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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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**Crammed with
Show Reports**



**Now in its
2nd Year!**

The 28th ZNA Brazil Chapter Show

Mike Harvey

The Associacao Brasileira de Nishikigoi, the Brazil Chapter of the ZNA, held its 28th Annual Koi Show in the City of Atibaia, over the weekend of 16-18 May. This year a record entry of 680 koi were entered by some 15 members. This entry exceeded by some 300 koi the previous record entry.

With only 2 judges to judge this large entry, the judging took some 6 hours to complete and went on well into the evening as judging only starts at 15h00 on the Friday before the show opens to the public on the Saturday. This was not a significant problem as the show is held in a covered area with open sides and had good lighting for the judges to work in. It is never the ideal to be judging under lights but if it has to be then at least the lights need to be good which they were. The show judges this year were Mr. Yamada, a ZNA Certified Judge from Japan and Mike Harvey, a ZNA Assistant Certified Judge from South Africa.

The major differences to any other show are the fact that there is no confidentiality of who the koi are entered by (in fact each vat has it's owners name boldly printed on it), there are no photographs of the entries and no measurements are taken – the honour system is applied. After walking around the vats a few times to identify potential candidates for Grand Champion and Jumbo Champion, it became a simple choice as there was in effect only one large Showa with a reasonable body shape in contention. Although this Showa has a number of issues with hi quality on the shoulder, damaged pectoral fin etc, it received the GC award clearly ahead of any other koi.

What then happens is the Show Chairman calls out the first Variety (Kohaku) in the 75 bu category. All the owners are standing by their vats and if they have entered a Kohaku in 75 bu they raise their hands to indicate the judges should come to their vat. They point out the entry and when all have been viewed, the judges

make their decision and go onto the next variety in that size. The Supreme Champions are selected for that size and so it goes until the judges reach the 40 bu and smaller sizes.

For these smaller sizes the show chairman again calls the variety and size out loud and the entrants then bowl all their koi in that category and all entrants bring their bowls to a centre area where they are placed alongside one another for the judges to judge – a bit like Japanese style judging now but with each entrants koi in a separate bowl but all together in a row! This certainly saved a lot of time which in view of the size of the entries was a great relief to the judges.

In talking to the entrants the following day, I established that the vast majority of the koi entered were bred in Brazil and that very few koi are imported into Brazil these days. What also struck me was the incredible enthusiasm the members have for their koi and the hobby as such. A friendlier and more hospitable bunch of people you won't find anywhere- and encouragingly a lot of younger members too. Carlos Cyrillo the Chairman is 84 years old

and spent much of his week prior to the show working in erecting the vats and show area himself with some help from his committee members

and erecting a unique monument to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Immigration of Japanese to Brazil and the subsequent introduction of Nishikigoi into this beautiful country. This monument comprised of a superb koi cast in Bronze and mounted on 2 large granite stones- representing Japan and Brazil. The widow of one of the clubs founding members was present to celebrate the opening of this monument, together with her son who is also the current Vice Chairman of the Association. The immediate past Chairman, Jose Fabio de Moura and his wonderful wife Leni were incredible hosts and being able to speak English they made it so much easier for us throughout our time in this superb country, where all the people are so friendly and the countryside something to behold. Congratulations to Marcos dos Santos whose Showa took Grand Champion at this years show.





OKWS Pre-Show publicity

David Lugar

It started with an idea to remodel the backyard.

Dave and Robin Lugar of Roseburg envisioned a small water feature on their deck with neatly landscaped surroundings and the relaxing sound of a waterfall outside their bedroom window

The Lugars' vision of a water garden, however, gained something in the translation — it has since been transformed into a Japanese koi pond with 22 of the assorted colorful carp, or Nishikigoi, as they are called.

The largest koi in their pond stretches about 23 inches in length, and the smallest could slip into its mouth.

