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President's Message

Jerry Montgomery
President

It seems like only yesterday that I began my term as President of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies. The truth is that my first term as President will end when the election of a new Board is concluded in June. The time has gone fast, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and to promote the hobby whenever possible. I look forward to continued service to FAAS in the future. I would urge more hobbyists to get involved in our efforts to promote the hobby.

We have many dedicated aquarists involved with FAAS. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all of you for the time and effort given since I became active with the Federation. However, there is still a need for more people to become involved if we are to keep the hobby strong. We need to share ideas and information whenever possible, keep a vigilant eye on legislation that might hurt the hobby around the nation, and actively seek new people to get involved in every region of our nation. If you have an interest in a particular aspect of the hobby, an idea or a concern, let someone on the Board know. We value your ideas and welcome your input. A united effort will do much to keep the hobby strong.

I would also like to welcome Scott Tetzlaff to the Board and also as the Breeders Award Program Chairman. Scott is a definite asset to the organization, as you can see from the BAP Awards Update for 1999 and 2000 printed in this issue.

As an example of a way you could help, there is still a need for assistance in the development of new program materials for FAAS. If you know of someone in your local group or region that might be able to help, please let me know. I am looking for someone that could take photos, write text to go with new programs as they are developed, help in identification of slides already available, etc.. Ideas and suggestions on topics for new programs are always welcome. If each member society could help by developing just one new slide presentation, we could more than double the materials available. If we work together anything is possible.



Annual Elections

Greg Wooters
Elections Chair

Listed here you will find information about the candidates for the Board of Directors. For the first time FAAS will allowing the use of e-mail in the balloting process.

The guidelines are as follows: (e-mail & mail)

1. You may vote for no more than four (4) candidates. If you vote for more than 4 your ballot will be invalid, and none of the candidates will receive credit. You can vote for fewer than 4, if that is your decision, just do not exceed 4.
2. Your vote, whether returned by mail or e-mail, must be postmarked or headed with a date of no later than June 1st. Any ballot received with dating information past that deadline is invalid.
3. Only societies holding full membership may vote and only they will receive a ballot by e-mail/mail. While all members receive the Federation Report, not all of those are eligible to vote.
4. Your reply must include the following:

Your Name

Your Full Society Name (NO abbreviations)

The names of those candidates you wish to vote for

The name of your society's President

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6. As I receive your ballot (e-mail only) I will send you a return notice. For mail-in ballots, if you include a phone number and time to call I will notify you of receipt as well.

All Delegates should receive an e-mail ballot notice or a mail ballot. If you have not received a ballot you can still cast your

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vote by sending the required information in anyway. It is your information that validates the ballot, you do not have to wait or hesitate to cast your vote just because you haven't received an "official" notice - this Federation Report printing serves as the official call for your vote.

Remember — The final deadline is June 1st. You do not have to wait until that time but you cannot exceed it.

Thanks

Biographical Sketches

Jan Benes:

I am an active member of the Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society. I am also a Lifetime member of the Michigan Cichlid Association and serve as Editor of their magazine, *All Cichlids*. I am currently a member of the FAAS Board of Directors and serve as Secretary. My husband Phil and I keep and breed cichlids, mainly from Lake Tanganyika, and over ten species of rainbow fish. We have over 80 tanks set up right now.

I enjoy traveling to various cichlid shows throughout the year with Phil. We also travel to Detroit to help out at MCA's auctions. The best part about being active in the hobby is meeting new people and making new friends from all over the country, and the world.

I look forward to serving on the FAAS board for another 2 years, if elected, and feel that we can make a difference in the aquarium hobby.

Kathy Deutsch:

I am an active member of the Tri-County Tropical Fish Society. While I am originally from northwest Indiana, my home is now north of St. Louis, Missouri. My husband Steve and children Neko and James, share my interest in animals, wildlife, and of course, fish.

From the age of five I have been avid about fish. From country fair goldfish to marine invertebrates, I have kept and/or cared for wet pets. For almost five years I worked at Beldt's Aquarium Hatchery where I tended to almost every species in the trade.

Currently I keep fish and a number of pets at home. My fish

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Kathy Deutsch (con't):

business, Katfish, is slowly beginning to develop and I communicate on animal and fish related topics via the Internet at AskMe.com. I write, give talks and am involved in animal (and fish) rescue and I help fund raise for the Chihuahua Rescue and Transport.

