

BRITISH KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

2010

Markyate, Hertfordshire, England
11th-13th September



Why you should come

For 2010, the British Killifish Association Annual Convention is again at Markyate in Hertfordshire. Easy access for British and International visitors has been a priority; the hotel venue is 2km from the M1 motorway (J9), and within easy travel of Luton Airport.

This years Convention has the usual fish show, with all fish auctioned on the Sunday afternoon, members killifish auction on the Saturday, and three lectures relating to killifish.

Lecture 1: *Fundulopanchax, Callopanchax and allied, A review* - Ruud Wildekamp

Lecture 2: *Congo* - Jouke Van Der Zee (in 2 parts)

Part I • history and zoogeography of the Congo basin • non killifish • killifish: almost 20 years no collections made, but recently scientists start to make collections again • Lampeyes and Epiplatys (distribution of all species and not yet described new species)

Part II: Aphyosemion • species groups present in the Congo basin • what is *A. decorsei*? What is *A. polli*, What is *A. schioetzi*? • our *A. labarrei* is not the real *A. labarrei* • new species complex in the Inkisi tributary • *elegans* group: many undescribed species from Africa Museum Tervuren collection

Lecture 3: *Nothobranchius - A review of the Genus* - Ruud Wildekamp



We particularly welcome members who are new to the BKA, or who have never attended the Convention. It is an excellent place to talk to other killifish-keepers of all levels of experience, and share some of their knowledge. Members of the organising committee will be available at all times to assist attendees, especially those coming to the Convention for the first time.

Programme

Saturday

- 1000 hrs Fish Room (Modern Meeting Room) closed for judging
- 1100 hrs Tea/Coffee break
- 1200 hrs Fundulopanchax, Callopanchax and allied - A review - Ruud Wildekamp
- 1300 hrs Lunch break (tea/coffee/sandwiches - pre-booked only)
- 1330 hrs Congo --- Jouke Van Der Zee (in 2 parts)
- 1545 hrs Tea/Coffee break
- 1600 hrs Members Auction followed by AGM (in Buckingham Suite)
- 1930 hrs Dinner (in restaurant annexe)

Sunday

- 0930 hrs Nothobranchius - A review of the Genus - Ruud Wildekamp
- 1030 hrs Tea/Coffee break
- Followed as soon as possible by auction of Show Fish



Prices

Friday & Saturday nights bed & breakfast, tea/coffee am/pm Saturday and am Sunday, two sandwich lunches and Saturday banquet.

- Double or twin £220-00 for two people
- Single room £165-00 per person

As above excluding Friday night and breakfast

- Double or twin £162 for two people
- Single room £115 per person

If you want save money by sharing, please let us know and we may be able to find you a room-mate.

- Day visitor with refreshments (pre-booking required) per day £15
- Day visitor no refreshments per day £5
- Banquet only (Saturday night) £25-00.

The Saturday night banquet will be in an annexe to the main restaurant with the main course being taken from the self-service carvery.

Hotel residents have free use of swimming pool, sauna and gym in the adjoining Health Centre.

Book now to avoid disappointment as rooms are limited at the venue. Payment is due one month prior to the Convention. UK residents should make payment by Cheque payable to THE BRITISH KILLIFISH ASSOCIATION CONVENTION. Overseas visitors please email Ian Sainthouse via convention@bka.org.uk about payment methods.

Entering Showfish

- All showfish are donated to the BKA, with proceeds helping to fund the Convention itself. Please donate a pair if you can - they don't have to be winners; the BKA show is more about distributing fish, and creating a display of as many species as we can get together! If you would like to sell your surplus fish, there is an auction on Saturday (maximum 4 lots of any one species or population), with 25% commission of the sale price going to the BKA.
- The showfish must be entered before 10am on Saturday. Fish received after that time will be put on display but may not be judged. Just bring your fish to the show area when you arrive.
- As usual we welcome entries from overseas associations. For details of where to post email convention@bka.org.uk
- Please note that ALL fish entered in the convention show will be auctioned, with the proceeds going to the BKA.



Getting there

Holiday Inn, Markyate
London Road (A5)
Luton, AL3 8HH
England

- 2 Km from M1 motorway (junction 9)
 - 12 Km from Luton airport (approx £15 taxi fare)
- Luton airport is also a drop-off point for National Express coaches
- 12 Km from Luton Parkway station railway station

If you need help getting to and from Luton Airport or Luton Parkway station on Friday we may be able to help. Please contact us in advance, and if possible, we will arrange for you to be met, or at least try and group up a number of people to share taxi fares.

The local area

Whipsnade Zoo Park (part of the Zoological Society of London) is just 8km away.
Dunstable downs is the highest point in the county of Bedfordshire with superb views over five counties, golf course etc.
St Albans is 14 km away. This Roman city has its own cathedral, abbey, museums and medieval buildings.
Woburn Abbey / Safari Park 25km

Contact

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