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on-line version of the South East Section BKKS' newsletter called "Spotlight", suitably sanitised and denuded of in-house content to make it interesting for other Koi Clubs. However, it will also contain some occasional South East publicity.

"Hot Spot" will be a periodic publication i.e. it will get published when we have enough articles to fill it's 8 pages.

Copies of it will reside on the South East's website and will be distributed to other Koi Clubs who indulge us with an exchange of magazines or newsletters.

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Our 21st issue.

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Yohei “Hybrid” Koi – Quest for Healthier Jumbo Champion Quality Koi

Ray Jordan

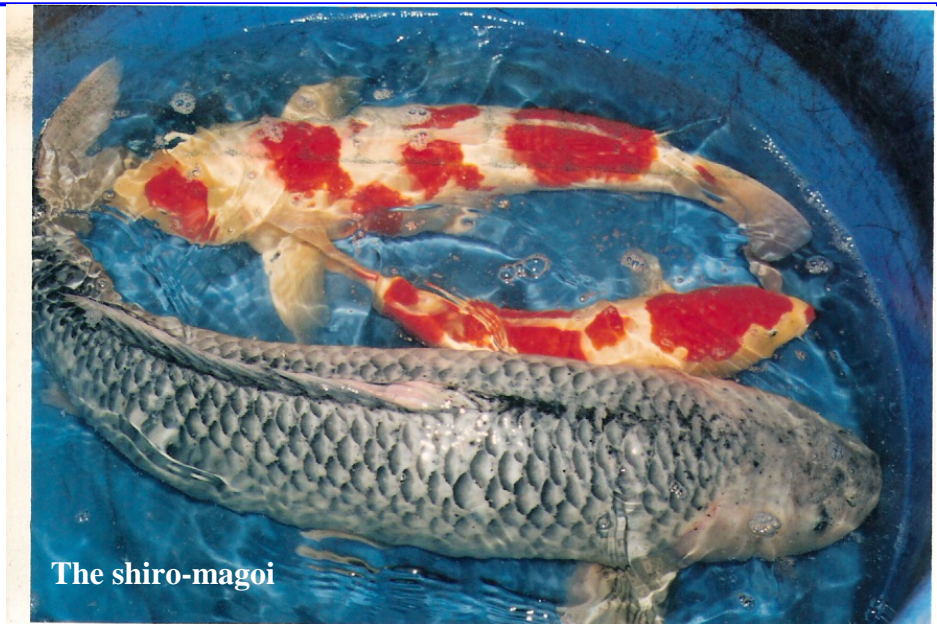
At the January 2006 All Japan Combined Nishikigoi show in Tokyo I met a Japanese koi breeder, Yohei Nagasagi. We were invited to visit him at his koi farm during our visit to Japan and we gladly accepted and planned to meet him several days later after returning from sightseeing in Kyoto. This article is the result of interviews with him during this visit and also during a visit he made to a club event in San Antonio Texas several months later.

Yohei-san decided to sell his construction business and switch from avid koi hobbyist to professional full time koi breeder about 20 yrs. ago. He apprenticed with Hajime Sakuma's father (Kanichiro) in Isawa for several years to learn how to breed, select and grow show quality koi. Yohei-san started his own koi farm in Toyoto City which is near Nagoya Japan. Nagoya is several hours drive south of Ojita city. Yohei-san had good early success breeding mainly kohaku and sanke. One of his Sanke's won Koyugo (best in size) for 70 bu male at the 2005 All Japan combined Nishikigoi show in Tokyo.

Yohei-san had a goal to breed jumbo champion koi. Yohei had a revelation about 10 years ago when one of his customers told him about a shiro magoi (white wild carp) that he had discovered in a magoi breeders pond. Stories of white magoi had surfaced before but they would turn out to be nothing more than a feral shiro muji (plain white koi normally culled that had escaped into the wild). Yohei said that when he saw this carp he knew it was very special and a authentic shiro magoi from it's overall appearance and classic wild type body shape. I was shown a photo of this fish and it looked like a jumbo shiro matsuba (white with black netting) with the definitive wild type magoi body conformation.

Yohei was able to make an arrangement with this customer to borrow the shiro magoi to try breeding it with two of his best sanke parent koi. The Shiro Magoi was named “Monster” and she was over 40 inches in length and had a very powerful body shape.

