

The Yorkshire Koi Society



NEWSLETTER: 2022/2023 SEASON

So, as the first “normal” season comes to a close following the reopening of the world after Covid-19 and we embark on the next, it will be interesting to see how the latest crisis of grossly inflated energy costs impacts the hobby. Whilst the cost to domestic consumers has risen significantly, it appears that businesses have seen an even greater increase. Add to these the increase in manufacturing, fuel and shipping costs and every cost component of the hobby has increased greatly from what we were familiar with a couple of years ago.

2022 AGM

The 2022 season kicked off with the AGM on the 24th May held at the usual winter venue of Collingham Memorial Hall.

2022 Committee appointments:

Chairman: Jim Shaw

Vice Chairperson: Vacant

General Secretary: Laura Scaum

Treasurer: Laura Scaum

Events Organiser: Wayne Taylor

Membership: Pete Scaum

Advertising/Sponsorship: Steve Fox & Glenn Windle

Raffle: Mandy Shaw

Newsletter: Andy Clayton

May Dealer Visit

The first outing of the year was a dealer visit held on the 8th May, taking in 3 of the more local dealers.

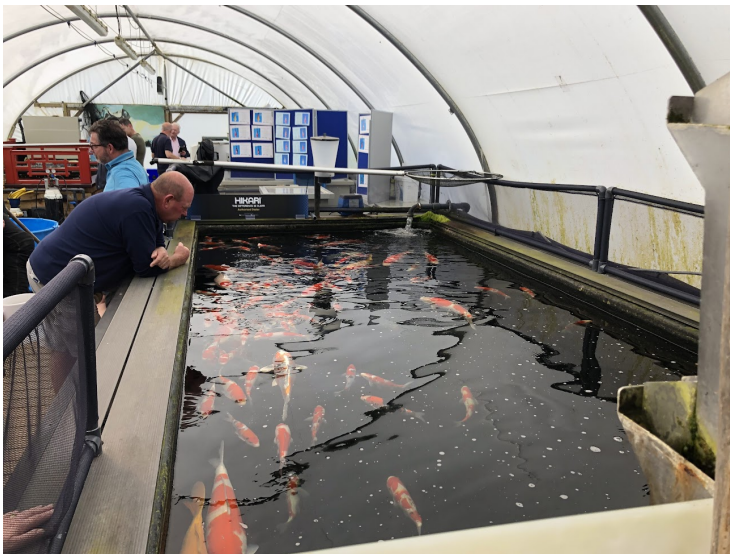
First stop was at Methley Koi where we were greeted by Baz, his motorcycle and tea coffee and biscuits. Baz operates his business from home and has a main pond in his garden plus a number of tanks in a poly tunnel.





Second stop was Kitsu Koi where we called in to see Chris.

Kitsu have an extensive selection of koi at all sizes and prices to suit all pockets and have extended further during 2022. They also have a well stocked dry-goods store.

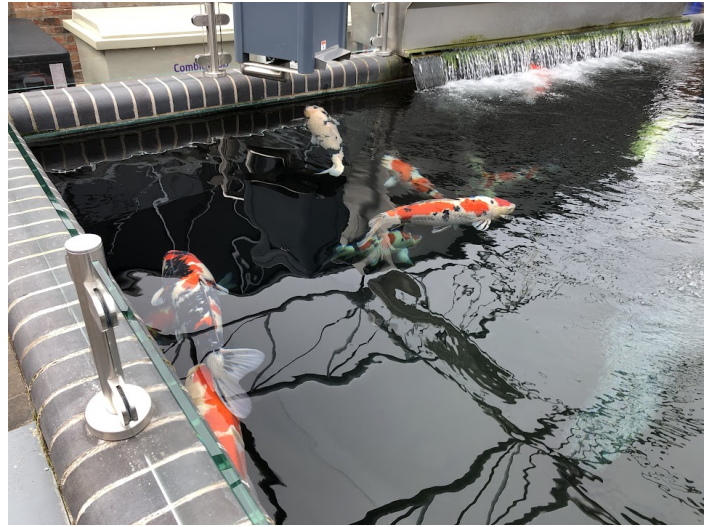




Third and last, visit of the day was Darren at Absolute Koi near Retford where we were fed and watered so as not to feel outdone by the Koi.

