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is the

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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The South East
Special Edition !

Now in its
2nd Year!

The 22nd South East Show

Our 22nd Open Show took place on its normal date - the August Bank Holiday* weekend (*a quaint UK term for a public holiday).

Under new management, that of Show Chair Alan Archer the run-up to the show followed the normal course of events well documented by previous Show Chairs which allowed Alan to find his feet.

Readers of Hotspot will have observed that Alan regularly visits Koi Shows in Japan because they conveniently occur when Alan can take time off from his business. It's not surprising then that Alan wanted to try a few innovations that he'd seen over there. This year he decided to implement a Champions Row - a run of five vats where the major champions are put on display the day after judging. The Japanese believe that this helps to educate the public as well as aids photography. This change required a complete re-organisation of the show ring which Alan also used to increase the size of 6 of our show vats. Upgrading them from 2 to 3 metres in diameter in response to trends in our show stats clearly indicating a general increase in the size of the entrants. Tim Fisher (our Health Chief) and I quickly capitalized on this increase to the internal area of the ring to add more waste-water vats (to aid benching & water changes), and double the number of emergency/recovery vats*

Before embarking on the Champions Row we did consult one of the UK's leading Koi Health authorities about whether isolating the champions for effectively 5 hours would unduly stress the Koi, only proceeding when it was given the thumbs up.

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Emergency Vat - a temporary holding vat for koi that jump out. They are placed here while their true vat is determined by Benching Admin.

Recovery Vat - for koi that are excluded from the show on health reasons, before being taken home.



John Hellens with Chief Judge Dirk de Witte.

GRAND CHAMPION: Size 7 Kohaku exhibited by John Hellens.

This year's Grand Champion, a size 7.5 year old Takigawa Kohaku was imported in 2005 via Yume Koi, and christened 'the Duchess'.

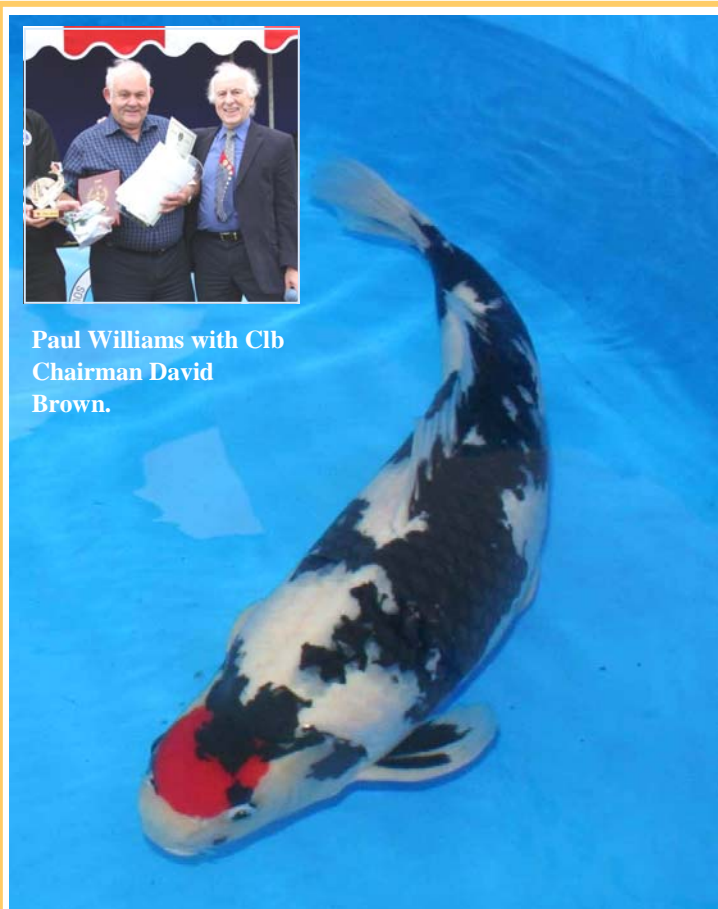
Bought as a two year old and grown on in the UK at John's own pond this Koi also has the distinction of being our 'most travelled' Grand Champion ever - having been transported 330 miles (a 660 mile round trip) to be crowned the best of the 259 exhibits that graced the show.



Show Chair Alan Archer with Frank Collins.

MATURE CHAMPION: Size 7 Showa exhibited by Frank Collins.

