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CNYAS GENERAL MEETING

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The DeWitt Community Center
 148 Sanders Creek Pkwy
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 @ 7:00 pm

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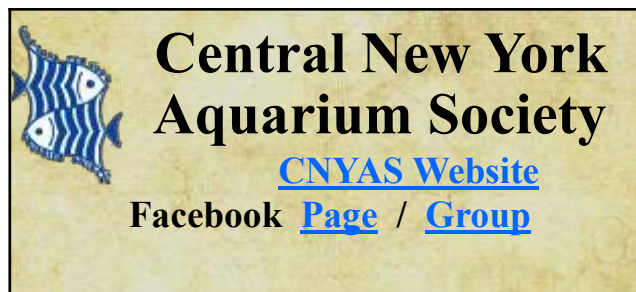
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ron Fabiny

President's Message May 2026

I hope everyone enjoyed the presentation on "The Blackworm Breeder Box Method" by Mandy Goan at last month's meeting. I personally learned a lot from her.

This month's meeting we will hold elections. If you are interested in being nominated for an office, please contact Sue. Our guest speaker will be Christian Kline his talk is going to be "Success with Apistogramma" which I am sure will be highly informative.

I would like to thank all the club members that helped make our auction a success. A special thanks goes out to all the Local Fish Stores and Manufacturers that made donations. Please see all the donators listed in the Reflector.

Well, I hope to see everyone at the meeting. Remember the election for offices is this month.

Ron

CNYAS ELECTIONS FOR 2026-2027

Voting for Officers and Board Members will be held at the May meeting. You must be present to vote and be a paid member. The first round of nominations had taken place at the April general meeting. At the May meeting before the vote, we will open the floor for further nominations. If you would like to run for a position and did not attend the April meeting, there will be another chance in May.

At this time, the nominations are:

PRESIDENT:	Doug Hillman	VICE PRESIDENT:	Chip Alexander
SECRETARY:	Mary Teelin	TREASURER:	Bob Kotcher
EDITOR:	Doug Hillman		
BOARD MEMBERS:	David Pomrtsnz		
	Clifford Crain		
	Mike Flintrop		
	Bill Newell		
	Greg Sumner		

According to our Club Constitution, in order to be eligible to run, a person must be 18 years of age or older and a member in good standing for at least 6 months prior to elections. That means being a paid member by October of 2025. Within those parameters, anyone can be nominated and can run. A nominee must agree to be nominated.

If you have any questions, contact Sue at 315-382-5139.

Sue Kotcher, Election Chair

This Month's Presentation by : Christian Kline

Success with Apistogramma

Practical strategies for keeping and breeding various members of the genus Apistogramma

Summary:

Apistogramma are some of the most rewarding dwarf cichlids in the hobby, but they can also be quite frustrating without the right approach. "Success with Apistogramma" focuses on practical, repeatable methods for keeping and breeding a variety of Apistogramma species. Topics covered include: tank setup, pairing and conditioning, managing aggression, water considerations, spawning behavior, and fry rearing. Attendees will leave with clear steps they can apply at home, plus troubleshooting tips for common setbacks


Bio:

Christian has been active in the freshwater aquarium hobby since his early teens, first introduced by his father, Ron Kline. Over the years he has kept and bred a range of South American species, with a focus on smaller loricariids and dwarf cichlids, including Apistogramma. At 24 years old he holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, where he focused on mechatronics and industrial control systems. That background led him to develop a custom fishroom control system to automate and safeguard day-to-day operations (especially water changes) so his tanks could remain stable and successful throughout college. He now works full time on his business, CAK Aquatics, continuing development of a productized Fishroom Control Center

Attached is a copy of my current stock list. Note that I will apply a 20% discount to all pre-orders for the meeting.

