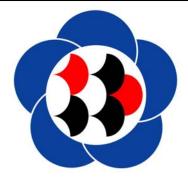
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A British Koi-Show league table? - no thanks.

As a direct result of the success of the EMKC show in February the thoughts of the koi kichi of the UK turned to other koi shows in the forthcoming calendar. In discussing them comparisons were made and somebody suggested a league table of British Koi Shows, which after due consideration was eventually rejected.

Not because it wasn't feasible but because we eventually felt that it wasn't conducive to furthering the cause of the hobby.

Firstly, grading the shows which was the first suggestion isn't as straightforward as first thought. What would be the criteria? Is it size? If so size of what - showground? Showring? Or should it be number of entrants, number of visitors? Quality of entries? And if that's the criteria who decides it?

Eventually common sense prevailed and the idea was dropped, but from those discussions another viewpoint arose - the collective view.

Why look at the shows individually? Why not look at them collectively and consider the benefit they bring to the hobby. Each have their quirks and ambiances. In the end we decided that each should be enjoyed for what it is and not be criticized for not being like another. Together they create a great shop window for our hobby.

Having got that settled it was a great disappointment to learn that the East Pennine Show is

not going ahead this year. The EPS has been a favourite of mine for many years. Apart from its regular turn out of excellent exhibits its an ideal meeting place for members from the north and the south. It also serves good beer too. For some of the Northerners, the EPS is the traditional start of the koi year.

Luckily that isn't the case for us Southerners. We have the South Hants filling that role. Role on the end of May.~

E-bay Koi Sales - a warning.

We received a warning from the PKDA of a health issue reported about a person in the Kent area buying up 2nd hand koi and selling them on e-bay. All koi are held in the only pond awaiting sale. In other words mixed and un-quarantined hence the reported health issue.

The e-bay name is Gandhi - be warned.!

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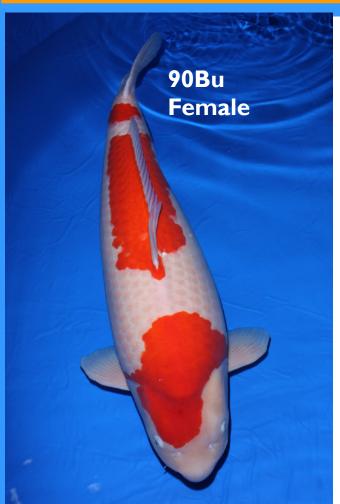
Hot Spot is the on-line version of the South East Section BKKS' newsletter called "Spotlight", suitably sanitised and denuded of in-house content to make it interesting for other Koi Clubs. However, it will also contain some occasional South East publicity. Hot Spot will be a periodic publication i.e. it will get pub-

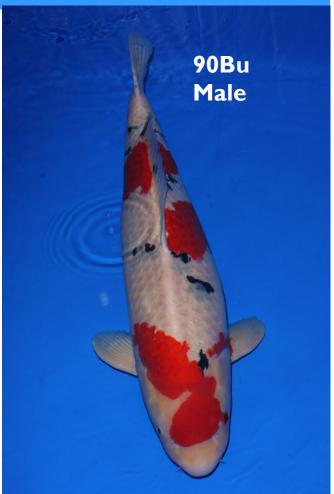
lished when we have enough articles to fill it's 8 pages.
Copies of it will reside on the South East's website and will be distributed to other Koi Clubs who indulge us with an exchange of magazines or newsletters.

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The 41st AJNPA 2010 Kokugyo winners.







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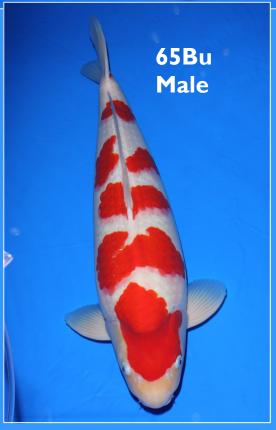


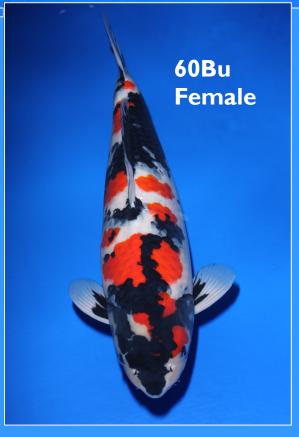


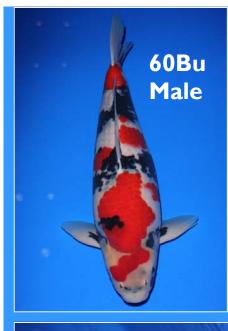


































The Kokugyo prize roughly correlates to "Best in size irrespective of Show Class" In this show koi over 50cms are separated into Male and Female awards. Unfortunately we don't have a photo of the 65bu female.