The first “hybrid” babies were almost all shiro muji or shiro matsuba (all white or white with black netting) with a few babies



looking like shiro bekkos. Almost none developed any red pattern. These “2nd generation” baby koi were clearly much much larger than regular koi babies at the same age and growing at a more rapid rate. A few specially selected 2nd generation shiro bekkos and shiro muji jumbo hybrid babies were to become the foundation for all the Yohei hybrid koi to come.

The 2nd generation shiro bekkos were bred to sanke, showa, and goshiki parent koi to produce 3rd generation hybrid koi and the best of these babies were bred to produce 4th generation hybrid koi with about 25% magoi genetics. The 25% magoi genetics is a factor of 3-5 fold greater than other breeders that have used the traditional black magoi to produce their line of hybrid koi. Using a black magoi takes several additional generations to move to white based hybrid koi and produce show quality offspring. However these additional generations also reduce the percentage of magoi genetics when bred with regular koi to improve quality. Likewise 2nd generation shiro muji were bred with kohaku and ogon parent koi to produce hybrid kohaku and hybrid yamabuki koi. 4th generation is the level where Yohei believes the best combination of size, quality, pattern, and heartiness will be expressed.

The 3rd generation koi tended to have very weak red but grew to jumbo's at a very

early age. With the 4th generation hybrids the colors and patterns really begin to pop.

Yohei-san has eighteen growing ponds for baby koi each about ¼ acre in size. He also has five larger mud ponds for nisai and older koi ranging up to 5 acres each.

I was quite taken with Yohei's obvious passion for koi and great sense of humor. He was a wonderful host while we were in Japan and also a fun guest on his visit to Texas a few months later. He is a true hobbyist's oriented breeder that really enjoys teaching westerners about koi and how to identify the best quality and future potential.

There are a few 4th generation Yohei hybrid nisai and Sansai starting to show up in some hobbyist ponds around the world. Only time will tell if Yohei's dream of producing jumbo hybrid champion koi becomes a reality. It sure will be fun and interesting to watch how his koi develop over the next few years. Here is a photo of a nisai Yohei hybrid sanke bought as tosai by Carsten Pedersen that won Young champion at the Dallas Koi Kichi Group show in Texas, June 2006.

It is still very early in Yohei's hybrid breeding program with the oldest 4th generation hybrid koi only four years old. However the results are already exciting as seen in some of the photographs included with this article. Largest Sansai (3) year olds are over 80cm (pic #3), Nisai (2) year olds over 70cm, and the largest one year olds have grown to 55cm. I am betting in a few more year's when some of these koi reach 5-6 years and over 90 cm he will become very well known. Can't wait to see some photos of his fall harvest and the first crop of four year old 4th generation hybrids. One of the thrills of visiting Japan is the dream of discovering that emerging breeder just before he becomes famous. Only time will tell.



3rd generation hybrid sanke with hybrid "bekko" and Terazo sanke parents (weak beni)



4th generation hybrid sanke with hybrid sanke parents (all three colors are strong)



Carsten Pedersen's Young Champion Dallas Koi Kichi Show 2006 a Nissai Yohei 'Hybrid' Koi bought as Tosai.



I was very taken with this hybrid nisai mauratan sanke. Very impressive size plus great quality of all three colours



This three year old hybrid sanke was already over 33 inches and coming along very nicely

Ray Jordan is a member of the Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Society, an AKCA as well as a ZNA Local Certified Judge.

David Brown's 21st.



At our AGM (April meeting) the South East Section paid tribute to their long standing Chairman and his wife for their service to the club. The presentation was made by Brian Edwards, a former Show Chairman and our current Newsletter Editor who recalled that Dave was officially elected our Chairman exactly 21 years to the day. However, prior to that he had been our Vice Chairman for 4 years and in that period had taken over from the Chairman of the day Tony West numerous times before Tony moved on to become Chairman of the BKKS.

Brian's speech accurately cited Dave's integ-

rity and dedication to the club & the hobby as being the strength behind the success of the Section. Dave's diplomatic skills also received a mention and they are legendary to those of us that have been around a few years. The word 'behind' is very apt as Dave has never been one to grab the limelight and feed his own ego. Dave's contribution to the hobby has always been one of support, happy to lend his support and talents to any member prepared to step up to the plate be it for the Section or for the Society. We suspect he may be one of the longest serving Section Chairmen within the BKKS, but typical of Dave it's probably one of the best kept secrets as well.

The photo (above) of Dave receiving his

trophy accompanied the South East's Section News article that was sent to the BKKS Magazine collator and Koi Community editor of Koi Carp Magazine. Koi Carp appear to have circulated that info ahead of their publication thus prompting some of the congratulatory messages that we received from their staff and other contributors to the column along with those from former and current members.