The Lugars constructed their stone, jelly bean-shaped koi pond in the spring of 2004. It's 4 feet deep with straight sides, and the water is constantly circulated through a mechanical and biological filtration system. A bottom drain and surface skimmer supply water flow to the system, and the water then trickles back into the pond via a miniature waterfall.

The Lugars belong to the Oregon Koi and Watergarden Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting water gardening and raising koi. Dave Lugar said joining the club was crucial in learning how to care for the Japanese carp because they are susceptible to parasites, body sores, fungus and bacteria.

He said they keep any koi they purchase in a quarantine tank for three months before introducing the new fish to the pond. Dave Lugar said he also read a lot about filtration systems and water gardens before the couple began the process of designing and constructing a koi pond themselves.

The Lugars found out the hard way that predators are also fond of koi. During a graduation party in 2006, they noticed that the inhabitants of their pond seemed smaller in number.

"I said, 'Wait a minute, we had about six of them,'" said Dave Lugar, who now keeps a net over the pond to protect the vibrant fish from osprey, raccoons and herons.

While scavengers are a menace to any koi pond, he said the biggest threat is introducing new fish. This time of the year, koi are par-

ticularly vulnerable, and parasites grow faster than their immune systems.

The carp live about 30 years on average, but the Lugars said depending on circumstances, koi can live up to 100 years. In Japan there have been accounts of 200-year-old koi. They are also relatively low-maintenance; the Lugar's said koi can go weeks without eating. "Everyone probably feeds them more than you need to because that's the fun— watching them eat," said Dave Lugar.

Koi are known for their friendly personalities. The Lugars said koi tend to be less skittish than other fish and more outgoing.

Out of the 22 koi, the Lugars have named only three, or, there are only three whose names they can remember: Daisy, Matt and Mitsubishi. Robin Lugar said she most enjoys watching the fish reveal their characters in the water and the constant peaceful atmosphere of a koi pond. David Lugar likes the technical aspect of taking care of the koi medically and maintaining the filtration system.

The couple's cat is also intrigued by the bright orange, black and white scales shimmering beneath the water. Robin said their feline sits at the pond's edge and watches the fish, but can't quite reach them. President of the Oregon Koi and Watergarden Society Elsie Richardson said collecting koi is one of the fastest-growing hobbies in the United States.

"You don't have to have a big yard or anything to enjoy a water feature," said Richardson, who owns about 19 koi.

The eighth annual Koi and Watergarden Show will be held Saturday and Sunday in the Sherm's Thunderbird parking lot. Aside from an extensive display of koi— of which one will be the Associated Koi Clubs of America (AKCA) Koi of the Year— there will be a variety of pond plants and accessories for sale and demonstrations. Koi at this weekend's show will be judged on color patterns, variety and healthiness by Larry and Pat Christensen of the AKCA.

Richardson said about 50 families belong to the society and many of the members will be on hand to answer questions about water gardening

and how to keep healthy koi.

The pets will also be for sale, for those planning to add to their fish family, although purchasing koi seems to be somewhat spontaneous.

"One never knows," said Dave Lugar, chuckling about the number of koi he and Robin plan to collect.

