



Koi News

NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2:00 PM at the home of Joan and Howard Kusnetzov, in Wellington. See page four for address and directions.

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President's Message

Thanks to Tim Anderson for hosting last month's meeting at the Palm Hammock Orchid Estate. Not even the rain could put a damper on our get together. My wife, Adrienne, loved the meeting venue. You see, Palm Hammock Orchid Estate is a commercial landscape, pond, etc. business. Adrienne didn't care so much about the meeting, rather she enjoyed walking the acres of lush plants and things and collecting the items I would be paying for after the business at hand. I can't really complain. We bought some plants and lovely pots for our garden. Enough about our shopping experience. We wel-

comed new member **Michael Donahue** and his family to their first Tropical Koi Club meeting. Michael is in the process of expanding his pond and was looking for some expert advice on how to pro-



Ron Bilkis, Koi Person of the Year

chosen the 2006 KOI PERSON OF THE YEAR. Ron was recognized for his contributions to the club over the many years and for his tireless efforts on being Show Chairman this year. Those of you who showed fish or attended the show can realize how much time and effort went into making the show a great event. Our thanks to Ron. Ron will be presented with the Koi Person of the year plaque at the AKCA annual convention and seminar in Buffalo NY June 22-25.

Next month's meeting will be the third Sunday of the month due to Mother's day

falling on our regular day. He also needed information on the right filtration system for his pond. I believe we led Michael down the right path. Congratulations to **RON BILKIS** on being

The meeting will be in Wellington at Joan and Howard Kusnetzov's. They have fish for sale so be prepared to do some shopping. *Gordon*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Club Meeting: May 21 (See Page 4 for details)
June Club Meeting: June 11
ANNUAL AKCA SEMINAR JUNE 22-25, BUFFALO, NY
July Club Meeting
Coming Soon. A KOI Weekend in the Cayman Islands

Koi Club Library

Are you building a pond? Buying a fish?? Curious about filtration ??? Just looking for general information about Koi keeping ??? Well the Tropical Koi Club lending library is the place for you !!! At each meeting a few books, tapes or CDs are available for the members to take home and review at their leisure. The librarian tries to bring a different variety of subject matter to each meeting. Many meetings have free hand outs from the librarian on current subjects. If you are interested in taking advantage of this service, please bring a check for the deposit of \$35.00 for each item. We will not cash your check unless the item is not returned or damaged. This will help defray our cost of replacement. If you are looking for information on a specific subject call the librarian and request anything the library has on your topic of interest. A listing of our available materials will be posted soon on our website.

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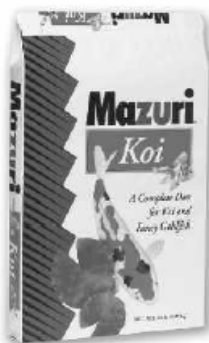
Let's talk for a few minutes about what makes one Koi better than another. Koi are bred and raised for the pleasure of viewing them. Unlike any other fish there is a great deal of individuality in Koi. Some people even go so far as to say that no two Koi are alike. The closest we come to this variability is in their cousins the Goldfish. When we look at Koi the first thing we notice is the size. Thanks to Tosio Sakai (Matsunaske) we now have large Koi readily available. What he noticed was that thru inbreeding Koi were getting smaller and smaller. He ran a Magoi (a wild carp) with his parents and reintroduced the wild larger genes back into the pool. For many years a 25 inch fish was considered large. In the last few years fish of 40 inches have been seen (and of high quality). The next thing we notice is color. If the colors are thick and well margined they will draw our eyes. This is especially true if the base color, usually white, is

clear and unblemished. In fact, in those fish that have white a base, we should think of it as a color not merely a background. The patterns have been well described many times. The important thing is their balance. You will frequently hear of quality. This is more difficult to describe. Balance includes all the above plus the way Koi carries itself in the water while swimming and the quality of the colors. (I frequently compare the colors in a cheap crayon set to those in excellent oil paints.)

