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Editorial.

We dedicate this, our 50th issue to the memory of Keith Phipps who passed away on the 8th of October.

Keith's contribution to the UK was immense especially for one so young. His contribution to the South East was equally impressive and not forgotten. Please read pages 2 and 3.



Keith seen here with Martin Symonds in Niigata in happier days (1999)

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

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Keith Phipps R.I.P.



On the 12th October we received the news via Bernice Brewster of the passing of Keith Phipps on Friday the 8th. Within hours I'd received similar news from Lou Jackson (former club member and BKKS National Show Chairwomen 1994 – 97) now living in Australia who'd heard the news via Maureen McGurk (Purdin Koi Farm) now living in the USA. This says more about the respect in which Keith was held than it does about the internet. His friends may have flown these shores but the sad news brought them back together again.

Keith was a good friend of the South East Koi Club working as he did for many of the Koi businesses that have supported the club over the years; Brit Koi, Kent Koi Co, Koi Water Barn and then his own The Nishikigoi Centre and afterwards Koi Care.

Keith had a koi pedigree, his father John being a prominent BKKS member during the 80's and 90's. Keith had a rare eye for koi, especially tategoi and an encyclopaedic memory of show winners for both UK and Japanese koi shows.

Long before becoming a dealer Keith had made a name for himself, so much so that he was chosen as a judge for the "Nishikigoi 1985" show organised by Peter Waddington's Infiltration and Bernard Channing's Japanese Water Gardens. Keith was the youngest ever UK judge, a title he carried over to the All Japan (AJNPS) show when he later judged there in the 90's.

"Nishikigoi 85" was a milestone in UK show history, the first time that Japanese show-classes and sizes were used. It also proved that dealer-run shows were feasible and subsequently BAND – British Association of Nishikigoi Dealers was formed and went on to run BAND 87, 88 and BAND 90, which along with Nishikigoi 85 still stand as the four largest koi shows ever held in the UK. Keith's role in BAND was that of bencher, a role that Keith was to excel at in the years that followed at koi shows throughout the county, including the year the BKKS National tried Japanese Style for the first and only time. He first benched at the South East in 1990 and continued to do so for many years, training many apprentices along the way. Much of the South East's documented practises in

this area stemmed from Keith's early instructions.

Keith also contributed to the success of our (South East) shows in other ways, e.g. bringing over Japanese breeders to give lectures (1996) and broadcasting the show live over the internet in 1998.

Many of our members accompanied Keith on trips to Japan where his knowledge and his relationship with many of the Niigata breeders procured bargains for us. I remember one particular trip where the ladies, young and old, of the Yagenji household kidnapped him, taking him into the house to see and discuss the photos of his first born child Thomas. I learned later that Keith had stayed with the Yagenji family for six months or so early in his career. Stories like this and many others came to light after his friends and former customers came to terms with the sad news.

A ten strong delegation from the South East Koi Club attended the funeral at Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday 20th to say our final goodbyes. Martin Symonds (Japan Koi Export) gave a touching eulogy that celebrated Keith's life, their friendship and Keith's contribution to the hobby. Keith leaves two sons Thomas and Owen and ex-wife Nicky.

Fondly remembered and sadly missed.
The South East Koi Club.

Another good guy departed.
Tragic news.
Peter Waddington.

A sad loss, thoughts and condolences to the family. RIP Keith
Andrew Glazzard

Very sad news indeed , Keith had a wealth of knowledge and brought some fantastic koi into the UK . He will be sadly missed by those who knew him.
Gary Smith (Gatwick Koi)

BAND British Association of Nishikigoi Dealers.

Consisted of Infiltration; Kent Koi; Clearwater Koi; Coldstream Koi; DJ's Koi and Japanese Water Gardens.

When Mark came back from working on a Koi farm in Japan, over 20 years ago, he started looking for a job in the Koi industry and went for an interview at a company called Brit Koi. On the train on the way back from Marylebone to High Wycombe he found himself sat next to a young man, about the same age as himself, and they struck up a conversation to pass the time. The young man, who worked for an insurance company and was on his way back from a meeting, asked Mark what he did for a living and Mark replied "I'm a fish farmer". The young man said "really! My Dad keeps these fish called Koi Carp" and he then spent the rest of the 45 minute or so journey telling Mark all about Koi and his Dad's fish – Mark couldn't get a word in edgewise! As the train pulled into High Wycombe, where they were both getting off the train, the young man asked Mark what fish he farmed and Mark replied "Koi!". That young man, as you may have guessed, was Keith Phipps and the two of them became firm friends. Mark got the job at Brit Koi and when another vacancy came up he recommended Keith for the job and that's how Keith started working in the Koi industry.

One day Mark and Keith were benching Koi at the BAND Show (British Association of Nishikigoi Dealers – yes there was once such a thing, and they had their own show!)

and they worked with such professionalism and ease that they caught the eye of a couple of prestigious Koi Dealers who both wanted them to come and work for them. Keith and Mark both decided to work for Kent Koi, which at the time was a large and very successful high end Koi business, and they bought a house together in a place called Snodland, not far from Maidstone. The team at Kent Koi also included Bernice Brewster and Nicky Chappell and they all became good friends. It was during this time that I first met Mark and not long after we got together, Keith and Nicky hooked up and later married.

Mark and Keith parted ways when Mark left to set up what became Cuttlebrook Koi Farm and we lost touch with Keith and Nicky – such is life. When we got the call from Nicky on Monday evening to let us know that Keith had passed away, it was a real shock. Keith and Nicky split up a few years ago but they have two boys a few years younger than our own and my heart goes out to them all. Not having seen Keith for many years, Mark and I will always remember him as he was when we knew him. He was a charming, fun, blond "Marty McFly" lookalike, and one of the most competent and knowledgeable Koi dealers in the country. Fond memories of a lovely guy.