Roger Halleen:

I am a member of the Tri-County Tropical Fish Society where I have served as President for the last 3 years and Show Chairman for the last 15 years. I have also served as BAP Chairman, Ways & Means Chairman, and Program Chairman in my 27 years of involvement with TCTFS. I have also had a fair amount of involvement in the wholesale end of the hobby and the aquarium leasing business as owner of a small operation that did both for a few years.

I feel that one of the biggest joys of the hobby comes from the social involvement in the organized hobby and if the aquarium hobby is to continue, then organized clubs are a must.

I have been on the Board of Directors of FAAS for the past 2 years. I am serving as Legislation/USA Chair and Vice President. I feel that FAAS can and will be able to help the societies succeed in growing strong and becoming more organized. If elected that will remain my main goal in the coming years.

Patty Moncrief:

I have been a hobbyist for almost 40 years. I have kept both fresh and salt water aquariums and have bred and raised numerous species. I am currently breeding South American cichlids, angels and discus. I have been on the Board of Directors for the Tampa Bay Aquarium Society for the last 7 years including 2 terms as President. I am currently Treasurer and have served on show committees and as Show Chairman. I served for few months as co-editor of the newsletter.

I currently work as an Aquarium Service Technician - it is great to get paid to do something you love so much you do it at home too.

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Carol Ross:

(Carol's nomination was submitted on her behalf by Bucks County Aquarium Society, President Jim Straughn).

Carol Ross is a relatively new member of our club. She has become very active in our club and our Executive Meetings. She is school teacher, highly intelligent, very aggressive and conscientious. She has many years of experience with fresh water fish and has written articles for the Bucks County Aquarium Society's newsletters.

If you are looking for someone who is conscientious and someone with fresh new ideas, then she is the person you are looking for. I feel she would be a great asset to your Board and I would be proud and honored to have her be the representative of our club.

(Carol was just named as the BCAS FAAS Delegate).

Mark Schmidt:

(Mark's nomination was submitted on his behalf by Greater Chicago Cichlid Association, President Bob Matthews).

Mark Schmidt has been a hobbyist for 30+ years. He received his first fish tank as an 8th grade graduation present from his parents. He has been an active member of GCCA since the early 90's. He has held the position of Recording Secretary for the past 5 years. He was the Vendor Showroom Chairman for the 1997 American Cichlid Association Annual Convention sponsored by GCCA and has held the same post for the clubs annual fish show, the renowned "Cichlid Classic" since 1998. This year Mark has also volunteered to be the clubs FAAS representative. Mark's interests are primarily in the New World Cichlids and, more specifically, the *Apistogramma* species. He won the Best of Show at both GCCA's Cichlid Classic and the American Cichlid Association's show in 1999.



Breeders Award Program Report

Scott Tetzlaff
Breeders Award Program Chair

The BAP is off and running again. I took over the BAP a short time ago and have brought it up to date as far as the yearly awards go. I have noticed the number of clubs participating have dwindled over the past few years. I hope to change this by providing a consistent force behind the program. I know some of the local clubs I belong to have used this program to generate interest and participation. I would like to apologize if any clubs feel they have spawns reported that weren't credited in the correct year. I had only the information that came in the box. From this point I am going back to the rules in the bylaws the program will run from January - December, the calendar year. The deadline to be considered for the yearly awards is March 31. At this point, with the annual awards caught up, I intend to work on the aggregate list which I hope to have ready for the next report. Then I will be working on getting out recognition certificates for each 10 species spawned.

I would really like to see more clubs participate. I have yet to receive any spawns for the current year. The competition is wide open.

Awards 1999

Breeder of the Year

1st	84 spawns Jack Stevens	Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
2nd	64 spawns Scott Tetzlaff	Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
3rd	63 spawns David Hemmerlein	Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society

Breeding Club of the Year (spawns)

1st	331 spawns	Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
2nd	97 spawns	Central New York Aquarium Society
	97 spawns	Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

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Breeding Club of the Year (species)

1st	216 species	Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
2nd	87 species	Central New York Aquarium Society
3rd	60 species	Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

New Species Club

1st	44	Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
2nd	17	Central New York Aquarium Society
3rd	7	Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

New Species – Individual

1st	15	Jack Stevens	SWMAS
2nd	7	David Hemmerlein	SWMAS
	7	John Wubbot	CNYAS

Category 1 – Livebearers

1st	13	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
2nd	11	Curt Bitterling	SWMAS
3rd	10	David Hemmerlein	SWMAS

