

NEWSLETTER



Grand Champion, Kohaku, 90bu (95cm),
Owned by Mr Pan Zhi Cheng (China), Bred by Sakai Fish Farm
2018 ALL JAPAN KOI SHOW

Northern Branch Meetings

Wanneroo Recreation Centre, Scenic Road, Wanneroo
7.30pm, second Tuesday of each month

Next Meeting: 13th March

Agenda: Not to be missed presentation on Leather Skin breeding. Table Show, 3 Questions & Chase The Ace

Southern Branch Meetings

Willetton Pavilion, Apsley Road, Willetton
7.30pm, forth Wednesday of each month (except Dec)

Next Meeting: 28th March

Agenda: To be advised

February 2018 Edition

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Welcome & News

I hope everyone is well and your koi are looking great!

First up we have the Koi Auction in a few weeks time. See page 3 for details and dont forget to book your bins early with Brett Thomas, contact number on last page.

We have a very important mission for every one of our members to do this month. As you have probably heard the Australian Government is looking to introduce KHV in Australia as a biological control of carp in rivers. This is of course out right insanity for the ecosystems that will be infected, not to mention the possibility of complete loss of your own Koi.

Please get on Facebook and if you haven't already , 'like' this page, which is helping lead the fight against this awful plan. There are some informational videos to watch and once you have done so we encourage you to share them with your Facebook friends to spread the word.

<https://www.facebook.com/auscarpplandiscussion/>

Secondly we need you to write a quick message to Senator Sterle who is the WA Federal Senator so that he knows we are very worried about this. Go on his site and send a message with the info you learn from the videos and tell him what you think about this plan and that you are against it.

<https://www.glensterle.com.au/about/>

Finally, a quick reminder of this years Koi Show to be held again at Willow Pond on the 27th May. If you would like more information on entering the show please see a committee member and we will gladly help you out. Entries will open in mid to late April.

In the meantime, happy koi keeping everyone!

KSWA Financial Report - January 2018

Event Calendar

Tuesday 13th March - Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Sunday 25th March - Koi Auction

Wednesday 28th March - Southern Branch Meeting, Willetton

Tuesday 10th April - Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 25th April - Southern Branch Meeting, Willetton

Tuesday 8th May - Northern Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 22nd May - Southern Branch Meeting, Willetton

Sunday 27th May - KSWA Annual Koi Show

NEXT AUCTION

Sunday 25th March 2018

WHERE:

Beaufort Park Hall
corner Beaufort & Drummond Street
BEDFORD (near Morley)

WHEN:

Sunday 25th March 2018
Bagged fish sales from 10am
Auction at 10.30am

SELLERS:

Book your bin by Friday 23rd March
Fish to be in bins by 9.30am
Max 10 fish per bin
Must sell for \$40 minimum

Koi Society of Western Australia



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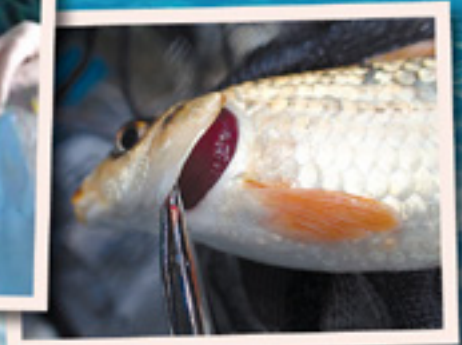
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KSWA Store Sponsors

The KSWA has arranged a special discount for our members to receive when they purchase from their store. All you need to do is show your membership card at point of sale. You can either show it from your device or print it out and keep it with you.

We thank the following stores that are currently offering this discount.



