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Sue Silverman
On Ponds
(Plus auction and raffle!)

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COVER IMAGE

Lynn Zombeck's
BEST OF SHOW discus,
photo by Bill Shenefelt.

MEMBERSHIP

DUES are \$20 a year per family
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To become a member, write to us or
see Steve Gibbs at the next meeting.
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General Meetings are held at the
Phipps Garden Center in Mellon
Park at the Corner of
5th and Shady Avenues.
DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM

General Meetings
May 21 • June 25 • July 30
Aug. 27 • Sep. 24 • Oct. 29
Nov. 19

Board of Directors Meetings
7 p.m. at Elmer's Aquarium
in Monroeville:
June 7
July 12 • Aug. 9

All members and suggestions for
discussion are welcome. Contact a board
member for meeting confirmation.

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Upcoming GPASI Events

May Meeting

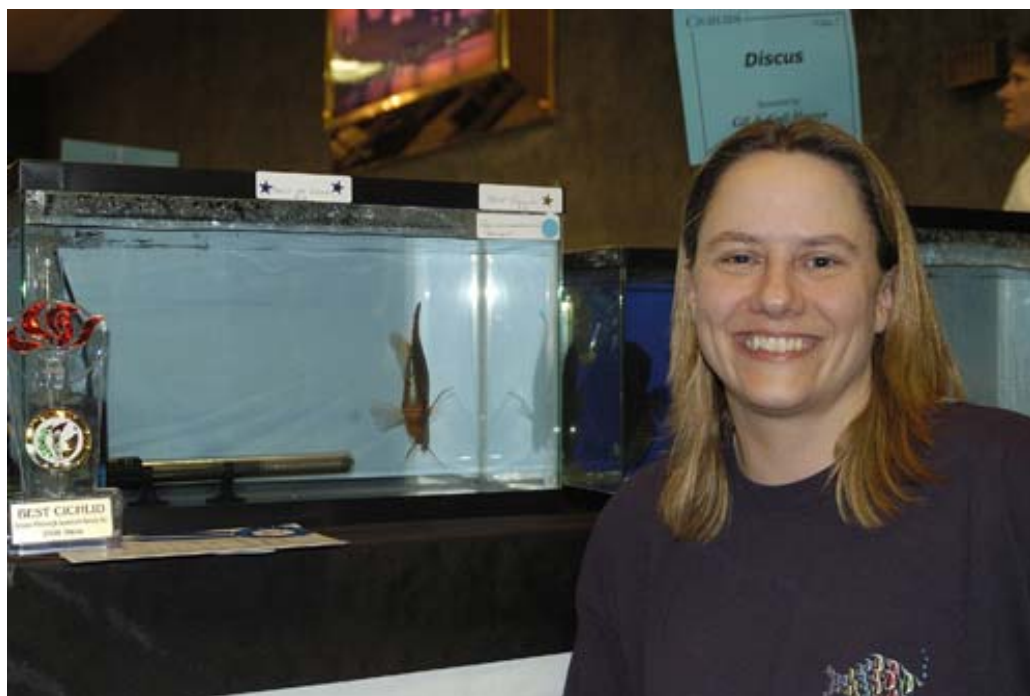
Next regular meeting: May 21 at 7:30 at the Phipps Garden Center (Shady Ave at Fifth Ave). Aquatic gardener Sue Silverman will talk to us about setting up and maintaining the plants and animals that live in ponds. Sue is a Master Gardener who loves educating people about ponds. She has a 900-gallon pond at her Pittsburgh-area home. Sue will focus on how to maintain a water garden's quality, clarity, and chemistry; seasonal requirements; and differences between keeping an aquarium and a pond. We will also have an auction and raffle.

June Meeting

June meeting: June 25 at 7:30 at the Phipps Garden Center (Shady Ave at Fifth Ave). Our own Cavan Allen will lead a presentation/workshop on maintaining aquatic plants in an aquarium.

Summer Picnic

The Picnic Committee, led by Stacy Gatto, is planning the GPASI picnic for this summer. Look for details in next month's newsletter.



