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January 30th

General Elections

President's Message

By Bill Sensor

All,

Well the holidays are over and the New Year has begun. We had our annual Holiday Party on Jan.10th and what a turnout!! The food was fantastic. Those of you who missed sure did miss out on a great meal. There were even a lot of leftovers for the 60 + people who attended and got to take some stuff back home. That is one of the largest turnouts I can remember for the party. Chuck did the BAP awards and I presented Eric Bodrock with the President's Award.

This month on Jan.30th we will have our annual elections followed by our forum administrator Shaun Howard giving a brief talk on our new Forums section to our Website. After that we will have our annual big meeting auction.

I hope everyone had a nice Holiday season and I hope to see you all at the meeting.

Bill



BAP Award Winners: Zach Cox-Top BAP Junior Breeder, Regina Spotti-Top BAP Breeder, with BAP Chair Chuck Bialon, and Stan Chechak-Top BAP Novice Breeder



GPASI Members enjoying the Holiday Party

The Board of Directors Has Decided to Give Hank Marzina Honorary Lifetime Membership Status

"Hank Marzina ---Honorable Lifetime Member"

Hank started his lengthy, active membership in our club back in the early 60's. He has served on the Board of Directors many times over the years, holding positions of President (in both the 60's and the 70's), Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Show Chairman, Board Member, and Advisor to several committees. His skills in the printing profession were utilized for our club's benefits for years. From the days of the "Neptune News", the forerunner of the "The GPASI Journal" which is now the "Finformation", when everything was done by hand (sometimes till the wee hours of the night), until recently when he sold his printing business. In addition, Hank has contributed countless articles for each of the aforementioned.

Hank has achieved the level of "Master Breeder" in the Breeders Award Program with an impressive 1195 points, with his main interest being Killifish and Livebearers. Hank freely, patiently, and enthusiastically provides his knowledge and wisdom to anyone with a fish question.....no cutting corners there!

The time, contributions and generosity that Hank has given to our club over the years is invaluable. In addition, Hank's wife, Mary Lou, is "that woman behind the great guy". Her support and work beside him has allowed Hank to achieve what has done. Without members like Hank, the Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society would not have survived the years to become one of the longest running, successful clubs still in existence in the United States.

Bap Award - 1st 1st 3rd	Regina Spotti Stan Chechak Ellen Bryant
Bap Novice Award	Stan Chechak
Presidents Trophy	Eric Bodrock
Bap Junior Award	Zac Cox

CLASS COMPLETION AWARDS 2008

JEFF WALKER
CATFISH

REGINA SPOTTI
CATFISH

MAX OKABAYASHI
CATFISH

STEVE OKABAYASHI
CATFISH

JOE HASENKOPF
MINNOWS+RAINBOWFISH

NANCY+GILBERT HOOVER
SHARKS, EELS + LOACHES

ELLEN BRYANT
NATIVE FISH

STAN CHECHAK
CATFISH

REGINA SPOTTI
MINNOWS+RAINBOWFISH

SCOTT GRANER
MINNOWS+RAINBOWFISH

JEFF WALKER
LIVEBEARERS

REGINA SPOTTI
NATIVE FISH

REGINA SPOTTI
ANABANTOIDS

NANCY+GILBERT HOOVER
OLD WORLD CICHLIDS

PETE SCALETTO
ANABANTOIDS

LESLIE KEEFER
LIVEBEARERS

TARGET SPECIES AWARDS 2008

MICHAEL CERSOSIMO

Tateurndina

ocellicauda

REGINA SPOTTI

Tateurndina

ocellicauda

REGINA SPOTTI

Jenynsia

lineatus

JEFF WALKER

Ancistrus

sp

STEVE OKABAYASHI

Synodontis

petricola

STAN CHECHAK

Ancistrus

temminckii

REGINA SPOTTI

Nothobranchius

rachovi

Special February Meeting Notice

At our February meeting we are not going to have a speaker and are going to try something new, we are going to try having a swap meet at our meeting. Any member who wants to sell some of their fish related items at their set price can have half a table to sell from at the meeting. We are going to begin at 7:30 PM and you can sell your fish until 9:30 PM. This will give everyone a chance to look around and buy what they want and to mingle and talk to people they do not usually get a chance to talk to. At 9:00 PM we will start our usual meeting auction with BAP and HAP bags going first. If you are a swap seller and have any items left that you would like to add to the auction, you must have them entered into the auction items by 9:30 PM. No items will be excepted for auction after that time unless it is a donation.

