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Thought of the Month

“It's the small things that we do in life that are important.”

The Editor's Report

Don Miller

Federation Report Editor

This should be July's issue and it is already October. I don't have a good reason for waiting this long to put it together – I did change my computer over from Windows to Linux. I guess the real reason is burnout. After just six months of being the Editor, Publisher, and Publication Awards Chair I was no longer motivated to put together the FAAS Report, and if Tony had not emailed me the Election Report, I'm not sure I would be writing this. You may noticed a lack of articles in this issue. I have not received new articles so, I must not be the only burned-out Committee Chair or Board Member.

I believe FAAS is at a crossroads, but not dead yet. I think that FAAS is unsure of it's purpose and the direction it wants to go. Our Board and Chairs are overworked - remember that they also do a lot of work for the local and specialty clubs they belong to – and need more support from its member clubs.

I think that it is time for FAAS to take a look over the programs it offers, and keep the programs that it needs to carry out its mission. FAAS will have to put on hold the programs that it does not have the resources to do successfully.

The place to do this is the Delegates Council – members, delegates, club president, editors should email their comments to; The Delegates Council Chair, Al Priest – 102337.517@compuserve.com

Don Miller

Editor, FAAS Report



Dave Knelson- Remembered

Editor's note: I received this E-mail this week.

Hi,

My name is Karen Knelson and my father David Knelson was very involved with the " Fish " organizations growing up and later on in his life. I know at one time we had over 200 tanks. And we lived in Base housing. I am not sure if you are aware but he passed away on Feb 10 2006. I was wondering if you could let me know if any information was placed into your newsletter and how I would arrange for my self to get a copy if it had. I was in contact with someone prior and he knew my father ect.

I look forward to hearing from you

Karen

I am sure that the Aquarium Hobby will miss David Knelson, and I would like to offer Karen Knelson and her family on the behalf of the Hobby, our sympathy the lost of her father. Don Miller



The Long Island Aquarium Society

The Long Island Aquarium Society, Inc. (LIAS) is the oldest organization devoted to Tropical Fish in the Long Island area. It is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the study of aquatic life, with the goals of promoting interest, exchanging ideas, and encouraging the breeding and showing of fish.

The membership is made up of men, women and children of all ages and levels of experience. Included are nationally renowned individuals who are eager to share their experience and expertise in all aspects of aquarium and fish management.

LIAS meets at 8PM on the 3rd Friday of each month (except July and August) at Holtsville Park - 249 Buckley Road, Holtsville NY 11742. The meetings feature programs covering all aspects of tropical fish keeping presented by noted guest speakers. A bowl show is featured every month, with ribbons awarded for first, second and third place, culminating in the annual Bowl Show Champion Award. A social atmosphere is enjoyed by all during refreshment. It is at this time that members "talk fish", exchange ideas and secrets, trade fish and establish friendships. The meetings resume with free door prizes and a raffle. Auctions are held monthly and all have the opportunity to bid for rare and home-bred fish, or equipment at bargain prices. Members may make donations of fish, plants and fish related items to the auction as 50/50 or 100% donation to the club.

Visitors are always welcome and, of course, may participate in the raffle and auction. The nominal membership dues allow voting privileges and a membership card, which entitles the member to generous discounts at local pet shops.

Our October program will be held on Friday, October 20 ,2006 at 8 P.M. Guests are always welcome, and admission and parking are free. The program for our October meeting will be "Save a Species, Buy a Wild Fish", presented by Phil Inuoe.

Please advertise the meeting in your community bulletin board. Thank you for your help in promoting the tropical fish hobby. Visit Long Island Aquarium Society online at: <http://www.liasonline.org>.

Sincerely,

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FAAS Election Committee Report

Roger Halleen & Tony Berry
Chairmen

It wasn't much of an election, but it was an election and it gets the organization back on at least one schedule.

The current FAAS Board of Directors are as follows; Term Expires on December 31, of the listed year.

