

# Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

## This Month



Shsssss don't tell anybody otherwise nobody will turn up!! There's nothing to be frightened about as all the Committee are standing again. But please feel free to put your name forward if you would like to join the Committee of merry Men and Women?

Part of the first half will be taken up with AGM business, then there will be a club activity! (Steady on) This will take the form of a short talk on what to look for when judging a fish, (nothing too technical).

After the refreshments everybody will be given a judging sheet, and at the back of the hall there will be ten fish for you to judge. This is just a chance for you to have a go at judging and to see how your marking compares to that of the judge. It's not a test so enjoy having a go.

If you go to the clubs web site [www.ilfordaquarists.co.uk](http://www.ilfordaquarists.co.uk) and click on articles you will find an article called Showing Fish - An Introduction written by our very own Rab.

**Please could you bring a pen with you?**

## Polo Shirts



The polo shirts are in and ready for you to pick up at this meeting.

Thanks goes to Kevin for taking the time to find a supplier, bringing samples for members to see and try on (I did see a few members who shall remain anonymous, who thought they could get into large size) and for organizing the whole thing.

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

## Next Month

### Ian Fuller Breeding Catfish



I am sure you remember the great talk Ian gave us last year on Cory's. Well the talk Ian will be giving this time will be on breeding catfish, not just Cory's but a variety of different catfish.

## Pond Competition

### 28<sup>th</sup> June



The Clubs Pond Competition is fast looming on the horizon; in fact it is at the end of this month (June).

If you would like to enter your pond please give your name to Dave Stock at this meeting. This will be your last chance to enter this year's competition.

## New Member

We would like to welcome a new member to the Club.

Angela Byer is interested in Tropical and Coldwater fish. We hope you enjoy being a member of the Ilford Club.

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## 75 Years

This year is our 75<sup>th</sup> year and as mentioned before in the newsletter we are organizing a couple of events to mark this landmark in the Clubs history.

Later in the year (24<sup>th</sup> October) there will be a Club dinner, venue to be decided. More info nearer the time.

But on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 3.00pm onwards** Mike and Joy Brill have kindly opened their garden for us to have a Club picnic. This will also give you the opportunity to see Mike's pond in the flesh so to speak instead of in photographs.

Mike and Joy have said they can provide table and chairs, and not only that but are also going to lay on tea, coffee and cold drinks for us as well.

Mike and Joy live in Abbess Roding in Essex. Next month's Newsletter will have a map of how to get there as well as post code and telephone number.



Mike does need to know how many people are coming, so if you are going please could you give your name to Mike. Sorry about the picture Mike I'll try to find a better one next month!

## A Fishy Tale



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Last year when we went to see Carole's dad (Albert) we found he had bought a fish tank, along with 3 small shubunkins. This is a photo of Albert's tank which is a Tetra AquaArt aquarium holding about 30

Earlier this year the shubunkins got too big for the tank so I said I would put them in my pond. Albert thought he would like if possible a few small hardy tropical's (no heater in the tank but the house is kept warm).

After cleaning out the tank and setting it up, allowing the tank time to settle down we went to the shop and purchased 6 White Cloud Mountain Minnows. These settled in well and a few weeks later we bought another 6 Minnows and 3 Bronze Cory's.

Albert looked after his tank and did small water changes every week. Well Albert must have been doing something right as the Cory's kept laying eggs on the glass.

A few months ago we went round to see him, he said to me "come and have a look at this" and in the bottom of the tank was a small bronze Cory about an inch in length. Somehow this fish had survived not being eaten by the other fish and not being fed on brine shrimp or any other fry food. I know it was only one Cory but Albert was over the moon with it. This just goes to show you that age (Albert's 84) and tank size are no obstacle in this hobby of ours!



Just a couple of things to mention.

Thanks goes to Clive and Jackie Stott for donating a case of wine to the Club.

Subs won't be able to be paid at this meeting as Rab will be on holiday in Norway (it's a bit worrying when the treasurer keeps going away on holiday isn't it). You can pay at the July meeting.

*See you all on Monday*

*Barry*

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