**GPASI member Lynn Zombeck with her discus, the fish that won Best of Show at the GPASI Aquarium Fish Show 04.
Photo by Bill Shenefelt**

President's Message

By Jean Grace

One of the best moments of the show for me was seeing everyone getting a chance to look at the winning fish and talk to the people who had brought those fish on Saturday night. Another great moment was seeing the large number of entries in the junior classes and seeing the young aquarists setting up their entries in the fishroom. Another favorite moment—often repeated—was hearing a very tired member of the show committee start a conversation with, "You know how we could make this even better next year? We could..." Those were all great moments because they showed the core vitality of the club and the promise for our future.

We had a very successful show in several important ways: we had our highest ever number of junior entries in the show, we had an extremely successful raffle that will go a long way toward paying the rent for the venue, and we had our most successful auction to date. We also gave away more than 30 half-year memberships to people new to the club, and we successfully negotiated some changes to our show process that allowed us to streamline aspects of the show (especially judging and awards). The vendors and sponsoring stores who participated set up some beautiful displays that really enhanced the show.

In addition to the show committee who made so much possible, I'd like to thank Steve Gibbs who worked at the show around the clock the whole weekend; Sue Solito who worked the registration and auction tables all day on Saturday and Sunday; Stacy Gatto and John Lewis for putting together an awesome raffle and working, again, the entire weekend; Bill Sensor, Jr., who helped with registration and assisted his dad before and during the show; Marlene Scholze for helping with registration and the auction; Kathy Bintrim for staffing registration and for her great work on signs and nametags; Bill Shenefelt and Jane Swanson for photography; Joe Hasenkopf for lending a hand wherever he could all weekend; Nancy Frieze and Cynthia Walker for helping with the auction paperwork; Auction Chair Joe Krajcovic for leading our auction; and all the runners (too numerous to name here) who facilitated the auction. In the coming months, we will be having a picnic to celebrate the show's success and to thank all those who volunteered and made the show work. Look for details in next month's newsletter. And if you would like to be on the committee for next year's show, please let me know. We will start to meet soon.

GPASI Aquarium Fish Show 04



The Story in Photos

Setting up the fishroom.

photo Bill Shenefelt



Sue Solito and Bill Sensor, Jr. registering entries.

photo Bill Shenefelt

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~ There can be no club without its members. If there is anything that you would like to do for GPASI, just let one of us know. We'd be happy to have you as part of the team. ~



John Lewis and Stacy Gatto (the Raffle Committee) organizing our best raffle to date.

photo Bill Shenefelt



Mike Schadle and his display of aquarium literature.

photo Bill Shenefelt



Paulette Detar of Paulette's Perennials with a beautiful display of pond plants.

photo Bill Shenefelt



Linda and Ted Neill of Linda's Lovely Angels at their table.

photo Jane Swanson



Ray Lucas and his display.

photo Bill Shenefelt



Part of the Show Cmte with speakers and judges: David Soares (l), Bud White, Bill Sensor, Jean Grace, Ray Lucas, Mike Schadle.

photo Bill Shenefelt

GPASI Marketplace

BUY

Mike Parahus wants to buy up to 6 long-finned white cloud mountain minnows. He'd like a mix of males and females and is not interested in the "golden" variety. He would also like to buy up to 6 *Rasbora brigittae*. (724) 843-0584.

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Walter Roth has plastic bags to sell in 100 count packages. Sizes are 6 x 12", 8 x 15", 10 x 20". Call (724) 449-9651.

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To let other members know about aquarium-related items you'd like to buy, sell, or trade, contact Jean Grace at (412) 441-1106 or jgrace@pitt.edu

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**Elmer's brought
two beautiful
tanks. This
planted bowfront
is now set up in
their shop.**

photo Jane Swanson



**Burton Patrick
with just part of
the Pet Supplies
Plus display
(which included
four unique tank
set ups).**

photo Bill Shenefelt

To see more show photos, visit our website soon.

