

# HOT SPOT



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## Hitler and Ghandi in a koi newsletter ?

No they are not pseudonyms for Harry Beckx and Mike Harvey 😊

There's a valid reason for their inclusion in this newsletter. You'll find Ghandi, sadly not the Mahatma, but some conniving conman of an Ebay trader in the green column to the right and Hitler gets a mention on page 12. Snadder's e-mail contained a link to an Ebay auction and sure enough it was Mr Ghandi up to no good yet again.

Moving on, there's more bad news on the Show front, with the Belgian Koi Show being cancelled this year. However, this is just a momentary glitch and things will be back to normal next year. I've also heard a rumour that the Brazilian show has been cancelled too along with the Potteries show in the UK. On the plus side a few more people have been in touch advising me of shows in their countries so the list on page 15 is as up to date as I can make it for this issue. If you have a show and it's not listed here, shoot your PRO. Alternatively give him or her a hand and send me the details. Keep the faith.

## Ghandi is a lying b\*st\*rd!

No I'm not trying to boost distribution by insulting a religious group, even though it worked for Salman Rushdi. I am referring to information posted in this space last issue about the unscrupulous Ebay koi seller of this name.

After posting that warning last month I received this reply from Mike Snaden of Yume Koi on the 24th March, just before he flew off to Japan.

"Sorry to keep this brief, but am in a panic, as off to Japan this morning. Just had a look through your latest Blogspot... Thank you... Noticed the eBay warning.

Last week, I had someone contact me bringing it to my attention that someone was selling a Matsue Kohaku on eBay that was purchased from me.

I have complained to eBay about this, and contacted the winning bidder/buyer to let them know that the Koi is certainly not from me, and to my knowledge, not from Matsue. Needless to say, eBay are useless in how they handle things

;-)

Gotta fly, keep up the good work...

## About HOT SPOT

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 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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Grand  
Champion



Adult  
Champion



This show also known as the “Young” koi shows limits the size of it’s entries to 63cms. Hotspot’s roving pundit Mark Garner ([www.niigata-nishikigoi.com](http://www.niigata-nishikigoi.com)) was on hand to witness this show starting with the benching on the Friday (2nd April).

After observing the benching and posting photographs on his blog, Marks prediction was a stunning Dianichi Kohaku (see page 3) that was dead on the money at 63cms.

However, on the following day the 41 judges didn’t agree and out of the first nominations two koi were put forward for the final vote, which went in favour of the Hiroshima Sakai

Kohaku pictured above which took 22 of the votes with the remaining 19 going to the runner up Adult Champion, a Sanke also produced by Sakai Hiroshima.

Amongst those 41 judges was the UK’s Mike Snadden (right) of Yume Koi. Who was part of a team of 5 that judged the 23bu class as well as the 33bu. Rumours that Mike borrowed that suit from a Mormon missionary before he left home are deemed malicious and are not supported by the crew at Hotspot.

Photos and information courtesy of Mark Gardner and Mike Snadden.

**Young  
Champion**



**Grand Champion**

63bu Kohaku - Johnny Tam (China)  
Bred by Sakai Hiroshima

**Adult Champion**

63bu Sanke - Didi Wakara (Indonesia)  
Bred by Sakai Hiroshima

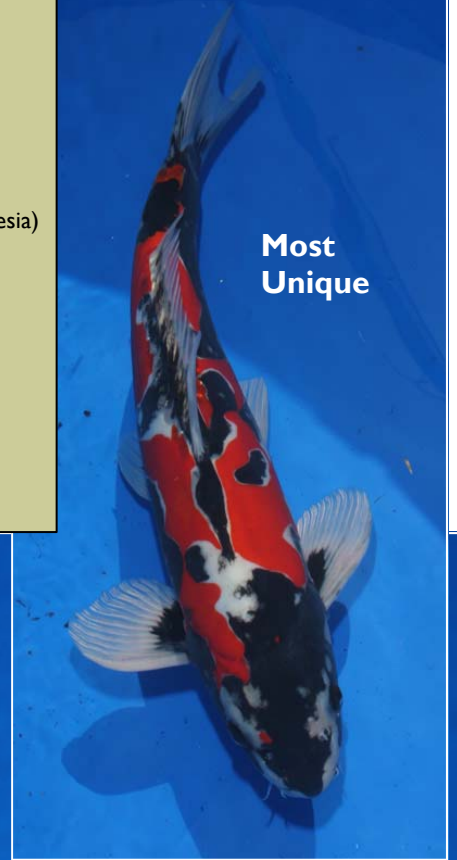
**Young Champion**

43bu Showa - Eiichi Watanabe

**Baby Champion**

23bu Kohaku - Bred and entered  
by Marudo Koi Farm .

**Most  
Unique**



**Baby  
Champion**



**Mark's  
Prediction.**  
And my choice too



## An ill wind.



On 14th April Eyjafjallajokull, an Icelandic volcano erupted and sent a dense ash cloud into the atmosphere that brought air travel to a standstill throughout Europe for 7 days.

