



The Yume Koi Newsletter

A familiar face, Ian Stewardson stopped by on the Sunday, to chat for a few minutes



It's that time of year, where the BKKS Show has been and gone, and we have to knuckle down to the growing season, to get the best out of the Koi for the next three or four months. Before we know it, it will be Autumn harvest time once again, and I for one, can't wait! That said, I am having a great deal of fun with the Koi we are growing right now, moreso than ever before!



Congratulations to Phil Dallison, for winning baby Champion with a Yume supplied female Tosai Matsue Kohaku of 32cm. We hope, that in addition to winning this prize, this Kohaku continues to give Phil great pleasure with good growth and development over the years ahead. Phil's Kohaku also qualifies for our first Tategoi Challenge, but she will face stiff competition!



Photo by Steve Gibbins

A near miss this year, as John Hellens's 87cm (benched size 7) was the Koi on everyone's lips as the hot favorite to win GC. John has grown her 2cm since last year's Show. John has grown her 4cm since her arrival in the UK in 2006. It seems that size 8 Koi were being sought after for the top two slots. She was also beaten for mature, by an 81cm (benched size 8) Sanke from Sakai Isawa

John Hellens's Takigawa Kohaku was also nominated for GC, but was perhaps more of a contender for Mature. We sourced this Koi as Nisai, and John bought her as Sansai at 68cm. She was at the Show last year contending for Adult Champion, and grew last Summer to a whopping 80cm and is now just Yonsai (4years old)! We have high hopes for her next year, when John will hopefully have her well into the mid 80's!?



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John's Sansai Matsue Kohaku measured around 67cm as Sansai, and was a contender for Adult Champion. This Koi was a Matsue cover girl for their adverts and product packaging. She didn't take any prizes, but we hope she has a good future ahead of her in coming years. A very stunning Koi indeed!



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Prizes won with Yume Koi supplied Koi include the following...

Baby Champion Kohaku 2 Phil Dallison
1st in Size (all varieties) Sanke 8 John Hellens
1st in Size (all varieties) Kohaku 7 John Hellens
2nd in Size (all varieties) Sanke 7 John Hellens
1st in Size Kohaku 7 John Hellens
3rd in Size Kohaku 5 Phil Dallison
1st in Size Kohaku 2 Phil Dallison
2nd in Size Sanke 8 John Hellens
1st in Size Sanke 7 John Hellens

Congratulations to all of the above, and anyone we may have missed out.



John Hellens's huge Sanke may not have been a GC contender on this occasion, but she is now 89cm as 6 years old. We bought her as Tosai, and sold her to John as Yonsai (4 years old) at a little over 80cm. As you can see, he has grown her very well over the last two years. I have high hopes for this Sanke to grow to 1 meter long in the future.

The Yume Koi Ultimate Tategoi Challenge

This is our first 'Grow & Show', and is one with a difference. Yume Koi have for years built a reputation for supplying Koi that can become the very best Jumbo Koi possible, and with potential to win Shows as Jumbo Koi. Further to this, we make sure that our valued clientele grow these Koi to their utmost potential, using only natural methods, that don't ruin the Koi or shorten their lifespan. In short, any Tosai at all that we sell in 2007 (until the closing date) is eligible to win one of three prizes offered. The prizes are two of our best Tategoi Tosai of next Spring (no price limit), and a third Koi of up to £700 in value. The Koi for sale now, are of the same potential as the three pictured below, which were last years Tosai. Further to this, the prizes are also of this same level. It won't be easy, as you will be up against hobbists that really can grow Koi! You can however, leave the Koi with us for growing. This will test your eye, but the ultimate test, is that of your own growing skills! The candidates will be judged next year by the breeders and myself. The criteria, is for the Koi considered to be the 'Kashira' of all of the contenders. In other words, the Koi with the best future as a Jumbo Koi! The Challenge will be closely followed and covered in 'Koi Nations' magazine both in the interim, and in it's conclusion next year.

