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# KOI SOCIETY OF WA



## NOVEMBER 2008 Issue

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.

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

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# WELCOME & NEWS

Welcome to the November issue of the KSWA Newsletter.

The next General Meeting in South Perth will be held on Wednesday 26 November. A quick reminder that there is no General Meeting held in December!

The next Northern Branch Meeting in Wanneroo will be on Tuesday 9 December. We will be discussing Smart Power Usage Tips for a koi pond.



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.

The Annual Christmas Party and Member Auction is coming up in December—if you haven't been to one of these before it is well worth the trip down the Mandurah if only to see Bill & Judy's amazing setup. The food, socialising, entertainment & auction give you even more reason to come along! Check out page 6 for all the details.

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

*Shona*

## Events Calendar

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) - page 6



Tuesday 13 January—Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 28 January—General Meeting, South Perth

## General Minutes 22nd October 2008

The president Bill Passey declared the meeting opened at 19h50

**Number of members attending:** 18, **Apologies:** Tim Leroy & Kerry Cross

**New Members:** Todd Elder

**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:** : Rodney Hansen conveyed the editor's apology for the newsletter not being out in time for the meeting. He reminded members once in receipt of the newsletter to carefully read the changes to the "auction rules" for fish under 25cms as well changes to the structure for our monthly general meetings.

**Confirmation of Previous Minutes.** Moved: Rod Strang. Seconded: Allan Bennett. Carried by ALL as a true record.

**Correspondence In:** Bill Passey confirmed the club's commitment to have at least 2 tubs at the Cannington Ag Show in November 2008. At this point in time both Bill and Rod Strang will each show a few fish. Members are encouraged to contact Bill to assist in setting up and taking down the show as well as being on hand to man the tubs on the day and provide koi advice to patrons attending.

**Correspondence Out:** Allan Bennett confirmed that the ZNA has committed in principle to sending a Japanese judge for our 2009 Annual Show. This appointment is subject to final confirmation in January/February 2009.

### **Treasurers Report: as at 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Report tabled. Cheque account balance:- \$ Term Deposit:- \$  
Moved by: Charlie Giorgio. Seconded: Phil Lehman. Carried by ALL as a true record

**Library:** None

**Sales Table:** None.

### **Table Show Results:**

	<b>Table Show 'A'</b>	<b>Table Show 'B'</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Showa (large) Jud Passey	Gin rin show (small) – Lorna Passey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Showa (small) - Bill Passey	Gin rin showa (large) – Lorna Passey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Showa – (kindai) – Bill Passey	Gin rin Shiro – Lorna Passey

Congratulations to Lorna, Bill and Judy. According to Bill this is a new line of showa he has experimented with so we look forward to seeing them again at the 2009 Annual show. Many thanks also to our resident judge Rod Strang who did the honours tonight.

## NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

### *Choosing Energy Efficient Pumps*

Every minute of every day your pond pump is consuming electricity. As a KSWA hobbyist it pays for you to know how much power your pump is consuming and these are some of the factors which assist or impact on the efficient performance and cost of running your pump:-



- As a rule of thumb the cheaper pumps do tend to use more power, it is then a balance cost of purchase VS running costs, warranties etc.
- Is the pump 'fit for purpose' no point having a pump which is designed for a fountain or waterfall when it is high volume with low 'head' that is required.
- Pond and pipe work design, UV installation and other such issues can have a huge effect on pump performance and your cost.
- Keep the pump run short head height as low as possible and do not pump through an accessory with a 25mm inlet and outlet if you are seeking a volume from your pump of 10,000 liters per hour!

What does all this mean for your wallet? Lets take a pump which pumps 8,000 liters of water per hour and uses 100 watts of electricity to do this.

As easy way to calculate is to remember that 1 watt costs about \$1.20 a year to have running continuously every day of the year.

So the cost of continuously running our 100 watt pump per annum is approximately \$120. A 200 watt pump would cost about \$240 per annum.

Here is the exact calculation of our 100 watt pump at current W. A. electricity rates:

100watt x 24hours per day = 2400watts per day or 2.4kw  
1 unit (1kw) = 13.94cents in W.A.  
13.94cents X 2.4 kw /day = 33.45 cents per day  
33.45cents x 365 days = \$122.09cents per annum.