Upcoming Events of Interest

- 5/28-31 AKA Convention, Breckinridge, CO. Visit www.aka.org for more information or contact convention chair Edd Kray at (303) 420-8108 or edd@catfishthecrawlers.com.
- 6/19 Great Lakes Auction, Euclid, Ohio (440) 944-3245 – Ron Georgeone
- 6/26-27 SCALES Show and Auction, Perry Grange, Massillon, Ohio--contact Don McGuire (330) 833-7194; Mike Taylor (330) 834-9337; or John Baad (330) 452-9027
- 7/10-11 Medina Show + Auction, Wadsworth, Ohio 330-723-4748 - John
- 7/22-25 ACA Convention, Denver, Colorado
- 8/7-8 Akron Show, Tallmadge, Ohio (330) 848-3856 – Bud White
- 8/21-22 YATFS Show + Auction 330-824-2653 – Curt Smith
- 9/11-12 Loraine Show + Auction
- 9/18 Great Lakes Auction, Euclid, Ohio (440) 944-3245 – Ron Georgeone
- 9/25 Erie, PA Auction, 814-838-6380 – Bob Cashin
- 10/3 Medina Ohio Auction
- 10/14-16 All-Aquarium Catfish Convention, Laurel, MD. For more info, visit <http://www.pvas.com/catfish/welcome.htm>
- 10/17 YATFS Auction 330-824-2653 – Curt Smith
- 10/24 GPASI Auction**
- 11/7 Akron Auction, Tallmadge, Ohio (330) 848-3856 – Bud White
- 11/19-21 Ohio Cichlid Assoc Show + Auction
- Ongoing Reptile Swaps at Palace Inn in Monroeville, PA Herb Ellerbach (412) 361-0835

GPASI Aquarium Fish Show 04

Winners

GPASI Aquarium Fish Show 04 Results
May 1 & 2, 2004

Show Chair: Bill Sensor
Show Cmte: Joe Amuso, Jim Davidson, Marshall Davis,
Jean Grace, Mike Solito

265 entries from 41 people were entered into 53 classes

Points

Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society (GPASI) 137
Greater Akron Aquarium Society (GAAS) 78
Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society (YATFS) 59
Stark Co. Aqua-Life Enthusiasts Society (SCALES) 19
Allegheny River Valley Aquarium Society (ARVAS) 15

Names of sponsors are listed beside the class title.

Killies

1. New World—PAKA—3 entries

1st Hank Marzina / GPASI / *Simsonichthys roseacus*
2nd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Riv. *Cryptocallus*
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Riv. *Isumensis*

2. Old World—PAKA—14 entries

1st Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Apu. Biv. "Penda Mboka"
2nd Bill Shenefelt / GPASI / *Aphyosemion australe* BSWG97-24
3rd Hank Marzina / GPASI / *Aphyosemion bitaeniatum* "Ijebu Ode"

Cichlids

3. Discus—Gil & Gail Hoover—3 entries

1st Lynn Zombeck / GPASI / *Symphysodon aequifasciatus*
2nd Lynn Zombeck / GPASI / *Symphysodon aequifasciatus*
3rd Robert Fullmer / GPASI / *Symphysodon aequifasciatus*

4. Angelfish—Linda's Lovely Angels—9 entries

1st Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Pterophyllum scalare*
2nd Ted Neill / GPASI / *Pterophyllum scalare*
3rd Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Pterophyllum scalare*

5. New World dwarfs—Jeremy Basch, OCA—4 entries

1st Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Blue Ram
2nd Ted Neill / GPASI / *Apistogramma macmasteri*
3rd Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Nannacara anomala*

6. New World 6" and under—Bill Sensor—6 entries

1st Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Archocentrus spilurus*
2nd Don & Carol Theirman / ARVAS / *Archocentrus nanoluteus*
3rd Wally Cox / GPASI / *Archocentrus sajica*

7. New World over 6"—Ohio Cichlid Association (OCA)—7 entries

1st Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Crenicichla* sp. "Pacaya"
2nd Ralph Grammer / GAAS / *Aequidens patricki*
3rd Walter Roth / GPASI / *Cichlasoma cyanoguttatum*