All photographs courtesy of Mark Gardner.

Niigata-Nishikigoi.com Niigata, the home of Nishikigoi



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It is now up to date!

SAKKS judges certified by ZNA

The SAKKS Judges Training Programme is renown throughout the koi world for being comprehensive and one that requires both dedication and commitment. The programme initially comprises training in the theory of koi appreciation and judging of koi at shows, with trainees writing numerous written examinations, researching specific topics related to judging and attending koi shows as trainee judges over a period of 2 years.

If they meet the required standard of judging competency they become SAKKS Certified C Grade Judges and continue judging at koi shows as they progress through to SAKKS Grade B and SAKKS Grade A Certified Judges. The goal of each SAKKS Judge however is to become a ZNA Local Certified Judge.

ZNA is the worldwide hobbyist's organisation with head office in Japan. Such certification requires that a ZNA Chapter must recommend a member judge to the ZNA Judges Certification Committee in Japan which will consider the application based on that judges meeting the requirements, including ZNA Membership for at least 5 years and

having judged at a minimum number ZNA recognised koi shows and attended recognised ZNA Judging Seminars. SAKKS however does not believe that a member should simply meet the minimum criteria for ZNA Local Judge Certification. It has its own very high standards and criteria which must be met before the SAKKS Certified judge is recommended for consideration for ZNA Local Certified Judge status by ZNA in Japan.

Our SAKKS Judges are trained to the very high standards demanded by the Judges Standards Committee of SAKKS and as such have a reputation internationally as well rounded and proficient judges.

In January 2003 a group of trainee judges attended their first Judges Training Workshop and wrote two examinations before being accepted onto the SAKKS Judges Training Programme. Over the subsequent years they have judged at many shows both in South Africa and overseas and have progressed through the various levels of SAKKS Gradings. Their training program was interrupted somewhat when all koi shows were cancelled in South Africa in 2004, but this was just a temporary set back.

It is with great pride and much pleasure that we can announce that the ZNA Judges Certification

ZNA Local Certified Judges



Larry Hubbard



Brian Welch



Raj Lalloo



René Schoenmaker



Kevin Harrison



Oosie Strydom



Jim Phillips

Committee met in Japan on 6 February 2010 and approved the following judges, (who all started out as Trainee Judges in January 2003) as ZNA Local Certified Judges with effect from 7 February 2010.

Congratulations go to Kevin Harrison, Larry Hubbard, Jim Phillips, Raj Lalloo and Oosie Strydom on this well deserved certification. They now join Brian Welch (who became a ZNA Local Certified Judge in January 2003) and René Schoenmaker (who became a ZNA Local Certified Judge in January 2006) as the 7 ZNA Local Certified Judges in South Africa. Mike Harvey and Harry Beckx became ZNA Local Certified Judges in January 1999 and after a further 8 years as ZNA Local Certified Judges and passing the ZNA Assistant Certified Judges Examination in Tokyo, Japan in January 2007, Mike and Harry were promoted to ZNA Assistant Certified Judges.

These recent certifications as ZNA Local Certified Judges now brings the total of ZNA Local Certified Judges in South Africa to 7 and with 2 ZNA Assistant Certified Judges as well, SAKKS now has the largest number of ZNA Local and Assistant Certified Judges of any ZNA Chapter in the world outside of Japan. What makes this more remarkable is the fact that South Africa has set extremely high standards for any judge to be certified by the ZNA far exceeding any minimum requirements laid down by the ZNA.

A survey of the Records of Shows these 9 Judges have judged at reveals some interesting facts:

- together these 9 judges have judged in over 320 koi shows over a period of 15 years.
- together these 9 judges have judged in koi shows on every continent of the world - including South Africa, Japan, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, USA, Holland,

ZNA Assistant Certified **Judges**





Harry Beckx

Mike Harvey

Belgium, England, Australia and Brazil.

