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# KOI SOCIETY OF WA



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**NEXT MEETING DATE IS  
WEDNESDAY  
27 AUGUST 2008**

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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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## CLUB EQUIPMENT

As a result of member feedback requesting more koi-related information at meetings, the club has purchased a portable projector to work with the club laptop.

This will allow us to organise presentations without having to borrow a projector.

Come along to a club meeting to catch an upcoming presentation!



## KOHAKU

Pronounced ... co-ha-ku

The Kohaku is a white Koi on which hi (red) appears in varying patterns. Each of these patterns have been given its own name. The markings of the Kohaku should be bright and even all over the body. The markings on the body should not spread down past the lateral line and there should be no Hi (red) in the fins or tail.



### Different types of Kohaku ...

Nidan	This Koi has a two-step Hi pattern (ie two “patches” of red)
Sandan	This Koi has a three-step Hi pattern (ie three “patches of red)
Yondan	This Koi has a four-step Hi pattern.
godan	This Koi has a five-step Hi pattern.
Inazuma	This Koi has a zig-zag Hi pattern down the length of the body.
Kuchibeni	The Koi has Hi (red) on the lips . like lipstick
oh moyo	This Koi has a large unbroken pattern from the head to the tail
Menkaburi	A Hood that covers the whole head often extending from the gills to the mouth.

Welcome to the August issue of the KSWA Newsletter.

We have some great club events coming up over the next couple of months, and with the weather warming up there is no excuse to stay at home!

We are still looking for a Secretary and a Newsletter Editor (I'm just Acting Editor in the position until we find someone ☺). Please let us know if you are interested, or would like to know what's involved in either position.

Welcome to all our new members—we hope you and your families enjoy your time with the club.

*Shona*

## Events Calendar



Sunday 24 August—Public Auction (pg 8)

Wednesday 27 August—General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 9 September—Branch Meeting, Wanneroo (pg 5)

Wednesday 24 September—General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 14 October—Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 22 October—General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 11 November—Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Sunday 16 November—Member Auction

Tuesday 9 December—Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Christmas Party—date and location TBA

## General Minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008

**Opened:** 7.50 PM **Apologies:** Sharon Bray and Sharon Smith

**New Members:** nil.... but nice to see Brad back with us.... on yer Brad!

**Points Arising from Previous Minutes:** : There were no points arising  
Minutes accepted as true record. **Moved:** Phil **Seconded:** Freya **Carried:** All

**Correspondence In:** Government issue of a DVD for guidance to clubs such as ours on 'Incorporation Rules'

**Correspondence Out:** Various pieces of correspondence on advertising in both the Sunday Times and Quokka.

### Treasurers Report: as at 23<sup>RD</sup> July

KSWA Closing Balance: \$14840.19

Deposits for the month: \$733

Withdrawals for the Month: \$nil

**Library:** Nothing to report ..but, Holdens were a long way second to FORD in last weeks V8 races!!

**Sales Table:** Kerry still getting his feet under the table, Alan still assisting.

### Table Show Results:

	Table Show 'A'	Table Show 'B'
1 <sup>st</sup>	Showa, Allan Bennett	Gin Rin Kohaku Luke Bray
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kohaku, Bill Passey	Gin Rin Kohaku Luke Bray
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Showa, Allan Bennett	Gin Rin Sanke Luke Bray

Congrats Luke, for his performance in Table Show 'B' and great to see him back at a meeting and having lots of input. Luke works Wednesdays and is normally unable to attend. Generally the fish entered were of very high class and most of us were glad not to be placed in the position of judging....Good job Rod and Brad.

