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KOI SOCIETY OF WA



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New members, existing members and visitors are welcome at all meetings.

General Meetings are held at
Rotary Hall, Sandgate Street, South Perth
7:30pm, on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except Dec)

Northern Branch Meetings are held at
Wanneroo Recreation Centre, Scenic Road, Wanneroo
7:30pm, on the second Tuesday of each month.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY
26 NOVEMBER 2008**

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WELCOME & NEWS

Welcome to the October issue of the KSWA Newsletter.

This issue is a little later than usual, as we have been busy finalising the details of the upcoming Member Auction on Sunday 16 November (see page 8).

Details of what is happening at the November General Meeting will be available in the November newsletter.

The next Northern Branch Meeting in Wanneroo (Tuesday 11 November) will feature a presentation by Kylie Wall about what is involved in commercial koi breeding.

As usual both meetings will have a Question & Answer session if you want to get some advice & opinions from other members; and tea, coffee & biscuits. See the newsletter cover for venues and times.

Allan Bennett and Bill Passey were recently invited by the Australia Koi Association (AKA – Sydney) to judge their “Young Koi Show” on Sunday 19th October 2008. Well done Allan and Bill on this great personal accolade as well as a wonderful recognition of the wealth of knowledge and regard that exists within the wider koi community of the Koi Society of WA.

Full details of the Christmas Party will be in the November issue, but the date and venue have been set (see below)

Welcome to all our new members—we hope you and your families enjoy your time with the club.

Shona

Events Calendar



Saturday 1 November—Cannington Agricultural Show (pg 10)

Tuesday 11 November—Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Sunday 16 November—Member Auction (pg 8)

Wednesday 26 November—General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 9 December—Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Sunday 14 December—Christmas Party & Auction @ the Passey's place, Barragup (Mandurah)

General Minutes 24th September 2008

The president Bill Passey declared the meeting opened at 19h50

Number of members attending: 18, **Apologies:** Chris Powell, Sharon Smith, Stuart Rowley, Shona Whaite, Allan Bennett

New Members: Rob, David and Eric & Jenny Aitkins

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: : None

Confirmation of Previous Minutes. Moved: Alan Peck Seconded: Ray Lines. Carried by ALL as a true record.

Correspondence In: Agricultural Society
Bill Passey confirmed that an invitation had been extended to the club to "put up" a display at the 2008 Cannington Agricultural Show. After some light discussion with the committee the invitation was accepted and the club will have on display at the show a few tubs of koi. At this stage possibly 3 to 4 tubs. To date Bill Passey and Rod Strang have confirmed that they will each show a few fish on the day. Bill requested help from members in setting up and taking down the display. A few members indicated their availability to assist.

Correspondence Out: None

Treasurers Report: as at 24th September

None. Treasurer Josie Giorgio apologised that she was unable to table a report at the August General Meeting. Current Bank Balance is just under \$ inclusive of the \$ in a Term Deposit account.
Moved: Freya, Seconded: Kerry. Carried by ALL as a true record.

Library: 1 new book in the Library: "Mini Encyclopaedia – Keeping Koi". Tim Leroy our librarian encouraged members to peruse the library collection and borrow items that may be of interested. Those members that tested the video cassettes reported that many of cassettes were in fact damaged. Tim requested their return so that they could be "written off" the books of the club.

Sales Table: Kerry our sales table custodian indicated that NO new products were added since our last meeting. The new pricing was now available and all old stock items have been proportionately reduced by 10%. Kerry went on to give a brief description of the current specials of those suppliers who support the sales table.

Table Show Results:

	Table Show 'A'	Table Show 'B'
1 st	Kohaku	Gin Rin Ochibasigure
2 nd		Ochibasigure
3 rd		Ochibasigure

NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

NEW ZNA CHAIRMAN

The ZNA elected their new Chairman Mr. Nobuo Takigawa in April of this year.

Takigawa san succeeding a koi legend in Maso Kato san who had held the position for the previous four years.

Mr Takigawa is in the center in this photo taken at the ZNA All Japan Show in Kobe 2005.

"JJ"



Largest Koi Show in the World

Is it the ZNA Koi Show or the All Japan Show? No, some are claiming the largest koi show in the world is the Netherlands Koi Show.