Lisa Davis (Cuttlebrook Koi Farm)

Keith was extremely talented in his ability to recognize koi of stunning quality and more importantly the tategoi with the potential to become remarkable koi.

Bernice Brewster

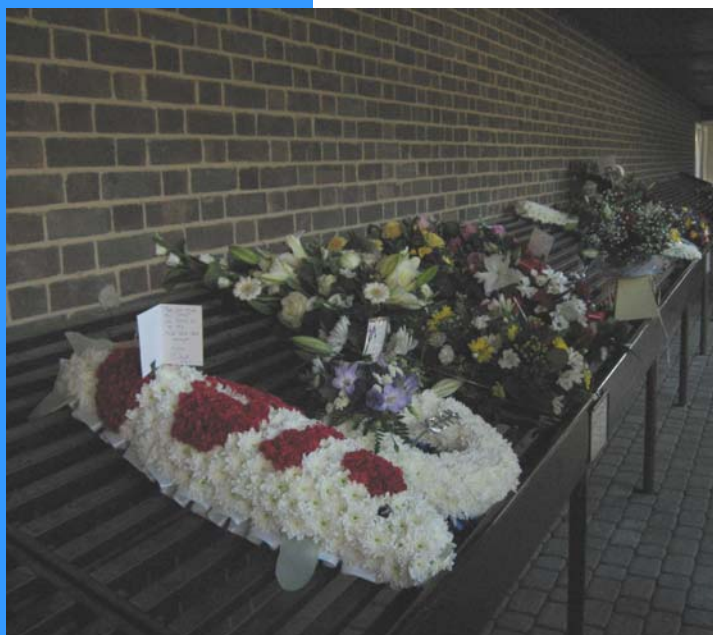
Keith's passing is a huge loss to the koi fraternity. He had a huge, and richly deserved reputation with the Niigata koi breeders and a unique eye for koi quality. He also possessed an amazing memory for koi and their individual characteristics. I sometimes thought he knew my koi better than I did. Maybe he did.

On an individual note, it was Keith who met me at Narita airport my first time, took me on that so familiar (now) journey to Ojiya, introduced me to shashimi, and great koi. It was Keith who introduced me to Martin Symonds, now my good friend, who is grieving now more than anyone can know. We had many memorable times in Niigata and Tokyo.

I will miss you Keith. I have been missing you these last two years whilst you have been so ill.

If you read this, Nicky, all who know and respect you will wish you love and a new life.

Michael Van Neste



Floral tributes at the funeral including the Kohaku from the family.

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On the 2nd of October the Cambridge-shire Koi Club held it's first closed show for some 11 years, and thankfully the sun shone for them and helped make the day a great success.

After a week of mixed weather during the show construction with the day before opening giving us a heavy dose of wind and rain, everyone on the show-ground was paying particular attention to the weather forecasts, it was good to see that the predictions for a warm, still and clear day did infact turn out to be correct allowing the public to enjoy the show and with the attending dealers, in general, reporting a good day's business.

The Set Up

The set up of the show started on the Sunday preceding the show with many members of the club descending on the show ground to help with the erecting of the club Marquee, cleaning of the show vats and the erection and cleaning of the water reservoirs before the taps got turned on, the cleaning of vats continued on the Monday after horrible weather called an end to the work on the Sunday.

On Monday morning, and with calmer weather, JB Marquees arrived on site and erected both the large centre ring and a number of the dealer tents, it was at this point that the 'field' started to resemble a show ground. The erection of the centre ring gave us some good cover to finish the cleaning of the vats and then allowed us to move them into position and start getting some water in them.

From that point on it was a case of club members putting in the hours they could in the evenings to ensure that everything got done that needed to, and thanks to that effort along with the support from EMKC members Darren Turner and Martin Barnett that turned up to help on the Thursday and Friday and another EMKC member Shane Brown who turned up on Friday to help with last minute items and benching etc., other than a few last minute finishing touches, they were.

So onto the Saturday morning and the day of the show, the first of the visiting dealers included Dock Koi, Coastal Koi, Isle Of Ely Koi, Messner, Kusuri, The Wooden Koi Company, Auld Lang Stone and The Bays Nursery & Acer centre turned up at 6am and due to a lot of running about and good organisation on their part, the show was ready to be opened to the public as planned at 10am.



Grand Champion

The Show

When the gates opened the showground quickly took on a great atmosphere, in fact, some of the visiting public had arrived a bit early and were already enjoying a hot cuppa and a look around the koi before the gates had officially opened, it was at this point that a few pictures of a 'well worn few' that had worked through the night were taken, you can image how pleased the photographed few were at this lol. By 11am the show was in full swing and the dealers were already commenting on some good sales being made, from the show organiser's view this was good to hear as we simply didn't know what the

turnout was likely to be and thus didn't know what to expect and rather than just be pleased that we had the dealers present, we also wanted them to have a good days trading as well.

The Koi

We had planned to have 20 vats of koi on display, but after a number of members asked if we had any spare vats (ok, we encouraged a few members to bring a few more fish along) we actually ended up with 141 koi on display from 17 exhibitors and covering 24 vats, not a bad turnout for a club that only has 6 members that had previously shown their koi at a

show, and after taking a good look around the vats, it was clearly evident that the quality of the koi on display was very good as well, this was backed up by the comments we received on the day from the visiting koi kichi and the judges that were present.

As with most shows, the first job of the day for the visiting JSC was to find the Grand Champion and after much discussion the head judge for the event, Lloyd Bartley, and his team of Alan Coogan, Bernie Woollands and 2 trainees Stefan Malm and Steve Battle declared that Dave Pope had taken the award with his 76cm Kohaku.