There is one more factor; the way all of the above combine in an individual. The poet put it best, 'tis not an eye or ear we beauty call, but the joint united force of all.' So the over all impression is of supreme importance, but only if you use a trained eye can you fully appreciate what you are looking at. How do you do this? Visit as many ponds and Koi shows as you can, and see as many different Koi as possible. In a very short time you will begin to understand what makes one fish more desirable than another, and you will be on your way to being an accomplished Koi keeper.

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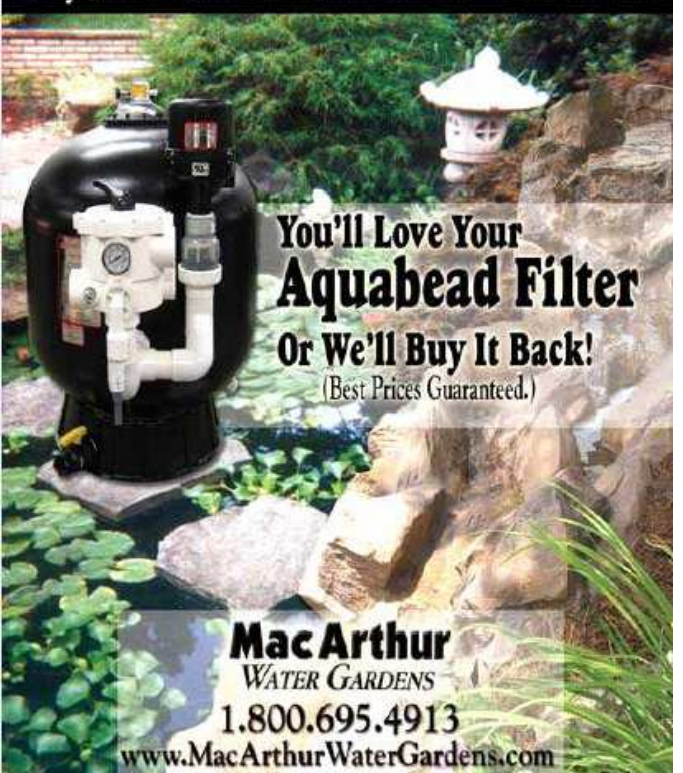
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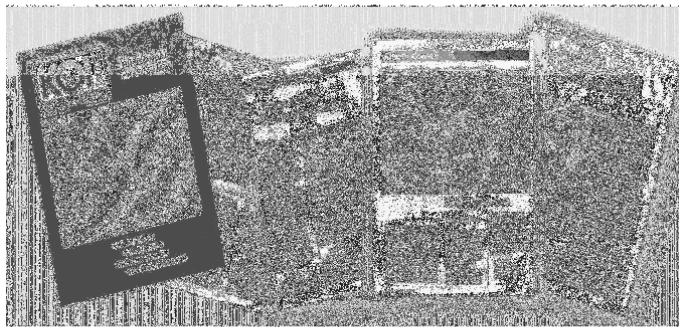


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AT JOAN AND HOWARD'S HOME**

Via Turnpike: Exit at Lake Worth Road, Exit 93. Go West two miles to S/R 7. Continue going west on Lake Worth Road for approximately 1.3 miles. Turn Left into the Wellington Shores development (first left turn past Panther Run elementary school on right). At the gate **press 1066** to gain access. Turn right into the development and make the 3rd Left onto Silver Ridge. Go to the 2nd block and they are the 2nd house on the right **#11114 Silver Ridge Street**

Via 95: Exit at 6th Avenue. Go west on 6th Avenue (which turns into Malaluca) to the end (Jog Road). Right on Jog Road to Lake Worth Road. Left on Lake Worth Road. When you reach the Turnpike follow from above directions.

**THERE WILL BE FISH
FOR SALE FROM THEIR
POND AT THIS MEETING.**

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