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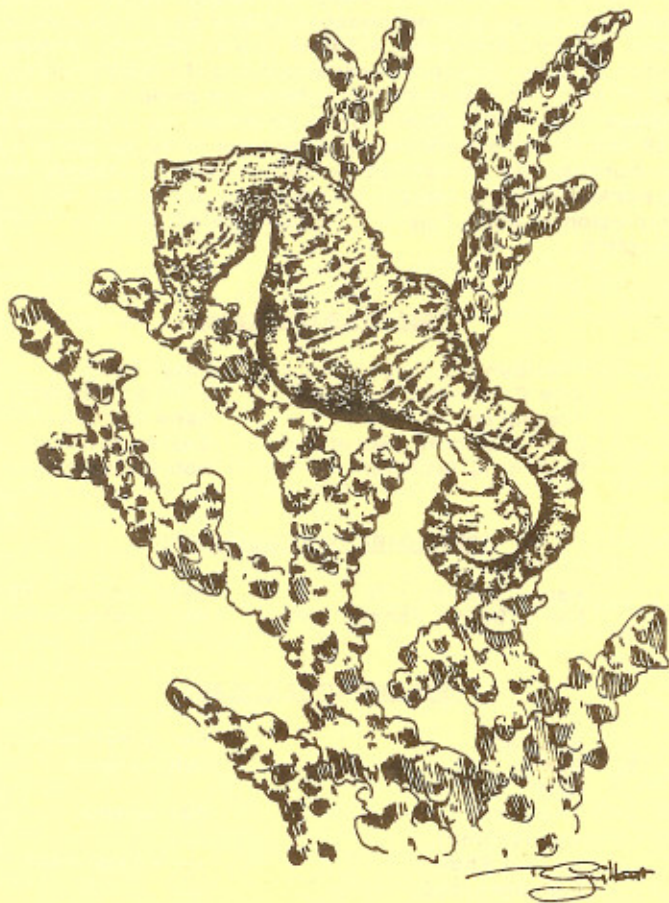
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Recording Secretary:	Bob Pallansch

## 1989 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Kenny Warren - 90	John Jessup - 89
Ray & Barrie Farmer - 90	Ray Hughes - 89

## 1989 COMMITTEE HEADS

Auctions:	Gerry Hoffman
BAP:	John Jessup
HAP:	
Library:	Ray Hughes
Membership:	
Spring Show:	John Stieringer
Fall Workshop:	
Bowl Shows:	Barrie Farmer
Programs:	Tony Fitz
Ways and Means:	Ric M*Kay
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Delta Tale Editor:	Tom Hetzel



PVAS BOARD MEETING      JANUARY 2, 1989

Incoming President Pete Thrift convened the meeting at 7:30 pm at the home of Bob Pallansch; also present were Gene Aldridge, Gerry Hoffman, John Jessup, Rick McKay, Lea Spickler, and John Stieringer.

Items discussed:

Final Treasurer's Report, 12/15/88	
Cash on hand	\$ 178.00
Due PVAS	154.23
Checking account	<u>1096.14</u>
Total Assets	\$1428.37

Gene Aldridge is filling in temporarily as we search for a new Delta Tale editor. The Board considered purchasing a PC and laser printer for the use of the DT editor.

Gene will update the membership list for incoming Membership Chairman Larry Wilke.

Membership meetings will be canceled if Fairfax Co. Schools close for inclement weather; meetings will be announced in local publications to encourage wider interest. Coffee and doughnuts will be served experimentally at the next meeting.

Revised monthly bowl-show rules proposed by R. & B. Farmer were circulated, to be discussed at the following meeting.

Lea Spickler and Gerry Hoffman will co-chair the '89 Fall Workshop; John Jessup moved that it be the sense of the PVAS Board that siting be determined primarily by cost; seconded by John Stieringer, passed.

Tax exempt status: Gerry Hoffman will have an attorney formulate the necessary changes in our by-laws.

'89 Spring Show, May 6,7:

Pete Thrift will send notices to the national magazines as well as manufacturers' letters, and compile statistics on past show entries to adjust categories.

Lea Spickler suggested a bake sale table and will pursue; Coffee and boiled hot dogs were also considered.

Gene Aldridge entered us on the cancellation list for Friday night, May 5, at the Wood center, so early set-up of stands is a possibility.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Pallansch  
Recording Secretary

### Bulletin Board

Program for February - Live foods for Tropical Fish  
Especially for Real Fish (Killies)  
Tony will have cultures for sale...  
(proceeds to PVAS)

Peter MacHare points out that the December 1988 Smithsonian magazine has an article about "Lake Malawi's Fascinating Fishes" by Thomas A. Bass (p. 144-155)

#### FREE TO GOOD HOME

Heros (Cichlasoma) synspilum. Female? About 6". Something of a roughneck. Call Peter MacHare, 529-4509

#### SHARE YOUR GOOD IDEAS

If there is sufficient response, I'd like to compile a list for "Delta Tale" of member's ideas that have helped to make fish keeping easier, cheaper, or more enjoyable (e.g., buying gravel at the hardware store in 50 lb. bags for \$2.50 (5 cents/lb.) instead of at the pet store in 25 lb. bags for \$15.00 (60 cents/lb.)). Scribble ideas on scrap paper, dump into shoe box, tie securely, and send to:

Peter MacHare  
1253 Newton St. NE  
Washington, DC 20017

TWO NEW T.F.H. BOOKS

Konings, Ad, Cichlids from Central America, Neptune City, N.J. : T.F.H. Publications, 1989, 224 p.