Roger Halleen	2008
Jan Benes	2008
Janice Emmons	2008
Rick Borstein	2008
Jerry Montgomery	2010
Pat Smith	2010
Derrick Jackson	2010
(Vacant)	2010

Concerning the vacancy, the President can fill the position with agreement from a majority of the elected Directors.

Isn't there someone among our members with the burning desire to make FAAS the federation it should/could be? If you are that person contact President Jerry.

Nominations for the next election will be due prior to March 5, 2008. The election to fill those four positions will be held with publication of the candidates biographies, and printed ballot in the May June issue of the FAAS Report.



The 2005 Publication Awards

Don Miller
Chairman

Legend:

AAA = Asociacion de Acuaristas de Aguadilla

CAFE = Champaign Area Fish Exchange

DCAS = Delaware County Aquarium Society

GAAS = Greater Akron Aquarium Society

GCAS = Greater City Aquarium Society

GCCA = Greater Chicago Cichlid Association

MAS = Minnesota Aquarium Society
NCAS = Nassau County Aquarium Society
PCAS = Patnam County Aquarium Society
SWMAS = Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society
TCTFS = Tri-County Tropical Fish Society

* = *Listed last issue*

1. Best Editor and Publication more than 6 issues
 1. Modern Aquarium – Alexander Priest – GCAS
 2. In Seine M.E.N.U – Jerry Montgomery – CAFE
 3. Pisces Press – James Quattropani – NCASHM. Michelle Jackson – PCAS Newsletter - PCAS
2. Best Editor and Publication 6 or fewer issues
 1. SWAM – Darrell R. Ullisch
 2. Cichlid Chatter – Mike Mazurkiewicz – GCCA
 3. El ojo de Agua – Josè M. Centeno - AAAHM. FinFax – Marilyn Kurman - DCAS
- *3. Best Non-Changing Cover
 1. Editor Judy Marshall – SWAM -SWMAS
- *4. Best Changing Cover, Original Art
 1. Gary Lange, Mike Helford – Cichlid Chatter – GCCA
- *4a. Best Changing Cover, Non-Original Art
 1. Editor Josè M. Centeno -El ojo de Agua – AAA
 2. Photo/Layout Editor Jason Kerner – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 3. Editor Jerry Montgomery – In Seine M.E.N.U – CAFEHonorable Mention – Editor James Quattropani – Pisces Press – NCAS
5. Best FAAS-Related Article
 1. Joe Semeister - 2004 FAAS Publication Awards – FinFax – DCAS
 2. Pat Smith – February FAAS Report – Pisces Press – NCAS
 3. Tony Berry – May FAAS Delegate Report – Fish Tales - TCTFSHM. Pat Smith – November FAAS Report – Pisces Press - NCAS
6. Best Exchange Column
 1. Pat Smith – X-change it! - Pisces Press – NCAS
 2. Claudia Dickinson – The Pharyngeal Digest - Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 3. Len Thomas – Perusing the Periodicals – Fin Fax - DCAS
- *7. Best Review Column
 1. Susan Priest – Wet Leaves - Modern Aquarium – GCAS
8. Best Spawning Article, under 500 words
 1. Bernard Harrigan – Three Strips and it Croaks – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 2. George A. & Vickie L. Coy – Melanotaenia Parva ~ It's A Beauty – SWAM – SWMAS
 3. Edith Mills – Spawning Aulonocara sp. “Eureka Red Albino” - Tank Tropics – GAASHM. Willie Heard – Psuedothropheus elongatus “Chewere” - Cichlid Chatter - GCCA
9. Best Spawning Article, 500 – 1000 Words
 1. Roger Halleen – Breeding the Dwarf Pleco, Ancistrus Lineolatus – Fish Tales – TCTFS

