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# KOI SOCIETY OF WA



## APRIL 2010 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 28 APRIL 2010**

**NEXT NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING IS  
TUESDAY 11 MAY 2010**

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# NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS—April

**Table Show:** There were some great fish in the Table Show this month. Category A was the only category represented so if you have fish in Category B, C or D, then it would be great to see them at the Table Show. Thanks to Tony and Minh for judging. This month we're trying something different: including photos of the fish here. Some of the fish were in bags so the photo quality is not "the best" but hopefully you get the idea. Thanks to all entrants for quality fish you brought in.

## Table Show A

1st place: Sanke, Allan



2nd place: Sanke, Sang



3rd place: Kohaku, Allan



Table Show B, C and D—no entries

### Next month's meeting:

The next Northern Branch meeting will be on 11 May.

**See you there! Richard**



# NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS—April

What better way to spend a rainy night than with your fellow koi mates. That was the kind of night it was this month – a wet one but still a great turnout at the meeting; great to see everyone's support.

## Highlights from this month's NB meeting

- Club news from Allan
- Q&A
- Ogon presentation by Rod Hansen
- Table Show
- Raffle
- Auction

## Allan's update

- Annual membership renewal and Nichirin magazine subscriptions are now due. Nichirin is \$80 for the year and the club will be subsidising about \$30 on top of that to make up the total subscription cost.
- A reminder that non-financial members will not be allowed to enter the Show so please make sure you're up to date.
- Show entries: the entry process is now online at the website ([www.koiclubwa.com](http://www.koiclubwa.com)), or you can bring your photos (digital or prints) to the next NB meeting and Shona will enter them for you. You can also get a copy of the "Show Entry Pack 2010" from the NB meeting or website. The entry pack has everything you need to know in it. Key parts of the process are measuring your fish, selecting the entry class, taking photos. The most it will cost you for your entries is \$70, regardless of the number of fish you bring.
- Bunbury branch had its inaugural meeting with a great turnout of koi keepers. The next Bunbury branch meeting is on 26 April.

## All about Ogons

Well, if you thought you knew everything about Ogons you might still have a learnt a thing or two from Rod's Ogon presentation. What a key part of the Koi keeping this class is! Thanks Rod for all your hard work in building and giving this presentation.

## Raffle

Minh won the raffle of 2 bags of food, 2 very large airstones and 2 koi mags. Congratulations!

## Auction

There was one showa for auction which purchased by Des. Well done Des.

# WELCOME & NEWS

Welcome to the April issue of the KSWA Newsletter. Welcome to all our new members.

Have any questions about your koi or pond? Come along to any meeting for free tea, coffee, biscuits and advice. See the front cover for meeting addresses.

*Shona*

## Events Calendar



**Monday 26 April—Bunbury Branch Meeting, Bunbury**  
See page 13.

**Wednesday 28 April—General Meeting, South Perth**  
Sales Table & Library open.

**Tuesday 11 May—Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo**  
This is a combined Northern and General meeting. Last opportunity to ask any questions about entering the Annual Show. Sales Table will be open.

**\*CANCELLED\* Wednesday 19 May—General Meeting, South Perth**  
May General Meeting cancelled as it is too close to the Annual Show.

**Sunday 23 May —Annual Koi Show**  
Our biggest event of the year! See page 14-15

**Monday 24 May —Koi Show Presentation Night**  
Trophy presentation dinner.

**Tuesday 8 June—Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo**  
Sales Table will be open.

## General Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 24 March 2010

The meeting opened at 7:50pm. Number of members attending – 28

**Apologies:** Bill Passey, Sharon Smith, Josie & Charlie Georgio.

**Points Arising from Previous Minutes:** None.

**Confirmation of previous minutes:** Moved: Allan Bennett, Seconded: Phil Lehmann

### Treasurers Report:

Opening balance	\$
Total income	\$
Expenditure	\$
Closing balance	\$
Outstanding	\$
Notes—term deposit	\$

