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MARCH 2009 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.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2009**

**NEXT NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING IS
TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2009**

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WELCOME & NEWS

Welcome to the March issue of the KSWA Newsletter.

The next General Meeting in South Perth will be held on Wednesday 25th March.

The next Northern Branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th April.

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 first Pond Tour for the year is coming up soon on Sunday 5th April—this is a great opportunity to check out some amazing ponds, so don't miss out.

Preparations for the Annual Koi Show are well underway—more details about changes & how to enter are inside this issue.

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

Shona

Events Calendar



Wednesday 25 March—General Meeting, South Perth

Sunday 5 April—Northern Branch Pond Tour—page 13

Tuesday 14 April —Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 22 April—General Meeting, South Perth

Sunday 3 May —Member Auction, Bedford (near Morley)

Tuesday 12 May —Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Sunday 24 May—Annual Koi Show, Cannington—page 9

Wednesday 27 May—General Meeting, South Perth

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NORTHERN BRANCH POND TOUR

WHEN? Sunday 5 April 2009

New members, existing members, visitors, Northern & Central branch members, family & friends are all welcome to come along.

10am Phong Ta
11:30am Tim Leroy
1:00pm Allan Bennett

Allan & Julie will be hosting a BBQ for all visitors. BYO drinks. Hot dogs & burgers will be supplied.



Please RSVP to Fred Sharp on 0422992955 or 93053240 by 29 March 2009.

A big thanks to Fred for organising this event.

NORAN FISH FARMS

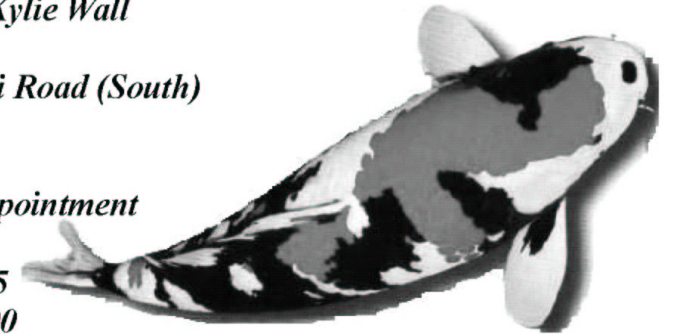
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Congratulations to our colouring competition winner— Emma-lee Browner

We will be in touch to deliver your prize shortly!



This month we have a Spot the Difference—can you find 5 differences in the pictures above? Answers are on page 11.

This photo (right) shows an origami koi created by Siphon Mabona from Switzerland.



Origami is artwork made only from folded paper.

General Minutes 25 February 2009

The meeting opened at 7:40pm

Apologies: Sharon, Bill, Stuart, Phil, Barry.

New Members: Syd travelled all the way from Australind AND put fish in the Table show... how good is that!

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: : There were no points arising
Confirmation of Previous Minutes. Moved: Fred Seconded: Charlie, Carried by ALL as a true record.

Correspondence In: OASE/Clearpond have declined to sponsor the KSWA for this years Annual Show. This is a great financial loss of \$2500
Beaufort Park is confirmed for our Auction...Thanks Rod
Show judge confirmed Harry Beckx from Sth Africa + Japanese judge (hopefully)

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Treasurers Report: as at 23rd January

KSWA Closing Balance: - \$. Deposits for the month \$.
Withdrawals for the month \$

Library: Nothing to report

Sales Table: All the usual gear at best prices. Members are reminded to support Kerry and your Sales Table and he takes orders which is easy MB:- **0417 959 009**

Table Show Results:

	Table Show A	Table Show B
1st	Showa, Rod Hansen	Not sure what happened to 'B' this month
2nd	Showa, Rod Hansen	no entries
3rd	Shiro, Rod Hansen	

General discussion:-

Rod started an information session on the Annual Show preparations which are going well. One issue still to be resolved is the small blue show bins and will they be used this year? It appears most people are easy either way so Committee will make a decision. **Footnote:-** at the last Committee Meeting it was agreed not to use the small bins this year the main positives are not having to move the fish and it let's people leave their tanks, There are also a number of difficulties to be overcome for Rod and his Stewards Team. Unfortunately this is the down side.

NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

The March raffle was won by Ray Lyons, congratulations Ray!

At the February meeting a discussion came up about preventing fish from jumping—the consensus was that newly added fish tend to jump so netting the pond after new additions is a good idea. One family shared an amazing story of survival when they discovered their 68cm matsakawabaki had jumped from the pond and lay on the paving unnoticed for approximately 45 minutes.

Graham, Karen & Kayla took turns holding him over an airstone for 4 hours and the fish recovered! At the March meeting we were treated to a video taken several weeks later, of the fish happily swimming around the pond (albeit it with a few bruises to show for the misadventure)

There were no Table Show entrants at the March meeting.

Richard

Koi in art—does direction mean anything?

It is widely believed by the Japanese personalities that a Koi fish that swims down symbolizes the act of overcoming the hardships that come along the way. Meanwhile, if the Koi fish swims up, it means that the obstacles have already been overcome.

In some other beliefs, the Koi fish that is directed downwards while surrounded by the maple leaves emphasizes the fall season whereas the upward direction of the Koi fish with cherry blossoms all around indicates the spring.

