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PVAS BOARD MEETING Feb. 6, 1989

The Board convened at 7:30 pm at the home of Lea Spickler and John Stieringer; also present were Kenny Warren, Pate Thrift, Bob Pallenach, Tony Fitz, Barrie and Ray Farmer, and Gene Aldridge.

President Thrift announced that Paul Spence will give a free workshop Feb. 20, and gave out announcements to be distributed.

SPRING SHOW:

Manufacturers' and Magazines' letters have gone out already. Despite low profit from the 10/88 55 set-up raffle, the Board authorized \$150.00 to buy another set-up; suggestions for increasing ticket sales included prizes for top sellers. Revision of show categories will be settled in March, so trophies can be ordered. Gene Aldridge suggested a non-rotating annual trophy for the dealers' tank.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

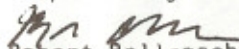
Show categories suggested by the Farmers will be used for the rest of '89; four quarterly and one annual trophy will be awarded for judges choice. Tony Fitz will give the March program on live foods; he pointed out the impossibility of advance notice to the membership due to late distribution of The Delta Isle.

DELTA TALK:

Problems were described as threefold; insufficient original copy, printing delays, and slow bulk mail. Switching to a monthly first-class mailer with semiannual expanded brochure issues, was discussed, and will be brought before the membership at the next general meeting.

Lea Spickler agreed to take over the membership chairmanship. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Pallenach
Recording Secretary

PVAS PREZ SPAWNS DISCUS!
BAP RESPONDS BY PLACING SYMPHYSODON IN 5 POINT CATEGORY
JESSUP: 'If Thrift Can Spawn 'Em, Anybody Can'

That's right! Two of those damned flat fish (or DFFs) of mine have spawned, have not eaten the eggs, have not eaten the fry, and have protected the fry from my crude skills as an aquarist! I have two small batches of discus past the magical 60-day-old point, and a Delta Tale article on this miracle is in the works. However, my point here is: if I can breed fish, you certainly can. And you can enter the PVAS 1989 Breeder's Competition. And you can win the competition! And be awarded the 70 gallon tank next winter! And all the while helping to re-energize the BAP program! Refer to the January Tale for specific information.

By the time this reaches you, the special program by Paul Speice will be history. I would like to thank Paul and his corporate sponsor, Mardel Laboratories, for making this fantastic evening possible. Events such as this help both the hobby in general and our club in particular.

The spring show is only two months away. It's not too early to begin planning which fish to enter and their conditioning program. It's also not too early to volunteer to help with the staging of this year's event. Last year's show reversed a downward participation trend in recent PVAS shows, and I hope this year's will be truly spectacular. Please call John Stieringer or myself to volunteer or for more information.

My telephone lines are still open. Please call me any evening to ask a question, express an idea, voice a concern, or lodge a complaint. 971-0594 is the number to call.

Tony Fitz, the first Programs Chairman we have had in some time, would like to hear any and all suggestions for future monthly meeting programs. Please call him.

Finally, the Delta Tale crisis continues. Tom Hetzel is giving the editorship as much time as he can, but he is desperately in need of assistance or someone willing to take our magazine over. It doesn't take any experience, and only a few hours commitment each month. There are several editors-emeritus around to lend a hand, too. Please give it some serious consideration. Our club is in real danger of losing the prestige of its excellent monthly magazine within the next few months - please don't let that happen!



**BOWL SHOW REPORT FOR
February**

CICHLIDS

New World Medium
No Entries

Haplochromis
No Entries

Open
No Entries

EGGLAYERS/LIVEBEARERS

Guppies
No Entries

Barbs
No Entries

Open
1st T. Fitz - A. australe
(chocolate)
2nd J. Stieringer - R. cylindraceus
3rd T. Fitz - A. australe (gold)

Totals through January 1989

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Annual</u>		<u>Month</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Annual</u>
No entries for cichlids yet				T. Fitz	13	13	13
				R&B Farmer	7	7	7
				B. Pallansch	6	6	6

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FISH FOR THOUGHT:

THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM TO CONDUCT A DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAM

The National Aquarium in Washington, D.C., will be conducting a docent training program in March for area residents who are interested in learning more about the hidden ocean world which lies on the lower level of the Commerce Building.

"Docents" play an integral role in The National Aquarium by giving tours to groups of school children and visitors. Docents will be trained to instruct the children and the public with information about the aquarium and the ocean world. No prior experience or qualifications are necessary but enthusiasm is a must.

The staff at The National Aquarium welcomes anyone who has a few hours Monday through Friday to swim down and join our sealy creatures in the wonderful world of aquatic life. Each docent must be able to give at least six hours per month. If you are interested or want further information please call Kathy Slavin at (202) 377-2826.

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An Evening with Paul Speice

Noted Aquarium Hobby Lecturer and FAMA Columnist

Please join the Potomac Valley Aquarium Society in attending a lecture by Mr. Paul Speice, one of the hobby's most distinguished speakers and the author of the Freshwater and Marine Aquarium Magazine monthly column: "FROM GUPPIES TO GROUPERS"

Baptist Temple Church Social Hall
700 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria, VA
Monday, February 20 7:30 PM

Mr. Speice's talks are always well received by both experienced aquarium hobbyists and beginners alike. If you are at all serious about the aquarium hobby, you will want to attend this free lecture. You do not have to be a PVAS member to attend - ALL ARE WELCOME! For more information, call Pete Thrift at 971-0594 from 6 to 9 PM any evening.

Free Admission - Everyone Welcome!

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
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Open
Cichlid: Angelfish & Discus, Non-riftlake African,
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- 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.

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ANNOUNCES

For more info
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29th ANNUAL SPRING SHOW
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THE JOHN C. WOOD RECREATIONAL FACILITY
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FRIDAY - AUG. 11, 1989 - 10:00 A.M.

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AQUACULTURE (a cichlids only farm); hot dog,
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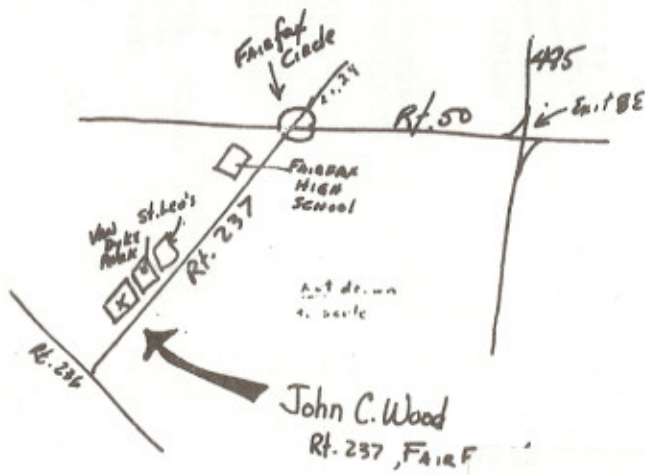
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9 Jan	10 Apr	10 Jul	16 Oct
13 Feb	8 May	14 Aug	13 Nov
13 Mar	12 Jun	11 Sep	11 Dec

Meetings are held at the John C. Wood Facility, Route 237 (Old Lee Highway), Fairfax City, Virginia. Doors open at 7:30, meeting start at 8:00 PM