



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

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May Meeting – Monday 8th

Another month of disappointments. Our speaker on DISCUS cancelled at the eleventh hour and then the DVDs decided that they didn't want to play. There were however some bright spots with Mike entertaining us during the breakdowns with his personal anecdotes. The speaker for May has confirmed that he will be attending. Gary Hillier from the British Koi Keepers Society will be talking to us about, not surprisingly, Koi.



Gary is a well known speaker and comes on the recommendation of Bob Esson of the FBAS

The Old Tyme Saga

I am pleased to report that the School very promptly refunded all our expenses for the failed event and also provided a donation of £100 for the player's charity. Ray has managed to arrange a new date with the player's and as soon as the School returns from its easter break I will book the hall for October the 14th. Roger has refunded most of the ticket monies but if you haven't had yours yet see him on Monday. Thanks again to Ray and Roger for their efforts in organizing the event. The fault was entirely the School

Annual Dinner

The committee has an idea or two for the dinner, which will be in November, but it is your club and we would appreciate a few suggestions of venues.

Yes it is your club and your annual opportunity to censure or praise your committee comes up in June at the **AGM**. A few rule changes are being proposed.

That the Chair reverts to a single holder rather than joint

That we appoint a Deputy Chair

That Mike Shadrack be awarded an Honorary Vice Presidency

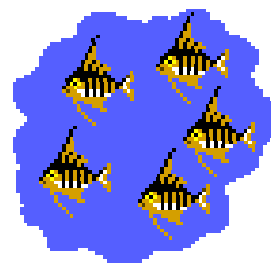
Your election of officers forms are enclosed. Please return them to a member of the committee at the May meeting or by post to arrive no later than the 15th of May

Ken Wrightson writes...



In January 2002 I began keeping a record of our Club's Breeding Achievements. To date (February 2006), members have had 161 breeding successes!!!

We have had four winners, Derek Mills, Jim Humphries, myself, and the winner for 2005 Dudley Turner.



We have had winners in both Coldwater and Freshwater Tropical categories, which is a very diverse mix. Just some of the species bred have been Livebearers, Characins, Barbs, Labyrinths, Catfish, Cichlids, Dwarf Cichlids, Killifish, Danios, Rainbows plus, of course, various varieties of Coldwater species. Dudley



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successfully bred Dorsalled Pom-Poms, Pumpkin Seed Bass, Bubble Eyes and Ranchu.

We have tried to encourage as many of you as we can to “have a go” and try to breed a few fish. Believe me it will open up the hobby for you and give you a great sense of achievement.

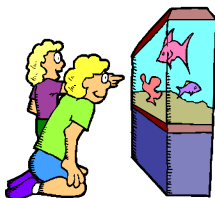
Aside from the total of 161 successful spawnings there are, of course, plenty of cases where our fishes have not spawned and there lies the challenge to condition our fish and induce them to breed. Just let me know when you have bred fish and I’ll enter it into the Club Breeding Record Book.

Congratulations to Dudley a well deserved winner for 2005.

The committee would like to thank Dudley for his offer to take on the Club Shop duties but as it happens Barry will be able to carry on after all. We are however grateful for the offer and for the good service Dudley provides in the supply of frozen Bloodworm every month (must be good for conditioning fish for breeding!)

The Home Aquarium Competition

There were Over 20 entries in this year’s home aquarium competition and the first round judges had a very difficult job reducing the numbers for the final In doing so a number of commendable tanks had to miss out on the final but you may hear more of one of those later because there is also the nomination for “most improved” (so it will be one that has been entered before). The finalists should all have been advised by Cliff that a new set of Judges will be returning on Sunday the 7th of May – day before our meeting – to make the final decisions.



I will be with them taking the pictures but I may have to borrow a camera because I have just today smashed mine on a Welsh hillside. I write this sitting on a riverbank watching my son trying to drown himself and calling it sport.

Pond competition?

It would be nice to have a similar effort (entries not cameracide) for the Pond competition on Sunday the 18th of June. Call Cliff with your entry. If there are enough entries a final will take place a week or two later.

See you on Monday

Rab

No Library this month. Brian is on holiday

