

Iford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

South American Cichlids

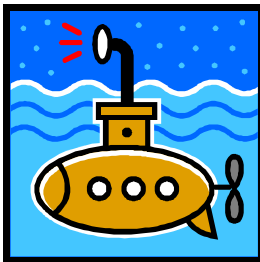


Jim gave an interesting talk on South American Cichlids, like this Red Striped Belly Severum.

(Picture courtesy of Fishy Friends).

There were all shapes and sizes, some aggressive and some placid, some cute and some ugly (and I'm not just talking about the fish). There certainly is a large selection of Cichlids to choose from, although most were too big for my tank. Thanks to Jim for standing in at the last minute to give this talk.

Subs



This is the time of year when it is time to dig deep into those pockets and purses yes! Subs are due this month (April), the fees are the same as last year, Single £18.00 and

Family £25.00.

With this Newsletter there is also a form which shows your address and telephone number and Email address if given. This is needed so your Newsletter gets to you and that a member of the Committee can contact you if a meeting is cancelled at short notice (as happened in January). Could you please check that the details on your form are correct, amending any detail that are not. **This is for the use of the Committee only.**

The Committee thought it might be a good idea if we also compiled a members directory that could be distribute to all members.

Next Meeting

Monday 12th April

At the bottom of the form there are three questions for you to answer. This is for information you may or may not want included in a member's directory.

Please could you return this form to Rab when renewing your subs in April. Thank you.

This Month

Paul Green – Ranchus



This month's talk was going to be given by Alexis from JBL, but apparently he's resigned his position and has returned to France.

Paul Green, who is a member of the Goldfish Society of Great Britain has stepped in and is giving us a talk on Ranchus, their history and breeding.

In Japan the Ranchu is regarded as the king of goldfish, and can change hands for large sums of money.



Hopefully Paul will let us into some of the secrets of looking after and breeding the Ranchu.

Even if coldwater is not your thing I'm sure this will be an interesting talk and it's always good to see what other hobbyists are doing in this vast subject of fish keeping. Who knows you might be tempted to have a go at keeping these quite elegant fish.

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Quiz Night



Thanks to everybody who supported the Quiz night and to all who helped to set up and put away all the tables and chairs.

But a special thank you to Brian Lowe for getting the venue for us, (I think that's why we let his table win by such a big margin) only joking, I hope everybody enjoyed the evening. I'm pleased to say the Club raised £311 on the night. Sorry there are no photos, in the excitement I forgot to take my camera!

Pond Competition

July 18th



Now is the time of year to start thinking about entering your pond in the Club pond competition. Here is a picture

of last year's winning pond (Mike Brill).

Hopefully we will start to have some sunny days, when we can get out in the garden and get the pond ready for the coming season. Don't think your pond is too big or too small to enter. This is just a reminder to put the date in your diary, more information nearer the time.

Library



The Club has an extensive library of books on all aspects of the aquatic hobby. In fact we have about 125 books and new ones are being added all the

time. A big thank you goes to Christine & Brian

for running the library so well. As you can appreciate there are a lot of books to fetch down every meeting, so they only bring a small selection every month, but if there is a particular book you want, ask them and if we have it in the library they will always fetch it down for you at the next meeting.

Club visit to Woodford Aquatics



It was good to see so many members make the effort to support this evening, some even used public transport to

get there.

Colin and his staff made us all welcome as well as supplying us with sausage rolls, cakes, tea and coffee.



There seemed to be plenty of fish and plants going in bags so thanks to the members for supporting the evening and to

Colin for opening his shop to the Ilford Club.



To come to the meeting.

To look at the library books.

To buy your supplies from the Club Shop.

See you all Monday Barry