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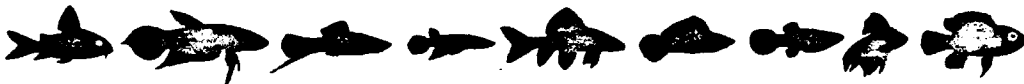
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From The President

Do you ever get strange looks from people once they find out you have more than one fish tank in the house? You must be on the verge of madness if you have six or seven tanks in one place they will say. Under no circumstances tell these people that you have devoted a whole room to your fish or they will probably walk away from you. Often times these people don't have a hobby or a time consuming interest that occupies them. The ones that say "Wow, that's great, tell me more probably have a hobby that they can relate your experiences to. Talk about yours, then listen to theirs.

Those opening thoughts came about after a visit from my parents. We were all sitting around the picnic table when my mother said "Goodieids cause Ich, you know. I read that somewhere recently." No that's not what she said. She had spotted a bird in one of our trees and couldn't identify it immediately, but commented on what species it was by the song. Being an avid bird watcher, she really said that it was defending its territory and had displayed certain noticeable traits that could lead to the reason for its behavior and song. Sound familiar to us fish keepers? We too observe fish behavior, especially in attempting to breed various types of fish. Color changes, posture, aggressive actions all signal certain meanings and as hobbyists we observe, record, and relate all these things to what the fish are doing. It also became apparent that they were actively involved in their pasttime when they talked about their trips to various parts of the U.S. just to see new birds. Sounds like fish people driving off to fish conventions or Shows.

I guess that last sentence leads me right into a discussion of our Annual Spring Show and Auction. It seemed like just about everyone was there this year. Things rolled smoothly all weekend and people pitched in and helped out. There really was no shortage of help. So I will say this to everyone who donated time and effort to the club on the weekend in May: A SINCERE THANK YOU FOR MAKING A SUCCESSFUL AND FUN EVENT FOR PVAS. If I took the time to mention individual names, the list would look like the PVAS roster (recently revised and well done) and would leave no room for the editor's comments on the next page. Perhaps I should list the names in that case. I will say that all the wonderful help was organized by the '85 Show Chairman John Jessup who deserves honorable mention here.

Back to the Show. Set up on Friday went easily thanks to lots of hands. When I left at 7:00 PM only a few entries were on the racks. By 10:00AM on Saturday bowls were everywhere. People had been there till 2:30 that night entering fish and display tanks! At final tally, we had more entries than last year. Judging went well and clearly some decisions had to be made. Pretty soon it was down to selecting fish representing Best in Class, then Reserve and Best in Show. As I was helping to tally the judges scoring I realized that there was a real competition going on. I couldn't believe it! Best in Class from Livebearers was one of Editor John's Goodieids. Oh no, it had a chance for Best in Show. But wait, my fish was just selected Best in Class for Egglayers, Non-Cichlid. It also had a chance for top honors. But that wasn't what was at stake. The issue was, could his Goodieid do it? Think about it. A whole year of my anti-Goodieid campaign wasted, my slurs on these drab fish wasted. I would have to resign in embarrassment. My position in the club was at stake. Good judging prevailed and the Goodieid didn't take Best in Show. But, neither did my fish, but it did take Reserve in Show. Ahhh, still president and able to write this monthly column. Lets see, Goodieids do cause

Best in Show was definitely a treat and a surprise of sorts. I don't

think anyone had ever heard of a Best in Show being selected from the Class Family of Fish. But it happened here and it was an award that was certainly well deserved. The winner was a family of Julidochromis by club member Dan Cohen. Superb fish Dan, and congratulations. I know he was thrilled and has his thoughts of entering the fish in the ACA Convention in July. John and I will have to battle it out in print until next year's show.

And the Auction was overwhelming. Almost too much of a success. Old friends from Pennsylvania and Virginia Beach and elsewhere showed up and new faces were eagerly bidding on fish and plants. But six hours of that gets tiring too. Fast hands and tired bodies managed to clean up in record time and the lights were out by 8:30 PM Sunday. Everyone was off to put new fish in tanks and get some needed sleep. Sleep, yes it was much welcomed. But I had fun, and I feel safe to say that it looked like everyone else did also. And now as you sit back and read this, relaxing and sipping your coffee, I hope it is in the official PVAS 25th Anniversary Mug.

See you at the next meeting.