Many of Hotspot's Koi Kichi contributors were affected in one way or another, mostly adversely, but there was one ray of sunshine. The inconvenience didn't stop at humans, koi shipments too were severely affected as Mark Gardner reported on his Niigata-Nishikigoi blog.

Deron Simons (Select Nishikigoi International) and the South East's Secretary Mick Preston were able to leave Narita on what appears to be one of the last flights, but only to have the flight diverted to Lyon in east-central France and then having to make their way across country and cross channel after finding that the French railways were on strike. Which led to an epic journey via coach, hire car, and ferry eventually arriving home after a 42hour journey. However, Mick didn't seem too perturbed when I spoke to him a couple of days after his return home. But maybe that had something to do with the Sakai Sanke that he managed to obtain. A big fish with a big future we hope.

Stephen Grey (North East Koi Club's PRO) and his Hotspot photographer son Anthony weren't so fortunate. Due to fly home on Tuesday 20th they found the flight cancelled and the first re-bookable flight offered at that time was on the 3rd May.

Having a few days left on their rail pass they put the time to good use visiting temples and indulging in a Father vs Son

"grab a granny" contest and were planning to go south and visit Isawa. But once the flights resumed their booking was brought forward and they arrived home on the 23rd.

On the subject of grannies, Chris Woolger's, (BKKS & ZNA judge) pending return from judging the AKA show in Sydney began to look dicey. Flying with Emirate airlines operating out of Dubai she faced being stranded there. Obviously some contingency plans were required and an agreement was struck between the AKA and the South East Koi Club, that should Chris end up in Dubai we'd sell her to the white slave trade and share the profits.

Chris wasn't the only judge affected, The Japanese judges scheduled for INTERKOI, The KLAN koi show (24&25th April) were threatened and as a precaution judges from Belgium & Holland (Dirk de Witte, Louis Van Reusel and Toen Feyen) were sourced to take over. Fortunately, the ban was lifted in time and both groups adjudicated the show.

It wasn't just an inconvenience for koi hobbyists; the breeders in Japan were also given problems. Shipments of fish on route to the airports had turn around and return the fish to the breeders premises to be unbagged and replaced in their holding facilities until normality resumed. At the time of writing this Mark Gardner advised that although flights had resumed priority for cargo space was going to perishables and medical supplies and that Koi shipments would resume by approx 1st May.

Concerns were rife amongst UK hobbyists regarding the risks associated with the ash coming to earth. Healthy Koi a dry goods outfit specialising in koi health in the South of England were quick to offer advice and their services. A bulletin published on their website and repeated on several UK forums is printed on the next page.



A shipment of 360 boxes returned to Niigata. Photo courtesy of Mark Gardner. [www.niigata-nishikigoi.com](http://www.niigata-nishikigoi.com)

## Your Koi and volcanic ash.

Volcanic ash is formed during explosive volcanic eruptions. This occurs when gases dissolved in molten rock (magma) expand and escape violently into the air, and also when water is heated by magma and abruptly flashes into steam. The force of the escaping gas violently shatters solid rocks and blasts it into the air, where it solidifies into fragments of volcanic rock and glass. Once in the air, our weather patens take over and wind can blow the tiny ash particles thousands of miles away from the volcano.

The components of volcanic ash are mildly corrosive and potentially conductive. The soluble coatings are derived from the interactions in an eruption column may be composed of sulphuric and hydrochloric acid and droplets with

absorbed halide salts.

At the present time, the prevailing winds are driving the ash from the recently erupted Icelandic volcano south/ south eastwards. Predictions are that the ash fall-out will start to occur in Scotland tomorrow and move further southwards.

Although the silica content of the volcanic ash is considered non-toxic, the problem starts when there is a 'sulphur' component to the residue. Already, from some of the eyewitness accounts in Scotland, people have commented on the smell of rotten eggs (Hydrogen Sulphide). As the ash moves Southwards further over the UK, it would be prudent for those with pond covers to replace them for a short period. Koikeepers with uncovered ponds should keep a close eye on the fish. The addition of clay to the pond will help to buffer any reduction swings in pH due to the acidic

