

NEWSLETTER



Grand Champion, Kohaku, 97cm, Bred by Marudo Koi Farm
2017 NIIGATA NOGYOSAI

Northern Branch Meetings

Wanneroo Recreation Centre, Scenic Road, Wanneroo
7.30pm, second Tuesday of each month

Next Meeting: 14th November

Agenda: Air Lift Part 2, This month in your pond.
Chase the Ace is \$1250

Southern Branch Meetings

Willetton Pavilion, Apsley Road, Willetton
7.30pm, forth Wednesday of each month (except Jan & Dec)

Next Meeting: 22nd November

Agenda: To be advised

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Welcome & News

Welcome everyone to the October edition.

This is usually the month that most start spawning yet with cold nights still hanging around, not many have been able to get started as early as they'd like. Hopefully November brings us better temperatures and everyone can get in to full swing. We can't wait to see what you can produce this year.

The Koi Auction again had favourable weather which enabled around 90 fish go up for auction, with all but a few sold and some were even at good prices (for the seller). We thank everyone who came, bought or sold at the auction. As this is the primary way the club makes money to be able to support it's members with other events throughout the year.

You can see a short video on our facebook page.

This months issue is a little light on for content, but if you have come across something interesting recently that you think would benefit the other members please let me know.

The end of year party is likely to be around the start of December. If you have an idea for a venue or would like to volunteer your place please let us know. Details will be in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, happy koi keeping everyone!

KSWA Financial Report - September 2017

2017 Event Calendar

Tuesday 14th November - Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 22nd November - Southern Branch Meeting, Willetton

Tuesday 12th December - Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Date to be confirmed - End of Year Party

Tuesday 9th January - Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Tuesday 13th February - Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 28th February - Southern Branch Meeting, Willetton

October Koi Auction



Fish deep thinkers

STUDY SHOWS FISH HAVE PERSONALITIES

They may not show it, but fish have complex personalities, research suggests.

The discovery was made by scientists studying individual traits in tiny fish called Trinidadian guppies.

When they looked how the fish behaved in different situations, they found complex variations.

The modes of behaviour could not simply be explained as risktaking or risk-averse, lead researcher Tom Houslay said.

“The idea of a simple spectrum is often put forward to explain the behaviour of individuals in species such as the Trinidadian guppy.

“But our research shows that the reality is much more complex.

“For example, when placed into an unfamiliar environment, we found guppies have various strategies for coping with this stressful situation.

“Many attempt to hide, others try to escape, some explore cautiously, and so on.

“The differences between them were consistent over time and in different situations.”

The study is published in the journal *Functional Ecology*.

Thanks to Tom Morrison for the article

KSWA Store Sponsors

The KSWA has arranged a special discount for our members to receive when they purchase from their store. All you need to do is show your membership card at point of sale. You can either show it from your device or print it out and keep it with you.

We thank the following stores that are currently offering this discount.



26 Woodvale Drive, Woodvale
Phone: 9409 9248
Open 9am-5pm Monday to Saturday
Open 11am to 3pm Sunday



4 / 176-178 Bannister Road, Canning Vale
Phone: 9455 1411
Tuesday – Friday: 9:30am to 5:30pm
Saturday – Sunday: 9:30am to 5pm



Cnr Carrington & Forsyth Streets, O'Connor
Phone: 9314 7630
Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 5.00pm
Sunday & Public Holidays:
11.00am - 4.00pm (Most Public Holidays)



8/1500 Albany Hwy
Cannington WA 6107
Phone: 9458 1970
Monday - Wednesday, Friday
8:30am till 6pm
Thursday 8:30am till 9pm
Saturday 8:30am till 5pm
Sunday & P/Hol 9am till 5pm
CLOSED Jan 1, Australia Day,
Good Friday & Christmas Day



2316 Albany Hwy, Gosnells
Phone: 9490 2510
Monday, Wednesday - Friday: 9.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am - 5.00pm
Closed Tuesday & Public Holidays



4/1904 Beach Road, Malaga
Phone: 9249 3799
Monday - Friday: 8am - 6pm
Saturday & Sunday: 8am - 5pm

Advertising

The club is offering some advertising space on the trailer which we take to each fish related event several times a year. It would be seen on the freeway and roads by many others on the way to and from these events as well. This is great way to help the club fund raise and to advertise your business.

