

PISCATORAL PEARLS

A review by Kurt Johnston – March 2007 Edition

If you find anything that stirs your interest, please notify our Tank Tales editor and he will happily supply you with a copy. Specify the title and date of magazine with each request.

First stop this month is in New Jersey for 3 articles by Chuck Davis in the September 2006 issue of the NJAS REPORTER. In the first, titled “Feeding Tips”, Chuck gives us his five tips on feeding our finny friends that I found very useful. Next he takes us into the wonderful world of Plecos with an article titled “Plecos Suck!!!”. This is a great look at what makes this fish such a popular staple of hobbyists. Finally, in an article titled “Raising Goldfish for Show”, Chuck gives us tips on showing a fish that many of us never thought of that way.

Next we head up to snow country for a story in the October issue of the TFCEC’s SOME THINGS FISHY. This story titled “Decapsulating Brine Shrimp Eggs” by Craig Watson and Roy P.E. Yanong give us all the information that we need to perform this process that can prevent any of our fry from ingesting the unhatched eggs or shells that can kill them.

On the lighter side, we have an article in the September issue of the Motor City A.S.’s TROPIQUARIUM titled “Lessons from an Obsessed Newbie” by Inger Jorgenson. Inger gives us a personal account in the form of 7 lessons that describes what I think we have all gone through at one time...buying fish and tanks with only one thing in mind --- more, More, MORE!

The October edition of GRAVEL GOSSIP from the Diamond State A.S. brings us 2 great stories. The first titled “The Elegant Cory” by Bob Berdoulay gives us a very detailed account of Bob’s work in spawning the *Corydoras elegans* and raising the fry. Next is Part 3 of a continuing series of stories titled “Setting up a Reef Tank” by Marty Ziegler. Part 3 continues this great series with advice regarding the fish for the tank. Next part will be something to look forward to also as it looks at “the clean up crew”!

For our next article we go to Pittsburgh for the October 2006 issue of GPASI’s FINFORMATION. In this article titled “Lagenandra meeboldii ‘pink’” by Timothy Gross, we get a very good description of this not to often seen and beautiful plant and how to propagate it.

Going back to New Jersey for a couple of stories in the October 2006 issue of the NJAS’ REPORTER. The first story is titled “Raising & Breeding the L066 King Tiger Pleco” by Jim Golaszeski. Jim gives us a very good account of what he did to encourage the spawning of this great looking Pleco. The next story is by Chuck Davis titled “Sleeper Goby- No Sleeper”, and in it Chuck gives us a good description of the habits of this Native US fish.

Next we go to the Windy City for an article in the November-December 2006 Edition of the GCCA’s CICHLID CHATTER titled “Monterey Bay Aquarium” by Rick Borstein. Rick takes us on a brief but very informative tour of this aquarium on the West Coast and leaves just enough to the imagination so that you will want to go.

A couple of articles really caught my eye in the November 2006 issue of the TFCEC’s SOME THINGS FISHY. The first article titled “Vacation Fish Care and Feeding” did not list an author but gave some great tips on what to do about caring for your fish when you go on vacation. The second article from this issue is by Bill Duzon titled “A Swordtail with One” and is a good story detailing the great looking *X. montezumae* and caring for and breeding this really cool livebearer. Finally another anonymous article titled “An Introduction to Killies” is a good general Killie story.

This month concludes back in Pittsburgh with a story in the November 2006 issue of FINFORMATION titled “*Nannostomus beckfordii*” by Pete Scaletto that gives us a brief description of Pete’s care and breeding setup for this attractive little pencilfish.