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MAY 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.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS
(was combined with May Northern Branch meeting—11 May)

NEXT NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING IS
TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010

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Constant water change / drip water replacement

One of the featured video on the Koivet website is about constant water change systems.

The video can be found at: www.koivet.com/a_drip_irrigation.html

This method of water change is becoming more and more popular, many of our members link their garden reticulation system to the pond, so it dumps several hundred litres into the pond once or twice weekly (with an overflow drain fitted somewhere in the filter system to keep the water level the same).

This video discusses another simple way to do it, which involves a hose fitting on your garden tap attached to thin reticulation pipe (4mm) then to drip irrigation fittings which run 24 hours a day into your pond.

For a 10,000L pond, you would organise 10 litres per hour to come out the drippers (this may involve 2 x 5LPH drippers on a T-piece)

For a 20,000L pond you would organise 20 litres per hour to come out the drippers.

This figure will ensure just over 15% of your pond volume is added to your pond each week—this will take care of the all-important 10% water change weekly, PLUS it will make sure any evaporated water will be replaced (usually averages about 5% over a week).

Important!! You'll need to make sure your filtration system has an overflow drain so the excess water has somewhere to go. Most ponds will already have this, as they need to deal with rain adding water to the pond.

- Water changes are very important to maintain water quality, and reduce nitrate and other water quality problems
- the “dump and refill” method of waterchange is labour intensive and not as good for fish health as they need to adjust to changes in water chemistry from the new water (whereas a constant drip means no noticeable swing in water chemistry/temperature)
- With the “dump and refill” method, the water usually needs to be dechlorinated but with a constant drip, the amount of new water in the pond at any time is less than 1% so the chlorine and chloramine is of no danger at all.

Ignore the parts in the video about US store HomeDepot and gallons, your local reticulation shop can advise on tap fittings and parts.

**** THIS MEETING WAS A COMBINED NORTHERN AND GENERAL MEETING ****

We had a bit of a mixup this month with committee members being absent and everyone concentrating on the Show, so unfortunately we don't have any minutes to report!

MEMBER AUCTION—SUNDAY 4 JULY 2010

WHERE: Beaufort Park Hall, corner Beaufort & Drummond St
BEDFORD (near Morley)

WHEN: 10:30am, Sunday 4 July 2010



Details on how to sell fish will be in the June newsletter

This Auction is just for club members—you need to be a financial member to buy or sell koi at this event.

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



Welcome to the May 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



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

Wednesday 30 June—General Meeting, South Perth
This meeting is one week later than usual, due to hall renovations!
Annual General Meeting. Sales Table & Library will be open.

Sunday 4 July —Member Auction, Bedford
Grab a bargain at our member's only auction. See page 22

Thursday 8 July —Bunbury Branch Meeting, Bunbury
See page 7.

Tuesday 13 July —Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 28 July —General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 10 August —Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

General Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 28 April 2010

The meeting opened at 7:45pm. Number of members attending – 40

Apologies: Kim Mo.

Points Arising from Previous Minutes: None.

Confirmation of previous minutes: Moved: Rod Strang, Seconded: Rod Hansen

Treasurers Report:

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

Correspondence In: Commonwealth Bank term deposit renewal.

Correspondence Out: Nil



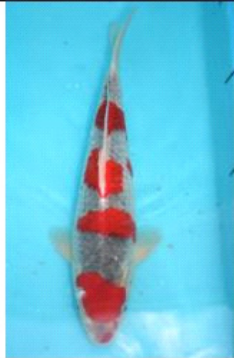
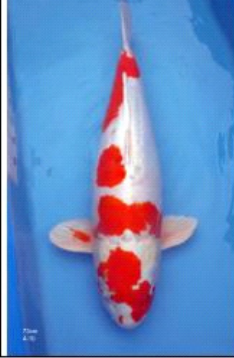



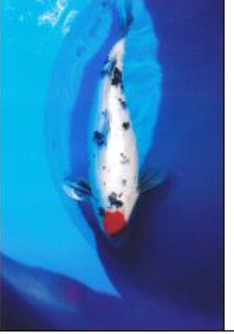
Library: No new books or DVDs. Some outstanding loan books still to come.