Category 2 – Anabatoids

1st	6	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
2nd	4	Tom Miglio	BAS
3rd	3	Cheryl Ann/Bryan Stevens	CNYAS

Category 3 – Barbs

1st	2	Bob Maichle	GCAS
2nd	1	Darryl Housler	GCAS
	1	Kapil Mandrekar	SWMAS
	1	Spencer Glass	BCAS

Category 4 – Minnows

1st	3	Darryl Housler	GCAS
2nd	2	Bob Maichle	GCAS
	2	William Shreves	YATFS
	2	Roger Schillizzi	BAS

Category 5 – Rasboras (No spawns reported)

Category 6 – Characins

1st	5	Lisa Quilty	BAS
2nd	3	Tom Miglio	BAS
3rd	2	Chase Klinesteker	SWMAS

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Category 7 – Old World Cichlids

1st	39	Jack Stevens	SWMAS
2nd	34	David Hemmerlein	SWMAS
3rd	12	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS

Category 8 – New World Cichlids

1st	11	Jack Stevens	SWMAS
2nd	8	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
3rd	5	David Hemmerlein	SWMAS

Category 9 – Mop Spawning Killifish

1st	22	Jack Stevens	SWMAS
2nd	13	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
3rd	12	David Hemmerlein	SWMAS

Category 10 – Soil Spawning Killifish

1st	6	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
2nd	4	Jack Stevens	SWMAS
3rd	3	Bill Brogan	CNYAS

Category 11 – Catfish

1st	3	Bob Wranovics	BAS
	3	Phil Oakes	CNYAS
3rd	2	Jerry Riegel	GCAS
		Steve Smith	GCAS
		Bob Maichle	GCAS
		Bill Brogan	CNYAS
		Steve McDonald	SWMAS

Category 12 – Sharks Eels and Loaches (No spawns Reported)

Category 13 – Brackish Marine

1st	1	William Shreves III	YATFS
		Curt Smith	YATFS
		Darin Guiles	SWMAS
		Jack Stevens	SWMAS
		Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
		Jim Graham	SWMAS
		Mark Van Maanen	SWMAS
		Bud & Cathy White	GAAS
		Marty Muldowney	CNYAS

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Category 14 – All Other Varieties

1st	3	Tom /Lou Johnson	TANOC
	3	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
	3	Mike Schuster	SWMAS

Category 15 – Rainbows

1st	3	Bill Brogan	CNYAS
	3	Jack Stevens	SWMAS
	3	Chase Klinsteker	SWMAS

Awards 2000

Breeding Club of the Year Spawns

1st	153 spawns	Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
2nd	53 spawns	Greater Akron Aquarium Society
3rd	44 spawns	Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

Breeder of the Year

1st	45 spawns	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
2nd	34 spawns	Mike Schuster	SWMAS
3rd	16 spawns	Dave Williamson	GAAS

Breeding Club of the Year Species

1st	115 species	Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
2nd	44 species	Greater Akron Aquarium Society
3rd	34 species	Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

New Species – Club

1st	11	Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society
2nd	6	Greater Akron Aquarium Society
3rd	2	Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

New Species – Individual

1st	3	Rich Serva	GAAS
	3	Chase Klinesteker	SWMAS
3rd	2	Curt Bitterling	SWMAS
	2	Pam Prickler	GAAS

Category 1 – Livebearers

1st	17	Mike Schuster	SWMAS
2nd	12	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
3rd	11	Dave Williamson	GAAS

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Category 2 – Anabatoids

1st	2	Jim Graham	SWMAS
2nd	1	Ron & Ronnie Maichle	GCAS
		Darryl Haussler	GCAS
		Darrel Ullisch	SWMAS
		Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
		Roger Schillizzi	BAS

Category 3 – Barbs (No spawns reported)

Category 4 – Minnows (No spawns reported)

Category 5 – Rasboras (No spawns reported)

Category 6 – Characins

1st	1	Tom Miglio	BAS
	1	Lisa Quilty	BAS
	1	Darryl Housler	GCAS
	1	Chase Klinesteker	SWMAS

Category 7 – Old World Cichlids

1st	14	Mike Schuster	SWMAS
2nd	12	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
3rd	7	Steve Smith	GCAS
	7	Harry Templeton	SWMAS

