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CNYAS GENERAL MEETING

LOCATION

The Dewitt Community Center
 148 Sanders Creek Pkwy
 East Syracuse, NY

DATE / TIME

Wednesday December 18, 2024
 @ 7:00 pm

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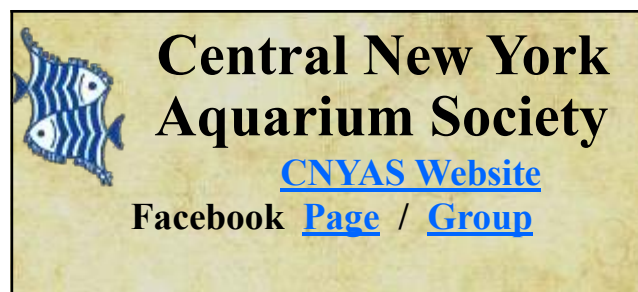
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Ron Fabiny

Presidents Message December 2024

Hi everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday and didn't eat too much.

This month we are having our Christmas get together. We ask everyone to bring a dish to pass and the club will supply the water and soda. There will also be a raffle of a spiral ham for the holidays.

Like last year if you like please provide a unwrapped gift for a child. These will be going to a Syracuse city school to make the holidays a little brighter for a child. The ages are 10-11 year olds.

There will also be a small presentation on the different programs that the club has. AHAP, BAP and WAP.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting. If I don't get to see you Happy Holidays till next year.

Ron

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BOARD MEETING**CNYAS Board meeting**

11/13/2024

Attending: Ron Alexander, Len and Mary Futterman, Doug Hillman, Bob Kotcher, Bill Newell, Hershel Beeman, Clifford Crain, Mike Flintrop

1. Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer—Report and budget
2. AHAP– see Reflector
3. BAP- see Reflector, working on changing # of fry for points, now have BAP computer. Clifford and Mike to work on fry.
4. WAP- see Reflector, Clifford to take over
5. Membership-37 paid members
6. Auction - Will plan for starting in Jan 25. New tee shirts this year. Projecting fish bag on the screen, Large banner with pictures. Look at getting lightweight banner. Shrimp/Pleco raffle
7. Bowl show- see Reflector.
8. Webmaster- Tom Garafalo is taking over as Webmaster, thanks Tom!
9. Exchange editor- still getting articles. Cliff is doing a great job.
10. Reflector– Doug is doing a great job!

2. Old Business:

1. Voted to Change Superbowl prizes to cash, talk about increasing prize amount next year. Voted to increase prizes to 1st 35.00, 2nd 25.00 and 3rd is 20.00.
2. Len to work on speakers for this year. Nov speaker is Heather Burke speaking on Fish Pharmacy. December meeting is Christmas Party
3. Swap meet was a Great Success!
4. Send Speaker info to Lenny
5. Mike Flintrop contacted TFH and they want to do an article about the club, he will gather info about the club through a survey next meeting
6. 50th Anniversary of CNYAS in 2026. Sue and Mike to head committee for celebration.
7. The October field trip to Morrisville College was Great! Thanks Clifford and Doug!
8. Board decided not to donate to Freshwater Conservation. Amount they wanted was too much.

3. New Business:

1. Mike suggested option for 10 fry vs 6 fry and donate to the club. Clifford to work on it with him.
2. Doug got 2 gift cert from Empire Aquatics. Going to raffle at last meeting.
3. Is the NEC Convention budget worth \$600? Discuss during the next board meeting. Ask Arnaud to see if NEC could support free hotel room for club reps. Board discussed that the NEC rep for the club will receive the free convention registration if they attend the required meetings and club will give them \$150 to be used to attend the Convention. Passed

CNYAS General Meeting 11/20/2024

1. Great talk by Heather Burke on Fish Pharmacy. Thanks Heather!
2. Thiel from Low Tide Corals is collecting toys for another toy drive this year, please donate! They will be picking up at the Dec CNYAS meeting
3. Successful mini auction and turkey raffle!



Convention Report: Ohio Cichlid Association Extravaganza 2024 Part One: The Convention

By: Clifford H. Crain, Jr.