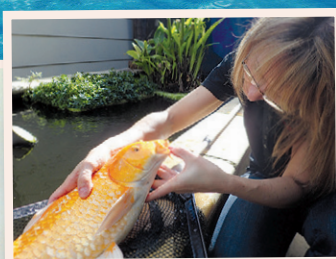
We have 1 spot left on a 3 year term for just \$300. You will be able to put your advertising on both sides of the trailer to ensure it is always seen. You will need to provide the advert in adhesive sticker form at a size equivalent to A2 Poster paper, which is roughly 60x40cm in landscape format. We can help put you in touch with someone able to produce this for you.

Any club member is free to advertise any business they like, it doesn't have to be koi or pond related, subject to committee approval.

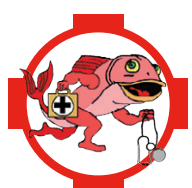
If you are interested please contact the committee info@koiclubwa.com to secure your spot.

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- Public Aquaria
- Aquaculture
- Medicines
- Diagnostics
- Research
- On-site Veterinary Services
- Lab Services



The Fish Vet

The Fish Vet – Dr Richmond Loh *BSc, BVMS, MPhil, MANZCVS, CertAqV*
thefishvet.com.au | thefishvet@gmail.com | 0421 822 383



KSWA Northern Branch – October Meeting

Date: October 10,2017

Attendance: 20

Apologies: Brett Thomas

Meeting Opened 7.30pm

Northern Branch Financials: The NB strives to pay out on an annual basis to members what moneys we make and collect, by way of social events and give aways ect. All NB meetings, social events and activities are open to all KSWA Members.

The Meeting started with a general discussion around, 'who had started breeding yet', approximately 3 people have started with the warm weather coming hopefully everyone will be on board, good luck to everyone with your spawning.

Des had 3 questions for the members first being why do koi bleed from the gills? This was found to be typically females and can occur due to seasonal hormone levels, second common occurrence is due to stress levels when transporting fish and finally possibly water conditions after PP in your pond. Consider this to be like a human nose bleed, with no harm to the fish long term.

Des's second question was on Butterfly/Longfin Koi are they true Koi? The answer was yes they are but not recognized as a show fish by the ZNA, this fish came about by breeding the Indonesian River Carp. Des's final question was do we need UV lights in our ponds? The answer was No, this is only for us Koi hobbyist to keep the water clear to be able to see our Koi. Green water does not harm the Koi, and some believe it is good for the skin quality. It was noted that it could be argued that UV light does assist in keeping in check harmful bacteria/pathogens

Allan briefly discussed cross breeding Kohaku with Showa, general consensus was not to mix varieties but to breed female Showa with male Showa ect..Allan also touched base on his latest Japan trip, and found out that the Japanese breeders do not have a problem with flukes this may be due to high water change in their breeding tanks and a very cold winter. It was also found that they use high levels of PP ratios to water (6grams/1000litres) or salting the water for minor illnesses. All advised to be very careful with these levels of PP. Additional air an absolute necessity.

8.15pm Coffee Break

After the coffee break Allan presented Part 1 of air lift experimentation he was undertaking to save electrical costs. Goal is to remove 500watt pump with air lift. Great discussion took place, with some good input and ideas. Part 2 coming up after more experimenting

Raffle was won by Des and Tony

CHASE THE ACE- Kevin and Tony attempted to find the ace on the dwindling board with 10 cards remaining the stakes are high! This has now reached \$1250...This was not to be their night as there were no winners. Do not miss the next meeting!!