Congratulations again to Kevin, Larry, Jim, Raj and Oosie on showing your dedication and commitment to achieving this well deserved certification.

Judges Training Workshop

As the SAKKS has a continuing Judges Training program to ensure that the knowledge and experience of our judges is passed on to future generations of SAKKS judges, a Judges Training Workshop was held in Midrand on the weekend of 30-31 January 2010.

During this comprehensive weekend workshop all 9 of the ZNA judges from SAKKS participated in the presentations to both candidates applying to join the Judges Training Programme and members simply wishing to learn more about koi appreciation and judging criteria.

For those wishing to become Trainee Judges it was a busy time, both before the workshop and over the weekend. Having applied in advance to join the programme, they were given a significant amount of studying and reading to do prior to the workshop. The first thing they did on arrival at the workshop was to write an examination on the required reading. Thereafter they participated in the presentations over the two days and wrote a further examination at the end of the workshop. Each applicant was also interviewed by a panel of 5 judges to determine their level of commitment to the Judges

Training program, as well as receiving feedback from the judges on their written examination results.

We are pleased to welcome as new Trainee Judges the following members:

- Willem Daffue (Free State)
- Chris Jankovich (KwaZulu Natal)
- Ronny Botha (Gauteng)
- Maria Anna Botha (Gauteng)
- Kevin Till (Gauteng).

We wish you all success in your pursuit to become SAKKS Certified Judges over time, something which will require your determination and commitment during the years ahead.

Eastern Cape Calendar

March 13th Koi Safari East London. 14h00. Roy B to announce venue

March 27th Koi auction for charity

April 17th Koi Safari PE and sleep over

May 6th 2nd Koi Show meeting.

19h00 @ Wouter's home

June 3rd 3rd Koi Show meeting

19h00 @ Wouter's home

June 19th Koi Safari. Roy B to

announce venue

July 8th 4th Koi Show meeting

19h00 @ Wouter's home

July 29th 5th Koi Show meeting

19h00 @ Wouter's home



An event took place in Denmark on the first weekend in March that exemplifies all that the South East Koi Club believe is the best thing about this hobby. It was social, educational, international and all about Koi. It was called the Nordic Koi Seminar and it took place at the Ferkvandscentret (Fresh water centre) in Silkeborg.

Organised by two of Denmark's premier Koi dealers, EdoKoi and Koi Consult and supported by Nordkoi, Jagrokoi, and Grander – all Nordic companies, who along with House of Kata, Takezumi and Dr Rob Heijmans from the Netherlands, Peter Waddington and I made up the list of exhibitors and speakers for this inaugural event.

KoiSan Europe in the shape of Danny Deschrijver from Belgium were also due to participate, in fact Friday night was set aside for Danny's birthday party but due to bad weather Danny didn't make it past Hamburg and eventually had to return home. There's an opportunity to make a joke about Belgian's missing their own birthdays here but I won't.

The seminar was attended by approx 150 people mostly from the Scandinavian countries, but not exclusively. Amongst the Danes, Norwegians & Swedes were a couple of Brits, a few more Dutch and an American lady that lives in France.

As I mentioned earlier my plans included attending Danny's birthday party on the Friday night, but had it have taken place I would have arrived late myself. I arrived at Copenhagen Airport around I Iam and was met by Swedish Koi fanatic Stefan Malm who immediately whisked me off to Sweden to see his pond and have lunch. Last time I travelled from Denmark to Sweden across the Kattegat it was via a ferry, these days it is accomplished by a long bridge. I was destined to spend a lot of time on bridges that day.

Arriving at Stefan's it was quite easy to spot his Koi pond. It was the only thing in his garden that wasn't white with snow. A long blue, heavily insulated polytunnel stood out from the snow scene. A small door in the side allowed you to see into the pond and opening the door brought all of the Koi over in the search for food. Yes, they were all feeding and showing no signs of winter dormancy, which was quite remarkable as the pond wasn't heated. However, the water tem-

peratures were 10c due partly to the insulation and the fact that the filter house inside the former garage had a space heater to avoid condensation. The specification and equipment associated with Stefan's pond was designed and supplied by Koi Consult's Thomas Bohsen. It should be pointed out that Koi Consult is based in Denmark. Imagine that? - having to go to another country to visit your local Koi dealer.