The Ohio Cichlid Association has held a convention every year in the same city, in fact the same hotel for the past thirty years. The convention is similar to other fish conventions with speakers, vendor room, swap meet, dinner and awards, and wrapping up on Sunday with an auction. While the emphasis is on cichlids, the OCA is following the trend of dubbing catfish as honorary cichlids.

In previous convention reports I've stressed the importance of mollifying one's non-fish hobbyist spouse while you're listening to speakers all day Saturday. Failure to do this may result in friction as your better half sits at home while you're off having a grand ole time. I was successful at this for the previous three conventions, but could not pull it off this time. The Chief talked about meeting up with her sister from Pittsburgh, but nothing came of that.

I took six buckets of fish for the auction. Each bucket has a sponge filter and heater to keep the fish alive until the auction. Pro tip: the day before you catch the fish, remove the sponge and squeeze it in a bucket of water that was removed for a water change. Getting all the gunk out of the sponge now will reduce the amount of mulm that will collect in the bucket that you'll be using to hold the fish.

The six hour trip to the Best Western in Strongsville, Ohio was uneventful, and traffic was light on a Thursday afternoon other than an accident in Cleveland that closed off a lane. The hotel asked me for feedback on my visit, and one of the two negative comments I had was the check-in. I stood in line for 20 minutes waiting to check in at 4:00. I was stressed, worried about my fish in uninsulated buckets sitting in the car in 35°F weather. Check-in finally complete, I loaded the buckets on my Home Depot portable wheeled platform and rolled them to the elevator. Here's where the second complaint comes in. The three elevators in this hotel are SLOW. I found out from those who attend every year that they complain about this to the hotel every year. On the other hand, convention attendees paid only \$76 plus tax per night for a room that was entirely acceptable and featured a refrigerator and free wi-fi.

After unpacking everything, I discovered that the 6-outlet electric strip that I brought, which worked fine at home, had failed. I brought two strips, one for the air pumps and one for the heaters, so I got the air pumps and sponge filters working and checked Google map for a store to buy a new strip. The hotel is on a street which is one of the busiest I've ever seen. It features an extremely dense commercial area with many stores, restaurants and stop lights and traffic that others told me never quits. BTW, there is no stop light to make the left turn from the hotel to access these stores and restaurants, and there's no other way off the hotel property. The wait to safely turn left can be quite long. I finally escaped and purchased the strip at a Target and made my way to Aladdin's, a Mediterranean restaurant chain where I had an outstanding dinner and great service for a reasonable price.

There were many sales of fish and related stuff conducted from hotel rooms.



Sellers will do anything to entice buyers to their room



Members of the Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society were prominent



Beds of fish bags. One seller told me that he slept on the floor



This guy brought a nice selection of fish bags. I'm glad he did when I discovered Sunday morning, while bagging fish, that I brought the wrong size bags



Move the furniture out of the way to make room for fish tanks



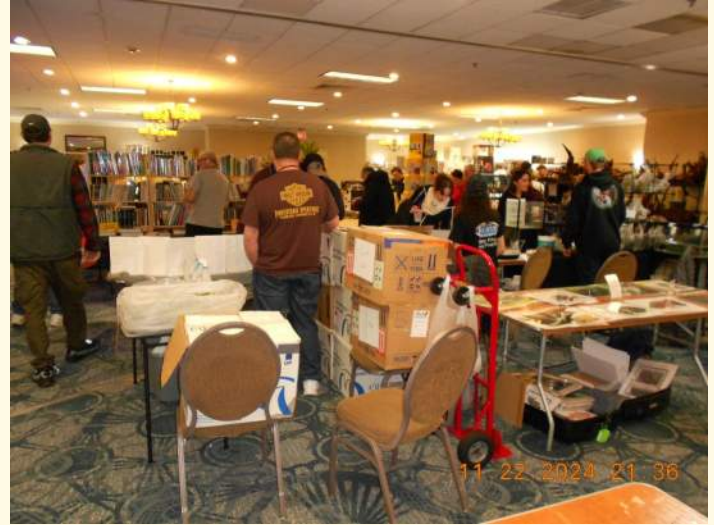
Room sale advertisements posted in the hotel lobby



Some advertisements were misleading. I wondered how this seller got a 200 gallon aquarium into his room. What I found was 200 gallons of water contained in numerous tanks

On Friday morning and afternoon, I went on the unofficial shop hop tour hosted by Pittsburgh-based CNYAS member Joe Doyle. There is so much to tell about the shop hop, I'll report on it in the January edition of the *Reflector*.

