

# Something Fishy

## The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society Last Month

### The Club Auction



This years auction was not as successful as previous ones, both in the amount of items for sale and the number of members attending. With this in mind the Committee have decided that the auction will now take place every other year, so the next one will be held in 2012.

Having said that we did raise £135 for the club but this was mainly due to members generously donating items to the club.

A big thanks goes to Geoff Wade for the donation of fish and plants and to Cliff and Jim for taking the time to get them.

Thanks also goes to Ken for trying to prise the money out of the members and to the runners Dave and Keith for collecting the money.

### This Month

#### Laurence Sykes – Marines

This month we have a talk on marines for all the salty members of the Club, and for those who



might be inspired to have a go. Laurence works for Swallow Aquatics and is a very knowledgeable aquarist. He will be telling us how to set up a marine tank that's not going to cost an arm and a leg.

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday 11th October**

### Quiz Night

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**



The Committee realise that some members are reluctant to attend quiz nights, but it is only a bit of fun (you won't come last - that's usually my table) and it does raise much needed money for the Club. (Don't forget it costs nearly £90 for each of the Club meetings at the Library).

**The Venue:** The Wanstead Cricket Club (the same as last time). The Wanstead Cricket Club is at the junction of Overton Drive, St Marys Avenue and Langley Drive and is down the unmarked road at this junction.

**Time:** 7.30pm for 8.00pm start.  
**Price:** £5.00 per head

Don't forget that it is a "bring your own eats and drinks" evening.

If possible we would like to see tables of 8. However, individuals, couples and smaller groups are very welcome as we would be looking to put smaller groups together.

**This meeting will be your last chance to book places.**

We need at least fifty brave souls for the evening to go ahead, so please book as I need another wooden spoon at home!

Names, numbers and monies to Ray please.

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## Home Aquaria Competition



The winners of this years Home Aquaria are.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Barnetson (Dick to you and me)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerry Smith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Keith Winch
- 4<sup>th</sup> Keith Winch

I haven't got this years photos yet, but this was Dick's winning tank in 2007. It will be interesting to see how or if the aquarium decor has changed that much in those three years. Well done Dick.

Thanks goes to all the members that took part and to the judges (who are still full up from all the tea and biscuits they were given) for giving up their time. Oh, and bye the way, Gerry I would try a twenty pound note next time?

## Next Month

### Peter Anderson – Furnished Aquaria

Peter will be sharing with us the things he has learnt over the years on setting up a furnished aquarium.



This should be a very interesting talk, even more so if you are thinking of setting up a new tank or revamping an old one.

## Club Dinner

### Royal Forest Hotel Chingford



The Club dinner has been discussed at Committee and providing the facilities and prices are ok, The Royal Forest Hotel will be the venue of the Club's annual dinner in Jan/Feb next year.

Some of the Committee are looking into it, more information as I get it.

## Photographic Competition

### December Meeting

We will be doing the usual things at the December meeting but the Committee thought it would be a good idea to do something different as well, hence the photo comp.



The only criteria is that **you** have got to have taken the picture and it must be **fish related**. Get your thinking caps on – it's nearly Christmas. More info next month.

Attached to this Newsletter is a form the Committee would like members to fill in. This is to help us see what fish members are keeping and to help us get the right balance of talks for the Clubs meetings. If you could fill in the form and hand it to any of the Committee that would be great.



*See you all Monday Barry*