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## WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE

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**NEXT MEETING DATE IS  
WEDNESDAY  
28th FEBRUARY 2007**

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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- The Koi Doctor, only for the serious enthusiast

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### JANUARY SPECIALS - AIRTECH 40E air pump - \$199. ....do not miss this!

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Hello Everyone,

Hopefully you will have got this newsletter in time to remind you that the AUCTION is on the Saturday 24th February. Sellers please make sure you contact Alex so he can get a bin ready for you.

Rodney Hansen will be doing another one of his great talks this meeting and it will be about the Kohaku variety. So come along and learn a bit about them and enjoy the power-point presentation.

Welcome new member Vivian Veljacich and family hope you all enjoy your time with the club.

*Freya*

## Events Calendar

24th February 2007—Auction

28th February 2007—General Meeting

5th May 2007— Auction

27th May 2007 KSWA Annual Show

## NEW SHOW RULES

Dear Member

Pursuant to the mandate given to the Show Committee the NEW show format and rules will be available for distribution and discussion at our Feb 07 meeting. It would be appreciated if ALL members who intend showing be present so as to familiarize themselves with the new show layout and changes. The Show Chairman will be available to answer any questions and remove any ambiguity or doubt. Hope to see you on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2007"

## Koi Society of Western Australia - General Minutes, 24<sup>TH</sup> January 07

**Opened:** 7.50PM    **Apologies:** Josie Giorgio, Charlie Giorgio

**Visitors:** Liho

**New members:** Will get details for next issue.

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

**Carried:** All

**Treasurers Report:** as at 4<sup>th</sup> January

Income	\$ .
Expenditure	\$ .
KSWA Closing Balance:	\$ .

These numbers received at the committee meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Correspondence In:** No correspondence for the month.

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

**Library:** Ross Franklin gave a short talk on the book, The Professional Book of Koi, Available from the library.

**Sales Table:** Alan Peck. The usual products are available from the sales table.

### General discussion:-

Steve Hill did bring in a Shusui to have a look at. It was red with black  
Doitsu scales.

A rather unusual colour combination.

Rodney Hanson did another excellent presentation this time on Asagi/  
Shusui. He outlined the importance these two varieties had on modern  
Koi breeding.

The presentations can be seen on our web site or should be there very  
soon.

### Coffee break 8.35 PM

**Table Show:** Judged by Ces and David

Gosanke class	1 <sup>st</sup> Doits Showa	Bill Passey
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Showa	Bill Passey

Non Gosanke	1 <sup>st</sup> Ginrin Showa	Bill Passey
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ginrin Showa	Bill Passey

### General discussion:

Allen Bennett filled us in one the going ons of the Annual Koi Show.  
He will release details of the sponsorship as they gel and the pa-  
pers get signed. Lots of work but a good job well done.

**Meeting closed 20.15 pm**



**KSWA ANNUAL SHOW**  
**SUNDAY 27th MAY 2007**  
**At Cannington Greyhounds**  
**Cnr Station Street and Albany Highway**  
**Cannington**

**Open to public from 10.00am to 3.30pm**

### NETS FOR THE ANNUAL SHOW

To all members that are showing this year and want to use a net  
to try and stop your fish from jumping out of your tub please  
contact Freya on 9399 2279 ASAP.

The materials for these nets will be purchased with club funds  
and will be made by a very generous member.

They will need to be returned at the end of show day and will  
remain KSWA property to be used on days such as this.

Please remember that other peoples' time is taken up obtaining  
these things for you so prompt replies would be appreciated.

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10" koi sox \$45 – waterproof, you can transfer fish in their own water, they are great

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Sanisol – 500mls \$12 - disinfectant liquid

Air Stones 50mm and 40mm @ \$5 great value!

Plastic Bags \$1.00

Test kits

Keeping Koi in Australia \$20 – it is the Oz Bible on koi keeping

Please support your Sales Table

## FISH AUCTION

24th FEBRUARY 2007

QUALITY FISH GOING UNDER THE HAMMER.

**When:** 24th February 2007

**Where:**

**Time:** Bidding starts at 2pm  
**SHARP**

**Fish to be in bins by 1:30pm.**

Come and can bid for quality fish.

