

Iford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Thick Lip Gouramis



This meeting should have been on Fancy Goldfish, but the post let us down and the confirmation for the talk never reached Andy Green.

Apologies to members but these things happen sometimes, we hope Andy will be giving us his talk at the July meeting (fingers crossed).

Thanks goes to Mike for stepping in at the last moment to give us a talk. Mike chose to talk on the Thick Lip Gourami, and went through all the different stages of looking after them, breeding them and rearing the fry. Mike said that he thought this was one of the more easier Gouramis to breed, so why not give them a go?



Also at the meeting we presented the Trophies and cards to the winners of the Club competitions.

Mike and Ken did the honours as Len our President was unable to attend as he was celebrating his 92nd Birthday with his family. Congratulations Len from all at the Club.



I didn't get photos of every winner, but here is Kevin receiving the Breeders Cup (Oops sorry it's only the back view Kevin, I was standing in the wrong place).



Cliff and Keith joint winners of the Fry Growing Competition, receiving their Trophy.



I wonder who won the toss to have the cup for the first six months?

Next Meeting

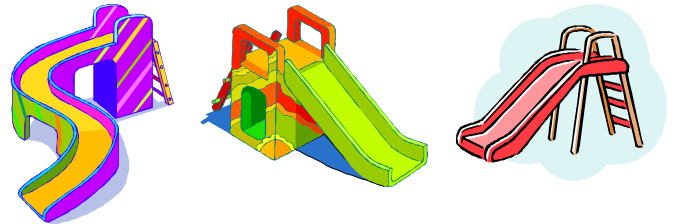
Monday 8th March

Here are the winners of the trophies:

Pond Competition	Mike Brill
Home Aquaria	Ken Wrightson
Breeders Cup	Kevin Browse
Fry Growing	Keith Winch & Cliff Tayler

This Month

A Selection of Slides



No (not that type of slide) but a selection of slides on fishkeeping, taken by Jim Humphries.

Jim has been a member of our Society for many years, and he is what Ken would call a "proper fishkeeper". Jim has a fish house/room/garage (not sure which) and breeds a lot of different fish. I think I am right in saying that Jim has previously won the Breeders Cup.

The slides will be on fish, breeding set ups and many other things. Jim will be ably assisted (I use that term loosely) by Ken.

I'm sure it will be an interesting evening, Fishkeepers talking about their favourite subject, one not to miss. No pressure there then.

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Thanks

The Club have had some donations recently, and as this helps with the day to day running of the Club (don't forget it costs ninety pounds to hire the hall for each meeting) I think it's only fair to give them a mention.



Kelvin of Fishy Friends in Basildon (don't forget to pop in, there is always a good selection of fish and plants to see) often makes donations to the Club. This time it is a 2kg bucket of Aquarian tropical food for the shop.

Although Roger is unable to go to the Quiz Night (owing to other commitments) he has donated some money towards raffle prizes.



I got a very nice letter from Vic Price, who wrote;

Thank you for your continuing copies of the monthly bulletins, which I read with interest. My son and daughter both keep tropical fish which keeps my interest in the hobby alive.

Congratulations to all on the Clubs continuing success.

I enclose a donation to help it to carry on.

Then there is Yvonne and Dave who bring extra prizes for the raffle.

Then of course there is all the Committee, who give up their time to make the Club run as smoothly as possible, from the Club shop to making the tea at meetings, to organising events. Thanks to all.



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Woodford Aquatics – Shop Visit



Thursday 25th March

Colin of Woodford Aquatics is kindly opening his shop for Ilford members on

Thursday evening the 25th March from 7.30pm.

It would be nice if we could have a good turnout for this visit as Colin supports our Club in many ways.

Colin has a good selection of tropical & coldwater fish, as well as plants, tanks and equipment.

You don't have to feel obliged to buy anything, just come and have a look around. If you do decide to buy, Colin is giving members a 10% discount on all purchases as well as providing tea & coffee for all, what more can you want.

Woodford Aquatics can be found at:

115/117 Maybank Road, London. E18 1EJ.

Phone 020 8505 6444

The shop is near Charlie Browns roundabout so it's quite handy for a lot of our members.

Rather than sitting indoors watching the telly why not come along, look at some fish and chat with other members.



I hope you didn't forget to bring your nibbles to the Quiz Night.

Don't forget sub's are due in April, there is no increase in fees.

If you can, try to get to Woodford Aquatics, it should be a good evening.

See you all Monday Barry

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