Sales Table: Wheatgerm ordered, club shirts still to order—need to view prototype before buying

Table Show—no entries

General business

- Club banners (small and large) have been found, Micky Mo has them in his possession.
- Bunbury branch second meeting had more apologies than attendees, however interest still very keen. Branch has now been formed and has elected a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer
- Committee long term has views on establishing 3 branches and then an executive committee to oversee the running of the 3 branches. This step has been taken in view of moving the club into the future.
- Club membership fees are now due. Nichirin membership (ZNA) also due now—the cost to members is \$80 and the club pays the rest.
- Presentation dinner shall be at the Seafood Steamboat Restaurant, 108 James St, Northbridge. Cost is \$34, 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Monday 24 May 2010

	<p>Variety Champion - Kawarimono</p> <p>41cm Kawarimono (Class 2)</p> <p>Graham & Karen Lynch</p>		<p>Variety Champion - Hikari Mujimono / Ogon</p> <p>62cm Rose Ogon (Class 5 Mature)</p> <p>Fred Sharp</p>
	<p>Variety Champion - Goshiki</p> <p>33cm Goshiki (Class 1)</p> <p>Allan Bennett</p>		<p>Variety Champion - Hikari Moyomono</p> <p>72cm Kikusui (Class 6 Jumbo)</p> <p>Loma Passey</p>
	<p>Variety Champion - Hikari Utsurimono</p> <p>75cm Hikari Utsurimono (Class 6 Jumbo)</p> <p>Phong Ta</p>		<p>Variety Champion - Kingirin B</p> <p>82cm Ginrin Chargo (Class 6 Jumbo)</p> <p>J. Passey</p>
	<p>Variety Champion - Kingirin A</p> <p>26cm Ginrin Showa (Class 1)</p> <p>Allan Bennett</p>		<p>Variety Champion - Tancho</p> <p>57cm Tancho Sanke (Class 5 Mature)</p> <p>Minh Nguyen</p>

	<p>Variety Champion – Kohaku</p> <p>34cm Kohaku (Class 1)</p> <p>Tony Cornwall</p>		<p>Variety Champion – Showa</p> <p>61cm Showa (Class 5 Mature)</p> <p>Phong Ta</p>
	<p>Variety Champion – Sanke</p> <p>53cm Sanke (Class 3)</p> <p>J. Passey</p>		<p>Variety Champion – Bekko</p> <p>51cm Bekko (Class 3)</p> <p>Aaron Long</p>
	<p>Variety Champion – Utsurimono</p> <p>60cm Utsurimono (Class 5 Mature)</p> <p>Phong Ta</p>		<p>Variety Champion – Shusui</p> <p>45cm Shusui (Class 2)</p> <p>Allan Bennett</p>
	<p>Variety Champion – Asagi</p> <p>70cm Asagi (Class 6 Jumbo)</p> <p>Phong Ta</p>		<p>Variety Champion – Koromo</p> <p>50cm Koromo (Class 3)</p> <p>Rod Strang</p>

- More leg work to be done in sales of tickets for the night. Approx 80 tickets need to be sold to make this a viable proposition to the club, otherwise it will start to cost the club money.
- Question and answer time is proving to be a very popular event at every meeting, with many questions being asked.
- A question was asked about discolouration of water from Iron. There was no quick and simple answer available, more research has to be done. Some members in the past have used ozone/aluminium sulphate. You need to treat the water in a separate tank. You must allow the water to settle overnight and the elements to settle to the bottom, then you take the water from the top and mid levels and drain off the bottom dirty water. The aluminium sulphate tends to flocculate particles and send it to the bottom of the tank. This product we are lead to believe is available at most pool shops. Rate of dosage shall be in the vicinity of one cupful per one thousand litres of water.
- Swim bladder problems still treat their ugly head every down and then, there are no known cures, but the use of natural yoghurt added amongst your food can sometimes pacify the koi.
- Night herons are on the move this time of the year, natural water levels are low, natural food stocks are low, they are now invading our home ponds for food.
- A member has problems with what is believed to be arimonous bacteria, suggestion was made to contact the koi vet: Dr. Richmond Loh.
- Allan Bennett did a show and tell presentation of one of the recent koi shows in Sydney.
- Members were shown the new club medallions which will be given as gifts to the judges, also to the AKA as a friendship gift.
- The big Koi Society of Australia Show will be held in Sydney one week prior to our Show. Our judges plus 2 visiting judges will be at the Sydney Show, then will come straight over to Perth.

Table Show Results—no entries

The next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11 May 2010 as it will be combined with the Northern Branch meeting.

Meeting closed: 10:15pm.