Christian Kline
Owner/Operator of CAK Aquatics LLC
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		Christian Kline 20% OFF EVERYTHING FOR CNYAS MEETING (MAY 20th) PRE-ORDERS Email: sales@cakaquatics.com Last Updated: April 24th, 2026				
Item	Genetics	Size	Unit Price	Notes	Relevant Article/Links	
CATFISH:						
Hypancistrus zebra (L046) "Zebra Pleco"	F3	1.5-2"	\$ 200.00	INQUIRE	Parents From: Amazon Tropics	
Hypancistrus seideli (L173b) AQUARIUM GLASER LINE	TR	1.75-2"	\$ 45.00	6/\$240	Hypancistrus sp. (L173b) ScotCat	
Hypancistrus yudja (L174) "Ocelot Pleco"	TR	1.5-1.75"	\$ 135.00	6/\$750	Hypancistrus yudja Cat-eLog	
Hypancistrus sp. (L260) "Queen Arabesque Pleco"	F1	1.25-1.5"	\$ 45.00	6/\$240	Hypancistrus sp. (L260) Cat-eLog	
Hypancistrus sp. (L262) "Stardust/ Fine Spot Pleco"	F1	1.5-2"	\$ 45.00	6/\$240	Hypancistrus sp. (L262) Cat-eLog	
Panaqolus claustellifer (L306) "Takutut Tiger Pleco"	F3	1.25-1.5"	\$ 65.00	6/\$360	Panaqolus claustellifer Cat-eLog	
Panaqolus claustellifer (L306) "Takutut Tiger Pleco" PROVEN PAIR	F1	3-4"	\$ 500.00	INQUIRE	Panaqolus claustellifer Cat-eLog	
Peckoltia sp. (L494) "Paru Tiger Pleco"	TR	1.5-1.75"	\$ 40.00	6/\$210	Peckoltia sp. (L494) Cat-eLog	
Ancistrus sp. (L519) "Rio Itenez" or "Kiefner 2 Bristlenose"	TR	2-2.5"	\$ 30.00	6/\$150	Ancistrus sp. (L519) Cat-eLog	
Ancistrus sp. "Wabenmuster"	TR	1.25-1.5"	\$ 40.00	6/\$210	Ancistrus sp. "WABENMUSTER" Cat-eLog	
Osteogaster sp. (CW010) "Gold Laser Cory"	F2	0.75-1"	\$ 15.00	6/\$75		
OTHER FISH:						
Apistogramma agassizii "Leticia, Columbia" SEXED PAIR	F2	1-1.5"	\$ 40.00	LIMITED	Parents From: Amazon Tropics	
Apistogramma agassizii "Leticia, Columbia"	F2	1-1.5"	\$ 15.00	6/\$80	Parents From: Amazon Tropics	
Pair Poecilia reticulata "IFGA Green Moscow Guppy"	TR	0.75-1"	\$ 20.00	2/\$30		
CARIDINA SHRIMP:						
8X Caridina "Orange Eye Blue Tiger"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 40.00	1 AVAILABLE		
8X Caridina "Orange Eye Royal Blue Tiger"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 80.00			
8X Caridina "Black Fancy Tiger"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 40.00			
8X Caridina "Pure Red Line Crystal"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 40.00	1 AVAILABLE		
8X Caridina "Blue Steel"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 30.00			
8X Caridina "Orange Base Blue Steel"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 35.00			
8X Caridina "Blue/Black Galaxy Snowflake"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 80.00	INQUIRE		
8X Caridina "Red Galaxy Snowflake"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 100.00	INQUIRE		
8X Caridina "Metallic/Blue BOA"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 100.00	INQUIRE		
8X Caridina "Orange BOA"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 120.00	INQUIRE		
8X Caridina "Orange Eye Red Devil"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 100.00	INQUIRE		
NEOCARIDINA SHRIMP:						
10X Neocaridina Davidi var. "Blue Velvet"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 30.00	20/\$50		
10X Neocaridina Davidi var. "Goldback Yellow"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 30.00	LIMITED		
10X Neocaridina Davidi var. "Orange Sunkist"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 25.00	25/\$50		
10X Neocaridina Davidi var. "Red Cherry"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 25.00	25/\$50		
10X Neocaridina Davidi var. "Emerald Green"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 30.00	20/\$50		
10X Neocaridina Davidi var. "Mixed Orange Rili"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 20.00	30/\$50		
COMING SOON (AVAILABILITY 1-3 MONTHS)						
Ancistrus claro (LDA008) "Gold Marble Bristlenose"	F2	1.25"	\$ 45.00	6/\$240	Ancistrus claro Cat-eLog	
Ancistrus cf. cirrhosus "Super Red Long-Fin"	TR	1.25-1.5"	\$ 15.00	6/\$75		
Apistogramma erythura "Rio Mamore" SEXED PAIR	F1	1-1.5"	\$ 60.00	LIMITED		
Apistogramma erythura "Rio Mamore"	F1	1-1.5"	\$ 25.00	6/\$120		
Apistogramma sp. "Abacaxis" SEXED PAIR	F3	1-1.5"	\$ 100.00	LIMITED		
Apistogramma sp. "Abacaxis"	F3	1-1.5"	\$ 40.00	6/\$200		
Apistogramma sp. (D37) SEXED PAIR	F2	1-1.5"	\$ 60.00	LIMITED	Apistogramma sp. 'Kiemenfleck/Gill-spot'	
Apistogramma sp. (D37)	F2	1-1.5"	\$ 25.00	6/\$120	Apistogramma sp. 'Kiemenfleck/Gill-spot'	
8x Caridina "Metallic Purple Tiger"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 100.00	INQUIRE		
8X Caridina "Red Fancy Tiger"	TR	~0.5"	\$ 80.00	INQUIRE		
COMING LATER (AVAILABILITY 4-6 MONTHS)						
Hypancistrus zebra (L046) "Zebra Pleco"	F3	1.25-1.5"	\$ 130.00	6/\$720		
Osteogaster sp. (CW010) "Green Laser Cory"	F1	0.75-1"	\$ 30.00	6/\$150		

50th CNYAS ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

2026 marks the 50th anniversary of CNY Aquarium Society! In place of a June general meeting, we will host the party and dinner on Saturday, June 13th from 6PM to 10PM at Bella Domani Restaurant, 5988 E. Taft Rd. No Syracuse 13212.

The dinner will be a buffet including Chicken Francaise, Sirloin Tips & Mushrooms over noodles, Fried Fish, Penne Pasta with Vodka Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Green Bean Almondine, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Coffee & Tea. There will also be a vegetarian option and a self-serve soda station.

Alcohol will be served as a cash bar.

The cost of the banquet is only \$15 per person. You must sign up and pay in advance.

The deadline for signing up and payment will be the May general meeting.

I WILL BE TAKING SIGNUPS AND MONEY AT BOTH THE APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS.

It should be a great time. Club awards will be presented, followed by a picture presentation, a photo booth, recognition of past and deceased members, Sponsors who have contributed to our Club over the year and others who will be attending. Of course, there will also be time to socialize.

At this time, I would like to thank my committee members, Mike Flintrop and Ron Fabiny.

Mike was instrumental in helping to contact former members and giving a short, interesting talk before each meeting about the events of the Club in the Reflectors and for the times, in general, over 50 years. Ron provided wise advice and counsel.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 315-382-5139.

