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## CLUB PURPOSE

Share ideas on building & maintaining ponds & filter systems

## CLUB LIBRARY

Pond related books & tapes available for loan to members

## PROGRAMS

Guest speakers; Raffle of pond related goods; Auction of pond related goods; Member sharing pond experience

## ACTIVITIES

Pond tour; Koi show; Photo contest; Hands on hobby related projects

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual.....\$15.00

Family.....\$21.00

## Greetings Fellow Ponders:

This is my 24<sup>th</sup> edition, and my last one as president. It has been a long run for me and I've had some life changing experiences during this time, I've gained a daughter, made new friends, made some more enemies, but overall enjoyed being the President of a fun organization. I am stepping down as President, as the bylaws say I must, but plan on continuing to be an active member of this club. Next month, our new President will have the honor of writing to you.

Last month was our annual Holiday Party (PC term) in which we all had a wonderful time. The food again was excellent, but the most fascinating thing was Bob Colling's Pond Cake, a miniature version of his pond, on a cake with running water. Bob told me he would make one every year from now on (Just kidding Bob) He spent hours creating this masterpiece...Good job.

This month we will have the elections for new officers...there is a whole bunch of positions open, so this will be an exciting night. Also this month I will be showing a slideshow on the rebuilding of Phil's pond, which I helped with. Over the past 5 years I've taken in as much information as possible about proper KOI pond construction. Phil's pond is the culmination of this information, thus the creation of a masterpiece (of course I would say that, I helped with it)

This is what I have learned from my experiences, I am now Mr. Bottomdrain, if you can drain your pond and re-fill it every year then you don't need one, if you can't, you do. This is my opinion, I have 2 ponds, one I drain, one I don't, As for the myth that they leak, I haven't had a problem with the 6 I've done to date (4 different manufacturers). Although I haven't spoke with Beverly or Paul from Windy Acres

A few weeks ago, a few of us went to Koi by Keirin's for his Holiday open House, where we got a chance to meet with a couple a Japanese Koi Breeders and also to learn about the updates on KHV (we also saw some really nice Koi also, right Bonnie) We also ran into Larry Nau from Bergen Water-gardens, as he and Carl worked out details on the AKCA seminar Judging sessions. Being into Koi I learned a lot about the history of when and where the types originated from, and also about the great hardship that last year's earthquake has put onto to the breeders in that region. We seemed to enjoy ourselves, so if you are ever in the Allentown PA area stop in and have a look around.

*Remember to keep a hole open in the ice!!*

If you are thinking about upgrading your pond next year, remember to check out the dealers that advertise in our newsletter, or those that help us out.

**Have you checked your pond today?**

Hope to see you at the meeting!

*Loren*



**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

Thank you for all the encouragement that you have given me in regards to the newsletter. As a result of this, I have entered our newsletter in a contest that is run by the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society.

The newsletter will be judged on four different categories, Fundamental Elements, Recommended Topics, Editorial Quality, and Design and Delivery. Each entry will receive a written critique from the judges.

They will choose two winners who will each receive a free registration for one of their club members to the 2006 IWGS Symposium in Florida.

Keep your fingers crossed.

**REFRESHMENTS**

- Jan Diane Young & Marlene Hyden
- Feb Mary O'Connor
- March \_\_\_\_\_
- April Nancy Wojnowski
- May \_\_\_\_\_
- June Pam Craig & Joan Gierlak
- July Tom & Felicia Kolaz
- Aug \_\_\_\_\_
- Sept Elaine Sitarek & Carol Filipski
- Oct \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov \_\_\_\_\_
- Dec Christmas Party

Refreshments are always a welcome part of our meetings giving us the opportunity to socialize with friends that we do not see often enough. If you would like to be the host or hostess for one of the available months, please contact Barb Weber at 688-7924.

# WORD FIND

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| <b>Accumulation</b>            | <b>Whiteout</b>     | <b>Toast</b>       | <b>Aquarius</b>   |
| <b>Ice Storm</b>               | <b>Innaguration</b> | <b>Snow Plow</b>   | <b>Resolution</b> |
| <b>Martin Luther King, Jr.</b> | <b>Ball Drop</b>    | <b>Shovel</b>      |                   |
| <b>Celebration</b>             | <b>January</b>      | <b>Salt</b>        |                   |



## Featured Pond of the Month

### My Pond

By Bill and Doreen Moskaluk

Very much to my dismay, my wife had me start digging a big hole in the ground. I was contemplating a burial plot but as it turns out I discovered a very enjoyable hobby. That plot is now a 500 + gallon relaxing oasis.

