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# KOI SOCIETY OF WA



## JANUARY 2009 Issue

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Rotary Hall, Sandgate Street, South Perth  
7:30pm, on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except Dec)

**Northern Branch Meetings** are held at

Wanneroo Recreation Centre, Scenic Road, Wanneroo  
7:30pm, on the second Tuesday of each month.

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS  
WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2009**

**NEXT NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING IS  
TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2009**

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# WELCOME & NEWS

Welcome to the January issue of the KSWA Newsletter. I hope you and your koi are coping with the heat and your ponds are well oxygenated over the warmer months.

The next Northern Branch Meeting in Wanneroo will be on Tuesday 13th January. Some interesting topics will be on the agenda including an open discussion on the different types of filtration suitable for koi ponds. A rep from OASE will also be joining us to show us some of their products.

The next General Meeting in South Perth will be held on Wednesday 28th January, and Bill Passey will be doing an informative presentation on culling.

As usual both meetings will have a Question & Answer session if you want to get some advice & opinions from other members; and tea, coffee & biscuits. See the newsletter cover for venues and times.

We have some great events planned for this year, so get involved and come along. If you have any ideas or suggestions on what type of events or presentations you'd like to see, be sure to let us know.

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

*Shana*

## Events Calendar



Tuesday 13 January —Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 28 January—General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 10 February —Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 25 February—General Meeting, South Perth

Tuesday 10 March —Branch Meeting, Wanneroo

Wednesday 25 March—General Meeting, South Perth



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## NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

**NOTICE FOR PETER MORRIS**—we have misplaced contact details for member Peter Morris. If anyone knows him or his family, could you please ask him to contact Shona Whaite (Northern Branch Membership & Publicity) on 94539460. Thank you!

December's Northern Branch meeting was a relaxed occasion with most of us already in pre-Christmas zombie mode! So it was a perfect occasion for some prezzie ideas...what better ideas could there be than koi gear! ☺ So after welcoming everyone Allan Bennett walked through a range of equipment that's useful for our favourite friends. From koi nets to test kits to bottom drains...many of the essentials.

Richard Mussell then discussed some facts and fiction about solar powered pond gear and also about building energy efficient ponds. Aspects covered included water and air pumps, UVs, plumbing and some pond design fundamentals.

The Table Show was well attended. Fred Sharp had a shot at judging and didn't have a single rotten egg or tomato thrown at him so he must have done a great job! Well done Fred. It's never the easiest task to take on.

### Category A

Place	Class	Bin	Owner
1	Showa	2	Phong Ta
2	Sanke	3	Rod Strang
3	Showa	2	Phong Ta

### Category B

Place	Class	Bin	Owner
1	Tansho sanke	1	Des Howlett
2	Goshiki	3	Rod Strang
3	Doitsu yamo	3	Rod Strang

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and best of luck with your koi keeping. Next Northern Branch meeting is the second Tuesday of the month as usual so it's 13 Jan 2009. See you all there!

Richard

# NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS

## New Year's Message

August 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 saw our first meeting of the Northern Branch . Now with 5 meetings under our belt it is time to wish you all a Happy New Year and good koi hobbling for 09! We have picked up a number of new members and it was great to see the support from our Branch at the Annual KSWA Xmas Party at Bill and Judy's. Don't these guys do us proud? Every year they open up their lovely house and ponds, in some cases to complete strangers and allow us to tramp all over everything and eat all of Bill's BBQ fish! One of these years we will get the temperature just right but otherwise a fantastic day.

Twelve or so of our members are breeding this year. I have heard of some good results and some disasters. In the main it appears our newer members are having the most problems and my advice is to have another go next year. Do not give up, listen and learn all you can between then and now, cull hard do not keep too many and you will be rewarded.

We have some plans for this year which we will discuss at our Branch Meeting. I would like to get you thinking about the Annual Show; 24th May. Rod Strang is our Show Chairman this year and I want our Branch membership to muck in as much as possible. Please try showing fish you do not need superstars and already Rod is looking at ways to make the showing of fish easier for new members.

Again, Best Wishes to you all for the coming year and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Let's keep the enthusiasm up and moving forward.

Regards Allan Bennett, Northern Branch Chairman

**At the meeting on 13 January, we will be having an open discussion on different types of filtration suitable for koi ponds. An OASE representative will also be joining us to show off the latest and greatest OASE gear.**

**The Chairman will be running through some ideas and proposed events for 2009— pond tours, membership drive, young fish show, auctions, fundraising to keep the Branch financial. Member input is very welcome!**

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## MEMBER PROFILE ... Rodney Strang

At our recent Xmas Party, one of our most popular members, Rod, was honored for his efforts over a long period with a 'Life Membership' of the KSWA. Rod has been involved with the KSWA since 1992. During that period he has forged a reputation for fine wit, honesty and a reputation for breeding good quality babies. He is one of the few members who has consistently bred the Sanke. As we all know this is one variety to stay away from, even the Japanese say 'breed Sanke go out of business'! Yes he does like a challenge and told me the first time he bred in 1992 he though he would just go to difficulty level 1 with Gin Rin Sanke. Once he culled out the good ones he also kept all the off culls and a year later all the best fish came from these ones not the selected goodies! I asked him a few questions:

**What does becoming a Life Member mean to you Rod?** Well I am humble about my peers in the KSWA recognising my efforts and a Life Membership means to me that I am expected to put the shoulder to the wheel when needed. I intend to do my best for many years to come.

**When did you do your first spawn?** 1992 Gin Rin Sankes can you believe it, how hard is that!

**What is your favorite variety?** I like any good quality koi but if pushed I would say Kohaku and Sanke

**What is you best piece of advice to a new member?** Oh please ask all the questions before building a pond. It is so important to know what you are doing.