Electricity unit costs can be found on your latest power bill, and the wattage of equipment is usually written on the label or near the power cord.

Hope this is useful to some members.....'JJ'

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# NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

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Good to see everyone at this month's Northern Branch meeting and a special welcome to Des & Kay (first time visitors) and Eddy whom we hadn't seen for a while. The meeting venue was adorned by the new KSWA Northern Branch KSWA banner featuring the Club's current grand champion. It looks great!

The booking for the venue at the Wanneroo Rec Centre is due for renewal and those present decided unanimously to extend the booking for 12 months. With the growing season upon us now is a good time to consider buying new fish and so Allan reminded everyone of the upcoming members' auction at Ces' place. Some discussion was held about the renewed review in government bodies considering Koi for inclusion on the noxious fish list. Allan and other committee members are working with decision makers on behalf of the KSWA to ensure our voice is heard and that Koi are removed from the noxious list.

Also discussed as "coming up": the KSWA Christmas party on 14 Dec at the Passey's place, along with a club auction there and Santa for the kids. It's always a relaxed occasion with great food and a beautiful setting and makes for a memorable day out each year.

## Koi Quiz

Allan took the meeting by surprise by springing a koi quiz on us all. With 6 tables eagerly vying for the winners prize it was nail biting, brain racking and hair pulling stuff. At the end it came down to a tie-breaker between two tables, the winning table taking the prize in dubious circumstances in answering one of the classics: what is a three step koi called - sandan. So commit this to memory as it might come in handy one day: 1 step is ohmoyo, 2 =nidan, 3 = sandan, 4 = yondan, 5 = godan.

## Commercial Fish Breeding

Kylie Wall gave a very interesting multimedia presentation showing her family's commercial fish breeding operation: Noran Fish Farms in Keysbrook. The scale of this operation is something to see and it was interesting to hear how the Wall's handle all that water. Other notes of interest included the natural availability of large volumes of water on the property, the long (12 month) quarantine periods used to keep the operation disease free, the equipment to drain and fill the ponds, the culling operation and much more. Thanks Kylie for a very informative presentation.

There was no table show this month so c'mon everyone, let's keep the fish firmly in our sights and try and bring some to each meeting. Next meeting is the second Tuesday of the month as usual so it's 9 Dec.

Richard

## General Business ...

### \$2 entry fee

Further to discussion at the committee meeting it was decided that the \$2 entry fee charged at the monthly general meetings be dispensed with. The fee was initially introduced to help pay for incidentals but due to the club being in a much stronger position (financially) it was deemed prudent to cease this charge with immediate effect.

### KHV

Whilst not being alarmist Bill re-iterated a mood of being cautious when buying fish and re-emphasised the need to quarantine all NEW fish prior to introducing them into your pond.

### 2008 Annual Show Photos

These have been competed by Bill and Judy and forward via post to Ces Graham on tape/CD. It is Bill's understanding that Ces has written a Show Chairman's report and this together with the photos will be forwarded to the ZNA by Ces shortly.

### AKA 2008 Young Koi Show

Allan Bennett gave a brief synopsis of Bill and his trip to Sydney to judge at the AKA 2008 Young Koi show. The following points emerged about the show:-

- Fish less than 400mm irrespective of age qualified
- 130 fish in the show
- Grand champion judged first
- Grand Champion – Sanke
- Runner up Grand Champion – Maureten Kohaku

### Drugging a Fish

Rod Strang demonstrated the skill of a drugging a fish, using a needle and bringing a fish back. Active discussion ensued with the following points addressed:-

- Use of Oil of Cloves as an anaesthetic
- Use of Batril as an antibiotic
- Safe areas to use a needle
- Closer inspection of problem areas on a fish – fins, scales, wounds etc
- Treatment of problem areas

Well done Rod. This was truly a remarkable demonstration greatly appreciated by ALL who attentively watched.

### Breeding Showa Visual Presentation

Allan Bennett walked us through a power point presentation on breeding Showa. It was extremely enlightening and informative and judging by the quality of the presentation required a fair bit of work and thought. Thank you Allan for taking the time to put such a professional presentation together as well as for sharing with us some of your personal experiences & lessons.