The trophy was an engraved crystal vase bearing the inscription - "Dave & Nigella 25 years of service".

Hiranaga vs Hirenaga

Select Nishikigoi are a new Koi outlet in the UK run by two experienced dealers with a lot of history in the UK Koi industry. They are the agents for Koi No Yohei in the UK.

Such is the reputation of the proprietors that as soon as they started stocking these Koi they came to the attention of the hobbyists that frequent the UK Koi forums. Select Nishikigoi's website contains a lot of information and has a whole section devoted to this breeder and his "New Hybrid" Koi (see Ray's article on pages 2 & 3).

The subject of the debates was the term "New Hybrid" which is technically incorrect as the White Magoi is a carp and not a separate species. However, it is the term that Koi No Yohei chose as the brand for this new bloodline, also known as the Hiranaga which translates to "Broad and Long" and not to be confused with Hirenaga which equates to "Long fin".

Doug Raby



Doug Raby one of the BKKS' JSC senior judges announced his retirement from judging this month (May). Doug joined the JSC in 1991 and during his time as a trainee he frequently attended the South East Shows. When he became a full judge his attendances in his new official capacity were rationed but this didn't stop him attending as a hobbyist which he did on every occasion. Doug also joined the South East on their Koi Treks to the NVN show and in 2005 he judged there too making a lot of friends in the international Koi community in the process.

The good news is that Doug is quitting the hobby, just the judging. He'll remain a stalwart member of the Norwich Koi Club and enjoy the hobby still.

More Meijer Magic

Gregor is continuing to recreate the 2007 South East Champions as works of art.

Our Young Champ is the 3rd in the series.



The 2007 South East Young Champion.

Shafted by a breeder ???



Supplied by
Mike Pfeffer.



Gregor's work can be viewed at :-

www.special-paint.com

The friendly City of Roses hosted the 6th Free State Chapter Koi Show on the 5th and 6th April 2008. The venue was the Checkers Hyper Centre which is conveniently situated just off the NI highway. The site is well supplied with water and water changes can be performed very quickly. Gavin Benbrook the Chapter and Show Chairman along with wife Saartjie and his team of helpers Gert, Oliver, Louis, Frans, Pieter, erected the show site. There were 45 Koi ponds for the 360 Koi entered in the show. To bench the Koi, Raj Lalloo, Richard Lee and Oosie Strydom arrived on the Friday from Johannesburg. They were assisted by Maria Anna and Ronny Botha and locals Gavin, Saartjie, Gert, Suzette, Richard, Riaan and Miagi Koi. Larry Hubbard helped the process with his computer programme that was also used to prepare the certificates for the winning entrants. When the hard work was finished on Friday we were treated to traditional poitjie kos.

In previous years the weather has not been kind to the show and this year the forecast for Saturday was for storms and high winds. However the judging began on Saturday morning in pleasant sunshine. The judges were Harry Beckx, Mike Harvey, Kevin Harrison, Larry Hubbard and Brian Lee, with Jim Phillips being appointed Head Judge for the show. The judging process went smoothly and the judging teams, in typical Free State fashion, were well supplied with refreshments. These were served with a smile by Monica, Suzette. As the day progressed the storm clouds gathered but this year the rain came late in the night.

On Saturday evening, the Chapter members and guests were treated to an entertaining evening with superb food prepared by Rika Laubscher. Gavin Benbrook was the Master of ceremonies and several fines were imposed for misdemeanours observed during the day. Even the Head judge was fined for "slow play". The auction went well raising over R4600 for the Chapter.

Financially, the show did well with a good number of paying visitors entering the show ground. No one was able to sneak past the watchful eyes of Mary Anne Harrison and Yvonne Beckx. The dealers that hired stands enjoyed some good trade. Happy Koi and Sakura Koi Farm came from Johannes-



burg and sold Koi and goods. The locals were represented by Frans and Oliver from Tuff Koi Farm and Louis Kruger from Smartie Carp Fish Hatchery.

On Sunday morning, Jim Phillips, Brian Lee and Kevin Harrison conducted a judges commentary around the ponds of the grand

champion, Reserve grand Champion and the Jumbo Champion. Prize giving featured a competition sponsored by Tuff Koi Farm for the children and there was great excitement as the little koi keepers in training collected their certificates.