**Correspondence In:** ZNA Membership renewals.

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

**Library:** No new books or DVDs

**Sales Table:** No new products, delay in shipment of wheatgerm food.

**Table Show**—no entries

### General business

- Club Auction coming up @ Beaufort Park Broun Ave, Sunday 28 March, start time 10-30 am. See Tim Leroy for bins.
- Tonight's Table Show: volunteer needed for judging and a helper.
- Allan Bennett gave a brief overview on the up and coming Koi Show. International Judges have been appointed. Show date is 23 May 2010. Allan pointed out the new Classes applicable to this year's show, sizes of each class were discussed. Allan also encouraged as many people as possible to enter in particular the new Class 1 (20cm to 35cm).
- Shona has put together the new "Show Entry Pack" for 2010. Some copies were made available at this meeting but it can also be printed off our website [www.koiclubwa.com](http://www.koiclubwa.com)

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# 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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Items listed are a sample of what can be supplied

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

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Dechlorinator 5 litre  
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Bacteria Aqua

**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  
Odra Baby food sizes 1, 2, 3, & 4  
Sekirin Japanese food  
Quick grow—small , medium  
Koi King 500gm Growth Formula 5mm  
Koi King 500gm Excel Formula  
Koi king 500gm Wheat germ  
Koi King 500gm Colour Enhancing Formula

**Also supplied in 10kg bags**

**Miscellaneous-** Koi 66 Variety poster  
UV lights and pumps

- Changes have also been made in regards to Trophy and presentation awards, all 16 varieties 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will receive a Trophy 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters will be awarded a ribbon. All other Major Classes will still be awarded trophies.

- Starting from this year we can now lodge our Show entry photos digitally via the club website [www.koiclubwa.com](http://www.koiclubwa.com). For those people who do not have internet access all you need to do is bring your photos (either digital or prints) to any meeting and Shona will lodge them for you.

- We are still looking for a new venue for our Trophy & Presentation Night we ask all members to look around at good venues at a good price and a location that is Central to everyone.

- Allan Bennett has asked if anyone wishes to go to Bunbury on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 with the view to help start up a new branch there. Anyone interested in car polling or whatever see Allan.

## Table Show Results

<b>Table Show A</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kohaku	Todd Bennett
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sanke	Todd Bennett
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Subo Sanke	Todd Bennett

**Table Show B, C and D**—no entries

Our presentation tonight was on Common Environmental Problems By Dr Richand Loh. Topics discussed were many but most important such as Chlorine Toxicity, New Tank/ New Pond Syndrome, Low Dissolved Oxygen Levels, Carbon Dioxide Toxicity and Gas Super Saturation.

Thankyou to Richond for giving us such a informative presentation, we will look forward to many more from you in the not too distant future we hope!

On that note the meeting concluded, thanks for your attendance.

The next General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 28 April 2010.

Meeting closed: 9:50pm.

Fred Sharp



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# ANNUAL KOI SHOW ENTRIES



## **1. READ THE "SHOW ENTRY PACK 2010"**

Available at any meeting or on the website [www.koiclubwa.com](http://www.koiclubwa.com)

Follow the links to "Show Information for Members" Page.

## **2. FOR EACH FISH YOU WANT TO ENTER:**

- Take a clear photograph
- Measure it to get the length in centimeters
- Know which of the 16 varieties it fits into
- Know which class you want to put it in (for example Class 1: 20-35cm, Table Show, etc)

## **3. ENTER YOUR PHOTOS BEFORE 9th MAY**

- **ON THE WEBSITE** [www.koiclubwa.com/showentry.toy](http://www.koiclubwa.com/showentry.toy)

or follow the links to the entry form from the homepage. The entry form is very easy to use. You can edit your entries and come back to look at them any time until the Closing Date.

**OR**

- **BRING 1 PHOTO PER FISH TO ANY MEETING**

Photo can be digital or a printed copy (on photo paper please).

There are only 2 meetings before the Show:

**Wednesday 28 April**—General Meeting, South Perth

**Tuesday 11 May**—Combined Northern & General Meeting, Wanneroo



# Koi Society of Western Australia

## ANNUAL KOI SHOW



INTERNATIONAL ZNA JUDGE:

