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**NEXT MEETING DATE IS  
WEDNESDAY  
22ND NOVEMBER 2006**

General Meetings are held at the Rotary Hall Sandgate Street, South Perth on the fourth Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:30pm.  
New members, existing members and visitors are all welcome

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## Annual Show

Dear Members and Friends,

This year it is my intention to get as many of our members involved in our Annual Show as possible. I always think that lots of people are willing to help but encouragement and time taken to outline jobs that are required has not been our strong point. As the Show format has changed people who show fish are not available on the day except to take down the Show in the evening. So I need assistance from those that will not be showing or maybe only have 1-2 fish in.

Jobs still to be filled are:-

- Tea prep for judge's party.....already taken care of by Ralph and the Bunbury ladies.... on yer Ralph!
- Signage, making, posting and taking down .....not a huge job!
- Runners to assist the stewards (2 off)
- Security man....John Green penciled in!
- Posting results as they come to hand (2 people) .....need to be computer literate.
- Helping people to bench their fish if they need assistance (2 people) not a big job 2 hours in the morning
- A traffic warden to take charge in the morning at the fish unloading bay and direct traffic. Needs to be loud, aggressive, thick skinned and willing to be run over at least once! + sense of humor, ease of defusing fish rage!
- Liaising officer for the stall people to help them get set up in the right place, answer any questions, sort any issues.
- Writing the Show Report for the ZNA. Traditionally the Show Chairman's job but if we have a buddy journalist in our midst let's hear from you! I will give assistance.

There will be more, if there is anything you specifically wish to do, let me know. Regards ATB



Hello Everyone,

Well I have been learning about the trials and tribulations of breeding koi. One day happy and the next not so happy. It is certainly an ever changing thing, one minute happy little fry few weeks later still little fry, nothing is growing, owner gives up and chucks them out in a big pond let them fend for themselves, remember I am not a patient person!

Thought I would try with another spawning, have lots of little ones again so hopefully these ones will grow better. At least I don't have to separate these ones!

Please remember to RSVP for the Christmas party if you haven't already done so. It should be a great day and the more the merrier.

Welcome new members Richard Martin and Barry Ambler and their families hope you enjoy your time with the club.

*Freya*

## Events Calendar

22nd November 2006 — General Meeting  
10th December 2006— Auction & Christmas Party  
3rd March 2007— Auction  
5th May 2007— Auction  
27th May 2007 KSWA Annual Show

## Koi Society of Western Australia - General Minutes, 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 06

**Opened:** 7.15PM **Apologies:** Bill & Judy Passey, Chris Powell, Julie Hardie, Kheng Theo, Kim Mo, John Moneta

**Visitors:** Nil

**New members:** Barry Ambler

**Points Arising from Previous Minutes:** There were no points arising Minutes accepted as true record. **Moved:** Ces Graham **Seconded:** Ross Franklin

**Carried:** All

**Treasurers Report:** as at 26<sup>th</sup> July

Income \$

Expenditure \$

KSWA Closing Balance: \$

**Moved:** Ross **Seconded:** Fran **Carried:** All

**Correspondence In:** Letter from Bill Gleeson. Complaint about us leaving hall dirty.

**Correspondence Out:** No correspondence for the month

**Library:** Ross Franklin started cataloguing books and videos.

Has bag for loan to new member/visitor containing Koi bible, magazines, Category chart, etc.

**Sales Table:** Alan Peck as per newsletter.

### **General discussion:-**

Problems with the pond

To clean up dirty bore water try to add Bentonite a flocculating agent.

Blanket weed can be destroyed with salt. Sprinkle on weed directly up to 3 kg/1000lt.

Ces had no success at breeding so far. The female might not be ready yet.

Rod Strang mentioned Geo Liquid to get rid of the ammonia after spawning.

A protein skimmer might help as well

Allan had an early spawning with a 540 mm Showa but ended up with small eggs and only about 10% black babies. The first spawning of a Koi is normally not very good.

Dave Gibsons had a second spawning. Eggs are bigger now as the temperature is higher now.

Ray asked how frequent you could use a male for spawning. Every 2 to 4 weeks.





Still looking for magic cure for fungus on eggs.

Malachite green is no good. Renders eggs infertile.

Methylene blue is a better choice.