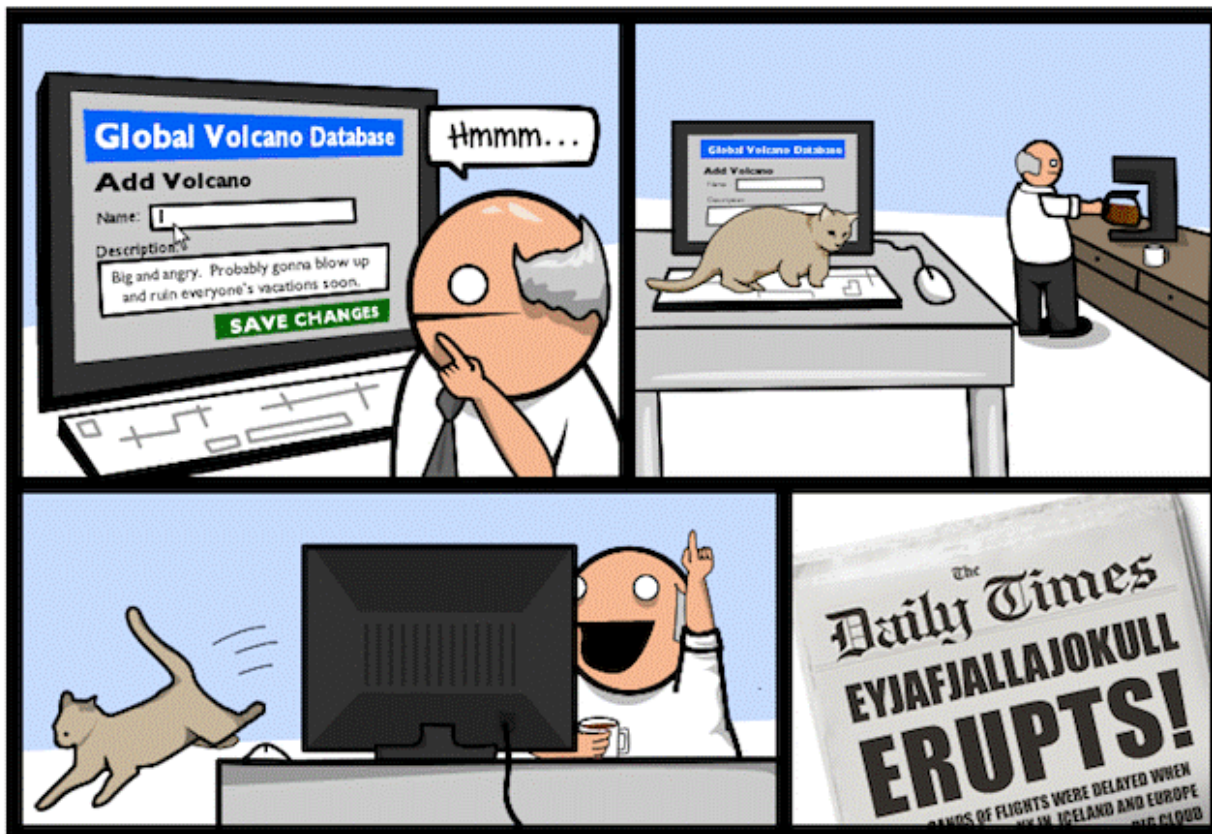
content of the ash. Should any unusual behavior occur with the Koi, a water change using a purifier or the addition of de-chlorinator will help but keep an eye on pond water temperature changes. It is not unusual for problems of this nature to occur. Earlier this year, sulphur dioxide was detected in blood samples we took in the West Country whilst investigating Koi mortality. This occurred after a period of northerly driven snow and rain. If you need any further help, do not hesitate to give us a ring on 01243 572762 or 07726840627.

The Healthy Koi Team.

**The Healthy Koi team**  
*Thurs 15th April 2010*



# HOW TO NAME A VOLCANO



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MAY  
FRIDAY  
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MAY  
SATURDAY  
**15**  
2010

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SUNDAY  
**16**  
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**ASIA  
CUP  
Koi  
SHOW**

FRIENDSHIP FOREVER

**2010**

JAKARTA INT'L EVENT & CONVENTION CENTRE ( JITEC )  
JAKARTA - INDONESIA

I met Tony in the early 90s whilst he was doing some carpentry work for me, I knew he kept Koi carp and after I got embroiled in the hobby I went to see his pond, he was pumping water from the pond through a black box with assorted Gubbins in. Water cascaded back down a water fall. The Koi were a long way from show class but the vibrant colours and trickling water provided in pleasant summer evening in his garden.

Meanwhile I had been seduced into believing that a proper pond required UV lights vortexes, bottom drains, heaters, lengths of pressure pipe, returns coming in at different angles to provide current, sliding valves T valves. The whole nine yards. and if I didn't subscribe to these techniques I wouldn't be a proper Koi keeper

Then I began to visit Japan and noticed that the above gizmos were all noticeable by their absence, keep it simple seemed to be the motto,

I decide to build a pond with no bottom drains believing that to grow big Koi one needs to feed from off the bottom especially at night, not possible with bottom drains. my preference to take some water from one corner of a rectangular pond. the thought process was that Koi constantly swimming along the bottom would sweep the floor and with a leap frog action any debris would find its way to the filter feed in one corner, the idea behind the rectangular pond was that as a Koi moved and grazed upon the side he would eventually come to a corner and a choice either to return or continue at right angles I had noticed on the Judging circuit that we were getting Koi for adjudication with what I refer to as round Pond syndrome, where I believe the Koi constantly swims round and round in the same direction grazing from the side, developing one side of its body at the expense of the other, often unnoticed by the owner until pointed out in a show vat.