Richter, Hans-Joachim, Complete Book of Dwarf Cichlids, Neptune City, N.J. : T.F.H. Publications, 1989, 208 p.

Ad Konings' new book, Cichlids from Central America, is impressive only for its unfulfilled potential. There are many color photographs, but almost all have been published before in other T.F.H. books. The author is an authority, but I find the text stylistically weak and not as informative as other sources. The "atlas" section in the back of the book is lifted unchanged from Axelrod's Atlas (T.F.H., 1988). Thus you are provided with such useless information as these fish are egg-layers and some of them are aggressive; fine in a general book, but out of place here. Moreover, there are better books available. David Sands' Central American Cichlids (Tetra, 1986), covering the same territory, is better and cheaper. Paul V. Loisel's The Cichlid Aquarium (Tetra, 1985), a general cichlid book, is one of the most informative aquarium books I have ever read. If you must hear some good about this book, Konings does include a handy checklist of all Central American cichlid species and an interesting discussion on the relationship between feeding specializations and cichlid evolution. Finally, the large section on representative species is quite nice if you are especially interested in any of the fish it contains: *Cichlasoma alfari*, *C. altifrons*, *C. aureum*, *C. carpinite*, *C. citrinellum*, *C. fenestratum*, *C. hartwegi*, *C. intermedium*, *C. lentiginosum*, *C. longimanus*, *C. maculicauda*, *C. nicaraguense*, *C. nigrofasciatum*, *C. sieboldi*, *C. synspilus*, *C. tuba*, *Herotilapia multispinosa*, and *Neetroplus nematopus*. I was sad to see that the managuense and *dovii* were not included, fish for which I have great affection. Fish not included in the section on representative species do not have individual dictionary entries elsewhere in the book, but rather are mentioned in the context of feeding specializations, evolution, or breeding. The *Cichlasoma* listed in the book, by the way, are now all in genus *Heros*, but this fact is nowhere mentioned in the text.

Richter's Dwarf Cichlids, by contrast, is an exceptionally fine book in all respects. It includes cichlids from the Americas, Africa, and elsewhere that are 10 to 15 cm in length or smaller. There is a fair representation of unusual species -- from undescribed *Apistogramma* to the African *Teleogramma brichardi*, the fish without a functioning swim bladder (a bottom dweller, needless to say). There are many new photographs and there is no out-of-place atlas section. The bulk of the book is a list of dwarf cichlid species arranged by spawning method, with excellent notes concerning description, care, and breeding for each species.

Peter MacHare

BOWL SHOW REPORT FOR  
January

CICHLIDS

New World Large  
 No Entries

Riftlake Mbuna (no Pseudo)  
 No Entries

Open  
 No Entries

\* Judge's Choice - John Mangan

EGGLAYERS/LIVEBEARERS

Anabantoids  
 No Entries

Catfish/Corydoras  
 1st B. Pallansch - C. melnistus  
 2nd R&B Farmer - C. metae  
 3rd R&B Farmer - C. panda

Open  
 1st T. Fitz - A. biv. loenbergi\*#  
 2nd T. Fitz - A. biv. tiko  
 3rd T. Fitz - A. biv. ijebu ode

# Members' Choice

Totals through January 1989

Month Quarter Annual  
 No Entries for cichlids yet

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Annual</u>
T. Fitz	13	13	13
B. Pallansch	6	6	6
R&B Farmer	7	7	7



### Show Schedule \*

- January: Egg/Live: Anabantoids, Catfish (Corydoras spp.), Open  
Cichlid: New World Large, Riftlake Mbuna (no Pseudo),  
Open
- February: Egg/Live: Guppies, Barbs, Open  
Cichlid: New World Medium, Haplochromis, Open
- March: Egg/Live: Killifish, Catfish (non-cory), Open  
Cichlid: New World Dwarf, Riftlake (non-mbuna except  
Haps), Open
- April: Egg/Live: Livebearers (non-guppy), Sharks & Loaches, Open  
Cichlid: Angelfish & Discus, Non-riftlake African, Open
- May: Egg/Live: Goldfish & Koi, Characins, Open  
Cichlid: New World Mouthbrooder, Pseudotropheus, Open
- June: Egg/Live: Anabantoids, Catfish (Corydoras spp.), Open  
Cichlid: New World Large, Riftlake Mbuna (no Pseudo),  
Open
- July: Egg/Live: Guppies, Barbs, Open  
Cichlid: New World Medium, Haplochromis, Open
- August: Egg/Live: Killifish, Catfish (non-cory), Open  
Cichlid: New World Dwarf, Riftlake (non-mbuna except  
Haps), Open
- September: Egg/Live: Livebearers (non-guppy), Sharks & Loaches,  
Open  
Cichlid: Angelfish & Discus, Non-riftlake African,  
Open
- October: Egg/Live: Goldfish & Koi, Characins, Open  
Cichlid: New World Mouthbrooder, Pseudotropheus, Open
- November: Egg/Live: Livebearers, Characins, Catfish, Sharks &  
Loaches, Anabantoids, Open  
Cichlid: Angelfish & Discus, New World, all other  
Mbuna, Haplochromis, Riftlake (non-  
mouthbrooder), Open
- December: Christmas Party - awards - no bowl show.