Sue Kotcher
Anniversary Chair





BOARD MEETING

CNYAS Board meeting

4/08/2026

Attending: Ron Alexander, Mary Futterman, Doug Hillman, Bob and Sue Kotcher, Bill Newell, Ron Fabiny, David Pomeranz, Mike Flintrop, Clifford Crain

1. Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer-Report and budget.
2. AHAP-see Reflector, Issues with data base, Bill working on updates to AHAP rules.
3. BAP- see Reflector, working on changing # of fry for points, now have BAP computer. Clifford and Mike to work on fry #s. Updated rules and looked at scientific names to update.
4. WAP- see Reflector. Exchange editor points not eligible for Scaly Eraser. Average of 7 people write each month for the Reflector. Change rules to 20 points.
5. Membership-6 lifetime memberships; 66 memberships total. Can get rid of the paper membership as long as the PDF is backed up per Board.
6. Auction –New tee-shirts next year for 50th Anniversary. Projecting fish bag on the screen, Large banner with pictures. Look at getting lightweight banner. Shrimp/ Pleco raffle. FW has a digital board to advertise the auction. Ron has signed contract. Check to see if we have enough paperwork/cards. Need membership person at the front desk. Getting lots of donations. Chip is doing a great job!
7. Bowl Show- see Reflector. Ribbons ordered.
8. Webmaster- Tom doing a great job at updating. Most recent handbook on the website. Potential to have articles posted to the website (Bill).
9. Exchange editor- still getting articles. Cliff doing a great job. Cliff made an exchange editor email.
10. Reflector- Doug is doing a great job! 5% off code for Brine Shrimp Direct in Reflector.

2. Old Business:

1. Ron to look at do we need both a facebook page and group.
2. Previous member Jack McGraw wants to donate fish room, more to come.
3. Clifford presented a potential app for auction- Auction. Fish.
4. Banquet updates – It will be held on June 13th (a Saturday) at Bella Domani, Sue moved to approve a budget of 4000\$, Bill seconded, approved. Sue, Mike and Ron to meet to plan some events. Sally has lots of historical information from the early days of the club, Sue to write an article. Selection 5 for the menu. Getting the soda bar too. Will be a cash bar too. Having a photo booth. Mike to continue taking about the early reflectors. Pictures will be in one part of the room. Banner to be set up as a background. Ron to look into getting a stand. Also 3 posters of deceased members, sponsors and local stores. Prices for boards- \$140 a piece. Len to ask if anyone can take pictures for us. Len looking for pictures for the slide show. Len to organize songs. Members to give suggestions for music. Doug to ask in the Reflector. Cost for banquet to be \$15 for all past and current members. Awards program. ? Open mic at banquet. Deadline for music, photos ect. Possible videos from old members. Len to do a slide show with interactive slides. Have attendees be acknowledged for when they joined.

Archives:

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 and 3rd is 20.
2. Board discussed that the NEC rep for the club will receive the free convention registration if they attend the required meetings and the club will give them 150.00 to be used to attend the Convention. Passed.
3. Board decided that points for WAP that are part of a officers or chairs duties can be posted but not used for Scaly Eraser or any awards, passed.
4. Upcoming Board meetings:
APR- David
MAY- Bob and Sue
JUNE- Ron
5. David set up Discord to use as a communication app for the club.

New Business:

1. Sue will chair nominations for annual elections starting in April.
2. Need payment for people coming to the banquet.
3. Mandy Goan, Aquarium club of Maryland will be demonstrating blackworm breeding at April meeting.

4/18/2026 CNYAS General meeting

1. Reviewed all Auction information- great job Chip!
2. Mandy Goen presented a seminar on how to make blackwork breeding boxes. Many members bought kits and participated. Great program.
3. Successful mini auction.





Remembrance: Brian Bowers

By: Clifford H. Crain, Jr.

The Central New York Aquarium Society Inc. has lost an important member. After suffering ill health for a number of years, Brian Bowers died this April. Brian joined the club in 2018 and served on the board from 2021 to 2024 and was co-chair of our annual auction since 2022.

What an interesting life though! He was a professional chef and a dedicated, hard-working hotel manager in Ithaca and Binghamton, New York. He was an expert rabbit breeder and took his rabbits to shows nationwide. When he turned his attention to fishkeeping and breeding, he showed the same professionalism as he had in his previous activities. As anyone on the Erie-Buffalo-Olean-Syracuse auction circuit knows, Brian's angelfish were of the highest quality and commanded prices commensurate with their quality. Brian's other specialty was rainbowfish, which were equally as stunning as his angelfish.

What CNYAS members may not know is that, due to a tough childhood, Brian made a point of helping and guiding children. On the other hand, after becoming sick, he was stubborn about allowing others to help him. Right to the end, he had plans to assist those needing a hand.

Brian's fishroom, to the best of my knowledge the largest in Central New York, was so impressive, I had to write an article about it to let everyone know what a treasure we had in CNY. I hope that article, reprinted below from the April 2022 *Reflector*, will bring back memories of this fabulous fishroom for all those who saw it and will inspire those who did not have the opportunity to see it.

Brian, rest in peace.

**Brian working the raffle table
at the 2024 CNYAS annual auction
and talking with his
auction co-chair
Ron (Chip) Alexandra**





Fish Room Visit: Brian Bowers

By: Clifford H. Crain, Jr.

