



UK Discus Association Championships 2007

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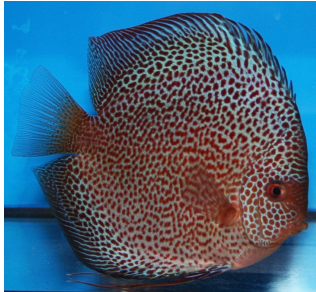
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The UK Discus Association (UKDA) is an internet based non-profit organisation that promotes the dissemination of information on the 'King of the Aquarium' the Discus fish *Symphysodon sp.* Currently we have over 2000 national and international members including over a growing number of paid up members consisting of: hobbyists, professional Discus breeders, retailers, authors, vets and publishers.

The 3rd UK Discus Association Championships was held during October 2007 and was hosted by the Federation of British Aquarist Societies at the Festival of Fishkeeping Weekend.

The UKDA Championship consisted of 3 major events comprising of the Hobbyist, Open and the Supreme sections. Categories of fish included: Solid Red, Solid Blue, Spotted, Striped/Striated, Wild & Open.



The Grand Champion of the entire event was won by Germany's Udo Thrän.

Udo sent his representative Larissa Oliveira with one of the greatest examples of Spotted Discus that the UK has ever witnessed.

The fish was particular impressive in regards to its balance, proportions and the extensive spots on the body, fins and the clarity and uniformity of spots over its caudal plate. It so impressed the Judges that it gained a record 92% of the available marks, beating its closest rival by over 10%.



The People's Award was given to this beautiful Discus owned by Jeff Cannons

Other significant winners can be seen in the table below.

Championship	Name	Category	Average Score	Place
Hobbyist	Jeff Cannons	Solid Red	69.16	1
Hobbyist	Chris Arnold	Solid Blue	70.65	1
Hobbyist	Chris Arnold	Spotted	75.16	1
Hobbyist	Chris Arnold	Striped	74	1
Hobbyist	Chris Arnold	Wild	73.8	1
Hobbyist	Simon Podesta	Open	65.84	1
Open	Mark Evenden	Solid Red	71.38	1
Open	Mark Evenden	Solid Blue	77.2	1
Open	Larissa Olivera	Spotted	91.12	1
Open	Mark Evenden	Striped	80.26	1
Open	Chris Arnold	Wild	73.8	1
Open	Mark Evenden	Open	70.12	1
Supreme	Larissa Oliveira	SP	91.12	1
Supreme	Mark Evenden	ST	80.26	2
Supreme	Paul Lucas	SP	79.52	3
Supreme	Paul Lucas	SP	78.44	4
Supreme	Mark Evenden	SB	77.2	5

The UKDA would like to thank all those that contributed to making the show such a great success and to invite all Discus hobbyists, breeders and retailers from around the world to come and join us in our fishy frolics by attending next year's Championship, which will be held on the 10th, 11th & 12th of October 2008.

If you are interested in showing fish, having a trade stand, or would simply like to visit the championships, please contact Dougall Stewart at 2008@discusshow.com or visit <http://forum.ukdiscus.co.uk>