ITS HAPPENING IN JUNE:

The Program: Guest Speaker Rick Bell of Rick's Fish And Pet Supply, Frederick, Maryland will talk about the set up and care of the marvelous display tank entered in the show. Hopefully slides will be available of the reconstruction and tank inhabitants.

The Bowl Show: Check categories for this month and enter.

The Raffle: Still plenty of interesting items to take home.

The Mini-auction: None this month-everyone try and recover from the Big One.

The American Cichlid Association(ACA) Convention this year is July 26-27-28 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Only about a 3¹/₂ hour drive, it seems that there are several people considering attending. PVAS will try to organize a car pool caravan on Friday and on the return trip Sunday after the auction, as well as a sign up for anyone wishing to share a room to help reduce costs. Let us know at the June and July meetings if you think you may need help.

FROM THE EDITORZ DESK

It looks like the months of planing and hard work payed off. This years show and auction were a big success. The set-up and clean-up seemed to take place in record time thanks to our crack crews. Lots of people pitched in and helped with the various jobs that needed to be done throughout the weekend. This was a welcome sight after the apathy of the past several years. I'd like to thank everyone that helped out by name but I'd be sure to leave somebody out. So instead I'll just give a collective thank you to everyone involved. You know who you are and you can be proud of yourselves for a job well done.

The number of show entries was up a little over last year and a few class were very well represented. There were still some empty spaces on the rack though. I hope the renewed interest in the club continues to build so that next year we can see the rack filled to overflowing again.

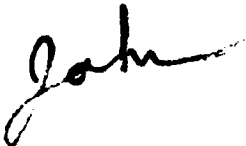
Speaking of overflowing- the auction was almost unbelievable. It seemed that things were coming in faster than we could find more tables to put them on.

Hmmm, I've just noticed something. In our presidents message he mentions "helping" with tallying the show points. If you look at the show results further back in this issue you will see that EVERYONE in the Hoffman family won at least one award. Seems kind of fishy to me (no pun intended). I'll have to have Delta Tales investigative reporter look into this (as soon as we get one). And what about Gerry's Malpolluted kretseri getting the reserve of show award? Did any of you take a good look at this fish? Probably not, it was so drab I'm sure nobody gave it more than a quick glance. I wondered how such a fish could possibly win anything and was informed by a past president of PVAS that it's all politics.

I hope you all got a good look at the goodeid class. If you did this will put an end to a certain persons goodeid jokes. Just compare them with this persons drab little anabantoid and it's easy to see who has the better taste in fish. Also, did you notice that a goodeid won as best in class livebearer? The only reason it didn't get reserve in show was, as I stated above, politics. Or to be more exact- we couldn't find anyone dumb enough to agree to be president after Gerry left town in disgrace. So I guess we're stuck with him and his drab little anabantoid for a while.

My fingers are numb (not to mention my head), after typing up the long list of show winners so just one final topic then I'll stop for this month- congragulations to David Sun for winning last months fish bag tying contest. David was the lucky (?) winner of a PVAS t-shirt.

Until next month...



Note- no room for the trading post or question/answer columns this month. they will be back next month. Send items for them to me by the 20th of the month- 9770 Oleander Ave, Vienna VA 22180.

J.M.

SHOW MEMORIES AND COMMENTARY

Gerry Hoffman

As the final sweep of the mop brings a close to the '85 Spring Show, I have been trying to recall the events of the weekend. Lots of friendly faces, both new and old were seen staring into the fish bowls oohing and ahhhing the diversity of fish forms and color. Even the "Old Masters" of PVAS saw some interesting things. Thoughts that run through my mind this evening after the it is all over include:

- When was the last time, or the first time, that you have seen a live Nautilus on display? Its owner claims he was bitten by it once too.

- Imagine the work involved to set up that 150 gallon acrylic salt display tank. I'm glad I didn't have to haul in all that gravel and coral.

- About 20 people attended the informal dinner at the Harvest Moon on Saturday night (good food as well as live piano music). Two birthday celebrations, Mike Sheridan from New Jersey and Gene Aldridge, who claimed he was 19 yet stated that he had known John Jessup for 24 years. Happy Birthday greetings included plum wine and fried bananas and the 20 member out of tune Fish Chorale. Ruth Brewer was worried that no one was going to come after waiting for 30 minutes only to find out her watch said 7:00 when it was only 6:10.