(Reprint from April 2022 *Reflector*)

When CNYAS asks for vendor donations, we tell them that one of the club's activities is field trips. COVID has pretty much halted that activity. Since I had heard that member Brian Bowers has a terrific fish room (I heard this from others, not from Brian), I decided to invite myself on a one-man field trip to his fish room. On a snowy (what else? this is Central New York) Sunday afternoon in February, I drove to Brian's house just outside Cortland. I was in for an adventure!

Brian has converted his two-car garage to an insulated fish room holding about 75 aquariums (with 12 more soon to be added!) and two large tubs. He heats the room with a propane heater, obviating the need for aquarium heaters, so I had to shed my coat and sweatshirt. I arrived as he was picking eggs from a spawning mop, an activity he repeats up to several hours daily.

The first thing one sees is this gigantic 750 gallon 8'4" stock tub holding angelfish, rainbowfish, blue-eyed rice fish and lots of aquatic and terrestrial plants. While the filters in his aquariums are air-driven sponges, the only power filter in the entire room handles this stock tub by pumping water through a homemade sump containing lava rock. The tub sits on a sturdy stand about one foot off the floor, keeping it off the cold concrete and making it easier to reach into the tub.

Another sight to see is a 75 gallon grow-out aquarium filled to the brim with vibrant, healthy angelfish. While Brian has a variety of fish, he specializes in angels and rainbows. I told Brian that my angels had spawned twice, but the eggs were eaten. While it is common for people to lean a piece of slate in the tank to furnish a place for the angels to deposit their eggs, something I also did, Brian says that the fish often will ignore the slate and put the eggs somewhere else inconvenient in the tank (mine used the tank side). Instead, he has had better success providing solid, large-leafed anubias plants for the angels to spawn on. And as if on cue, one of his breeder pairs had covered a leaf with eggs. His hatch rate is improved by leaving the eggs and wigglers with the parents, siphoning the fry only after they become free-swimming. It may take a new couple several tries before they get the idea that they should tend their eggs.



**A view of the 750 gallon stock tub
and a small part of Brian's fish room**

“Golden pearls, what’s that?” I asked. It’s a powdered dry fry food that comes in a variety of pellet sizes, the smallest being the size of fine dust for the smallest fry. Brian keeps the food neatly arranged in carefully labeled jars with clear lids.

Many of us use breeder boxes to house newly-hatched fry. These boxes typically have a perforated gate that is supposed to keep the fry from being flushed out of the box, but the holes are too big. I tried covering the holes with a small piece of sponge, but the sponge kept getting dislodged. Brian’s simple solution: cut the sponge large enough so that it can be wedged into place. This shows the value of aquarium societies: if I had not joined CNYAS I never would have met Brian and he would not have passed along this clever solution to a problem I was having. Learning from other hobbyists is a big reason I like to venture into other fish rooms.

I noticed that Brian’s PVC piping for his central air system was black. Since all the PVC pipe I’ve ever seen is white, I asked him about this. Brian paints the PVC black so that it doesn’t stand out and distract from the fish. Another great idea!

Brian carefully labels his tanks with the species of the fish, date of purchase or spawning and cost. But he doesn’t use whiteboard markers, since they smear. Instead, he uses painter’s pens. Now I’ve done a lot of painting over the years, but painter’s pens is something I’d never heard of. They are literally paint inside a pen that you can write with. When it comes time to remove the writing, Brian uses a razor blade. Wal Mart has a package of five for about nine bucks. Learn something every day.

You might be wondering how Brian does his water changes on so many tanks. Since he has no accessible floor drain, he siphons the water into buckets and either unceremoniously dumps the buckets out the door (in cold weather) or uses a submersible pump and hose to pump the water through an open window into his yard. No automatic water changing for this guy!

After peppering Brian with questions for 90 minutes, I was feeling guilty about taking up so much of his afternoon, so I excused myself and drove home in a snowstorm. That was the most enjoyable Sunday afternoon I’d had in a long time, and I look forward to a return trip and visits to other fish rooms.

Breed, Hatch, Grow!



The Think Tank

A Monthly Club Write-in

Welcome to the club write in. Next months question can be found bellow, and will be shared with our members at the next meeting, and via email.

Today's question is: **What is one fish that you will never keep again, and why?**

Sarotheden mossambicus.

I was somewhere between 10 and 14 (mid 1970's) when my local NJ pet shop owner convinced me that these "African cichlids" were all the rage. They were small and colorless, but affordable. I knew about Mbuna, knew these didn't look like Mbuna-but I had a lot of trust in Jake, the owner. We read every TFH cover to cover back then and could not identify them.

We were both anxious to have some type of African cichlid. but everyone makes a mistake or two. Fast forward a year or so, and the male was at least 8 inches, dark black, somewhat ugly and menacing at the same time, and dug giant pits in my 29-gallon. The female was much smaller, and rather drab.

The monster pits really bothered me (and my family, the tank was in our TV room). I put them both in a 5-gallon bucket and back to the local shop. I will never forget the overwhelming amount of fry the female spit out when put into the bucket! Nonetheless, I have trouble now keeping what I think is an ugly, aggressive, highly invasive problematic fish worldwide, that sometimes ends up on the dinner table. To this day, I just cannot eat Tilapia!

-Mike Flintrop

America flag fish. I've seen them living with other fish in stores seemingly peacefully, both in semi aggressive communities and even in large tanks with mostly peaceful fish. When I tried this, first with my own aggression tolerant community fish and again with a group of Egyptian mouth brooders, the flagfish lived with the others for over a month with no problems. Then one day out of no where it was a massacre. I was really surprised when it came to the mouth brooders, who I thought could hold their own. It was pretty devastating, so I've sworn off of them.