2. Alexander A. Priest – An Endangered Licorice, *Paroshlromeus harveyi* – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 3. Chase Klinesteker - Spawning the Rosey Tetra, *Hyphessobrycon Rosaceus* – SWAM - SWMAS
- HM. Matt Ferkler – A complex & Fascinating Fish – FinFax – DCAS
- 9a. Best Spawning Article, 500 – 1000 words, Junior Level II (11 -13 years of age)
 1. Sam Borstein – *Thorichthys meeki* – The Firemouth – Cichlid Chatter – GCCA
 10. Best Spawning Article, more than 1000 words
 1. Chase Klinesteker – Breeding the Drapefin Barb – SWAM – SWMAS
 2. Joseph Ferdenzi - Caring for the Coral Rainbowfish: *Melanotaenia boesmani* – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 3. Darrell R. Ullisch – Breeding *Pelmatochromis nigrofasciatus* – SWAM - SWMAS
- HM. Alexander A. Priest – A Not So “Simple” Betta – Modern Aquarium - GCAS
11. Best Article on a Genus of Fish
 1. Claudia Dickinson – The *Tilapia* of Lake Bermin, Cameroon – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 2. Bob Randall – *Cyphotilapis* – Aqua News – MAS
 3. George A. & Vickie L. Coy – *Danio* ~ A Fish with Zip – SWAM - SWMAS
- HM Bernard Harrigan – The Definitive *Corydoras* Breeding Article – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
12. Best Article on a Species of Fish
 1. Joseph Ferdenzi – The Purple Sulphur *Limia*: *Poecilia (Limia) sulphurophila* – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 2. Susan Priest – The Odyssey of the Spotted Goodeids – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 3. Chase Klinesteker – The Black Rudy Barb – SWAM - SWMAS
- HM Rich Serva – Keeping the Elegant Livebearer, *Neoheterandria elegans* – Tank Topics - GAAS
- 12a. Best Article on a Species of Fish, Junior Level II (11 -13 years of age)
 1. Sam Borstein – *Archoentrus* sp. “Honduran Red Point” A Convict, or not?
 13. Best Marine Article
 1. Bernard Harrigan - Ten Steps to Setting Up a Successful Seahorse Aquarium – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 2. Bernard Harrigan – All Seahorses Are Endangered! - Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 3. Bernard Harrigan – Anatomy of a Seahorse - Modern Aquarium – GCAS
- HM Bernard Harrigan – Five Questions - Modern Aquarium – GCAS
- *14. Best Marine Article – Invertebrates
 1. Bernard Harrigan – The Inverted Tankmates - Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 - *15. Best Continuous FAAS Column
 1. Pat Smith – FAAS Report– Pisces Press – NCAS
 2. Tony Berry – F.A.A.S. Delegate's Report– Fish Tales – TCTFS
 - *16. Best Article on Aquascaping/Design
 1. Bernard Harrigan – Ten Steps to Setting Up a successful Seahorse Aquarium – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 2. James Roberson – Beginner's Aquarium Article – PCAS Newsletter - PCAS
 3. Carolyn Weise – Winterizing the Pond – Pisces Press – NCAS
 - *17. Best Articles on Plant Maintenance/Cultivation/Reproduction

1. Tony O'Neal – Bolbitis heudelotii – SWAM -SWMAS
2. Susan Priest – Susie's Greenhouse - Modern Aquarium – GCAS
3. Christian Homrich Jr – Java Fern: A Simple Beginning – SWAM -SWMAS
- *18. Best Show Article
 1. Darrell R. Ullisch – ALA Convention - The (Fish) race in Indianapolis – SWAM -SWMAS
 2. Claudia Dickinson – Celebrating 30 Years with the NEC! - Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 3. Steve Sigel – Bowl Show – Fin Fax - DCAS
- *19. Best Judging Article
 1. Michelle Jackson – Points – PCAS Newsletter – PCAS
 2. Michelle Jackson – Photo Contest – PCAS Newsletter – PCAS
 3. Rick Graham – The Judgment 2005 – Tank topics – GAAS
20. Best How To or Do-It-Yourself Article
 1. Ken Balfanz – Culturing Vinegar Eels – Aqua News – MAS
 2. Jeff Bollbach – A Different Slant on a Brine Shrimp Hatchery – Pisces Press – NCAS
 3. John Bush – Effects of Mylar Reflection Media on Aquarium Lighting – FinFax - DCAS