**Most important piece of advice in pond design?** Filtration is by a country mile the most important part of any pond design and it is seldom understood by the novice. So many people are put off the hobby because they did not get the filtration right first up.



ABOVE: Rod (right) accepting his Life Membership award from President Bill Passey.

cont ....

Sounds good in theory doesn't it? Once the water level was about knee deep Graham climbed in and started catching the fish he was doing a great job but was finding the bottom of the pond a bit slippery. The first time he fell over was quite funny, the second time not so funny. He had hurt his shoulder but managed to catch the rest of the fish for me then got out and put an icepack on his shoulder. The next day his shoulder was so sore he drove his truck to work but couldn't work so another driver worked for him and Graham came home. Graham made an appointment with the doctor and decided to just rest for the day. Things weren't looking that bad until the driver rang and said the truck had broken down and the doctor said that Graham had damaged his rotor cuff in his shoulder and it could take over a year to heal properly! He had to take a week off work but is still suffering from a very sore shoulder even now. The next day I managed to get into the pond by arranging the ladder so I could climb in & out of the pond. I redid the sicaflex joints and hoped that this would fix the leaking problem as we could see cracks in the seams. As I was getting up at one point I forgot I was under the ladder and hit my head causing a headache for a few days. Like I said one step forward two back!

Still haven't tidied up much of the garden as you can imagine we weren't very enthused to do any work out there for awhile. Plus Graham still can't lift much with his sore shoulder plus I don't think he wants to!

We filled the pond back up with water and hoped all would go well. I must admit the first morning I really didn't want to open the curtains to check and delayed it for some time. After a week or so we put the fish back in and they have been happily swimming in there ever since. Graham and I finally got fed up with not seeing the fish properly so we decided to connect the UV light even though the decking support isn't in place yet. Of course, the fitting of the hoses for that didn't go to plan and it took us a few days to get it all sorted. One step forward.... Now we can actually see the bottom of the pond and all the fish!

So at the moment the fish are happy and we are contemplating the next step on the project. Freya

## *Freya's Pond Update*

It's now nearly 2009 surely I have finished my pond by now..... unfortunately not. As usual I seemed to take one step forward with the pond and two back. For all you members who haven't seen me over the last couple of months here is what's been happening.

The electrician came and I now have enough power points to run my pond plus a couple of extra ones just in case.

Now let's see where was I in my update reports, oh yes, the decking support was to come to my place from Tim's. I rang up and arranged someone to do it and luckily he could do it the day I rang so all was go ahead. I waited home all excited that another step was coming to an end....silly me. The guy arrived on time and whilst unloading the decking support he managed to get a piece jammed under his truck framework at the front and while he was trying to maneuver it off the truck he very cleverly (not) bent one of the support legs!! He was very apologetic but it was still bent. Just another one of those steps.

I now have to work out how to straighten the leg so it will support the decking and fit into the hole in the wall where it needs to go. I am once again going to have to get my strong friends over for some more lifting and straightening.

The fish were quite happy in their new home until I opened the curtains one morning and noticed that the pond had dropped about 20cm overnight – not a good sign. Quickly checked to see if I could see where it had leaked and there was no obvious leakage spot. That meant that it was leaking from the bottom of the pond. I just swore and walked back inside and drew the curtains closed hoping that it would all just go away. When Graham came home he took the news better than me and said "oh well, we'll just have to get all the fish out and start again." So it was planned for the weekend that Graham and I would get the fish out, by Sunday the water had dropped enough that it was hard to scoop the fish out so we pumped the water onto the garden and paddock and Graham very kindly climbed in to catch the fish for me. If you don't remember I can't get out of the pond without his help so we decided that it would be better for him to go in and me to carry the fish to the other pond after he caught them.

How do you see the KSWA progressing from here? Yeah I know it was a little difficult to get moving but Branches have been the biggest change and will have the most influence in getting our hobby to as many people as possible. I also believe we are now appreciating new members and looking after them which is good.

Look at the Xmas Party, great to see a lot of new members enjoying themselves. Also look at the improvement level in our home bred koi in the last 4-5 years.

Our Annual Show is the place to showcase these and every member can compete now with good fish, our Show just keeps getting better.

Thanks Rod and good luck with this years Annual Show as Show Chairman

“JJ”

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### **UPDATE—Strategic Approach to the Management of Ornamental Fish in Australia**

A copy of the following letters are now available on our website (link from homepage)

- Message from KSWA President about the issue
- Our letter to WA Fisheries from December 2008
- WA Fisheries response



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# KSWA CHRISTMAS PARTY and MEMBER AUCTION



The Annual pilgrimage to Bill and Judy's was on again this year. As usual these guys did us proud making everyone feel welcome and Bill with some helpers had the place looking just great. Lorna is the best 'parking inspector' I have ever seen and no one ever argues! Seriously she is great fun with it all.

The forecast for the day was 35C but I think it was hotter! No matter there was lots of shade, a swimming pool for the kids and lots to eat and drink for the big kids. Lots of new faces this year and I asked a number of them how it went and they were rapped and really enjoyed themselves.

Father Xmas made a visit, with presents for all the kids and lollies for all (including some big kids who just couldn't help themselves!)

Food was just great. Did anyone try the bbq fish, was it koi? It was top shelf what ever it was, just delicious.

It was a bit hot to Auction fish but Luke did his usual great job. There were not a lot of bins but fish were of very good quality and prices were very fair I believe. Most I spoke with told me they were very happy.

To the Passey family, many many thanks for again opening up your house to us for another Xmas Party. It is a great venue and all I talked with believed it was one of the best parties ever.

Our thanks also go to the helpers, Paul, Tim, Kyle and Norm. Josie always plays a major role. To you all and any I have missed..... many thanks indeed.

"JJ"

