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KOI SOCIETY OF WA



JULY 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 22 JULY 2009**

**NEXT NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING IS
TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2009**

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Trophy Steward:	Phong Ta
Auction Master:	Tim Leroy
Logistics officer	Tim Leroy
Tea and Coffee	Kylie Wall (General Meetings)
Show Chairman	Yet to be appointed.
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PUBLIC AUCTION—SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

WHERE: Beaufort Park Hall
corner Beaufort & Drummond Street
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WHEN: Sunday 23 August
Viewing from 10:30am, Auction at 11am

SELLERS: Book your bin by Sunday 16 August 2009
Fish to be in bins by 10am

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SELLERS

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BUYERS

- You don't need to register, just show up on the day and get a bidding ticket!
- Buyer fees: extra 5% on final bid is payable to the club

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

This is our biggest auction of the year, so we hope to see you there!

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WELCOME & NEWS

Welcome to the July issue of the KSWA Newsletter.

Our next General Meeting will be held in South Perth on Wednesday 22 July. Q&A will be happening, and as usual you can browse the library or buy from the Sales Table. Tea, coffee, biscuits & advice are available at all our meetings (General & Northern Branch). See the newsletter cover for venues and times.

The next Northern Branch meeting will be happening on Tuesday 11 August. On the agenda is a guest speaker from a Solar Power company, and we will be finishing our Pond Design workshop. If there is time we will discuss Getting Ready for Spawning (otherwise this will be carried to September).

We are pleased to announce the 2009/2010 committee was elected in June—see page 6 for the minutes. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help the club out. Unfortunately Freya has had to step down from the Treasurer position (but has still been helping out at events, thanks Freya!), so we are in need of a Treasurer. The club can't function without a Treasurer so please let us know if you can help out.

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

Shona

Events Calendar



Wednesday 22 July— General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 11 August —Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Sunday 23 August—PUBLIC AUCTION, Bedford (near Morley)—pg 15

Wednesday 26 August— General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 8 September—Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 23 September—General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 13 October—Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 28 October—General Meeting, South Perth

Sunday 25 October—Member Auction, Bedford (near Morley)

General Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 24 June 2009

The president declared the meeting opened at 1945 hrs. Number of members attending – 20

Apologies: Allan Bennett, Barry Ambler, Rodney Hanson, Charlie Georgio, Rodney Strang.

New Members: Nil.

Points Arising from Previous Minutes: None.

Confirmation of previous minutes: It was noted that the previous meeting was held in conjunction with the Northern Branch where no minutes were taken.

Treasurers Report as at 24 June 2009. Report tabled

Cheque account balance:- \$

Term Deposit: - \$

Moved by: Kylie Wall, Seconded by: Fred Sharp.

Carried by all as true record.

Correspondence In: Bill Passey tabled a letter from Sherae Petlink outlining proposed cost to transport Koi to and from Sydney.

Correspondence Out: None

Library: Nothing exciting

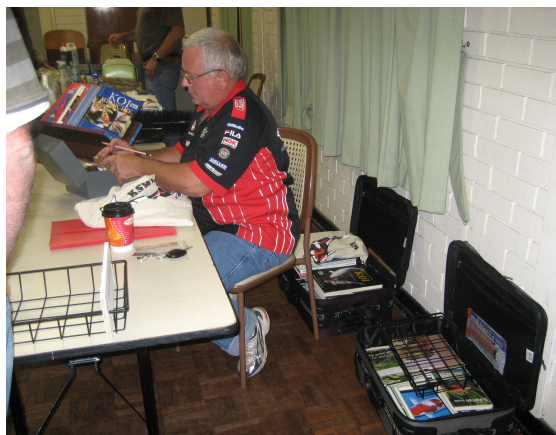
Sales Table: Kerry advised, he had a few bags of Wheat Germ koi food still left on the table.

Table Show Results: No entries.

With no members having any general business, it was agreed we move on to the business of holding the Annual General Meeting.

Meeting closed: 2005 Hrs

RIGHT: Tim the Librarian with all the books available to borrow



NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

Table Show: This month's table showed off some very nice fish. All the fish were brought in by Allan and were excellent quality and very large for their age. Congratulations Allan.

Place	Variety	Bin #	Owner
Table Show A			
1st	Showa	2	Allan Bennett
2nd	Showa	2	Allan Bennett

Table Show B—No entries

Place	Variety	Bin #	Owner
Table Show Ginrin A			
1st	Gin Rin Shiro Utsuri	1	Allan Bennett
2nd	Gin Rin Shiro Utsuri	2	Allan Bennett

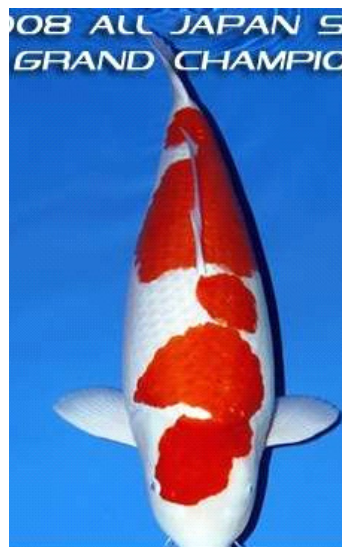
Table Show Ginrin B—No entries

Monthly Raffle: Won by Karen and Graham.