Category 8 – New World Cichlids

1st	7	Steve Smith	GCAS
2nd	5	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
3rd	3	Mike Satkowski	GCAS
		Jim Graham	SWMAS
		Chase Klinesteker	SWMAS
		Darrel Ullisch	SWMAS
		George Coy	SWMAS

Category 9 – Mop Spawning Killifish

1st	7	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
2nd	6	Darrel Ullisch	SWMAS
3rd	2	Dave Williamson	GAAS
	2	Chase Klinesteker	SWMAS

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Category 10 – Soil Spawning Killifish

1st	4	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
2nd	3	George Hollister	TANOC
		Tom / Lou Johnson	TANOC
		Dave Williams	GAAS
		George Coy	SWMAS

Category 11 Catfish

1st	2	Steve Vernon	SWMAS
	1	Bob Cisney	GAAS
		Mark Murtaugh	GCAS
		Darin Guiles	SWMAS
		Tom Miglio	BAS

Category 12 – Sharks , Eels , Loaches (No Reported Spawns)

Category 13 – Brackish Marine (No Reported Spawns)

Category 14 All Other Varieties

1st	1	Pam Prickler	GAAS
		Wayne Toven	GAAS
		Darin Guiles	SWMAS
		Paul Delger	SWMAS
		Mike Schuster	SWMAS

Category 15 Rainbows

1st	3	Scott Tetzlaff	SWMAS
2nd	1	Ron & Ronnie Maichle	GCAS
	1	George Coy	SWMAS



Delegates' Council Report

Respectfully submitted
Al Priest
Chair, FAAS Delegates Council

Currently, FAAS has several categories of membership, in addition to "Voting" (i.e., "regular" voting society). These include "Individual" and "Commercial" (essentially self-explanatory, as they refer to individual persons and to commercial entities, respectively). The question posed to the Council was to revisit the membership categories to see if the other membership classes should be eliminated, or changed.

The most controversial membership class is "Corresponding" membership ("CS" for short). This provides virtually all the same benefits of a Voting membership, at half the cost. While some delegates felt that the CS membership category should be eliminated, most felt that it should be retained, but only available to societies not otherwise eligible for FAAS membership (in other words, open only to a society not in North, Central, or South America), and with reduced membership rights and privileges. The majority felt a "CS," in addition to one not eligible to be a Voting Society, should not be eligible to participate in any awards program (HAP, BAP, APA, PA, etc.). A "CS" would, however, be entitled to rent programs, receive the FAAS medallion, get a copy of the FAAS membership list, and receive the FAAS Report. It was also suggested that the designation "Corresponding Society" should be changed (and to that end I propose Affiliate Member), and that the dues for such "Affiliate members" (which, under the proposed rules change should result in very few takers) be annually adjusted to equal the cost of printing and mailing the FAAS Report and the cost of obtaining and mailing the FAAS medallion to them. To the extent that the other membership classes were discussed, there seemed to be agreement that the "Individual" membership category would entitle one only to the FAAS Report and the membership list, and that the "Commercial" membership class would entitle the member entity to the FAAS Report, membership list, and one or more free ads in the FAAS Report (with the option of increasing the size or number of the ad at a reduced rate, as opposed to an advertiser not joining as a

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“Commercial” member). We all agreed that the class of “Voting Society” would be retained as it currently is.

That brings us to the second item being discussed — the amount of membership fees. We were advised that the current \$15 dollar fee was inadequate to even cover printing and mailing of the FAAS Report. While no monetary figure was agreed upon, there was general agreement that the cost of membership should at least equal the cost of providing membership services.

One final issue discussed was the Publication Awards, which appears to already be in the process of having its rules changed as a direct result of input from members of the Delegates Council (thanks to Jeff Senft for being so responsive!). Since, as of this writing, there are entries currently being judged under this program, I feel it inappropriate to discuss Council recommendations until after the results are announced. However, comments and items for discussion are certainly welcome on this, or any other issue related to FAAS and its interactions with member societies.

If your society is NOT participating in the Delegates Council (see list below), just e-mail me at GreaterCity@compuserve.com to participate.