It is plenty deep for over-winter stays but our "snow-bird" koi have 2 condos (150



and 90 gal) down south (our basement) for their winter pleasures.

The outside pond had a meager beginning as you can see from the picture, but over the past few years has turned into a beautiful paradise with an Atlantic Bio-Falls which serves as the biological filter. There is a 1600 gph Beckett Waterfall Pump and a Tetra UV2 Light keeping the water flowing clearly.

Plant life is abundant with Anacharis, lilies, a Black Taro and whatever else my neighbor Mary and my wife can conjure



up. We managed fairly well, but joining the "Koi Club" has taught us so much more. Everyone is so knowledgeable and has been at this so much longer. That wealth of information is key to having and sustaining a successful pond. We appreciate the help and will be tapping that knowledge base after our move out to Holland (hopefully soon), where we get to "do it again" come spring.



## Board of Directors Meeting

The newly elected Officers and members of the Board of Directors will meet on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Ed McKee at 7:00pm.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Ed and Mary at 876-0210. Their home is located at 145 W Grimsby Rd, Buffalo, NY 14223.

## Elections

Nominations and voting will take place at the January 2006 meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

The positions to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition we will also be accepting nominations and voting for the five Board of Director positions.

The Officers and Board of Directors meet monthly, usually two weeks before the club meeting.

## SUNSHINE CLUB

Please remember our members and bring a little sunshine into their lives when they may need it most. If you are aware of a member experiencing a "Life Event" in their family such as weddings, birth announcements, illness, surgery or death, please contact our Sunshine Chairperson, Lorri Porter at 694-6652 with the details.

Please remember Rich Wojnowski who is not feeling well.

## Jersey Convention

Season's Greetings, Sister Societies!

The American Livebearer Association would like to invite your members and their families to attend our 2006 Convention, April 28-30, at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center in East Hanover, New Jersey (New York Metro Area). The ALA Convention is well-regarded as an affordable and friendly aquarium event. The 2006 Convention will be truly spectacular with something for everyone including:

- 2 luxurious tours of New York City on Friday morning**
- 2 days of speakers**
- 2 fish shows (ALA and IFGA)**
- 2 auctions (ALA and the East Coast Guppy Assoc.)**
- vendor and product expo room**
- hospitality room wine-tasting (to benefit the Vern Parish Fund)**
- awards banquet.**

On site or within blocks of the hotel are dozens of restaurants, multi-plex theatre, indoor amusement park, and lots of specialty stores. For more information and to register, your members can log on to [www.livebearers.org](http://www.livebearers.org) Would you be kind enough to publish this information in your next newsletter and website, as well as announce at an upcoming meeting? We have attached our poster and brochure to make this easier.

On behalf of the American Livebearer Association, thank you so very much for your support and assistance!

best regards,  
Your friends at the American Livebearer Association and Richard Pierce American Killifish Association, Northeast Livebearers Association, & Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island



## Ogon

There are several varieties of Ogon and they all fall into the class of Hikari Muji-Mono. Hikari means metallic or shiny, Muji means single color and mono means one's (i.e. fish). Because these fish are one color, the emphasis is on conformation of body shape, quality of the metallic sheen (luster), clarity of the head, and the even coloration and alignment of the scales. The fins are the same color as the body and this color depth should be even across the fins. The traditional Ogon is gold but there are several color variations, the most common one being the Yamabuki Ogon. Other colors include the Orenji (orange), Purachina (platinum) and Nezu (silver grey).



Yamabuki (yellow) Ogon

Although nominally a single color metallic grouping, there is one deviation from that. When an Ogon has dark centers to its scales,



Purachina (platinum) Ogon

it becomes known as a Matsuba Ogon. Matsuba scalation gives the impression of a pinecone.