Water is also taken from the top of the pond from a pipe with deep thin slits on its circumference this allows for variations in water depth[ should a pump go down,]this system allows no interruptions to the filter feeds. the water then falls down to a chamber with stand pipes which feed three rectangular filter beds, falling down the pipe agitates and mashes, this for me allows an oxygen rich soup to enter the filters where several rows of Japanese mating curtains hang in series. the matting receives a uniform feed free from lumps and bumps

allowing the bacteria full access. Water is then lifted from the chambers over a shower unit and this for me is the second biggest advance that I have witnessed in koi keeping. For me the media is of little consequence. the major advantage of this system is that it allows the water to thin exposing itself to both oxygen and bacteria, I believe the most important feature of this system is it allows the water to air, gassing off noxious properties, water is transferred via channels to the far end of the pond for the whole cycle to begin again. there are no water changes only top ups to replaced evaporation and the small amount of water that is flushed from the bottom of the system once a fortnight.

Although this system may sound complicated it is simplicity itself and flies in the face of what some would consider a proper Koi pond. yet it produces astonishing growth rates with several Koi 85 centimetres to 97 the majority of the Koi in excess of 70 centimetres

The point of the above is to illustrate that there of many differing viewpoints. ideas evolve. I have now come to the conclusion that my concept of koi keeping is totally flawed that by adding heat to the pond and growing Koi so quickly is almost certainly detrimental to the long-term health and lives of my Koi. in my attempt to create a perfect environment I may well have "inadvertently created a hurry up and die pond."

Although some rant and rave.fawn and scorn and will use outlandish sweeping statements to bully their point it doesn't make them right. some of us have been keeping Koi long enough to remember the B K K S taking a lampooning for daring to abandoned the Japanese style show in favour of the English format. or the abuse the B K K S suffered from not quashing the notion that there could be a deadly virus, we were confidently told that there was no virus it was simply bad koi keeping and a particularly virulent form of Gill costia.

Last week for the first time for several years I lost a Koi, an 85 centimetre beautiful Goshiki no visible signs of anything wrong, she could be no older than eight, A 97 centimetre Yamabuki that is nine years of age has developed at crinkly head in the last couple of years she is now looking old, The rush to grow big Koi in artificially high temperatures is shortening their lives. with the amount of big Koi imported into this country in recent years supposedly living in " proper ponds " looked after by a "

Serious Koi Keepers" we should be awash with giant Koi, yet we are not, I would guess that most of the BKKSs Grand Champions and many of the contenders are no longer with us. yet surely we should push to keep Koi alive at the very least into their twenties.

I cannot except that cold-water is harmful to Koi. I can except that overstocked pond in both high summer and under the ice carp will die through lack of oxygen. in both cases the small fish survive.

Toshi Sakai said to me once that to keep Koi, you must treat them like the Bear, when I pointed it out in him that his Koi were kept in warm conditions during the winter, he simply said he sells Koi he doesn't keep Koi.

I do not possess Father Christmas like abilities and have no idea how you gain the information some profess to have. what I do no is that Tony with his black box his silty stuff that sits on the bottom of his pond still has the same Koi he had when I first met him, who am I to tell him that he is not a proper Koi keeper.

This article was first posted on koichat.com on the 21st April and prompted the following response from Dennis Tillbrook. They are repeated here with the full consent of both authors.

A few years back I attended a lecture of yours at the National. I can't remember what the subject was and I think you were either side-tracked or had deviated from it, but what I do remember is that you concluded your session by promoting the BKKS. One of your sentiments was that it was a Society of hobbyists that had nothing to sell just advice to give and experiences to share. It sounded very good and very promising. Unfortunately, I never saw anything from it thereafter to live up to that promise, up until now that is.

If is quite refreshing to read an article that doesn't name drop products and brand names, doesn't belittle methods and practices that are working but not the latest state of the art, and isn't trying to sell me something. I developed a respect for you a while back and that continues to grow. I believe that you believe in what you are doing and in your own vision of the organisation you've undertaken to promote. I hope beyond hope that others follow your example and that you are not just a lone voice in the wilderness.



**Grand  
Champion**



**Grand  
Champion B**



Orlando Florida 12-14th March

Take a look at the show badge at the top of this column and then at the Grand Champion. See a similarity? Well you should do it's the same fish which can only mean that last year's Grand Champion returned to retake the prize which although not a first it is such a rarity that it cannot pass without comment.

This 90cms Marudo Kohaku had grown 8cms in the intervening year and maintained it's quality. If this were a BKKS show it's owner would have won a BKKS Koi Keepers pin to boot.

While returning GC's occur occasionally in the UK it is nowhere near as common

in the US as some of their clubs operate a policy of not allowing GC's to be re-shown due to the perception that a second year failure is deemed as dishonouring the fish.

