

Something Fishy

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

Marines – Laurence Sykes



Laurence gave a good talk, if a little too technical in places for some people.

I was hoping for a little more down to earth approach to keeping marines. Going through all the setting up procedures explaining why you did this or that, how to look after the tank once it was set up etc,etc.



Maybe it's just me, but I think a talk with plenty of pictures of how a basic tank is set up might encourage more members to give it a go.

Having said that the presentation was excellent and it was good to see the members asking plenty of questions at the end.

This Month

Peter Anderson – Furnished Aquaria

I'm not sure if Peters talk will be a practical demonstration, with a tank and all the necessary bits of equipment, gravel, rocks, plants etc, or whether it will be a slide



Next Meeting
Monday 8th November

show presentation. Either way it should be an informative evening.



Hopefully it will give us some ideas that we can use in our tanks, maybe even to the standard of these pictures, well we can all dream can't we?

New Members



We have two new members who have joined us, although both have been members in the distant past.

We have Tommy Hai who is interested in coldwater fish and Martin Howells who has a fancy for tropicals, coldwater and ponds.

A warm welcome to both of you and we hope you enjoy being members of our society.

The Club Dinner



No news yet, but will update you when I have some information. The dinner is not due to take place until the early part of next year. Plenty of time for you to save up your pennies?

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The Christmas Meeting

I've refrained from putting anything to do with Christmas (I can't believe it's only next month, where has that year gone? I must be getting old? Don't answer that) in this month's Newsletter.

Apart from the usual things we do at the Christmas meeting, we have decided to hold a  Photographic Competition.

The Rules for entry are as follows:

Up to 3 prints per member. Any size (no slides)

The pictures must be of a fishy related subject, (It could be an individual fish, a shoal of fish, an aquarium, a pond, or something quirky. I will leave it to your imagination. Someone suggested a plate of fish and chips. Didn't they Shirley)

The pictures must have been taken by you (no getting pictures off the internet)

The pictures will be judge by all the members on the night (we ask that you don't vote for your own pictures)



The First prize will be a £5.00 voucher to be spent in the Club shop. (There may even be a trophy, but don't hold me to that, I'm not sure? Must pay more attention at Committee meetings)

So sort through those photo's or take some new ones. Please try to enter even if it's only one picture. Let's have a better turnout for this than we have for some of our other table shows? More info in next Month's Newsletter.

Some snippets of news



You may have noticed that the price of fish food has increased in the club shop. The reason being that over the last year to eighteen months the price we have had to pay has gone up by £16.00 a tub. Also remember that a new VAT rate comes into force in January.

At the December meeting there will a Sale of some of the Club Library's older books. More info next month.



Just an early reminder for your diary. The Magic night has been arranged for the 14th May 2011. If you went to the last one you will know how good they are.

Roger Saltrick wants to give up his position on the Committee, so we are looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Programme Secretary. Roger has the names and phone numbers of speakers and will give help and advice to the member that takes up the position. Roger will be standing down at the AGM; the new Programme Secretary will take over from then.



By the time you get this Newsletter Halloween will have gone and firework night will be upon us, Enjoy?



Pictures and news about the Quiz night next month. Please enter the Photo Comp and think about the Programme Sec's job.

See you all Monday Barry