There were many interesting vendors at the convention vendor room.



Adrian Indermauer kicked things off Friday night with his fish trip to Namibia, a country in southwest Africa that features a variety of biotopes including desert, savanna and temperate forest. The most common cichlids he came across were Tilapia-type fish. His was an interesting travelogue about a country most of us know nothing about.

Next up was the well-known cichlid hobbyist and explorer, Rusty Wessel with a talk entitled, “Cichlids and Livebearers Together Forever!” Rusty constructed a dedicated fish building on his property that houses the cichlids and livebearers that he has collected during his many trips to Central America. He contends that cichlids and livebearers can be kept together, and he showed videos of them together in the wild. The videos showed that while they coexist when the cichlids are not guarding eggs or fry, livebearers are never around when cichlids are breeding or guarding fry; they know to stay away. In the aquarium, Rusty recommends choosing cichlids that get along with livebearers; Rusty listed *Thorichthys*, *Cryptoheros*, *Amatitlania*, dwarf cichlids, and *fenestratus* as good cichlid candidates. Success is achieved using a large aquarium stocked with lots of plants, rocks and decorations, fish that are fed daily and livebearers that are not too small. He also recommended establishing the livebearers in the tank first before introducing the cichlids.

Daniel Konn-Vetterlein's talk had the mysterious title, “Fairytale Deep Down From the Well.” His humorous talk centered around one of his collecting trips to northeastern Bolivia, near the border with Brazil. The purpose of the trip was to find the type locality of a blind cave fish that lives only in a well. That's right, a circular well, just like the kind you've seen in movies. Trouble was, when his collecting team reached the well, there was no rope to lower Daniel into the well; they MacGyvered strips of whatever they could find to get him lowered down into the well, where he spent 30 minutes while those above ground had a beer. For the rest of the trip he used a drone to locate bodies of water (it was the dry season), and the team collected many fish. On the penultimate day of their trip, they got a tip that the authorities from the Bolivian Fisheries Ministry were conducting wildlife searches of everyone in the area, so despite having official approval to collect and export the fish, the team decided to play it safe, and they released every one of the fish they had collected. Good thing, too, as they were thoroughly searched the next day but since the evidence was gone, they were allowed to leave.

The final talk of the night was by the father-son team of “Big Rich” and Josh Price of the Ohio Fish Rescue: “Creating and Growing a Successful Organization.” The OFR is a non-profit that rehomes fish and also finds homes for fish it obtains. The Prices started OFR after public aquariums stopped rehoming fish from the public. “We filled a niche and helped the community.” How they keep these monstrous fish alive is no secret to hobbyists: clean water through water changes, excellent filtration, nutritious food and large tanks. OFR consumes about 3000 gallons of water daily. (I toured the OFR earlier in the day and will report on that visit in next month’s *Reflector*.) Big Rich has a big personality and had many interesting stories to tell. Unfortunately, he talked way past my bedtime, so I did not make it to the end of his tales.

Daniel Konn-Vetterlein returned Saturday morning with “How to Suck Correctly: *Loricariidae*.” Many papers have been written about how plecos adhere to surfaces, and in fact that was the topic of Daniel’s PhD dissertation. Plecos use a variety of methods of sticking to a surface based on how fast the water is moving and the hardness of their food. He dried samples of pleco papillae and examined them under a scanning electron microscope. There are three varieties of pleco adhesion: friction, clamping and negative pressure (“sucking”).

Adrian Indermauer returned with “The Tanganyika Problem: What Does Conveyance Teach Us?” He assures us that no, the problem isn’t too many tanks! The question is why do Tanganyikan cichlids resemble marine fish? At first it was thought, erroneously, that there was a connection with the Indian Ocean. The connections are actually based on biotopes, coloration and behavior. Adrian also reviewed the three large differences: coral, brighter colors in marine fish and care of fry which is common in cichlids but not marine fish.