No table show this month, good luck everyone with this months Koi Auction, Sunday 29th

Meeting was closed at 9.40pm

KSWA Southern Branch – September Meeting

Date: September 27, 2017

Attendance: 10

Apologies:

Welcome and Branch Financials

Jun welcomed the members who could make it to the meeting.

Finances:

Income - \$32

Expenses - \$0

Closing balance - \$2229.52

Members were given an overview what to expect in the night's meeting.

Upcoming events

Members were reminded of upcoming events including the Koi Auction on Sunday, October 29 at Bedford Park (more details to follow on the newsletter). This is possibly the last chance for members to sell fish before the busy spawning season. Members were also informed about the KSWA End of Year party being organised with venue still to be confirmed.

Small Koi Show

Jun gave a recap of the Small Koi Show. Good participation from members at Small Koi Show and good turn out from the public. Video made by Ryan was shown to members.

Congratulations to Tim and Alan Peck for big winners. Thank you to the judges, Miki, Ces and Rod

Jun asked if there are any feedbacks they would like to make for the Small Koi Show.

One of the members suggested to have bigger tanks to avoid fish jumping out.

A quick update was given about the venue, Willowpond. As to date, the back part of the property has been sold and that the club are looking at other options for the show next year, if Willowpond is not available.

General Discussion

The meeting was open to the floor to see what everyone is up to. Some members have already tried spawning, but due to the fluctuations in temperature there is a low hatching rate. However, it looks hopeful with the warmer weather in the upcoming weeks.

One of the members is experimenting with a fish that doesn't want to eat. Tests were run on the fish but there were no findings. So it was recommended to give it Valium to encourage fish to eat. Richmond (the Fish Vet) has tried it with goldfish and it has worked with increasing in body volume, but unsure whether it will work with koi.

Jun shared his discovery of earthworms at the bottom of his K1 chamber and unsure of where they came from. He asked the members whether they've had any similar experiences, but members have never heard of it.

Daphnia

Jun brought in some daphnia to this month's meeting and did a presentation on how to raise daphnia.

Some tips to consider on how to raise and thrive your daphnia culture (results may vary):

- Age the water – daphnia cannot tolerate chlorine
- Keep pH from 6.2 to 8.9 – don't need the pH to be too high (conditions vary)
- Suggested to do water changes to thrive daphnia culture or top up with aged water
- Use fertiliser to age water
- Ideal temperature: 22-30 degrees Celsius (too warm – no reproduction)

- Daphnia culture don't need much oxygen to thrive
- Have multiple backup culture just in case one goes bad and dies
- Daphnia needs sunlight – but not in direct sunlight
- Daphnia will eat algae, yeast and bacteria
- Harvest regularly - culture may crash due to overcrowding
- Harvest the big ones and leave the small ones

There was a discussion on why there was colour difference in daphnias and it may be due to what the daphnias are eating. For example, green daphnias were most likely to be eating algae and red daphnia may be eating bacteria.

Jun gave members a run through on the life cycle of daphnias to conclude the presentation and members shared their own experiences with raising their daphnias, where it was found that daphnias do not tolerate salt.

Kevin and Tony judged the table show during break.

Table Show – Results

1st Showa (largest) – Tank 1

2nd Showa (2nd largest) – Tank 2

3rd Showa (smallest) – Tank 1

Shiros

1st Shiro (largest)

2nd Shiro

Shusuis

1st Shusui (smallest)

2nd Shusui

Karashigois – Tim and Alan's

1st Karashigoi (2nd largest)

2nd Karashigoi (larger)

3rd Ochiba

Thank you to the members who brought fish in for the table show. Thank you to Kevin and Tony for judging.

