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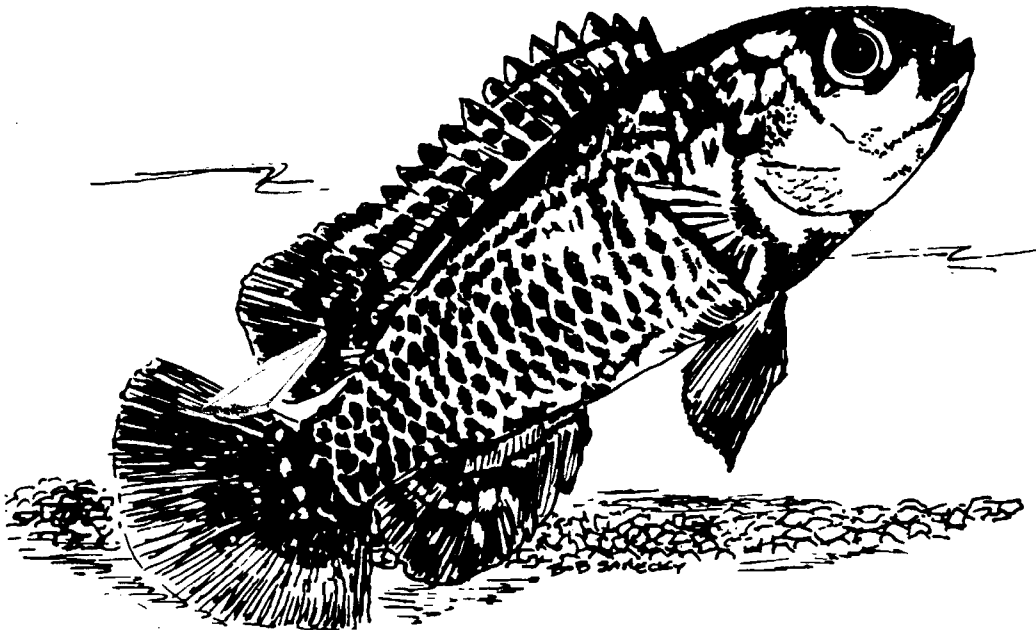
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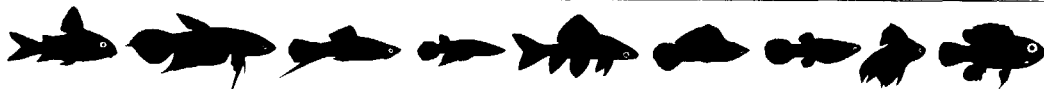
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SPRING SHOW WINNERS

PVAS SPRING SHOW 1983

CLASS FIRST PLACE SECOND PLACE THIRD PLACE

I LIVEBEARERS (16 ENTRIES)

a) Delta Tail Guppies, Male	NO ENTRIES		
b) Delta Tail Guppies, Female	NO ENTRIES		
c) Guppies, All Other (2)	Stirman	J. Mangan	
d) Mollies (3)	Heflin	Holman	Holman
Holman			
e) Swordtails & Platies (5)	Heflin	Frazier	Holman
f) Goodies (5)	J. Mangan	J. Mangan	J. Mangan
g) Other Livebearing Fishes (1)	Holman		

BEST IN CLASS: HEFLIN - PLATY VARIATUS

II EGGLAYERS (NON-CICHLID) (68 ENTRIES)

a) Catfish, Corys (7)	Hilburn	Heflin	Heflin
b) Catfish, African (3)	Holman	Holman	Heflin
c) Catfish, All Other (7)	Holman	Bradshaw	Stirman
d) Betta Splendens (3)	M. Mangan	Lindenburg	M. Mangan
e) Other Betta & Anabantoids (10)	D. Brensiki	Heflin	Williams
f) Sharks & Loaches (9)	Plonkey	L. Brensiki	Griffin
g) Tetras (4)	Hoffman	Schnepf	Hoffman
h) Barbs (6)	West	M. Mangan	Heflin
i) Goldfish & Koi (1)	Williams		
j) Danios, Brachydanios, Rasboras (2)	M. Mangan	Wagner	
k) Killifish (4)	Mahoney	Prieto	M. Mangan
l) N.A. Native Fishes (3)	Plonkey	M. Mangan	Uzzle
m) Other Non-cichlid Egglayers (9)	Holman	Chow	M. Mangan