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28th Annual Koi Show

Sunday 27th May 2018

Willow Pond
459 Nicholson Road
Canning Vale

Family Friendly
Free Entry
10am - 2pm

See Hundreds of WA's
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KSWA Northern Branch – February Meeting

Date: February 12 2018

Attendance: 22

Apologies: Barry

Meeting opened 7.40pm

Alan started the meeting with a look at all Japan show grand champions back from 2006 to 2017, pointing out major winners being the Kohaku followed by a few Showa. It was very noticeable that there were no Sanke GC's in the last 12 years! As we are finding out Sanke are very hard to breed in any quality numbers. The Japanese appear to be focussing on those varieties which are commercially viable. Alan mentioned that the judges will always emphasis the good points of the Koi fish. They are also very respectful to age. They do not expect older larger koi to be perfect and do make allowances due to age for slight imperfections. A showa tancho was used as an example, the fish obviously old at 95cm but still able to capture the precedeous Jumbo Champion prize.

Paul had 3 questions for the night (thanks Paul) . Each was addressed over a 5 min period and summarised as follows:-

- 1 the first being when culling for shiro utsuri what do we look for as a potential good quality fish? The response was body shape, quality of the skin when looking at the white and good pattern appearing under the skin ie the sumi.
- 2 Second question how does a Koi extract minerals from the water? The response was it absorbs it through the skin, gills and digestive system.
- 3 The last question of the night was do Koi have taste buds? The response was yes they use there lips and there barbels.

8.40pm Coffee Break

Table Show- Results (Judged by Alan Peck,Alex and George) Thanks to all participants

Class A (Go Sanke)

1st Kohaku – Tub 3 – Tony

2nd Showa – Tub 2 – David Brown

3rd Sanke – Tub 1 – Kevin

Class B (non Go Sanke)

1st Goshiki – Tub 2 – David Brown

2nd Kujaku – Tub 3 – Tony

3rd Goshiki – Tub 2 – David Brown

Class C

Gin Rin no fish in class tonight

Class D

1st Hariwake – Tub 3 – Tony

2nd Hariwake – Tub 3 – Tony

3rd Hariwake – Tub 3 – Tony

Ryan brought along a judging skills test compiled of an A or B Koi fish to choose from, there were 15 pairs to go through to select the winner. Teams were formed in pairs with the highest scoring team being Jun and Kevin. Fun was had by all thanks Ryan for the brain teaser.

CHASE THE ACE- First attempt was Alan Peck and Second attempt was Tony Cornwall sadly with no winners this month. Good luck to everyone for next month!

Meeting was closed promptly at 9.20pm with thanks from Tom :-).



KSWA Southern Branch – February Meeting

Date: February 28 2018

Attendance: 13

Apologies: Adrian

Jun welcomed the members to the night's meeting and expressed his word of thanks for coming. Members were given an overview of the meeting and what to expect.

Southern Branch – February Financials:

- **Opening Balance:** \$1 705.35
- **Income:** \$0.00 (No raffle)
- **Expenses:** \$7.90
- **Closing balance:** \$1 697.45

Koi Auction

Members were reminded of the upcoming auction on 25th March. To book a bin, please contact Brett or Des by 23 March.

Miki's All Japan Koi Show Experience

Miki shared his experience from his trip to Japan and seeing the All Japan Koi Show. Despite not knowing his way around Japan, he was glad to have found his way by asking the locals. He introduced the members to a number of koi associates by showing their photos and as well as some photos of rare/unusual koi entries at the show. Thank you, Miki for sharing your experience to our members!

To give members an overview, Jun also showed photos of the major prize winners from the 2018 All Japan Koi Show and members had a discussion about the winners.

General Discussion

Jun opened the floor to the members and asked how everyone's fish is going. Miki asked members on how to increase growth in the first year. Some members suggested 10 percent water change, genetics, good quality food, etc. Fred asked if the weather conditions have affected the growth of their fish, as it hasn't been a great summer. Tony also gave an update on his Tancho Goshikis.

Test Kits and Seneye

Jun informed members that test kits are now available at the Sales Table for \$60. He also mentioned a product called *Seneye* which measures pH, temp, free ammonia and light. He then showed a short clip explaining what it does, costs around \$137.50. Kevin has been using *Seneye* for five years to mainly check the pH of his pond, which gives him an SMS alert if pH levels are not right.

