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# KOI SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



## JUNE 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 30 JUNE 2010 (one week late)**

**NEXT NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING IS  
TUESDAY 13 JULY 2010**

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### *Northern Branch*

Chairman	Allan Bennett
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# NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS—June

Peter asked about why an air pump he has purchased does not pump any deeper than 600mm when box states 3m. Air stones have been checked, cleaned and replaced but still no improvement. It was suggested he return it to retailer and request a replacement.

**Table Show:** Only 3 fish were entered tonight all from Rod Strang and all 3 were Sanke. Congratulations Rod on 1<sup>st</sup> place to the largest fish, 2<sup>nd</sup> to the one with a more even spread of colours and the predominately white fish received 3<sup>rd</sup> placing.

**Food for Bigger fish in winter:** A reduction in the protein levels of food over the colder times of the year is recommended as fish become more dormant and can go into hibernation when temperature levels go below 10°C. Rod suggested that ceasing feeding for up to 3 months where temperatures are low can be beneficial to your fish and pond.

In the case of female brood stock continuing feeding can improve egg production but we should use the low protein type foods. (E.g., Wheat germ, wholemeal bread, corn kernels, peas, lettuces, Mulberries, red cabbage, etc) but do not overfeed. Heating of the water can help growth in winter but is also very costly especially these days as electricity costs soar.

**Daphnia:** Great feed for Koi of all sizes and grows quickly with minimal effort or outlay. Will grow in most fresh or stagnant waters and small amounts of protein will feed a colony. Does tend to kill itself off by overstocking the water and can disappear quickly. Rod will bring in some next meeting for those who wish to start their own growing program. Daphnia can be fed with small amounts of sea salt or dynamic lifter. Rod also suggested putting in a tub and floating on top of your pond (space saving) where fish can not get at it but can easily be accessed for feeding. Fred pointed out that Daphnia can be frozen and used for feeding when needed. You can also buy frozen Daphnia if required.

**Hikui:** Rod presented a Gin Rin Hi Utsuri with Hikui, a disease which although not mortal for the fish is very hard to treat. The disease only affects the Hi (red) of the Koi and appears as a lightening of the colour but is jelly like to touch. The fish does not appear to have any ill effects from the disease but it is quite visually apparent.

Phong spoke about how the Dutch judges responded when he asked them about the quality of our Koi as compared with European, Japanese and Singapore Koi. The judges agreed our fish are not yet at the same standard as the other areas but we have the advantage of not having major breeding organisations which completely dominate the upper levels of show competitions. We on the other hand as backyard hobbyists can win Grand Champion with our own fish that we have bred.

Rod gave his opinion on breeding and what varieties to breed to achieve a specific end result.

The meeting came to an end at 2110. Des Howlett

# NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS—June

8th June 2010. Meeting commenced at 7:20pm

**Present:** There were 20 members present, Meeting was chaired by Rod Strang and minutes were taken by Des Howlett.

**Apologies:** Allan Bennett, and Richard Mansell

Rod informed the meeting that Allan Bennett's mother had passed away yesterday and Allan was about to flyback to Scotland to arrange his mother's funeral and affairs. Rod has a card and this was left on the table for members to add their names and will be forwarded by rod onto Allan tomorrow. Deepest sympathies are extended to Allan on his loss.

**Annual Koi Show:** Well done to Allan Bennett as the Show Chairman and Phong Ta as the Chief Steward and all that helped in making this a record breaking and very successful Annual Show.

Congratulations also to Bill and Judy Passey on winning the Grand Champion with their magnificent Sanke, successfully defended last year's title. Some other show results were read out by Rod and it was noted that of the 7 people showing for the first time, 6 were representing the Northern Branch. Most of these first timers were successful in taking home some awards. There were also a good proportion of winners of the Variety classes from the Northern Branch, so congratulations to everyone. It was also noted that Shona's efforts with the photos, bin boards and recording made things run smoother this year.

**Annual General Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting of the Koi Society of Western Australia is to be held at South Perth on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and all members are encouraged to consider attending and nominating for positions. Bill Passey has expressed his intention not to run for the president's position this year. Although Bill's expertise and experience will be greatly missed, one of the positives is the opportunity for new blood and therefore new ideas to take the organisation forward into the future.

**Questions from Members:** There was discussion about sterilisation with Potassium Permanganate at this time of year. Rod suggested that turn filters off first then add 2 gm per 1000 litres (well mixed with some water before) but if it neutralises (goes brown) within 45 minutes another dose should be added. If this also neutralises inside 45 minutes a further 1 gm per 1000 litres should be added. Phong stated he would be wary of using more than 1 dose every 4 days due to the high risk in using PP as it can kill filter bacteria as well. Another thing to keep in mind is making sure PP is no older than 2 years. Low dosages means buying in bulk may not be cost effective unless it is shared with other members.

# WELCOME & NEWS

Welcome to the June 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

The club would like to pass it's condolences to Allan Bennett on the recent passing of his mother

Allan would also like to send his sincere thanks to all members who rang or sent cards for their support.