BEST IN CLASS: HOFFMAN - Crenuchus spilurus

III CICHLIDS (29)

a) New World Large (over 7") (2)	Mahoney	Pinta	
b) New World Medium (4-7") (7)	Griffin	Aldridge	Tashiro
c) New World Dwarf (under 6" mature) (6)	Plonkey	Cohen	Hoffman
d) Angelfish (3)	Mahoney	Williams	Williams
e) Rift Lake, Malawi (5)	Tashiro	Stirman	Mahoney

SPRING SHOW WINNERS

f) Rift Lake,
Tanganyika (1) Cohen
g) Discus NO ENTRIES
h) Non-Rift Lake African (4) Shaw Griffin Uzzle
i) Cichlid Pairs (1) Holman
j) Other Cichlids NO ENTRIES
BEST IN CLASS: SHAW - *Tilapia butterkofferi*

IV MARINE

a) Fishes NO ENTRIES
b) Invertebrates NO ENTRIES

V FAMILY OF FISHES

Family of fishes (5) Mahoney L. Brensiki Cohen

VI PLANTS

Plants (4) Schnepf Schnepf Archer

VII SET TANKS (Non-Dealer) (1) Hoffman

VIII DEALER TANKS (1) Fish, Ltd.

IX PHOTOGRAPHY

a) Color Slides (12) Aldridge Hoffman Hoffman
b) Color Prints (10) Thompson Brewer Brewer
c) Black & White Prints NO ENTRIES

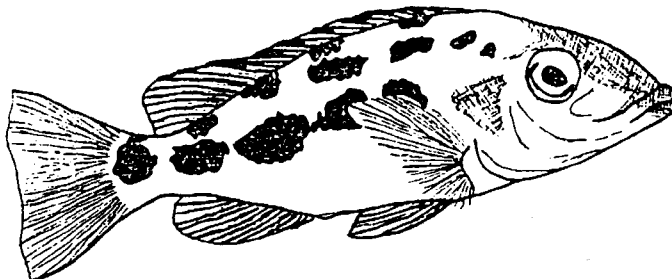
BEST IN CLASS: THOMPSON

X ART

a) Frameable Art NO ENTRIES
b) Crafts (1) Steele

BEST IN SHOW: *Tilapia butterkofferi* --SHAW

RESERVE OF SHOW: *Crenuchus spilurus* --HOFFMAN



BREEDERS AWARD PROGRAM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u> (through April 15, 1983)	
Garland Neese	905	++++
Gerry Hoffman	680	++++
Woody Griffin	555	++++
Pat & Maggi Mahoney	615	+++
Darrel Holman	550	+++
John Jessup	505	+++
Vince Edmondson	460	+++
Ruth Brewer	305	+++
Jim Hajdics	275	++
Art Lembke	165	++
The Wagners	165	++
Kenny Warren	90	+
Gene Aldridge	80	+
Tom Wright	80	+
The Thompsons	55	+
Amy Stirman	50	+
Frank Angilletta	45	+

++++ master
 +++ advanced
 ++ intermediate
 + breeder

Recent points awarded:

Frank Angilletta:	Pterophyllum Scalare	15 points
	Amexa Splendens	10 points
	Poecilia Latipinna	10 points
	Poecilia Reticulata	10 points

In behalf of the membership, it is my pleasure to welcome Frank Angilletta to the BAP. Actually, Frank has spawned these points over the past three months. But the spawning reports were lost in the mail, and missed getting to me at the April meeting I missed, but we are all glad Frank finally made it to the roster.

Jim Hajdics
 BAP Chairman



B.A.P. Checkers

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A telephone call to any of the above will give assistance or information on the Breeders Award Program or spawning. Any member in good standing can sign in a 10-point fish.

PVAS BOWL SHOW STANDINGS

STANDINGS

	Month	Cichlids Quarter	Year
Frank Angilletta	0	7	17
Amy Stirman	0	0	16
Ray & Lisa Krause	4	10	14
Don & Debbie Plonkey	0	0	10
John Mangan	0	0	9
Mark Steele	6	6	6
Pat Mahoney	0	0	5

Egglayers/Livebearers

John Mangan	0	18	37
Frank Angilletta	0	7	29
Garland Neese	0	0	14
Jack Coffman	8	9	9
Judy Williams	6	6	6
Jim Long	0	4	5
Amy Stirman	0	0	4
Michelle Mangan	0	0	4
Don Plonkey	3	3	3
Ray Krause	1	1	1

Thanks to Frank, Jim and Don for taking over the bowl show for me last month. Thanks to Jerry and Jim for serving as judges.

