

# KSWA Annual Show Review

## **Introduction:**

At a recent Committee Meeting a long discussion took place in regard to the ever increasing complexity of record keeping and running of our Annual Show. In addition, a number of members have indicated the need to combine the Novice and Open Sections. Some argue that real benefits can be achieved with more fish per class and additional flexibility if 'size classes' were introduced. This makes showing small fish fairer particularly for the newer members by eliminating a 30cms fish competing with a 60cms fish in the same class. Additional changes to the logistics, layout and management of the Show entries are also considered benefits.

Despite the long discussion it was obvious that further wider consideration was needed. The President moved a request to have the Show Committee consider all relevant aspects of the current Annual Show format and to report back with a brief recommendation to Committee by October 2006.

## **The Objective:**

The objective for the Show Committee is agreed as follows:

- examine ways to re organize the Annual Show from a segmented show format of Novice and Open classes to a format which will reduce the organizing activity on those who have this responsibility
- consider all aspects of the current format and make recommendations for improvement
- .report back to Committee by the October Committee Meeting

## **Background:**

The format of the KSWA Annual Show can be loosely described as two Shows within one, catering for both an Open and Novice section. This format is further complicated by:-

- Certain classes where both sections may compete together as one.
- Essentially one set of rules, catering for Junior, Novice and Open. These rules are open to interpretation. Examples exist whereby the rules are modified and manipulated to suit the occasion. It appears the Annual Show Rules are broadly understood by only a few members.
- The necessity to retain records for:
  - Novice competitor points, some points records which are over 10years in duration for an individual novice
  - Fish which have won in Novice and are no longer legible to be shown in the Novice Section by Novice Members, these fish have then to be catered for in the Open section. It can be said therefore that quite a few 'Novices' are already showing in Open.
- To our knowledge the KSWA is the only Society world wide that caters for a Novice Section

## **The Review Process:**

The Review is to be undertaken at Committee's request by Judy Passey, Miki Mo and Allan Bennett (Show Chairman 07) as the Show Committee. All of these people have significant history of working diligently for the Annual Show with Judy in particular knowledgeable in the management of records and entries the most time consuming task of all. They are well placed to make the recommendations contained in this Review.

In addition the process will:

- Seek to introduce dialogue on the topic at our General Meetings so as all members may have input through constructive debate. (this commenced at the meeting held in July and raised again at the Meeting in August)
- Consider all aspects raised by any member. Study and use in part or whole; any written submission that is forth coming.
- Talk with as many members as possible on the subject, taking note of their concerns and issues. (over 20 active members have been approached as to their thoughts)
- Complete this document and hand to the KSWA Committee at the October Meeting.

## **Main Points of Influence, Leading to the Recommendations:**

This submission has had three drafts, constant change, along with a great deal of discussion and debate. All this in an attempt to satisfy the majority of active members. Also and just as importantly make the Annual Show easier to run and more attractive to members and the public. Not all have been spoken to but a large cross section; (over 20 members) have been involved. The following are the main points raised and/or considered:-

- The majority of members were supportive of Committee just making the decision and getting on with it.
- Most recognized the benefits of dispensing with Novice and introducing class sizes to level the playing field and make the Annual Show easier to run
- A combined show will hopefully increase numbers in the variety classes particularly those classes such as Asagi, Shusui etc.
- It was obvious from our discussions that the 'spirit of rules' were no longer good enough and members are and will continue to 'take advantage' of rules which are not explicit. These issues are in the main a result of the added complication of having three sections. Moving to an Open Show greatly benefits clear and precise rules, consistent for all.
- Some Members pointed to the fact that Novice members could and are showing in Open effectively having additional fish of any variety in the show (up to 2 in Novice and 2 in Open). Open members could only show 2 fish.
- Setting up, show fish entry, judging and the general running of the Show will be enhanced if these recommendations are accepted.
- Discussion with the KSA and AKA supports the introduction of these changes as it has worked well for them.
- Most importantly the Show Committee believes that these changes will make for a better Show. Attracting more fish entries in the longer term and in an ever increasing competitive show environment make the Show fairer to all and easier to run.