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FAAS Publication Awards Update

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*Publication Awards Program
Chairman*

We had an outstanding year for participation in year 2000 publication awards. **23 clubs participated totaling 446 submissions, up over 150 from last year.** This brought increase work on our judges and I'm behind my deadline by about three weeks. I should have all of the articles back from judges by April 20th. Since the winners take up a lot of room I have decided to provide a partial list of winners in this publication. Several of the judges provided comments, if room permits we will be listing them in this publication. We will also be mailing out a copy to all participates with all of the winners, certificates and judges comments. Hopefully, we will have all of this out by first week of May.

1. Best Editor and Publication – more than six issues.

- First Place** **Grant Gussie,**
Calgary Aquarium Society
The Calquarium
- Second Place** **Alexander Priest**
Greater City Aquarium Society
Modern Aquarium
- Third Place** **Ted Coletti**
North Jersey Aquarium Society
Reporter

2. Best Editor and Publication – six or fewer issues

- First Place** **John Todaro**
Brooklyn Aquarium Soc.
Aquatica
- Second Place** **Vickie Coy**
Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society
Swam
- Third Place** **Naomi Gettler**
Milwaukee Aquarium Society
The Splash
- Honorable Mention**
Greg Gingera
Saskatoon Aquarium Society
The Nekton

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3. Best Non-Changing Cover

- First Place** ***The Youngstown Aquarist***
Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society
- Second Place** ***Aquatic Forum***
Stark County Aqua Life Enthusiasts Society
- Paradise Press***
The Long Island Aquarium Society
- Third Place** ***Swam***
Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society

4. Best Changing Cover – Original Art

- First Place** ***The Calquarium***
Calgary Aquarium Society
- Second Place** ***The Tropical News***
Sacramento Aquarium Society
- Third Place** ***Pisces Press***
Nassau County Aquarium Society

4a. Best Changing Cover, Non-Original Art

- First Place** ***Modern Aquarium***
Greater City Aquarium Society
- Judges Comments: GCAS had 8 top quality color photos that could easily appear in any commercial magazine.*
- Second Place** ***Cichlidae Communique***
Pacific Coast Cichlid Association
- Reporter***
North Jersey Aquarium Society
- Third Place** ***The Nekton***
Saskatoon Aquarium Society

5. Best FAAS Related Article

- First Place** **Pat Smith**
Nassau County Aquarium Society
Pisces Press
“FAAS REPORT”
- Second Place** **Tony Berry**
Tri-County Tropical Fish Society
Fish Tales
“FAAS Federation Report”
- Third Place** **John Baad**
Stark County Aqua Life Enthusiasts Society
The Aquatic Forum
“FAAS Report”

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6. Best Exchange Column

- First Place** **Juliette Junker**
Brooklyn Aquarium Society
Aquatica
“Exchange Corner”
- Second Place** **Len Thomas**
Delaware County Aquarium Society
Fin Fax
“Persuing the Periodicals”
- Third Place** **Ken Smith**
Naussau County Aquarium Society
Pisces Press
“Exchange News”

7. Best Review Column (To be released next newsletter)

8. Best Spawning Article – under 500 words

- First Place** **Cristi Ellis**
Sacramento Aquarium Society
The Tropical News
“The Fish Nobody Wanted”
- Second Place** **L Hubbs**
Diamond State Aquarium Society
Gravel Gossip
“Now Isn’t that Betta”
- Third Place** **Curt Smith**
Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society
The Youngstown Aquarist
“Iratherina weneri”

9. Best Spawning Article – 500 -100 words (To be released next newsletter)

10. Best Spawning Article – more than 1000 words

Judge Comments: Criteria Used: (1) Description of Fish; (2) Tank Setup? Size-substrate-etc.; (3) Pre-breeding conditioning; (4) Courtship-prespawning activity; (5) Spawning size; (6) Parental Care; (7) Time to hatch; (8) First food-2nd; (9) Growth rate-fry survival; (10) When culled or separated.