John Mangan
Bowl Show Chairman

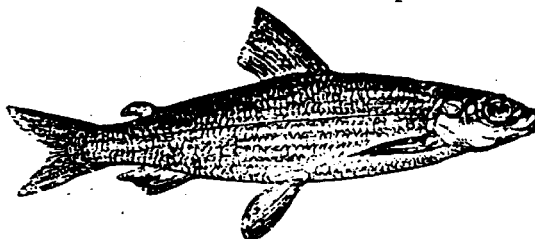
JUNE BOWL SHOW CATAGORIES

CICHLIDS

New World Large
Riftlake Mbuna/excl. Ps.
Open

EGGLAYER/LIVEBEARERS

Anabantoids
Catfish, Corydoras
Open



NOW HEAR THIS...

PAT MAHONEY, President PVAS

The 1983 Spring Show and Auction are now history. As aching muscles and abbreviated sleep reminds us that we are not as young as we used to be, a few observations about our annual efforts are in order.

We are told that Winston Churchill's famous line "never have so many owed so much to so few" was directed to the RAF closing the Battle of Britain. The same could be directed to the "few" in PVAS.

To those "few" I extend my heartfelt thanks. This year they included a "Pre Set Up Team," i.e., John Mangan, Kurt Schnepf, Pepper Wysong, Kevin Uzzle (our North Carolina corresponding member) and yours truly. At 1 p.m. on Friday this group was greeted by 70 or so lockers and an ambulance sitting in the middle of the hall. Both had to be moved and the floor swept and swabbed before the set up crew could do their thing.

Darrell Holman, Gerry Hoffman, Kenny Warren and the rest of us unpacked the show stands and air system from Kenny's van and spent the next couple of hours assembling the show racks.

In the evening Maggi, Nancy Griffin and John Jessup came to help put the finishing touches on the show stands and did the pre-registration. Jerry and Amy Stirman set up their T-shirt concession with the help of new members Pat and Julie Gore. Kurt Schnepf spent the night "fish sitting" until relieved the next morning by Darrell.

Saturday morning's show registration consisted of Maggi. The Jim Hajdics (father and son) hauled the soft drinks and lunch for the judges and work crew in a driving rain -- above and beyond the call of duty -- well done to the clan Hajdics.

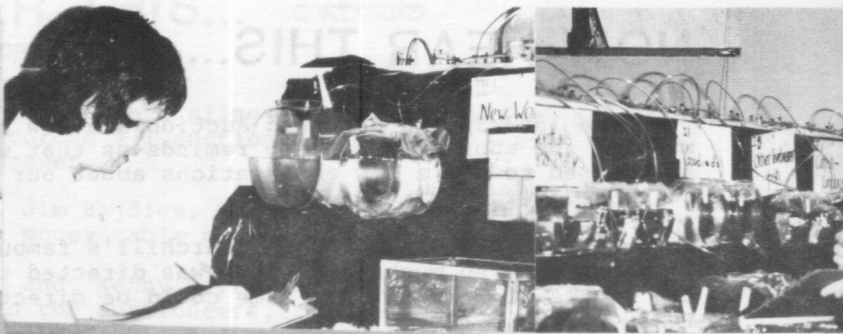
Our judges, Ed and Kathy Taylor, Virginia Beach; Gene Aldridge, Harrisburg, Pa.; Dan Fromm, Cherry Hill, Pa.; and Dave Shaw, Annandale, completed their assignments before 4 pm and the hall was open to the public by 5 pm.

The Saturday night watch was shared by Jerry and Amy, myself and Darrell Holman.

Auction registration began on time Sunday morning, thanks to Ruth Brewer, Nancy Griffin, Pete Tietjen and Maggi. Gene Aldridge and Maggi handled the bidders registration.

Pete Tietjen, Gerry Hoffman and Woody Griffin did yeoman duty as auctioneers.

Jimmy Hajdics, Amy and Leslie Stirman, Suzann Reynolds, Angie Drayley and Binkie Thompson worked long and hard as runners.





**Annual Fish Show
& Auction - 1983**
*Photos by Ron Thompson
& Ruth Brewer*



NOW HEAR THIS... CONTINUED

Nancy Griffin, despite a sling and considerable pain from a Saturday fall, recorded all auction transactions - with a noble assist from Ruth Brewer.

Karen Wagner, Jim Hajdics, the elder, and Maggi recorded sales and kept the money table going.

