

Something Fishy

The Newsletter of the Ilford & District Aquarists & Pondkeepers Society

Last Month

Dave Macallister



Dave gave a very interesting talk on livebearers.

He had plenty of pictures showing the rivers and streams in many different countries that he has caught fish in and the methods used to catch them.

It was interesting to hear and see how the fish were kept during the trip and how they were brought home.

A very good talk by a very knowledgeable aquarist.

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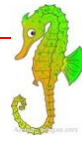
Sam Guillaume – Sea Horses



Roger has done really well again with the speaker he has got this month, Sam Guillaume.

Sam works at London Zoo, looking after and breeding sea horses among other things.

As you may or may not know sea horses are very difficult to breed in captivity, but Sam and her team seemed to have cracked it, and are having a lot of success.



Next Meeting
Monday 10th October

Sam's talk will be about how this was achieved. This should be another good talk, on an interesting subject.

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Garry Steptoe – Cichlids



I'm not sure what variety of Cichlids Garry will be talking on, or whether he will cover fish from all the groups, (Dwarf, Large, Malawi). We will have to wait and see.

Club Dinner

Friday 7th October



The Club dinner will go ahead as planned despite the lack of interest from the majority of members. I will let you know what you missed in next months Newsletter.

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Aquatics Live

19th – 20th November



LONDON OLYMPIA 19TH - 20TH NOVEMBER 2011

Fishkeepers are in for a treat this November as a new major aquatics exhibition is happening in the UK. Based at London's Olympia.

Aquatics Live 2011 is the first of its kind in the UK, combining expert seminars and live demonstrations with major manufacturers and leading British retailers.

Aquatics Live is holding the event in a well-known venue and bringing major visitor attractions for new and non-fishkeepers including sharks, crocodiles and live aquascaping demonstrations and competitions.

I'm not sure I can get there as my weekends are usually very busy but a few of committee are going.

The price of admission is £10.00 on the door or if you pre order on the internet they are £7.50.

Home Aquarium Competition



The competition was very close and the judges (Gerry Smith, Ken Bishop and Rab Dingwall) said the standard was very high and there was very little between the first three.

The winning order was:

- 1st Ken Wrightson
- 2nd Dick Barnetson
- 3rd Gerry Smith
- 4th Keith Winch

The picture (have not got this year's pictures yet) is Ken's tank taken a couple of years ago, so this year's one must be even better.

The best fish went to Jean Ackers for a Tuxedo Sword, (not a picture of Jean's fish but it is a Tuxedo Sword)



Best improved aquarium went to Gerry Smith.

The judges said that there were good fish in all the tanks, and they really enjoyed judging this year.

The Committee would like to thank the judges for giving up their Sunday to do the honours.



Just a couple of things from me.

The December meeting will also be the time to bring our Glowlights back for judging.

Mario is clearing out his pond, so see him at the meeting if you need some pond plants.

See you all Monday

Barry