The Matsuba variants are Gin (silver) and Kin (gold). The feature to

appreciate here is the pinecone scalation. The dark scale centers should be clearly defined and the scales should be evenly distributed over and along the top of the body and down below the lateral line

## Hikari Moyo-mono

Hikari Moyo-mono is the class name for a metallic koi with two or more colors. Examples are Kujaku, Hariwake and Yamatonishiki.

This Kujaku is a two color metallic koi with Matsuba scalation. This fish has good body volume and a lovely clear head. Lustrous skin quality and scale alignment are vital in metallic fish.



### GLOSSARY

Gin – Silver

Hariwake – A metallic koi with orange or yellow pattern in a white background.

Hikari – Metallic

Kin - gold

Kujaku – A metallic koi with a red pattern on a white base and exhibiting matsuba scalation.

Matsuba – scales that are black in the center giving an overall appearance of a pinecone on a metallic fish.

Mono – one's (as in one fish)

Muji – one color

Nezu – grey

Ogon – single color metallic koi

Orenji – orange


Purachina – platinum or metallic white koi

Yamabuki – yellow

Yamatonishiki – metallic sanke

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# BE and the Surgery

By Jo Mead

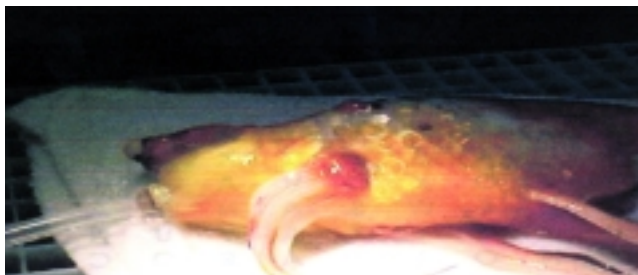
BE is my goldfish, BE is short for Bulgy Eye, and in July we discovered that he had a growth on his side. He has had a dermatitis condition on and off for some time where he develops cysts. These have been removed through prior surgeries, which ended up being sterile cysts for the most part.



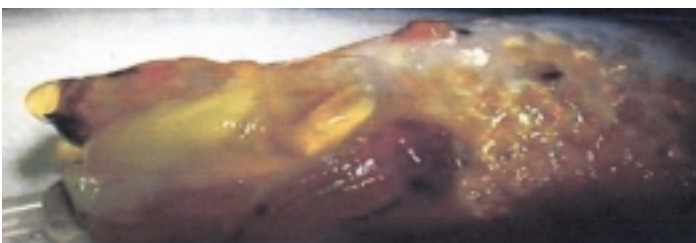
When the growth started on his side I thought it might be another cyst but it didn't look right and we had no way of knowing what the growth was until we received the pathology report. Dr. Helen Roberts of Five Corners Animal Hospital performed the surgery in Orchard Park, NY.

The first thing that Dr. Roberts said about BE was "Oh my God! He has gotten huge." It turns out that the last time he saw Dr. Roberts was June 12, 2004 and he weighed in at 135 grams or 4.7 ounces. The day of his surgery, July 22, 2005 he weighed 250 grams or 8.8 ounces. He had doubled his weight during the past year. I believe his weight gain is due to the Mazuri gel food that I have been feeding him.

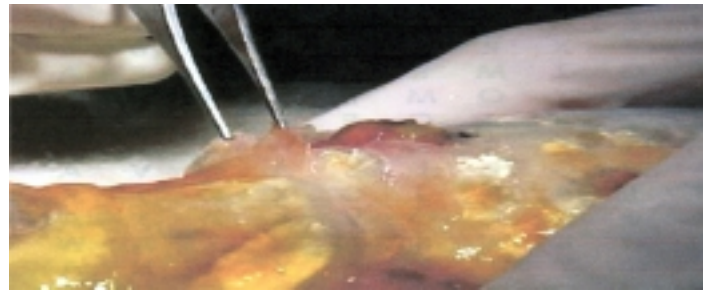
BE was sedated with a solution of Finquell with an equal amount of baking soda to buffer it. The anesthesia tube was inserted in his mouth so the



Finquell solution could be pumped over his gills while surgery was performed.



Next the growth was swabbed with betadine and a few scales were removed from the surgical area.