Frank's SakaiFF Showa took this prize last year and returned to reclaim it again. It also picked up two votes for the GC in the process. Even though there were reduced total numbers at this show, they weren't to be found in sizes 6 & 7, in fact the Showa had increased competition. Frank was talking about retiring this Koi (called Harvey) after it took Grand Champion at the South Hants show in May. We were glad to see Frank forgot that idea.



Paul Williams with Clb Chairman David Brown.

ADULT CHAMPION: Size 5 Tancho exhibited by Paul Williams.

Our Adult Champ was drawn from the 36 size 5 entries and was a star even before arriving at the show. Paul Williams' Nogami Tancho Showa has always been a popular exhibit wherever it's been on show and has a remarkable show history. Paul discovered this Koi in Feb 2002 on the Richdon Koi web-site and put a holding deposit on it. A few days later he went to see it in the flesh and coughed up the rest on the spot. It was first shown at the Manchester & District Show in 2003 where it won the Unique Koi Award. Since then it has been a regular exhibit at other shows (including the National) where it has picked up several 1st and 2nd awards in Class, a Best in size, a best non Go-sanke. This Koi also won an NVN Friendship Award, awarded at the BKKS National in 2006 an event that inspired Gregor Meijer to paint it.

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The photo from the Richdon Koi web-site in 2002 that first attracted Paul's attention.



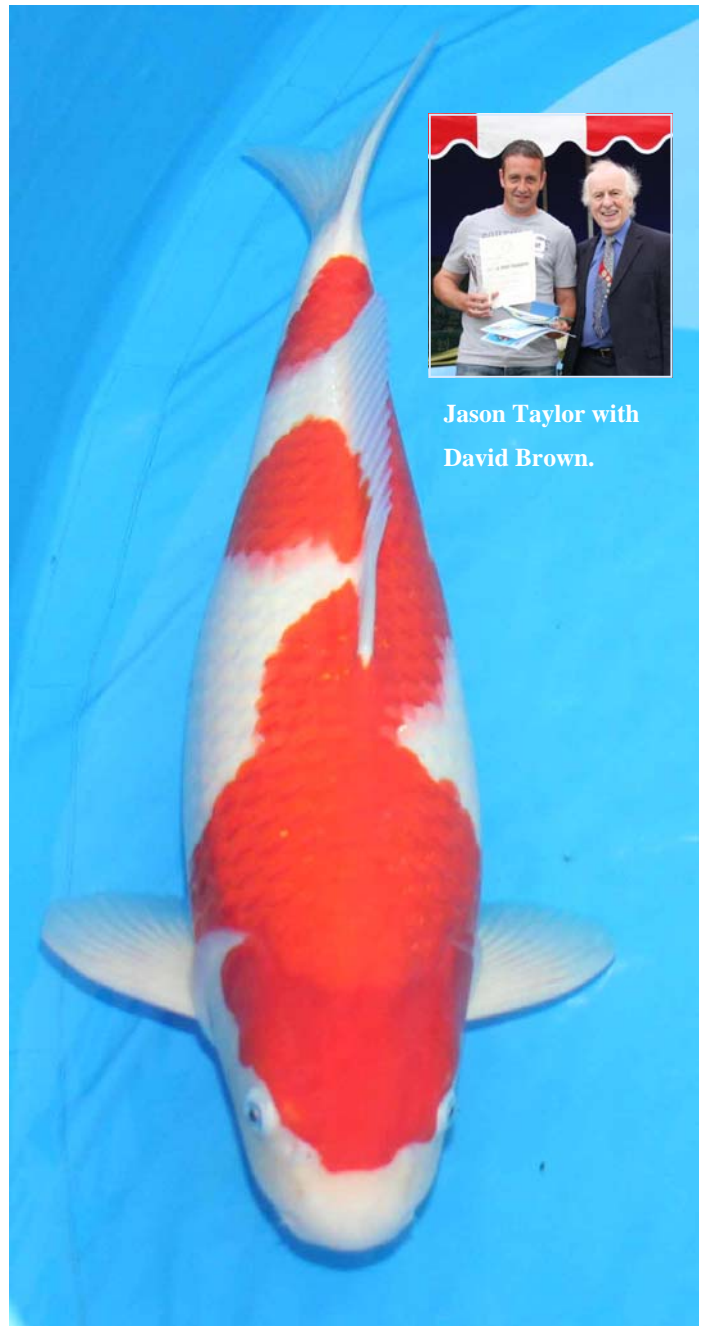
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YOUNG CHAMPION: Size 4 Kohkau exhibited by Jason Taylor.