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

# KSWA CHRISTMAS PARTY and MEMBER AUCTION



**WHERE:** The Passey's place  
Barragup (Mandurah)

**WHEN:** 10am onwards, Sunday 14 December 2008

**RSVP:** To Josie by Monday 8 December  
Phone 9457 1517 or email [isole@bigpond.com](mailto:isole@bigpond.com)

Address will be supplied when you RSVP. Please also let her know if you will be bringing a salad or dessert.

Come along for a great day of food, drinks and fish! For those who haven't been to Bill & Judy's place, it is well worth the trip just to check out their koi ponds and beautiful gardens.

Meat and cool drinks will be provided on the day, bring your own alcohol. We also ask that you bring a salad or dessert to share.

There will be a Santa for the children, so please bring a small gift for your child if they are attending.



The Member Auction will also be happening at this event, after lunch—great for picking up that perfect Christmas present for someone special (or treat yourself).

Please be sure to RSVP as food and tables/chairs need to be organised in advance.

ABOVE: Gazebos set up for lunch at a previous year's Christmas Party.

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## MEMBER AUCTION A SUCCESS

Our Member Auction held on Sunday 16 November was a great success. There was a large crowd of people, and while not a huge number of fish went under the hammer, no-one seemed to mind as they were too busy socialising!



A huge thank you to Ces for firing up the BBQ and putting on lunch and beers.

LEFT: Ces' pond

## FISH-CAM

Last year, a business in the UK imported a 120cm, 90 lb (41kg) Kigo Koi for an undisclosed price. The business have installed a Webcam so you can watch what she is up to!

She is believed to be the largest coloured Koi ever expored out of Japan.



Go to [www.rainbowkoi.co.uk](http://www.rainbowkoi.co.uk) and click on the Webcam link.

## Koi Quiz Answers (from page 8)

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Without White  | 6) Silver Shiny |
| 2) Austria        | 7) Four         |
| 3) Yes            | 8) Subo Sumi    |
| 4) Kohaku x Asagi | 9) Black        |
| 5) Shiro Matsuba  | 10) Yes         |

## About the Member Auction ...

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



### SELLERS

- You need to be a current member of KSWA
- You need to **BOOK** your bin by Mon 8 December 2008
- To book please contact Bill Passey—phone 0438 357 732, fax 9535 7011 or email [bpassey@bigpond.com](mailto:bpassey@bigpond.com)
- Seller fees: 10% of your total sales goes to the club

### BUYERS

- You need to be a current member
- Buyer fees: extra 5% on final bid is payable to the club

The Koi Society continues to monitor progress on the Ornamental Fish Strategy Review being undertaken by the Federal Government, with input from each state.

We recently wrote to the WA Minister of Fisheries and a copy of our letter will be available on our website shortly under Latest News.

For more information about the Review see:

[www.daff.gov.au/brs/fisheries-marine/environment/ornamental](http://www.daff.gov.au/brs/fisheries-marine/environment/ornamental)

RIGHT: A copy of the review document (available for download from the above link, or contact DAFF to have a hard copy sent to you)



## DID YOU KNOW ...

Koi possess monocular vision in that each eye works independently of the other to produce 2 images. In doing so, they can virtually cover 360o of vision – something that is very important for a scavenging omnivore, keeping an eye out for predators.

## KOI QUIZ

1) The Aka Bekko is in reality a Taisho Sanke...

WITHOUT WHITE                  WITHOUT RED

2) The Doitsugoi was bred in...

GERMANY                          AUSTRIA

3) May Goromo have a red start (Motohi) on the pectoral fins?

YES                                  NO

4) Which crossbred resulted in Goshiki?

KOHAKU x ASAGI                  KOHAKU x HIKARI

5) Which Matsuba is colored white?

KIN MATSUBA                          SHIRO MATSUBA

6) For Ginrin the scales are...

GOLD SHINY                          SILVER SHINY

7) How many steps has the Yondan Kohaku?

THREE                                  FOUR

8) A Taisho Sanke having black, only in the white parts is named...

SUBO SUMI                          SUMO SUBI

9) What is the base color of the Hi Utsuri?

RED                                  BLACK

10) Yamatonishiki is a white metallic Koi having red and black prints, is this right?

YES                                  NO

Answers are on page 10. Reference: aenc-koi.com



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