The final speaker Saturday afternoon was the famous cichlid collector and aquarist, Ad Konings. His talk, “Passion for Cichlids,” was not a photo montage of various fish but rather a verbal autobiography of his fascinating life: how he got started with fish and the adventures he experienced on his numerous trips to Africa and Mexico. When traveling to the Rift Lakes, he reviewed travel, accommodation, food (“Cichlids taste great!”) and health. Ad is a native of the Netherlands but is a naturalized U.S. citizen living in El Paso, Texas. He wrapped up his interesting talk with a list of his accomplishments: 34 books and 500+ articles. Ad described 61 species and has given presentations to aquarists and scientists in 25 countries. He visited Lake Malawi 37 times with 2000 hours dive hours, Lake Tanganyika 17 times with 1400 dive hours, Mexico 18 times and Nicaragua 6 times. He is a giant in the cichlid world.

The main room was closed to allow time for people to set up their tables for a large swap meet. I was tempted to buy some live black worms but held off, fearing I could not get them home alive and having no provision for them. I am working on completing my livebearer class for the CNYAS Breeder Award Program, so I picked up a bag of *Limia nigrofasciata* at the swap meet.



Very crowded at the large swap meet

Rather than eat the pizza at the Saturday evening banquet, I stepped out and returned to Aladdin’s Mediterranean restaurant and had another delicious meal. I complimented the manager on the meals and service and asked him to please open a branch of the chain in Syracuse.

I returned in time to hear some speeches and watch the awards being handed out to the winners of the fish show. Many of the awards went to members of the Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society. That club is a tight group as evidenced by all of them wearing their official red YATFS shirts, sitting together, and every time one of them won an award they whooped and hollered. Quite a vocal group.

After the show awards were handed out, there was a dry goods auction of all the items donated by hobby manufacturers. The OCA combined the donations into about 20 large bags of quality stuff which fetched high bids.

My final activity for the day was to observe a workshop, "Planting With Cichlids," conducted by Nate Adams of Zoogani Pets. Since I'm not a plant guy I chose not to participate, but the 18 who did pay a small fee were treated to detailed instructions on how to attach plants to wood and stone. Each participant followed instructions and used super glue, not just any super glue, but "Super Glue Gel," to glue the rhizome of an Anubias plant to wood. This glue does not require any time to cure; the plant can be immediately placed in the water. In fact, this glue can be applied while the plant is in the water! The instructor noted that while fishing line can be used to attach plants to wood or rock, it is harder to do and the line will discolor.



Plant workshop participants at tables have finished gluing their plants to wood

Photo by: Zenin Skomorowski

I would have enjoyed socializing in the convention hospitality room, but that is always scheduled too late in the evening for me. Better to get some shut-eye so I'm alert for the hectic Sunday morning activity.

Sunday mornings at a fish convention are always busy since so much has to be done in time to meet deadlines: getting dressed, bagging fish, packing up, loading the car, eating breakfast and checking out. I opted to carry my stuff down the steps rather than to stand with the group of grumbling convention-goers waiting for the pokey elevator.

The auction, where credit cards were accepted for payment, used the "four color sticker" method of grouping the bags. But all four colors were chosen at random, so there was no way for sellers to ensure that their highest-value fish would be auctioned first. One feature of this auction that I had never seen before was the use of kids from a local high school as runners. I usually volunteer to be a runner to counteract boredom and get some exercise before being cooped up in the car for the drive home, but my services weren't requested here. As the auction wore on, the kids began spending more time socializing, and a group of them even left for a lunch break, leaving only three to do the running. While the first auctioneer was slow, by the second hour a professional auctioneer was moving things along with his fast cadence. I bought a bag of *Neolamprologus leleupi* and left at 12:30 for the six hour drive home.



High school students lined up as auction runners

Always held the weekend before Thanksgiving, the convention is subject to massive lake-effect snow. Sure enough, one week after the convention, the I-90 corridor south of Buffalo was slammed with three feet of snow. Despite the possibility of bad weather, I plan to attend the Extravaganza next year, and I hope some CNYAS members will join me.

CLUB MEMBERS FISH AND/OR AQUARIUM

David Pomeranz:

Half Banded Spiny Ell foraging



Ossa Knifefish (*Rhamphichthys rostratus*) at rest



Hillstreat Loach (*Sewelvia lineolate*)



Sunkist Neocaridina Shrimp female with saddle



Writers Award Program: Changing of the Guard

By: Clifford H. Crain, Jr.

