

Kokugi Connections

by Todd Lambert

Each issue of SFM, Todd Lambert – our man online – will bring you a review of some sumo related sites to be found on the World Wide Web. Enjoy.

Sumo Stables - All Sumo Stables in Japan

<http://tinyurl.com/22akpy>

The brainchild of Eduardo de Paz, proprietor of the Spanish Sumo Magazine, this is a Google map featuring the location of all the sumobeya in professional sumo.

Prospective visitors can choose which heya they wish to see in the menu bar at the left of the map. By clicking on the heya name, the stable's location will be pinpointed on the main map. A photo of the stable's front door will appear, along with the address and nearest station name. A link to the heya's homepage (official or fanpage) is provided where available.

Those needing a street map to navigate the concrete jungle that is the Greater Tokyo area can zoom in to reveal the fine details of each particular neighborhood. The Ryogoku Kokugikan, home venue

and crown jewel of Ozumo, is also included on the map.

Barbara Ann's Sumo Blog

<http://sumobaba.vox.com/>

The personal homepage of perhaps Asashoryu's biggest fan, this blog chronicles the experiences the author has of interacting with the rikishi, various supporting personnel, and fellow fans in the world of pro sumo.

Full of fascinating anecdotes, photographs, and videos, this blog permits a peak into a traditional world relatively unknown to even the Japanese.

Readers can look through each entry, viewing photos and videos as they are spaced throughout the text, or use one of the menus found at both the top of the page and on the right side of the blog to navigate through groups of photos,

videos, and collections of both by topic.

Krazy Kawika's Sumo Page

<http://home.att.ne.jp/red/sumo/>

The personal homepage of a Hawaiian local living in Tokyo, Kawika's page captures the feeling of the heyday of the Hawaiians in Ozumo.

Using the left side menu bar, visitors interested in the author's own views and experiences of sumo can look through the blogs section and sumo section to read selected newspaper articles, book reviews, and original entries.

Strongly skewed to "local" sumo issues, those who wish to wallow in the nostalgia of the first era of foreign domination of sumo, or study the history of these gaijin trailblazers, will find much to interest them here.