I'd seen some of Stefan's Koi before at the 2009 Holland Koi Show, not that I could remember any of them although I don't recall them being the size I could see now. But Stefan and I took a good while discussing the merits of many of them while I obtained

an education on Swedish Koi keeping techniques, which apart from dealing with the severity of their winters isn't much different from those of the UK.

Over lunch we discussed Koi while looking at various koi books, calendars and web forums on Stefan's computer, just like I do with Koi nerds back home. Eventually, Stefan's wife Mona arrived home from work and the three of us then set off for the seminar back across that bridge and several more that linked the Danish islands together. Looking at a satnay that just shows one road going across a sea of blue lost its novelty value after the third LONG bridge or so. Somewhere on the route we ran into several blizzards and our 380km journey scheduled for 3 hours got elongated to 5. But, although the snow slowed the journey at no time did it look remotely like we'd come to a standstill, unlike the UK

The venue.

The Freshwater Centre is a seminar and conference centre located in the lake district of Central Jutland. Adjacent to this building is 'Aqua' – the freshwater aquarium. The centre itself started life as a sana-

Velkommen til Seminaret, 6 & 7 Marts 2010 hos Ferskvandscentret i Silkeborg



Vejlsøvej 51, 8600 Silkeborg

torium for TB victims back in the 1800's. It is the oldest and largest building in what is now a modern and smart business park.

Aqua is modern circular building (1993) which from the outside appears to be situated in the middle of a lake. The lake itself is actually several large ponds abutted to the main building by large landscape windows which basically reverses the normal aquarium scenario. Here you are in the glass tank looking out at the fish swimming by.

The outdoor ponds contain indigenous species many of which we would recognize e.g. Carp, Pike, Perch and Rudd.

Inside, the exhibits are smaller concentrating on amphibians and water insects in the main. However below ground is a large area dedicated to the history and the modern day plight of the European Eel with live exhibits. From here we were taken on a guided tour of the facilities behind the scenes including the filters.

Meals were provided for throughout the weekend and on Saturday night there was an informal dinner/dance. Denmark has some fine beers.

The Seminar.

The facilities consisted of a lecture hall for 100 people, two rooms containing trade stands, plus some additional rooms for the more specialised short-seminars on the Sunday. However, the coffee lounge, bar area and even the dining room got utilised for impromptu discussion groups that sprung up spontaneously throughout the weekend. A lot of additional business was done here including some South East Show business as well as some inter-club business between South East and South Hants, two British clubs far away from home! We were not alone in this and the added value of this aspect of the weekend shouldn't be underestimated.

The programme of events was due to start at 10.30 on the Saturday finishing at approximately 19.30 in time for the meal. The final event was the visit to Aqua.

Sunday's began at 09.00 finishing at approx 15.30.

Danny Deschrijver was originally the first main speaker with a presentation entitled "Spot the winner". However, due to his nonarrival the order of events were changed. After the opening ceremony co-chaired by Lars Lyngkilde (Edokoi) and Louise Bohsen (Koi Consult), Dr Rob Heijmans of Landhorst NL stepped into the breech and delivered a presentation about his work in the field of fish veterinary work. I've seen many a presentation on fish health but Rob's went beyond most of those. Rob's work entails remedial surgery and several of his slides showed detailed photos of work being undertaken and the post operative results. Rob didn't just concentrate on the gory details, it also covered more mundane things like parasites and diseases along with their treatments.

Rob's lecture was delivered in English as were many of the others. As each lecture was being recorded for posterity he had to stop (or be stopped) at various times so that Thomas could translate for the recording.

After Rob's came lunch and then my presentation about Koi Judging. Experience of Koi Shows in Scandinavia is limited to the NVN's Show and the Virtual Nordic show held at the end of last year. Therefore I aimed my presentation at an entry level explaining the judges' role within the grand scheme of things at a koi show. So I concentrated on an overview of the subject matter a judge is required to know to carry out his tasks along with some examples of bodyshape, skin quality, colour and patterns showing both the bad along with the good. After a short coffee break I gave them an interactive session judging 12 sets of koi.