But that wasn't to be the only success for Dave on the day, He also took away the award for Young Champion with a koi that is getting used to winning, a UK Bred Cuttlebrook Koi Farm Showa that has also taken the awards of Baby Champ at the EMKC Winter Show in February as well as the Best Overall size One at the BKKS National in 2009. Dave also took the awards for Adult Champion and Mature Champion making it a very successful day for him and his koi. The 2 Major awards Dave didn't collect were those of Jumbo and Baby Champion.

The Jumbo Champion award was won by just 1cm and was awarded to Matt & Lynette Hall for their 77cm Chagoi, this is a koi that has always done well in our photo competitions and rightfully took the award on the day.

The Baby Champion was taken not only by a first time exhibitor, but also a junior member of our club, Nathan Kirkbright. At just 15 Nathan doesn't have deep pockets and was therefore rightfully pleased to win the award with a koi he selected earlier in the year for just £8 and grew on to 33cm. As Nathans dad I'm not sure who was the most pleased about his award, Nathan for winning or myself and his mum for his fantastic achievement.

Like many shows however, as well as the 6 major awards, we also had awards for some more specific categories, these included the Best Beginner award that was sponsored by KoiMag and was awarded to Martyn Underwood & Sue Machin for their stunning Tancho, a koi that was also awarded the EMKC Friendship Award, Best Doitsu that was taken by Manjit Sahota who had a successful time at her first show also picking up the award for Best Non Go-Sanke, Best Junior was taken by Kharek & Khem Chana with the Most Unique award going to Matt & Lynette Hall for a stunning Tancho Goshiki that they weren't going to bring along until being ca-



Mature Champion



David Pope (Centre) receiving his awards.

joined into it by other club members. Rob & Jan Jack took the Chairmans choice award with a lovely Shiro Utsuri and Martyn Underwood & Sue Machin

These are just the Major awards though and it was good to see at the end of the day and at the prize giving ceremony that saw every exhibitor given a bottle of Sansai Biorex from show sponsor Heja BV and every prize winner given some food from show sponsor Koyoshi, that every single member of the club had picked up one award or another for the koi they had exhibited, a true testament to the quality and variation of the koi on display. It was also nice to see, after Mark Davis came and gave us a talk earlier in the year, that Cuttlebrook Koi Farm picked up a number of other awards at the show including a number of 1st & 2nd places in hotly contested classes.

But before any of the awards could be given out we had the small and pressing issue of having to draw the lucky winners of our grand raffle, the main prize for this draw was kindly donated to the club by RotolInnovations and was one of their highly acclaimed Concept Gravity Shower units. For the important job of pulling the first ticket to decide the lucky winner of this filter and for complete impartiality, we asked visiting BKKS chairman Peter Robbins to do the honours. The lucky winners we're pleased to announce were none other than Cambridgeshire Koi Club members Tim & June Scott who were quite simply speechless at hearing their names called out.

Over View

Like any new show we ran into a few glitches along the way, but thankfully we overcame them and from what we're reading on forums, emails and messages sent via text, we put on a good show. We've learnt a lot this year and will put that which we have into good practise next year when we put on the show again – with a few changes!

One thing is for certain however and that is without the support we received from both the public in the run up to the show as well as on the day, and the terrific backing we received from both our supporters and our main sponsors Koyoshi Koi Foods, Isle of Ely Koi, Heja BV through their brand Sansai Biorex and Roto Innovations, this show wouldn't have been the success it was, so a huge thank you to all those that believed that we could.

For more details about the show including a list of all the awards, details of the lucky raffle winners or simply to find out more about the Cambridgeshire Koi Club, please visit our website at www.cambridgeshire-koi-club.co.uk



Adult Champion



Young Champion



Baby Champion



Nathan Kirkbright (Centre) receiving Baby Champion Trophy.

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Tim & June Scott, winners of the raffle a RotolInnovations Concept Gravity Shower.

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Koi food is made up of various different ingredients that are selected to provide a complete, balanced diet to our fish. The final nutrient content of the diet is determined by which ingredients have been used and in what proportions they have been added. The basic nutrient breakdown that is listed on fish food packaging indicates the overall suitability of a particular food, but it falls short of indicating the real quality of the food. Here we will look at the key nutrients and consider their importance in koi foods, and why one food may differ in quality to another despite similar on-pack information.

Protein

Protein is generally considered to be the most important nutrient for fish. It is used as a source of energy and is required for growth, reproduction, the immune system, and hormone and enzyme production. In short, without an adequate supply of protein a fish will not remain healthy. A koi's requirement for protein depends to a large extent on its capacity to grow. Small fish generally require more protein in order to grow rapidly, and in the summer extra protein can help to fulfil an increased potential for growth.

Proteins are basically strings of smaller 'building blocks' called amino acids. It is the amino acid content of a protein that determines its usefulness and quality to koi. Koi and other fish have a requirement for 10 essential amino acids that must be provided in correct proportions within their diet. The use of poor quality sources of protein may result in an inadequate amino acid profile, and consequently the food may not maintain good health. Therefore, a simple declaration of the % protein content of the food is not enough to assess its quality.

