

# HOT SPOT

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## Introducing "HOT SPOT".

Since it's inception the South East Section has produced a monthly newsletter called "Spotlight" via which we share news amongst our members.

Some years back our current Editor Brian Edwards began an exchange programme with other Koi Club editors as well as a mainstream watergardening magazine, whereby articles produced by one club can be used by the other.

This is very much in the spirit of the BKKS' objectives of disseminating knowledge and the spirit of fellowship.

"Hot Spot" will be an addition to that. It will be a periodic publication made up of old Spotlight articles sanitized for a wider audience and other South East PR articles that have appeared in our national Koi press.

Therefore South East members will have seen it all before, although maybe not in the same form.

Hot Spots will be sent to other Koi Clubs via e-mail as well as residing on

the South East's web-site. We hope that in doing so we will promote a spirit of international friendship as well as information exchange.

Should any participating club wish to use any one of these articles in their publications they have only to ask. We can supply the original text and photographs on request.

Should this venture take off "Hot Spot" will eventually contain articles of interest received from other clubs in exchange, in which case we will have achieved our aim.

The South East Section would like to thank the NorCal Chapter of the ZNA who's own E-zine "Koi Dangi" gave us the inspiration to start this venture.

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## A home win at our 20th Open Show.

Our 20th Open Show took place on the 27 & 28th of August 2006. We have been holding Koi shows since 1982 but our first Open Show was in 1984, our second in 1988 and annually from that point onward. Before then we held Closed Shows which we continued to hold as well as our 'Open' for several years.

A show that is designated as "Open" under BKKS rules means that it is not restricted to Club or Society members but is open to any amateur UK Koi Keeper.

In all that time the Grand Champion award has only been won by a South East member 6 times, therefore it is always something to celebrate when it happens.

This year was one such occasion and our successful home-grown exhibitor was Alan Archer - our BKKS representative.

Alan took the prize with a Size 6 Sanke that he purchased in 2004. The Koi had previously been owned by Martin Plows, the joint winner of the 2006 AJNPA show in Tokyo. A fact that didn't go unrecognized and was the reason our show report in Koi Carp Magazine was entitled "How the South East was won" a parody of the New Vision Video title "How the East was won".

This wasn't the first time this fish had been entered in our show, it was in fact a case of 2nd time lucky. However, it had picked up the Grand Champion Award at the FBAS Festival of Fishkeeping Show on two previous occasions.

Our 20th Show attracted 315 exhibits which were exhibited in thirteen Show Classes and 6 sizes. With Sanke being the most popular variety with a total of 44 exhibits this year.

A full list of the results, the Benching Matrix and photos of the major prize winners can be found on our web-site -

[www.koi-clubs.com/SouthEast](http://www.koi-clubs.com/SouthEast)



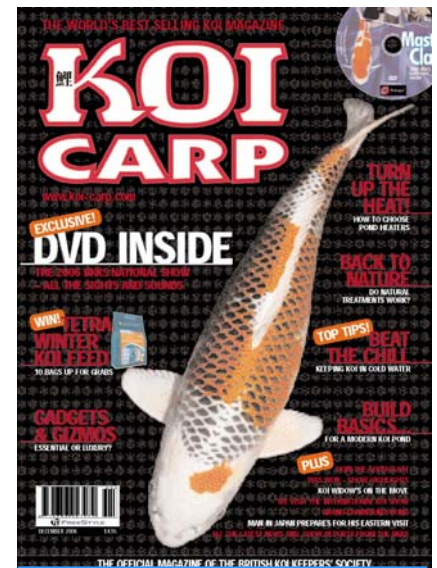
Alan's Sanke was wrongly reported in Koi Carp magazine as being bred by Hiroshima Sakai. In fact it is pure Matsunosuke Isawa.

Other information regarding our 20th Open Show can be found via:-

December 2006 edition of Koi Carp magazine.

November 2006 edition of 'Koi' magazine.

And the BKKS pages in the October edition of Koi Carp mag.



The winner of our 2006 SAKKS Friendship Trophy appeared on the front cover of the December issue of Koi Carp.

### G.C. Facts & Figures:

Age - 7 years

Breeder - Toshio Sakai (Matsunosuke)

Purchased by Martin Plows in 2003 imported to the UK in 2003. Sold to Alan Archer in 2004.

Show History:

2004 FBAS - Grand Champion

2005 South East - 2nd in Sanke size 6

2005 FBAS - Grand Champion

2006 South East - Grand Champion.

...and finally....

Alan would like to assure all readers that the fish does have both peccs. A fact that none of the photographers from Holland and the UK, including some of the best in the business were unable to catch on camera.

## “Members of the Jury”

### First the bad news.

**Kate McGill**, one of our most senior judges will be departing our shores for Australia in a career move that will mean that she will be a rare sight indeed on the UK show circuit for the remainder of this decade.