You never know it could be your first or next show winner!

This is a perfect opportunity to buy some fish and support your club.

There could even be the fish you have always wanted there for sale so don't miss out.

**BE ON TIME!**

**And bring your money!**

**Sellers: Please contact on Alex on 9379 8070 before auction date so that he can allocate you a bin.**

**NO CONTACT—NO BIN**



## Steps to Creating a Tancho

A solid white koi with a single red mark on his head and where there is no other red on the koi is not called a Kohaku — it is a **Tancho**.

The Tancho gets its name from the single red spot on its head that resembles the single red marking of the Tancho Crane. The Japanese especially prize the Tancho because the red circular spot against its snowy, white body resembles their national flag. Tancho markings can be heart-shaped, round, oblong or square. It should not extend below the eye of the koi.

If a Shiro Bekko has a single tancho mark on its head it is then considered a **Tancho Sanke** because now it's a tri-colored koi. The trait that makes it a Tancho Sanke is that the ONLY red on the fish is the tancho mark.

The same applies to the Shiro Utsuri. Add the single tancho mark. It now becomes a **Tancho Showa**.



Tancho Sanke

Tancho Showa

I pulled out the three pot plants in there and gave the roots a nice trim and decided to have a look around in the pond to see if I could see some more frogs. I thought I saw a taddie so I was quite happily peeking around when I lifted up the bush on one side and noticed something floating in the water. Mmmm, I wasn't quite sure what it was. Looked a bit like a rotting leaf, but quite large, it was wrinkly looking.... Thought I would scoop it out and have a good look. Now, normally I would just pick it up in my bare hands and check it out but luckily for me it was just out of my reach and in the shadows sooo I got a small stick and lifted it out of the water. PHEWWEEE What a smell. It absolutely stunk, it was so bad I didn't dare fling it anywhere as I didn't want the smell hanging around for days. It was something made of skin and bone I called to Graham and said "Yuck I think it must be a dead frog!" His reply was "No it's not, it's a DEAD RAT!" I couldn't see from my side but he could see the rat fur. " I told him to get me a plastic bag QUICKLY" and held my breath for as long as possible keeping it as far away as I could. I have never smelt anything so foul in all my life it was absolutely disgusting, I am pulling faces as I am writing it just remembering, you probably are too.

So back to the title of this little story it is very important to have good water quality for your fish but then again a little blood and bone does no harm!

Dear Members,

As you are aware we are overhauling our current Website. If you have any photo's of interest of past pond tours, KSWA outings or simply photo's of interest could you please pass them onto any Committee Member or e mail to our new Webmaster... SHONA at..... [me@shona.org](mailto:me@shona.org)

Many thanks for your interest.

We are also after any article of koi hobbyist interest so if you have anything same e mail address please or to any Committee Member.

## The Importance of Water Quality

When I first deciding between keeping Koi and Goldfish I was told that Goldfish were easier to keep. So I put in a little pond with two cascading ponds leading into it, this was about eight years ago now. Since then some goldfish have happily lived in there, breeding occasionally and a few dying every now and then but on the whole it has been quite a successful little pond the plants have thrived well and it is now getting quite overgrown.

About eight months ago we put in a couple of koi as we had got down to only two goldfish and Graham thought they were a bit lonely. A few weeks ago we noticed that the goldfish, Mother and Son, had bred! So we now have 11 goldfish babies that were black but now turning red. Mum's white and Dad's (Son) red. I took one koi out and left the other in there as we thought it might be getting a bit crowded, will take the other one out when we get around to catching it. Anyway back to the title of the story as you have all heard, you should check this and that, and make sure your water is just right. Well on the weekend the pump wasn't running too well so we decided to do a bit of maintenance on it. Got it out and cleaned it up and put it back in and hey presto! It didn't work anymore! While Graham was having a fiddle around with it I decided to clean out the top small pond as the watercress in there was very overgrown, to my pleasure I found two little frogs in there and happily caught one to show Jade how cute it was. Then placed it back carefully in the water tidied up the plants and put them back in also. I was pleased with the knowledge that if there was frogs there, which I also knew there was from the noise they make at night, that the water quality must be pretty good and the environment was pretty special.