Our Young Champion, an approximately 3 year old Yamatoya Kohaku was selected by its owner at A4 Koi just before Christmas 2007, but not collected until earlier this year. It was exhibited at the 2008 BKKS National where it was awarded their Young Champion award. Our award therefore gives Jason the satisfaction of getting a second opinion and having his earlier award endorsed by a panel of International Judges. Our Young Champ came first out of 103 entries.



Breeder Maurice Cox with Stuart Toms.



Jason Taylor with David Brown.

BABY CHAMPION:

Our Baby Champion this year was a size 2 Kohaku exhibited by Stuart Toms, one of our long distance exhibitors from Somerset. Judged the best of 92 entries, this Koi was even more remarkable as it didn't have a Japanese passport. It was bred in the UK by Maurice Cox's company Koi UK. Born in May 2007 from a 9 year old Takegawa female from the Donguri line & a two year old Matsue male, it was purchased by Stuart in May 2008. It was first shown at the BKKS National in June where it measured 27cms. When benched here just two months later it had grown to 34cms.

Bred in the UK by KOI UK !

Having increased the volume of water in the display vats all that was required was exhibits to fill them and vat bookings came in thick and fast, so much so that by then end of July all were booked. 40 exhibitors for 40 show vats. Sadly, this situation was not to last for very long. Within a week, cancellations began to occur, a record number which persisted right up until the Tuesday before the show. This quickly exhausted the standby list and by show day we were down to 35 exhibitors, 4 of whom took an extra vat with one remaining empty.

Nevertheless, what we lacked in quantity was made up for by the quality of the exhibits, a fact remarked upon by several of the judges. Like last year our judging panel was selected from the International Koi community and strengthened by the inclusion of a recent BKKS retiree, Doug Raby. Doug is highly thought of by the South East's own judging contingent and we wanted to give some of the NVN trainees the chance to benefit from his expertise before he quits the show ring for good. In addition to our standard 13 Show Classes spread over 7 sizes we also emulated the ZNA by having our own version of the 'Selected Variety' awards. This year we copied the 2007 ZNA variety and chose

L-R Alan Archer - Show Chairman, John Hellens - GC owner
Dirk de Witte - Chief Judge and David Brown - Club Chairman.



Kingirin. However, we made a slight variation by having two 1st prizes; 1 for Go-sanke and 1 for non Go-sanke and then a runner up.

And on top of these was another record (for us) of a total of 9 Friendship trophies from visiting Koi Societies.

Last year the weather at the show was cited as evidence that global warming was a reality. This year it reverted to our more traditional 'three seasons in a day', but whatever the weather we aim to

provide a warm welcome to visitors from far and wide; so come over and share the experience at the 2009 South East Show.

FYI, Our 2009 show dates have been synchronised with the NVN to ensure that they are conducive to our yearly exchange-visit, thereby making it possible to enjoy two great shows on back-to-back weekends.

The NVN Show is the 21-23rd August (Fri – Sun) and ours the weekend after, 30 & 31st (Sun and Mon).

Diarize that!



One of the Champions Vats with occupant.

The International Judging Panel.

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| Dr Dirk de Witte - Belgium | Toën Feyen - Netherlands |
| Dr Jim Phillips - South Africa | Doug Raby - U.K. |
| Gerard McDonald - Australia | Kazuo McDonald - Australia |

Trainees:

- Anja Albertsboer, Jeroen Dregmans, Willem de Graaf,
Guus Roijen, Joop van Tol - Netherlands.
Terry McNeil - Australia.

South East 2008 Role of Honour.