- The Big Cichlids Only New Jersey judge Mike Sheridan had a lively discussion with Jim Long and told him that he "had class" by giving a pair of Pygmy Sunfish (a combined total of 2 inches of fish) a whole 70 gallon aquarium to themselves. When talking about what he feeds the daphnia and rotifers, Jim said "1/2 of a lima bean", and Mike said "One half a lima bean, exactly one half a lima bean; what do you do with the other half?" Jim: "I feed it to the Farlowella." Mike: "I'm glad there's no waste in your fish room Jim". Perhaps we can convert him to small fish. Mike did leave with some Pearly Sunfish. Watch out North Jersey-small is beautiful too.

- Jim Long rescued a catfish that decided to walk across the room on Saturday night. A long search found him 50 feet away from his bowl and almost out the front door. He still lives. Thanks again to the night watch crew; another life was saved.

We topped all records for sales of Hot Dogs- 282 tube steaks were eaten, and several trips were made to buy more. What a hungry crowd! Extra thanks goes to the crew that manned the machine since it wasn't working well at first. Almost 14 cases of soda were drunk also.

- Special thanks goes to the judges who had to make the decisions among the numerous entries. Ed and Cathy Taylor from Virginia Beach have been regulars at our Show for many years. Mike Sheridan came down from New Jersey on his birthday to voice his opinions. David Herlong rolled in at 12:00 Saturday from North Carolina in time for the free lunch before the judging began. Dave Shaw took time off from his busy weekend at the shop to round out the bunch. And Gene Aldridge held a small audience captive in a back room while he showed slides of the new A.C.A. programs.

- Someone was taking pictures all weekend of the 25th Anniversary event and possibly they will be seen at the next meeting if they appear to be acceptable.

- As usual, several people were heard to say that they had a better such-and such fish in their home tank than could be found at the show. So maybe next year they will bring it in and show us that they can do better. Most of the fish entered were of excellent quality, and the overall exhibit was nice to take in if you were just a visitor or a beginner in the hobby. Even the more experienced fish breeders got to see some terrific looking specimens. To everyone who entered fish, you made the weekend a success.

* ed. note- Mike also took back several pairs of Goodeids. He obviously has good taste in fish. J.M.

1985 PVAS SPRING SHOW RESULTS

LIVEBEARERS Best of Class- John Mangan, *Ilyodon furcoides*

Delta Tail Guppy, male

1st Jim and Sue Altland, Blue

2nd Tom and Susan Heflin, Red

Delta Tail Guppy, female

1st Tom and Susan Heflin

Guppies, all other

1st Gary and Becky Stickel, double sword

2nd Jason and Jeff Hoffman, double sword

Mollies

1st Tom and Susan Heflin, Sunset Sailfin

2nd Jim and Sue Altland, Green Sailfin

Swordtails

1st Darrell Holman, Black

2nd Jim and Sue Altland, Pineapple

3rd Darrell Holman, Marigold Lyretail

Goodeids

1st John Mangan, *Ilyodon furcoides*

2nd John Mangan, *Skiffia francesae*

3rd John Mangan, *Xenotoca eiseni*

Other Livebearing Fishes

1st John Jessup, female Celebes Halfbeak

2nd Alex Cummins, male Celebes Halfbeak

Egglayers (except Cichlids) Best of Class- Gerry Hoffman, *Malpulutta kretseri*

Catfishes, *Corvdoras*

1st Joe Metzger, *C. cochui*

2nd Joe Metzger, *C. robineae*

3rd Dan Cohen

Catfishes, African

1st Sue and Jim Altland, *Synodontis victoriae*

2nd Laurie Conger, *Synodontis* sp.

3rd Sue and Jim Altland, *Synodontis multipunctatus*

Catfishes, all other

1st Joe Metzger, *Hoplosternum thoracatum*

2nd Joe Metzger, *Microglanis iheringii*

3rd Joe Metzger, *Callichthys callichthys*

Betta splendens

1st Heather Altland

2nd Michael Bowers

3rd Mark Westling

Other Bettas and Anabantoids

1st Gerry Hoffman, *Malpulutta kretseri*

2nd Nathan Manwaring, *Trichopsis pumilus*

3rd Rick Bell, Chocolate Gourami

Sharks and Loaches

- 1st John Jessup, *Botia horae*
- 2nd Laurie Conger, *Lepidocephalus thormalus*
- 3rd Laurie Conger, *Botia horae*