Darren has the largest of the set-ups seen on the day, with 2 large buildings housing numerous ponds and koi of different sizes. He also stocks an extensive range of foods and dry goods and is the sole distributor for the profi-drum filters.





Members Photoshow

The next event was the “Photoshow” on the weekend of 14th & 15th May. This saw Jimmy Shaw assisted by Benji visiting numerous members ponds along with the judges, Anthony and Stephen Grey. The results were announced at the annual BBQ on the 4th September where the numerous prizes were awarded.

YKS host BKKS

On the 5th June a number of members opened their ponds and welcomed visitors from the Yorkshire section of the BKKS. Unfortunately the return visit to the BKKS planned for the 9th October had to be postponed into 2023 due to the limited availability of YKS members on the date.

Annual BBQ and Presentation

The 4th September saw the annual BBQ and presentation hosted by Jimmy and Mandy Shaw. Another good turn out and luckily the weather behaved itself. This years sponsors for food prizes were Donald Cookes.



Chris Masters multi tasking as BBQ master and security guard.



Mandy received a bunch of flowers on behalf of the YKS for her assistance and support through the various events and in particular the preparation for the presentation and BBQ.



Major awards went to:-

BKKS Yorkshire section friendship award - Paul Kitchen

Best non go Sanke - Steve Fox

Chairman's choice - Norman Hansrot,

Best tategoi - Steve Fox,

John Sneap best Tancho award Laura Scaum.

Best novice - Benjie Gannon

Members choice - Tony Brown

Baby Champion - Tony Brown

Young Champion - Jim Shaw

Adult Champion - Paul Dixon.

Mature Champion - Wayne Taylor.

Grand Champion - Wayne Taylor.

Over the weekend of the 10th and 11th September a number of members hosted a return visit from the Scottish koi club. This was a reciprocal visit for the YKS visiting Scotland in 2019 that had been delayed due to the Covid restrictions.

23rd October - Last Supper

Given the cancellation of the YKS to BBKS Yorkshire Section visit, rather than run into the winter without a koi fix, a last supper was arranged for Sunday 23rd October. The day started with Breakfast at Steve and Doneena's in Thorne. There were plenty of bacon and sausage sandwiches washed down with teas and coffee. The visit started dry, but the weather didn't behave itself for long. They have fitted a drum filter since the last visit.





[Second up was Shaun and Linda Gee at Broomfleet.](#) This got off to a staggered start due to a slight mix-up with the post code. Luckily, due to the mobile phone age everyone made it.



Third up was Andy and Gina Clayton in Selby. As well as the fish there was the opportunity for a game of pool and plenty of apple scrumping.



Fourth up was Pete and Carole Bayliss in York. Pete has built a bar in the garden since the last visit.





Fifth and last members pond of the day were Pete and Caroline at Arkendale.





Sixth and final watering hole for the day was the customary visit to the carvery at the Anchor Inn, Whixley.





20th November 2022 - First Winter Meeting

The 20th November saw the first of the winter meetings held at Collingham Memorial Hall. The main feature of this was a talk and presentation by Chris Thomas of Kitsu Koi who was fresh back from his latest trip to Japan to pick his next batch of imports. Chris has been to Japan a number of times and explained the ins and outs of his many trips to both as a buyer for Kitsu Koi but also in supporting hobbyists that want to go for the experience and to personally select koi for their own collections. Chris explained that for logistical and cost reasons, koi purchased on these visits are bundled for shipping back to the UK. Timing and routes for shipping can also vary significantly between trips due to cost fluctuations.





Christmas Dinner

The 4th December saw the Christmas dinner at the White Horse, Charlston. Reduced numbers this year due to diary clashes but another good meal and well supplied and supported raffle.





Second Winter Meeting - Allan Tait

On Sunday 19th February Allan Tait gave a very informative presentation on Koi appreciation including advice relating to what judges look for at the koi shows, the time it takes to train up new judges and the challenges ahead. A number of groups of photographs were shown of koi entered into the same categories and the floor were asked to give their own verdict in terms of positioning and asked for their reasoning to promote further discussion. As expected, there were winners and losers and differences of opinion.



Pete and Laura with the next generation of koi keepers.