Next month's meeting:

- The next Northern Branch meeting will be on 11 August 2009. Topics are TBD but one suggestion from July's meeting is: Getting ready for spawning.

See you there! Richard



Pictured left is the
2008 All Japan Show Grand Champion

"Alexandria" is a Kohaku (daughter of famous koi "Rose Queen") who belongs to Andrew Filipowski—it is the first time an American owned koi has won this Show.

All Japan Show is the biggest koi show in the world, with the next one being held in November 2009.

NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

KSWA Northern Branch News

Welcome in July to new members Mark, Rick and Sam. We hope you guys learn stacks and enjoy your koi journey with us. Apologies from Fred Sharp (recently elected secretary) who is unwell. We're thinking of you Fred and hope you get better soon.

The recent KSWA AGM resulted in the election a new committee. A position is still vacant for treasurer though so we'd love you hear from you if think you can help. News from the committee is that the club is in a great position financially but we do have some significant spends coming up such as new show tanks for the annual show. Also we're not getting as much income from the club auctions as before due to fussier buyers ☺ and therefore lower sales. The committee has also been dealing with the potential treatment of koi by the Dept of Fisheries.

Discussion

If you're thinking of making a carbon filter as described by Martin at the May meeting, Peter has some surplus activated carbon at \$7.70 per kg – much cheaper than you'll buy it at the pet shops.

Peter also discussed his ideas about improving club auctions which Allan will take to the committee. Also suggested was getting more product reps along to the NB meetings such as organisations that sell pumps etc.

Laughing Gas

That got your attention! ☺ Richard gave a presentation about the nitrogen cycle, why it's important for koi keepers and how to manage it. It covered topics such ammonia, nitrites, nitrates and the effects of pond age, pH and water temperature. Reducing the impact of nitrogen-based toxins on your fish was also discussed.

You gotta...Know when to hold 'em

Allan gave an amazing presentation showing, in time lapse fashion, how some of his favourite Showa babies have developed from fry-size to 50cm+ size over the past few years.

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Annual General Meeting—Wednesday 24 June 2009

The president declared the meeting opened at 2010 hrs. Number of members attending – 20.

Apologies: Allan Bennett, Barry Ambler, Rodney Hanson, Charlie Georgio, Rodney Strang.

New members: Nil.

Matters arising from Previous minutes: None.

Confirmation of previous minutes: Move: Freya Whitton
Seconded: Josie Georgio.

Treasurer Report: Josie Tabled an 'Independent Audit report' which stated "In our opinion, the financial report of the Koi Society of WA presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the KSWA Inc as of 30th April 2009."

It was agreed, that Edwards and Partners be retained as Auditors for the coming year.

General Business:

* Norm Wall said he wanted to advise the members that he and his family had decided not to nominate for any positions on the Club Committee. They felt it best for the decision making of the club to be done by hobbyist and not have any commercial influence.
He did however say they would continue to support the club in every aspect as they have in the past.

* President: Bill Passey thanked the previous committee for their effort over the course of the past year and he expressed thanks to those persons who were not on the committee but had also made a large contribution to the running of the KSWA. While welcoming the establishment of the new Northern Branch which is very successful, he expressed concern that the Central branch had gone all year without a secretary. He was hoping that this evenings meeting would rectify that problem and there would be enough volunteers to share between the two branches.

Bill thanked the efforts of Rodney Strang, Allan Bennett and Rodney Hanson for sharing the job of Secretary over the previous year.

KSWA SALES TABLE

All proceeds from your sales table are used as a fund raiser for your clubs needs. Please support your club by purchasing your requirements through the sales table.



Call **KERRY CROSS** on **9453 6509** or **0417 959 009**

Items listed are a sample of what can be supplied

Keeping Koi In Australia \$20- Illustrated bible on koi keeping.

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Water treatments- Koi anti parasite 250ml
Koi anti ulcer 250mL , 1 litre
Koi anti bacteria 250mL
Virkon S 100g
Ammonia remover 250ml

Test kits- Master test kit
PH test kit
GH & KH test kit
Ammonia test kit

Air pumps- Alita- 40 litre , 80 litre & 120litre

Air stones- Ceramic 50mm & 40mm

Koi Handling- 60cm dia fine super mesh net -excellent for sml koi
Culling net 30cm dia
Koi sock 30cm dia – water proof

Filtration- Filter brushes- 60cm , 75cm & 90cm

Koi food per 1kg- Fry powder
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Annual General Meeting—Wednesday 24 June 2009

Bill said if there was no other interest in the position of President he would accept nomination for President for one more year provided a secretary and treasurer could be established.

Bill declared all positions vacant on the Committee.