8. Aulonocara—Joe Craig—3 entries

1st Wally Cox / GPASI / *Aulonocara stuartgranti* Undo point
2nd Richard A. Wiley / GPASI / *Aulonocara hansbrensi* Chi
3rd Richard A. Wiley / GPASI / *Aulonocara baens* Chi

9. Mbunas—Aqua-World Super Pet Center—4 entries

1st Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Metriacroma crabro*
2nd Walter Roth / GPASI / *Pseudotropheus greshakei*
3rd Walter Roth / GPASI / *Pseudotropheus acei*

10. Haplochromines, Lake Malawi—Don Grey—2 entries

1st Ted Neill / GPASI / Hap. Ruby Green
2nd Walter Roth / GPASI / *Tramitichromis intermedius*

11. Victorians—John Lanzer—1 entry

1st Wilma Chestnut / ARVAS / Rock Krib

12. Julidochromis, Chalinochromis, and Telmatochromis—Paulette's Perennials—1 entry

1st Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Juli sp. "Gombi"

13. Lamprologus and Neolamprologus—Don Tuttle—4 entries

1st Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Neolamprologus gracilis*
2nd Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Altolamprologus compressiceps*
3rd Wayne Toven / GAAS / *Altolamprologus* sp. "gold fin"

14. Old World under 4"—John Baad—5 entries

1st Ted Neill / GPASI / *Pseudocrenilabrus*
2nd Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Pelvicachromis taeniatus*
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Jewel cichlid

15. Old World cichlids AOV—Ray Lucas—4 entries

1st William Sensor / GPASI / *Pelvicachromis pulcher*
2nd William Sensor / GPASI / *Hemichromis cerasogaster*
3rd Wayne Toven / GAAS / *Neolamprologus congoensis*

Livebearers

16. Guppies, Males, Solid color tails—Lou & Joan Bott—4 entries

1st Don & Karen Theirman / ARVAS / _ black yellow tail
2nd Robert Fullmer / GPASI / Pastel
3rd John & Theresa Baad / SCALES / Red tail Guppy

17. Guppies, Males, All others—Mike Ott—2 entries

1st John & Theresa Baad / SCALES / Multi color Guppy
2nd Robert Fullmer / GPASI / Neon Blue Guppy

18. Guppies, Females, Half Black—General Store for Pets—1 entry

1st John & Theresa Baad / SCALES / _ black blue guppy

19. Guppies, Females, All others—Stacy Gatto & John Lewis—3 entries

1st Robert Fullmer / GPASI / Female Yellow
2nd Robert Fullmer / GPASI / Female yellow
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Female

20. Swordtails, Platies, Mollies, Plain finage—Bill Montgomery—9 entries

1st Robert / GPASI / Male Sword
2nd John & Theresa Baad / SCALES / Sailfin Silver Molly
3rd Scott Graner / GPASI / Xiphophorus montezumae

21. Swordtails, Platies, Mollies, Fancy finage—Bob Fullmer—9 entries

1st Joanne Toven / GAAS / Black Sailfin molly male
2nd Joanne Toven / GAAS / Dalmation sailfin molly male

3rd Susan Everett / GPASI / Plumetail Platy

22. Livebearers AOV—Mary Pratley—8 entries

1st Dave Webeck / GPASI / Poecilia perugiae
2nd Dave Williamson / GAAS / Gambusia luma
3rd Joanne Toven / GAAS / Characodon audax Male

Catfish

23. Corydoras, Aspidoras, and Brochis—Don Plazek—10 entries

1st Dave Williamson / GAAS / Corydoras nanus
2nd Eric Bodrock / GPASI / Corydoras gossei
3rd Steve Okabayashi / GPASI / Corydoras sterbai

24. Suckermouth catfish, 6" and under—John Shaw—5 entries

1st Wayne Toven / GAAS / Chaetostoma sp. L-187a
2nd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Pekoltia oligosplia L-006
3rd John & Theresa Baad / SCALES / Pekoltia sp. Xinger Butte

