

# Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

## Last Month

### A.G.M. & Mr W. Wildgoose



The election of officers took a little longer than I said, but after all the relevant committee Officers had given their reports it was about an hour and your Committee is as follows.

Chairperson	Ken Wrightson
Deputy Chair	Ray Downer
Treasurer	Rab Dingwall
General Secretary	Janet German
Membership Secretary	Keith Winch
Minutes Secretary	Janet German
Programme Secretary	Roger Saltrick
Show Secretary	David Stock
Bulletin Secretary	Barry Brown
Public Relation Officer	Ray Downer
Shop Manager	Cliff Tayler
Assistant Shop Manager	Ray Downer
Committee Members	Shirley Cirsch
	Kevin Browse
	Ken Bishop

### Non Committee Positions

Library	Brian & Christine Waters
Scrutineers	Mike Brill
	Mario German

## Next Meeting

# Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July

For the second half of the meeting Roger managed to get Mr William Wildgoose, a vet whose surgery is in Leyton and who has a special interest in all things fishy. Mr Wildgoose spoke on the buoyancy or lack of it in fish. Yes this was a talk on swim bladders, and a very interesting talk it was.



The presentation was excellent with photos of the sick fish, the x-ray and finely the post-mortem.

Some interesting facts emerged from this talk, apart from some members pulling funny faces at some of the photos. It would appear that swim bladder problems are rarely cured even with the aid of antibiotics, and in a lot of cases it can be caused by something else being wrong with the fish.



Something that surprised me was that the cases of swim bladder problems were fairly equal between the common goldfish and the fancy.

If you didn't come to the meeting because it was the AGM then you missed a very good talk. Thanks again to Mr Wildgoose.

## This Month

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## Mick Minns – Discus



This month we have Mick Minns talking about Discus - the looking after, feeding and breeding of these elegant fish. Mick is a well known breeder and supplier of discus in the Essex area and his knowledge is second to none. So if you want to know anything about this fish Mick is the man to ask. He will be fetching some discus to the club, some for show and some that can be purchased, but I don't know what varieties or their prices.

## Pond Competition

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July



This meeting will be your last chance to enter this year's pond competition.

I am sure with all this sunny weather we have been having lately your ponds are looking great, or has the algae and blanket weed taken over? Never mind, you've still got time to get it ready. Names to Dave Stock please.

## Some Thank you's

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It's hard to single out people to thank, as you always forget to mention somebody. We hope members realise that a lot of things go on in the background to run the club.

A special thank you goes to Jim Humphries and Dick Barnetson.

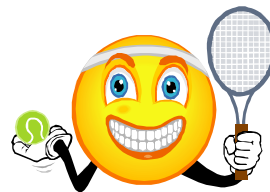
Jim looks after the tank in the children's ward at The Queens Hospital in Romford and Dick takes care of the tank in the Central Library in Ilford. Thank you for giving up your time to maintain these tanks, if you need to replenish any fish or plants I'm sure members would only be too pleased help.

We would also like to thank the pond and home aquarium judges for giving up their time to judge these competitions.



Just a reminder that the Home Aquaria Competition will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. Go on, enter! Names to Dave Stock please.

23<sup>rd</sup> October is the date for the clubs Quiz Night. Put the date in your diary, it's a good laugh and raises needed revenue for the club.



I won't be at this meeting as my youngest daughter is in her last term of primary school (where has that time gone) and there is a Year 6 leaver's service, so duty calls, but I'm sure it will be a good meeting, I shall look forward to hearing about it. I won't mention the England's footballers!

*See you at the August Meeting Barry*

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