

Dave Pogson Memorial Breeder's Trophy

The Wednesday meeting after the show was also a night to remember. Dave Pogson was a great ambassador of our club and the Breeders Trophy, held in his honour, gets larger every year.

This year again was an eye opening night, to see young koi of exceptional quality, being tabled for Kate McGill to judge the best tub of koi overall. This was the first time for Kate and was quite a novelty to judge, outside the best koi in the show, to be suddenly judging the best tub of ten koi. This year the Dave Pogson award went to Carl and Dianna Banning, with a tub of Kin Gin Rin Sanke and Kohaku. Size and conformation was excellent in these koi, as was the balance of pattern and the Kin Gin Rin was of very high quality in all the koi.

Over the last few years Dianna and Carl have set a very high standard in their

breeding and raising techniques and they are to be commended in their ongoing approach to the improvement of koi in Australia. If there were to be a runner up award it would have been to a tub of Shusui owned by Terry McNeil. Congratulations to all who took part.

Whilst Kate McGill was judging this award, I commented again on the Show Results and spoke about the Monday night at the Velodrome.

A short social break was called and then it was time to hear Kate's second talk, this time on 'Difficult Decisions', with beautiful slides of koi, which made it easier for new as well as older members alike to start to understand the simplicity as well as the complexity of decisions which are made when judging koi.

A high amount of knowledge was gained on the night and we owe an immeasurable thanks to ZNA and BKKS Judge Kate McGill, for enlightening the club, with new information in koi judging. I would also like to thank our Showmaster Jack Cohen and all the show committee for their incredible hard work and dedication to make these couple of days so special.



Kate McGill and Dianna Banning with the Dave Pogson Memorial Breeder's Trophy
