

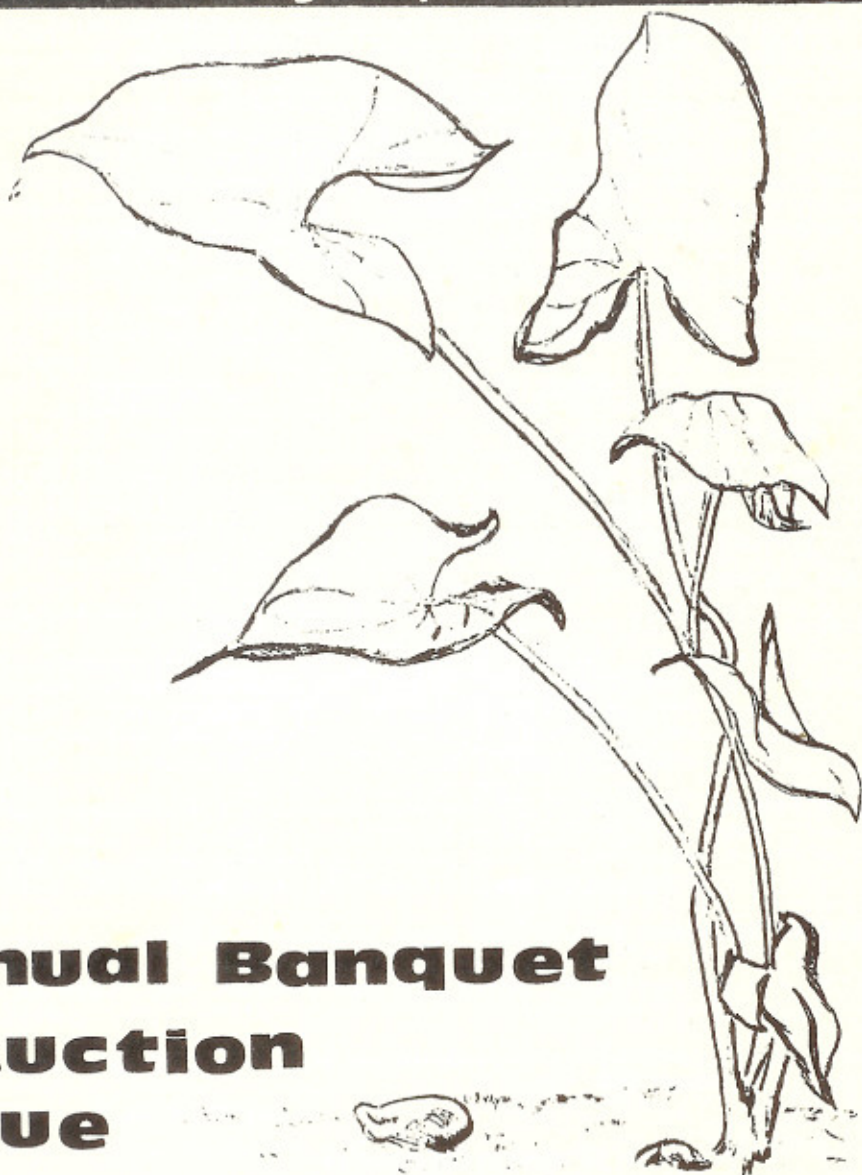
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Cover: Anubias barteri
Maggi Mahoney

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER, 1978 BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

The meeting was held on Thurs., Sept. 7 at the Mahoney's. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm. Present were Dana Best, Bev Fazil, John Jessup, Gene Aldridge, Dave McInturff, Pat and Maggi Mahoney, Nancy Reynolds, Susan Sprague, Mark and Heinz Lenzen.

Presentation to the August open meeting of the November proposed "expanded bowl show" was mentioned. The proposal had been presented and voted down by membership present.

On the subject of the October Auction. Since O'Connell High School wants to charge us a per day rate of \$100, John Terwilliger looked into other locations. He and Pres. Pat Mahoney went down to the Jefferson Fire Department, located near Graham Road and Rt. 50. They have a large room behind the fire house which they let out to the public for just such occasions. We have deposited a \$25 reservation check for Sunday, October 22. The \$25 will be refunded to us if we clean up and leave the room in the same condition in which we found it. We will have it from 9 am to 11 pm. They have six tables and 80 chairs, plus a dais. We will need some of the PVAS show tables to hold fish to be auctioned. That number of chairs was deemed sufficient if a few members bring folding chairs for auction workers to use. It was suggested we raise the bag limit to 20 instead of 15 in order to make more money. This suggestion was voted down.