The big prize winner was Gavin Benbrook

with the GC, an excellent Shiro Utsuri. The reserve GC, was a smaller fish; a very high quality Kohaku owned by Oliver Carey . The Jumbo champion was an imposing Kinginrin Chagoi entered by Miagi Koi. Carol - Miss Bloemfontein Rose assisted with the prize giving and added glamour to the event. Oosie Styrdom was the camera man recording all the action and the prize winning Koi.

The Free State show goes from strength to strength. The quality of the Koi improves every year. In the smaller sizes, in particular, there were some excellent Koi on show. The prize for the best in the ZNA variety of the year went to Louis Kruger. His Goshiki is really something special. One of the most keenly contested prizes was for Best SA bred. The winner of this category was Jaco Vorster with an excellent size 6 Sanke. They are breeding some good quality Koi in the Free State and their annual show should be marked in every Koi Keepers diary.

Last but not least we want to thank the centre manager Andrie Els for her help and support for the last three years. All the people not mentioned, we also thank you out of our hearts for all the help and support as well as the sponsors.



InterKoi 2008



Grand Champion

Supplied by Danny's Koi Café
Exhibited by Mr M.



Reserve Grand Champion

Supplied and exhibited by Paradise of Japanese Koi

I am always amazed when controversy ensues from a Koi show especially when it initiates from people who weren't there. Interkoi2008 was the latest to undergo this treatment and the key issue was the choice of Grand Champion, a Sakai FF Sanke exhibited by the now famous Me-neer M and supplied by Danny's Koi Café. Unusual and non conformist I can accept but not unworthy. Without seeing all the opposition it's really impossible for remote observers to criticise the choice. From the photos now available I see both a quality Koi with an non standard head pattern. I'm looking forward to seeing it in the flesh at another show.



The Grand Champion was not the only success for Danny's Koi Café (DKC) who also picked up the Later Young Champion, Adult Champion and Best Tategoi with three different SFF Kohakus.

But all attention quite rightly, but maybe for the wrong reasons was focused on the Grand Champion. Rumour has it that one of the judges wanted it re-benched as a Showa, thankfully that wasn't permitted. The Koi, an SFF product from Matsunosuke bloodline has an interesting background. Bought by a hobbyist in Japan and exhibited at several prefecture shows eventually winning GC. Then bought by Narita Koi Farm before being sold to DKC who sold it to Meneer M.

Under Meneer M's name the Koi was exhibited at the Tokyo Rinyukai show in Nov 2007 where it won best 80bu Sanke, and at the 2008 AJNPA Show where it came runner up to the Sanke of Mr Tepsit's Momotaro Sanke (Kokugyo) that just recently took Grand Champion at the 1st All Asia show.

We are indeed fortunate that this Koi actually made it to Europe at all. Kentaro Sakai (seen above with Danny) had originally intended to buy the Sanke back for broodstock due to its Matsunosuke bloodline.

His loss is our gain.



Danny's Koi Café is the name of Danny Descrijver & Michelle Dumalin's Koi shop in Brugge where they have a real café just next door. Danny & Michelle are still the proprietors of the wholesalers Koi San Europe who are still the European agents for Sakai Fish Farm (SFF)

Photos courtesy of Patrick van Dael and Toen Feyen. Insider information courtesy of Michelle Dumalin.

Some Japanese breeders terminology

Mark Gardner

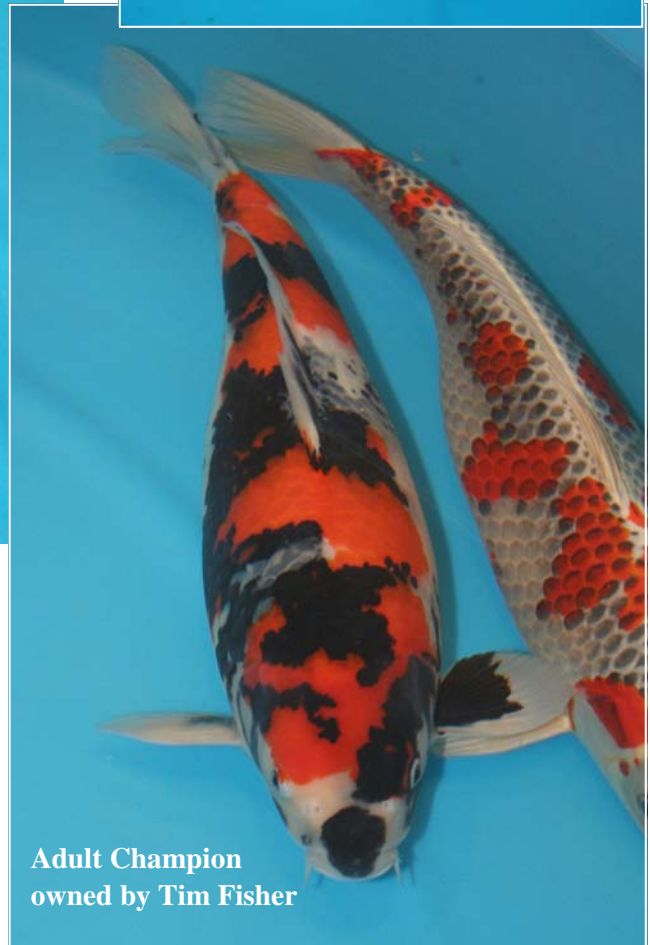
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Natural spawning	Shizen sanran	しぜんさんらん
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South Hants Show.