Tetras

- 1st Laurie Conger, *Poecilocharax weitzmani*
- 2nd Bob Roser, Bleeding Heart
- 3rd Laurie Conger, Congo

Barbs

- 1st Laurie Conger, *Capoeta arulius*
- 2nd Amy Stirman, Cherry

Goldfish and Koi

- 1st Pete Thrift, Ryukin
- 2nd Pete Thrift, Lionhead
- 3rd Pete Thrift, Blackmoor

Danios, Brachydanios, Rasboras

- 1st Tom and Susan Heflin, *Rasbora heteromorpha*
- 2nd Nathan Manwaring, Longfin Leopard Danio
- 3rd Laurie Conger, Pearl Danio

Killifish

- 1st Bob Roser, *Aphyosemion gardneri*

North American Native Fishes

- 1st Jim Long, *Elasoma evergladei*
- 2nd Nathan Manwaring, Rainbow Darter
- 3rd John Mangan, *Elasoma evergladei*

Other (non-cichlid) Egglayers

- 1st John Mangan, Australian Dessert Goby
- 2nd Jim Long, Red New Guinea Rainbow
- 3rd Gerry Hoffman, *Redotia geavi*

CICHLIDS Best of Class- Dan Cohen. *Triglochromis otostigma*

New World Large

- 1st Susan Linta, *Ciclasoma labiatum*
- 2nd Susan Linta, *Cichlasoma managuense*
- 3rd Susan Linta, *Cichlasoma managuense*

New World Medium

- 1st Alex Cummins
- 2nd David Sun

New World Dwarf

- 1st Dan Cohen, *Apistogramma cacatuoides*
- 2nd Gerry Hoffman, *Apistogramma gephyra*
- 3rd Alan Coltri, *Apistogramma steindachneri*

Angelfish

- 1st John Jessup, Gold
- 2nd Amy Stirman, *P. altum*
- 3rd Jason Kookan, Black

Riftlake, Malawi

- 1st Jason Kookan
- 2nd Darrell Holman, *Pseudotropheus macrothalmus*
- 3rd Alan Coltri, *Pseudotropheus zebra* (cobalt morph)

Riftlake, all other

- 1st Darrell Holman, *Julidochromis regani*
- 2nd Kenny Warren
- 3rd Dan Cohen, *Lamprologus lelupi*

Discus

- 1st David Sun
- 2nd Jason Kooken
- 3rd David Sun

Non-Riftlake African

- 1st Laurie Conger, Pelvicachromis pulcher
- 2nd Susan Linta, Tilapia buttikoferi
- 3rd Alan Coltri, Steatocranus sp.

Cichlid Pairs

- 1st Dan Cohen, Triglchromis otostigma
- 2nd Dan Cohen, Lamprologus mustax

Other Cichlids

no entries

MARINE Best of Class- Darrell Holman, Tomato Clown

Fishes

- 1st Darrell Holman, Tomato Clown
- 2nd Rick Bell,
- 3rd Rick Bell

Invertabrates

- 1st Rick Bell, Nautilus pompilius
- 2nd Darrell Holman, Scarlet Cleaner Shrimp
- 3rd Rick Bell, Nudibranch

FAMILY OF FISHES Best of Class- Dan Cohen, Julidochromis marlieri

- 1st Dan Cohen, Julidochromis marlieri

PLANTS

no entries

SET TANKS

- 1st Laurie Conger
- 2nd Jim and Sue Altland

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ART

Framable

1st Bill Smoot
2nd Audry Hoffman
Crafts
no entries

BEST OF SHOW

Dan Cohen, Julidochromis marlieri family

RESERVE OF SHOW

Gerry Hoffman, Malpulutta kretseri

Congratulations to all of the winners.

Congratulations also to Richard Stallman on winning the
55 gallon set raffel.

HERMAN JAMES UNGER



*"I would also like to thank my tropical fish for
being there when I needed them."*

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The angel fish can be probably termed the king of the aquarium without too much disagreement. Any beginning hobbyist or anyone who just wants to set up a home aquarium will invariably purchase several small angels for their tank. Millions of these fish are raised and sold in the US every year.

This majestic fish, measuring five to six inches in length and over six inches in height when full grown, comes from the Amazon basin and was first described as early as 1823. It is very aggressive. I had to sell two beautiful angels last year in order to save the other fish in my community tank.