As regards the banquet. Mt. Vernon Inn, where we had it last year, has raised its price beyond our budget. Further inquiries were made and reservations made for Friday, October 20 at the Black Angus, also located on Arlington Blvd, at Graham Rd. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we ask them to accomodate us on Saturday the 21st instead. We will have an open, pay as you go bar, a choice of 3 entrees for dinner, plus the usual side dishes and dessert. Accomodations will be limited to 60 people, including speaker and guests, so reservations will be on a first received, first accepted basis.

A possible speaker was the next item of discussion. Six names were mentioned. It was moved that we try to get Charlie Grimes - motion seconded and carried. Pat Mahoney will call him, since he and Maggi will offer to put him up for the week end as their guest. If he accepts the Corresponding Secretary will write a confirming letter.

The president presented a proposed nominating committee, consisting of five members and two alternates. It was moved that the names be accepted, motion was seconded and carried. The corresponding secretary will contact each of them to see if they will serve.

The president announced with regret that due to the press of family activities, Steve Siska has been forced to resign as Vice President. Some one will be appointed to fill out his term. Appointment was tabled for the time being.

The October meeting will be held on Monday, October 2 at Dana Bests.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Maggi Mahoney
Acting Recording Sec.

PVAS ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER, AT THE OPEN MEETING.

If you want a say in who will run your club next year, be there. Nominations may be made from the floor on that evening.

THIS YEAR'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONSISTED OF:

Ruth Brewer - Chairman
Nancy Reynolds
Jan Paull
Jan McInturff
Maggi Mahoney
Bev Fazil, alternate

THE SLATE FOR 1979 OFFICERS OF THE POTOMAC VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY IS AS FOLLOWS:

President:	Pat Mahoney
Vice President:	Woody Griffin
Corresponding Sec.:	Tom Wright
Treasurer:	Gene Aldridge
Recording Sec.:	Dana Best
Board Members:	Joe Paull Maggi Mahoney

BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS CONTINUE THROUGH 1979 ARE:

John Terwilliger
Bill Trout

OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM CHANGED:

Because our October Banquet Speaker, Stu Wheeler, will be talking on catfish and oddball fish, the program chairmen thought it best to cancel the catfish presentation at the open meeting.

Instead we will have a presentation by Susan Sprague on the Trout Hatcheries in Leetown, West Virginia.

Because November is election night, the program that evening will be an abbreviated one. A slide quiz by Ruth Brewer. These are always fun and show that even those of us who think we know a lot about the hobby have something to learn.

Of course, since December is our Christmas party, there will be no program - just food and fun that evening.

NOTHOBRANCHIUS GUENTHERI

By: Joe Paull, PVAS

Africa supplies the most beautiful fish to the aquarium hobby, including the genus Nothobranchius, which are the most spectacularly colored of any fishes. Members of this genus are seldom seen in shops, no doubt due to the mistaken belief that these "annual" killies are short lived, nasty, and difficult to keep and breed. Pure garbage, but more on that later.

Notho. guentheri is one of the oldtime favorites of killie keepers and makes a good beginner's fish for the new killie nut. This little gem, which only reaches two inches in length, has a metallic greenish body, yellowish fins, and a bright red tail bordered with a narrow black band. The poor female is only a dull tan, although the male doesn't seem to mind. Being a small species, Notho. guentheri does not need much tank space. A two and a half gallon tank is plenty of room for a half dozen specimens, while a gallon jar is fine for individuals and young fry. These killies also do well in a community tank if the temperature is not too high. While these hardy fish will do well enough in the 80's, high temperatures shorten their lifespan. Seventy degrees is excellent, seventy-five acceptable. At the lower temperature an individual fish can live for almost two years with good care, although that's pushing it somewhat. Feeding is never any problem because these garbage cans eat everything; just beware of fouling their tank as older fish are susceptible to velvet, the only serious disease of killies. Cleanliness and one teaspoon of salt per gallon help prevent this problem; keeping a watchful eye on your fish and prompt treatment will prevent an outbreak from becoming an epidemic.