- 148 vendor booths
- 24,853 visitors
- 148 vats and 623 fish exhibited.
- 6 vats of fish from as far away as Sweden and Denmark!
- 17 fully qualified judges 4 trainees including 2 from Oz (7 countries represented)



All started by one small progressive Koi Club!

Above is a photo from the 2007 Netherlands Koi Show.

"JJ"

NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

This month's Northern Branch saw a number of new faces including Eric, Brett, Todd, Craig and Stan. Welcome to all.

As usual the meeting started with a bit of discussion about any issues of interest. One challenging question was about how to control dragon fly larva without harming fragile fry. Rod Strang suggested dimilin (diflubenzuron) might be ok to use but we need to find out what a safe dosage might be. Another suggestion was to cover the breeding pond with shadecloth (make sure it's not touching the water).

Another interesting question was about how/why you would treat your pond with salt - the general consensus was that 0.3% (3kg per 1000L of water) is good for therapeutic measures, and up to 0.6% (6kg per 1000L) to treat specific problems. Salt can be bought from pool shops in 25kg bags. Some koi keepers opt to always have the lower level of salt in their pond, and some use salt only when needed - bugs can become immune to salt which is one downside to always having it present. In regard to measuring, there are expensive electronic metres, but marine aquarists use a device called a refractometer which is under \$100.

The final question was in regard to potassium permanganate - the consensus was that salt does almost everything this medication does, so stick to using salt as the first option. The margin for error with PP is a lot smaller than with salt, so generally only experienced hobbyists will use PP.

As usual the table show provided lots of indecision for the judge with results as follows:

Table Show

	A	B
1st	Sanke—Rod Strang	Shusui—Des Howlett
2nd	Kohaku—Rod Strang	Gin Rin Sanke—Rod Strang
3rd	Shiro Utsuri—Des Howlett	

Phong Ta provided succulent strawberries for all. Thanks Phong!

Cameron (from Woodvalue Fish and Lily farm) provided some interesting insights into small pond design and also showed off some filters and pumps, one of which brought lusty feelings to at least one member: it pumps 30,000L/hr on only 100W!! Now how can I fit that in my pond.....hmm...

Allan B gave a very informative presentation about Showa spawning, from honeymoon to 2 years old, including showing the progression of patterns on selected fish from a few weeks old to 2 years old. Thanks Allan.

Judged by Rodney Hansen. All 4 fish were bred and owned by Bill Passey. The quality of these fish is remarkable particularly the gin rin ochibasigure with displayed very intense patterning for such a young fish as well as near perfect "gin rin" scalation.

General Business ...

Judge

Bill informed the members that he and Allan Bennett have been invited by the AKA (Sydney) to judge their upcoming "Young Koi Show". Well done Bill and Allan on this ultimate personal accolade as well as a great advertising mechanism for the Koi Society of WA as a whole.

Other

Members raised questions from the floor on various aspects of fish and pond maintenance. These include but not limited to:

Use of dechlorinator when doing large water changes or top ups

Drugging a fish

Using needles to inject anti-biotics

Use of formalin and other agents in killing parasites

Much discussion surrounded these topics. Whilst views differed there was a general consensus that these matters are not to be taken lightly and members are encouraged to seek the counsel of other senior or more experienced members when attempting such tasks. Bill suggested that another demonstration at the general meeting on "**drugging and using a needle**" may be appropriate. The committee is to raise this when they next meet.

Kohaku Competition

Bill Passey brought in 5 kohaku babies from his 2007 spawn which he labelled A to E. Members were provided with writing material and asked to judge the babies ranking them from 1st to 5th. Bill had in the interim already ranked them and his results were quickly compared to those of the members and the results tallied. The results were as follows:-

Joint 1 st place	–	David & Eric (5 correct)
Joint 3 rd place	–	Josie and Tony (3 correct)
5 th place	–	Rob (2 correct)

It was interesting to note that of the 5 placegetters both the 1st placegetters as well as the 5th placegetter were new members attending their **first** meeting. Well done to you ALL and as a reward Bill generously awarded 4 of the 5 kohaku babies as prizes to some of the winners.

With nothing further to discuss Bill declared the meeting closed at 22h00.