I borrowed a mated pair from a friend who had purchased them at the October auction. They were set up in a 20 gallon high aquarium with a gravel bottom and otherwise bare except for several large pieces of slate propped up against the sides of the tank.

The fish were fed heavily on live brine shrimp, black worms, and a variety of flake and freeze dried foods. A sponge filter provided aeration. After a week of conditioning, I added black water extract to the water. Shortly afterwards the largest piece of slate was covered with what seemed to be several hundred translucent eggs. The parents took turns fanning the eggs with their fins and seemed very attentive to their care.

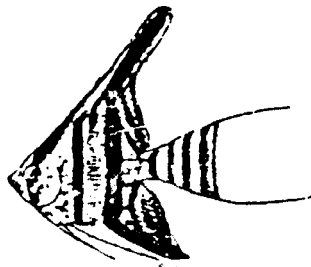
I thought I'd try the "natural" method and leave the parents in charge of the eggs. I removed any eggs showing signs of fungus with an eye dropper, a difficult task in light of the adhesive quality of the eggs. Within two days of spawning all the eggs were gone, presumably eaten by the "attentive" parents.

I went through the procedure again. About one week later there were eggs again on the same piece of slate. This time I removed the slate and placed it in a 5 1/2 gallon tank to which some aquarium salt had been added as a fungicide. Despite my attempts to remove eggs as they fungused (which I found to be more difficult than I thought) the entire egg mass was a blob of fungus within two and a half days of spawning.

I set up the breeders a third time. I also changed the water again in the smaller tank and added methylene blue to the water. All but a few of the eggs of the third spawning were shortly covered by a white mess.

The fourth spawning I used meryoxy anti-fungus medication in the water of the smaller tank. I also used a small exacto knife to remove the fungused eggs. This time, although there was some small loss, I did manage to hatch the bulk of the eggs.

The fry were free swimming about five days after hatching. The young look more like small discus than angels at this point. They were fed on infusoria and micro eels and soon took baby brine shrimp with no problems. After three weeks they took on the characteristic shape of the angel fish and were moved to the larger tank (the parents having been returned. The friend commented that they were much more aggressive after their spawning activity than they had been earlier.) I moved over 150 fry to the 20 gallon tank, being the largest tank I own. It was very difficult catching all the fry as they tended to scoot down into the gravel to avoid the net. Growth has been fairly rapid since I moved them and after 60 days they were nearly the size of a quarter, though some were smaller.



GOOD PARENTS

Howard Kresin
PVAS Member

I purchased a pair of Kribensis on New Year's Eve. Pictures and descriptions of them in the books indicated a small attractive fish of about 3" in length. The books further went on to state that they would eat just about anything, and were good community tank members - except when they were spawning.

The pair I bought were immature and only about 1 1/2" in length, but still looked quite pretty. The female was yellow with black longitudinal stripes (or is it black with yellow longitudinal stripes?) with a faintly red belly. In addition she had a black spot on her tail. In short, she looked like a kribensis female. The male was a pale yellow and had almost no colorings or markings on tail or fins.

The pair seemed happy in my 30 gallon tank, sharing it with a small plecostamus cat, 3 opaline garrams, a pair of sailfin mollies, and a number of white clouds (you try to count them). They ate well and grew rapidly, especially the male who has very long soft rays on his dorsal fin and a large spade shaped tail. About two weeks later, during my morning feeding, the female was nowhere to be found. Fearing the worst, I proceeded to search the bottom for her carcass and there wedged between two pieces of shale I could see her carefully tending a small clutch of amber eggs (about 30) each about 1/16" in diameter.

With great anticipation for a small horde of young kribis, I watched as over the next three days the eggs disappeared. I was told that kribis, especially young ones, take a while to get the hang of this mating procedure, so I wasn't overly disappointed. The only problem arose one morning when I found the plecostomas cat, a relatively small one, outside the nest and quite dead. I presume that one or the other parent mistook his relatively benign purpose for being there.

A month went by and one morning I again found the female busily cleaning a larger clutch of eggs (about 100) in the same location. I watched for the next three days, not knowing if the eggs would disappear again, but sure enough I could see as little wrigglers fell down from where the eggs were attached to the small gully between the rocks. The mother was very busy for a while moving the fry to a new location just outside of the nest, picking up each in her mouth and moving it. The male was busy also chasing away any of the other fish who might even have just been curious. Using a small pencil flashlight I could really see a mass of grey movement in the little pit.