The Show Committee in submitting this document appreciates that not all will agree with the content and indeed there are aspects which are still subject to debate between us! Nevertheless we are confident that the recommendations if accepted will bring real benefit to all members who show fish. To those who will dearly miss the 'Novice Section' we do sympathize but we simply cannot make a case to support it in the future.

## **The Recommendation:**

The Show Committee makes the following recommendations:-

- 1.** Introduce a changed format for the Annual Show in 2007 which combines Novice and Open classes into one Show and implement 2 size classes and a Variety Champion for each variety. ( see attachment 'A')
- 2.** Encourage members to show additional fish by introducing a sliding scale entry fee
  - a.** \$10 for the first 4 fish per membership (not individual in the case of family membership)
  - b.** 5 to 10 fish at \$5 per fish
  - c.** All additional fish 11 onwards, free

**This to be dependant on additional revenue from sponsorship. This revenue to be used to lessen the cost burden on all members showing fish and hopefully to encourage additional entries, without incurring cost to the KSWA.**

- 3.** Redefine a Junior Member as; a member who may be part of a Family Membership or a stand alone Junior member but must be under 16years on the date of the Show irrespective of when the Show is held. These Junior Members shall have one class in which to enter free of charge, one fish. Any additional fish will be entered in Open Class.
- 4.** Once an agreement is reached, undertake a rewrite of the Annual Show Rules to reflect all changes and distribute to all Members in the form of an 'Annual Show Rules Card.'

## Attachment 'A'

**The content of this attachment presumes that the Committee, agrees to combine Novice and Open into one Show in 07.**

### **Junior Class:**

As in previous Shows all junior members under 16 years of age on the date of the Show will be eligible to have one fish free of charge in the Junior Exhibitor Class. See the Show Rules for specific conditions for Juniors.

### **Open Class:**

It is recommended that all varieties be retained as individual classes within the sizes 0 to 60cms. This is 14 variety classes and in addition Gin Rin 'A' and 'B' giving 16 classes in all. This ensures that the less popular varieties are supported and keeps us in line with ZNA doctrines.

The combining of Novice and Open fish will provide an opportunity to introduce size classes in each of the 16 variety types. It is therefore recommended that the following size categories be introduced which will level the playing field for the smaller size fish and presumably give new less experienced members a greater opportunity to win prizes.

### **Recommended sizing/classes:-**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>MINIMUM SIZE</b>	<b>MAXIMUM SIZE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
1	20	45	Varieties 1 -16
2	46	60	Varieties 1 -16
3	61	65	Gosanke
4	61	65	Non Gosanke
5	66	66+	Gosanke Jumbo
6	66	66+	Non Gosanke Jumbo
7	Table Show Fish	No size restriction	Gosanke
8	Table Show Fish	No size restriction	Non Gosanke
9	No size restriction	No size restriction	Junior Class

### Recommended Major Trophies

No	Trophy	Eligibility	No of trophies	Comment
1	Grand Champion		1	To be chosen first up
2	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up		1	As above
3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up		1	As above
4	Young Champion		1	From table show fish only
5	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up		1	
6	2 <sup>ND</sup> Runner Up		1	
7	Jumbo 'A'		1	
8	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up		1	
9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up		1	
10	Jumbo 'B'		1	
11	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up		1	
12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up		1	
13	ZNA prize	Open to ZNA members only. Goes to Grand Champion if a ZNA Member. If not a ZNA member, judge to pick a fish belonging to a ZNA Member	0	Supplied by Judge
14	President's Prize		1	
15	Show Chairman's Prize		1	
16	Best Exhibitor Prize		1	
17	Variety Champions		16	
18	Variety Class 20 - 45		48	
19	Variety Class 46 - 60		48	
20	Best Gosanke 61 - 65		3	
21	Best Non Gosanke 61 - 65		3	
22	Junior Exhibitors Prize/Trophy		1	
23	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up		1	
24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up		1	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114 TO BUY</b>	<b>PLUS PEPETUALS</b>

Submitted to Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2006 by the Show Committee,  
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