We are trying the Swap Meet format to see if there is enough interest and if there is then we can try a public Swap Meet at a future time. This will give our members the opportunity to sell some of the fish they have that may be very rare and expensive the chance to sell their fish for the price that they think they are worth and not lose money in the process. There are members in our club that have fish that they had to pay a lot of money for like \$50 or more for a small group or a pair and along with the time and patience in raising these fish they are worth sometimes more. A lot of these fish never get brought into our meetings even for BAP as the people who have them write an article on breeding them or just never bring them in because they know that they can get more money for them on line or at a big auction somewhere else.

After the meet I would appreciate it if you let one of the Board members know what you thought of it so we can decide if we would like to hold a Fish Swap Meet and open it to the public.

2009 Events

- 02/7/09 Ohio Cichlid Assoc Auction
Strongsville, Ohio
440-212-0896 – Marc DeWerth
- 02/15/09 TFCEC Auction, Boston, NY
716-649-9165 – Randy Seufert
- 02/22/09 Scales auction, Massillon, Ohio
330-452-9027 – John Baad
- 02/28-01/09 Killifish Karnival, Elkhart, IN
574-293-6053 – Jim Hinkle
- 03/01/09 Akron Auction, Tallmadge, Ohio
330-848-3856 – Bud White
- 03/15/09 Yatfs Auction, Lordstown, Ohio
330-758-3043 – Tom
- 03/21/09 Café fish swap, Lockbourne, Ohio
614-846-1038 – Pat Sabourin
- 04/04/09 Great Lakes Auction, Euclid, Ohio
440-944-3245 – Ron Georgeone
- 04/04/09 Great Cincinnati Auction, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 04/23-26/09 American Livebearer Convention
Indianapolis, Ind
www.livebearers.org
330-650-4613 – Rich Serva
- 05/09/09 Cafe Auction, Lockbourne, Ohio
614-846-1038 – Pat Sabourin
- 06/20/09 Great Lakes Auction, Euclid, Ohio
440-944-3245 – Ron Georgeone
- 07/11-12/09 Akron Show + Auction, Tallmadge, Ohio
330-848-3856 – Bud White
- 07/30-02/09 ACA Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio
http://www.acaconvention.com
- 08/16/09 Yatfs Auction, Lordstown, Ohio
330-716-0889 – Mike Kays
- 09/13/09 OCA Swap Meet, Strongsville, Ohio
440-526-0755 – Don Danko
- 10/03/09 Cafe Auction, Lockbourne, Ohio
614-846-1038 – Pat Sabourin
- 10/18/09 Yatfs Auction, Lordstown, Ohio
330-758-3043 – Tom
- 11/01/09 Akron Auction, Tallmadge, Ohio
330-848-3856 – Bud White

GPASI Marketplace

(2) 75, (1) 30, (1) 20, and (1) 10al tanks.

In addition, I have a 3 stage osmosis filter, CY-2 chiller, Metal Halide w/flourescent 50/50 hood, sump pumps, sea squirl, 2)120 degree power nozzles, and much much more. I am looking to sell all of this for \$400.00 but want it to go to a good home.

Don Merola donmerola@alltel.net

Walter Roth has plastic bags to sell in 100 count packages. Sizes are 6 x 12", 8 x 15", 10 x 20". He also has a large selection of pond plants. Water Hyacinths, Water Lettuce, Lilies, Water Canna, Iris, Tara, and more. Also pond Fish & Supplies available. Call Walt at 724-449-9651

I have about 30 dalmation mollys, they are free to a good home. Not feeder fish. Take as many or as few as you want. They range from an inch down to very tiny. (Jan2009)

Contact jstnhickey@gmail.com

To let other members know about aquarium-related items you'd like to buy, sell, or trade, contact Steve Okabayashi at sokabaya@us.ibm.com. **Please let me know when you want to delete your ad.**

Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society Inc.



Monthly Meetings: General meetings are held at the **Phipps Garden Center** in Mellon Park at the corner of **5th and Shady** Avenues. **DOORS OPEN AT 7PM**

2009 Meeting Dates: Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 29, June 26, July 31, Aug 28, Sept 24, Oct 30, Nov 20

Board of Directors meetings are held at 7pm at Elmer's Aquarium in Monroeville. All members and suggestions are welcome. Contact a board member for meeting confirmation.

Dates: Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 6, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 2, Dec 4

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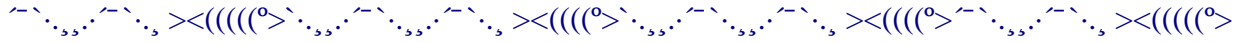
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