-David Pomeanz



I think Red Tip Sharks because of the amount of space you would need to be able to properly house it with other fish. The last time I just had one Red tip alone in a 20-gallon tank. If I had a bigger tank, I think I would want other more social types of fish like Angelfish or Cichlids.

-Christopher Eschbacher

The Gold Tetra - Hemigrammus rodway. They are a pretty fish and have been easy to keep. BUT the gold color they are known for is from a reaction to a parasite only found in wild caught fish. Captive bred fish loose the parasite and the gold tint.

-Greg Sumner

Next months question is:

Any exciting aquarium or pond plans for this summer? What is your next project?

Please submit answers to Davidsaquanook@gmail.com by 6/1/2026 to be featured in next months Reflector. Photos are optional.





**Central New York Aquarium Society Inc.
Writer's Award Program**

Chairman: Clifford H. Crain, Jr., Committee member Doug Hillman

Based on submissions to date through the April 2026 Reflector and points published in May 2026 Reflector

Name	Status	May Reflector	Scaly Eraser	Total
Crain	Pen & Quill	75	697	3,276
Spahn	Pen & Quill	0	0	1,276
Kotcher	Pen & Quill	0	120	971
Teelin-Futterman	Pen & Quill	0	25	736
Pitzeruse	Pen & Quill	0	0	652
Fabiny	Pen & Quill	0	10	571
Hillman	Wordsmith	0	265	535
Pomeranz, D.	Author	35	226	361
Rademacher	Author	0	0	215
Futterman	Author	0	95	205
Rafferty	Participant	0	95	190
Flintrop	Author	75	140	175
Beeman	Author	0	35	140
Baird	Author	0	0	130
Walcott	Participant	25	85	135
Cody	Participant	0	40	110
Tuori	Participant	0	30	90
Sager	Participant	0	0	70
Pomeranz, A.	Writer	0	70	70
Newell	Participant	0	40	50
Gibbs	Participant	0	0	40
Valdez	Participant	0	40	40
Pitzeruse, R.	Participant	20	20	20
Sumner	Participant	0	15	15
Lindblom	Participant	0	15	15

WAP news:

Welcome Rich Pitzeruse to the WAP! His "Think Tank" contribution netted him 20 points.

Congratulations to David Pomeranz for having his article, "Breeding Rice Fish" reprinted in *The Buckette!!*

Number participating in the Writer's Award Program	5	19	25
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Submissions appearing in the April 2026 Reflector:

Crain, "Fish Friends From Afar #44," 1 article, 20

Crain, "Fluval Filter Comparison: 307 & FX2" 1 article, 20 points, 7 photos, 35 points = 55 points

Flintrop: "Think Tank" 1 article, 20 points

Flintrop: "The (Pearl) Danio Bucket Basket Challenge" 1 article, 20 points, 6 photos, 30 points = 50

Flintrop: "Club Members' Fish and/or Aquarium, 1 photo, 5 points

Pitzeruse, R. "Think Tank," 1 article, 20 points

Pomeranz, D. "Think Tank," 1 article, 20 points, 1 photo, 5 points = 25

Pomeranz, D. "Breeding Rice Fish" reprinted in *The Buckette, Bucks County A.S., May 2026* 10 points

Walcott, cover photo, 5

Walcott, Club Members' Fish and/or Aquarium, 4 photos, 20 points

Writer's Award Program (WAP) Wrap

By: Clifford H. Crain, Jr., Chair, Writer's Award Program, and Doug Hillman, WAP committee member
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Now that we've come to the end of the Writer's Award Program year, which runs from submissions appearing in the May through the following April *Reflector*, let's "reflect" on how it went.

First, 18 members contributed to our club's publication during the year. That's nearly 30% of the total CNYAS membership. As Exchange Editor, I read many other club magazines, and I can't think of any that even come close to having a 30% participation rate. By sharing your knowledge and photos, you provide other members with information they may find useful. Keep those articles, photos and original artwork coming!

Second, four of our members improved their WAP status during the year:

Amber Pomeranz began contributing during the year and achieved Writer status (minimum 50 points, with 30 points coming from articles and artwork). Amber will receive a WAP plaque with a Writer plate attached.

Mike Flintrop advanced through two status levels, going from Participant to Writer to Author (minimum 100 points, with 60 points coming from articles and artwork). Mike will receive a WAP plaque with Writer and Author plates.

David Pomeranz also advanced through two status levels, going from Participant to Writer to Author. David will receive a WAP plaque with Writer and Author plates.

Our hard-working editor, **Doug Hillman**, advanced from Author to Wordsmith (minimum 200 points, with 120 points coming from articles and artwork). Doug will have a Wordsmith plate added to his WAP plaque.

Finally, **Clifford Crain** won the Scaly Eraser award for the most points earned during the WAP year. Note that the monthly exchange editor reviews do not count toward the Scaly Eraser award.

For the coming year, let's see if we can get even more people involved in the WAP. An informative magazine contributes to a strong membership.