One deviation from the norm on my part was with this judging session. In the past I had pre-judged the photo-sets in advance. However, I had found that different surroundings, light & dark ambiences, pc's, and projectors etc all have an effect on how the koi are displayed, and therefore the result. So I gave my opinions/decisions on the spot, based on what appeared before the audience, a bit like judging according to the conditions of the day. Something I will continue to do in the future.

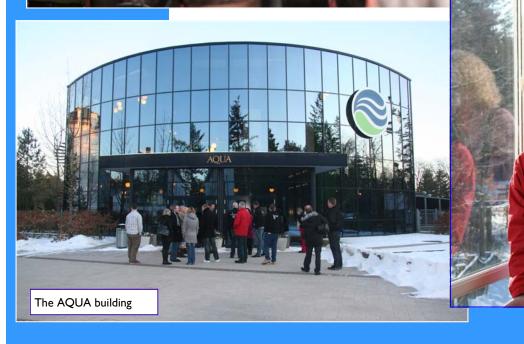




Rob Heijmans in action

After me came Waddington who proved that he is still as good a showman as ever. His session was on filtration and when allowed to he stuck to it. His presentation contained photos of ponds and installations from around the world as well as animated diagrams of filters and how they worked. However, some of the questions he took deviated from the subject matter and took him off course on occasions, but he seemed happy to allow them and then having answered the point was quick to bring the subject back on track. Peter's talk was incredibly frank at times and once people got used to it I think they appreciated his honesty. I've seen too many talks on this subject degenerate into confusion when a speaker refrained from confrontation by sitting on the fence. That couldn't be said of Peter. He shot from the hip and made his feelings plain, and generally had the anecdotes or data to support his point of view.

The following day was made up of 3 sets of short seminars being held simultaneously in four separate rooms and covering a variety of different subjects giving the attendees multiple-choice options. Each seminar was repeated twice to extend the options. The speakers at these seminars were mainly run by Scandinavian speakers with the exception of Rob Heijmans. These multiplex seminars were run throughout the morning and then after lunch two Question & Answer sessions took place.



I took part in the first alongside Peter Waddington, Lars Lyngkilde, Thomas Bosen, Rob Heijmans and Cas ter Haar (Takazumi).

Aside from the seminars, vendors like House of Kata, Takazumi, Peter Waddington and some others had static trade stands around the coffee lounge where their products were on display and were available to answer enquiries about their products from the attendees. I don't recall large amounts of trade goods for sale, but there were certainly some food and health treatments available, but in the main I'd say they were there to take orders, raise their profile and give out free advice.

I got talking to several Scandinavian hobbyists all keen on learning about the hobby in the UK which they seem to hold in high esteem, something I find a bit strange. The hobby is older in the UK, that's a given, and therefore we therefore have a lot of hobbyists that have been doing it longer than them. But, a new hobbyist in the UK is no different to a new one in Scandinavia. They still need to discover the best practices, what to look for in a good koi and which dealers can be trusted etc etc.

AND, I believe that seminars like this one go a long way to getting things right from the beginning. AND, as much as it can be considered a good grounding for beginners it held a lot of interest for an old timer like me too. So much so that I'd like to see seminars like this in the UK. In other words, we Brits need to think about following the example set by the Scandinavians.

Looking back over this article I can't see that by itself it is of much interest to any reader. It's basically a personal record of an event that they didn't attend. However, I do hope that people will look at it and say "Why can't we have something like that over here" wherever here may be.

So to any enterprising dealers out there – there's your cue.







Photos ;-

Thomas Bohsen, Stefan Malm & Bernie Woollands.









Sunday 30th & Monday 31st May 2010

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News from around the Koi World.



POND Trade Magazine Announces New Editor

Cindy Graham was recently named Editor of POND Trade Magazine, a trade publication serving professionals in the Garden Pond and Water Feature industry. She served as Assistant Editor since the magazine's first issue in November of 2008, and takes over the title of Editor from Tom Graham (her husband), who remains the Publisher.

Tom noted that Cindy took over the job early on, as he focused his time on advertising sales and PR, and she was overdue to get the title to go along with the responsibility.

Before the launch of POND Trade Magazine Cindy served as Interim Editor for KOI USA Magazine twice, and was President of the Koi Club of San Diego from 2002 to 2004. She is also the President of TC Publishing, Inc., which owns POND Trade Magazine.