25. Suckermouth catfish, over 6"—Gary Balbo—3 entries

1st Wayne Toven / GAAS / Goldy Pleco
2nd Don & Carol Theirman / ARVAS / Hypostomus niceforoi
3rd Walter Roth / GPASI / Hypostomus niceforoi

26. Synodontis—Wayne Toven—4 entries

1st Wayne Toven / GAAS / Syn. schoutedenti
2nd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Syn. sp.
3rd Robert Fullmer / GPASI / Syn. erupitrus

27. Catfish AOV—Eric Bodrock, All Oddball Aquatics—9 entries

1st Don & Carol Theirman / ARVAS / Mystus leucopharis
2nd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Burmese Sun Cat
3rd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Tatia sp.

Egglayers

28. Sharks and Loaches—Mr. & Mrs. Pizza—7 entries

1st Dave Williamson / GAAS / Myersi Kuhli Loach
2nd Kathy Bintrim / GPASI / Botia pakistani
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Botia sidthimunki

29. Rainbowfish—Kathy Bintrim, In Leafy Shadows—8 entries

1st Kathy Bintrim / GPASI / Praecox Rainbow
2nd Kathy Bintrim / GPASI / Praecox Rainbow
3rd Dave Webeck / GPASI / Australian Rainbow

30. Rasboras, Danios, and Minnows—Nancy Frieze—9 entries

1st John & Theresa Baad / SCALES / Danio
2nd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Zebra Danio
3rd Ralph Grammer / GAAS / White Cloud

31. Barbs—Steve Okabayashi—4 entries

1st Amy K. Good / GPASI / Puntitus titteya
2nd Dave Williamson / GAAS / Female Cherry Barb
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Gold Barb

32. Characins 2" and under—Jean Grace—1 entry

1st Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Pencil Fish

33. Characins over 2"—Three Guys Aquatics—3 entries

1st Pete Scaletto / GPASI / Hemigrammus caudovihatus
2nd Wilma Chestnut / ARVAS / Metynnys argenteus – Silver
3rd Dave Williamson / GAAS / Silver Tetra

34. Natives—Amazon Aquarium Maintenance—4 entries

1st Scott Graner / GPASI / Etheostoma caeruleum
2nd Dave Williamson / GAAS / Heterandria Formosa
3rd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Red Belly Dace

35. Egglayers AOV—Don & Karen Guman—8 entries

1st Wayne Toven / GAAS / Polypterus ornatipinnis
2nd Marshall Davis / GPASI / Scarlet badis
3rd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Mogurnda adspersa

36. Betta, Male, Double tail—Jim Davidson—3 entries

1st Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / D. T. Betta
2nd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / D. T. Betta
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / D. T. Plakat

37. Betta, Male, single tail—Precision Reproductions—6 entries

1st Marshall Davis / GPASI / Betta splendens
2nd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Male Betta
3rd Hank Marzina / GPASI / Betta splendens

38. Betta, Female—John Studeny—4 entries

1st Marshall Davis / GPASI / Betta splendens
2nd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Betta splendens
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Betta splendens

39. Anabantids under 4"—Mike Parahus—3 entries

1st Wayne Toven / GAAS / Ctenopoma weeksii sp. aff.
2nd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Ctenopoma ansorgii
3rd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Ctenopoma weeksii

40. Anabantids, 4" and over—The Cox Family—3 entries

1st Wayne Toven / GAAS / *Bedotia signata*
2nd Wally Cox / GPASI / *Ctenopoma kingsleyae*

Goldfish

41. Goldfish w/head growth: Orandas, Lionhead, and Pompoms—Bill & Cheryl Sanders—5 entries

1st Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Lion Head
2nd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Lion Head

3rd Marlene Scholze / GPASI / *Carassius auratus* Ranchu

42. Goldfish w/eye types: Moors, Bubble eyes, Celestials—Ray Lucas—3 entries

1st Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Brown Telescope
2nd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Celestial Eye
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Dragon Eye