Kate departs on the 11<sup>th</sup> November to take up the position of Senior Operations Manager for Immunology and Immunochimistry at St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney. Nevertheless, she will remain a member of the JSC planning to combine her visits home to friends and family with the JSC AGM, the National and any other show she can fit into the schedule.

Few will be unaware of Kate's contribution to our hobby but I wonder how many are aware of its extent. Kate began keeping Koi in 1977 and applied to join the JSC in 1988. By 1990 she had qualified as a judge and threw herself into many internal roles with the sub-Committee. JSC PRO 1991-95, Secretary 1995, and Chairman 2000 – 2004.

Not content with that she joined the ZNA (Zen Nippon Airinkai) in 1995 and qualified as one of their Local Certified Judges in 2001. Next January she along with some other westerners will be sitting the ZNA Assistant Certified Judges Exam and should she qualify will join the level that only two other westerners have achieved in the ZNA's existence.

Being qualified in both disciplines Kate has been able to judge both at home and abroad and to my knowledge has judged overseas in Australia, Japan, The Netherlands, South Africa and the USA where her skill and diplomacy has made her an unofficial ambassador of the BKKS.

As well as putting her own skills to the test at regular intervals she has always been prepared to share her knowledge with others. For many years she has assisted with the JSC Training Seminars for assessing potentially new judges and given talks to BKKS Sections, non-aligned UK Koi Clubs and foreign Koi Societies regarding appreciation and classification. She has also published over fifty educational articles in various magazines, but her finest achievement must be the book “Koi Appreciation the first step” an excellent starter for

any beginner. Look out for the updated versions coming out at the end of the year.

Kate fully intends continuing with the Koi hobby whilst down under. Already the Australian Koi Association (AKA) are preparing to welcome her with open arms and Kate is looking forward to investigating the breeding of Koi, which is very much a part of the Aussie version of the hobby due to their embargo on Koi imports. She promises to keep us apprised of the situation ‘down under’ with many more informative articles. If she doesn't I will take it upon myself to remind her.

*Kate began her judging career by answering an advert in the BKKS News in 1988. You will find today's version of that advert in this mag. If you want to follow in her footsteps give Keiron Burns the BKKS Trainee Liaison Officer a call. Who knows? by the time Kate returns you may have qualified.*

My original plan was to produce an article filled with some personal anecdotes to embarrass her and pack her off before she could retaliate. But such is the extent of her achievements there really isn't room for that. So I will leave it to this photo, as the old saying goes, “a picture speaks a thousand words” and there really is a lot more to our Kate than meets the eye.



### .....and now the Good News.

**Keith Bertie**, a Judge of almost as long standing as Kate has been very ill this year, being hospitalised for most of this show season with pancreatitis.



However, as of October he is now out of hospital and back at home. He still has a lot to do as he requires both physio and speech therapy. But the good news is that he is on the mend. Sadly for Keith he has been told he can never drink alcohol again.!

### And finally.....

Congratulations are in order for our own **Bernie Woollands** who was made up to Full Judge at the recent JSC AGM, and to our speaker for November, **Christine Woolger** who has been made a Probationary Judge.

## Doug Holder — founder member and 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.



## Japanese charms and folklore.

There are many aspects of Japanese Culture that find their way into Koi Keeping.

Some like [Koi Nobori](#) with a very loose but understandable connection. Others like [Tanuki](#) much less so, even though they are more fun and dare I say it more tasteful than the average Garden Gnome.

However, coming from a culture as old and unique as Japan's there is often a lot more to them than first meets the eye and within this and other issues of "[Hot Spot](#)" we set out to explain their history and their

original purpose and/or meaning.

We begin our first with "[Koi Nobori](#)" on the next page.

*These articles will have all appeared in the South East Section BKKS' newsletter "Spotlight" and the copyright where applicable is vested with the South East BKKS.*

However, Koi Clubs participating in our newsletter exchanges have only to ask to obtain the relevant text and photos.

Future issues will contain articles on:-

- [Tanuki.](#)
- [Furin](#)
- [Maneki Neko](#)

**Watch this space !**



## Photo Shot.



A photograph only a Koi Show worker could understand and appreciate.  
Taken by Vanessa de Boer at the 14th Holland Koi Show August 2006.

## Our 'Selected Variety Award' for 2006 - Kumonryu.

The origin of our Selected Variety Award is steeped in the tradition of the Japanese Hobbyist Association, the ZNA (Zen Nippon Airinkai).

In 2000 I visited their National Show in Ojiya and prior to departing I was asked by our Show Chairman Terry Wells to look out for any ideas or improvement that we could incorporate into the South East Show. The Selected Variety Award is what I came back with.

For many years the ZNA have chosen a variety, not Show Class to receive a special award. They do this to promote, rare or out of favour varieties. In addition the selected variety is always depicted on their souvenir head-cloths that are a feature of the show.