Infertile eggs seem to be more prone to attract fungus.

Hatchlings grow a lot faster when fed on evaporated milk and egg yolk.

Live daphnia is very good later on and it can be bred in dirty water.

Brewers yeast will feed fry and daphnia.

Ces had some magazines and ZNA magazines for sale.

New Product.

Ces come across a floating skimmer. He will put an article into the newsletter.

A review of the KSWA Annual Show was conducted in depth by Allan Bennett ( Showchair person ) Judy Passey and Miki Mo and endorsed by the committee.

To fall in line with all other Koi shows we will combine novice and open classes and introduce size classes in each category. For details check the paper on this subject handed out by Allan.

Larry Reimer handed out some samples of his koi food. More about this food in the newsletter.

#### **Coffee break 9.10 PM**

**Table Show:** Judged by Rod Strang

Gosanke class	1 <sup>st</sup> Kohaku	Allan Bennett
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohaku	Allan Bennett

Non Gosanke	1 <sup>st</sup> Ochiba-Shigure	Allan Bennett
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shusui	Allan Bennett
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sora-goi	Allan Bennett

#### **General discussion:**

Urs newspaper clips on change of accounting standards for incorporated clubs

And an article on vermins plaguing Australia.

**Presentation:** Rodney Hanson gave us a very professional presentation about Showas.

**Meeting closed 20.15 pm**

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More stock and I am adding to it as I go:-

- 16" koi sox \$ 65 - for the big guys don't be without one
- 18" baby net \$38 – ideal for small fish
- 10" koi sox \$45 – waterproof, you can transfer fish in their own water, they are great

- I can get any quality net you need, this is just a selection.
- Dechlorinator – 500mls \$12, 2.5liters \$35 - a must for new water
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and look down on them. Allan conducted tours of his koi breeding set up for all who were interested and was very forthcoming in his ideas and handy hints. It was a very interesting tour and I am sure all who went learnt something or came away with a few ideas for their own places.

The display window in the pond was very popular with the people and the fish, both sides were looking at each other with keen interest. I am not sure what the fish were thinking but the people were impressed.

After we had all had a good look around and decided where to sit we were treated to a nice barbecue lunch and a few drinks. To all that attended the pond tour thank-you for supporting your club and I am sure you thought it was very worthwhile even if it was just to catch up with other members and have a good chat. To all of you that couldn't make it, for whatever reason, I hope you get a chance to attend one as they are really quite an enjoyable day. My daughter, Jade, got very excited at Allan's place and took about 150 photos of the fish through the window. Thank goodness for digital cameras and the delete button. The photos don't really do either place justice but I will put them in for you to see. Don't worry not all of them!



Nishikigoi are most often referred to as “koi” by those who speak English.

That's probably due to the fact that “koi” is easier to say. Regardless of what we call them, they are basically

carp that have been bred for color though most koi-keepers will refer to them as more of an obsession! It's hard to resist buying “just one” for the pond — and it's tough to decide which one to buy. They come in so many different colors and styles. It's almost like picking out a car or a new sofa!

### **The Origin of Nishikigoi**

No one, it seems, can agree on the exact origin of these festive-colored carp. Perhaps no one truly knows. It is known that nishikigoi have been around for thousands of years. They definitely have Asian ancestry probably bred in China first, possibly more for a food source, then the art was mastered much later in Japan. The carp was used as a subject in many Ancient Asian sculptures and drawings. Asians believe these beautiful fish bring good luck and prosperity especially when presented as a pair.

The true art of breeding beautiful nishikigoi began during the early 1800's when Japanese breeders found a red-cheeked koi in with all the traditional black ones. As the century went on they perfected the Kohaku variety then went on to develop the Sanke and Showa similar to the ones we know today. More varieties were developed by the Japanese during the first half of the 20th century. Surprisingly the Germans had a hand in the development of a few varieties as well. The Doitsu (leather skinned or scale-less) koi is one of their most famous contributions. .

The Japanese continue to hold the honors of having the richest history in the development of koi though it is only a little more than a few centuries since the Japanese first began vigorous breeding efforts

During the last half of the century we've seen great improvements in the quality of koi bred in Israel and the United States, the US being responsible for perfecting the Butterfly Koi. The United Kingdom, though never a big breeder of koi, have been big koi-keepers since the early 1970's. In the US koi-keeping fever spread from Hawaii (being nearest to Japan) to the West Coast (mainly California) to the East Coast and most recently is becoming very popular here in Georgia.