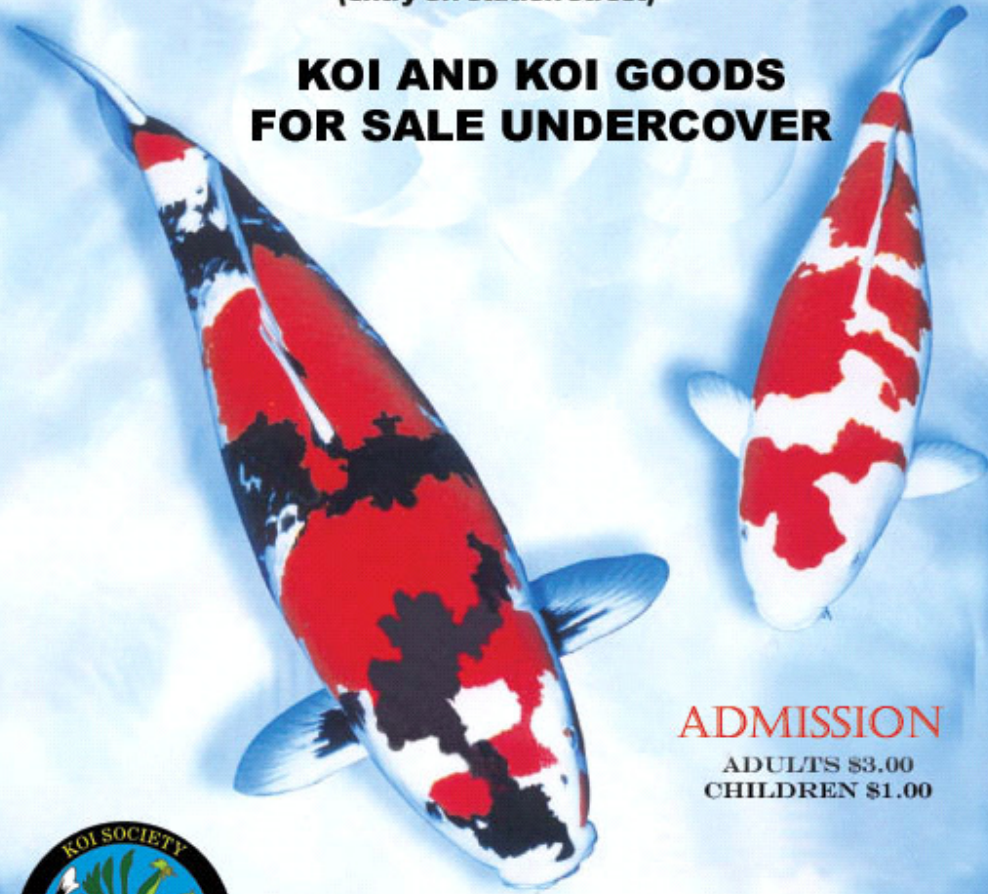


**Sunday 23 May 2010 10am - 3:30pm**

at the

**Cannington Greyhound Centre**  
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**PUBLIC WELCOME**

Here is a great toy for the koi hobbyist who has everything.

I first discovered the **Koi Ball** in a pet shop, hidden on the back of a shelf. It is a clear plastic ball with holes in it, a removable lid and 2 pingpong balls inside to hold it afloat. Half fill it with food, secure the lid and throw in the pond.

The koi will soon work out that if they knock it around, pieces of food will come out one by one. It is great to watch them, and hungry koi will empty it in a few minutes.

If you want to see videos of some koi using them, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "koi ball".

Shona



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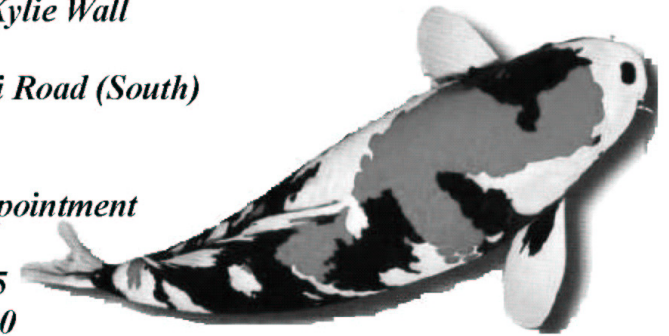
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Koi keeper Jenny Giles-Duffy enjoys feeding her fish and describes them as "a kaleidoscope of colours". PICTURE: DAVID BAILEY

## Koi keepers invited to join new Bunbury group

KOI fish owners in Greater Bunbury will soon be able to join the newly formed Bunbury branch of the Koi Society of Western Australia.

The society will hold its inaugural meeting on April 1, giving koi keepers access to advice and information about caring for their pets.

Australind koi keeper Syd Giles-Duffy was instrumental in expanding the metropolitan-based society to the Bunbury region.