GOOD PARENTS (contd)

As there eggs sacs disappeared I proceeded to start trying the feed them with Philodina and tetramin 'E', which they seemed to devour with great gusto. During this time, the parents kept very busy, constantly moving them around from location to location and keeping the other fish away. I watched as sometimes the more aggressive of the fry tried to escape, only to be caught and forcefully blown back to the rest. There were also some occasions where one would get accidentally swallowed by the male.

Over the next couple of weeks a pattern emerged of the parents constantly taking the fry out for a swim over the bottom of the tank while the fry grazed on the plants and decaying matter. The parents were also extremely aggressive toward the other fish in the tank chasing them all over the place. Fortunately they rarely chased them into the upper regions of the tank. I did discover that any foreign object placed anywhere near the fry was sure to provoke an attack by the male, including my hand on one occasion. (It felt like a small electric shock) Their next food from me was microworms cultured in the usual fashion, but how does one get the worms to the fry. Back to the turkey baster. I pulled the top of the turkey baster, scraped a small amount of the worms in the tube, replaced the top and I could squeeze the worms to wherever the fry were at that moment. As the fry grew, and I could distinguish them I saw a black and grey spotted fishette with no visible fins, but as they grew the fins although clear could finally be seen.

As I watched the parents with the fry, I noticed some very interesting behavior. Among them were that whichever parent was guarding the fry would start to twitch whenever the school would disperse over any distance. At that point the fry would start to regroup. The other interesting thing I noticed one night after I had "put them to sleep" and turned out the light. I happened to go back into the living room to answer the phone, so I decided to take a look with my flashlight. The mother had herded them into a small crevice and was laying on top of them.

The fry are almost two months old. The parents still control them, but a little less each day. They can't really catch them any more and so rely on blowing them to where they want them to be. They have very hearty appetites including many things which are larger than they are.

In all, for my first opportunity to spawn and watch fish grow it has been a very exciting experience. The only remaining question is what do I do with 20 fast growing kribensis fry. Any suggestions?

THE MIRROR

Pat Mahoney

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RE-MINDER: Appearing in this issue is the announcement for the 1985 American Cichlid Association Convention to be held at the Mount Laurel Hilton Hotel, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on July 26 thru 28. Last year's Convention at Dayton, Ohio, saw PVAS represented by only eleven members (some of those were corresponding members). I guess summer vacation plans and the 450 mile drive accounted for the light turnout. But this year the convention site is only a 2½ to 3 hour drive so we really ought to have a good turnout. Lord knows when the annual convention will be on the East Coast again.

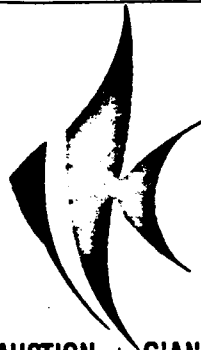
If you have never attended an ACA Convention you are in for a treat. An entire day of lectures from the top men and women in the hobby makes the effort of getting there worthwhile. The big show, the auction and the comradery of aquarists top off a most enjoyable long weekend.

AMERICAN CICHLID ASSOCIATION 1985 CONVENTION

Your Hosts: The Atlantic Coast Cichlid Association

When: July 26 thru 28, 1985

Where: Mount Laurel Hilton Hotel, Cherry Hill, New Jersey



★ FISH SHOW COMPETITION ★ SPEAKERS ★ BANQUET ★ AUCTION ★ GIANT RAFFLE ★

- ★ **FISH SHOW** The Convention Fish Show will have awards for all winners. It also kicks off the 1985-86 ACA Show Championship Award Program. Points garnered at the Convention Show can be added to those won at other ACA Sanctioned Shows throughout the year. The current championship trophy for 1984-85 will be awarded at the banquet.
- ★ **SPEAKERS** This year's convention speakers will include: Germany's Jochem Paulo and Walter Dieckhoff, and our own Dr. Paul Loiselle, and Ross Socoloff. This is your chance to hear it from the professionals.
- ★ **BREEDER'S PANEL** A panel of renowned aquarists composed of Rosario LaCorte, Ginny Eckstein, John Williams and Delores and Dewey Schehr will express their opinions, discuss their own breeding experiences and answer your questions on the breeding of Cichlids.
- ★ **AUCTION** The annual ACA Convention Auction is second to none. Species never found in your local Fish Stores will be available at reasonable prices. This is your chance to get that fish you have only seen in Cichlid Books.

