



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

September 2005

September Meeting – Monday the 12th

Last month **Ray Downer** presented the Judges report on the 2005 Pond Competition with slides and video and its clear to me that video is by far the better way to present this competition. Ray even had video of the competition of 1988 where one of the leading entries was also in the 2005 competition. It was a good evening despite the few hitches with equipment.



In case you missed it the results were:

- **First** **Ken Wrightson**
- **Second** **Mike Brill**
- **Third** **Gino Dallanegra**
- **Fourth** **Rab Dingwall**

A few photos have been posted on the website

This month – A Review Aquarama 2005 by Dick Mills

Dick has been on his travels again and brings us a further report on the latest trade exhibition in Singapore. Last time one of the innovations was rainbow coloured goldfish; lets hope that the trade has lifted itself out of that gimmicky gutter and is concentrating on preserving the natural forms with a bit more vigour (but then what is natural for a goldfish – bubble eyed celestials it certainly aint.)

Outings

Unfortunately the visit to Wade Exotics had to be cancelled at the eleventh hour. We did try to contact everybody and would offer our apologies to anyone we failed to reach but the incident does show why the Committee need your contact details – even if you don't want them published on the member contact list. A small minority of members have still not returned their contact forms (despite a number of reminders).

Shotgate Aquatics, Swallow Aquatics and Wickford Aquatics – Sunday 4th September

Your newsletter is a bit earlier this month because we wanted to remind you of the visits to the above retail outlets. We are travelling by car and are meeting at Shotgate Koi at 10:30a.m. Shotgate is in Summerhill Nurseries on the A127 about 2 miles past the Halfway House on the way to Southend. If you need a lift or you don't know where that is give me a call (number at foot of page).

Musical Hall Evening – February 2006

Arrangements have not yet been confirmed (school on holiday) but the date is hoped to be Friday the 17th or 24th February. Tickets will be £10.00, which includes a charitable donation and supper.

No time for more this month. See you on Monday the **12th**, **Rab**

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