KOI HERPES VIRUS UPDATE

This is the latest information to come out of the UK in regard to the management and control of KHV. Please note the likely major changes that will be made to the importation rules for koi brought into the UK. This is serious stuff and your Committee cannot overemphasize the devastation that would be caused to our koi and hobby should KHV be brought into Australia.

"As far as KHV controls are concerned Defra are yet to make a definitive decision on UK status for this disease. Realistically there are only two positions under the new Directive,

Category IV—A control and eradication programme.

OR

Category V—Which is to declare the country (UK) infected.

Defra are currently consulting trade bodies and consumer groups in order to inform their decision making on KHV.

If Category IV is declared then common carp and varieties such as koi will need full health certification for KHV and for SVC before import into the UK. Import of vaccinated fish will not be allowed. Imports will only be permitted from countries that are free from KHV or from compartments (effectively farms) that can demonstrate freedom from KHV.

In the case of an infected koi farm - there are two ways in which it could restore trade, either by culling all stocks, and disinfecting their facilities and then restocking from a KHV free source, or alternatively through undertaking a testing programme (this is likely to be a minimum of two years testing but potentially four years - we are awaiting a decision from the European Commission on this).

We are currently re-designing and upgrading our website dedicated to live fish movements. We intend to populate this website with guidance notes, application forms, and informed articles, etc in due course. You can access it through www.efishbusiness.com

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RIGHT: KHV at it's worst-this fish is still alive. Photo from fish-helpline.co.uk



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Magnificent Koi Ponds of the World ARTICLE

Paula Combrink, Editor of the South African Koi Magazine, KOISA has contacted us asking for submissions to a series of articles she is writing called "Magnificent Koi Ponds of the World".

We know beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so rather than the club picking several ponds, we thought it would be a good idea for members to make submissions directly.

Submissions needs to have 3 photos from different angles, and a very short story regarding the pond (about 100 words).

They can be emailed directly to paulac@connoisseur.co.za

If you think another member has a great pond, encourage them to make a submission, or do it on their behalf (please get their permission first)

This is a great chance to show off our Aussie ponds and koi in a worldwide article, so start looking through your photo albums today!



ABOVE: The KOISA magazine

Cannington Agricultural Show

WHEN? Saturday 1st November 2008
Setup is from 7:30–8:30am, putting away 4pm

WHERE? Cannington Greyhounds
Station Street, Cannington (same venue as our Annual Koi Show)



We have been invited to attend the Show, and it is a great opportunity to promote the koi keeping hobby and our Society to the public.

We will just have a simple setup— a couple of bins with fish, plus some pamphlets if anyone wants to know more about koi or KSWA.

If any members are able to come along for a few hours to answer any basic questions the public might have, please let us know.

The Show will be on all day Friday and Saturday (until 10pm), however we will be there on the Saturday only, 7:30am–4pm.



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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Change to Auction Rules

Fish under 25cms with a reserve price of \$50 or more can be shown in the members blue tub without the need for being placed in a bag to a maximum of 10 fish.

Meeting topics

In an attempt to keep the monthly general meetings relevant, informative, interesting and timely the committee has decided to restrict discussion at these meetings solely to koi and koi related issues. Matters of an operational or generic nature are to be raised privately either with the president or members of the committee for discussion at a "committee level" meeting only. The committee through the president will determine the need to bring such matters back to the general meeting for discussion.



KSWA MEMBER AUCTION SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2008

WHERE: Ces' place—address removed

WHEN: 10:30am, Sunday 16 November 2008

SELLERS Book your bin by Sunday 9 November 2008

As bins and airlines need to be organised in advance, no late entries (or entries on the day) can be accepted.

This Auction is just for club members—you need to be a financial member to buy or sell koi at this event.

SELLERS

- You need to be a current member of KSWA
- You need to **BOOK** your bin by Sunday 9 November 2008
- To book please contact Bill Passey—phone 0438 357 732, fax 9535 7011 or email bpassey@bigpond.com
- Seller fees: 10% of your total sales goes to the club

BUYERS

- You need to be a current member (bring your membership card)
- You don't need to register, just show up on the day and bid!
- Buyer fees: extra 5% on final bid is payable to the club

Members are welcome to come along to the Auction even if they are not planning on Buying or Selling fish—there is no entry fee or obligation to purchase.

RIGHT: Members checking out the quality fish at one of our previous Member Auctions.



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