For more information see our web site www.pondtrademag.com

New Australian ZNA Local Judge

The South East Koi Club received the following e-mail. Congratulations Terry!

"I am writing to let you know I have received my Z.N.A. Local Certified Judge accreditation in January 2010.

I would like to thank you for being instrumental in giving me the opportunity to train at the South East Koi Show in 2008.

Kindest Regards Terry McNeil"

Essex Section BKKS.

On behalf of all the South East members, we would like to express our sadness to hear that Tony Spurr has had to step down as Essex Section Chairman due to health reasons and our congratulations to John Botha who has now been voted in as the new Chairman.

Syd Mitchell

New US (ZNA) District Chairman.

Greatest congratulations to James Reilly (JR) for being elected to US District Chairman to-day here in California. In additional to his knowledge in both technical and koi history, his energy and dedication to the hobby is exceptional. I am sure JR will lead the ZNA America to the next great level.

Congratulations again JR.

--Dinh Nguyen

On-line Jocks!

The Scottish section have a website up and running at

www.scottishkoiclub.co.uk

They would like to say well done to Kevin for his work on this project and would ask that we login and give them some feedback

Coogies a PRO!.

Congratulations to Alan Coogan BKKS Judge on his appointment as BKKS Public Relations Officer at their AGM on 21st March 2010.

Gerard McDonald.

A member of the Koi Society of Australia (KSA) took his Assistance Certified Judge exam in Japan this year and passed, making him the second Assistance Certified ZNA judge in Oz.

Well done mate! Good on yer!

Chris Neaves



Following on from last month, Chris is back at home and recovering. The two bullets that hit him missed the major organs ,bones or bloodvessels.. Reports from South African sources say that he was very humbled by the messages he received from the International Koi Community.

A koi poem.
Susan Campbell
Montpellier, France.

"We Koi are quite a greedy folk We love to eat until we choke Insects falling in our water Objects are of instant slaughter.

Froggies procreate at will Their young doth help our hunger fill Snails and shrimp are never wasted Best damn stuff we've ever tasted.

Lettuce, fruits thrown in our lake Also help our hunger slake Eat and gobble 'til we're sated 'Tis a life not over rated.

But the highlight of each day Is when a shadow comes our way Then we think "Oh, what the hell it's Suzy coming with the pellets."

Dearest Susan,

"Froggies procreate at will"?. That's the politest way of putting it, I've ever heard. We just say F***** F***s!

Normally we don't allow such xenophobic comments in this newsletter, but in this case we'll make an exception. Anyway, living where you do, you'd certainly know!! <wink>

Ed.

2010 Show Dates



APRIL

28th AJNPA Wakagoi Show, 2-4th April, at Sun Messe Tosu, Tsu City, Saga Prefecture.

SAKKS Free State Chapter Show, 12-13th April, Bloemfontein, Free State, RSA.

AKA 29th Large Koi Show, 17th April, Sydney Australia.

INTERKOI 2010/17th ZNA Germany (KLAN) Show, 24 & 25th April at Messe Niederrhein Rheinburg, Germany

MAY

SAKKS National Koi Show, 15-16th May, Cresta Centre, Randburg, Johannesburg, RSA.

3rd Asia Cup Koi Show, 15-17th May, contact apki@centrin.net.id for further details.

Koi Society of Australia (KSA) Show, 16th May, at Fair -field Show Ground, Fairfield, NSW, Australia.

29th AKCA 2010 Seminar, 19-23rd May, at the Millenium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashiville, TN, USA.

20th Koi Society of Western Australia (KSWA) Show, 23rd May, at Cannington Greyhound Ground, Cannington nr Perth, WA, Australia.

South Hants BKKS Open Show, 30-31st May, Havant Leisure Centre, Civic Centre Road, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 2AY.

JUNE

Crouch Valley BKKS Closed Show, 11-13th Jun, at Barley lands, Barleylands Road, Bille ricay, Essex, CM11 2UP. UK

10th Oregon Koi & Watergarden Society Show, 12 & 13th June, at Sherms Thunderbird, NW Stewart Pkwy, Roseburg, Oregon.

35th BKKS National, 26 & 27th June, at Bingley Hall, Stafford Show Ground, Weston Rd, Stafford, ST18 0BD.