Mr Giles-Duffy has successfully shown his koi competitively at State level but said the society welcomed everyone, from people who have a few koi in their backyard to people with more advanced set-ups.

"Once you have set up your koi pond and the water and fish are stable, they take little work and are very relaxing to be around," he said.

"They have individual personalities and are a very social pet.

"If koi owners join the Bunbury branch they will have access to all the best advice including pond design, equipment, and health and water care."

Mr Giles-Duffy said koi fish were considered a symbol of social status in Japan, with generations of families breeding koi.

"There are lots of varieties of koi and they can live up to and over 60 years of age," he said.

"Some fish in Japan are sold for hundreds of thousands of dollars, and they can grow to over one metre long.

"A good fish must have a clear, defined pattern with solid colours, and they must also have a good body shape with good skin quality."

The inaugural meeting of the Bunbury branch of the Koi Society of WA will be held on April 1 from 7.30pm at the Hickson Road Family Centre.

### Inaugural Bunbury meeting a success!

"Thank you to Kylie, Bill, Allan, Rod & Phil for making the trip and sharing their knowledge with us on the 1st April. Their input ensured the meeting was a big success. Allan's presentation was followed by a question and answer session by the Perth panel and was handled extremely competently. I feel sure their enthusiasm and dedication has stirred the embers of those that came along on the night.

The article above featured in the South-West Times the week before the meeting."

Sid Giles-Duffy, contact point for Bunbury branch

### Rules of thumb

#### Use potassium permanganate if:

- Fish are showing signs of hypoxia (low oxygen).
- There is no algae in the pond.
- Algae in the pond is not photosynthesising (i.e. at night or if the weather is overcast).
- There is considerable amount of organic matter that would compete with fish for the oxygen.

#### Do not use potassium permanganate:

- During day time if there is algae in the pond.
- In alkaline conditions (a solid precipitate of manganese dioxide (MnO<sub>2</sub>) can form on and damage the gills).
- Repeatedly as it can cause gill "burns".

\*Potassium permanganate can be deactivated with 3% hydrogen peroxide at 1ml/20L

Yours sincerely,

Dr Richmond Loh

BSc, BVMS, MACVSc (Aquatics & Pathobiology),  
MPhil (Vet Pathology), DipPM, CCAS, CMAVA

## 2nd Bunbury Branch meeting

This meeting will see the appointment of a branch committee to get the ball rolling.

If you'd like to drive down with the Perth members who are making the trip, give Allan a call on 0419 907 973.

**WHEN? 7:30pm, Monday 26 April 2010**

**WHERE? Hudson Road Family Centre  
Corner of Hudson & Parade Roads, BUNBURY**





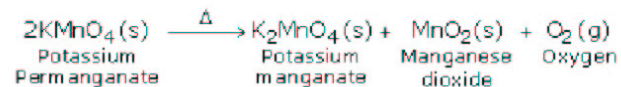
Dear KSWA,

**RE: Potassium permanganate's effects on dissolved oxygen.**

A question was raised at the Central Branch KSWA meeting about the effects on dissolved oxygen by the addition of potassium permanganate to the pond. Does it increase oxygen, or does it decrease it? It is a rather simple question with a rather convoluted answer because at certain times, it can increase the oxygen, but in other cases, it can decrease it. The reasoning behind this can be explained in the paragraphs that follow.

Potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>), is a chemical oxidizing agent that will react with any organic matter in a pond including algae, bacteria, fish, particulate and dissolved organic, and organic bottom sediments. It has been used in fish ponds to treat common fish pathogens such as gill parasites and external bacterial and fungal infections.

There is confusion about whether or not it adds or removes oxygen from the water. It does in fact, release oxygen as it breaks down given by the following equation:



During such reactions the manganate ion (MnO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>) loses two oxygen atoms and is reduced to insoluble manganese dioxide (MnO<sub>2</sub>). The 'lost' oxygen atoms react with organic matter, reducing the chemical oxygen demand and improving water quality and clarity.

So, the theory behind adding potassium permanganate to your pond during times of power failure is to help reduce the consumption of oxygen by the decaying organic matter and to supply free oxygen to the water.

In some ponds, algae play a significant role in oxygenating the water through the process of photosynthesis during daylight hours. And so, the reason why it is sometimes thought that potassium permanganate "removes" oxygen from the water is due to their algicidal effect – the daylight rates of oxygen gain drops dramatically.