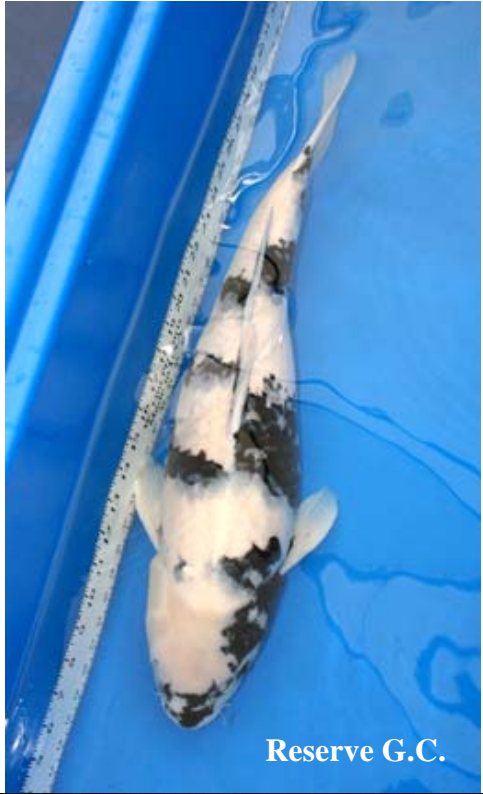
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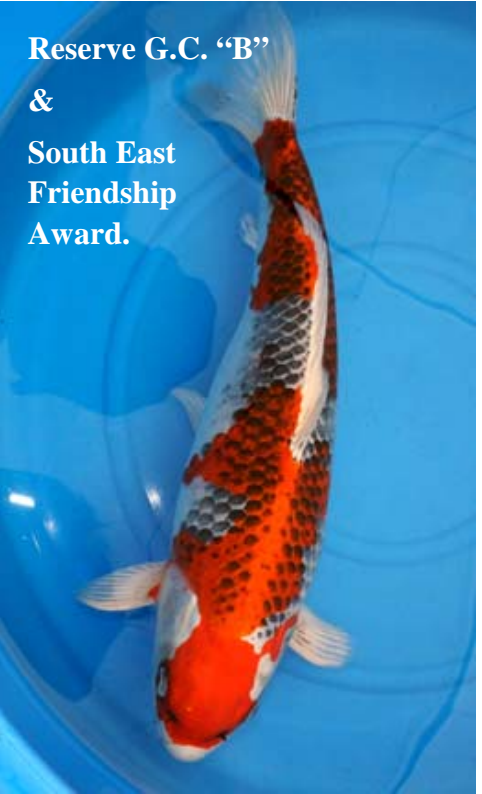
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Grand Champion B



Reserve G.C.



Reserve G.C. "B"
&
South East
Friendship
Award.



The Lugars

The 2nd Belgian Koi Meeting Show.

The 2nd Belgian Koi Meeting run by the Belgian ZNA Chapter known as the Koi@Home club held its annual Koi show at the grounds of the Japanese Gardens in the city of Hasselt.

277 Koi were entered into the show by hobbyists and dealers from Belgium and the neighbouring countries. Judged by an international panel of judges from Japan, Germany, Holland, South Africa and the UK aided, guided and controlled by the benching administrator Dirk de Witte.

The Grand Champion was the same Sanke that had previously taken the GC award at the German ZNA Show (Interkoi) in April. A Koi that had caused some considerable controversy on the internet forums but was unanimously voted number one here.



Grand Champion.

Owner Meneer M, supplied by Danny's Koi Café.

Thanks go to the Koi @ Home team.

Rudi van Thielen - Voorzitter

Ronald Nijs - Show Chairman

Dirk de Witte - International Affairs

& All the members who's work make this show possible.



Supreme Champion.

Paradise of Japanese Koi.



**Mature Champion.
Interkoi Arendonk**



**Adult Champion.
Diamond Koi.**



**Young Champion.
Quality Koi**



**Baby Champion.
Le Koi**



**Danny De Schrijver collecting the GC
scroll on behalf of Meneer M.**

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Friendship Award
Owner Ronny Goosens



Role of honour.

- Grand Champion - Danny's Koi Café
- Supreme Champ - Paradise of Japanese Koi
- Mature Champ - Interkoi Arendonk
- Adult Champ - Diamond Koi International.
- Young Champ - Quality Koi
- Baby Champ - Le Koi
- Adult Tategoi - Koi San Belgium
- Young Tategoi - Robert Haeck
- Jumbo - Acqua Mondo
- Most Unique Koi - Nick Opsomer

Friendship Trophies

- South East & SAKKS
- Ronny Goosens
- Banana Bar Koi Society.
- Jean Hoorne

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Even more Meijer magic..

