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KOI SOCIETY OF WA



SEPTEMBER 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 23 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**NEXT NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING IS
TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2009**

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Other Positions

Table Show organiser:	Stewart Rowley
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Auction Master:	Tim Leroy
Logistics officer	Tim Leroy
Tea and Coffee	Kylie Wall (General Meetings)
Show Chairman	Yet to be appointed
Webmaster	Luke Bray, webmaster@koiclubwa.com

FISH VETERINARY SERVICES

Perth-based vet Dr. Richmond Loh recently wrote to us to let us know about his services for fish keepers. Below is some of the information from his letter

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Dr Loh has a Bachelor of Science (Murdoch), Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery, and Master of Philosophy—Veterinary Pathology, all from Murdoch University—as well as numerous other qualifications and member/committee positions relating to veterinary science.



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WELCOME & NEWS

Welcome to the September issue of the KSWA Newsletter.

Our next General Meeting will be held in South Perth on Wednesday 23 September. All the usual Q&A and discussions will also be happening, and you can browse the library or buy from the Sales Table. We have a few presentations in reserve, so one of those will be going ahead—which one is a surprise!

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 on Tuesday 13 October. The Sales Table is open for business at all Northern Branch meetings as well.

BLUE BIN AUCTIONS!

Starting at the October General Meeting, we will be auctioning some of the club's large blue bins over the next few months—at both General and Northern Branch meetings. Size and reserve price will be available at the Sep General Meeting, and in the October newsletter. Any enquiries about the bins, please call Bill Passey. There will only be a few bins available per meeting so be sure to get in quick!

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

Shona

Events Calendar



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)

Tuesday 10 November—Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

November—Pond Tour?

General Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 25 August 2009

The meeting opened at 7:40pm. Number of members attending – 16

Apologies: Kerry Cross, Barry Ambler, Kim Mo.

New Members: Nil.

Points Arising from Previous Minutes: None.

Confirmation of previous minutes: Moved: Rod Hansen, Seconded: Stuart Rowley

Treasurers Report: 1-July-2009 to 25-Sep-2009

Opening balance	\$	
Total income	\$	
Expenditure	\$	
Closing balance	\$	
Fixed term deposit	\$	Outstanding Cheques \$

Correspondence In: Canning Agri & Hort & Recreational Society regarding Centenary Canning Show. Invitation to the Club to Participate in their show Sat 07 Nov 09 . Position available to use will be better than last year. Club is at the moment looking for numbers and the possibility of selling bagged fish and promoting memberships.

Correspondence Out: None

Library: Nothing new, **Sales Table:** Nothing new.

Table Show.

Place	Variety	Owner
Table Show A		
1st	Showa	Tim Leroy
2nd	Shiro	Tim Leroy
3rd	Showa	Tim Leroy
Table Show B		
1st	Doitsu Bekko	Tim Leroy
Table Show Ginrin A		
1st	Gin Rin Shiro Utsuri	Tim Leroy
2nd	Gin Rin Sanke Kuchibeni	Tim Leroy
3rd	Gin Rin Sanke	Tim Leroy

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Place	Variety	Bin #	Owner
Table Show A			
1st	Kohaku	3	Tim Leroy
2nd	Sanke with kuchibeni	3	Tim Leroy
3rd	Showa	2	Richard Mussell
Table Show B			
1st	Small Shusui	1	Des Howlett
2nd	Kin Showa	3	Tim Leroy
3rd	Medium Shusui	1	Des Howlett
Table Show Ginrin A			
1st	Shiro Utsuri with unusual diamond ginrin	1	Tim Leroy
2nd	Showa	1	Tim Leroy
Table Show Ginrin B			
No entries			

Next month's meeting: The next Northern Branch meeting will be on 13 Oct 2009. *See you there! Richard*

NORAN FISH FARMS

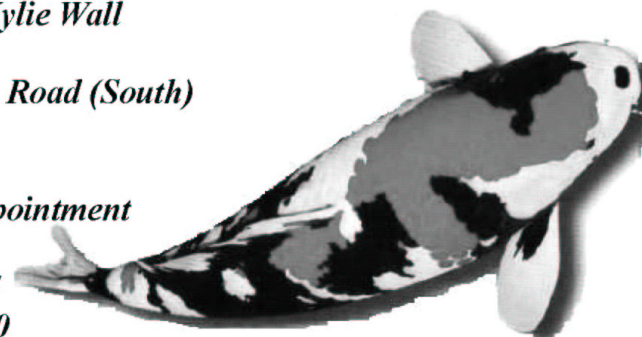
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NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

KSWA Northern Branch News

This month's NB meeting was a bit more a casual affair than usual: Allan was on holiday sowhile the cat's away the mice will play! J Can't think of a fishy analogy...sorry.

The meeting covered the election of new NB office bearers, seasonal discussions, table show and completion of the perfect pond design.