At the CNYAS September board meeting, President Ron Fabiny stated that our Writer's Award Program Chairman, Arnaud Germain, has resigned as chairman. Ron asked me to take over as chairman of that program. I'd like to thank Arnaud for steering that committee for years.

Let's review why we have a Writer's Award Program. The purposes are:

- To encourage the writing of articles for the *Reflector* and the development of writing skills for CNYAS members.
- To acknowledge the accomplishment of CNYAS members' contributions to the hobby through their writing and artistic efforts.
- To encourage a spirit of competition for the annual "Scaly Eraser Award."
- To increase information about the tropical fish hobby to CNYAS members.

I'm immensely proud of the *Reflector*. Many clubs, even large ones, no longer produce a club publication; I guess they rely on emails or social networking. It's ironic that club publications have declined so much. Back in the day, every aquarium society had a magazine or newsletter, which was laboriously produced. Articles had to be typed (on a typewriter, no word processor), pages printed on a mimeograph, offset press or copier, collated, stapled, addressed, sorted and taken to the post office. It was a lot of work and expensive. Now we can produce a really professional-looking magazine with a fraction of the cost and effort, yet many clubs don't do this anymore.

As exchange editor, I get to see other clubs' publications (for clubs that still publish one), and I can tell you, thanks to our intrepid editor, Doug Hillman and his predecessor, Mike Vormwald, the *Reflector* compares very favorably. But we need articles and photos! The WAP falls apart without original articles, photos and artwork. The WAP is a way of recognizing you for your effort. Your article doesn't have to be "how I bred this fish"; anything fishy of interest can be used. And if you need some help, just ask Doug. He has helped me many times with my articles and photos.

The rules governing the WAP appear on pages 28–29 of the CNYAS Membership Handbook [Membership Handbook](#).

- The rules state that the WAP committee shall consist of a chairman and up to two members. Doug Hillman has agreed to be on the committee.
- The rules provide for the "Scaly Eraser Award," given yearly to the person who accumulates the most points between May and the following April. Starting this month, these points will be shown in the monthly WAP listing along with points earned in the current month and total points earned.
- The listing of new submissions will include the number of points earned for each submission.
- The rules also state that a member who fails to renew will have his/her points kept on an inactive list until the membership is renewed. The names of those who are not active members have been removed from the monthly report.
- To clarify, points will lag one month. For example, points for articles appearing in the November *Reflector* will be shown in the December issue.

The November *Reflector* featured photos from three new participants in the WAP. Welcome, Marc Tuori, Joe Ziemba and Justin Olney!

We're looking forward to reading your articles and seeing your photos. Start accumulating those points!



WRITERS AWARD PROGRAM
 Chairman– Clifford Crain
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AQUATIC HORTICULTURE AWARD PROGRAM
 Chairman– Bill Newell
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PEN & QUILL

Crain	1927	Teelin-Futterman	711
Spahn	1416	Pitzeruse	652
Vormwald	1260		
Kotcher	851	Smith K.	600
Fowler	751	Fabiny	521

WORDSMITH

Kinney	470	Rademacher	215
Hillman	235		

AUTHORS AWARD

Baird	130	Doyle	115
Futterman	105	Beeman	105

WRITERS AWARD

Rafferty	95	Cody	70
O’Neil	90	Collins	75

PARTICIPANT

Armstrong	40	Pomeranz	25
Smith I	40	Kocak	15
Van Camp	30	Sandler	10
Harris	20	Newell	10
Bertrand	20	Cepeda	10
Flintrop	20	Pope	10
Wisneski	20	Wallcott	10
Tuori	15	Ziembra	10
		Olney	5

SUBMISSIONS:

- Clifford Crain: “Fish Friends From Afar #29”
- Clifford Crain: “Field Trip Report” Article
- Pomeranz: “Club Members Fish and/or Aquarium”
- Tuori: “Club Members Fish and/or Aquarium”
- Baird: “Club Members Fish and/or Aquarium”
- Ziembra: “Club Members Fish and/or Aquarium”
- Olney: “Club Members Fish and/or Aquarium”

Name Points Species

Grand Master

Spahn*	4,015	288
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14		
Pitzeruse, W* 1,230	87	
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14		
Fabiny*	940	68
2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14		