2017 ZNA Official Judging Seminar

Members were given a chance to have a go on judging the koi from the 2017 ZNA All Japan Koi Show official judging seminar. Prior to this, members were given a brief information on "How to judge" the following: body, quality, pattern and finishing, as a guide to rank the koi. After 10 minutes, members shared their thoughts on which koi they ranked first to last for each category and then compared it to the official results.

Raffle

Congratulations to the raffle winners, Tim and Kevin!

Jun thanked the members who attended the meeting and reminded them about the next meeting.

Meeting closed – 9.28 pm

KSWA Southern Branch – October Meeting

Date: October 25, 2017

Attendance: 9

Apologies: Tony Herbert, Keith and Julie

Jun welcomed the members and were given an overview of tonight's meeting.

Southern Branch Finance:

Opening balance: \$2229.52

Income: \$24.00

Expenses: \$125.17

Closing Balance: \$2128.35

Members were informed about the branch committee's plans to get more members into the club through writing an article on koi and posting it on the local newspaper.

Event Reminders:

Members were reminded about the upcoming Koi Auction on Sunday, October 29 and the upcoming KSWA Christmas Party on Sunday, 3 December with location still to be confirmed.

General Discussion:

Members were asked if they've already started breeding already and how they're going. Regarding culling, members suggested what characteristics to look out for when culling for sankes were deformities and if it doesn't have a white nose. Issues were also brought up such as fungus growing. Jun also shared his encounter with a motorboat frog and was worried about where it was coming from.

Breeding Showa:

Jun shared his experiences with breeding showas and showed photos of which ones he crossed (male kohaku and female showa), a few years ago. He found that with this spawn, there was a low turnout of black fry's. He then shared his recent spawn from the same line, showing a high black turnout. A video from Ooma Showa was shown to the members to give members an idea on how the Japanese do their first cull for showas with keeping only 600-700 out of 20000.

There was a discussion on the how many should you keep in a 4000 litre tank and found to be dependent on a number of factors, including how often you feed the fry.

Jun also proposed a possible hands-on workshop for the members to learn how to make culling nets.

After the break, members were given an opportunity to undertake a Koi Keeping Quiz written by Syd Mitchell. Members were challenged by some of the questions, as it included topics such as varieties, breeding, water quality, pond design and equipment, feeding, health and anatomy, Japanese History and Heritage, and clubs and shows. The answers were discussed afterwards with some of the members learning new things about koi.

Congratulations to Alan Peck and Fred for winning the night's raffle!

At the end of the meeting, members were thanked for their support and coming to the meeting.

KSWA Sales Table

The sales table is an initiative of the KSWA to help members source quality pond and koi products at better than retail prices, a benefit of being a member of the club.

All proceeds from the sales table are used as a fund raiser for the clubs needs.

The Sales table is available at each branch meeting and some other club events.

Please support your club by purchasing items through the sales table.

New stock of Koi & Fry food has been ordered. Available at KSWA meetings. Contact Jun on 0423 410 681 if you would like bulk food.

Portable DC Air Pump - 40L/min, 80L/min & 120L/min

Water Conditioners/Dechlorinator - 0.5L, 2.5L & 5L

Bacteria Clarifier - 85g

Koi Food (Ocra Quick Grow, Ocra What Germ & SEKERIN)
available in small and medium sizes + fry food - 1kg & 10kg bags

Koi Treatments

Koi Anti Parasite, Anti Ulcer, Anti Bacteria, Fungus Control etc

Miscellaneous

Koi 66 Variety poster & Illustrated Bible on Koi Keeping.

API Freshwater Test Kits - As Below



KOI SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Patron: Mr Michael Cave

Executive Committee of 2016 - 2018

President	Jun Hua Guo	president@koiclubwa.com
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Committee Member 4	Fred Sharp	
Committee Member 5		

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Show Chairperson	Shona Macskasy	
Webmaster	Ryan Witney	

Northern Branch Committee

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Secretary	Kevin Crook
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Membership	Ryan Witney
Tea & Coffee	Shona Macskasy

Southern Branch Committee

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