We used the Friendship Award of our American Sister club - the OKWS (Oregon Koi & Watergarden Society for Best Doitsu to trial the logistics and processes of carrying out this idea the following year (2002) and implemented it fully a year later with Yamabuki being chosen as the variety.

### Selected Varieties so far:-

- 2003 - Yamabuki
- 2004 - Asagi
- 2005 - Kin Ki Utsuri
- 2006 - Kumonryu

We've further copied the ZNA by linking the Selected Variety to the variety of the Koi depicting the Show Class on our Show badges (pins), our Show Shirts and the mementoes awarded to exhibitors.

We also have adopted another ZNA tradition, that of Friendship Awards which we always specify has to be awarded to our Selected Variety of the year.

Within our BKKS Show Rules & Guidelines the judging of additional awards is covered by rule 5.1

"any other awards may be made subject to satisfactory paperwork being presented and time being available"

With the number of additional awards linked to Friendship trophies as well as this new award, time was something that our BKKS Judges could run out of. Fortunately our first trial of this award coincided with the visits of several judges from other countries who expressed a desire to play a part in the show. We grouped these guys together and labelled them the **International Judging Panel** and gave them the task. The **IJP** has now become a permanent feature of our Open Show.

### I.J.P.

The International Judging Panel is made up of judges from other Koi Societies and adjudicates over all the non BKKS standard awards including any Friendship Trophy not accompanied by a representative of it's Society.

Every year the award has had the desired effect and increased the numbers of the Show Class exhibited.

This year the Kawarimono Class was no exception with some fine examples of Kumonryu on display. We issue awards for a 1st, 2nd and 3rd irrespective of size.

This years winners were:



1st - Trevor Childs.



2nd - David Constable.



3rd - Tony Hussey

## Our 'Selected Variety Award' for 2006 - continued.

Over the course of 2006 several South East Friendship Awards were given out to Kumonryus at other koi shows. In chronological order they were :-



**The All Bay Area (San Francisco) Show.**

**Awarded to — Sheuan-Neng Tseu.**

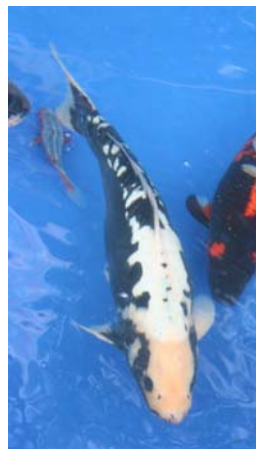
**The SAKKS National Show in Johannesburg, South Africa,**

**Awarded to —Dr Jim Phillips..**



**The Western Cape Chapter SAKKS in Capetown, South Africa.**

**Awarded to - Emilia te Boekhorst .**



**The 14th NVN show, Holland.**

**Owners -**

**Lotje and Flotje Feyen.**

## Koi Nobori-continued.



*By the way, Girls get their own day on March 3rd, where families display traditional Hina Dolls instead.*

Koi are chosen because they represent strength, patience and a determination to achieve goals. All the characteristics that a Japanese parent wants in a son.

The origins of this tradition are unclear. One train of thought and a rather boring one, suggests that it is linked to an ancient farming practise where farmers flew kites to scare away birds and insects during the sewing time in early May.

Another suggestion is that it dates back to a victory over invading Mongols on May 5th 1282 when the families of the victorious Samurai flew flags and streamers to celebrate the triumph.

Either way, the ceremony is alive and well in the 21st century and keeps us well supplied with colourful flags to decorate our Koi Shows.

## Koi Nobori



**Koi Nobori** are a familiar feature of many an outdoor UK Koi Show. Highly

suited to our summer weather the sight of a large Nobori billowing in the wind brings an instant Japanese flavour to the occasion. The Nobori certainly originate in Japan but their purpose is totally unrelated. Nobori have but one purpose, to celebrate the presence of boys in a household.

In Japan the 5th of May is the beginning of *Tango-no-Sekku*, the Iris Festival which marks the beginning of summer. It is also the "Boys Day" when parents fly Nobori outside their houses. It is normal to fly flags of different sizes, one for each son, outside the front of the house for all to see.



## Partners in goodwill.



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

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

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

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

## Dates for your 2007 Diary.....

- Oregon Koi & Watergarden Society Koi Show. **9th & 10th June** at Roseburg, Oregon, USA.
- The SAKKS National hosted by the KwaZulu Natal Chapter, **21st & 22nd July** at the Gateway Theatre of Shopping, Umhlanga Rocks near Durban, South Africa.
- The 15th NVN Koi Show (The European National) **17th to 19th August** at Kasteltuyn, Arcen near Venlo, The Netherlands.
- The 21st South East BKKS Open Show, **26th & 27th August** at Parkwood Hall School, Beachenlea Lane, Swanley, Kent, UK.

## Working for an International Koi Community



## About the South East Section.

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

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

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

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

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