Election of NB Office Bearers

The meeting was attended by a quorum of KSWA members. The following positions were filled for the next 12 months:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Secunder</i>	<i>Passed</i>
Chairman	Allan Bennett	Des Howlett	Unanimously
Secretary	Richard Mussell	Fred Sharp	Unanimously
Treasurer	Peter Morris	Ray Lines	Unanimously

Thanks to Des Howlett for all his help as treasurer this past 12 months and for giving Peter an opportunity to "have a go".

Our "unofficial" positions were kept unchanged: - John as tea&coffee coordinator, and Shona as NB Membership & Publicity.

Discussion

We discussed any problems or queries people had on their minds. A couple of members had brought in daphnia to get people going with their own cultures. Daphnia is a small crustacean (also called water fleas) that are great food for fry. We also had a not-so-friendly creature on show: dragon fly nymph. Keep these nasties out of your spawning ponds as they eat the fry!

Perfect Pond Design

Finally! We have finished the perfect pond design. All things going to plan, this material will be available at the next meeting for \$20 a copy; sale proceeds to the NB branch. If you're thinking of building a koi pond, given you're going to be spending thousands to do it, this \$20 could be very well spent.

Table Show: We had about 20 fish in the table show this month. Thanks all for bringing them in and making the meeting so much more interesting. Thanks also to Fred and Graham for judging.

Table Show Ginrin B

No entries

General business

- Ces Graham advised that Carol Davies passed away recently - the Club extends its sincere condolences to her family and friends, Carol was a integral and valued member of the Club who over the years contributed in many ways, Carol will be surely missed by us all.
- Rod reported the Public Auction was a great success attendances were very good it was a great opportunity for public exposure and PR. Fred Botica gave a 6 minute promo on radio – Great exposure.
- Bill Passey gave a special mention to all who contributed to setting up and dismantling the auction, particular mention to Tim Leroy our Logistics Officer dependable as ever, first there 6am and last to leave. Where will we be without him, great effort Tim—the Club wishes to extend it's appreciation.
- Bill again highlighted the importance and need for a Treasurer.

General Business concluded and was followed by a Question and Answer session from the floor:

- A member mentioned their concern over a small juvenile female fish was very plump or so called swollen in appearance. Any number of possibilities of varying issues were discussed without seeing the fish, the majority seems to think it could be roeing up with eggs, young females of this age do tend to absorb the eggs in time.
- Ces gave a brief talk on the use of chemicals in your ponds, he stressed the importance of storage re – temperatures , and age of the chemicals to be used. ALWAYS check the expiry dates. Unfortunately for Ces he lost the majority of his Koi collection 1 week before the Show. It can happen to any of us experienced Koi keepers to the novice. Remember ! ALWAYS CHECK DATES.

Rod Hansen presented the meeting with with a great quiz to challenge our knowledge on Koi as always it created great interest whilst at the same time it enhanced our knowledge even further. Thanks to Rod it was great fun and also it highlighted the amount of up to date information available coming from the Nigishrin Magazine from the Z.N.A. So to those who do not subscribe to the magazine please do so there's a wealth of knowledge available and at the same time it secures our Club with a Japanese Judge at our Annual Show. The next General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 23 Sep 2009.

Meeting closed: 10:00pm
Fred Sharp

POND PROFILE

Owner: Shona Whaite, Forrestfield
Volume: 13,500 litres. Approx 4m x 3m x 1.5m deep at bottom drain
Construction: Pond liner (carpet layer underneath)
Filtration: Nexus 200, UV—these sat in a filter “pit” about 2 metres away from pond so they were gravity fed from pond.
Design points: completely below ground, vertical walls, floor sloped to 1 bottom drain
Return: OASE 10,000LPH pump which went to bamboo water spout.

Things I like about the pond:

- Large enough volume for our small number of fish, they had room to move
- Had many of the essential koi pond design aspects: vertical walls, sloped floor, bottom drain
- The style matched our backyard (but in hindsight it wasn't worth it and functionality should've come before looks!)

If I could change anything...

- I would've listened to advice to make pond half above/half below ground, not all below ground! We had a lot of problems with leaves blowing in. Trying to clean filters which are sitting in a pit is also a pain!
- I would've contacted the Koi Society BEFORE designing our backyard. The spot we reserved for the pond was right under a deciduous tree so always had leaves falling into it
- I would've listened to advice to add a solids pre-filter in front of the Nexus—they work really well but don't handle big leaves or string algae very well—because of the pond's location we had both of these and had to remove them from the Nexus every couple of days.



This unusual pond in the USA is a converted swimming pool, with a floating island in the middle! To keep the island afloat, she has a bunch of bottles in nets underneath. Plus there are some posts so if one side gets overloaded, it won't tip over. Total volume is about 30,000 gallons (around 100,000 litres). No details are provided about what sort of filtration is attached to the pond, but some photos show an area off to the side which looks like it holds the filters. Check out www.shortypen.com for more photos ("Brenda's Pond")

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.



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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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Sekirin Japanese food

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Koi King 500gm Colour Enhancing Formula

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