### **What's In a Name?**

The Japanese term "nishikigoi" translates to "brocaded carp". Most often the name of a certain variety of nishikigoi is a Japanese term that literally translates into the color and/or pattern and scales of the fish. Sometimes it includes the era of Japanese history when the variety was initially introduced.

For example, a white koi with red and black markings is referred to as a "Sanke" or "Sanshoku" which literally translates into "tri-colored". The type of Sanke introduced at the Tokyo Exhibition of 1914 is referred to as a "Taisho Sanke" because 1914 fell during the Taisho period of Japanese history.

( I would like to thank J Passey for passing this article on and The Pond Doc for giving me permission to reprint his article. I will be continuing this article in further issues.)

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### **What's on at the next general meeting-**

Rodney Hansen will be giving a talk on the Utsuri and Bekko varieties.

General club business will be discussed.

## **POND TOUR**

Once again the KSWA has run a very successful pond tour. We would like to thank Tim & Tina Pham and Allan and Julie Bennett for very kindly letting us come to their homes to look at their ponds and for their great hospitality.

The tour started at the Pham's place and we were greeted with smiling faces and a surprise back garden full of fish and lovely plants. Tim has built a large pond in the back of his place and was busy breeding and hatching eggs when we arrived. It was very interesting seeing how Tina had made a spawning net out of curtains to make it easier to catch the fry when they were hatched. I for one thought it was a great idea and am now sizing up my curtains to see which ones I no longer need!

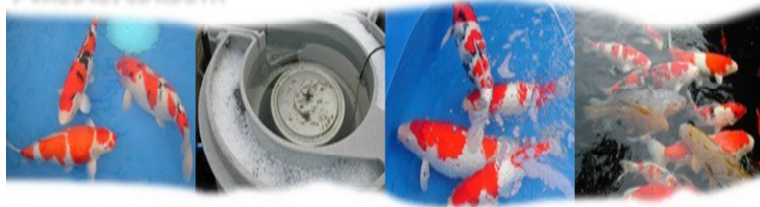
Tim's bonsai collection was very impressive and I was very taken with them and thought it could be something else I could try till someone told me you have to be very patient to grow bonsai. Maybe it isn't for me or I'll just have to buy them already done! I am a very sporadic gardener so they probably wouldn't have much chance in my garden.

Unfortunately the photos I took of Tim's fish didn't turn out as there was too much reflection but I did get some nice photos of his backyard setup.

I hadn't had breakfast that morning as I had a late night the night before and wasn't up to it before I left home. So when the lovely hot and cold pastries came out I couldn't resist. I decided to start with something sweet and then have something savoury and then finish off with something sweet again!! So to all of you that didn't come, Thanks, so I could get my fill!! The rain finally decided to come so we hid under Tim's verandah till it passed then went on to the Bennetts's place.

After driving up a winding driveway and scooting around the back we were greeted with a lovely resort style setting. I am sure all who came were very impressed and felt very welcome with Allan, Julie and the two dogs greeting all who came. It was hard to decide where to sit, under the verandah area to look at the fish through the viewing window or up above the pond





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## KSWA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The club Christmas party and auction will be held at the Passey's place on December 10th 2006 this is open to all members and their families.

The club will provide the meat and cool drinks for the lunch-time barbecue. Bring your own Alcohol.

To help with catering and the hiring of tables and chairs please let us know if you will be attending and how many are in your group. There will be a Santa for the children so please bring a gift for your child if they are attending

It would be appreciated if you could bring a salad or dessert for all to share

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And let them know you are coming and what you are going to bring so we don't have an overload of one thing and we have enough seating.

**RSVP by 30th November.**



**To people wanting to have fish for sale at the auction you will need to contact Bill to book a bin for your fish.  
No booking—No sale!**



## KSWA CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Come and enjoy the Christmas spirit with your club members for a great day of food, drink and fish!**

**There will an auction of some fine fish for your last minute Christmas shopping**

**When: 10th December 2006**

**Time: 10:00am onwards**

**Place: Bill & Judy Passey's**

