

# NISEI NEWS

## June—Tosai Event

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From the time our tosai are harvested, hobbyists wait patiently for these koi to be placed for sale.

A large number of our tosai are selected to be grown out and not for sale during the winter months. During this period, as they are growing and developing, we are watching them closely to see which ones will be selected to return to the mud ponds for another summer of growth.

The koi are selected for many reasons. Most are selected because they are so undeveloped that only by growing them out will their true beauty be recognized at some point in the future. Others are set aside for potential parent stock. These

koi, again, usually display traits that only a breeder may be interested in. And, of course with the high demand for 12" + koi the only way to get them is to grow them!

The time has come for the final selection of tosai to stay to become nisai. These koi have been placed back into the mud and unlike the fry, won't be viewed again until the fall harvest. Another waiting game!

### ***With Bad Comes Good..***

We do not have enough mud pond space to keep all the high class tosai we produce. Each pond is designated for a certain size range. The stocking rate of each pond is critical for

getting the maximum growth in the koi. This excess amount of tategoi gives hobbyists a unique opportunity to own koi that in other circumstances a breeder would not sell at this age.

June will launch the sale of these high class tosai. The koi will be viewable for purchase here at the farm and on our website [www.qualitykoi.com](http://www.qualitykoi.com).

### **2008 Tosai Event**

**June 7-8th**

**Koi will be viewable at the farm and online.**

## **Farm News... When to Breed** *by Jennifer McCann*

In past years we have started our breeding for the season between late April and early May. Our projection was, that if we began breeding in April when our annual warm up begins here in New Jersey, we would gain a few more weeks of growth in the koi, which for our conditions could mean an extra inch or two. However, early May tends to cool back down for a few weeks. This temperature change can be both problematic and a nuisance.

This year we decided to wait until the end of May. Truthfully, at the time this news letter is being written that is still speculation and it won't be a surprise if its early June before we begin. The end of April took us up to 80° F this year, but now back down to more mild temps in the 50-60 F. Even Mother Nature felt a need to throw a Nor'easter at us this May.

Our koi are stored in warm greenhouses thru the winter and moved out doors when they are ready to be bred. When a cold snap happens the temperature differential between the greenhouses and the outdoor temperature is too much and the koi will not breed, so the breeding has to be delayed.

For fry hatched before the cold snap the live food (daphnia) that they depend on the first few days of life is in low numbers, as it reproduces slower in cooler temperatures. So, we have not seen any growth benefits by starting breeding a few weeks earlier.

As in all the elements of our farming we compare each years' practices and make an educated decision in when it's the best time to start breeding for the year. In our business we do always have to take Mother Nature into consideration, some days she's on our side, some days not.

So, what happens if breeding occurs late this year. Yes, it's a possibility that this years stock will on average be smaller at harvest. But, we will adjust feeding and stocking numbers by culling harder to try to overcome this. In the winter we also will try to make up loss of growth in the greenhouses, giving the top grade koi plenty of space and food to grow. They will surely have plenty of opportunity to play catch up before heading to the mud ponds next summer.

### Nisei Koi Farm

#### News

We want to give you the information you want to hear.

Send us your questions or topic of interest and we will select one each month to discuss.

#### Email

Farm News Topic

[www.qualitykoi.com](http://www.qualitykoi.com)

Please include your name and state

## *Koi in Mud*

In June, you will be able to start viewing the koi selected to go to the mud ponds online at [www.qualitykoi.com](http://www.qualitykoi.com). The

photo processing takes us a little time so keep an eye on the site for new uploads.

The koi can be viewed thru our catalog stating that they are in mud ponds or thru the "Mud Pond" page under the Nisei Koi Farm link.



### My Nisei Koi

If you would like to share your favorite Nisei Koi with other hobbyists

Please send a picture and a short description on what makes this koi special to your pond

We will feature these koi in future newsletters

Please send pictures to

[info@qualitykoi.com](mailto:info@qualitykoi.com)

Subject: My Nisei koi

### Upcoming Shows

June 14-15th

*New England Water Garden and Ornamental Fish Show*

Mallory Arena, Eastern States Exhibition Grounds  
West Springfield, MA

[www.pioneervalleypondclub.com](http://www.pioneervalleypondclub.com)

June 21-22

*Northern Midwest ZNA Koi and Goldfish Show and Pond Expo* Indianapolis State Fairgrounds

[www.nmzna.com](http://www.nmzna.com)

### *Koi Farming Over Winter* by Ross Morgan

There is a common misconception about winter life on the koi farm. Most would logically think that farming is finished for the season after harvest. But nothing could be further from the truth. In fact winter is when we wear our hats of all trade, multitasking on different projects dictated by none other than Mother Nature herself. First and foremost is the care and health of the koi that have been brought into the greenhouses. Once adjusted to the indoor clear water environment and quarantined there is much time and labor involved with grading, sizing and photographing. These jobs predominantly get done during and after rain and snow, when the working conditions for outdoor

project are poor. When conditions are dry we wear our farmer and constructioner hats, maintaining the mud ponds which have been harvested and left to dry. In addition this year we continued with the development of several mud pond projects. One saw the creation of a completely new mud pond. This new pond makes it now an even 30 tosa and nisa ponds. The other project involves a much larger scale and a longer term. We continued work on our second and third acre ponds. These ponds require an unbelievable amount of dirt, clay, machinery and man hours to complete, but only if the weather and time allows.