Master

Van Camp*	465	36
1,7,8,9,11,14		
Lee*	575	42
3,4,7,8,10,12,13,14		

Expert

Senior

Snead*	460	26
2,4,7,10,14		
Kotcher*	165	11
10,14		

Aquatic

Futterman*	180	16
Beeman	190	19
3,4,6,7		

Beginning

Yard	95	9
Newell	75	11
Wisneski	65	7
Taylor	50	6

Participants

Janus	25	4
Smith	20	1
Taylor	50	6

Additions:

- Bill Newell:
- Ceratophyllum demersum* (Hornwort) 5 pts
 - Hydrocotyle leucocephala* (Brazilian Pennywort) 10 pts.
 - Nymphaea* sp. (Aurora) 10 pts.
 - Pistia stratiotes* (Water Lettuce) 15 pts.



BREEDER AWARD PROGRAM

Chairman - Michael Flintrop
Email: michaelflintrop@yahoo.com

Name	Points	Species	Name	Points	Species
<u>Grand Master</u>			<u>Participants</u>		
*Van Camp	965	77	Mike Flintrop	40	3
1-2-3-4-6-7-8-9-11-13-15-16			Spahn	30	3
<u>Master Breeder</u>			Domanowski, S	25	4
*Pitzeruse, W.	610	50	Chris Pollard	20	2
1-2-3-4-7-8-9-11-12-13-14-15-16			Maxwell	20	2
Beeman	615	46	Kotcher	10	1
4-7-8-11-12-16			Futterman, L	10	1
Fabiny	525	46	Futterman, M	5	1
1-7-8-11-12-14-15-16			Numbers under the name are completed Specialty Classifications groups.		
<u>Expert Breeder</u>			*Indicated Species Classification Award		
Hunter Collins	235	13	^Indicates first spawning		
8, 11			New Additions:		
Clifford Crain Jr.	220	19	Denise Baird	10 Points	<i>Neocaridina davidi</i>
7,8					
<u>Advanced Breeder</u>					
William Newell	175	14			
8					
Doug Hillman	125	14			
11					
<u>Breeder Award</u>					
Wisneski	65	7			
11					
Denise Baird	85	6			
Chris Allen	60	4			
11					



BOWL SHOW

Chairman - Arnaud Germain

YTD Scores:

Doug Hillman:	125	Points
Bill Newell:	57	Points
Denise Baird:	47	Points

The 2024-2025 Categories will be as follows:

- September: Livebearers
- October: Killies
- November: New World Cichlids
- December: Barbs, Rasboras & Danios**
- January: Goldfish & Koi
- February: Catfish & Loaches
- March: Bettas, Anabantoids & Gouramis
- April: Old World Cichlids: Africa & Asia
- May: Super Bowl

Don't forget the OPEN category option at each meeting.

All bowl show guidelines are available online in the Members Handbook (pages 5-6)

To participate, either bring your fish in person or submit pictures to ag297@cornell.edu before noon on Tuesday before the general meeting. Online submissions will be displayed during the meeting break using the projector for judges to award points.

We had 4 entries for the November Bowl Show!

- A: *Apistogramma borellii* Opal A105 (Umbrella Dwarf Cichlid) First place – Bill Newell – 21 points
- B: *Apistogramma baenschi* A188 (Inca Dwarf Cichlid) – Second place – Bill Newell – 15
- C: *Pterophyllum* sp (Platinum Angelfish) – Third place – Doug Hillman – 11 points

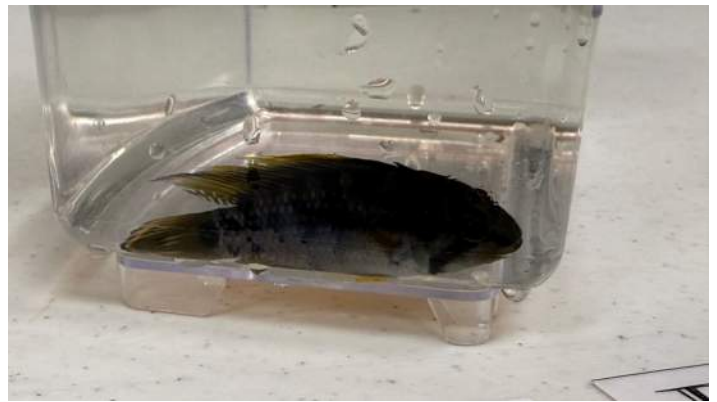
OPEN:

- A: *Xenotoca doadrioi* (Red-Tail Splitfin) – First place – Bill Newell – 21 points

A



B



C



A





FISH FRIENDS FROM AFAR #30

EXCHANGE REPORT

By: Clifford H. Crain, Jr.

