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“Election of Officers”

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Want to become a member? Write to us or see Steve Gibbs at the next meeting.

2002 Meeting Dates:

Jan 25 • Feb 22 • Mar 29 •
Apr 26 • May 31 • Jun 28 •
Jul 26 • Aug 30 • Sep 27 •
Oct 25 • Nov 15

General Meetings are held at the **Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center** in Mellon Park at the Corner of **5th and Shady** Avenues.

DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM

The Board of Directors meets the Monday following the general meeting at 7pm at Elmer's Aquarium in Monroeville. *All members and suggestions for discussion are welcome.*

Contact a board member for meeting confirmation.

***** PLEASE READ *****

The FinFormation newsletter is now available on-line at <http://shene.killi.net/gpasi/Finformation.html>

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UPCOMING GPASI EVENTS

January Meeting: Election of Officers

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2002
“Out With the Old and In With the New”

During this meeting, you will get to vote in new officers to run the club. Make sure to cast your ballot for the person you feel can keep GPASI moving in a forward direction. Maybe that person is YOU!!!

February: To Be Announced

Only the Brave Shall Eat

Snow couldn't stop the hungry. We came, we saw, we bought tickets for the Chinese auction, and we ate ourselves silly. On January 6th GPASI held it's annual holiday party. The party was fun (especially for those who won fish). Tickets were drawn for all sorts of prizes. There were many dry goods as well as angelfish, and guppies, and catfish, oh my! Thanks go out to all who participated.

Calendar of Other Club's Upcoming Events & Contact Information

Want to carpool? Chances are good that someone in GPASI will be going. Ask around.

- 02/24 Scales Auction (330-452-9027 - John Baad)
- 03/17 Yatfs Auction (330-824-2653 – Curt Smith)
- 04/12-14 Nec Convention
- 04/26-28 ALA Convention – Canton, Ohio (330-650-4613 - Rich Serva)
- 05/10-12 GPASI Show + Auction, Pittsburgh, Pa (724-449-9651 – Walter Roth)

Corydoras stenocephalus

by Eric Bodrock

I received my breeding group of six adults from a fellow hobbyist in Milwaukee who had some success with spawning them. Thanks Kevin! They arrived to me, via USPS Express mail, in great condition. They are full-grown at a rather large total body length of two and a half inches. At first look they resemble a common bronze or green (*C. aeneus*) Cory, but with a closer look you will notice a longer snout, sharper defined fins and a faint dark marbling pattern in the body.



**C. stenocephalus
40 days old.**

I set them up in a ten-gallon to quarantine them, as I do with any new fish entering my fishroom, for a period of time. The tank was bare bottomed and contained a sponge filter. A handful of Java Moss rested on the bottom for cover. The underside of the tank was painted black to provide a little comfort from light. They were pretty active from the time I introduced them into the tank so I assume they were happy! Their diet consisted of live black worms, freeze-dried tubifex worms, assorted crushed flakes and small amounts of live baby brine shrimp. Being the middle of summer, June, the tank temperature was pretty warm, near eighty degrees Fahrenheit. The pH was at 7.0. A fifty percent water change was done approximately every ten days. I didn't pay much attention to them during the quarantine period, until one day when I was doing a water change, I noticed some small white cotton-like balls scattered in the Java Moss. Those ended up being bad eggs that had fungused. Upon a closer look, I could see some tiny eggs that were already eyed-up and developing nicely. The eggs are really small for such a good-sized Cory, just over a millimeter in size. I moved the Java Moss, along with some tank water, to a smaller, shallow tank and added an airstone. Within two days the eggs hatched, about sixty of them. They were then moved into a ten-gallon tank that was filled just enough to cover a sponge filter, about five inches deep. A heater was added to maintain a temperature of eighty degrees Fahrenheit.

Microworms and sponge scrunge (debris by squeezing a dirty sponge filter) were added in their diet, along with Java Moss that houses many different microorganisms that are excellent first foods. With a small water change every few days, the fry grew quickly, reaching a total body length of a solid inch in eight weeks! In the first several weeks, the fry show an iridescent blue color on the sides of their head that fades as it extends into the body. By eight weeks most of that blue color is gone. The fry show many different colors and patterns as they grow, all better looking than the adults! They defiantly aren't the best-looking Corydoras of all but they are rarely seen in the hobby.

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World Ideologies (Referencing Cichlids)

Feudalism: You have two cichlids. Your lord takes some of the fry.

Pure Socialism: You have two cichlids. The government takes them and puts them in a tank with everyone else's cichlids. You have to take care of all the cichlids. The government gives you all the tubifex you need.

