



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

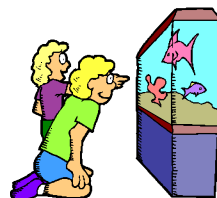
June Meeting – Monday 12th

This month is the **Annual General Meeting**. Not the most exciting programme topic but the old hands will know that we usually get through the business fairly quickly leaving plenty time for questions and usually time for a short slide show after the tea break.



Last month we finally got our talk on KOI thanks to Gary Hillier stepping in when the previously booked speaker cancelled. Some excellent photos and some very interesting stories of how they do things in Japan.

After the AGM business, which will be chaired by Ray Downer, Mike Brill will give a review of this year's Home Aquarium Competition. There were a record number of entries this year so they were split into two geographical groups and two teams of judges picked the best from each group for the final. As one of the judges in the first round I can tell you that there were quite a few very good aquariums that didn't make it to the final but which show excellent prospects of getting there in future years. Unfortunately as we only have half an evening the review will be just of the tanks in the final. We know the result but for a bit of fun there will be a number of 10 x 8 photos around the hall for you to look at and vote on in the tea break. Lets see if you agree with the judges.



I can't show you the aquariums yet so here are some of the fish we saw:



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Future Meetings

Most of you will be aware that Roger has had a few problems with speakers lately. This is no reflection on Roger, who is doing a difficult job very well, but one of the symptoms of how scarce good speakers are nowadays. They used to be two a penny but now they are much thinner on the ground (and a darned sight more expensive). The upshot is that the programme for the next few months will have to be advised to you on a month-by-month basis till we get the gaps filled.

While we are talking about good speakers, Bob Schofield, one of our newer members who is also Social Secretary for Dunstable & District A.S. advises me that Mary Bailey from the BCA will be attending the Dunstable and District Aquarist Society on Wednesday the 14th June to give a talk on Large Cichlids. They are throwing this talk open to other societies so if you are interested in Cichlids and would like to attend please can you let them Bob know – he should be at our meeting on Monday.

Pond Competition

The 2006 competition is set for the **18th June**; the Sunday after this meeting so if you want to enter you had best get your name in on Monday. See Cliff Tayler.

While trying to tidy up my pond the other day I spotted a few red damsels, usually I only get visited by blues. I tried to get a few photos but none were as good as this one taken by Leevan, a moderator on the Tiscali Forums. I had to settle for a much less artistic one of the old blues.



Photo courtesy of Leevan



See you on Monday

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