So, what's the right protein level for koi? The answer is that there is no one answer. Most staple koi foods contain around 30-35% protein, and this fits nicely with the theoretical optimum protein levels for *Cyprinus carpio*. Growth foods will contain higher protein levels and are designed for use in warmer water where the fish's capacity for using protein is greater. However, the correct protein level for a particular food will depend on its overall formulation and quality. To illustrate this it is worth considering the ratio of protein to energy in a food. As mentioned already, protein is a good energy source for fish. However, when it is used for this purpose it results in ammonia production and is not used for 'useful' functions, such as health and growth. Nutritionists therefore try to limit the use of protein for energy by providing alternative sources of energy in the diet. Oil is the most useful of these, releasing around twice as much energy per gram compared to protein. Get the protein to energy correct and the efficiency with which the protein in the food is used will be maximised. So, a diet could have 5% more protein in it, but if it is not balanced with sufficient alternative sources of energy then this may be wasted, resulting in ammonia production. So

the key is not to worry too much about whether the food has 30, 32, or 35% protein, but to worry about the overall quality and reputation of the food.

Assuming that we have chosen a good quality brand of koi food, the most commonly asked question concerning protein is when to feed a high protein food? As a general rule of thumb the use of high protein (growth / performance) foods should not commence until late spring / summer. This is because the water needs to be warm for koi to use this extra protein efficiently. However, there is no set temperature and summers in the UK are unreliable for good weather at the best of times. This is not a major concern though. Provided they are fed during warmer periods, fluctuations in water temperature will not cause problems for fish fed on high protein foods. This is because they will regulate their intake of food depending on the temperature – when it is warmer they will eat more and consequently take in more protein, and when it is cooler they will do the opposite. When selecting a growth food, bear in mind the protein to energy ratio of the food. If extra protein is incorporated into the food then this should be balanced with additional oil. To take a real example, the difference in protein and oil levels in two koi foods is illustrated below. Obvious from the nutrient breakdown is that the oil level is increased in line with the protein level, to provide the additional energy required by the fish to efficiently use the extra protein:

Oil

The terms 'fat' and 'oil' are often used interchangeably, but oils are liquid at room temperature whereas fats are solid. Both are sometimes referred to as 'lipids'. As well as being an excellent source of energy for koi, oil is also important for other processes such as cell membrane structure, the immune system, storage of pigments and vitamins, and so on. As with proteins, it is the quality of the oil that is more important than its precise level. However, oil levels of around 5% would be common in staple diets, increasing in growth foods to balance the protein level.

Oils contain fatty acids which are liberated and absorbed during digestion. It is these fatty acids that determine the quality of the oil. Unsaturated fatty acids are more important for koi; these being more fluid and therefore more appropriate for the structure of cell membranes. This is especially important in the winter when lower temperatures reduce the fluidity of oils (just as butter straight out the fridge is hard and difficult to spread).

The fatty acids that are most important to fish are omega-3s and omega-6s. This simply refers to their chemical structure. There are different types of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids, but the most commonly used ones in diets for koi are linolenic (omega-3) and linoleic acid (omega-6). Koi require 1% linoleic and 1% linolenic acid in their diet to remain in top condition. A good food will supply this. So, as with protein you can see that two diets with the same oil level may vary in quality depending on their fatty acid

profile.

Although oil is very useful for koi and it is important for protein sparing, as with all nutrients you can have too much of it. An excess of oil will lead to fat deposition in the liver and a loss of body condition. Although it is less common now, the practice of feeding trout pellets to koi is dangerous for this very reason – they simply cannot cope with the high oil (and protein) levels.

Carbohydrates

Carbohydrates are often overlooked when discussing koi nutrition, principally because they are not listed on food packaging. They have a variety of roles, including for us and other mammals being a principal source of energy. However, fish do not have such a requirement for carbohydrate, and compared to us most fish can make only poor use of them. Koi are better than most – possessing reasonable levels of the enzymes needed for digesting carbohydrate – but they still are nowhere near as good as other animals. Although they can break most carbohydrates down into their component sugars (e.g. glucose), once absorbed into the bloodstream they are less well able to deal with them. Some will be used directly for energy production whereas any excess will be stored as glycogen. Unlike us, fish have difficulty re-releasing glucose from glycogen stores. This can lead to liver damage amongst other problems, as well as an inefficient use of the food.

Nutritionists therefore have to be very careful about incorporating carbohydrate into fish food. The maximum amount that can be included will depend on the quality of the food; in particular the production methods used. Extruded foods (often characterised by a 'honeycomb' appearance) generally contain carbohydrate in a more digestible format thanks to the production process used to make them. This involves 'cooking' the carbohydrates, just as rice or pasta is more digestible when cooked. The carbohydrate level of a food can be inferred by adding up the % protein, oil, fibre, ash, and moisture levels of a food and seeing what is left from 100. Levels much above 50/55%, especially if they are not extruded, might indicate a low nutritional value. However, as with other nutrients, the overall formulation and quality of the food will influence the correct inclusion level.

Vitamins

We're all familiar with the importance of vitamins to health and condition; mainly because we hear about it a lot in connection to human health. Vitamins are complex organic compounds that are generally found in very small quantities in koi food. They have no energy value but are essential for health and metabolism, and diets lacking in vitamins will lead to deficiency diseases. Vitamins are divided into two groups: fat soluble and water soluble. Fat soluble vitamins include vitamins A, D, E, and K. Water soluble vitamins include vitamins C and the B-series. Requirements for most of

Food	Protein Level	Oil Level
TetraPond Koi Sticks	33%	5%
TetraPond Growth Sticks	43%	9.5%

these vitamins have been determined for koi (*Cyprinus carpio*), and they must be included in the diet for optimum condition. In some cases, larger amounts of particular vitamins (e.g. C, A) may be included for their health-boosting properties.

The key concern for us is how well the food is stored and handled, as this directly influences its vitamin content. Vitamin C and the fat soluble vitamins are especially prone to degradation, this being accelerated where the food is exposed to light, high temperatures or humidity. In addition, as soon as the food hits the water it will begin leaching vitamins. One study even recorded a 50-75% loss of vitamin C within 10 seconds. Because of this, food should always be stored in a cool, dry place and in an opaque container. In addition you should ensure that it is eaten quickly to minimise leaching, and never pre-soak food. Good quality diets are formulated to soften quickly so the fish can eat them straight away. The type of food will to some extent influence the rate of leaching and the stability of its vitamin content, with extruded diets being superior.