Breeding is a simple affair. Place one male and two or three well conditioned females in a small tank, add peat, and watch them spawn! I prefer the peat used in "Jiffy-7 Instant Pots". These are compressed pellets of dried peat that expand into small pots when soaked in water. Remove the plastic mesh holding the pot together and rinse the peat in a net under a faucet to remove the fine dust. The peat can be dumped into the tank where it should cover the bottom to a depth of one quarter inch, or else place it in a shallow dish. The spawners usually knock most of the peat out of the dish, therefore I normally dump it into the tank and siphon it out one week later with the eggs. Feed sparingly while the peat remains in the tank to avoid polluting the peat and eggs. After siphoning out the peat (a fine mesh net make a good sieve), squeeze it gently to remove excess water and place it between paper towels for several hours. The peat is dry enough for storage when you can crumble it easily and it no longer sticks together in a ball when squeezed. It should be moist; Nothobranchius eggs are not as drought resistant as South American peat spawners. Place the peat in a plastic bag and wait eight weeks.

After two months pass, find a tank, preferably a five or ten gallon, to house the fry. Place the peat in a container (a plastic shoe box works well), add water, and wait for fry. Hatching takes several hours; most eggs hatch in twenty-four. By hatching in a separate container and then moving the fry to the rearing tank, any diseases in the peat have less chance of bothering the fry. If you are the lazy sort (like me), merely dump the peat into the rearing tank. It's a lot of work to catch and move 100-200 tiny fry with a spoon or dip tube. After hatching, the peat can be redried for another four-week period and often yields a second hatch, although first hatches are normally large enough to give you crowding problems.

The newly hatched Notho's are free swimming and hungry from the start. Micro worms are just small enough for a first food, although infusoria is best. After three or four days, baby brine shrimp can be added, and fine flake food is eaten in a week.

You should try this species just to see the growth rate! By six to eight weeks, the youngsters are about adult sized and are fully capable of spawning!

REMAINING 1978 BOWL SHOW CATAGORIES

	<u>CICHLIDS</u>	<u>EGGLAYER/LIVEBEARER</u>
October	Mouthbrooder, New World Haplochromis Open	Barbs Goldfish/Koi Open
November	REMEMBER: NOVEMBER IS DOUBLE POINT MONTH Central & S.A. Dwar Pseudotropheus Open	Tetras Characins Open

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Kenny Warren is offering a 55 gallon tank with stand -- an O'Dell -- for \$90. He also has a 29 gallon wood-grain O'Dell with stand for \$35. Several 10s, some brand new will go if your offer is right. Kenny always has fry for sale -- mostly cichlids -- and he's always glad for them to get a good home. Call him at 671-3300, or talk to him at the Oct. 9 meeting if you're interested.

PVAS BOWL SHOW RESULTS, SEPTEMBER, 1978

CICHLIDS

Angelfish & Discus

- 1st - B.Fazil - Marble Veil Angel
 2nd - B.Fazil - Marble Veil Angel
 3rd - V. Elko - Half black Angel

Other African

- 1st - K.Warren - Kribensis
 2nd - S. Dickens - H. fasciatus
 3rd - K. Warren - C. guentheri

Open

- 1st - K. Warren - Ps ornatus
 2nd - K. Warren - Ps. macrothalmus
 3rd - K. Warren - Peacock

EGGLAYER/LIVEBEARER

Sharks & Loaches

- 1st - V. Elko - Red Tail Shark
 2nd - M. Prendergast - Kuhli loach
 3rd - -----

Catfish, non-corydoras

- 1st - B. Trout - Synodontis brichardi
 2nd - B. Trout - Synodontis "
 3rd - B. Fazil - Rafael

Open

- 1st - G. Neese - Prochlotus insignis
 2nd - P. Mahoney - Austr. rainbow
 3rd - P. Mahoney - Paradise

MONTH QUARTER ANNUAL

	MONTH	QUARTER	ANNUAL
Warren, K.	20	34	55
Fazil, B.	10	32	54
Neese, G.	3	17	17
Griffin, W.	0	10	16
Garvey, J.	0	0	10
Dickens, S.	5	5	8
Elko, V.	2	8	8
Mahoney, P.	5	5	5
Merrell, C.	1	1	5
Prendergast, M.	0	1	4
Whitesell, G.	0	0	2
Barry, K.	1	1	1

MONTH QUARTER ANNUAL

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Fazil, B.	4	16	63
Herrell, C.	0	19	31
Elko, V.	6	24	25
Hoffman, G.	0	12	23
Mahoney, P.	10	10	23
Prendergast, M.	5	8	22
Garvey, J.	0	0	20
Griffin, W.	0	6	16
Trout, B.	12	12	12
Whitesell, G.	0	9	12
Lenzen, M.	0	0	10
Neese, G.	6	6	6
Whitesell, G.	0	0	6
Merrell, M.	0	0	2

Judges: Aldridge, G.; McInturff, D.