43. Fantails, Ryukins, and Pearlscales—Mike & Sue Solito—7 entries

1st Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Ryukin
2nd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Ryukin
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Pearlscale

44. Goldfish AOV—Marlene Scholze—7 entries

1st Marlene Scholze / GPASI / *Carassius auratus* Edonishiki
2nd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Wakin
3rd Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Koi

Junior Division

45. Junior Egglayer—Ray Lucas—8 entries

1st Joshua Barszczewski / GPASI / *Pterophyllum scalare*
2nd Joshua Barszczewski / GPASI / *Carassius auratus* Edonishiki
3rd Max Okabayashi / GPASI / *Trichogaster leeri*

46. Junior Livebearer—Ray Lucas—7 entries

1st Mei-Lani & Kara Lynn Baad / SCALES / Double Tail Guppy
2nd Becky Lowan / Female Guppy
3rd Joshua Barszczewski / GPASI / *Poecilia reticulata* Female

Specialty Classes

47. Sexable Pairs (1 male and 1 female)—Marshall Davis—7 entries

1st Bill Montgomery / GPASI / Swordtails
2nd Dave Webeck / GPASI / *Poecilia perugiae*
3rd Marshall Davis / GPASI / *Trichogaster trichopterus* Pair

48. Family (parents and six fry at least 3 months old)—Joe Amuso—4 entries

1st Joanne Toven / GAAS / *Ameca splendens* Family
2nd Ted Neill / GPASI / *Ancistrus dolicopterus* Family
3rd Dave Williamson / GAAS / Double Sword Guppy Family

49. Aquatic Plants—Cavan Allen—4 entries

1st Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / *Anubias barteri*
2nd Cavan Allen / GPASI / *Microsorium* sp. "narrow"
3rd Dave Williamson / GAAS / *Cryptocoryne pontederifolia*

50. Saltwater fish All Varieties (will compete for Best Egglayer in Show)—Steve Gibbs—4 entries

1st John & Theresa Baad / SCALES / Chain Eel
2nd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Fu Man Chu Lion
3rd Wayne Toven / GAAS / Six Line Wrasse

51. Tank Beautiful (Fresh or Salt up to 10 gal.)—Bob Timmins—3 entries

1st Allen Sculioz / Tank Beautiful
2nd Steve Gibbs / GPASI / Tank Beautiful
3rd Steve Gibbs / GPASI / Tank Beautiful

52. Arts and crafts—Curt Smith—2 entries

1st Robert Fullmer / GPASI / Killie on Slate
2nd Marlene Scholze / GPASI / Fish Mirror

53. Slides and photos—Sallie Boggs—9 entries

1st Wayne Toven / GAAS / *Poecilia montezumae* Picture
2nd Susan Everett / GPASI / Photo Five Discus
3rd Susan Everett / GPASI / Photo Plume & Hi-fins

Division Winners

Best Killie--Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Apu. Biv. "Penda Mboka"

Best Cichlid--Lynn Zombeck / GPASI / *Symphysodon aequifasciatus*

Best Goldfish--Dan & Karen Guman / YATFS / Ryukin
Best Egglayer--Wayne Toven / GAAS / *Polypterus ornatipinnis*

Best Catfish--Wayne Toven / GAAS / *Syn. schoutedeni*

Best Livebearer--Robert Fullmer / GPASI / Male Sword

Best Junior--Joshua Barszczewski / GPASI / *Pterophyllum scalare*

Major Prizes

1. **Best Of Show**—Python

Lynn Zombeck / GPASI / *Symphysodon aequifasciatus*

2. **Reserve Best Of Show**—Elmer's Aquarium

Wayne Toven / GAAS / *Syn. schoutedeni*

3. **President Award** (Most Points In Show)—Pet Supplies Plus

Don & Karen Guman / YATFS / 59 points

4. **Jack Wilson Memorial Award** (Most Points For GPASI Member)—Petland, Monroeville

Marshall Davis / 30 points

5. **Challenge Trophy** (Most Points Visiting Society)—All Aquarium Catfish Convention (www.catfish2004.com)

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