When feeding koi, if possible observe how quickly they eat the food and only add as much as they can consume within a minute or so. Once it's gone add a little more, rather than putting lots in at once.

Minerals

Minerals are inorganic compounds required for proper health and condition. They are often divided into those that are required in relatively large amounts (e.g. phosphorus, calcium, potassium) and those that are needed in smaller quantities ('trace elements'). The ash content of a koi food consists of minerals, but not all of these are deliberately added to the diet. A large portion of the ash will be minerals that form part of the ingredients used in the food. A high ash content indicates that poorer quality ingredients may be being used, and levels much above 12% are generally viewed with caution. It is therefore not wise to make a direct link between the ash level and the balance of essential minerals in the food (more ash does not mean more beneficial minerals).

The quality of the diet and the production processes used will influence the efficiency with which it delivers key minerals. For example, phosphorus is more digestible in animal ingredients (e.g. fish meal) as opposed to plant and vegetable ingredients. When using non animal ingredients the correct processing is required to make it available to the fish. Failure to do this will result in a phosphorus deficiency and reduced health. In addition it will result in excessive phosphorus excretion, leading to polluted ponds and algae problems.

Choosing a diet

By now you should have a rough idea of what each of the key nutrients are, and appreciate that a simple % inclusion figure on the packaging is not enough to truly evaluate a food's quality. The overall quality of the food is the most important factor, and this is not something that can be read off a pack. It is best assessed by using the food for sufficient periods to ensure it keeps the fish and pond in good condition, and by sticking to good quality brands. If you're not sure which brands are good quality then your local koi club or koi dealer can help. It is also worth contacting the manufacturer if you have any questions concerning their diets.

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Introducing Paul Ashton. Those at the 18th Holland Koi Show will be familiar with Paul, he was after all our Japanese interpreter.

But his day job is with Koi Bito Japan a trade only exporter to over 10 countries, During his sojourn in Arcen he got to hear about Hotspot and eventually got around to letting us know what he gets up to as promised. .

“Hi Bernie...have been working hard visiting loads of harvests in the South of Japan, most of them are now posted on our company's website, www.koibito-japan.com/news I am sure there are plenty of videos and photos



to keep you going for a while. Feel free to pass on the link to any koi minded friends of yours!”

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The forum started in 2006 by me with the goal to be a helpful and free community for all koi lovers in Sweden and to promote the hobby as much as I could. So they could ask questions, show pictures of their koi and ponds and share ideas of everything about koikeeping.

Today it has become the biggest community or club in Sweden with at least 130 people visiting every day. This year we had the first Koigalen day at our home with members from all over Sweden, I think that at least 30-40 members attended just to talk koi and have a great day with koi friends.

The plan for the future is that we could have guest speakers from all over the world so that the hobby could grow here in Sweden. And maybe workshops with pondbuilding, filtration, koi appreciation and many more things that could help the newcomers in the hobby.

Since I started the forum I have seen that the hobby had grown very fast and more and more hobbyists want to learn more and more.

The 1000th member signed up the 4th of October, member name SKRUF. After that 11 more have signed up.

When the 1000th member signed up I thought it was time to do a celebration so I asked the members if they could do a cheer for the forum and take a picture and put it up on the forum. The response was positive, including friends from the UK and Holland shared our day.

Another thing we did was Koigalens IKE AGE. Many of the people in Sweden take their koi in for the winter, so I asked if they could take some pictures of their Ike Age, when they harvest their koi in the ponds. The response again was overwhelming, including some funny pictures of members that really takes the harvest through another level. Of course with a smile on their lips. My wife persuaded me to put on a kimono and tie a towel on my head. (This photo has been saved for another day - Ed.)

I have attached some pictures from the members doing the celebration and even some pictures of the Ike Age we have done.



Mona & Stefan Malm say "Cheers".



A famous face on the UK'S 2010 Koi Show circuit Per "Smallfish" Lindqvist Says "Cheers".



FOFK Judging panel + Tony Price. "Cheers"



Cheers Koi Galen





2010 Festival of Fishkeeping (FBAS Show)

Long term readers of Hotspot should now be familiar with this show, but for those that aren't, here's a quick summary.

The Festival of Fishkeeping is run by the Federation of British Aquarists (FBAS) an organisation that was founded in 1938 making it the oldest and the longest running aquatic club in the UK.

Throughout the year it's member clubs run fish shows up and down the country and in October the Festival of Fishkeeping invites them to participate in a consolidated show that promotes the hobby in it's entirety.

The FOFK hosts several shows within the show, for example Discus, Goldfish, Koi and a Champion of Champions show where major winners from the tropical shows throughout the country are displayed.

Overseeing this event for many years is Joe Nethersell, the Chairman of FBAS who apart from being seen everywhere - doing everything during the day, always manages to find time to dance with the prettiest women at the evening functions.

Within this "Festival" is a koi show. A joint venture by four separate koi fish in the South of England. The Middlesex & Surrey Borders (MSB) Section, The South East Koi Club, the South Hants Koi Club and the Worthing Section.

The show Fuhress of this particular part is Glenys Cambridge of the South Hants Koi Club (below) who



Overall Grand Champion
exhibited by xxxxxxxxxxxx
South Hants Koi Club



Glenys - Koi Show Chairfuhress.



Paige - one of Joe's dancing partners.

Photographs courtesy of Toën Feyen, Jeroen Dregmans and Bernie Woollands.



