



Ilford & District Aquarist & Pondkeepers Society

**Next
Meeting
11th February**

Last MONTH

Was supposed to be Bill Rundle from Plymouth speaking on his fish keeping experiences but unfortunately Bill was unable to make it up to the big smoke – he even missed his place at our annual dinner. Instead we made do with a few “home movies” and a very interesting chat from Ray Downer on his new Marine set up. At short notice Ray did very well. We’ll try to get Bill later in the year. In the meantime...

This month – Ken Wrightson – Popular fish in the Fish house

Few people have the opportunity to dedicate a room, shed or part of a garage to keeping fish but Ken has done so and it’s one of the tidiest and most organised I’ve seen. Having had a fish house myself I know how difficult it is to keep it orderly. The big advantage is lots of tank space but what do you put in the tanks? There are so many fish types to choose from – where do you start?

Future meetings

Roger has arranged talks through to June but I have not had time to print a new program so here is what lies ahead

March Dick Mills on Aquarama 2007
April Mark Evenden on Discus
May Gary Steptoe on Cichlids (African I think)
June AGM

Pond and Home Aquarium Competitions - 2008

The first round of the Pond competition will be on the 1st of June

The second round (if we need one) will be on the 29th

The Home Aquarium competition is being put back from its usual spot in April to September – date to be announced (I have no idea why, I missed the committee meeting)

Quiz Night – March 15th

The Quiz, at Wanstead cricket Club will cost £8.00 per head and Ray needs your numbers and cash at the February meeting so that we can organise the food – usual fare Chicken / fish and chips. Please advise Ray of your preference when booking your places. If at all possible we would like to see tables of 8 so that everyone gets an even chance so we will be looking to put small groups together and would ask that larger groups be prepared to split up if need be, though we won’t be too rigid about it – its for fun and fundraising after all.

Library Aquarium

Ted Liddle, who does a great job maintaining the aquarium in the Central Library on our behalf has been looking for more fish lately. We have purchased some – and will be passing the hat round to cover the cost – but a few more wouldn’t go amiss. If you have anything *suitable* then have a word with Ted.



Last month also saw our annual dinner take place on the 12th with 40 members and friends attending. Below there a few pictures taken at the event and a few words from our President, Len Smith, who was presented with a crystal rose bowl to mark his entry into his tenth decade; he was 90 years young on February the 8th and has been a member of Ilford for over 50 years.



I would like to thank all members and friends of the society for the magnificent gift of a crystal bowl on the occasion of my 90th birthday, presented by the chairman at the club dinner on the 12th of January 2008.

Your support over the years has been much appreciated and it is hoped that with your continued backing the **Iford and District Aquarists and Pondkeepers Society** will continue to flourish for a long time to come.



Len Smith, President

Happy Birthday
Len

See you all on Monday

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