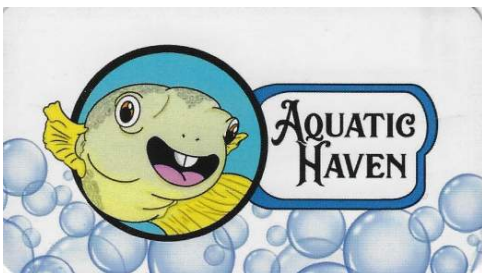




BREEDER AWARD PROGRAM

Chairman - Michael Flintrop
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Name	Points	Species	Name	Points	Species
<u>Grand Master</u>			<u>Participants</u>		
*Van Camp	965	77	Greg Sumner	35	4
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	695	52	Kotcher	10	1
1,4,6,7,8,11,12,16			Lenny Futterman	10	1
Fabiny	565	50	Russell Phelps	10	1
1,7,8,11,12,14,15,16			Mary Futterman	5	1
Clifford Crain Jr.	335	29			
1,7,8					
<u>Expert Breeder</u>			Numbers under the name are completed Specialty Classifications groups.		
William Newell	275	25	*Indicated Species Classification Award		
8			^Indicates first spawning		
Hunter Collins	235	13	<u>New Additions:</u>		
8,11			Clifford Crain		
Doug Hillman	235	24	<i>Neolamprologus cylindricus</i>	15	Points
1,8,11			Greg Sumner		
<u>Advanced Breeder</u>			<i>Ameoca splendens</i>	10	Points
David Pomeranz	140	19	<i>Poecilia reticulata</i>	5	Points
16			<i>Neocardina davidi</i>	10	Points
Mike Flintrop	150	15			
11					
<u>Breeder Award</u>					
Wisneski	65	7			
11					
Denise Baird	70	8			
Chris Allen	60	5			
11,14					
Rich Pitzeruse	55	5			
Jennifer Lioto	50	5			



Breeder's Award Program

The Tail End (2025-2026)

End of the Year Observation from the Chair

Our 50th year was a productive year. There were 41 BAP submissions during this past year. Since inception 3,356 entries have been added to our database and cover 984 different species. As such it becomes more difficult with time to have our members record a first spawn for our club, but we have had 3 first spawns for the club in the past year.

Clifford Crain-Lamprologus tigripictilis

David Pomeranz-Ozyias javanicus

Herschel Beeman-Paracheirodon axelrodi

Odd facts in the BAP data base:

Letter W and Y: there are no species with a current scientific name starting with these letters.

Letter K and Q: only one species with a current scientific name starting with each of these letters.

Letter U: only 2 species with a current scientific name starting with this letter.

Letter A: the most common letter, with 213 different species bred by members of our club.

There are no rule changes planned for the upcoming year 5/1/2026 through 4/30/2027.

On to the yearly awards!

Congratulations on the BAP Awards 2025-2026

Greg Sumner-(inaugural) Rookie of the Year Award 2025-2026

Jennifer Lioto-Breeder Award 2025-2026

Doug Hillman-Expert Breeder Award 2025-2026

Clifford Crain-Master Breeder Award 2025-2026

Doug Hillman-Breeder of the Year Award 2025-2026

No dramatic changes noted in those looking to secure the Species Award. Of note Bill Newell is only 25 points away from achieving Master Breeder status!

Congratulations to all who are participating in the BAP program!

I am available all summer for those who need fish witnessed, help with processing paperwork, general questions, etc. Remember that we accept photos and videos (not for class D or E fish however). For those fish rooms/tanks and tubs that are having an active summer please feel free to email or contact me. Listed in the Reflector are other club members who are also available to witness fish, if needed.

Everyone please enjoy the summer, see you at the banquet and the picnic, and let's make 2026-2027 a banner year for BAP as we enter the next 50 years of your club!

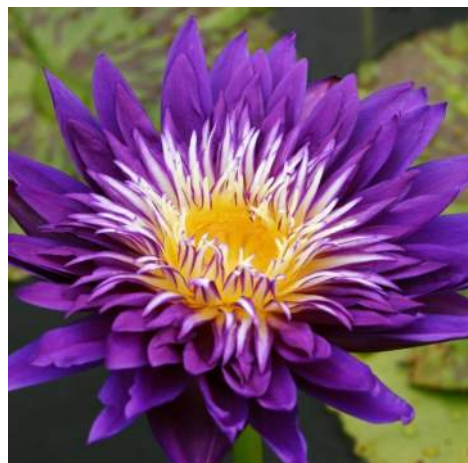
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Michael Flintrop



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AWARD PROGRAM**
Chairman– Bill Newell
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Name	Points	Species	Name	Points	Species
Grand Master			Beginning		
Spahn*	4,015	288	Hillman	90	7
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14			Yard	95	9
Pitzeruse, W*	1,230	87	Wisneski	65	7
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14			Flintrop	60	6
Fabiny*	940	68	Taylor	50	6
2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14					
Master			Participants		
Van Camp*	465	36	Rademacher	35	2
1,7,8,9,11,14			Janus	25	4
Lee*	575	42	Smith	20	1
3,4,7,8,10,12,13,14					
Pomeranz*	465	36			
2,3,7,9,10,13					
Expert			Additions:		
Senior			David Pomeranz		
Snead*	460	26	<i>Cryptocoryne undulata</i>	(doubling)	15 pts
2,4,7,10,14			<i>Eleocharis montevidensis</i>	(runner)	10 pts
Newell	250	24	<i>Hydrocharis (Limnobium)</i>		
1,4,6			<i>laevigata</i>	(doubling)	10 pts
Lioto	285	21	<i>Lemna minor</i>	(doubling)	5 pts
			<i>Lomariopsis lineata</i>	(doubling)	10 pts
			<i>Rotala wallichii</i>	(cutting)	10 pts
			<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	(doubling)	5 pts
			<i>Staurogyne repens</i>	(cutting)	10 pts
Aquatic			Bill Newell		
Kotcher*	185	14	<i>Cryptocoryne wendtii</i>	(runner)	15 pts
6,10,14					
Futterman*	180	16			
Beeman	190	19			
3,4,6,7					





BOWL SHOW

Chairman - Arnaud Germain

YTD Scores:

Bill Newell:	266	Points
Doug Hillman:	219	Points
Chloe Gibbs:	59	Points
Michael Mikulewicz	21	Points
Denise Baird:	18	Points
Debbie Walcott	12	Points
Stan Domanowski	11	Points
David Pomeranz	1	Point
Greg Summer	1	Point
Cheryl Poorman	1	Point

The 2025-2026 Categories will be as follows:

September:	Livebearers
October:	Orange and Black Fall Colors
November:	New World Cichlids
December:	Barbs, Rasboras & Danios
January:	Killies
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 5 entries for the April Bowl Show!