Norm Wall called for nominations for the vacant committee position of:

Position	Member	Nominated by	Seconded by:
President	Bill Passey	Fred Sharp	Ray Lyons
Vice president	Allan Bennett	Fred Sharp	Ray Lyons
Secretary	Fred Sharp	Freya Whitton	Bill Passey
Treasurer	Freya Whitton	Tim Leroy	Kylie Wall
Sales Table	Kerry Cross	Josie Georgio	Ivan Basich
Membership officer	Phill Leaman	Phong Ta	Josie Georgio
Librarian	Tim Leroy	Norm Wall	Fred Sharp
Committee 1	Phong Ta	Josie Georgio	Kerry Cross
Committee 2	Stewart Rowley	Bill Passey	Tod Elder
Committee 3	to be co'opted at a later date if committee feel necessary.		

Additional positions:

News letter editor	Shona Whaite	Phill Leaman	Phong Ta
Webmaster	Luke Bray	Josie Georgio	Phong Ta

All above positions were carried.

Table Show organiser:	Stewart Rowley
Trophy Steward:	Phong Ta
Auction Master:	Tim Leroy
Logistics officer	Tim Leroy
Tea and Coffee	Kylie Wall (general meetings)
Show Chairman	To be arranged

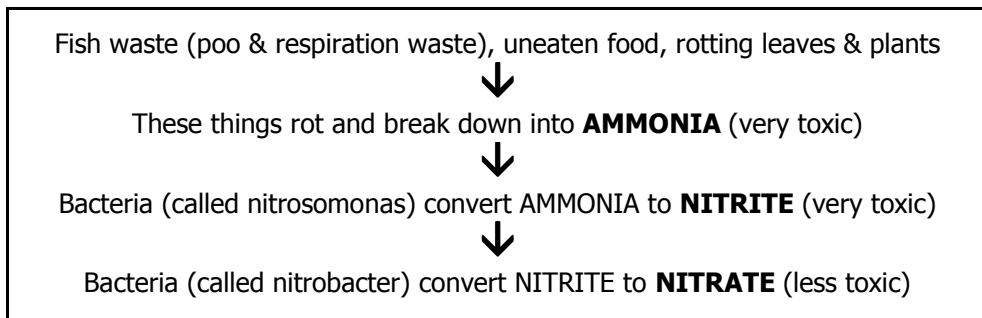
Bill Passey declared the AGM closed 2045hrs.

NITROGEN CYCLE

At the July Northern Branch Meeting, Richard gave a talk on the nitrogen cycle—a critical part of looking after our pond water quality, often misunderstood by koi hobbyists.

Here are some of the main points from the talk.

In the pond environment, the nitrogen cycle is



How to avoid having ammonia and nitrite in your pond:

- Filtration, filtration, filtration! If your filters are adequate, they will immediately convert ammonia to nitrite, then nitrite to nitrate.
- Design your pond properly so sludge waste doesn't build up anywhere & rot

To make it easier for your filter:

- don't overfeed, don't overstock your pond, don't add dozens of big fish in one day (do it gradually to give the bacteria time to catch up).

If your filters are working properly, you will have **0 AMMONIA and 0 NITRITE**. NITRATE will build up slowly, and this should be removed with water changes (plant filters will also help).

New filters will take a few months (or even up to a year) to properly establish their bacteria population. Monitor water quality in this time, and be extra careful not to overfeed or overstock.

Cold water slows down the bacteria activity, so your filters convert ammonia and nitrite less effectively over Winter. This is one reason it is important to cut down on feeding over Winter.

Why do you want to avoid ammonia and nitrite? Ammonia kills fish. Nitrite is also highly toxic as it reduces the oxygen carrying ability of blood, and can turn blood brown (brown blood disease).

Ammonia toxicity doubles from 20 degrees to 30 degrees. Ammonia toxicity also depends on your pH, and we don't know what a fatal level is for koi, but for other fish it can be as low as 1.3 parts per million (ppm). Aim for 0, and if it isn't 0, you may need to look at fixing your pond design or filtration systems.

Salt can help prevent the fish absorbing nitrite, so it can be a good "insurance policy" in case something goes wrong with your filters.

These toxins are INVISIBLE. Clear water can be full of them and you wouldn't know unless you are testing. Ammonia, nitrite and nitrate test kits are available at all good koi retail outlets. Murky or green water may look bad to us, but does not necessarily = toxic.

We are "water keepers" more than "koi keepers". Take care of the water, and the water will make sure your koi are healthy. Healthy koi = happy koi keeper.

NORAN FISH FARMS

Norm, Nancy & Kylie Wall

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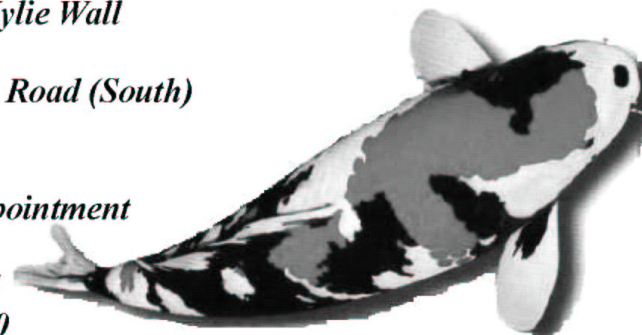
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