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This month's issue of the PokeHudd Magazine features and interview with the legendary gengarca9.

## PLUS...

- Read about my trip to the London Card Show
- A look at the new Japanese set Lost Abyss



## POKEHUDD ANNOUNCEMENT



## TRADING CARD GAMES

*Sadly since last month not a lot has changed despite chasing for updates weekly.*

*We were hoping to have the website up and running by the end of July but we've had to move this target to the end of August.*

*The website is ready to go with over 100 different products so once we have the last few parts organised the Trading Card Games website will go live.*

*Jack and Megan*



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# AN INTERVIEW WITH GENGARCA9

## What's your favourite TCG?

*Pokémon of course. Although I have never actually played the TCG properly, only collected. We did make up our own rules in the playground when I was in school (conveniently in my favour). I do also collect Harry Potter cards and have recently started looking at the old Simpsons cards too.*

## How long have you been collecting?

*I started when it first came out as I was in first year seniors I think. I stopped in my teens but then got back in to it when I had my son Leo as I wanted to show him them. This was about 10 years ago now.*

*I liked it that much the second time around that I made it my job (as well as my hobby) which it has been full time now for about 7 years.*

## Did you complete any major collecting goals last year?

*I got my first black label from BGS (in fact I got 2 of them).*

## Do you have any collecting goals for this year?

*Get the last few cards for my Carddass set. Would love to score a few PSA 10 Harry Potter cards and some black label Pokémon poker cards (preferably the Charizard, Blastoise, Venusaur or Pikachu backed ones).*



**@gengarca9**

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## What do you dislike about collecting?

*It has become very diluted since the early days with far too many sets. The sets are also too big. Not to mention the random household items they use for gold cards. I realise none of that is about collecting and is just me having a go at Pokémon. Oh and dragoncardhunter.*

## What do you love about collecting?

*The rush of opening packs all together on a live would have to be my favourite thing now. Pulling something big for one of the OG's or even someone new to the community is amazing. Everyone seems to root for each other and all buzz when we pull something. It's proper boss.*



## Is there anyone that inspires you within the hobby?

*Loads, so I won't be able to mention them all. I will just mention the first person that came to mind. If you ask me this tomorrow it might have been someone else as there is that many! squirtlegames, from my very first interaction with him he's come across as one of the nicest humans I have ever interacted with. Always so kind and generous within the community to the point where it makes me want to be better. He is also my vegan bro.*

*Another person I just have to mention is the absolute w\*\*\*\*r that is dragoncardhunter who inspired me to start my Instagram account.*

## Do you collect TCG's, play TCG's or both?

*Collect only. As mentioned earlier we did make up our own rules on the playground which seemed to suit me haha. What a d\*\*k head I was back then.*



## Do you have an interesting story you would like to share from your time collecting?

*A few years back me and Leo opened 4 1st edition Team Rocket boxes. We opened 1 of them on his birthday and he pulled the Charizard (which we subsequently graded with PSA and it scored a 10). The Leo luck was born.*

## What's your favourite purchase, trade or sale you've completed?

*Sealed Japanese Red Deck vs Green Deck Quick Starter Gift Set. Very rare to find one sealed and I got it for a good price.*

## If you had to choose graded cards or binders, which would it be?

*For me - Graded cards. For the hobby overall - Binders. It's more wholesome.*

## Do you prefer Japanese, English or another Language and why?

*I definitely collect more English graded cards however Japanese cards are superior in quality and definitely have a much better variety of random old school promos and special releases that English cards just can't compete with.*



## Do you keep sealed products?

*I do. I collect sealed, graded and raw cards.*

## How many packs of cards do you think you've opened in your time collecting?

*We open roughly 100 per week on the live when you factor in the extra purchases people make so I'm looking at roughly 5k packs in the past 12 months alone and that's not even including the packs I open for me personally. Prior to starting the lives I didn't open as many of course. I would guess somewhere in the region of 12k packs which is mad.*

## What's your favourite memory as a collector?

*This is a really difficult question for me. There are just too many special moments on our IG lives that we have all experienced together. This one might sound a bit boring but when vivid voltage came out, my son Leo was very excited again about opening packs and we just sat on my bed slowly opening a booster box together, half each. I can't really explain why it was my favourite time opening packs but it was. I have 2 other Pokémon memories which are not related to collecting but I cherish more than any others and that is playing Pokémon on the game boy right through the night on a school trip 20 odd years ago and driving around Liverpool at night when Pokémon go first hit. Both with the same best friend who is no longer with us.*



# London Card Show Sandown Racecourse 23rd July 2022

After seeing all the photos from the last London Card Show I knew I had to get tickets for the July show.

The directions emailed out were very helpful on the day, your natural instinct when arriving at the Racecourse is to navigate towards the main entrance. Thankfully we were told not to do this and to follow an alternate entrance to the right of the racecourse.

The organisation of the event was very impressive, everyone involved did an amazing job from those working in the carpark to the people allocating all the passes.

It was great to see some amazing vendors like the retro genie, vaultX, Majesty Grading Company (MGC), Show-Dex, Japan2uk and many more.

