



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

August 2005

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August Meeting – Monday the 8th

Last month **Paul Green** showed us a few slides of his freshwater stingrays and of his new fish house. I would guess that the fish house took us all by surprise as it was not what you would call conventional. As he keeps stingrays we thought the fish house would be tropical but he also breeds Ranchu and the fish house was built for them. I know a couple of goldfish breeders who, like Paul, do not use filtration but rely on water changes but they generally settle for frequent partial changes and not the 100% change to such clinically prepared water. It seems to work for Paul but we can't help thinking that a water meter might change his views on filtration.

This month – A Review of the 2005 Pond Competition



Last year's winner – Ken Wrightson

The competition was delayed a month this year because on the original date we only had 4 entries. By Sunday the 24th July we had nine ponds to view. Unfortunately the weather was awful so none of the ponds were seen at their best and it was fairly clear that the original date would have been better – but the conditions were the same for all entries so it won't have affected the result. We were honoured to have Ray Downer and Ron Ruth as Judges. As this pair used to plan our car rallies the route was worked out to the last turn with only the location for lunch

to be decided on the day. Ray took video and I took photos. We have the result but have decided to keep it until Monday.

Outings

We have arranged a club visit to Wade Exotics so that you can see how fish come into a wholesaler. The visit is on Thursday 11th August at 7:00 p.m. If you don't know where it is then meet Roger at Upney Station at 6.45. More details will be given on Monday.

A few of us are also planning a Sunday morning / afternoon tour of a few Aquatic stores in Essex. The trip will include Swallows, Shotgate aquatics and Wickford aquatics. We will be going by car and you can join us if you wish. Ken is making the arrangements and will give us a date on Monday.

Musical Hall Evening – February 2006

Ray Downer has provisionally booked a Music Hall Troupe for February. I will be booking a hall this week and will give you fuller details next month

Goldfish

Roger has about 40 goldfish of various size obtained from a pond clearance. If anyone is interested then give him a call.

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The response to this has been to say the least disappointing. I have at the moment 18 confirmed and 8 tentative bookings but only FOUR are club members and half of the number is one party. While I have no problem with friends and family joining us, in fact welcome their involvement, it is supposed to be a **CLUB holiday**. With only 4 members involved we are effectively acting as an agent taking all the risk for no reward. We therefore think that the whole thing needs a rethink.

So unless I receive a flood of bookings from **members** on Monday the club will not proceed with this booking. Those that were interested can however still go, either as a group on the dates previously discussed (24th – 29th September 2006) or as smaller parties on dates to suit you. I will provide you with the Tour Company contact details so that you can book direct – the cost should be the same.

Show Tanks

I heard from Jan Smith the other day. She and Bill are well but are more involved with their other interests just now. They have about 40 purpose built show tanks to dispose of, the type with raised bottoms and with lids. They come in sets of 8 or 10 that fit into poly boxes for travelling. If anyone is interested give her a call (ask me for the number).

Fry Rearing - Cherry Barbs

Advance notice: We want to see your Cherry barbs at the September meeting



The SUPREME FESTIVAL OF FISHKEEPING

14th - 16th October 2005

This weekend event, a combination of serious fish keeping and light-hearted socialising, has proved so popular both with resident aquarists and trade exhibitors that a larger venue has had to be found for the 2005 event. It has moved from Bracklesham Bay to the nearby

MILL RYTHE HOLIDAY VILLAGE

Enquiries and residential bookings: [Grace Nethersell on 0208 847 3586](tel:02088473586)



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