A: Labidochromis caeruleus (Electric yellow cichlid) – Second place – Chloe Gibbs – 16 points

B: Pelvicachromis pulcher (Krib) – Third place – Bill Newell – 10point

C: Julidochromis dickfeldi (Brown Julie) – First place – Bill Newell – 21 points

D: Pseudocrenilabrus multicolor victoriae (Egyptian mouthbrooder) – Bill Newell

OPEN:

A: Carolina cantonensis (Red galaxy fishbone caridina) – First place – Chloe Gibbs – 21 points

A



B



C



D



A



The Failed Barb Basket Bucket Challenge

By: Michael Flintrop

BAP report-Pethia conchonius



The Rosy Barb was first classified under *Barbus* (Latin for “beard” referencing their whisker like barbels) and later reclassified under *Puntius* (derived from a Bengali name “puti maach” meaning small fish). The current classification places it in the genus *Pethia* (derived from Sinhala-a language most spoken in Sri Lanka with close links to Buddhism, “pethia” a generic vernacular term meaning small fish). *Conchonius* apparently derives from a local Bengali name for this fish. Despite their reclassification odyssey, Rosy Barbs are one of the oldest and most recognizable barb species found in the aquarium hobby. At this point most specimens are commercially bred.

The origins of the Rosy Barb include Southeast Asia. More specifically, their native range extends from Afghanistan thru Pakistan, includes India, Nepal, and Bangladesh. Non- native populations are found in

Columbia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Australia, and Singapore. It appears when they are found to be a non-native established population, they are not (yet) considered an invasive species that is a nuisance. They thrive in cooler waters and are considered subtropical. Unheated tanks and outdoor summer ponds/tubs seem to be popular options. Mine were placed in an unheated tank in my finished basement, with an ambient temperature of about 68 degrees. My reading found they tolerate temperatures between 60 and 80 without major issues. See enclosed maps to better visualize their native habitat throughout SE Asia. Note they are not widespread in SE Asia but seem to hug the foothills where the water temperatures are cooler. Despite not being indigenous to Vietnam, the Rosy Barb sports it own stamp!



They are a midsized barb. A large barb example would be the Tinfoil Barb (*Barbonymus schwanfeldii*). Rosy Barb maximum length is reported at 6 inches (12 oz) and are sexually mature at about 2 inches. I confess I have never seen one > 3 inches. Perhaps mine will find their way into the goldfish pond this summer, and I can present a large 6-inch Rosy Barb for next year’s bowl show! They are described as having a torpedo shape with a deeply forked tail. Not as streamlined as a Denison barb (*Sahyadri denisoni*) but are both built for speed. In nature they inhabit fast moving streams, and lakes. Males have black edging along most of their fins, and both sexes often have a large blot dot near the caudal fin. A mixture of males and females accentuate the colors of both. They come in a long-finned variety as well. I have not heard of an albino variant, or a Glofish variant. I read online about inadvertent breeding of Tiger and Rosy Barbs. The offspring were reported to be extremely aggressive, and males were sterile.

They are considered omnivores and readily eat almost any conventional aquarium fish food. They are reported to eat duck weed (I have not observed this) and reported to eat black brush algae (thankfully, I have no black brush algae for personal observations). They will apparently nibble at more delicate live aquarium plants. I would consider them aggressive eaters, and could see how that could be a problem for slow moving fish.

In the tank they are active, boisterous fish. I can see how they would do well in a large group. The males do a lot of sparring, and the presence of a few females really brings out their color. I haven't had Rosy Barbs in probably 40 years, and I didn't realize the show I was missing when watching this tank.

On to my actual BAP report.

Both sexes were conditioned together in a 20-gallon long unheated aquarium. Substrate was aragonite sand, filtered with a sponge filter, and the only plants included duck weed and water lettuce. Fed heavily with flake foods, BBS, frozen brine shrimp, occasional black worms, frozen tubifex worms and the like. I assumed they would eat duckweed if so inclined. Water changes (20%) every 2 weeks, with Syracuse tap water.

Trial #1: I tried the Barb Bucket Basket Challenge (5-gallon bucket, sponge filter, lily pad basket with 4 inches of water) with these fish, and it was a dud. I had placed 2 conditioned females in the basket and gave them a few days to get acclimated. I then added 2 males along with some duckweed, java moss and coconut fiber. I tried this twice. (1A)-at my basement room temperature (68, which was where the adults were housed and thriving), and (1B)-at 78 degrees (using a pre-set heater). Both sub trials were a failure.

Everyone went back into the 20-gallon long stock tank to start all over.

Trial #2: This time the same 2 females went into my 5-gallon bucket with marbles on the bottom, duckweed, java moss and coconut fiber. A sponge filter was employed and a pre- set heater at 78 degrees continued. I figured the water lily basket was too small to their liking, but they could run circles all day long in the bucket. After 2 days I added 2 males to the bucket. I did continue to feed them, but not as heavily.