Grand Champion:

Kohaku size 7 John Hellens

Mature Champion:

Showa size 7 Frank Collins

Adult Champion:

Tancho size 5 Paul Williams

Young Champion:

Kohaku size 4 Jason Taylor

Baby Champion:

Kohaku size 2 Stuart Toms

Jumbo (98cms)

Kawarimono size 7 Alan Archer

Select Variety (Kinginrin)

Go-Sanke:

Kohaku size 4 Glen Corkery

Non Go-Sanke:

Koromo size 3 Gregg Harris

Runner up:

Bekko size 3 Phil Maxey &
Beryl Knox

Friendship Awards

AKA: - Gregg Harris - Koromo (3)

Banana Bar Koi Society:

Andy Baker - Muji(7)

KLAN: Alan Archer - Moyo (5)

Koi@Home:

Mick Preston - Kohaku (2)

KSA: Paul Williams - Tancho (5)

NVN: Frank Collins - Showa (7)

NVN Trainees:

Paul Williams -Tancho (5)

OKWS: Pete Marvell - Kawari (4)

SAKKS:

Mick Preston - Kohaku(2)



A random selection from our benching photos to show the diversity and quality of this year's exhibits

The Ireland Section Show

Christine Woolger

Saturday 9th August 2008.

Had to leave home at about 7.15 to go to Gatwick for the Easy Jet flight to Belfast. I was little apprehensive about Judging this Koi Show as I would be on my own, with know one to bounce any queries off, but non the less looking forward to the trip. We where all boarded on the plane by 9.35 with the essential window seat, and took off on time at 9.50 a.m. Flew out over central London and could see all the sights clearly including the London Eye. Landed in Belfast at 11 a.m. and was met by Billy Cathcart the Show Secretary. He said that they were not ready at the show for me so we went to the B & B where I was going to stay for the night. Very nice house, and could recommend this as a base for anyone to stay if they are visiting Northern Ireland. Billy then took me on a drive round Belfast, a sight seeing trip, which was very interesting, out to Stormont, the home of the Northern Irish Government. It was then back to the Show.

The Koi Show is held in Coleman's Nursery, 6 Old Ballyclare Road, Templepatrick, Ballyclare, County Antrim BT39 0BJ in one of their greenhouses, due to the nature of the Irish weather this is necessary even in August – One minute its raining, the next its bright sunshine. My paperwork man was Mark, who I knew, as he was going to join the J.S.C. but then decided to become a dealer in Northern Ireland instead.

We started judging at 1.30 p.m., there were 16 vats and 76 Koi on Show, all were in good health, other than a couple with the inevitable transit damage, and of good quality. There were the usual 13 classes, but only 4 sizes.

The Grand Champion was easy a Sanke in Vat 15. some of the other decisions were a little more difficult, and sometimes visitors got in your way as the vats are on the edge of the greenhouse so everyone viewing is on the same side, everyone is very friendly a moves out of your way.

Although small the show has some very nice touches, for example the garden centre lets them have pot plats to put between the vats, and the local art club have a couple of members sitting at the corners of the vats doing paintings of the Koi.

Finally finished judging at 4.45 p.m. and it was back to the B & B for a rest before being collected for dinner and 7.30 which was at a local hotel.

The evening was very pleasant in the company



Grand Champion:

Size 4 Sanke

Exbited by :-

Hugh Wilkinson.

you can always see Samson & Goliath the two enormous cranes from the shipbuilding days, which dominate the skyline. It was then through some of the areas of affected by the more recent troubles times of this City, and although being redeveloped you can still see the scars, and it was nice to hear the views of a local, and how times and attitudes have changed.

Now back to the show to spend the afternoon just mingling, being sociable and talking to the club members and the public about Koi and showing Koi, it is such a friendly show to be part of, and nothing is too much trouble for any one, they are all just there to have a good time and enjoy their Koi.

of Billy Cathcart, Dave (the H.S.C.) and we were joined by Jasper Kuijper, I was very surprised to see him at the show this afternoon.

Sunday 10th August 2008

A long lie in this morning – nothing happens fast in Ireland on a Sunday, Billy was joining us for breakfast at 9.15 a.m. If you have never had an Irish Breakfast then be prepared, I opted for the half size portion – wow - no need to eat for the rest of the day. No wonder Molly's breakfast have a reputation, they are wonderful.

As there are very strict Sunday trading laws in Ireland – only allowed to open between 1p.m. and 5 p.m. there is no entry into the show on the Sunday morning. Because of this Billy organises a Belfast sightseeing trip for the visiting Judge & H.S.C. We were taken to the docks where Titanic was built; Belfast City Centre, where there is some wonderful architecture, up to the Castle with its splendid gardens and views over the city and river, and where ever you are

The visiting Judge is always asked to present the trophies at the end of the afternoon, which is good as it gives you the opportunity to thank the Club for the hospitality that they have given you all weekend.