Well, we couldn't get the pump going so we decided to wait and think about it and have another go in the afternoon.

I was feeling quite enthused after the mornings find of frogs so I decided to clean out the second pond while Graham had another go at the pump.

## Creating Variety By Changing the Scales

We've only covered a very few varieties of nishikigoi. There are so many more and some yet to be classified. Traditionalists consider Kohakus, Showas, Utsurimonos and Sankes to be the supreme varieties of nishikigoi. These opinions are reflected in judging at koi shows. Seldom is any other variety considered for a Grand Champion trophy. More often than not Grand Champions have regular scales but lately we're seeing that rule bend a bit. By changing the type scales and skin of the fish we can further classify these and other varieties.



**Doitsu** (*German-scaled*)

We can credit koi-lovers in Germany for developing nishikigoi that are either scale-less or have only a row of patterned scales along the spine (as pictured) and/or lateral line of the fish. The scale-less skin of the Doitsu is soft and feels like leather. There's nothing more eye-catching than a **Doitsu Platinum Ogon** swimming gracefully against the back-drop of a black liner. When a Sanke is scale-less it is named a **Doitsu Sanke**. A scale-less, 2-step Kohaku would be considered a **Doitsu Nidan Kohaku** ...and so on...

### **Shusui** (*autumn sky*)

This variety depends on its Doitsu skin for identification. It is one of only two blue varieties of koi. A Shusui is a pale blue koi with a row of navy scales down the back and has orange below the lateral line. A Shusui with orange above the lateral line is considered a **Hi Shusui**.

### **Gin Rin** (*diamond*)

Gin Rin scales shine like diamonds. Almost any variety of nishikigoi can be a Gin Rin. If a Kohaku's scales shine it is considered a **Gin Rin Kohaku**. Even the scales along the spine of a Doitsu can be Gin Rin. I've seen a few come through the store — one was a gorgeous **Gin Rin Shusui**.

### **Matsuba** (*pine cone*)

A variety of koi that is solid-colored with a black net or pine-cone pattern along his back is called a Matsuba. A **Ki Matsuba** is a yellow koi with this pattern and a red one is considered a **Aka Matsuba**. A Matsuba cannot have Doitsu skin though it can have Gin Rin scales.

## Asagi (pale blue)

The other blue variety of nishikigoi depends on its Matsuba-patterned scales for identification. An **Asagi (pale blue)** is a pale, blue koi with a navy netted Matsuba pattern and has orange below the lateral line. Other varieties make use of the Matsuba pattern. The **Kujaku (peacock)** is a white Matsuba with orange colored spots. It gets its name by resembling a peacock's feather.

## Hikari (metallic)

Not as brilliant as the Gin Rin scale, the Hikari shimmers instead of shines. A solid-yellow koi with satin scales is considered a **Yama-buki**, not a **Ki Ogon**. A Ki Ogon has regular scales, not Hikari scales. One inconsistency I've found with this is the Platinum Ogon. Platinum is definitely metallic white yet most often it is called a Platinum Ogon.

## Koromo (robed)

A **Koromo** is a white koi with red markings whose scales are "robed" (outlined) with a different color. The scales of an **Ai Goromo (blue robed)** are outlined with navy blue.

## Other Notable Varieties of Nishikigoi

**Chagoi** — Brown or olive tone koi with definite net pattern or doitsu skin or shines like a penny if it is a **Gin Rin Chagoi**.

**Soragoi** — Grayish-blue koi with definite net pattern or doitsu skin or shines like gun metal if it is a **Gin Rin Soragoi**.

**Ochiba** — A Soragoi with orange markings.

**Midori** — A greenish-yellow koi with doitsu skin. Can be difficult to find.

**Yamabuki** — A solid yellow koi with a metallic sheen.

**Kumonryu** — A black doitsu koi with areas of billowing white. An interesting variety that changes its color mixture throughout its life.

**Kikusui** — A Kahaku with a metallic sheen.

**Goshiki** — A white koi with the same blue matsuba pattern of the Asagi overlaid with red kohaku markings.

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