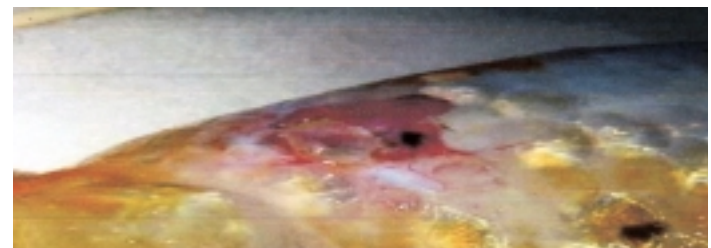
The growth starts to be removed.



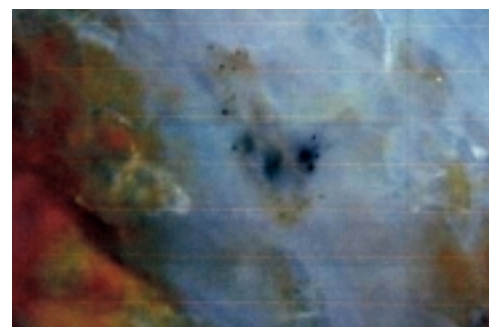
Here is a portion of the growth removed. Finally the surgery is finished. Pressure is applied to stop any bleeding and the incision is wiped with betadine. The



patient recovered very quickly. Three days after surgery. Then the bottom picture, One week after surgery.



When the pathology report came back it was diagnosed as a malignant melanoma. It was very close to the abdominal wall and Dr Roberts was concerned about cutting into the abdominal wall when she was removing the growth. There was talk about giving him chemo but we decided that he should be left alone. Up to this point he has been doing very well for the most part and the growth has not come back.





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# The Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party for the club was held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the V. F. W. Post. As you entered the Post, the first thing to catch your eye was the masterpiece created by Bob Colling. Bob wowed everyone with his recreation of his own pond that included a working waterfall and actually had fish, even though they were paper cutouts! The secret was that the front half of the pond was cake, but the pond itself

was actually a separate part which was all tied together with a luscious layer of frosting.



The food seemed endless. Jenny Craig and Dr. Atkins were left at the door and I was faced with my first big decision of the evening; do I head to



the right where the appetizers were, or go towards the left to the desserts. The appetizers were very tasty, but soon the

chocolate fountain supplied by Chris Wilkolaski was beckoning me. One of our newest members, Jody Ferris, brought homemade Christmas



cutouts that were individually frosted and hand painted, each almost to beautiful

to eat. I wonder if she would like to go into the cookie business???



When dinner was served there was a large assortment of salads and entrées and of course, beef on weck.



As I wandered about the room the subject of the upcoming elections were on everyone's

mind. I hope that we will have a large attendance and participation at the next meeting when the elections will be held.

I know that I enjoyed the party, food, and companionship. It was a nice beginning to the holiday season and an enjoyable way to end a year of meetings.



The NFKPC meets the 2nd Friday of every month at 7:00 PM, at the VFW Post on Elgin St. in Tonawanda. Take Delaware north from I-290, 1.5 miles to right on York (at Skill Buick) to Elgin. Everyone is welcome!



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## NIAGARA FRONTIER KOI & POND CLUB UP-COMING EVENTS IN WESTERN NY

- Jan & Feb Rail Barons Train Show – Buffalo Historical Society
- Jan 1 – 29 Amaryllis Show – Buffalo Botanical Gardens
- Feb 9-12 WNY Home & Garden Expo – Agricenter at the Hamburg Fairgrounds
- Feb 18 ICE Festival – Mayville, NY
- Feb 24 Cottage Gardening for the Home – Lana’s Little House  
 965-2798 – Forrestville, NY 9:30 am to noon
- Feb 25-26 Orchid Show – Buffalo Botanical Gardens
- Mar 4-12 Home Show – Buffalo Convention Center
- Mar 23-26 Plantasia – Agricenter at the Hamburg Fairgrounds
- April 1-23 Spring Flower Show – Buffalo Botanical Gardens
- June 22-25 AKCA Seminar – Koi Across Niagara – Buffalo Convention Center Hosted by Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club**
- July 19-23 International Waterlily and Watergarden Society Seminar - Florida

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