Bureaucratic Socialism: Your cichlids are cared for by ex-chicken Farmers. You have to take care of the chickens the government took from the chicken farmers. The government gives you as much tubifex and eggs as the regulations say you should need.

Fascism: You have two cichlids. The government takes both, hires you to take care of them, and sells you the fry.

Pure Communism: You have two cichlids. Your neighbors help you take care of them, and then you all share the fry.

Real World Communism: You share two cichlids with your neighbors. You and your neighbors bicker about who has the most ability and who has the most "need". Meanwhile, no one works, no one gets any fry, and the cichlids drop dead of starvation.

Russian Communism: You have two cichlids. You have to take care of them, but the government takes all the fry. You steal back as many fry as you can and sell on the black market.

Perestroika: You have two cichlids. You have to take care of them, but the Mafia takes all the fry. You steal back as many fry as you can and sell on the "free" market.

Cambodian Communism: You have two cichlids. The government takes both and shoots you.

Militarianism: You have two cichlids. The government takes both and drafts you.

Totalitarianism: You have two cichlids. The government takes them and denies they ever existed. Fish keeping is banned.

Pure Democracy: You have two cichlids. Your neighbors decide who gets the fry.

Representative Democracy: You have two cichlids. Your neighbors pick someone to tell you who gets the fry.

British Democracy: You have two cichlids. You feed them sheeps' brains and they go mad. The government doesn't do anything.

Bureaucracy: You have two cichlids. At first the government regulates what you can feed them and when you can breed them. Then it pays you not to breed them. Then it takes both, shoots one, and clones the other. Then it requires you to fill out forms accounting for the missing cichlids.

Pure Anarchy: You have two cichlids. Either you sell the fry at a "fair" price or your neighbors try to take the cichlids and kill you.

Pure Capitalism: You have two cichlids. You sell one and buy some rarer ones.

Capitalism: You don't have any cichlids, The bank won't lend you money to buy cichlids, because you don't have any cichlids as collateral.

Environmentalism: You have two cichlids. The government bans you from breeding or selling them.

Political Correctness: You are associated with (the concept of "ownership" is a symbol of the phallo centric, war mongering, intolerant past) two differently aged (but no less valuable to society) piscines of non-specified gender. Surrealism You have two giraffes. The government requires you to take harmonica lessons.

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Sell	Mike Chappell	live/dry foods, livestock, digital equip	www.threeguysaquatics.com and chippell@sgi.net
Sell	Jason Clester	Cichlids (various)	(412) 856-7265 Jacitaly@aol.com
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Breeders Award Program

Recent BAP Submissions (Congratulations to all the breeders)

Member Name	Species	Class	Points	FAAS Class	Comments
Cavan Allen	<u>Astyanax spp.</u>	6	15	6	Columbian red fin
Charles Bialon	<u>Poecilia Sulphurophila</u>	1	5	* 1	
	<u>Nematobrycon Palmeri</u>	6	10	6	Emperor Tetra
Brian Carson	<u>Aphyosemion Splendopleure</u>	9	10	9	dizanque C-1 87/33
Jason Clester	<u>Ancistrus Dolicopterus</u>	11	40	11	
	<u>Tateurndina Ocellicauda</u>	14	40	13	Peacock Gudgeon
	<u>Aphyosemion Scheeli</u>	9	10	9	
Robert Fullmer	<u>Haplochromis Bloyeti</u>	7	10	7	
	<u>Haplochromis spp.</u>	7	10	7	Flame Back
	<u>Hemichromis Bimaculatus</u>	7	10	7	
Scott Graner	<u>Iriatherina Wernerii</u>	4	40	15	
Steven Graner	<u>Iriatherina Wernerii</u>	4	40	15	
Hank Marzina	<u>Betta Splendens</u>	2	10	2	
	<u>Pseudosphromenus Dayi</u>	2	15	2	
	<u>Trichogaster Trichopterus</u>	2	5	2	
	<u>Puntius Tittैया</u>	3	10	3	Cherry barbs
Don Mikulan	<u>Melanotaenia Splendida</u>	4	5	15	
Michael J. Parahus	<u>Xiphophorus Helleri</u>	1	5	1	
Pete Scaletto	<u>Hyphessobrycon Callistus</u>	6	15	6	Serpae Tetra
	<u>Megalampodus Magalopterus</u>	6	15	6	
	<u>Pristella Riddlei</u>	6	15	6	

* denotes first time spawn by any current BAP participant

Please contact Chuck Bialon with any questions regarding BAP submissions. Hm: 412-487-2378 cbialon@telerama.com
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