... Awards Presentation with Judges' Commentary

Name(s) _____

Children and number _____

Price: \$35.00 per person (age 16 and under \$15.00). Make checks payable to NMZNA.

Total paid: \$ _____.

Mail to: Mike Pfeffer

12503 Kirkham Road

Proper Etiquette at Koi Shows

For the judges there are very strict rules; dress, behavior and manners. For the fish; just show up and try not to splash anyone. For the exhibitor; based on some venues there appears to be none! Like sporting events the spectators sometimes take on a mob mentality and turn the potential teaching lesson into a blood sport! Certainly some of this is just a lack of social graces or bad upbringing but often, even the well mannered individual loses it and imagines the judges are making fun of or insulting their pet. And there is no doubt that the dealer with customers in attendance, will often feel a need to "correct" or "compete" with a judge's critique as customer relations are on the line with every decision made by the judges.

An exhibitor has only two requirements at any koi show- do not speak to the judges while they are judging and show good sportsmanship. The reason one should not talk to the judges is that by asking about your fish, you could identify yourself as owner and wipe away, almost instantly, the public impression of anonymity and impartiality. Believe it or not, it is very common for an exhibitor with a losing fish to accuse the judge of collaboration with a chatty exhibitor. Secondly the judge must often put the fish owned by the chatty exhibitor last and this has the opposite effect- that person feels embarrassed and hurt that the judge criticized the pet in front of other people! It is a no win situation and therefore best if the judge remains involved in judging and not interacting with the owners of the fish under critical review. So please wait until after the judging before asking questions of the judges.

Be a good sport. In this day and age, everyone has an opinion and everyone is very vocal about it. If you win be magnanimous. And if you lose be gracious and show good sportsmanship. This does not mean remain silent until you get home and then trash the judge to anyone who will listen in the local club or on the Internet. This is not about life or death; this is supposed to be an educational experience with a little competition thrown in to make it fun and the entire thing a little more exhilarating. It is not about you. It is about your mind and understanding and it is about how close your koi is to the ideal when compared to the other fish of the same size that showed up that day.

And finally please do not be one of those people who says "I have a fish much better than that at home in my pond."