- First Place** **Kaycy Ruffer**
Sacramento Aquarium Society
Tropical News
“Corydoras Sterbai”

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10. Best Spawning Article – more than 1000 words (con't)

Second Place **John Todaro**
Brooklyn Aquarium Society
Aquatica
“Why Fish Do What They Do Part 3”

Third Place **Kevin Carroll**
North Jersey Aquarium Society
Reporter
“Neetroplus nematopus”

Honorable Mention
Marentette
Calgary Aquarium Society
Calquarium
“Raising and Care of Belonesox belizanus

**11. Best Article on a Genus of Fish – Below provided by long time hobbyist
Tom Cavallaro. (See next article).**



FAAS Best Article On A Genus Of Fish 2000

Tom Cavallaro
Publication Awards Committee

Thank you for the honor of judging in the 2000 FAAS Publication Awards. I want to thank all the authors who participated. The articles were thoroughly enjoyable. In judging this category I considered the length, content and interest in general the intermediate to advanced hobbyist would enjoy reading. Photographs and illustrations influenced my decision as well. The results reveal cichlids are the most written about fish, at least for the purposes of this contest. livebearers and killifish also had multiple entries, while catfish, characins and marine gobies were represented, too. The finding concludes organizations in the Northeast U.S. have excellent contributors as the North Jersey Aquarium Society and Brooklyn Aquarium Society were both well represented. It was not an easy task

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to determine a 'winner', or in this case three 'winners', as all the authors all did a great job. We start at the top with those three, following up with the ones that almost edged them out, and finish with the rest of the best.

First Place goes to Joseph Ferdenzi for ***Rock Dwellers of Lake Tanganyika: A Selective Overview***, published in the March 2000 *Modern Aquarium* by the Greater City Aquarium Society. It doesn't matter if its *Lamprologus* or *Neolamprologus*, these fish are interesting and Joe tells us how to keep them in a tank, too. The color photo's definitely added a touch of class and put this one over the rest.

Rick Bolger of the North Jersey Aquarium Society captured second place with ***Sorting Out the Grey Dogs***, which appeared in the September 2000 issue of the *Reporter*. A layman's break down of the fish we all know as "*Cichlasoma*" is nicely presented. If you like big, nasty fish, this article is for you.

Third place was awarded to Dave Weber, Brooklyn Aquarium Society, for ***Types of Wild Discus***, published in the September-October issue of *Aquatica*. This short, but concise, writing spells out the varieties of discus in their home and some of the difficulties in determining what constitutes a separate species.

Ted Coletti followed the leaders with ***The Livebearers of North Jersey***, another *Reporter* article which appeared in the August 2000 issue. Livebearers are found all over and we see mollies, swords and platys are not the whole spectrum.

David Locey had my next two favorites with ***Red Devils And Dave*** and ***The Philosophy And The Nature of Cichlids***. These articles appeared in the November/December and May/June 2000 issues of *Cichlidae Communique* respectively, the publication of the Pacific Coast Cichlid Association.

Todd Gardner, Brooklyn Aquarium Society, produced an interesting article detailing commercial breeding of marine fish with ***Larval Rearing of the Masked Goby, Coryphopterus personatus***. Our only Salty' entry was a pleasure reading and this informative article appeared in the January/February installment of *Aquatica*.

The next article, written by long term aquarist John Todaro of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society, shouldn't have been placed in this class,

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but ***Why Fish Do What They Do, Part 3, How Environment Affects The Breeding Strategies Of Fish***, is great reading. John explores the different spawning methods that have evolved and some of the reasons why in their natural habitat they do what they do. This extensive piece appeared in the November/December 2000 issue of *Aquatica*.

Goodeids are fish too! By Larry Jinks, North Jersey Aquarium Society *Reporter* details some of the atypical little livebearers. He notes the pregnant females are more sensitive to being moved by net and some of the high prices commanded at fish auctions.

Stomp'n'Scoop or Collecting Fundulus dispar, by Jim Graham, Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society appeared in the September-October issue of *Swam*. Jim tells us about his tricks catching this native in his home area. No, he doesn't step on the fish!

Gold Tetras, Then Again Maybe Not, is a high-quality article on breeding *Hemigrammus rodwayi*. Another misplaced article considering there are many *Hemigrammus*, but Lisa Quilty of The Brooklyn Aquarium Society does a great job telling us about these tetras from the Amazon River basin to our home aquariums and breeding them in the 'natural aquarium'. It is found in the September/October issue of *Aquatica*.

Tom Johnson tells us of his interest in Killifish and describes the annuals and mop spawners with his article ***Killifish***, that was published in the November issue of *Tanc News* by Tropical Aquarists of Northern Ohio Club. A short, but to the point, article on killies. Tom plugs the AKA as all good national club members do.

Xiphophorus Hybrids, published in the January 2000 issue of *Modern Aquarium* by the Greater City Aquarium Society. Leonard Ramroop relates his experience with swordtail and platy hybrids and recaps the history of the HiFin swordtail, a story that I first read as a young hobbyist in the late sixties.