HM Christian Homrich, Jr. - Filtration: Which Should I Use? - SWAM - SWMAS
21. Best General Article on Society Management
 1. Claudia Dickinson – The GCAS C.A.R.E.S. Conservation, Awareness & Recognition Endangered Species Preservation Program – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 2. Mike Helford – Suggestion for Revised BAP Rule: for Populations/Morphs – Cichlid Chatter – GCCA
 3. Michelle Jackson – Photo Contest – PCAS Newsletter - PCAS

HM Steve Siegel – The Bowl Show – FinFax - DCAS
22. Best Article on Health/Nutrition
 1. Casey Yeaton – Fish Diseases and Treatment – PCAS Newsletter – PCAS
 2. Pat Smith – Don't Panic! - Pisces Press – NCAS
 3. Chase Klinesteker – The Daphnia Helper – SWAM - SWMAS

HM Charley Sabatino – Gammarus shrimp: My Favorite Live Food – Modern Aquasrium - GCAS
- *23. Best Collecting Article
 1. Claudia Dickinson – Expedition to the Peruvian Amazon Jungle – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
- *24. Best Traveling Aquarist Article
 1. Claudia Dickinson – Expedition to the Peruvian Amazon Jungle – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 2. Jenny Kruckenberg – The Great Lakes Aquarium -- a native fish experience – Aqua News – MAS
 3. Noel Roberts – My Trip to the Albuquerque Aquarium – In Seine M.E.N.U – CAFE

Honorable Mention – Noel Roberts – Atlantis: Search for an Aquarium – In Seine M.E.N.U – CAFE
25. Best Humorous Article
 1. Debbie Ayers – Water Change Disasters – SWAM- SWMAS
 2. Hoest Gerber – Charlotte's Web – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
 3. Ed Vukich – A Fish Tank: “My Life” - Modern Aquarium - GCAS

HM Elliot Oshins – The Highest Bidder – Modern Aquarium – GCAS

26. Best Original Art Work

1. Anchor Saeslow – Full Year, 2005 - Aqua News – MAS
2. Barnard Harrigan – September, 2005 – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
3. Diana R. Dubbeld – January, 2005 – SWAM - SWMAS

HM Sue Fries – Full Year, 2005 – Aqua News - MAS

26a. Best Original Art Work, Junior Level I (5 -10 years of age)

1. Tyler Greenwalt – November, 2005 – PCAS Newsletter – PCAS

27. Best Cartoon

1. Bernard Harrigan – September, 2005 – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
2. Ted Ongirski – October, 2005 – FinFax – DCAS
3. Elliot Oshins – November, 2005 – Modern Aquarium - GCAS

HM Bernard Harrigan – November, 2005 – Modern Aquarium – GCAS

28. Best Continuing Column, Single Author

1. Rick Borstein – Cichlid Ramblings – Cichlid Chatter – GCCA
2. Susan Priest – Fin Fun – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
3. Bob Randall – Cichlid Matters – Aqua News - MAS

HM Mike Foran – From The Prestdent – Pisces Press - NCAS

29. Best Article, All Other Categories

1. Claudia Dickinson – Aquarian Minds Want To Know... - Modern Aquarium – GCAS
2. Claudia Dickinson – Focus on our Youth the C.A.R.E.S. Preservation and Aqua Havens for Education – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
3. Elaine Shannon – “Mr. Fish Man” - Cichlid Chatter – GCCA

HM Ken Balfanz – Linear Air Pump Central Air Systems – Aqua News – MAS

30. Author of the Year

1. Bernard Harrigan – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
2. Claudia Dickinson – Modern Aquarium – GCAS
3. Pat Smith – Pisces Press – NCAS
4. Susan Priest – Modern Aquarium - GCAS
5. Sam Borstein – Cichlid Ramblings – GCCA



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