There was a huge mix of cards from vintage Pokémon to modern sports cards and everything in between.

Some of my favourite pickups on the day were a Japanese Pokémon GO booster box, Show-Dex binder and some Japanese Yu-Gi-Oh booster packs for my son. We ended up submitting one of the cards on the day with MGC.

If you haven't had the chance to attend the London Card Show I would 100% recommend trying to get tickets to a future show.



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# LOST ABYSS

## ロストアビス

The latest Pokémon set "Lost Abyss" was released on 15th July 2022 and features the Origin Forme Giratina as one of the main Pokémon from the set.

We also get to see fan favourite Pokémon like Aerodactyl, Delphox, Rotom and Galarian Perrserker. The set features the usual mix of V, VMAX, VSTAR, Full Arts, Alternate Arts, Rainbow and Gold cards.

The main stand out from the set has to be the Alternate Art Giratina V along with the Aerodactyl V Alternate Art.

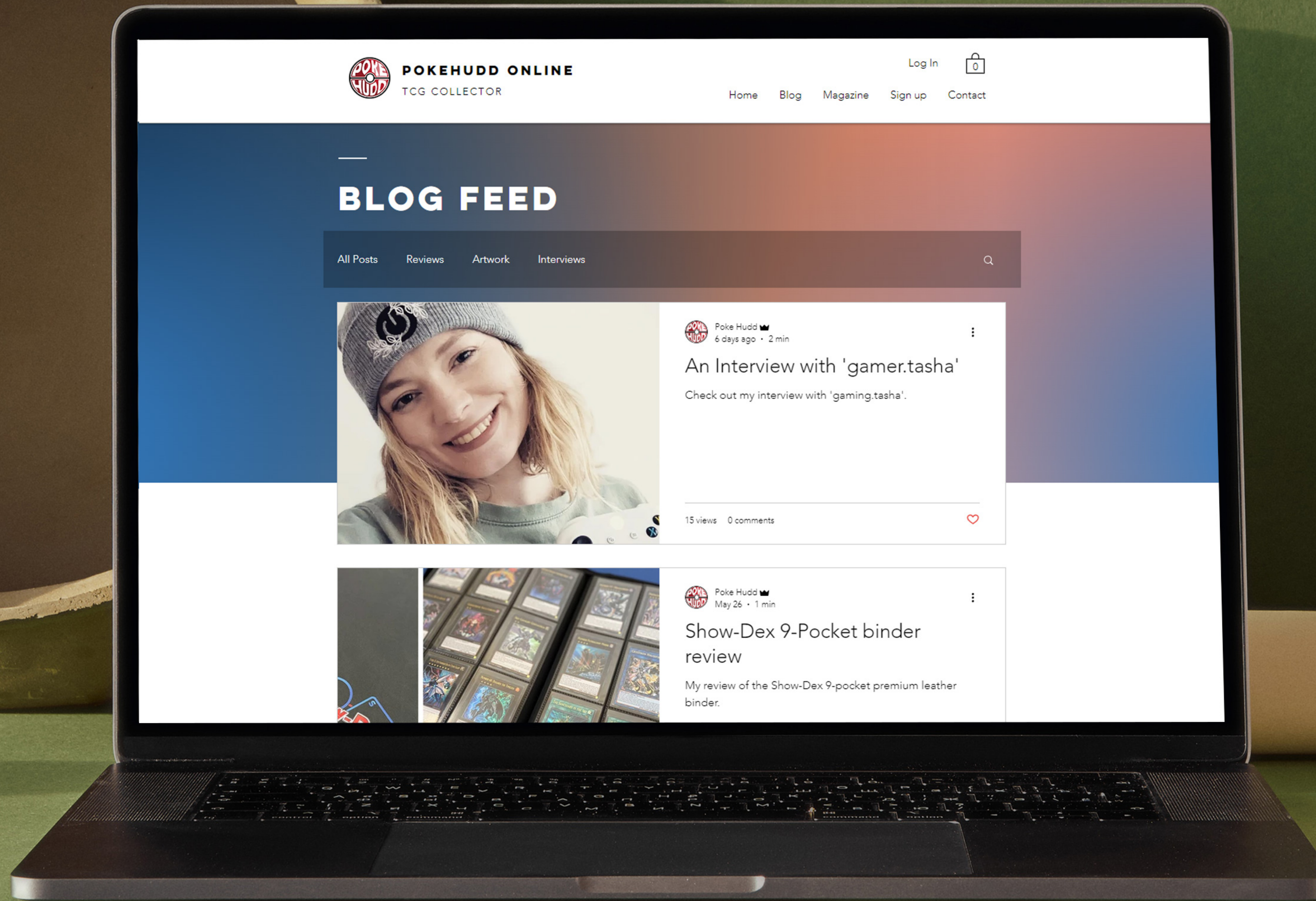
With 127 unique cards the set doesn't feel too big compared to other sets in the Sword and Shield era.

As a big Giratina fan this set is one I've been looking forward to and can't wait to pick up the Alternate Art version.



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