Grand Champion
owned by Frank Collins



Mature Champion
owned by Frank Collins

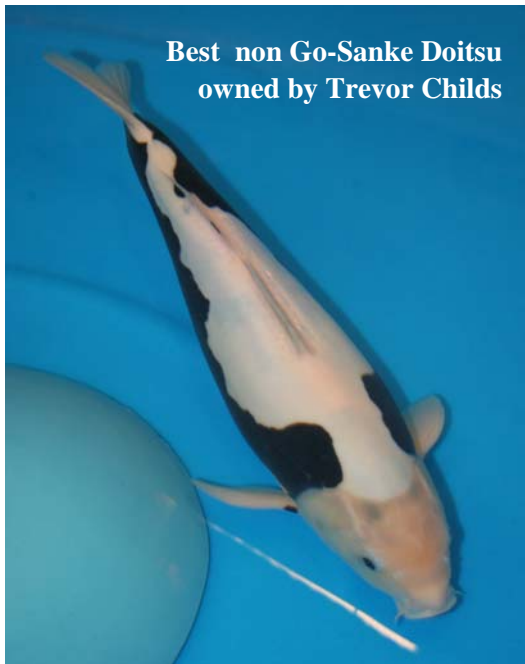


Adult Champion
owned by Tim Fisher

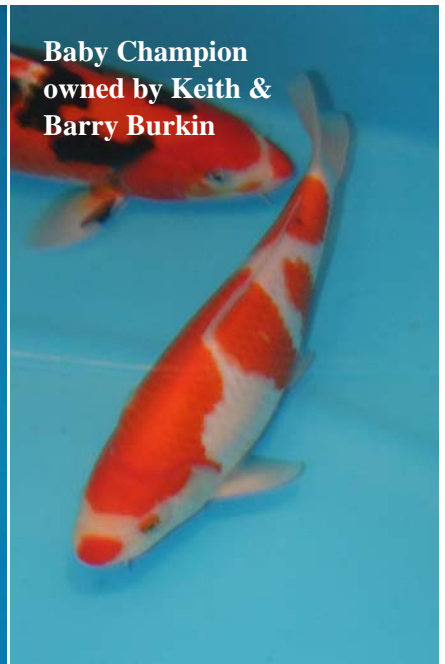
The South Hants Show is the always the first on the UK Koi Club calendar. Held indoors due to the threat of inclement weather, and rightly so this year, it is the first chance for the UK Koi-kichi to get together and admire quality Koi. The South Hants is what we call and 'open' show which means that exhibitors from outside of the club can show Koi too. It regularly attracts members of the South East Section and this year was no exception, with two of our members taking the top three prizes. Several other clubs and Sections were represented and it appeared that the prizes were shared pretty much equally amongst the exhibitors. If the GC looks familiar it is because it was the Mature Champ at the 2007 South East show. However, it has gained some volume over the winter. It was also the subject of an earlier Gregor Meijer painting.



Young Champion
owned by Trevor Childs



Best non Go-Sanke Doitsu
owned by Trevor Childs




Baby Champion
owned by Keith &
Barry Burkin

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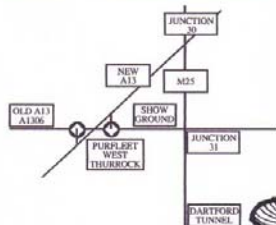
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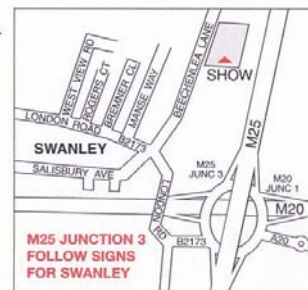
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