Keeping up with Gregor's depiction of the 2007 South East Champions is this painting of our Adult Champion exhibited by Des (and Gregg) Harris. Bred by Momotaro, this Sanke is known by the name "Africa" after the sumi pattern on it's head.

Des & Gregg are members of the South East Show's Benching Admin team. Des takes the benching photos and Gregg prints and marks them up with the benching data for use by the judges and eventually the benching certificates.



OKWS Champions.

- Grand Champion (25inch Sanke) - Matt & Tracy Flurry
- Reserve G. C. (25inch Shiro Utsuri) - Matt & Tracy Flurry
- Grand Champion B (26inch Ochiba Shigure) - Matt & Tracy Flurry
- Reserve GC B (16inch Kujaku)
& South East Friendship Award - Elsie Richardson.
- Best Baby (12inch Goromo) - Albert & Nancy Mason
- Best Young (Shiro Utsuri) - Mary & Bill Harper

A fishy tale

supplied by Denise Denbow.

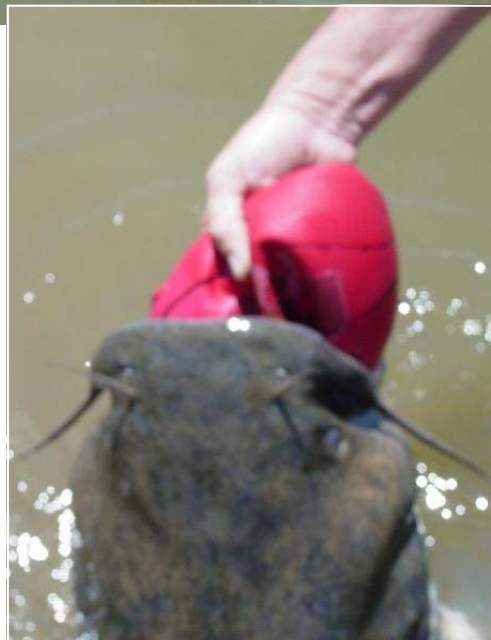


A guy who lives at Round Lake (50 miles South of Yorkton), saw a ball bouncing around strangely in the lake and went to investigate.

It turned out to be a flathead catfish who had obviously tried to swallow a basketball which became stuck in its mouth!!

The fish was totally exhausted from trying to dive, but unable to because the ball would always bring him back up to the surface.

The guy tried numerous times to get the ball out, but was unsuccessful. He finally had his wife cut the ball in order to deflate it and release the hungry catfish.



Evidence of aliens found in Kent !



Sights like this will be a familiar feature in southern England in the next few months when two of the country's largest outdoor Koi Shows take place.

This particular shot was taken after the take-down of the South East's 2000 Koi show, after a typical South East wet weekend. But come rain or shine Koi Shows will go on. The fish don't mind getting wet!

If you are in the neighbourhood the dates to look out for are :-

19 & 20th July - Essex Koi Show

&

24 & 25th August - South East Show.

More details on the back page.

A little piece of home..

Whilst having coffee in Tanaka Maruju the other day I was flicking through some copies of the Japanese Nichirin magazine, the magazine published by ZNA, and came across these pictures, spread over 3 issues.



These mugs are made by the South East Section in the UK. Each month in Nichirin there is a section for a prize draw, you basically fill in a slip, send it in, and you may win a prize. These mugs were offered as a prize over 3 months.

Nice to stumble upon a little bit of 'home' in a Japanese Koi magazine.

Mark Gardner NTV
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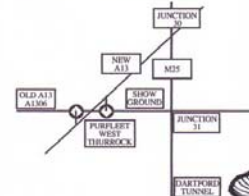
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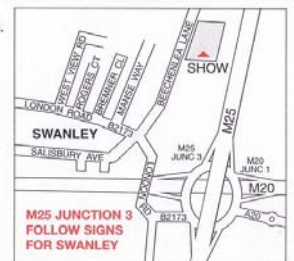
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