However, as regards this particular fish, its owner felt that it had improved in every area and to leave it at home and take a lesser fish would have been a crime, a sentiment shared with the show committee who refrained from imposing this rule and encouraged it's owner, Cayman Islander Lee Aronfield to bring her along.

Having a Cayman Islander showing at an

**Reserve  
GC**





American show may seem a bit strange but this is not the first time Lee has shown over there and won't be the last. Shows with an international flavour are common in Europe and a lot of those mentioned in the winners list (above) are well known names if not well known faces. Joe & Sherri White have been to the NVN Show where Joe judged, Mike McMahon has visited the BKKS National

and Head Judge Bob Winkler judged in Holland as well as contributed several articles to Hotspot in its early days.

Lee is definitely a seasoned Koi Traveller having been to both the British National and the European National (NVN) show several times but shipping a koi overseas to take part in a show is something as rare as winning a GC twice with the same fish.

In Europe exhibiting koi in Belgium, Germany & Holland is just an overland journey. Far less fraught that the transport Lee had to arrange. So well done to Lee and the Central Florida members who put on the show.

Photographs courtesy of Bill Story.

- Grand Champion** Lee Aronfeld - Kohaku - Over 28"
- GC B Champion** "Henry Culpepper - Utsuri - Over 28"
- Reserve GC** Henry Culpepper - Sanke - Over 28"
- Mature Champion** Henry Culpepper - Tancho - Over 28"
- Adult Champion** Henry Culpepper - Sanke - 20-24"
- Young Champion**  
Sonja & Ken Kahkola - Kohaku - 16-20"
- Baby Champion** Joe & Sherri White - Kohaku - 8-12"
- Best Male David & Karen Hardcastle - Kohaku - 20-24"
- Most Unique Koi Henry Culpepper - Kawarigoi - 12-16"
- Jumbo Award Henry Culpepper - Showa - Over 28"
- Best Doitsu Mike Donahue - Sanke - 20-24"
- Best Kujaku Richard & Luanne Porter - Hikari Moyo - 24-28"
- Show Director's Award  
Grant & Penny Patton - Kohaku - 24-28"
- Judges Award  
Mike McMahon & Carolyn Swanson - Utsuri - 24-28"
- IKONA Koi Club Stacey Ferrier - Tancho - 8-12"
- Louisville Koi Club Friendship  
Joe & Sherri White - Showa - 20-24"
- Michigan Koi & Pond Club John Melz - Kawarigoi - Over 28"
- North Atlanta Koi Education & Development Rob Forbis - Kawarigoi - 12-16"
- North Carolina and Watergarden Friendship Cathy Young - Hikari Moyo - 16-20"
- Northern Midwest ZNA  
Grant & Penny Patton - Showa - 24-28"
- Southern Colorado  
Mike McMahon & Carolyn Swanson - Hikari Moyo - 16-20"
- South Carolina Koi & Watergarden Friendship  
Mike McMahon - Utsuri - Over 28"



**Mature  
Champion**



**Adult  
Champion**



**Young  
Champion**



**Baby  
Champion**

As with any other animal, koi require a supply of dietary energy to drive a wide range of biochemical reactions. Put simply, energy can be thought of as 'capacity to do work', and is essential for a variety of processes including growth, osmoregulation (maintenance of salt/water balance), feeding, respiration, reproduction, the immune system, and movement.

### Dietary energy

The primary source of energy for koi is the food we give them, as it is contained within the chemical bonds that hold nutrients together. Protein, oil and carbohydrate are all energy sources, although they vary in the amount of energy they contain:

Carbohydrate = 17.2kJ/g  
 Protein = 23.6kJ/g  
 Oil = 39.5kJ/g

A kJ (kilojoule) is 1,000 joules. One joule is the energy required to accelerate a 1kg mass at 1m/s over a distance of 1m. If you prefer calories, then one calorie = 4.184 joules. Oil contains approximately twice as much energy as protein or carbohydrate, and is an excellent source of energy for koi. Like other fish, koi are also good at using protein for energy, although this results in ammonia production. Carbohydrate is used less effectively by fish compared to other animals, although koi are better than most species. Therefore, in carefully controlled amounts either protein, oil, or carbohydrate can be used to supply energy in koi diets.

### Protein sparing

When protein is used for energy, individual amino acids are broken down resulting in ammonia production. Food manufacturers therefore spend much time attempting to provide alternative energy sources, thereby leaving protein spare for 'useful' functions. By carefully balancing protein with oil and carbohydrate, ammonia production can be reduced and protein use enhanced. However, this has to be done carefully as too much oil or carbohydrate can cause health problems. Although different species of fish have different requirements, most diets have a protein to energy ratio of around 17 – 28mg per kJ.

### Energy requirements

The amount of energy, and therefore food, that koi require depends on a

number of factors, with temperature being one of the most important. As koi are ectothermic ('cold-blooded') their metabolism increases as the temperature rises. This is why koi eat more, and do best on nutrient and energy-rich foods in the summer. Other factors that influence energy requirement and use include age / size, oxygen levels, water chemistry, stress, and activity levels.