**“Genetically Modified Fish: FrankenFish, A Brief Look at GloFish®” by Steven Bieda
*Tropiquarium, Motor City Aquarium Society, November 2024***

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**“Breeding *Fundulopanchax gardneri*” by Jen Silverman, *Tank Tales*
*Aquarium Club of Lancaster County, November 2024***

I wonder if Jen works as a standup comedian at a local club. Her articles are always full of self-effacing humor. The November/December issue of *Amazonas* magazine listed *Fundulopanchax gardneri* as an easy beginner killie, yet Jen starts her article with “Wow...talk about a fish that has tested my patience.” She had no particular problem getting the fish to spawn after furnishing them with clean water, appropriate tanks size, a spawning mop and lots of nutritious live and dry food. The problem was that no matter what she did, the eggs fungused. Just as she was ready to concede defeat, “another fishy friend approached me with a gadget that supposedly helps prevent eggs from fungusing over...the SWEEP hatcher, it’s magic.” She was successful using this “dookey,” but she kept what it actually is a secret from readers. I googled it and looked for it on Amazon without success. Maybe she’ll reveal what this magic hatcher is in her next article.

**“*Neocaridina davidi* (aka Freshwater Shrimp aka Neos)” by Larry Thomson
*Tank Tales, Aquarium Club of Lancaster County, November 2024***

Larry starts off providing some background information about this *Neocaridina* shrimp, but instead of shouting that this is the best aquatic animal ever, he calmly provides a lengthy list of pros and cons. The pros are winning out as evidenced by their having “appeared in every Lancaster Aquarium club auction over the past year.”

**“The Japanese Trapdoor Snail” by Stephen Sica, *Modern Aquarium*
*Greater City Aquarium Society, November 2024***

Steven says, “In all my years as a GCAS member, I cannot recall meeting a snail expert.” After reading up on the topic, he decided to acquire some Japanese trapdoor snails not only for the interesting name, but also based on photos, they looked cute. “These snails are different from Mystery snails; their outer shell has a ‘distressed’ or worn appearance.” He found out that “While good at cleaning the algae in your tank, these snails should have supplemental feedings of bottom feeder tablets, such as algae wafers, and other foods rich in calcium.” These livebearing snails “are not prolific breeders and will not overrun an aquarium.”

**“A New Fish For Me: the Humphead Glassfish, *Parambassis pulcinella*” by Glenn Roberts
Fins and Tales, Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society, December 2024.**

Not every fish article is of the “how I spawned them” variety. Glenn bought a single humphead glassfish for the sheer enjoyment of owning an oddball fish. It’s mostly colorless with a hump on its head and is peaceful with other fish as long as they can’t be swallowed. Glenn provides a photo of this most unusual fish.

CNYAS articles reprinted/reviewed/mentioned in other publications:

“The Easy Way to Fill Aquariums: Handy Hose and Faucet Devices” by Clifford Crain, April 2024.
Mentioned in *Fins and Tales*, Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society, December 2024.

“Flying With the Flier Cichlid, *Archocentrus centrarchus*” by Clifford Crain, June 2024.
Mentioned in *Fins and Tales*, Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society, December 2024.

Lenny Futterman

My Killi rack all dressed up for Christmas 2013



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Marc Tuori

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Many adult breeding pairs of *Pseudocrenilabrus mulicolor* (Egyptian mouth breeder)





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- Dec. 11, Board Meeting**
- Dec. 18, General Meeting**
- Jan. 8, Board Meeting**
- Jan. 15, General Meeting**

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Nov: Chip Alexander	Dec: Mary & Lenny Futterman
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Mar: Bill Newell	April: Ron Fabiny
May: Hershel Beeman	June: Clifford Crain

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- Short business meeting; program (slide show, movie, guest speaker, etc.).
- Break (refreshments/social gathering)
- Bowl Show
- Mini auction of member items (plants, fish, equipment, etc).
- Raffle (equipment, books, food, magazine subscriptions, etc.).
- Question and discussion session.



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