### General discussion:-

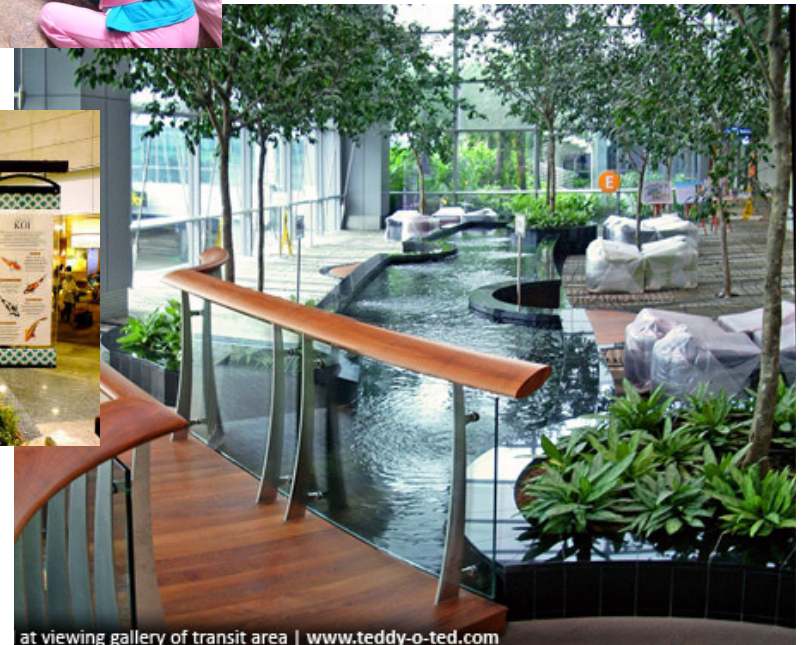
- Bill summarized the evenings agenda, and his intention to drive for new members, 40 members have not signed on this year, that should tell us something!
- Brad, new member asked what he would like...**more talk on fish** less on club committee business
- Alan asked committee to look at free KSWA membership available at the public Auction
- Rodney challenged the Committee to take the club to the people. Committee to discuss further
- Long discussion on feeding in winter, lots of views and all views were correct depending on the circumstances and personal practices. **Charlie mentioned that a judge told him Chinese Cabbage is best to feed in winter!** Even Japanese farms have differing methods. Generally agreed that due to the mild weather in Perth feeding a little every day would not harm a fish but a break of a few weeks maybe beneficial to get rid of fat from the vital organs. Bill and AB to immediately go on a diet!

## Japanese terms relating to Koi

hi ...	red only in patches	shiro ...	white
sumi ...	black only in patches	nezu ...	gray
kin ...	gold (yellow metallic)	midori ...	green
matsuba ...	pine cone pattern	cha ...	brown
rin ...	shiny Scale	beni ...	dark red ...
aka ...	red the whole fish	ki ...	yellow
karasu ...	black the whole fish	orenji ...	orange
Gin ...	silver (white metallic)	ai ...	indigo
bekko ...	black & White		
doitsu ...	german scale-less or mirror carp		



Pictured is the koi pond inside Changi Airport in Singapore.



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## UPDATE TO MEMBERS ON KHV

KHV stands for Koi Herpes Virus—a very aggressive and easily transmittable disease which appears to be selective and only affects the *Cyprinus Carpio* species. This includes of course our beloved koi. It does not appear that goldfish have or carry the KH virus.

Israel is the second largest breeder of koi and a few years ago, KHV struck with a vengeance which resulted in all koi (literally tens of thousands, including breeders) having to be destroyed in an effort to break the KHV cycle. More recently a number of Japanese farms have succumbed to the virus which has restricted export for them and caused great heartache and disruption to their businesses. Asia in general can be considered an area where KHV does exist. We are very fortunate in some regards that our quarantine regulations forbid the importation of koi to Australia. The dangers of this virus to Australian commercial businesses and hobbyists alike cannot be over emphasized should it ever occur here.

The UK has had a number of outbreaks of KHV, necessitating the culling of expensive and high class koi. As a result, the UK Government department with responsibilities in this area is likely to take measures to restrict the importation of koi from countries where KHV exists. The following is a summary of information circulating in the UK.

**“Recently the Government Department responsible issued a statement that; England would be declared an eradication zone for KHV”.**

It is clear that the Government there; will if necessary take further measures to stop KHV in the UK.

*What does this mean in the UK?*

- No imports of fish, even if they have been vaccinated against KHV. (currently the importation of koi to the UK is a big business).
- Any fish imported will have to come from a country, zone or fish farm where it is proven KHV does not exist (methods by which freedom from KHV will be declared have yet to be announced but they will be very stringent.)

*What does this mean to W.A. hobbyists?*

Be aware, understand the dangers of an outbreak of KHV in Oz and what it would do to our hobby. Never, ever consider attempting to import koi. It is illegal and very dangerous to our hobby. If you are visiting fish farms overseas act sensibly, take all precautions including washing of cloths and footwear on return and before visiting your mate's pond.

This update is sent to KSWA Members for information only and the KSWA takes no responsibility for the accuracy of information printed here. Due to the seriousness of this topic we believe it is prudent to alert all members. Further discussion will be held at Club Meetings. Be aware, understand the consequences and dangers of KHV. Detailed information on KHV is available via the internet.

## Northern Branch Meeting

The first Northern Branch meeting was held on Tuesday 11 August, and was a great success. There were just over 30 attendees, with quite a few new faces—mainly locals from the area.

After a quick introduction from Allan Bennett, Rod Strang gave a short (but very thorough and interesting!) talk on the history of koi.



As with the General Meetings, there was a Question & Answer session, which gave some of the visitors and members a chance to get information and opinions from the more experienced hobbyists.

After the tea break we split into two groups and learnt about “what to look for” when purchasing Showa (black fish with red & white markings), and “tategoi” or the art of recognising potential in a fish (easier said than done!)

ABOVE: One of the groups learning about Showa.