It was then time for goodbyes before going to the airport for the flight home.

It was an experience judging a Koi Show on your own, but after my apprehensions on Saturday morning, I thoroughly enjoyed it, and would go back to this show any time to Judge.

The Irish Show sizes were :-

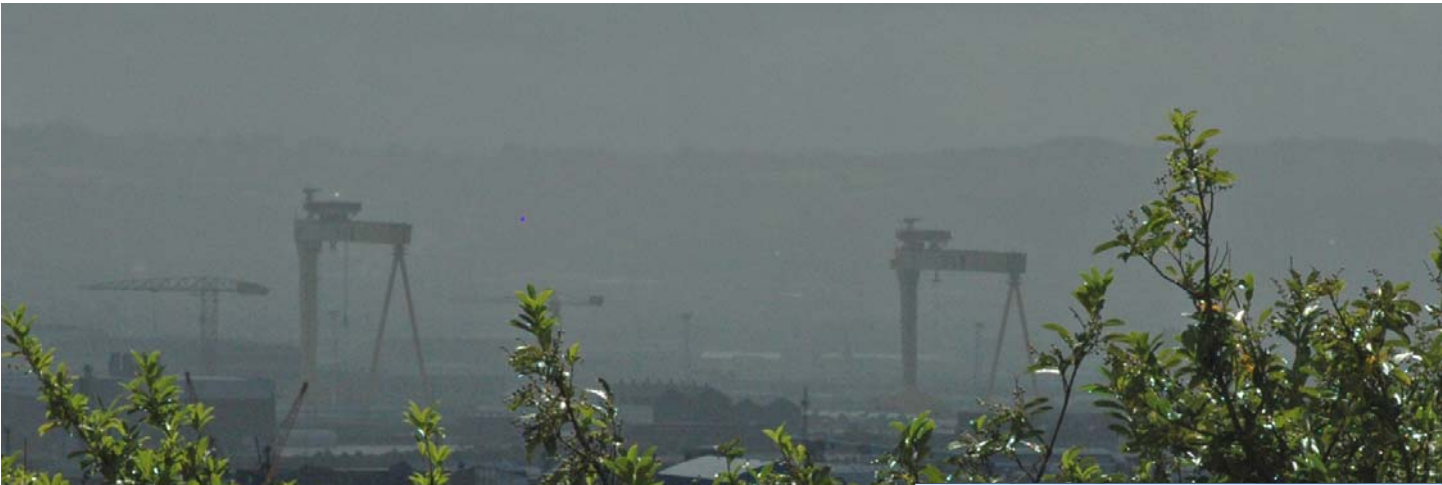
Size 1 - up to 35cms.

Size 2 - 36 - 45 cms.

Size 3 - 46 - 55 cms.

Size 4 - 56 cms and above.

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Samson and Goliath.



Role of honour
Grand Champ - Sanke - Hugh Wilkinson
Mature Champ - Showa - D. Neal
Adult Champ - Kohaku - Raymond Tang
Young Champ - Kohaku - Colin Surgenor
Baby Champ - Kohaku - Raymond Tang
Jumbo - Kawarimono - Alan Jones



The venue.

Mr. Masao Kato recently stood down as Chairman of the Zen Nippon Airinkai (ZNA) after serving as Chairman for many years. As a Chapter of ZNA, the South African Koi Keepers Society owes a tremendous amount to Mr. Kato who was instrumental in our Society becoming an integral part of not only the ZNA but the International Koi world in general and our members learning the finer points of koi appreciation.

He was the first of ZNA Judges ever to visit South Africa when in May 1991 he was Chief Judge at the 2nd SAKKS National Koi Show held at the Rosebank School in Johannesburg.