John Jessup and Kenny Warren kept the bags of fish and equipment coming to the auctioneers.

Surely one of the happiest people at the auction was Ellen Alexander of Alexandria. She was the winner of the 55 gallon set up. Congratulations to Ellen and her enthusiastic husband and son.

I delivered Dan Fromm to Union station to catch the MetroLiner back to New Jersey and Kevin to National airport to get his flight back to North Carolina (which he missed.)

On my return to the Fire House I found the knock-down crew hard at work. Kenny Warren, John Mangan, Jim Long, Darrell Holman, Vince Edmondson, Jerry Stirman, Woody Griffin, Maggi and myself got the stands down and loaded. Kenny's van was loaded and the hall swept and swabbed by 9 pm.

With the hall floor glistening clean, I went into the fireman's lounge to turn out the lights. A fireman told me to leave them on because he was bringing the ambulance back into the hall. It was pouring rain! So much for good housekeeping.

I'm sure there are people whose names were omitted in this, my official "thank you". If I have left anyone out, I'm sorry. I plead punchy after the big weekend.

I would like to single out our corresponding member, Kevin Uzzle of Raleigh, N.C., for special mention.

Originally scheduled to drive up to the show with Dave Herlong who was to have been a judge, Kevin's plan had to be changed when Dave went to the hospital to repair a spinal disc 4 days before the show.

Kevin flew in early Friday morning and I picked him up at the airport. He stayed with Maggi and me. He pitched in Friday afternoon, shoving lockers around and helping with set up of the show racks. He helped sell raffle tickets and soft drinks with the Stirman's all through the week end.

Kevin is editor of the CAROLINA AQUARIST, publication of the Raleigh Aquarium Society. He wanted to see all phases of preparing for and giving a show and auction. Did her ever see! We worked him silly. I bet he is two inches shorter than when he arrived. Outstanding job, Kevin, hurry back for the fall auction. We need you.

MONTHLY BOWL SHOW AWARDS

MAY 1983 BOWL SHOW RESULTS

CICHLIDS

NEW WORLD MOUTHBROODER

NO ENTRIES

PSEUDOTROPHEUSFRICAN

NO ENTRIES.

OPEN

1st. Mark Steele

2nd. Ray Krause

3rd. Mark Steele

EGGLAYERS/LIVEBEARERS Judge, John Jessup

GOLDFISH/KOI

1st. Judy Williams

CHARACINS

1st. Jack Coffman

2nd. Jack Coffman

3rd. Don Plonkey



OFF THE RECORD: BOWL SHOW TIPS AND GUIDELINES

If you think the fish looks good and healthy, the judges will probably agree...A clean bowl with clean water will help...Remove old stickers from previous shows, (the night of the show is best as time seems to cement them on more firmly)..Use a container big enough for your fish. A drum bowl is ideal for most-- but go to a 2 1/2 gallon or a 5 gallon if you are showing a big fish... A two-flat-sided container is the conventional drum bowl in an appropriate size, preferably of glass...

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Tropical fish owners whose water supply is furnished by the Fairfax County Water Authority may find the declorinating process which they have been using when they change or add water to their fish tanks may not remove all of the chorine in the water because of modifications in the water purification process which have been made to comply with Federal drinking water standards.

This new treatment process reduces the amount of free chlorine in the water, but makes the resulting combined chlorine more difficult to neutralize with normal dosages of a dechlorination agent.

It is recommended that owners increase the dechlorination agent dosages several times the conventional amount, and use a chlorine test kit (available from swimming pool supply houses) to determine when the water is free of chlorine. Since levels of chlorine in the water supply fluctuate during the year, owners should make sure they have neutralized all chlorine each time they clean or add water to aquariums before fish are returned to the tanks.

EDITORS NOTE:

This notice was mailed by Fairfax County to local pet stores and is fair warning that chlorine levels MAY change drastically..

If you don't have a fancy chlorine test kit, simply let your nose be the judge before and during water changes.

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QUESTIONS THEY NEVER ASK AXLEROD

by PROF D. BROCK April-83 Fins 'n Tales

Kitchner-Waterloo Aquarium Society, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

QUESTION: Can an Arowana and a Neon Tetra be Successfully crossbred?-- Pat Mussatto

ANSWER: Yes, Pat, of course, they're both egglayers, aren't they? There are however certain tricks to the successful crossbreeding. The first trick and sometimes the hardest, is to obtain a mated pair. It's best to select a plump female arowana, and several male neons and let the female make her choice. After a short period of time you will notice that the fish are readying themselves for spawning. The number of male neons will rapidly diminish. (Obviously, the rejected suitors are flinging themselves from the tank in anguish over not being chosen). At the same time the female arowana will start to "plump out", obviously filling with eggs in joyous anticipation of the upcoming spawn. NOTE: Sometimes it will be necessary to try several hundred males before the elusive combination is found.