The Hilton Hotel is offering a special convention rate \$45 per night, single or double. When you write or call for reservations, be sure the hotel knows you're with the ACA convention.

Detailed Information is being sent to all ACA members.

**For additional information, or if you are not a member, write or call:
Ginny Eckstein, 528 Chester Road, Sayville, Long Island, NY 11782 - (516) 567-5555**

BOWL SHOW REPORT FOR

May

CICHLIDS

New World Mouthbrooder

1st
2nd
3rd

Pseudotropens

1stPs. species-D. Sun
2ndPs. species-D. Sun
3rd

Open

1stApisto. Kleei-D. Sun
2nd
3rd

Judge-Jim Long

EGGLAYERS/LIVEBEARERS

Goldfish, Koi

1st Bubble eye-J. Lamberth
2nd Calico Fantail-J. Lamberth
3rd

Characins

1st Pencilfish-G. Hoffman
2nd Longfin Black tetra-C. Abbas
3rd Emperor Tetra-B. Pallansch

Open

1stMalpulutta kretseri-G. Hoffman
2ndFlame dwarf gourami-J. Metzger
3rdSwordtail-J. Lamberth

Judges choice-Pencilfish-G. Hoffman

	<u>MONTH QUARTER ANNUAL</u>		
David Sun	16	32	42
Amy Stirman	0	0	16
Julie Lamberth	0	2	15
Jim Long	0	7	13
Jason Kookken	0	9	13
Andy Hill	0	0	4
Doug Mann	0	0	2

	<u>MONTH QUARTER ANNUAL</u>		
Julie Lamberth	12	18	43
Joe Metzger	5	13	36
Bob Pallansch	4	19	29
Gerry Hoffman	12	12	21
David Sun	0	6	9
Nathan Manwaring	0	0	16
Bob Roser	0	0	12
Andy Hill	0	0	6
Doug Mann	0	0	5
Jim Long	0	0	4
Amy Stirman	0	0	3
Jason Kookken	0	0	7
Carol Abbas	4	4	4

Next Month

Cichlids

New World Large
Riftlake Mbuna
(excl. Ps.)
Open

Egglayer/Livebearer

Anabantoids
Catfish, Corydoras
Open

BREEDER'S AWARD PROGRAM

Garland Neese	1.040	++++
Gerry Hoffman	895	++++
Pat and Maggi Mahoney	745	++++
Woody Griffin	610	++++
John Jessup	585	+++++
Ruth Brewer	305	+++
Roser Family	210	++
Wagner Family	165	++
Frank Angilletta	140	+
Alex Cummins	125	+
Nathan Manwaring	100	+
Amy Stirman	50	+
Pat Gore	10	
John Manzan	10	
Ray Krause	10	

RECENT SPAWNINGS

Roser Family -	Pterophyllum scalare (15)
	Betta picta (15)
	Heterandria formosa (10)

CHECKERS

Alex Cummins	-	656-6355
Ray Hughes	-	424-3531
Pat Gore	-	522-3884
Jerry Stirman	-	941-6729
Frank Angilletta	-	670-8980
Kenny Warren	-	378-8838
Jim Long	-	280-1753

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

DATE _____ 19 ____

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE CONTACTS H _____ B _____

Number of tanks _____ Time in hobby _____

Fish you have spawned _____

What can this club do for you _____

What do you want to do for the club _____

Which sub-groups of fish interest you _____

How long do you plan to be in this area? _____

Occupation _____

Membership dues for the Potomac Valley Aquarium Society are:

Family	\$12.00	Corresponding	\$7.00
Individual	\$10.00	Junior (under 18)	\$5.00

Please send application and check for dues to address above.

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Potomac Valley Aquarium Society Meets on the Following Dates in 1985

Jan. 14	May 13	Sept. 9
Feb. 11	June 10	Oct. 14
March 11	July 8	Nov. 11
April 8	Aug. 12	Dec. 9

Meetings are held at the John C. Wood Facility, Rt. 237 (Old Lee Hgwy.)
Fairfax City. Everyone is welcome.

Meetings start at 8:00 a.m.
Doors open at 7:30

