



# Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

**Next  
Meeting  
12th Nov**

## **Last MONTH**

A busy month for some as we had our annual auction and a few dedicated members made their way down to Hayling Island for the Festival of Fishkeeping extravaganza. The auction raised £151.50 for club funds and thanks should go to:

Ken Wrightson for his stint as auctioneer  
Cliff Tayler and Roger Saltrick for collecting stock from Feoff Wade's  
Geoff Wade for providing said stock  
The runners, David Stock and Keith Winch  
Don Taylor for assisting me  
And all those who brought items for sale

**Hayling Island** ... was an especially good venture for Iford  
Our Chairman, Ken Wrightson, provided the attached report on the show.

## **This month – Geoff Wade on his “Diving Experiences”**

Geoff is one of our Honorary Vice Presidents and as well as running a successful exotic fish importing business has been diving as a hobby for many years. Should be very interesting. Geoff will also present the cards for the 2007 Pond Competition.

## **Club Dinner – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

Ray Downer is back from his travels and will be taking names for the dinner at Monday's meeting. Numbers are limited so if you want to go we need your name this month. Cost £25 per head (includes a bottle of wine per couple)

## **Holland April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008**

Don is still trying to compile a list of interested parties. We appreciate that you may not wish to put your name down until you know the cost so Don will have a price based on 30 travellers on Monday.

## **Pond Clearance**

Patrick Goveas, once a member, is moving house and has to clear his ponds. As I remember he had two very nice ponds with some very good plants and fish. Call him on ##### (deleted for web copy).

## **Rose Stannard**

I was sadly advised that Rose passed away on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. Her funeral was last week and was attended by a number of our members. Rose was a very keen fish keeper and breeder and has already been missed in the years that ill health has prevented her from attending our meetings. RIP



## **The Festival of Fishkeeping – Hayling Island 2007**

Our Society was well represented at the Mill Rythe Holiday Centre, which was the venue for the latest festival.

The following members attended: Dave & Sharon Stock, Roger Saltrick, Clive & Jackie Stott, Cliff & Dorothy Tayler, Shirley Cirsch, Pat Slater, Jan & Mario German, Ken & Brenda Wrightson.

Our Club met with great success in the Furnished Aquaria class thanks to the efforts of Cliff Tayler, assisted by Roger Saltrick – we won and the FBAS President presented Cliff with a Shield. We should like to thank Geoff Wade, of Wade Exotics and Kelvin Holt of Fishy Friends who supplied some lovely plants. Thanks also to Rab Dingwall who produced name badges and posters to advertise our Society.

Cliff's success continued on Saturday evening when he won a Fluval 305 external filter and then won a large bucket of New Era fish food in the excellent raffle. Each evening before the entertainment began they held a half hour bingo session. Jackie Stott won £51 on Friday and Shirley Cirsch won £66 on Saturday. The gentlemen disappeared into the lounge for a beer or three.

The Festival was perhaps the best yet with a much better layout and some varied stands selling fish, plants, foods, and equipment etc. plus some demonstrations of the latest technology in the hobby. There was something for everyone with stands selling Bonsai, Jewellery, Fluffy toys, and ornaments all of which interested our lady companions. Most of us bought something or other. Dave Stock bought a super duper RO unit and I bought 6 lovely fish from Discus South.

Over the Saturday and Sunday there were seven short lectures by leading speakers on various subjects like Fish foods, Fish disease, Catfish, and Discus for those that wished to attend – at no extra cost whatsoever.

It was nice to meet up with old friends and enjoy a “fishy” chat. Roger was busy arranging future speakers for our 2008 programme. Our good friends from Hounslow Society were there in force and were I believe involved in the setting up and organisation of the Festival – well done to them!!!

There were plenty of fish to be seen; Catfish, Livebearers, Killies, Anabantids, Discus, Goldfish and many others. The FBAS hold the “Champion of Champions” competition on Saturday together with the GSGB competitions. It was a pity that the FBAS Tropical competitions were held on the Sunday as those of us who were leaving that day didn't get much time to inspect the entries. We would respectfully suggest that perhaps this could be looked into as many of the presentations took place on the Sunday when many people had already left for home.

Summing up ... A good weekend with good company, some lovely fish and a few drinks to celebrate our success.. Not bad eh!

**Ken Wrightson**

See you all on Monday

**Rab**