Because energy demands may vary from day to day, and because different foods may contain different energy levels, it is difficult to precisely work out how much food (energy) to give to your koi. However, allowing them to consume what they can within a few minutes gives them the option to eat more if they need it.

ern manufacturing technology, can increase the DE of a diet, and improve the efficiency with which it is used. This is not only better for the fish, but also has the benefit of reducing waste production.

When it comes to supplying an appropriate amount of energy to your koi, both quality and quantity are important. Careful observation of feeding behaviour will allow you to adjust the amount of food accordingly, whilst use of a quality diet will ensure that the energy it contains is efficiently used.

### Summer feeding

Increased energy requirements in the summer, coupled with a greater capacity for growth, mean that koi require more nutrients and energy. Rather than feeding large quantities of a staple food, offer a nutrient and energy-rich summer diet. This will be more efficiently converted into growth, and provide koi with the additional energy they require.

### Energy reserves

Healthy koi have sufficient bodily reserves of energy to use as and when necessary, with ideal levels being around 6-8 MJ (megajoules) per kg bodyweight. Although these are normally maintained by regular feeding, reduced feed intake in the winter can allow them to fall. If prolonged periods of starvation are allowed, energy levels may fall to a point at which the health of the fish is compromised. In particular, the fish may be more vulnerable to disease during early spring. Feeding a winter food, as and when the fish are active & able to feed, is therefore important in order to prevent cold weather losses of energy reserves.

### Quality of energy supply

Different ingredients vary in the availability of the energy they contain. In other words, two diets with identical total energy values could differ in the amount of energy available to the fish, depending on the ingredients they are made of. The concept of digestible energy (DE) refers to the portion of dietary energy that is taken in by the fish, versus the amount excreted as solid waste. The use of high quality ingredients, appropriate formulations, and mod-



### Top tips

Observe your fish feeding and adjust the amount of food accordingly – as much as they can eat within a few minutes is a tried and tested rule of thumb.

Increased energy consumption in the summer must be supported with extra aeration, as oxygen is needed to liberate the energy in food.

To optimise energy use, keep stress to a minimum by maintaining a healthy environment at all times.

Avoid lengthy periods of starvation, especially during the winter when fish should be fed a small amount of food as and when they are looking for it.

Choose a good quality diet in order to avoid wastage and improve energy supply to the fish.

## South Hants 19th Open Koi Show

### PLUS CRAFTS

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# 19<sup>th</sup> National Koi Show

## 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Dealer Stands**

9 x 5m

**Ponds**

Size 3m & 2m

For bookings and show layout

phone Maria Anna

011 433 2665 / 082 882 8022

Venue: Cresta Shopping Centre  
Randburg

Adults: R20

Pensioners &

Children R10



## A little piece of Africa .. Anyone?

Hosting the World Cup Soccer Tournament is supposed to be good for the overall economy (Q.E.D.) but it can channel resources in just one direction and when coupled with a credit crunch non-aligned events lose out.

The KwaZulu Natal Koi Show is one such event, coming as it does just after the World Cup is done and dusted. Some of their regular sponsors have committed their cash to the Worldwide event leaving KZN to look elsewhere.

To compensate, KwaZulu Natal Chapter SAKKS are opening up their show vats for individual sponsorships, allowing companies, Koi Clubs and individuals the chance to own a little bit of Africa for the duration of their show this July.

Interested parties just have to supply names & logos to Mike Harvey and they will appear on a laminated board by one of the show vats in the centre ring. For a sponsorship fee of only R500 SAKKS will place a laminated board on a vat stating that that vat has been spon-

sored by that person, company or society and thereby acknowledging that sponsorship.

All we will need is the name and where applicable any logo of that sponsor in a suitable form for printing.

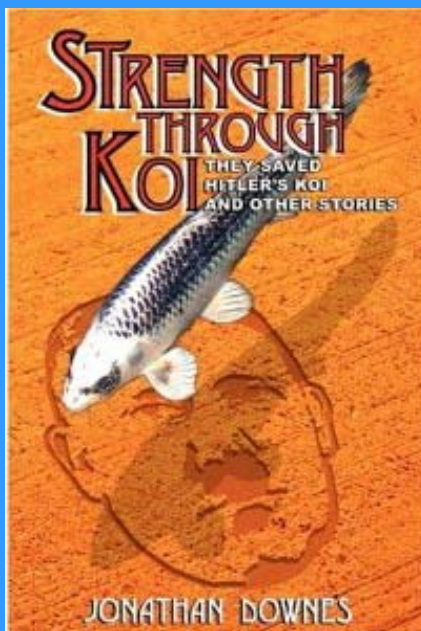
They will do the rest— make up the A4 sized boards, laminate them and hang them on the vats. As their main (surviving) sponsors have the right to erect banners on certain vats they are looking to find around 30 other vat sponsors at R500 per vat. If they are able to achieve this the proceeds will go a long way towards covering the unexpected additional expenses they are incurring this year.