Our construction, plumbing and aquaculture hats were all well worn this winter. We constructed five fiberglass indoor ponds giving us an additional ten thousand gallons of indoor holding capacity. We also are working on an additional 20 fiberglass ponds, upon writing of this article. Each pond requires countless hours and are being setup outdoors, so weather will dictate the pace of this project! Coordination and prioritization of our winters jobs is like most believe correctly, dictated by Mother Nature, but there is always work to be done on the Nisei Koi Farm.



## **Matsunosuke News** by **MAT MCCANN**

After four years I return again to Japan briefly for Toshio Sakai's harvest/ auction event in October 2007 and again in February 2008 for the all Japan show and to select new parent koi from the highest quality selection in the world. During both trips I selected also a few nisai and sansai; sanke, kohaku and showa, to be grown out this year in our mud ponds and be put up for sale this fall. After a very thorough quar-



antine period to ensure there was no possibility of any viral outbreak we felt comfortable growing these koi in our mud ponds along with our koi. We look forward seeing Mr. Sakai's current production along side ours when harvested at our Main Event Harvest this fall.

At the end of the February trip Mr. Sakai surprised me by taking me to one of his many satellite concrete storage sites where he showed me his latest Matsunosuke creation. The koi were high class long fish tosai yamabuki ogons. Coincidentally, this was the variety that I have been trying to find as a parent

koi. We arranged to have shipped 150 of these tosai in early April. They again surprised us by sending us 40 super high quality tosai in our shipment for us to sell and possible future parent koi for our farm. Both the yamabuki and go sanke tosai will be grown together in our first mud pond exclusively for Matsunosuke koi. I am eager to see the result of these special koi in the fall.



### **New Wholesale Website** **www.niseikoifarm.com**

Each season we ask and welcome all feedback from our dealers. Of course, we love to hear the positive, but don't ignore the negative. We understand that we are a small farm and our staff spends most of the summer hours making and caring for the koi. These are all jobs that must be done to enable us to continue to supply our dealers with a large variety of strong, healthy, high quality koi that they have come to expect from us. However, we know this does make it hard for many to get a hold of us during this busy time.

In an effort to fix this communication barrier we added a branch off our current website for our wholesale business.

Now at [www.niseikoifarm.com](http://www.niseikoifarm.com) qualified dealers can log in to get pricing and current specials. Weekly emails are sent out to those who

are signed up with current availability. Information about our farm and breeding program can also be found thru this site.

All dealers need to do is contact us with a user name and password and we will set you up.

If you are a company who is not yet a qualified dealer with us all you have to do is send us your company tax ID certificate for proof of business and once accepted we will set you up to have access to the site.

This is a new site and, as always, we welcome any feedback you may have to improve it.

*Please contact us if you would like more information on the new website.*  
**[www.niseikoifarm.com](http://www.niseikoifarm.com)**

**Mat McCann will be speaking**

**June 27th**

**At the**

**AKCA Seminar  
In Jacksonville, FL.**

**Mat will be sitting on the panel with fellow Breeders discussing American Koi Breeding**

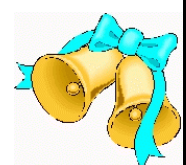
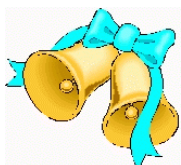
**[www.akca.org](http://www.akca.org)**

### **Bells on the Farm** by **Tara Morgan**

Since our last Nisei Newsletter, we have had many exciting events...but for me the most exciting has been my and Ross' wedding on March 15, 2008! And with the upcoming wedding of Bob Geren and Cassidy Warren on Memorial Day Weekend, our guys here have had to listen to lots of wedding chatter! Ross and I were honored to have Mat and Jennifer McCann a part of our wedding party, and now we are all looking forward to our journey to North Carolina this weekend for Bob and Cassidy's wedding. With koi farming being more of a lifestyle, and not just a job, we feel so fortunate to have our Quality Koi family here at the farm!

***The Farm will be closed Memorial weekend, May 25 and 26th for***

***The wedding of Quality Koi's  
Bob Geren To Cassidy Warren***



## Wholesale Availability

### **DON'T BUY THE LEFT OVERS!**

Here, at Quality Koi Co., we continually have new batches of koi coming out of quarantine all thru the year. You will receive the same quality and health in each order.

All of our koi are quarantined to assure you and your customer receive healthy koi!

**Cut out the import and middle man cost that is eating into your profit!**

Contact us now to receive an updated availability list.

The Nisei Koi farm is the home of

Quality Koi company.

The farm is the facility in which Nisei Koi

(meaning: second generation) are bred and raised. Our koi are

produced from the highest quality Japanese parents available.

By starting with the highest quality

Parents we are able to produce

some of the best koi outside of Japan. By eliminating the importing cost on the koi, we have opened the door to many hobbyists to now be able to own a high quality koi for an affordable price and

purchase Tategoi that would usually stay in Japan.



Find weekly updates, koi for sale and farm events and much more @

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*We, at Quality Koi Company, strive to produce and provide each koi hobbyist with an affordable, healthy, high quality koi.*

*We invite customers to our farm to see our large number of koi for sale and the facility in which these koi are produced.*

**Customers are welcome to visit the farm**

**Saturdays 10-3pm**

**Sundays 12-3pm**