For this reason, the consideration of the above factors/variables would govern the use of potassium permanganate to oxygenate the water.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE



KSWA memberships are now due!

If you would like to send your renewal by post, please send a cheque/ money order along with the enclosed membership form (to the address written on the form).

Alternatively, you can pay cash, cheque or money order at any meeting.

If you are planning on entering fish in the Annual Show, please make sure you have paid your membership before you enter fish.

## ZNA MEMBERSHIPS DUE

ZNA memberships are also due at the end of April.

The ZNA (Zen Nippon Airinkai) is the main organisation for amateur koi keeping, based in Japan. KSWA is proud to be the West Australian chapter of the ZNA.



Membership to the ZNA includes 12 full colour monthly magazines with the latest koi news and events from all over the world—this works out to just over \$6.50 per magazine.

The ZNA also provide a Japanese judge for our Annual Show, so joining the ZNA shows your support for the club.

This year members pay \$80 for ZNA memberships and the KSWA will be covering the remainder of the fee (approx \$30).

If you would like to send your ZNA form by post, please send a cheque/money order along with the enclosed ZNA form (to KSWA Membership, c/o 9 Westgate Court, LEEMING WA 6149).

Alternatively, you can bring your form and pay cash, cheque or money order at any meeting.



# MEMBERS AUCTION REPORT

## SUNDAY 28 MARCH

28/03/2010

KSWA Members Koi Auction

Bedford Park

Auction report

There was a great atmosphere prior to the commencement of the auction with members gathering around the tanks and chatting in the warm Sunday morning sun.

One tank held what can be described as the largest fish ever at an auction. Final owner was A Peck. The size of the fish also proved to be a bit of a challenge to transport. There were some discussions as to the origin of the fish and Ray Lions had all the answers. (Thanks Ray)

A good range of fish was presented across the tanks.

A Couple of bins displayed a good range of Sanke and Kohaku with good colour. Bidding was quite brisk and most fish found new homes.

Other bins provided a wide range of smaller fish for those who wished to grow them on or to fit a desired price bracket. A great range of very colourful fish with a chance to acquire some with unusual patterns.

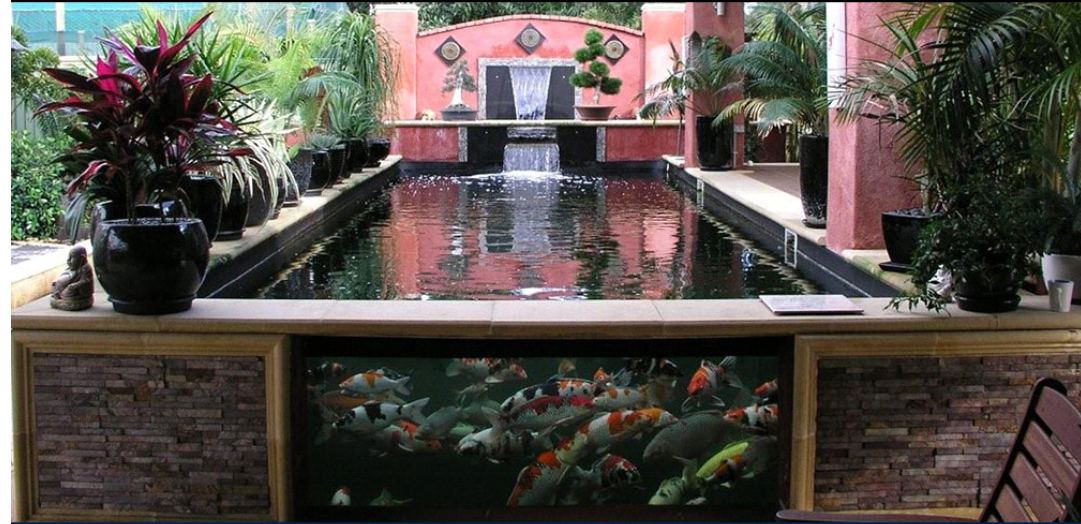
As the auction progressed some existing members who continuously advise they have plenty of fish in their ponds, found it irresistible not to add another.

Thanks to all who assisted in the setting up and dismantling of the tanks. Tim as usual did a fantastic job with the equipment along with Josie and Justine taking entries and processing the sales.

This venue has a beautiful parkland atmosphere with kid's playground which also attracts a few locals as spectators.

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