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Up and coming events

General Club business

General Meetings are held at the Rotary Hall Sandgate Street, South Perth on the fourth Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:30pm.
New members, existing members and visitors are all welcome

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What's on at the next general meeting-

Bill Passey and Rodney Hansen will be giving a talk on the Sanke variety.

There will be a raffle.

Hopefully a quiz to test your knowledge on the club and your fish.

General club business will be discussed.

Hello Everyone,

Hope all your fish are well. Julie and I are really excited at the moment because we are going to get our first spawning babies out of dirty water over the weekend and have a good look at them. Can't wait . Actually by the time you get this newsletter we would have done it! So ask us at the meeting how it went. Hopefully we will have something to bring in to the Table Show.

Hope you managed to get to the Auction over the weekend there was quite a few fish there and people bidding furiously.

Dave Gibson has sent in an article about how he got started with Koi I would like to encourage other members to do the same makes for some light and hopefully interesting reading. Welcome new member Tim Leroy hope you enjoy your time with the club.

Freya

Events Calendar

27th September 2006 — General Meeting
10th December 2006— Auction & Christmas Party
3rd March 2007— Auction
5th May 2007— Auction



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Koi Society of Western Australia - General minutes,
23 August 2006

Opened: 7:45pm
Apologies: Bill Passey, Urs Haefeli
New members: Tim Leroy
Minutes from previous meeting:
Accepted: Chris Powell **Seconded:** Rod Strange **Carried:** All
Points Arising from Previous Minutes: None

Treasurers Report: as at August 2006

Opening Balance: \$
 Deposits for the month: \$
 Withdrawals for the Month: \$
 KSWA Closing Balance: \$
Correspondence In: None **Correspondence Out:** None

Library: One new book has been added to the library and some free magazines have been donated for members. Also Allan Bennett has loaned a set of magazines for members to look at.

Sales Table: Alan has some new items at the sales table including Formalin, Sanisol and Potassium permanganate. He is also taking orders for fry food.

Table Show Results:

Gosanke 1 Showa owned by Rodney Hansen
 2 Doitsu Kohaku owned by Rodney Hansen
 3 Kohaku owned by Rodney Hansen
Non Gosanke 1 Ginrin Showa owned by Rodney Hansen
 2 Chagoi owned by Allan Bennett
 3 Asagi owned by Ray Lines

General discussion:-

The 2006 Annual KSWA Show DVD is now available for purchase for \$10 or you may loan the libraries copy.
 The committee has been discussing the format for next year's annual show long and hard. With the possibility of going to an Open show with size categories. The Show committee is looking to all possibilities and will report back to the Club committee who will in turn report to the members. If you have any thoughts on this please discuss them with Allan Bennett.
 We are still looking for a sponsor for next year's show.

Miki Mo and Rod Strange gave a talk and slide show presentation of the Singapore Show. Very interesting and some lovely large fish were there. Rod also talked on the finer points of the Kohaku variety.

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More stock and I am adding to it as I go:-

16" koi sox \$ 65 - for the big guys don't be without one
 18" baby net \$38 - ideal for small fish
 10" koi sox \$45 - waterproof, you can transfer fish in their own water, they are great
 I can get any quality net you need, this is just a selection.
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 Air Stones 50mm and 40mm @ \$5 great value!
 Plastic Bags \$1.00
 Test kits
 Keeping Koi in Australia \$20 - it is the Oz Bible on koi keeping
 Please support your Sales Table

I jumped back into the Kingswood and shot up to WA Salvage at Malaga and got some black plastic and no, I didn't forget to untie the tow rope.

I cleaned the hole up a bit and dumped the plastic sheet in. This pond wasn't just going to be big – it was going to be huge. In pre Metric terms it was almost 6 feet long by about 3 feet across and nearly 2 feet deep. Pretty big eh! Must hold heaps of water I thought. Easy a couple of hundred litres.

I switched the bore pump on. Without exaggerating, it works at the same rate as about a dozen petrol bowsers at once, and it filled the pond in less than 10 nano seconds.

I grabbed another beer from the fridge, sat back to admire my handy-work and shouted to the boss “ you can stick some fish in anytime now – I've done my bit”.

Well I know what you're all thinking now. You're probably right - our problems started from this moment on. We were on the highway to knowledge with the pedal flat to the floor - or in other words “ on the learning curve”. Still are – I can hear you all say cause you koi club members are a sarcastic lot.