Judges: Paull, J.; Hoffman, G.

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REPORT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Jan & Dave McInturff	415***
Ruth Brewer	270**
Joe Paull	215**
Gerry Hoffman	170**
Susan & Mike Sprague	165**
Bev Fazil	100*
Gene Aldridge	80
Pat & Maggi Mahoney	60*
John Jessup	55*
Pat Tietjen	15
Jerry Donnelly	10
Woody Griffin	10

- * Breeders Award
 ** Intermediate Breeders Award
 *** Advanced Breeders Award

Recent spawnings (wow): Gerry Hoffman: *Pelmatochromis torniatus*, Red & Blue *Apistogramma*, *Apistogramma agassizi*, *Aphyosemion gabionense*. Joe Paull: Giant *kribensis*, *Aphyosemion gardneri* *makurdi*, *Notheobranchius guentheri*, *Lamprologus brichardi*. Kenny Warren: *Pseudotropheus ornatus*, Red top coblat. Pat and Maggi Mahoney: Guppy; Dave & Jan McInturff: *Haplochromis moorii*



**Potomac Valley
Aquarium Society
Presents the 1978
Annual Fall Banquet
& Auction, Oct. 21-22**

POTOMAC VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY
1978 FALL AUCTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1978

Jefferson Fire Department, Station 18
3101 Hodge Place, Fall Church, Virginia
(Directly behind Drugfair, at the Graham Road-
Arlington Blvd intersection. Map on back page)

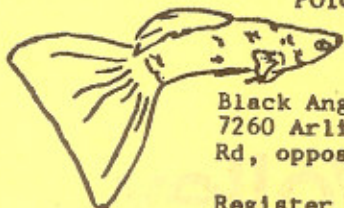
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2. Registration will commence at 11:00 AM and will terminate promptly at 1:00 PM.
3. Auction will start immediately after registration closes.
4. Each item may be assigned a minimum bid. If none is assigned, it will automatically have a \$1.00 minimum.
5. Bags will be offered as is. Contents may not be split into two or more transactions.
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7. 75% of the selling price goes to the seller, 25% to PVAS.

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4. Successful bidders will have their items brought to them, at which time they must pay for them.
5. In all instances the decision of the auctioneer is final.
6. All persons, except auction officials, will remain seated during the auction.

There will be occasional breaks for drawing raffle prizes and/or relaxing, getting soft drinks etc.



POTOMAC VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY
1978 ANNUAL FALL BANQUET
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Black Angus Steak House
7260 Arlington Blvd. (U.S. Route 50) at Graham
Rd, opposite Loehmann's Plaza Shopping Center

Register for door prize as you come in.

Cash cocktails, 7 to 8:00 PM

Dinner promptly at 8 PM (See reservation blank below.)

Anyone interested in the hobby is invited to attend. Seating is limited to fifty, so reservations will be accepted on a first received basis. Don't miss out by waiting too long.

We are indeed fortunate to have Stu Wheeler of Columbus, Ohio as our guest speaker this year. Renowned authority on catfish and oddballs, that will be the subject of his talk to us, with the aid of his personal slide collection.

Stu is past president of the Central Ohio Aquarium Society, is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Catfish and Loach Association, as well as being a member of the Catfish Association of Great Britain.

With over 20 years in the hobby, Stu has written countless columns and articles such as "Fin Features" and "Tank Tips and Straight Talk", columns which have been reprinted in nearly every hobby publication (including Delta Tale) over the past years.

A Major in the USAF Reserve (jet pilot), Stu has an unusual hobby related occupation. He sets up and maintains Aquaria in business offices and private homes. He is a frequent speaker at regional workshops and national conventions, as well as being a qualified show judge.

1978 PVAS BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ person(s) @\$9.50 each.

Name: _____ Street Address _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Entree choice: (Check one for each person attending)

_____ Steamship Round of Beef
_____ Veal Parmesan
_____ Fillet of Sole

Dinner will also include salad, side dish, beverage and dessert.