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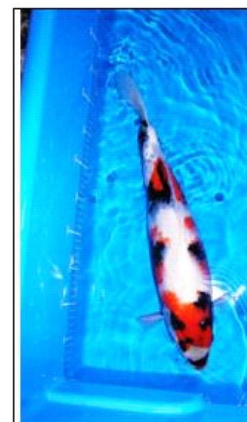
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PHOTOS OF MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS!



Mature Champion
61cm Showa
Phong Ta



Jumbo A Champion
70cm Showa
Phong Ta



Young Champion
(Table Show Champion)
42cm Gintin Showa
Allan Bennett



Jumbo B Champion
68cm Bekko
Van Cong Dau



Junior Champion
47cm Showa
Jade Hansen

VARIETY CHAMPIONS

Kohaku	Tony Cornwall
Taisho Sanke	J. Passey
Showa Sanshoku	Phong Ta
Bekko	Aaron Long
Utsurimono	Phong Ta
Asagi	Phong Ta
Shusui	Allan Bennett
Koromo	Rod Strang
Kawarimono	Graham & Karen Lynch
Goshiki	Allan Bennett
Hikari Mujimono/Ogon	Fred Sharp
Hikari Moyomono	Lorna Passey
Hikari Utsurimono	Phong Ta
Kinginrin A	Allan Bennett
Kinginrin B	J .Passey
Tancho	Minh Nguyen

JUNIOR CHAMPION

Junior Champion	1st - Jade Hansen	2nd - Honour Ta	3rd - Rebecca Hansen
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GRAND CHAMPION & PRESIDENT'S PRIZE

Grand Champion	1st - Bill Passey	2nd - Phong Ta	3rd - Phong Ta
President's Prize	Vince & Lena—Class 1 Hikari Utsurimono		

Rod Strang is selling several fish:

* 83cm Yello Ohgon Male \$450

* 62cm Shiro Utsuri Female \$350

Or \$600 for both of the above. Both only about 6 years old and still growing. Good quality big fish.

* 63cm Sanke Male \$1200

7 years old. Exceptional quality, pattern, depth of colour & bodyshape . Very competitive show fish. To suitable home only.

Phone Rod on .



Bunbury Branch meeting—July

The next Bunbury meeting is set for July.

WHEN? 7:30pm, Thursday 8 July 2010

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



At the last meeting, the Branch was officially formed with the election of a Branch Chairman and Treasurer.

Chairman—Sidney Giles-Duffy
Treasurer—Donna Obal
Secretary—yet to be appointed.

A note from Branch member Jenny: "We would really appreciate anyone coming along from up your way as we need all the knowledge we can gather"

It is just under 2hrs drive from Perth if anyone can spare the evening!



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CLASS 4 (TABLE SHOW), CLASS 5 (MATURE) AND CLASS 6 (JUMBO)

Table Show A	1st - Allan Bennett	2nd - Koi "R" Us – Rod Hansen	3rd - Phong Ta
Table Show B	1st - Phong Ta	2nd - Allan Bennett	3rd - Todd Bennett
Table Show C	1st - Allan Bennett	2nd - Allan Bennett	3rd -
Table show D	1st -	2nd -	3rd -
Young Champion	1st - Allan Bennett	2nd - Phong Ta	
Mature Kohaku	1st - Minh Nguyen	2nd - J. Passey	3rd - Peter Doan
Mature Sanke	1st - Peter Doan	2nd - Todd Bennett	3rd - Peter Doan
Mature Showa	1st - Phong Ta	2nd - Phong Ta	3rd - J. Passey
Mature Utsurimono	1st - Phong Ta	2nd - Peter Doan	3rd - Fred Sharp
Mature B	1st - Fred Sharp	2nd - Minh Nguyen	3rd - Peter Doan
Mature C	1st - Phong Ta	2nd - Gavin Mascarenhas	3rd - Lorna Passey
Mature D	1st - Bill Passey	2nd -	3rd -
Mature Champion	1st - Phong Ta (Showa)	2nd - Bill Passey (Asagi)	3rd - Phong Ta (Utsuri)
Jumbo A Champion	1st - Phong Ta	2nd - Darien Truong	3rd - Darien Truong
Jumbo B Champion	1st - Van Cong Dau	2nd - Phong Ta	3rd - J. Passey