MSB Grand Champion

not only organises the show on-site but takes care of the pre-show arrangements and the co-ordination between the clubs.

The prizes for the koi show are very different from other shows. For a start there are five Grand Champions! One overall GC and then four individual club GC's. The Show Classes are different too; there being only eight to make the show more competitive. They are:-

- KOHAKU
- SANKE
- SHOWA
- UTSURIMONO
- TANCHO
- KINGINRIN
- METALIC
- & Non-METALIC

From a judging perspective the Metalic Class makes for some interesting debates and decision making. Basically we treat it like the Kawarimono class and introduce "representing its variety" into the equation alongside the normal criteria to assist with a final decision.

The koi show consists of 20 vats of koi which under normal circumstances equates to 5 per club, but for some reason this year my club only fielded two vats which meant that the other clubs had to find 3 extra exhibitors. The upshot of this was that the South East GC was a size 1 Kumonryu (This must be a first!) due to their two vats only containing small koi.

But this show is not just about the koi. As much as we koi-keepers would hate to think that the standard of koi found in most garden-centre retail outlets represent the best our hobby can offer; I'm sure that the same applies to the exhibitors of the other fish at these shows. A brief walk around the goldfish exhibits would tell you that you are looking at something different and very special. The same can be said of every other exhibit whether it's a discus, an angel fish or even a guppy. Even if you fail to spot the quality you cannot fail to be impressed with the size. Last year I measured a discus exhibit to be nearly 10 inches from top to bottom. I can't say that there were any that size this year but this year's exhibits made up for it with the intricacies of their patterns. The fish seen in the average aquatic retailer are a shadow of the exhibits found here and accompanying them are their owners, the equal of any koi-kichi when it comes to knowledge of their chosen species.



South Hants Grand Champion



As well as the exhibits there are a few dealer stands (including a local koi dealer) and a number of club stands. Some of these sell fish bred by their members where you can obtain the necessary specialist advice for whatever species they support. Another area is set aside purely for the selling off of surplus stock. I don't know how you get involved but this was clearly a national thing when you listen to the accents of those involved. A few years ago I was made aware of a guppy species known as an Endler. If I got it right they are a recent discovery and significantly smaller than the type we are more familiar with. They were also more colourful in my eyes with an almost metallic sheen and a distinct arrangement of colours as opposed to the random patterns seen on their commercially available cousins. This year I saw three different versions of this little fish on this stand, each quite different in its own way and some of the prices were as low as 50pence.

**Worthing
Grand Champion**



Even though the prices are low enough to tempt anybody prospective buyers are quizzed to ensure they have the wherewithal in both knowledge and environment to look after them.

Over on the goldfish display the same thing applies. The standard Common Goldfish on display is as far removed from the prize winners here as a Japanese GC is from a cull on sale at a garden centre. Goldfish were a hobby of mine that I inherited from my father. Here Broadtail Moors, Fantails, Bristol Shubunkins of a standard (British Standards) that he would have recognised are displayed alongside equally good specimens of varieties of a more recent nature from America, China and Japan as well as some new varieties undergoing development e.g. a metallic singletail with Bristol Shubunkin style finnage. This variety is going under the name of "The Imperial". In other years I have seen examples of the 'Egg fish' which I was always led to believe was a myth. This year there was also some dragon-backed (dorsal-less) London Shubunkins that a particular breeder was trying to stabilise.



**South East
Grand
Champion**



**NVN
Friendship Award
xxxxxx
ion**



In addition to fish there was also a display of furnished aquaria, where hobbyists set up an aquarium on the show site. All the aquariums are the same size and most try to create a natural looking scene with plants etc. However, I am assuming there must also be a "Loony" class as some are distinctly weird. For example, one contained skeletons, coffins and plastic spiders etc on an obvious Halloween theme. Another was clearly an advert for tourism to the Isle of Wight.

As I hope the reader can gather, a show of many facets run by dedicated people from all avenues of our aquatic hobby.

But I was there as a koi judge along with Toen Feyen and we brought along Jeroen Dregmans and Patrick Krijnen as our apprentices and we got judging underway at 1pm and finished about four. The main results can be seen on the next page.

After completing judging we met up with Tony Price a ZNA judge and had a meal at his place. It was on the way there that we had a phone call from Stefan Malm asking us to send a photo to the Koi Galen forum for just signing up their 1,000th member. These and others celebrating their success can be seen on pages 12 and 13.

The next day we heard that this might be the last show of this type at this current venue. The business has been sold and the new owners had to be cajoled into allowing this show to run. We hope that between now and next year this matter can be solved or a new venue found. It would be a tragedy if this was to be the last of its kind.



The winners.

Grand Champion:

Trevor Childs
Size 6 Showa

MSB GC

Carl Davison
Size 6 Utsurimono

South East GC

Barry Relf
Size 1 Non-metallic

South Hants GC

Rowena Childs
Size 4 Showa

Worthing GC

Steve Watson
Size 4 Utsurimono

Baby Champ

Maggie Gillet
Size 1 Kohaku

Best Tancho

Steve Watson
Size 3

Jumbo

Sean & Luke Mumford
Size 6 Non-metallic

NVN Friendship Award

Barrie & Keith Burkin
Size 4 Non-metallic



News in brief.

WORLD WIDE Koi Show TRAVEL

SHOW DATES FOR 2011.

FEBRUARY

2nd East Midlands Koi Club Winter Koi Show, 19-20th February, at The Bretby Conference Centre, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire. UK

APRIL

Interkoi 2011 (KLAN), 2 & 3rd April, at Rheinburg, Germany

JUNE

East Pennine Section BKKS Open Show, 4-5th June, at Elsecar Heritage Centre, Wath Road, Elsecar, Barnsley S74 8HJ

JULY

Belgian Koi Society Show, 3 & 4th July, venue TBC.