Contact Mike via -  
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\*\*\*\* at the time of going to press  
six vats had been snapped up  
fyi multiple sponsorships  
are allowed. \*\*\*\*



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



**“They saved Hitler’s Koi”? !**

This is a collection of articles that appeared in *Koi Carp* magazine in 2003 by the author who happens to be the founder of the Centre for Fortean Zoology (CFZ). When these articles first appeared they used to irritate me greatly, mainly because some of the readers I met didn't realise that they were pure fiction. So irate did I become that I occasionally parodied them and produced equally fictitious articles for *Spotlight* under the pseudonym Arthur Dent.

Looking at these articles again as a collection reveals a very simple formula in the approach to their production.

1. Introduce an event and its location and then explain why you are there.
2. Criticize the event to explain why you ended up going to a pub and meeting some drunk or dodgy character.
3. Reveal dodgy characters' boozy story.
4. Leave it to the reader to decide whether it was fact or fiction.

I'll have to remember this the next time Hotspot has some spare space.

Bernie Woollands .

Anyway, for anybody that is interested this book can be obtained via Amazon for £5.99.

The ISBN number is - **ISBN-13: 978-1905723041**

Here's an intro from the author \_

“For years I have augmented my income by working as a ‘hack’ writer, penning throw-away articles for anyone who will pay me. Regularly, I would get the bus into Exeter City Centre, and sneak into W.H.Smiths and peruse the magazines for sale, and make a surreptitious list of any new publications whom I could approach to buy an article from me. One day in the late winter, I was doing just this when I found a copy of a magazine called *Koi Carp*. With my tongue firmly in cheek, I telephoned them, and asked whether they would be interested in an article - or even a series of articles - about the fortan aspects of their hobby. Much to my surprise and gratification they accepted, and so I started work on my first article. I had been so used to working for fly-by-night publications, that I had stopped taking a long-term view of my writing work. I was lucky if a series I wrote lasted three issues, so the fact that I knew next to nothing about the fortan aspect of koi carp-keeping didn't really matter. However, on this occasion, I was hoist by my own petard, as the series carried on for nearly two years! After six or seven issues, I bit the bullet, and started to employ the old journalistic adage that one should never let the truth get in the way of a good story. Some of the stories that follow are true. Some are mostly true, others have a germ of truth, and even the ones that I made up are based on true events. I think my proudest moment as a journalist came after the publication of "They Saved Hitler's Koi", when Simon Wolstencroft, an old friend of mine, and then editor of a sister-magazine to the one for which I was working, sent me the following email. 1. How did you think you would get away with having this printed? 2. How did you get away with it? For goodness sake, don't read these stories looking for any firm insights into the history and culture of koi keeping, but I hope that they may give you some little amusement, because that was the spirit in which they were written.”

**\*\*\*\*\* STOP PRESS! \*\*\*\*\***

**A copy of this book will be auctioned at the KwaZulu Natal Koi Show in Durban this July.**

**They saved Hitler's Koi**

**Book review by Arthur Dent.**

This book has no relevance to any serious or normal aspect of Koi Keeping. However, for the members of the BKKS JSC's Friday Club or any event where koi kichi gather socially and the booze flows, it will prove invaluable.

Imagine being able to drop lines like “Did you know the Sasquatch and Koi have a telepathic bond?” into a conversation and back it up with documented buffism evidence?

Priceless!

**Koi Keeper wins Boston 2010 Marathon.**

Ernst Van Dyk, Western Cape SAKKS's Para- Olympian set a new record by recording his ninth Boston marathon win, winning in 1 hour, 26 minutes and 53 seconds.

This was Ernst's third consecutive Boston win, following an earlier run of six in a row from 2001 to 2006, including a world record time of 1 hour, 18 minutes, 27 seconds in 2004. In reply to a Boston newspaper reporter who asked whether he could make it 10, he was reported to have replied. “I'm only 37,” he said. “Who knows?”

Well done Ernst, you make us humbled but proud.



## Letter to the Editor

Thank you for your prayers and positive thoughts. We are all on the mend, we have each other to comfort and strengthen. We don't dwell on what happened as it tends to cloud the way forward. We count our blessings every day and enjoy each day as it comes. We have a lot to work through but we do it together. How amazing is that!

Love, Chris & Marlene Neaves



## Business as usual.

Last year the South East Koi Club embarked on a three year plan to ensure its survival from the fall out of the "Credit Crunch". Part of that plan was to maintain 2008 prices wherever possible. This included the prices and fees associated with its' International Koi Show. Obviously, this plan needs to be reviewed each year to ensure its ongoing feasibility. That review has taken place and we are pleased to announce that our 2010 show will keep its pre Credit Crunch pricing structure. Entry fees for exhibitors, visitors and stand spaces for vendors are therefore unchanged.