He returned again the following year and again in 1996, 1997 and 1998. Along with Mr. Hiroshi Masuda who accompanied him during these years, Mr. Kato was dedicated to educating our members on all aspects of koi keeping and koi appreciation. Indeed it was Mr. Kato who followed up on Dr Kuroki's drive to expand the hobby of koi keeping throughout the world. Apart from attending our shows during these years, Mr. Kato encouraged us to visit Japan and especially Niigata, the birth place of Koi. During the 1990's and early 2000's Mr. Kato organised tours for international hobbyists visiting Japan before and after the ZNA All Japan Show in November each year. These tours became known as "The Kato Fun Tours" and many SAKKS members were fortunate enough to go on one or more of these annual tours. Mr. Kato would arrange coaches to meet members at Tokyo Airport and take them to his home town where he has a huge koi farm to house his collection. A visit to his home and personal ponds was a highlight as he had probably the best Koi collection in the world at that time. Then the tour would head towards Niigata, stopping overnight at some scenic spot where he hosted a dinner in Japanese style-insisting his guests also put on Japanese clothing for the evening festivities. And many of our members will be able to testify to the enormous fun that everyone had during these evenings.

On arrival in Niigata, he took everyone on a tour of the dealers and a number of personal mud dam draggings over two days- a highlight of the tour. And for many years he purchased some top koi from breeders such as Dainichi and each ZNA member on his tour was able to select one of these superb koi as Mr. Kato's gift to them. Such was the generosity of this wonderful man who dedicated his



life to the development of the ZNA and hobby of koi keeping.

Perhaps what epitomizes most his dedication to the development of the love for koi is the fact that on a visit to South Africa in the 1990's he decided that the koi swimming in the koi pond at the Houses of Parliament in Cape Town were not of a high enough standard and insisted that we meet the Japanese Ambassador in Pretoria to arrange a donation

to the South African Government of suitable koi he would purchase and send out to South Africa for the pond at the Houses of Parliament. I accompanied him when he met the Ambassador in Pretoria and true to his word these koi arrived some months later and some probably still swim happily in this pond in Cape Town.



This article was first published in the September edition of the SAKKS Magazine KOISA.



In the September edition of Hotspot we introduced Mr Nobuo Takigawa and mentioned his impressive Show Record.

Mike was able to provide us with the details and they are:-

Grand Champions at the following All Japan Shows:

- 33rd ZNA All Japan Show
- 35th ZNA All Japan Show
- 36th ZNA All Japan Show
- 34th AJNPA All Japan Show
- 37th ZNA All Japan Show
- 41st ZNA All Japan Show
- 42nd ZNA All Japan Show

Mr. Kato loved to come to South Africa during these years and would spend a week after the show in Johannesburg visiting other parts of South Africa, including the Free State, Cape Town and Sabie Sands Game Reserve. He is a man who enjoys life to the full and although he never spoke English there was never any time when we were not able to understand him – hand signals, gestures and the help of various interpreters over the years ensured we could communicate at a basic level, whatever the circumstances. He has a ready smile and a great sense of humour. I will never forget the day we were on a game drive in Sabie Sands Game Reserve. We followed a lioness into a river bed and she lay there roaring. After a short while we spotted a huge male lion emerging from the bushes about 30 metres from where we were parked. As it approached our vehicle (parked alongside the river bank) Mr. Kato fell silent and it headed straight for him, with myself seated alongside him. The lion, intent on meeting up with the lioness kept coming closer and when it was just a few metres away from where Mr. Kato was sitting in the vehicle, it was higher than he was and the next thing I had Mr. Kato literally sitting on my lap! He remained there until the lion passed within feet of the front of the vehicle and then let out a deep breath and a smile returned to his face.

visiting Japan and for the tireless work he has done to build the ZNA into an International Koi community. Mr. Kato you will always be remembered here in South Africa for what you have done for our Society and members over many years. We know that you will continue to contribute to the ZNA in so many ways in the years ahead and that your legacy will live on here in the southern part of Africa.

On behalf of the South African Chapter of ZNA, the South African Koi Keepers Society, congratulates Mr. Nobuo Takigawa on his election earlier this year as the Chairman of the ZNA. Be assured that we will co-operate with and support you in everything

Mr. Kato may be small in build and height but he is a giant amongst men in the Koi World, not only in Japan and the ZNA, but throughout the world. On behalf of everyone in South Africa I must thank him for the wonderful support he has given to our Society over the years, as well as to our members



The Mr M interview.

Courtesy of www.aquatechnobel.be



Does Mr M exist?

That is a question that is often asked in Germany I'm told.

FYI Mr M is the anonymous owner of several of the most recent European Grand Champions, including the 2008 Triple GC shown on the right. After the most recent success at the NVN's European National, AquaTechnoBel the Belgian website run by Patrick van Dael recorded and listed "an interview with Mr M" which turned out to be a spoof. A highly amusing joke that was nevertheless interesting and funny at the same time.