\* This has been the schedule for a while now. Because members' interests have shifted over time, the bowl show classes are being considered for revision. The new schedule will be published when the dust settles.

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## *ANNOUNCES*

For more info  
call:

Gene Aldridge  
(703)998-8757



29th ANNUAL SPRING SHOW  
AND AUCTION

6 AND 7 MAY 1989

TO BE HELD AT  
THE JOHN C. WOOD RECREATIONAL FACILITY  
ROUTE 237 (OLD LEE HIGHWAY)  
FAIRFAX CITY, VIRGINIA

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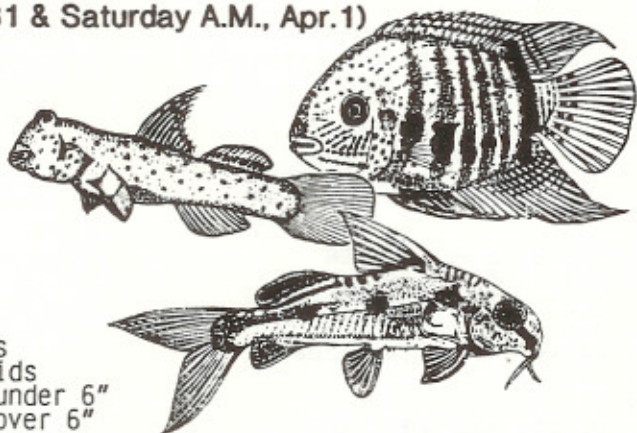
## APRIL 1 & 2, 1989

(Set-up Friday, Mar.31 & Saturday A.M., Apr.1)

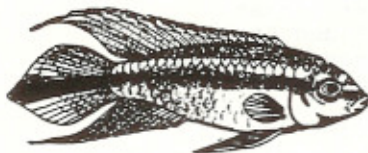
### CLASSES\*

1. Angelfish & Discus
2. Cichlasoma under 6"
3. Cichlasoma 6" to 10"
4. Cichlasoma over 10"
5. All Geophagus Types
6. All Aequidens Types
7. All Dwarf Cichlids
8. All Tanganyika Cichlids
9. Mbuna Cichlids
10. Other Lake Malawi Cichlids
11. All Other Old World Cichlids
12. All Loricariidae Catfish under 6"
13. All Loricariidae Catfish over 6"
14. All Synodontis Types
15. All Corydoras Types
16. All Naked Catfish under 6"
17. All Naked Catfish over 6"
18. All Other Armored Catfish
19. All Other Catfish
20. Photography (slides) Amateur
21. Photography (slides) Open
22. All Aquatic Fauna
23. Egglayers\*
24. Livebearers\*
25. Saltwater\*

\* - anytime six similar fish are entered, they will automatically be established in a new appropriate class.



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**AWARDS:** First place = Rosette & \$25 Pet Shop Credit  
Second Place = Rosette & \$15 Pet Shop Credit  
Third Place = Rosette & \$5 Pet Shop Credit

## AUCTION - SUNDAY, April 2 - 1 P.M.

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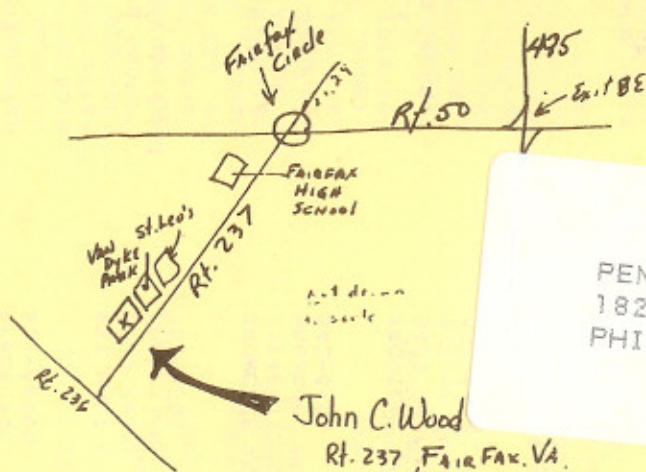


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9 Jan	10 Apr	10 Jul	16 Oct
13 Feb	8 May	14 Aug	13 Nov
13 Mar	12 Jun	11 Sep	11 Dec

Meetings are held at the John C. Wood Facility, Rt. 237 (Old Lee Highway), Fairfax City, VA. Doors open at 7:30, meetings start at 8:00.

**Everyone is welcome!!!**