

# Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

## Last Month

### Dick Mills – Aquarama 2009



Dick gave his usual excellent talk - this time on Aquarama 2009, the 11<sup>th</sup>

International Ornamental Fish and Accessories Exhibition (that's a mouthful isn't it) in Singapore.

Dick was invited to judge the guppy classes along with several other judges, and explained how it differed from judging a FBAS shows.

He said the Betta class was huge with over 500 entries, which is more than most open shows here get for all their classes.



There was a selection of furnished tanks on show. The marine ones were ok but I was disappointed with the standard of the freshwater ones. (But there again you should see the state of my tank). Another large class was the goldfish



class, with all their different shapes

and sizes. (As you can see from the photo).

There was one tank that was attracting a lot of attention and that was a tank that contained marine fish, tropical fish and goldfish, yes all in the same tank. This was achieved by adding some chemical elements to tap water; I think it

## Next Meeting

# Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

was called magic water or something similar. (What will they think of next?).

The next Aquarama will be held in 2011. I am sure Dick will attend, I can feel another talk coming on.

## This Month

### Christmas Cheer



In the first half of our Christmas meeting we will be announcing the winners of the pond and home aquarium competitions, along with photographs and judges comments. The cups and cards will be given out at the January meeting.

The second half will be more of a social event. This will give everybody a chance to have a natter and maybe talking about the things they are hoping to find in their Christmas stocking?

All refreshments on the night are free, Rab is supplying the tea and coffee, Len is bringing the mince pies and maybe the sausage rolls and the club is doing the nibbles. There will be a selection of crisps, peanuts, sausage rolls, mince pies etc, for you to nibble at, along with tea and coffee to wash it down.

The raffle prizes will be two food hampers, paid for by the committee and made by Cliff and a fruit hamper kindly donated by Yvonne and Dave Hunt. I'm sure it will be an enjoyable evening and a nice way to round off the year.

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner



The committee would like to thank members for the positive feedback about the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner.

A special thank you goes to Mike Brill and Mike Shadrack who sent letters saying how much they enjoyed it and how well organised it was. They suggested that the venue should be used for future Club dinners, providing the management stays the same.

With the success of this dinner the committee hopes it will encourage members to come to future Club dinners. We will have to see?

## New Member



No not a snowman but Alfred Crosby.

Alf (hope you don't mind me calling you Alf) lives in Barkingside and is interested in Tropical and Coldwater fish and Ponds. Welcome to our Club Alf we hope you enjoy the meetings we have lined up for next year.

## Trophies



Ken has asked me to remind members who won trophies last year, that they need to be **handed back at the December Meeting.**



This is to give Mike time to get this year's winners names engraved on the trophies in time for the January meeting when they will be presented to the winners.



P.S. If you get them ready now you won't forget to bring them, hopefully!

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## Next Month

The winners and runners up of our competitions will be presented with their trophies and cards.



The speaker will be Alexis (sorry haven't got his surname) who is from the German company JBL Aquarium Products and he will be talking on plants and food. More information on this in next month's Newsletter.

## Some snippets



Roger has been busy getting speakers for next year and he has lined up a good selection so far. These include talks on Fancy Goldfish, Discus, Furnished Aquaria, along with speakers that include Mike Brill and Ian Fuller and of course there is the Club auction. So lots to look forward to next year. Well done Roger.

The Committee are trying to organise a Quiz night, the provisional date is the 13<sup>th</sup> March. Put the date in your new diary. More info nearer the time.



The committee would like to wish all members and their families a very

Happy Christmas & New Year

*Merry Christmas*

See you all on

Monday Barry



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