2010 ANNUAL KOI SHOW RESULTS—CLASS 3

Kohaku	1st - Bill Passey	2nd - J. Passey	3rd - Kylie Wall
Taisho Sanke	1st - J. Passey	2nd - Bill Passey	3rd - Tony Cornwall
Showa Sanshoku	1st - Koi "R" Us – Tim Leroy	2nd - Minh Nguyen	3rd - Van Cong Dau
Bekko	1st - Aaron Long	2nd - Minh Nguyen	3rd—Tim Jacobson
Utsurimono	1st - J. Passey	2nd - Allan Bennett	3rd - Allan Bennett
Asagi	1st -	2nd -	3rd -
Shusui	1st - Todd Bennett	2nd - Allan Bennett	3rd -
Koromo	1st - Rod Strang	2nd - Minh Nguyen	3rd - Van Cong Dau
Kawarimono	1st - Van Cong Dau	2nd -	3rd -
Goshiki	1st - Minh Nguyen	2nd - Todd Bennett	3rd - Lorna Passey
Hikari Mujimono/Ogon	1st - Fred Sharp	2nd - Con Pismiris	3rd -
Hikari Moyomono	1st - Bill Passey	2nd -	3rd -
Hikari Utsurimono	1st - Bray family	2nd - Russell Hansen	3rd -
Kinginrin A	1st - Allan Bennett	2nd - Todd Bennett	3rd - Peter Doan
Kinginrin B	1st - J. Passey	2nd - Bray family	3rd -
Tancho	1st - Russell Hansen	2nd - Allan Bennett	3rd - Bray family

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 membership form (to the address written on the form). Forms are available on the website.

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

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 ZNA form (to KSWA Membership, c/o 9 Westgate Court, LEEMING WA 6149). Forms are available on the website.

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

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
- Bionatural conditioner (concentrate)
- Bacteria Aqua

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- 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

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Miscellaneous- Koi 66 Variety poster

- UV lights and pumps

Kohaku	1st - Minh Nguyen	2nd - Van Cong Dau	3rd - Bill Passey
Taisho Sanke	1st - Todd Bennett	2nd - Allan Bennett	3rd - Bray family
Showa Sanshoku	1st - Graham & Karen Lynch	2nd - Minh Nguyen	3rd - Lorna Passey
Bekko	1st—Koi "R" Us – Alan Peck	2nd - Kerry Cross	3rd—Bray family
Utsurimono	1st - Cec Graham	2nd - Todd Bennett	3rd - Peter Doan
Asagi	1st -	2nd -	3rd -
Shusui	1st - Allan Bennett	2nd - Minh Nguyen	3rd -
Koromo	1st - Cec Graham	2nd -	3rd -
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Goshiki	1st - Phong Ta	2nd - Phong Ta	3rd - Kerry Cross
Hikari Mujimono/Ogon	1st - Allan Bennett	2nd - Kerry Cross	3rd - Todd Bennett
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Hikari Utsurimono	1st - Russell Hansen	2nd - Todd Bennett	3rd -
Kingirin A	1st - Phong Ta	2nd - J. Passey	3rd - Cec Graham
Kingirin B	1st - Cec Graham	2nd - Bray family	3rd -
Tancho	1st - Fred Sharp	2nd - Bray family	3rd -

2010 ANNUAL KOI SHOW RESULTS—CLASS 1

Kohaku	1st - Tony Cornwall	2nd—Russell Hansen	3rd - Van Cong Dau
Taicho Sanke	1st - Bil Passey	2nd - Vince & Lena	3rd - Peter Doan
Showa Sanshoku	1st—Koi "R" Us – Tim Leroy	2nd—Rod Strang	3rd - Bill Passey
Bekko	1st - Kerry Cross	2nd - Vince & Lena	3rd—Cec Graham
Utsurimono	1st - Cec Graham	2nd - Vince & Lena	3rd - Des Howlett
Asagi	1st -	2nd -	3rd -
Shusui	1st - Russell Hansen	2nd - Des Howlett	3rd -
Koromo	1st -	2nd -	3rd -
Kawarimono	1st - Cec Graham	2nd - Fred Sharp	3rd -
Goshiki	1st - Allan Bennett	2nd - Tony Cornwall	3rd - Bill Passey
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Kinginrin A	1st - Allan Bennett	2nd - Tony Cornwall	3rd—Koi "R" Us – Alan Peck
Kinginrin B	1st - Fred Sharp	2nd - Van Cong Dau	3rd - Fred Sharp
Tancho	1st - Des Howlett	2nd - Peter Doan	3rd -

