

Another South East Koi Pioneer—Doug Holder.

“A founder member and a friend to everyone.”



The honour guard from L to R are:-

Tony Price - UK ZNA, Kevin Harrison - Chairman of the South African Koi Keepers Society (SAKKS), Toen Feyen - Chairman of the Nishikigoi Vereniging Nederland (NVN), Mike Harvey - Chairman of the KwaZulu Natal Chapter of SAKKS, Lynne Wells - South East Show Sec, Peter Robbins - BKKS Chairman, Terry Wells - South East Show Chairman, Paul Renshaw Chairman Yorkshire Koi Society, Nicole Lembke - Mid Atlantic Koi Club (USA), Hayamasa Ikeda - Assistant. Chief of the International Division ZNA (Japan), Bill Ennis - BKKS JSC, Doug himself, David Brown - Chairman South East Section holding the trophy flanked by section members Paul Higgins and Joan Illson.

A truly international event took place at the largest and most international of the BKKS Section Shows on August Bank Holiday Sunday 2006. The Section chose this day to reward one of their founding members for his years of service to the hobby and the section. Doug Holder was a founder member of the BKKS back in 1970 when he like many other of those pioneers answered the call to form a society for the appreciation and promotion of Nishikigoi. Later on Doug went on to be one of the founders of the London Section before settling

down and forming the South East. Much of the South East's latter day success is down to the foundation laid down by him. Doug was fundamental in getting the section's shows on the road and he, himself was our Open Show Chairman for 1988-1991. Along with getting us started with shows he was also instrumental in forging links with foreign Koi Societies hosting several American guests on a pond visit in 1988.

Therefore it only seemed fitting that his award should be presented at our 20th Show in front of an honour

guard of several visiting representatives of other Koi Societies, both overseas and domestic. David Brown, our Chairman and long time friend of Doug presented the award, an engraved vase bearing the South East Show Logo uniquely modified to include his name along with the inscription "**Doug Holder, founder member and friend to everyone**"



Doug had initially wanted a no-fuss ceremony and this presentation went ahead virtually unnoticed by the Section members who all had work to do at the show. However, on hearing of it, they have insisted that he gets his proper dues at a section meeting and takes it like a man, which I know he can and will.

