Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Paul Green - Ranchus

Last month Paul gave us a talk on Ranchus and although it was quite interesting I felt we needed more pictures of the fish and not so much on the Ranchu brotherhood. (My opinion only).

In Japan these fish are held in high esteem and Paul showed a picture of a Ranchu that sold for 3 million Yen (£20,000 in our money).

It would have been nice to see more pictures of fish house set ups, the best ways to breed the fish and rear the fry or even more pictures of fish (hence the pictures at the top of page).Thanks to Paul for stepping in at the last moment to give us this talk.

This Month

Andrew Smit– Anabantoids

Anabantoids are labyrinth or air breathing fish to you and me, so fish from Gouramis to fighters and many more in-between. Andrew has been keeping and breeding these fish for many years and is also a member of the Anabantoid Society of Great Britain. This

should be an excellent talk as Andrew has a wealth of experience with this family of fishes, which include bubble nest builders and mouth brooders. Maybe after this talk you may want to have a go keeping them, as many are OK to keep in the community tank.

Next Meeting

Monday 10th May

Election Of Officers

Next month is the A.G.M. but don't tell anyone as nobody will turn up. In this Newsletter I have included the Election of Officers form, just in case somebody would like to come on to the Committee.

Please ensure that anyone you nominate for these positions is willing to stand.

The forms must be handed in at the **MAY** meeting or by post or e-mail, (see bottom of election form).

Roger is standing down as the Minutes Secretary in the near future but is staying on as the Programme Secretary.

Janet has volunteered to be Minute Sec unless another member would like to do it.

New Members

No not Posh and Becks but Linda and Roland Seymour. A warm welcome to you both from the Ilford Society. We hope you find the meetings helpful and interesting. Their main interests are Coldwater fish and Ponds.

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Pond Competition

18th July

I know July seems a long way off, but now is the time to think about getting your pond ready to enter the Club Pond Competition.

Don't think your pond is too big or too small to enter, or that it is not good enough, if you don't enter you can't win. So have a think about it then give your name to Dave Stock our Show Sec.

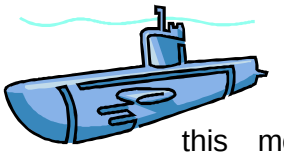
Some Snippets of Information

Just some things that only need a line or two.

Thanks to Angela (who's Birthday was later in the month) for supplying us with loads of cakes to have with our tea and coffee. Happy Birthday Angela from everyone at the club.

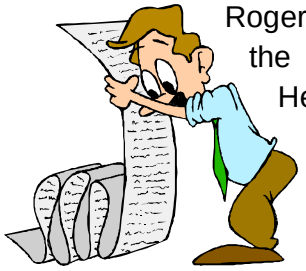
Thanks to the girls (I use that term loosely) for making the tea and coffee and washing up. Just a reminder to members that the price has remained the same for many years. Not bad is it a cup of tea or coffee plus a biscuit or two for only 50p?

The good news is Ray has managed to book the magicians for another magic night. Anyone who came to the last one will know how good it was. Bad news is it's not till next year. I thought I would give you plenty of notice, so there is no excuse not to come. The date for your diary is the **14th May 2011.**



Don't forget if you haven't paid your subs yet, you can still do it at this meeting. Rab is always eager to take your money and please try to remember to fill in and return the form as well. Thank you.

Just to let you know that at the July meeting there will be some discus for sale. But please remember these fish are for the more experienced fish keeper and are not suitable for the majority of community aquariums.



Roger has been busy organising the speakers for this year. Here is the list so far. Roger is still working on the October Meeting.

Well done Roger

June – A.G.M. (have I said it quiet enough?) Plus a talk.

July – Mick Minns on Discus

August – Andy Green of Star Fisheries on Fancy Goldfish.

September – Club Auction

November – Peter Anderson on Aquascaping an aquarium.

See you all on Monday

Barry

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