Return reservation, completely filled out, with check or money order no later than Tuesday, October 17 to: PVAS, c/o The Mahoneys
3011 Aspen Lane
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

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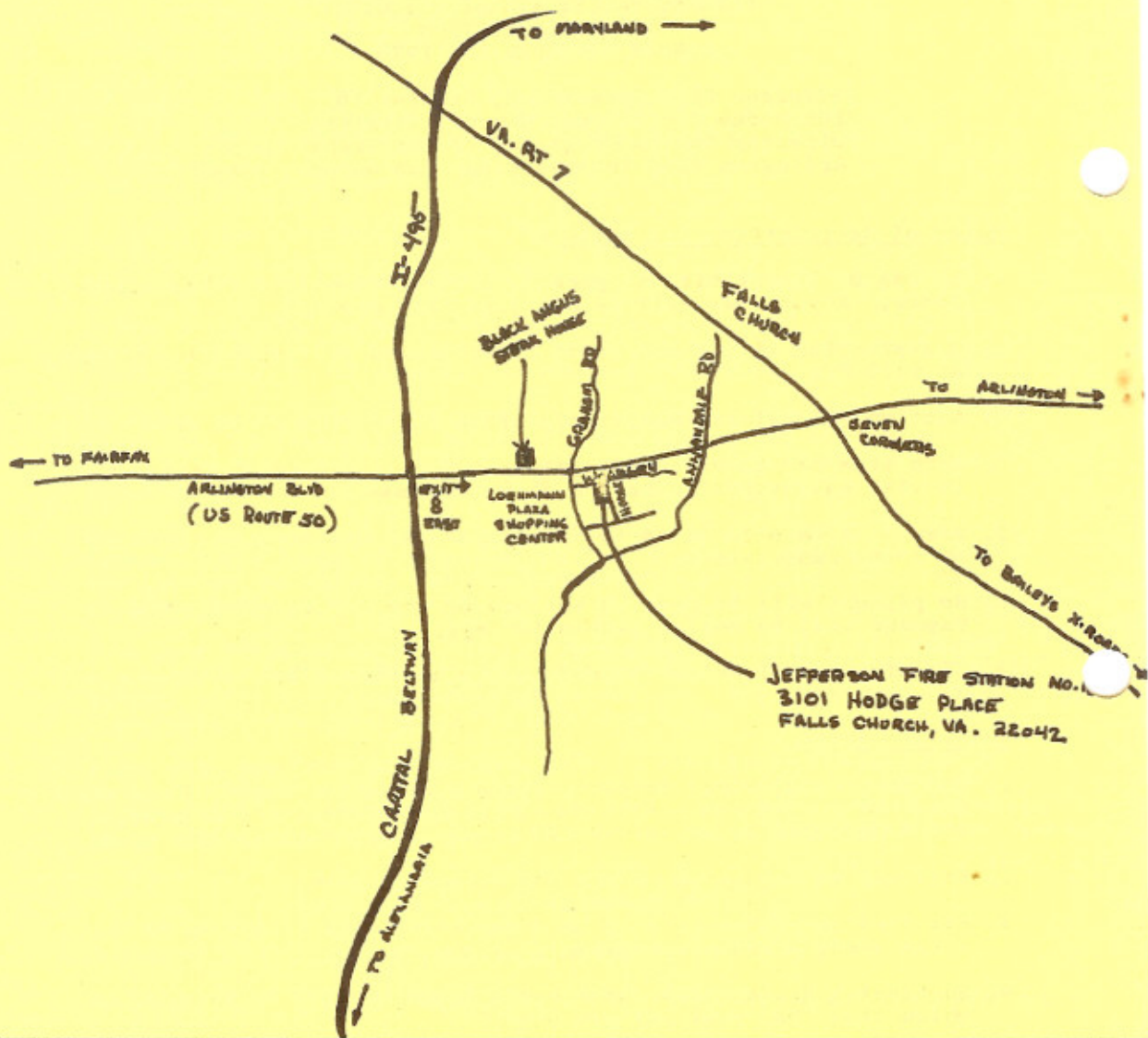
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1978 MEETING DATES

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FEB. 13
MAR. 13

APRIL 10
MAY 8
JUNE 12

JULY 10
AUG. 14
SEPT. 11

OCT. 9
NOV. 20
DEC. 11

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE COCA-COLA BOTTLING PLANT, 5401 SEMINARY ROAD, BAILEYS CROSSROADS, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. MEETINGS START AT 8:00 P.M., BOWL SHOW REGISTRATION, 7:45 P.M.