From infokoi.com



Spot the Difference answers—from page 5

Part of background symbol missing (right of fish), black spot missing from behind head, extra black mark on tail, right eye missing, part of background symbol missing (bottom left)

NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

KSWA Northern Branch News

The Northern Branch meeting in March was very busy. A warm welcome to new members and visitors Mark, Clifford and Clayton. Allan then provided an update about outcomes from the recent committee meeting including discussing:

- the change in the use of central blue bins at the show (they won't be used any more);
- a clarification about table show entrant rules: fish have to be no older than from the prior year's spawning season ie assuming a Sept to March breeding season then they would be 14 to 20 months old at show time in May.
- a reminder about the 2009 show date being 24 May.

I heard someone ask why are all the tubs blue? Good question!

The simple answer is that blue reproduces a light that is most closely related to daylight. It is also the color that least affects the colors on the koi of red and white. So if you want your koi to look their best put them in a blue bin, it is the best choice!

At our next meeting 14th April we will be focusing on 'koi fish'. So our meeting will be all about fish and we will hold over our 'Perfect Koi Pond' exercise until May.

I remind all of those koi breeders that we will be holding the "**Best of 4 Koi Competition**" at the **April meeting**. Bring along 4 baby fish of any variety (bred this season), they can be 4 of the same or any mix (eg 2 showa and 2 ogon) but they will be judged as a team. So best bin wins! Obviously they are this season's breeding so size is expected to be small. We will have a trophy (of sorts!) and a guest judge.

This competition is separate to the Table Show, so if you have bred some great fish this year, don't forget to bring them along to a meeting when they are a bit older to enter them in the Table Show—they then qualify to enter the Table Show class in the Annual Show and may even go on to win Young Champion!

Allan conducted the next workshop about building the perfect koi pond, recapping on Feb's workshop and then discussing a variety of possible filtration setups and construction techniques. We have now collected a lot of information on how to build a perfect koi pond and should be well on the way to publishing that information after the next one or two workshops.

A session on BITS and PIECES. These were a number of 5 minute talks by members on B & P's

- Rod on ventrurii ...things that put bubbles (air) in the water
- Fred's water well filter the cheapest and the best
- Dave on trickle down filters, flow down up, what would we do without blue bins!
- Tony on a simple vacuum cleaner (pond) that even the men could use!!!

Meeting closed 2210hrs



Kylie has kindly agreed to be our official Show Photographer—thanks Kylie!

Koi theft—Oklahoma USA

A series of koi thefts has been happening in the metro area since last fall and it appears the situation has been escalating in recent weeks. Businesses and homes in Moore, Shawnee and Edmond have been affected. The most recent burglary was at an Edmond home, where \$10,000 worth of fish was taken sometime between Jan. 1 and Jan. 5.



After the Oct. 27 theft, when \$35,000 of koi was reported stolen, the business increased the lighting and surveillance cameras.

Don Connley (right), owner of Crosstimber Koi, said, "They have to be a specific type of criminal. They would have to be organized, be knowledgeable and have a market for them. If not, five minutes later they (the fish) would be dead."

From newsok.com

MEMBER AUCTION

The Member Auction held on Sunday 8th March was a great success with dozens of fish being sold on the day.

The new venue was fantastic, with a central location and lots of room for the tanks.

Our next Member Auction is coming up on Sunday 3 May, at the same venue—

DID YOU KNOW?

Carp and Koi have some improvements to their hearing system that improve the range of sounds they can hear.

Most fish cannot hear frequencies above 1,000 hertz, but Koi can hear 3 times higher, up to 3,000 hertz.

The koi's sense of smell is also quite good!

WANTED TO BUY: Gavin is looking for large sandstone or terracotta koi statues. If you know where he might be able to buy these, please phone him on 9417 3778.

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ANNUAL SHOW—SUNDAY 24 MAY

The KSWA Annual Koi Show is on again!

SUNDAY 24 MAY 2009

Cannington Greyhounds
Station Street (corner Albany Hwy)
Cannington

Koi and koi related products will be available for sale on the day.

Entry for members is free—please bring along your membership card.
Non-member entry is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.



If you are interested in entering the Annual Show, our “Show Entry Pack” contains everything you need to know about entering including a copy of the Rules, an entry form and tips for preparation.

This pack will be available on our web site shortly. Alternatively, come along to any meeting or call a committee member to have a pack posted out to you.

As always, members who are showing for the first time don't pay entries fees, so have a chat to any committee member (or any member who has entered the Show) if you think it's something you might be interested in.

This year the committee have decided that the small blue judging bins will be dispensed with. On the morning of the Show, you can simply put your fish in your main bin and you will not need to move them throughout the day, or listen out for your classes. After much debate, this arrangement was believed to be of benefit to both fish (not needing to be caught & moved) and our showing Members (who can now relax a bit more on Show day)

This year's **Table Show class** has been split into 4 classes, rather than just 2:

- Table Show A (kohaku, sanke, showa, utsuri)
- Table Show B (the 10 varieties not included elsewhere)
- Table Show Kinginrin A
- Table Show Kinginrin B

The winners from each of these 4 go on to compete for Young Champion.

This will give those members who concentrate on varieties other than the 4 “Go Sanke” varieties (also called “A”) more opportunity to show young fish.