## BENCHING PANTS.

Well done to those who spotted this post for what it was, an April Fool. Sadly I didn't receive any photographs and I won't shame the person who asked me where I got them made.

## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK -

Every year the BKKS JSC (Judging Standards Committee) runs a seminar where potential trainee judges undergo a gruelling 5 hour exam, followed by a practical koi handling course the next day. This year 3 Society members took up the challenge and were all rewarded by being accepted into the training programme where they will be able to demonstrate and hone their skills for the next three years or more before being considered for the next grade. This years successful candidates are Steve Battle (Crouch Valley Section), Iain Kirkbright (Cambridge Koi Club) and Stefan Malm (Sweden).



The three new prospects sitting the first paper under the watchful eye of JSC Chairman Gary Pritchard.

## Another koi poem. Susan Campbell Montpellier, France .

A Showa an' a Bekko,  
they's a' swimmin' in a pool  
An' they-all gets to talkin',  
havin' been in the same school  
When both o' them was tosai,  
and there never was a care  
'Cept fo' eatin' and fo' growin'  
and fo' breathin' in good air.

The Showa and the Bekko,  
they shares a worm or three  
An' all the while they talkin'  
bout the way it used to be  
When they was in a mud pond  
where the Nips did all they could  
An' ev'ry one was feelin' great, an'  
life was lookin' good.

An' Showa say to Bekko  
"Boy, don't mind that we was sold,  
But filter here is shitty,  
and I feel me gettin' old."  
An' Bekko says to Showa  
"I all know how you is feelin'  
I got this itch along my sides,  
and all my scales is peelin'."

They's somethin' wrong in this here pond,  
can't say just what the shit is  
But one thing certain, guy we're with,  
he nohow care what it is.  
Our boss he want to show us off,  
he don't care who we bein'  
But I kin tell you here and now,  
that death is all I'm seein' "

And Showa says to Bekko,  
"Friend, I think we's gonna die.  
I cain't tell you the reason,  
and I never will know why.  
But you and I has come a way,  
and this I know is true....  
If it's gonna happen,  
want it to be with you."

The Showa and the Bekko,  
they no longer here today  
But if they were still around,  
here's what they have to say:  
"You bought us and you used us  
and you shouted bout it loud,  
But contrary to you, "Keeper"  
we both went out proud."

"

**Its that man again!**



**Ernst van Dyk.** Not content with the Boston Marathon Ernst turned up a week later to tackle the London Marathon too. The television pundits gave Ernst a mention when they discussed the potential winners in the pre-race intro, but the British press were a bit more partisan and only concentrated on the British contestant and his Australian rival. Once the race was started coverage switched from the various contest within it, i.e Ladies, Mens, both sexes wheelchair races and the fun runners. Ernst was apparent in the early glimpses then seemed to go off the TV's radar especially when the British racer took a commanding lead. However, towards the end the leader became a young Canadian with a clear lead and they only showed the first 3 crossing the line. Ernst wasn't one of them. Later we learned he came 6th with a time of 1.44.11. It was later reported that several of the wheelchair racers had suffered punctures, some even multiple punctures thus turning the race into a bit of a lucky dip.

Taking nothing away from the Canadian who appeared to be a popular winner and a particular favourite amongst the TV reporters, it turned into a sad day for the UK's koikeepers who were willing Ernst on.

But as they say, "You can't win 'em all" and Ernst has certainly won a lot.

And there's always next year.

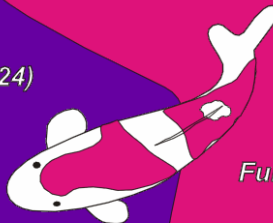


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### MAY

**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](mailto: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, Nashville, 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 Barleylands, Barleylands Road, Billericay, Essex, CM11 2UP. UK

**9th ZNA Malaysia Chapter Koi Show,** 12-13th Jun, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, contact [club\\_koi@yahoo.com](mailto:club_koi@yahoo.com)

**Worthing & District BKKS Open Show,** 12-13th Jun, at Clapham & Patching Village Hall, Long Furlong, Junction of A27 & A280.

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

**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, Stoke-on-Trent. ST4 8JG. UK.

### AUGUST

**SAKKS Free Eastern Cape Chapter Show,** 7-8th August, East London, RSA.

**Scottish BKKS Koi Show,** 7-8th August, at the Klondyke Garden Centre, Falkirk, Scotland, UK.

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

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

**North East BKKS Open Show,** 28 & 29th August at the Federation Brewery's Lancashire Suite, Dunston, Gateshead.

**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](http://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.

Adverts welcomed too.



22nd April: Europe lifts travel restrictions caused by volcanic ash.

## Next Month: Australian Koi Association Show Interkoi 2010 - KLAN Show

### 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](http://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 Club.
- KLAN (Germany)
- Koi Galen Sweden
- ZNA Viet Nam
- Midwest Pond & Koi Society (USA)