Now to set up your breeding tank. A 97.36 gallon extra long is recommended. Place 81.4 gallons of neutral water or tap water (or an infusoria culture) in the tank along with a double layer of amber cats eye marbles. These serve a double function. Rather than allowing the eggs to fall through and be protected by the marbles, the amber cats eyes look exactly like the "Neowana" eggs. In addition, after the spawn, when the male neon is hungrily looking for the eggs, he will invariably inadvertently eat a marble thereby severely limiting his searching from that point on. It is also highly recommended that two large bunches of plants be placed at opposite ends of the tank. This is to give the arowana a place to hide during the extremely hard driving by the male. If you don't mind a few ripped fins and missing scales, this is unnecessary.

Now remove the spawner and spawnee. Place them in separate 5 gallon tanks to recover. (Her from the tremendous battering from the male, and him from a very swelled head).

Now darken the spawning tank and wait 17 days, 3 hours, 42 minutes and 4 seconds and check the tank. If all has gone well, approximately 1/4 of the eggs will have hatched. If not, you will at least have extra marbles for your next attempt.

You can, upon free swimming, start your fry out on a diet of infusoria and 1/2-inch cubes of beef heart. You will undoubtedly notice a minor variation in size, as some of the newly hatched fry will be approximately 1/8-inch long and transparent while the balance will be approximately 4 inches long.

As these fish grow to maturity, you will find that you have two distinct types of fish. One is a yard long neon that looks best (and is happiest) in schools of 30 or more, and the other is a 3/4-inch long arowana that eats a dozen adult goldfish a day.

Good Luck, fish breeders of America!-- NEXT QUESTION-----

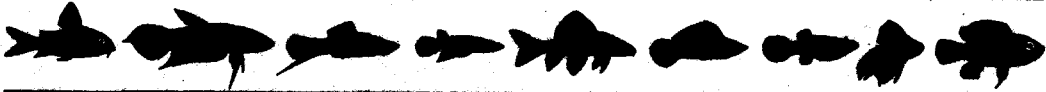
HAZARDS OF LIVING WITH A FISH NUT

by Carrie Sutter

Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society
SWAM BULLETIN March/April '82

- 1) Not being able to find an empty electrical outlet.
- 2) Having to hear bubble, bubble, bubble all day long.
- 3) An emergency coming up when fish nut isn't home (HELP!).
- 4) Getting dry fish caught in vacuum cleaner.
- 5) Wet socks from spilled water.
- 6) Getting mouth fulls of fish water in emergency.
- 7) Listening to foreign language when fish nut is naming fish.
- 8) Having high electric bills due to heaters, pumps and lights.
- 9) Having to live on \$1.59 hamburger while fish eat \$4 shrimp.
- 10) Having front yard dug up and cement pond put in because fish nut is also a pool fool.
- 11) Having to sit on floor because tanks leave no room for furniture.
- 12) Having to consider fish tanks furniture.
- 13) Not being able to rearrange furniture without spilling water.
- 14) Having to vacuum up fish food after each feeding.
- 15) Having to dig past frozen food (frozen brine shrimp, bloodworms, etc.) to get something to eat.
- 16) Having to walk carefully to avoid wandering snails.
- 17) Trying to relax with thousands of eye watching.
- 18) Having to enjoy (?) the odor of "Micro-Plankton."
- 19) Not being able to go 5 miles from home without a fish box.
- 20) Being denied the convenience of aerosol cans.
- 21) Getting hopelessly entangled in air line tubing.
- 22) Feeling uncomfortably guilty about eating a tuna sandwich in front of fish nut.

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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	\$10.00	Corresponding	\$5.00
Individual	\$7.00	Junior (under 18)	\$3.00

Please send application and check for dues to address above.

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P.O. Box 6219
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1983 Meeting Dates:

June 13	July 11	Oct. 10
	Aug. 8	Nov. 14
	Sept. 12	Dec. 12

Meeting will be held at the Jefferson Fire House Community Room,
Route 50 and Graham Road, Falls Church, Va. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.:
Bowl Show registration 7:45 to 8p.m.; meeting starts at 8 p.m.