JULY

16th Midwest Pond & Koi Society Koi Show, 9-11th July, in Darien, Illinois (15 miles from Chicago). USA

Essex Section BKKS Koi Show, 17 & 18th July, at Barleylands, Barleylands Road, Billericay, Essex, CM11 2UP. UK

MSB Section BKKS Closed Koi Show, 17 & 18th July, at North Cheam Sports & Social Club, 658 London Road (A24) North Cheam, Sutton, Surrey. SM3 9BY UK

SAKKS KwaZulu Natal Chapter Show, 24-25th July, Parkade C, Gateway Theatre of Shopping, Umlanga Rocks, Durban. RSA.

Potteries Section BKKS Closed Show, 24-25th July, Trentham Gardens, Stone Road, Trentham, Stokeon-Trent. ST4 8JG. UK.

AUGUST

SAKKS Free Eastern Cape Chap ter Show, 7-8th August, East London, RSA.

18th NVN Koi Dagen (Holland Koi Show), 20-22nd August at Kasteltuin, Arcen nr Venlo. The Netherlands.

26th PNKCA Convention, 27-29th August Hosted by the Idaho Watergarden & Koi Society, Boise, Idaho, USA.

South East 24th Open Show, 29 & 30th August at Parkwood Hall School, Beechenlea Lane, Swanley, Kent. UK

SEPTEMBER

Midland Koi Association Closed Show, 11 & 12th September at Garden Organic, Ryton. UK

Birmingham & West Midlands Closed Show, 25 & 26th September at Highdown Nurseries, Sugarloaf lane, near Stourbridge DY10 3PA. UK

OCTOBER

18th annual Texas Koi & Fancy Goldfish Society Koi Show, 8 -10th October in San Antonio, Texas. see www.texaskoi.com

NOVEMBER

Thailand Koi Show, 27 & 28th November, venue TBD.

DECEMBER

46th ZNA All Japan Nishikigoi Show, 3-5th December, at Kochi Castle Park Area, Kochi City, Shikoku District.

Guangdong Koi Show, 4 & 5th December, < venue TBD..

Taiwan Koi Show, 11 & 12th December, venue TBD..

If your Koi Show is not found on these pages... ... Don't blame us.

We are only an e-mail away.

Health & Safety in the Show Ring.

I do not consider myself a misogynist but it has to be said that

women working within the confines of the centre ring are a problem!

This problem is particularly acute in the area of benching, e.g. all that bending over etc and particularly when moving from vat to vat. Are the guys in the benching team looking where they are going or are their eyes fo-



cused on the tush in front of them? It's definitely the latter and to eliminate the risk that an uncoordinated bunch of blokes carrying bowls and nets may cause we are introducing "Benching Pants". These robust bum-hugging knicker-grippers allow the benching babe to clearly indicate the direction she, and therefore her team are taking during the course of their activity thus bringing some form of order and control to the meandering benching team.

We will be taking orders later in the year. Those wishing to equip their benching babes with this eye-catching apparel should send two photographs of her au naturel (front and back to ensure an intimate fit) to the editors of the South East Koi Club at the address shown below. Happy Koi Keeping.

About the South East Koi Club.

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 was expelled in 2009. It serves the counties of Kent, East Sussex, Surrey and Berkshire and the southern boroughs of London. It's neighbouring Koi Clubs are the South Kent to the south, Essex to the North, Worthing to the west and the MSB (Middlesex & Surrey Borders) to the northwest. 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 from abroad. 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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Koi Clubs participating in this exchange scheme are:-

- Nishikigoi Vereniging Nederland.
- Oregon Koi & Watergarden Soc.
- South African Koi Keepers Soc.
- **NorCal Chapter ZNA** (USA)
- Australian Koi **Association AKA**
- Mid Atlantic Koi Club
- Cambridge Koi Club
- **ZNA Potomac Chapter**
- **Essex Section UK**
- Texas Koi & Fancy Goldfish Soc.
- Cayman Island Koi **Keepers**
- **Belgian Koi Society**
- Banana Bar Koi Society.
- East Midlands Koi Club.
- North East Koi Club UK
- **ZNA Guangdong** Chapter.
- **Southern Colorado Koi**
- **KLAN (Germany)**
- Koi Galen Sweden
- **ZNA Viet Nam**
- Midwest Pond & Koi Society (USA)