I let this go for 5 days, being prepared to remove the adults if I saw any fry (which admittedly is a challenge with this bucket set up). None were seen, depressing news given that some internet sites report hatching in 30 hours. After 5 days the adults were sent back to the stock tank, and the waiting began.

After another 4-5 days I started to see fry! Not many, but over time it numbered up to about 30. I started feeding BBS twice daily and Golden Pearls (5-50 microns) intermittently. Their growth so far has been steady but not spectacular.

I am glad I became reacquainted with the Rosy Barb. The males are quite attractive, and very active. My long-term plans include starting and aqua scaping an unheated tank, with a collection of Rosy Barbs, Odessa Barbs, Checkered Barbs, a Bristle nose pleco and possibly Hillstream Loaches. I think some of the surface-dwelling Danios might be feasible, along with some "cute" Platys. I think this might have the makings of an interesting, colorful and active display.





FISH FRIENDS FROM AFAR #45 EXCHANGE REPORT

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“The Gulper Catfish: A Potato Shaped Fish of What Nightmares are Made of” by Steven Bieda *Tropiquarium*, Motor City Aquarium Society, April 2026

I usually review articles the subject of which would be of interest to most readers. I’m making an exception here. The Gulper Catfish, *Asterophysus batrachus*, “is a rather stupid looking fish, seemingly docile,...large mouth,...and beady little eyes....As attractiveness goes, on a scale of 1 to 10, most people would have a hard time giving it a one. It is one ugly fish. While owning this fish would entice only a very small number of aquarists, its appeal derives from its habit of swallowing its prey, sometimes twice its size, whole. “They engulf the prey headfirst, and escape is generally prevented by the Gulper’s fine, backwards-pointing teeth. As the prey struggles, this causes it to be further engulfed.” This talent of eating large fish whole “has made it somewhat of a YouTube sensation, and there are a ton of Gulper ‘snuff’ films on YouTube.” While you probably don’t want to keep this extraordinary fish, do take time and watch the videos of it in action.

“The Harlequin Rasbora *Trigonostigma heteromorpha*” by Edward Moats *FINformation*, Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society Inc., March 2026

Back in the day, the Harlequin Rasbora had a reputation of being very difficult to spawn, akin to spawning the neon tetra. I got the impression after reading Edward’s article that it just takes a little attention and effort and you’ll be rewarded with rasbora fry. He duplicated the rasbora’s requirement of acid water by adding catappa leaves to the tank. Left in the water long enough, these leaves also harbor micro-organisms that the fry will need as their first food. Edward adjusted the light to its dimmest setting and included a dense collection of plants that can live in a low light environment (anubias, Java fern, guppy grass, Java moss). After placing the three males and five females in a 10-gallon tank, he conditioned them with live brine shrimp and grindal worms plus frozen and high quality dry food. When the females were no longer plump with eggs, he removed all the fish to another tank. The free-swimming fry stay at the surface and are very small. Powdered dry food followed by live brine shrimp fed 3-5 times daily combined with regular water changes resulted in fry that grew to ¼" to ½" in eight weeks. So spawning rasboras is not an impossible task, it just takes attention and effort to pull it off.

Reprints and reviews:

“Breeding Rice Fish” by David Pomeranz, *Reflector*, March 2025. Reprinted in *The Bucketette*, Bucks County Aquarium Society, May 2026.

CLUB MEMBERS' FISH AND/OR AQUARIUM

By: David Pomeranz



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 13, Board meeting**
- May 20, General Meeting**
- June 10, Board Meeting**
- June 13, CNYAS Banquet**
- August 1, CNYAS Summer Picnic**

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and are open to all members who would like to attend.



2025-2026 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sept: Ron Fabiny | Oct: Doug Hillman |
| Nov: Mike Flintrop | Dec: Mary & Lenny Futterman |
| Jan: Clifford Crain | Feb: Chip Alexander |
| Mar: Bill Newell | April: David Pomeranz |
| May: Bob & Sue Kotcher | June: Ron Fabiny |

CNYAS CLUB MEETINGS

Each monthly meeting consists of :

- 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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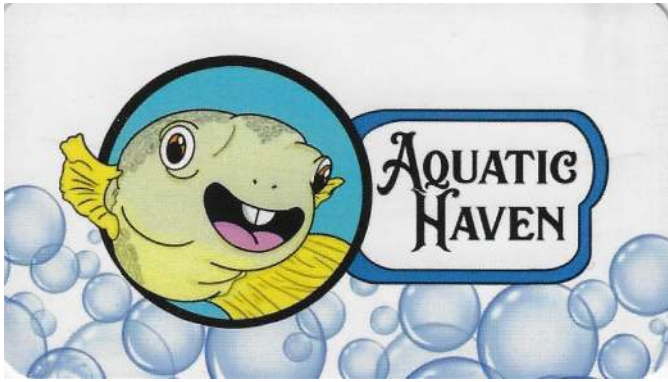
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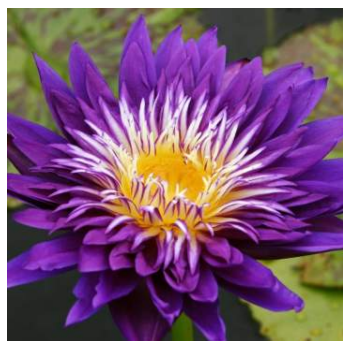
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