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THE 21ST WEST AUSTRALIAN KOI SHOW

Sunday 23RD May 2010

After 7 months with little or no rain in Perth, the first major rain front of the season threatened to disrupt the 21st KSWA Annual Show. Despite this, all was prepared and in readiness with a record number of fish, 306 to be exact from 33 members which was also a record. With overcast skies our judging team arrived at 8am with **Nobuyoshi Ozawa san**, our special guest judge from Japan. Ozawa san was assisted by the husband and wife team of Kazuyo and Gerard Mc Donald, both ZNA Certified judges from Sydney. Welcomed guests to our Show were Anja and Richard from the Netherlands. Anja and Richard had judged at the Sydney Show and were taking some time out to discover Australia. Although not judging they were special guests at our Presentation of Prizes Evening and provided some positive and insightful comment into the standard of our home bred West Australian koi.

After an introduction to our President, Mr Bill Passey, Chief Steward, Phong Ta and his Team of stewards it was down to the serious business of briefings followed by the judging of Grand Champion, 1st and 2nd runners up. After a careful deliberation the Grand Champion was chosen, a 72cm sanke belonging to Bill Passey. This fish also won GC in 2009, many considered it to be in much better condition this year and was to the mature eye a clear winner. Second was a previous 3 time GC winner a 70cm showa owned by Phong Ta. This is a superb fish but a little off the pace this year. Like a few of us older members she is starting to show her age and I understand she will possibly be retired this year after a distinguished show career. The 2nd Runner Up was the surprise fish of the Show. A superb 62cm Shiro Utsuri, only 3.5 years old. This fish, again owned by Phong Ta, was admired by all and also won the Variety Champion in a hot class of Utsurimono. Anja and Richard also awarded this fish the Dutch Friendship prize and were very complementary in their praise.

With the buzz around the Show ring lulling and the congratulations to Bill complete, the judges got down to business of judging the many fish classes. There were 16 Variety Classes divided up into size classes from Jumbo down to Class 1 (20 – 35cms). It was clear from the outset that the standard of fish had again improved this year. This along with the record number of entries, 9 new members showing for the first time and a good spread of fish through all the classes was to make this a memorable Show.

I witnessed a number of former retired members taking in the fish and the atmosphere of the Show. It was so good to see them still taking an interest in koi fish. I talked with a number of them and without exception they were full of praise for the standard of fish entered and surprised at the number of members showing for the first time. Despite the threatening weather with a few showers of rain support from the public was again very good.

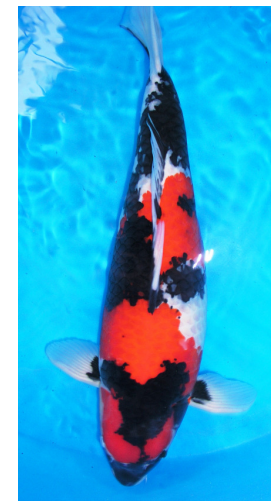
As judging continued a highlight of the Show was the number of prizes won by our members showing for the first time. There were some very good young fish entered by these members and they were rewarded with many prizes. It would be incorrect to mention them by name but as Show Chairman I thank them for their enthusiasm and support and hope that they will continue to be part of the hobby and show fish for many years to come. Well done indeed.

My thanks goes to many who worked tirelessly to make this the 21st KSWA Show a great success. I am particularly grateful to a number of ladies who assisted in lots of ways from treasury, dinner for judges and lunches to computer programs and gate takings. Where would we male folks be without them! We thank our interpreters, sponsors and the Management of the Cannington facilities for their assistance and we look forward to another successful Show next year.

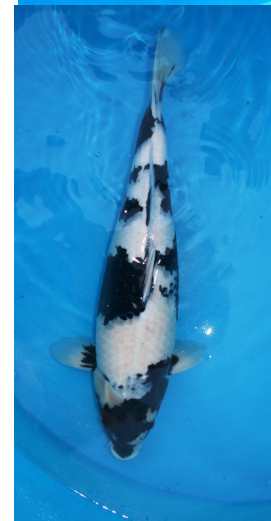
Reported by Show Chairman Allan Bennett



LEFT:
Grand Champion
72cm Sanke
Bill Passey



RIGHT TOP:
Grand Champion
1st runner up
70cm Showa
Phong Ta



RIGHT BOTTOM:
Grand Champion
2nd runner up
60cm Utsurimono
Phong Ta