That's my story on how I got started keeping Koi and every word of it is true – cross my heart - and hope to win lotto.

Incidentally Jen still has one of the original “quality” little Koi that we ended up buying. She called it Elvis because it looked like his gold lame' suit. It's a sort of Armour Scaled Doitsu Yamabuki Ogon thing, now nearly 70cms and female (at least it's got the right name for a big girl!). It was lovingly described by judges B.Passey & C.Graham at the 2001 RSPCA Show as “interesting”. Its one of the few fish that I must **never never ever** sell - or it'll be instant divorce.

Anyone want to buy a nice Doitsu Ogon?

Chris Powell asked about the eligibility of fish for the table show at the Annual Show. It was confirmed that any fish that has been brought in during the year for the table show regardless of whether it obtained a place or not was eligible at the Annual Show.

Josie Giorgio asked the question: Can you insure your fish? After some discussion Rodney Hansen said he had researched this quite thoroughly and found you could not in Australia unless under a business ie:pet shop.

Allan Bennett reminded members that if they had mat filters now is the time to clean them. He also showed an ORP (Oxygen Retention Potential) meter which measures your water's ability to absorb oxygen saying that it is a very useful tool in analysing how your pond's condition is. It is basically a measure of how clean your pond is. You can get them for about \$58 up.

Miki Mo also brought it some Rubber based pond sealer that will work on wet surfaces. A great product for \$45.

The question was raised about the difference between Gosanke and Non Gosanke for the table show.

Gosanke is Kohaku, Sanke, Showa and Utsurimono
Non-Gosanke is all the other varieties including Ginrin.

Auction: One not held

Raffle: donated by Freya Whitton won by Phil Lehmann

Meeting closed 9:20pm

Reminder

If you want to auction fish at the club's auctions you need to book a tub with Alex beforehand. You can contact him on 9379 8070

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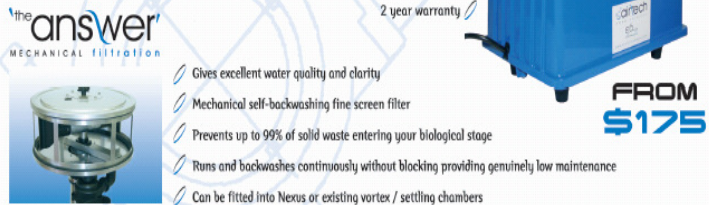
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An almost true short story by David Gibson (2nd reprint)

Ah' yes I remember it well.

It was early afternoon on a hot Saturday in December about 18 years ago. I was relaxing in the back yard with an ice cold beer whilst talking to Jill, my youngest daughter, (I think you call it bonding) when from inside the house came the familiar strains of Jens voice (affectionately known as the Boss amongst other names).

"Why don't you get off your backside and fix up that mess at the bottom of the garden".

To keep you in the picture, our previous dog, a German Shepherd named Budge had been doing a little excavating off and on and had stuffed up a section of the reticulation so not everything was getting watered. With his bum facing the house he would dig, firing the sand onto the paving and, if the prevailing wind was right, into the swimming pool. To his left was the slowly dying remains of a shrub – about shoulder height – I think it was a bottlebrush, which he was unintentionally undermining. Jen wanted the shrub removed anyway but it still meant a lot of sweat for me to dig it up and tidy up everything afterwards.

I said to Jill, "supposing I dug it up - what then. I'm no Don Burke what would I do to make it look good".

She said that the father of a school friend had built a pond in their backyard and that I could do the same but then just as quickly said "oh no you probably couldn't".

On reflection this was the "Red rag to a Bull" trick and like a sucker I fell for it, Hook, Line and Sinkers.

I thought about it for a second or two - and then it suddenly came to me.

I leapt up - (soon as I finished my beer of course) - and jumped into our trusty Holden Kingswood – maybe that should read "rusty Holden Kingswood" – backed it up the driveway as far as possible and with several tow ropes all joined together, tied one end to the tow ball and the other around the base of the bottlebrush.

I planted my right foot - (its about the only thing I ever successfully planted) and hey presto ---- the tow bar fell off onto the driveway.

Only joking. The bottlebrush came flying out leaving a nice hole, the sort you would want if you were thinking of putting in a garden pond!.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR ANNUAL SHOW

Wanted one member to organize and to look after the tea and coffee at the 07 Annual Show.

Call Allan Bennett 041 990 7973



Pictures of some of the fish at the auction