AUGUST

North East Koi Club Open Show, 13 & 14th August at the Federation Brewery Dunston, Gateshead. .

19th Holland Koi Show (NVN), 18-21st August, at Kasteltuyn, Arcen nr Venlo, The Netherlands.

25th South East Koi Club Show, 28 & 29th August, at Parkwood Hall School, Beechenlea Lane, Swanley, Kent, BR8 8DR

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

We are only an e-mail away.

Adverts welcomed too.



KOI LINKS.

Is a website dedicated to providing links to all things koi related within the UK.

It even boasts its own koi-related search engine called KOIGLE that sifts out the non koi stuff.

www.koilinks.co.uk

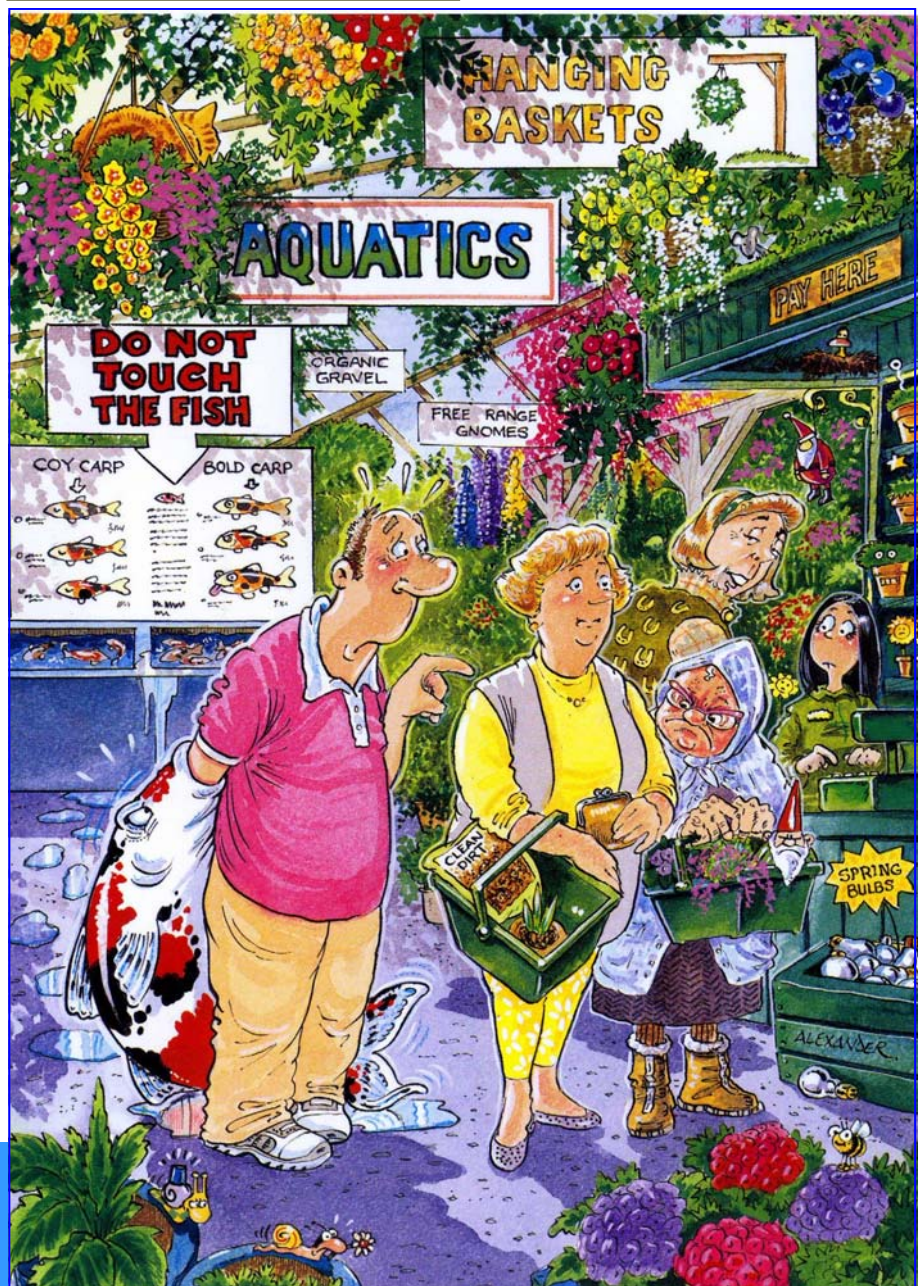


The AKA (Australian Koi Association) has started a Facebook page.

Go to Facebook and search for 'Australian Koi Society'. They need 25 friends before they can apply for a neat, short URL for the page. So please help them out by going to the page and clicking the 'like' button.

FYI - the South East Koi Club has just reached the magic 25 figure and can now boast of an easier URL. We are :-

www.facebook.com/SouthEastKoiClub



Cambridge 2011 Show News.

After a very informative and eventful club meeting last night that saw us take a look at an overview of the recent 2010 Cambridgeshire Koi Club Koi Closed Show it was proposed, and agreed by all the club members present (with no abstainers!) that from 2011 we would run an annual koi show.....but with a few changes from this year!

So, I'm pleased to be able to inform everyone that 2011 will see the first OPEN Cambridgeshire Koi Show with a minimum of 40 vats present, this number may well increase however as we all ready have a waiting list that should allow us to fill a vast majority of the planned 40.

The other major change is that we're moving to the summer in order to reduce the risks of adverse weather. The provisional dates for the show are the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of July.