## Events Calendar



### 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 4

### Thursday 8 July —Bunbury Branch Meeting, Bunbury

See page 6

### Tuesday 13 July —Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

### Wednesday 28 July —General Meeting, South Perth

### Tuesday 10 August —Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

## General Meeting Minutes - Tuesday 11 May 2010

The May General Meeting was due to be held on Wednesday 26 May, but because it was so close to Show Day, it was decided to combine the May General Meeting into the May Northern Branch meeting (Tues 11 May)

Due to committee members being absent and everyone concentrating on the Show, there was a bit of a mixup so unfortunately we don't have any minutes to report!

## MEMBER AUCTION—SUNDAY 4 JULY 2010

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

**WHEN:** 10:30am, Sunday 4 July 2010

**SELLERS:** Book your bin with Bill Passey



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

### SELLERS

- You need to be a current member of KSWA
- You need to **BOOK** your bin as soon as possible by contacting Bill Passey—phone 0438 357 732 or email [bpassey@bigpond.com](mailto:bpassey@bigpond.com)
- Seller fees: 10% of your total sales goes to the club

### BUYERS

- You need to be a current member (bring your membership card)
- 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

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.



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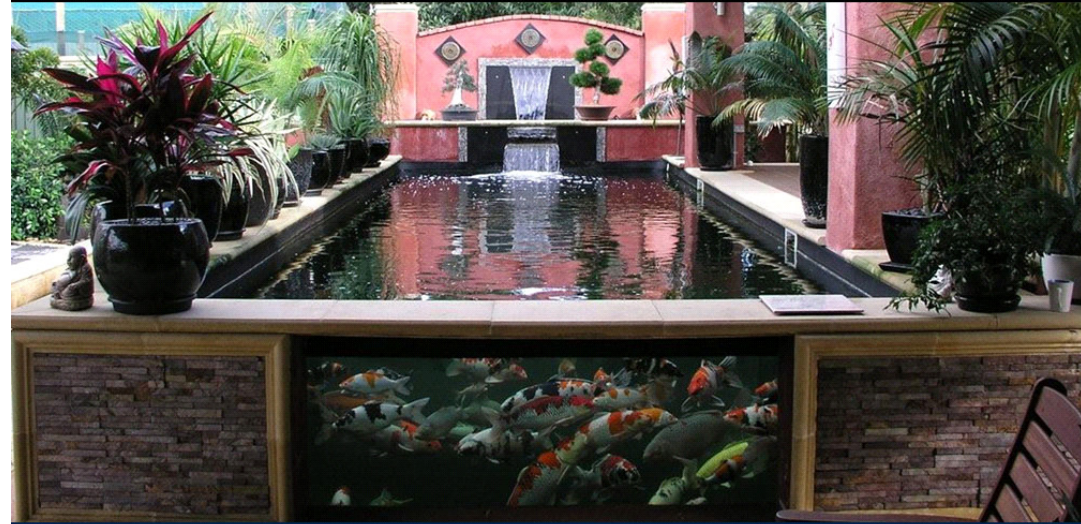


ABOVE: Exhibitors checking over the results board

BELOW: Dave Gibson with Nobuyoshi Ozawa san (Japanese judge) wearing the wig he was given last time he visited Australia over 10 years ago!



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# Koi pond stocking levels equivalence chart

The below numbers are an indication of how many Koi of what size can be kept per 1000 litres of filtered pond water. Aeration should be 4 litres per minute per 1000 litres pond water.

Koi Length (cm)	Number of Koi in pond
5	90
10	35
15	9
20	4
25	2
30	1

Any more fish biomass than this places pressure on the system by affecting water quality and fish health.

Water quality and clarity are not related. Water can be clarified by artificial means such as exposure to Ultraviolet lighting but may still be toxic to Koi.

As a foot note, this is not an exact science and there are a number of variables such as aeration, filtration, plants, pump capacity, amount of sunlight and shape and depth of pond.

Thanks to Rod Strang for forwarding this one.

## Wise words from Dr. Erik Johnson (aquatic vet) ...

**“I would WAY rather live on the land in air, than be a fish living in water and there are several reasons.**

**Diseases don't transmit themselves quite as easily as they do in the water**

**Fish participate in your ponds water, and it's limited. I participate in an entire planet's air. Sure, it's not all healthy but it's not like am living in 120 cubic feet of the same air.**

**As it were, if you do NOT understand water quality and you cannot test it, your fish will die sooner or later. SEVENTY percent of fish diseases are directly tied to water quality and are usually SIMPLE and easily preventable.”**





# PHOTOS FROM THE ANNUAL SHOW

ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF K WALL



Our AGM is on Wednesday 30 June 2010.

We need members to help out with committee positions to keep the club running. If you can spare a few hours a month, please come along and put your hand up.

We hope to see you there ☺

Shona

## Bunbury Branch meeting—July

Quick reminder about the Bunbury meeting in July.

**WHEN?** 7:30pm, Thursday 8 July 2010

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



# 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.

**Water conditioners-** Dechlorinator 2.5 litre  
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

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Sekirin Japanese food  
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