An alternative option to measure your pond's parameters is the Arduino kit, which involves coding a system to measure these.

DIY Drum Filter

Jun shared his little project in collaboration with Tony in making a DIY drum filter, which is a work in progress. He gave members an overview of how it would work and how much the materials would roughly cost (around \$500 in total). He also shared to members his goal to 3D print a drum filter for his long-term project, which could reduce production costs. He encouraged members to take a look at it during the break.



Removing Nitrates – Hydroponic Systems?

Jun discussed other alternative ways of removing nitrates, apart from the usual use of K1 and water changes, such as through a hydroponic system. Members were given an overview of the six main types of hydroponic systems:

- **Wick Systems** – basic, low running costs – no pumps
- **Deep Water Culture (DWC)** – only certain plants grow in a deep trough
- **Nutrient Film Technique (NFT)**
- **EBB and Flow (Flood and Drain)**
- **Affnan's Bell Valve**
- **Aeroponics**

Some members pointed out that this system is time consuming as it can be high maintenance and may not be enough to remove high levels of nitrate.

Jun also mentioned CO₂ and N₂ Degassing as a possible alternative. Members had an in-depth discussion on how to reduce the high levels of nitrate.

Jun's main reason in looking at hydroponic systems is because of his interest in raising rainbow trouts and he shared some brief information about how to maximise growth. If members are interested, Jun will update members.

Thanks Jun for the interesting topic.

Table Show Results:

Thank you, Tony H., for bringing in koi for the table show!

Raffle:

Congratulations to Kevin and Tony C. for winning the night's raffle!

Meeting closed: 9.56pm



KSWA Southern Branch – January Meeting

Date: 24th January 2018

Attendance: 5

Apologies:

Meeting opened: 7.45 pm

Jun welcomed the members and gave them an overview of the night's meeting, followed by Finance.

Southern Branch – January Financials

Opening Balance: \$2 150.35

Income: \$17.00

Expenses: \$462.00

Closing Balance: \$1 705.35

Members were reminded to submit their Membership Details to determine and award those who have been a member for 20 years or more.

Annual Koi Show – 27 May. Judges are all lined up and will be going to Sydney Koi Show prior to coming to Perth. Venue will most likely be at Willowpond, members will be informed closer to date. Members were also told to keep an eye out for the upcoming auction! Jun then shared a photo of the Grand Champion koi for the last 12 years at the All Japan Koi Show.

General Discussion (Breeding):

Jun shared that he still sees koi spiralling around despite it being given a salt bath, a couple of weeks ago but suddenly stopped just recently. Further research will be looked upon on its causes and circumstances. Members are going well with breeding but some find it challenging to increase growth, having several spawns waiting to see how they turn out, with some spawns being unsuccessful. Members also discussed their methods of preparation and maintenance when breeding. The release of KHV and what's happening was briefly discussed, but there are still uncertainties on whether it will be released and if so, when and where.

Jun had a couple of presentations lined up but due to the low turnout, it will be shown at the next meeting. He then showed a photo of the bloodlines from the big Koi farms in Japan and members had a discussion on this.

Table Show: Thank you Tony for bringing in fish to the table show!

Class A - Gosanke

1st Kohaku

Class B - Non Gosanke

1st Harawake



After the break, members watched a video: Basic lesson to pick Jumbo Koi by Mark Gardner and had a discussion. They were also shown where to find Mark Gardner and more of his content on koi.

Everyone wished Miki a happy travel to Japan where he will be taking part in the judging seminar and seeing the All the Japan Koi show.

Meeting closed: 9.15 pm

KSWA Sales Table

The sales table is an initiative of the KSWA to help members source quality pond and koi products at better than retail prices, a benefit of being a member of the club.

All proceeds from the sales table are used as a fund raiser for the clubs needs.

The Sales table is available at each branch meeting and some other club events.

Please support your club by purchasing items through the sales table.

New stock of Koi & Fry food has been ordered. Available at KSWA meetings. Contact Jun on 0423 410 681 if you would like bulk food.

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Miscellaneous

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