The date will be confirmed by the end of this month and full details will be published on the club website www.cambridgeshire-koi-club.co.uk

Thanks again to all those that visited and supported us this year, it's thanks to your support that we've been able to take this decision and go forward, we look forward to making the Cambridgeshire Koi Show one of the first you write into your calendar every year.

Cuttlebrook Koi Website makeover.

It has lots more information than the old one and includes many of the articles that we have written over the years. There is also a link to our page on Facebook for you to take a look at, which you can access even if you aren't a Facebook user.

There are more videos to watch on the video section and loads more awards now showing on the awards page.

There is a new photo gallery section too showing pictures of our fish and the activities on the farm. More features and articles will be available soon too.

The address is the same as before www.cuttlebrookkoifarm.co.uk

SAKKS National 2011 Show



The KwaZulu Natal chapter of SAKKS will be the hosts of the 2011 South African Koi Keeper's National Show.

NEWSFLASH.

We are delighted to confirm that Lake Eland Game Reserve and Penrith Koi Farm will once again be our main sponsors for the SA National Koi Show to be held at Gateway Theatre of Shopping in July 2011. Our sincere thanks to Trevor, Eric, Wayne and Jamie for your continued support of our Chapter and of this major Koi Show.

Birthdays all round!

Firstly, let me congratulate *Hot Spot* on its Golden publication anniversary! The true test is time and I think this speaks volumes about the people who produce this e-mag - obviously a winning formula. It is perhaps appropriate that I acknowledge this e-mag's 50th birthday on my 1st starting at the Japanese Koi Company this autumn. The coming seasons will see a lot of changes at JKC, primarily in the standard and quality, starting with my trip this November to Japan which will not only be my first for the company, but will also be my first trip to the south of Japan. It goes without saying that I am excited about this upcoming trip but I am also extremely interested in the differences I will encounter. I have extensive experience in doing business in the Niigata region of Japan, so this learning opportunity in the south holds immense interest to me. I will keep *Hot Spot* up to date on my findings in the future, so once again congratulations and I look forward to another 50.

Anton Evatt
Japanese Koi Company.



In case you hadn't noticed: the coming issue will the 50th Hot Spot! Thank you very much for all funny and interesting stuff you put in!

Through the years I saw it as a welcome document with all kind of show announcements, reports and interesting articles. I meet a lot of people who receive the Hot Spot during their visits to the Holland Koi Show it feels like we have something in common. It was a pleasure to send you some pictures from time to time and I hope they will be welcome in the future.
Jeroen Dregmans HKS

1st Shinkokai Malaysia Koi Show
Date : 8th - 9th January 2011
Venue : Awana Genting Highlands, Malaysia
Live Auction
Japanese Fair
8 & 9th January
www.shinkokai.com.my 019 321 6966

It's all happening on www.niigata.nishikigoi.com

Just in the last month Mark has posted information and comprehensive sets of photos of all the winning koi at three different koi shows in the Niigata region, the Ojiya Show, the Nagaoka Show and culminating in this year's Niigata Nogyosai.

In addition there are daily photo-shoots taken at harvests along with him accompanying dealers from around the world on their buying trips. A daily koi-fix not to be missed.



2010 Nogyosai G.C.



2010 Nagaoka G.C.



2010 Ojiya G.C.

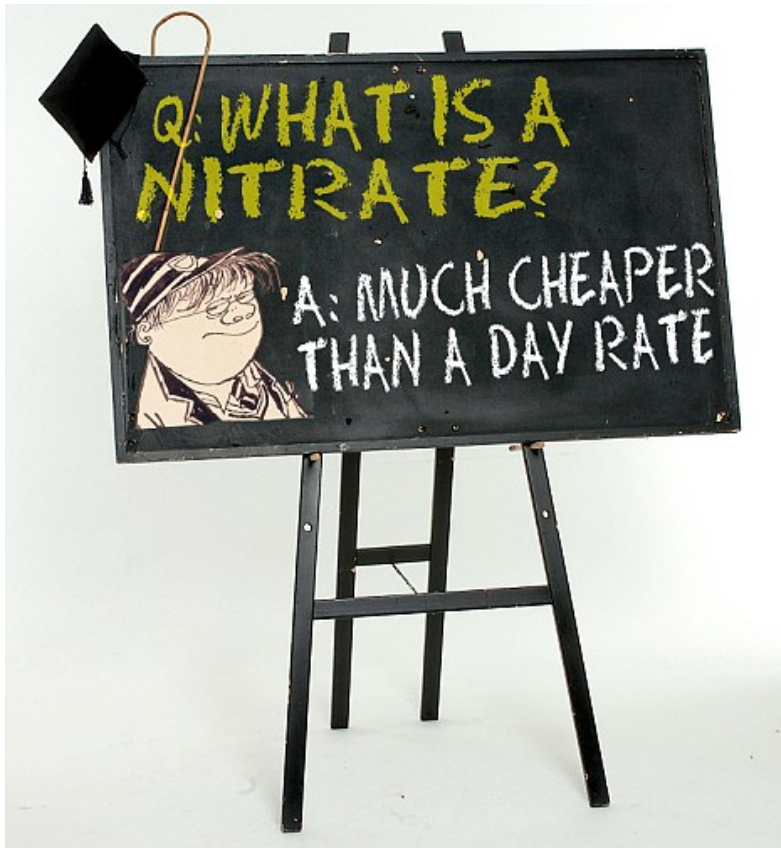


He's not afraid to get down and dirty.
Mark is seen here wearing the South East Koi Club's club shirt a memento of his visit and talk to us in September.



Niigata-Nishikigoi.com
Niigata, the home of Nishikigoi

Water chemistry made simple.



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 Club.
- KLAN (Germany)
- Koi Galen Sweden
- ZNA Viet Nam
- Midwest Pond & Koi Society (USA)