Terry Thiessen's writing of ***How it all Began***, recalls his past with the genus *Julidochromis*, another nice article on Lake Tanganyika cichlids. It was published in the March 2000 edition of *The Nekton* from the Saskatoon Aquarium Society.

Michael Rosenthal of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society provides a recap on the genus *Nothobranchius* in a question/answer format with his recurring series ***Killie Forum***, found in the March-April

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2000 *Aquatica*. Instant fish can be shipped anywhere.

Got To Get A Goody, authored by Karen Haas is a short, but informative, work detailing her breeding of *Xenotoca eiseni*. She follows up with a paragraph regarding the genus and provides a list of references. It can be found in the January issue of *Fin Fax* published by the Delaware County Aquarium Society.

Curtis Smith reports on new and changing names of killifish in **Some Fishy Facts**. This short one discusses grouping and separating different (?) species. We see many of these practices throughout the fish hobby. The one constant with this hobby is the names may always change, but the fish remain the same. His article appears in the January/February issue of *The Youngstown Aquarist*, Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society.

Finally, we have John Baad's short article on new catfish and some recollections of his ACA convention last year. **A Catfish Happening**, found in the September-October issue of *The Aquatic Forum*, published by the Stark County Aqua Life Enthusiasts Society, reminds us the cost of finding many of these new pleco's is environmental loss, due to the colonization of the rain forests.



Calendar Of Events

May 2001

May 17, 2001 - 8:00 p.m.

North Jersey Aquarium Society – Bruce Gebhardt: Native Fish

American Legion Hall #70, 45 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

E-mail: www.njas.net or 732-541-1392

May 25 – 27, 2001

Greater Chicago Cichlid Association – Cichlid Classic 2001

Wyndham Hotel, Itasca, IL.

For reservations call 800-822-4200 or 630-773-4000

Cichlids only fish show, speakers/workshops/vendor showroom/giant Sunday auction May 27, 2001. For more info contact: Del Calhoun 847-428-0768 or Don Cave 630-980-5933.

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June 2001

June 16 & 17, 2001

Great Lakes Cichlid Society – A Cichlid & Beer Workshop

Travel Lodge, 7701 Reynolds Road (Route 306), Mentor Ohio
Guest Speakers: Stuart Grant, Dr. Glen Marshall, Tom Herman, Ad Konings, Dr. Paul Cooley & Hong H. Kim. Hotel reservations \$62 plus tax, 1-440-951-7333, mention workshop for rate. Cash/checks/credit cards accepted, Auction on Sunday. Registration for speakers call : Harold Ansel 1-440-349-1065 or e-mail hafishy@aol.com. Other inquires: bbjs@earthlink.net or Ron Georgeone 1-440-944-3245

June 21, 2001 – 8:00 p.m.

North Jersey Aquarium Society – Kevin Carroll: Feeding and Breeding the Brutes & A Special ACA Presentation by Chris Borgese

American Legion Hall #70, 45 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.
E-mail: www.njas.net or 732-541-1392

July 2001

July 7, 2001 – Saturday

Champaign Area Fish Exchange – Summer Auction

Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water Street, Urbana, IL.
Doors open 8:00 am - Auction starts at 10:30 am prompt
For advanced registration contact Jerry 217-359-6707 (jmont@soltec.net) or Mark 217-872-8809 (guppymom@yahoo.com)
Split is 70% to seller and the FAAS "10 Table method is used for all items being auctioned.

July 2001

July 19, 2001 – 8:00 p.m.

North Jersey Aquarium Society – Roundtable Discussions Beer & Pizza Party

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August 2001

August 4 - 5, 2001

The Greater Akron Aquarium Society – Ultra Aqua 2001

Show Registration Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Auction Registration 11:00 a.m./Auction begins at 12:00 noon

Tallmadge Community Center, 137 East Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio

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August 30, 2001 – September 3, 2001

Tri-County Tropical Fish Society - 33rd Annual fish Show and Auction

Auction Sunday, September 3, 2001, starting at 11:30 a.m. For more information please contact: Roger Halleen, 301 Baylor, East Peoria, Il., 61611, 309-699-7394 or e-mail Roghfish@aol.com.

September 2001

September 15 – 16, 2001 – Saturday & Sunday Milwaukee Aquarium Society

8th Annual Speaker Workshop and Auction

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