Patrick explained "Danny gives an answer to these German friends, because the Germans don't believe that Mr M

exists, yet he exists well. I know it, we discussed again at the time of that koi show. Mr M is indeed nice guy, but he wants remained anonymous, it is his strictest right, but the Germans cannot believe that, so we made this parody that only an English or a Belgian can understand, it is humour black humour"

So there you have it.

Does Mr M exist? Well the truth is out there as they say. But for me, I remain unconvinced. I'm a practical man and I need some proof. If Mr M were to sponsor something at the 2009 South East Show that would do it. Until then I remain firmly on the fence.

Mr M - if you are out there, you know where to find us.



Best booth at the European National.

The Sakura VOF stand on Friday Morning
the opening day of the show.



The Sakura VOF stand Thursday at noon.



Every now and then something happens to alter my perception of things and one such event occurred at the 16th NVN Show in Arcen this August.

I've known of awards like the "Best Dealer Booth" for years and not taken much notice or given it any credence. It was just one of those 'other aspects' of a Koi show that I could take or leave. But on taking a walk around the showground very early on Thursday morning I found a man laying out the foundations for a show garden. At the time it was nothing more than a few groundsheets held down by some granite rocks with some ornamental trees and bushes standing nearby. I vowed to return later with a camera and when I did the job was well underway (right). The following morning (above) the plot was complete and an asset to the Koi Show and hopefully a successful show window for his business.

The 16th NVN Best Dealer Booth Award—Sakura VOF.

Partners in goodwill.

This sentiment and it's logo were the product of Norman Call's (our representative in the Oregon Koi & Watergarden Society) imagination. It came about in an organic sort of way that has a lot to do with the relationship between our two clubs, our two countries and our hobby.

Our Spotlight newsletter had USA/UK logo that was getting a bit faded & jaded after years of photocopying etc. Knowing that Norm was a graphic designer I asked him to give it a makeover which he did. It has adorned our newsletter ever since. It was delivered in October 2001 at a time when the atrocities and the aftermath of 9/11 were still current news and fresh in peoples minds.

That month, we were invited to attend a fund raising 'Barn Dance' by the governors of the school where we hold our Koi shows. The school was at one time in its history (WWII) a training school for fire-fighters of the London Fire Brigade who still support the school, as we do now. I forget the details now, but the heroics of the New York City Fire Department were mentioned in relation to the dance.

As a gesture of support Teresa Lambert one of our members printed off Norm's logo, laminated them and produced brooches which we wore to the dance. I sent one to Norm, who is an avid pin collector, who in turn turned the concept into a pin. The logo next appeared on the OKWS' own newsletter "**The Tall Fish Story**" underlined with the sentiment - "**Partners in goodwill**" an ethic we have since adopted and spread. Our partners are now the OKWS, The NVN (Dutch Koi Society) and the KwaZulu Natal chapter of the South African Koi Society SAKKS.

Attention all lady benchers !
Check for photographers before you assume the position.



Photograph courtesy of xxx xxxxxx.

About the South East Section.

The South East Section was founded in 1981 by a break away group from the London Section. It obtained Section status from the BKKS in 1982 and serves the counties of Kent, East Sussex, Surrey and Berkshire and the southern boroughs of London.

It's neighbouring Sections are the South Kent to the south, Essex to the North, Worthing to the west and the MSB (Middlesex & Surrey Borders) to the north-west.

The South East has a pretty stable membership generally numbering about 85 families.

Almost since it's founding the SouthEast has participated in information exchange with overseas Koi clubs and continues to do so today.

Our 'Open' show is both an attraction to the UK Koi scene as well as Koi keepers

Every year the show attracts an increasing number of overseas visitors and through them a number of useful connections have been made which enhances our appreciation and understanding of the hobby.



The show is always held on the August Public Holiday which generally falls on the last weekend of that month. Details can always be found on our web-site -

www.koi-clubs.com/SouthEast

The South East meets on every 4th Sunday of the month with the exception of December. Our meetings start at 2pm and we endeavour to have a speaker for 2 out of every 3 meetings. Those speakers generally cover Koi related subjects but occasionally we have one that diversifies a little e.g. Bonsai.

Our current membership fees are £15 per family and details as well as a schedule of speakers can be found on our web-site.

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