Northern Branch meetings are held at 7:30pm, at Wanneroo Recreation Centre, Scenic Rd, Wanneroo. Dates for upcoming meetings can be found on page 3 or on the KSWA website, and there are some interesting meeting topics organised for the next few months:

**Tuesday 9 September 2008**—KSWA President Bill Passey will oversee Northern Branch committee elections (will be brief) and Rodney Hansen will be giving a presentation on Ogon, not to be missed!

**Tuesday 14 October 2008**—Allan Bennet on Showa breeding, selecting parents, culling, feeding, tategoi showa. Cameron will be talking about pond equipment: the good, the bad and the ugly, what you need for a successful small pond.

**Tuesday 11 November 2008**—Kylie Wall will be giving us an overview on commercial koi breeding farm.

**Tuesday 9 December 2008**—Free evening for Christmas BBQ and special auction of small fish.

## SALES TABLE

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**Test kits-** Master test kit \$44

PH test kit \$10

GH & KH test kit \$12

Ammonia test kit \$22

**Air pumps-** Alita- 40 litre \$225, 80 litre \$350 & 120litre \$550

**Air stones-** Ceramic 50mm \$5 & 40mm \$4

**Koi Handling-** 60cm dia fine super mesh net \$70-excellent for sml koi

Culling net 30cm dia \$30

Koi sock 30cm dia – water proof \$65

**Filtration-** Filter brushes- 60cm \$5.50, 75cm \$6 & 90cm \$7 ea

**Koi food per 1kg-** Fry powder \$15

Ocra Baby food sizes 1, 2, 3, & 4 \$15

Sekirin Japanese food \$17

Quick grow \$9

Koi King Growth formula \$10

Koi King Excel Formula \$14

Koi king Wheat germ \$12

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**Also supplied in 10kg bags**

**Miscellaneous-** Koi 66 Variety poster \$20

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## *Freya's Pond Update*

## PHOTOS



## Freya's Pond Update

After getting the filter into position it was time to start drilling holes in it for the plumbing. I was a bit apprehensive but after the first hole I was off and running. Actually I had delayed drilling and went and borrowed my friend's cordless drill as there was a bit of water in the bottom of the filter box and I was worried about electrocuting myself (starting to get paranoid what can go wrong will!).

After trying to drill the first hole and her drill not having enough grunt I thought "what the hell" in for a penny in for a pound and got out my electric drill. It worked much better and I didn't get frazzled. I then had to file the holes just a smidge bigger as the drill size I could get was just a fraction to small. So once again I was covered in fiberglass dust.

Once the holes where drilled I then plumbed the piping and was thrilled that it all went fine and looked pretty good. I had laid it all out on the shed floor to make sure it was all put together right. I then called Tim & Gareth and they came back and built the wall to support the dirt around the pond and filter box. They weren't very impressed with my heavy 'cheap' concrete bricks but they soldered on and did a great job. I was again shovelling sand and doing more pipe work.

After the boys had left I then had the exciting bit of filling the filter box and testing to see if all was fine. You guessed it there was some leaks so once I had a ring around and got some larger pipe wrenches we were able to tighten the flanges enough so no drips were coming out. Graham and I then had to connect the bottom drain and filter box together so after a lot of conversations and 'what ifs' we finally got down to putting it together.

I was very pleased when it all fitted and we thought we were home and hosed. I started filling up the pond and when the water got to a certain point we realized that the pipe was leaking and needed some work on it. That is where I am at the moment so you will have to wait and see how I get on.

Freya

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**KSWA PUBLIC AUCTION**  
**SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2008**

**WHERE:** Cannington Greyhounds  
 Station Street, Cannington

**WHEN:** Sunday 24 August 2008

Gate entry is free to members and the public.

**TIME:**

Gates open for Sellers	7:00am
Sellers to have fish in bins	9:30am (at the latest!)
Gates open for Public	10:00am
Bagged fish sales from	10:30am
AUCTION starts at	11:00am
AUCTION ends at	2:00pm

**ALL MEMBERS**—Please come along and support your club at the Public Auction. If you can also spare an hour or two to lend a hand, please let us know. Clean up will be from 2pm to 3pm.

**SELLERS**— entries are now closed. If you have registered as a Seller and have any enquiries, please contact Bill Passey on 0438 35 77 32.

Other notes for Sellers:

- Please bring your blue 'show' bin to help with the displaying of your fish.
- Auctioneers will be instructed to start bidding approximately 10% under the reserve for all fish lots.
- Auctioneers will be instructed to give each lot approx 1 minutes to attract a bid then to pass the lot in.
- each member to supply their own catching net. Bags, oxygen etc supplied by the KSWA.
- Seller fees: 10% for all sales

**BUYERS**

- Buyers must register **on the day** and obtain a bidding number (it will not be possible to bid on fish without a bidding number)
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