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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello ACLC,

I am writing to you this month, as the "Acting" President.

Last month, we had Peach Reid speak to us. I would like to thank her again for the eye opening and excellent talk she gave to the ACLC. It is important to remember that the aquarium hobby is nothing like it used to be, even just 10 years ago. As hobbyists and aquarists, we are facing several hurdles. There are groups today that would love to take everything away from



us. I believe that this will never happen. Even though the aquarium hobby is smaller than it once was, there are tens of thousands, of dedicated aquarists in the United States. We are truly making a difference. For instance, the ACLC is very involved in the CARES program. At a time where most people are more concerned about Facebook, cell phones, and electronics; we have members that are breeding threatened, endangered, and extinct in the wild fishes. This is truly awesome and a great accomplishment. I hope to see more members involved in CARES and BAP, myself included. Let's not forget the HAP program that was put into place at the ACLC a couple of years ago. By breeding fish and cultivating aquatic plants as a group; and maintaining them in our home aquariums, we will continue to ensure that the fishes and plants we love so much, will always be available to fellow hobbyists. We can do this!

This month, we welcome Greg Steeves as our monthly speaker. The meeting will be held at That Fish Place this month at 1:00. I hope to see you all there!

Thanks, Mike Buchma





EDITOR'S NOTES

ACLC Members,

We are finally starting to get more response from our members with articles and we even got 2 from members who have not submitted articles to the ACLC before, John Dickel & Don Kinyon. Thanks Guys! You too can do it!

Mark Twain once said "Writing is easy. All you have to do is cross out the wrong words"

For Twain it probably did seem this easy but we will try to make it easier still. You just send us your story, we'll cross out the wrong words for you.

It's your Club, Your Tank Tales!

Thank you Tim & Kurt

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February Program

Creatures of the Comal River



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Time & Place

Saturday, February 18th at 1:00 PM

> That Fish Place 237 Centerville Road Lancaster, PA 17601

by Greg Steeves

The Comal River is known as the smallest River in the world. It begins with a series of large springs feeding from the Edwards Aquifer and flows into the Guadalupe River a mere two miles from its emergence. The unique habitat is home to many creatures both native and exotic including nearly 100 species of fish living in the Guadalupe River system. With surprising species such as tetras and cichlids and mollies, this look at the beautiful Comal River will have you wanting to book your next vacation for South Central Texas.

Greg began keeping fish at a very early age. He remembers watching sticklebacks nest in the local pond in the 1st or 2nd grade . It was around this time Greg got his first aquarium and was instantly hooked on the hobby. As age increased so did the number of aquariums. This got totally out of hand when Greg married Lee Ann, a fellow fish geek. With no check valve in place, they have expanded to two fish rooms with well over 100 aquariums and multiple ponds.

Greg started maintaining haplochromine cichlids over 20 years ago and they remain his passion to this day. Collectively, the Steeves' have bred more that 150 species of fish, the majority being African cichlids. When Greg moved to Texas from Canada, he helped form the Hill Country Cichlid Club and in recent years, taken on the presidency of the Federation of Texas Aquarium Societies. Greg has been invited to speak regularly at organizations across North America on Haplochromine cichlids and Texas Natives, written for many magazines around the world that have been translated into twelve different languages. Greg has written three books which he isvery proud of. Lee Ann and Greg truly enjoy attending fish conventions and seeing old and new friends, the element that he says makes this hobby the best in the world!



How I Got Into Fish

BY JOHN DICKEL

Can you remember how you got started in keeping fish? Was it a tank at the Doctor's office? A trip to the pet store? A friend's tank? For me, my love of fish started with my great grandmother, Amelia Dickel or Grandma Ben as we knew her.

Grandma Ben lived in the north end of Lancaster city in a tiny row home off of North Prince Street. Dad would run errands for mom on Friday afternoons. We would go to the baker, the butcher shop and hit Central Market for fresh produce. Then we would head up to Grandma Ben's for a visit. You could always find me on her couch staring at her tank full of guppies. I could watch those fish for hours. The colors were amazing...red, blue, orange, yellow and green. They would dart around the tank in a dizzying dance. She probably got them at Woolworths, (anyone remember that store?) for a nickel a piece.

Remember those metal framed tanks with the slate bottoms? That was Grandma Ben's. In the corner sat a box filter with glass wool. After she passed away, my aunt called my dad. "Would Johnny like the fish tank?" I was hooked on the hobby.

Fifty years later, I now have over 18 tanks of all different sizes from 10 to 220 gallons. A few years ago, Lonnie Langione gave me the idea of creating a fish room – and my wife said yes!!! It has evolved to include a linear piston air pump with manifold, and racks of tanks. I still use those corner filters with the charcoal and glass wool along with sponge filters to keep my tanks clean.

For many years, I only had one or two tanks going at any time with fish and plants purchased at That Fish Place or Fish Bros. By dumb luck, we were at TFP one Saturday when the ACLC was holding their meeting. That's when the real fun began. I never realized just how many species of fish and plants were available to the hobbyist. I have learned so much in the last few years.

Thank you all.



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Piscatorial Pearls

"Reviewing Aquarium Society Newsletters from Around the World"

We begin this month here in Pennsylvania with 2 articles in the December 2016 issue of the <u>Greater</u> <u>Pittsburgh Aquarium Society</u>'s **Finformation**. The first article is a complete travelogue about Joe Doyle's "<u>Trip to WACO</u>" (authors spelling) that give us complete detail about the stops Joe made at Fish

Shops and restaurants, on the way to and from the Wisconsin Area Killifish Organization as well as the happenings while there. The next article is by Johnathan Raviotta and he tells us that "<u>This is not an</u> <u>article about breeding mosquito</u> <u>fish</u>" that goes over some of his successes and failures.

Heading east to New Jersey we stop for 2 stories in the December 2016 edition of the <u>North Jersey</u> <u>Aquarium Society</u>'s **Reporter**. The first story , by Chuck Davis, asks "<u>Do you have an Ambush</u> <u>Predator?</u>" and describes Chuck's

observations of his Jaguar cichlids. Next, Alan de Velasco gives us a brief description of his Plant of the Month, "<u>Rotala sp. Green</u>".

Next we go to Florida for a little warmth and an article in the December 2016 issue of the <u>Tampa</u> <u>Bay Aquarium Society</u>'s **The Filter**. This article is titled "<u>EGG On My Face!!!!</u>" by Mike Jacobs and describes his experience troubleshooting an issue with his water and it filtration system.

Staying down south , we go to Georgia for a story in the January 2017 edition of the <u>Atlanta Area</u> <u>Aquarium Association</u>'s **Fish Talk**. This story is titled "<u>Craigslist for the Frugal or Broke Aquarist</u>" by Eric Clark has some really great tips and tricks based on Eric's experience.

Our next stop is in New York for 11 articles in the January~February 2017 issue of the <u>Brooklyn</u> <u>Aquarium Society</u>'s **Aquatica**. First is an article that is Part 2 of the column The Responsible Aquarist by Anthony Kroeger titled "<u>The Plecostomus in</u> <u>Florida</u>" which details a number of problems that have been caused by these fish in the water of the Sunshine State. Next we have a very interesting

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article titled "<u>This Tropical Fish Can Recognize</u> <u>Human Faces</u>" by Greg Watry that gives an overview of an amazing scientific discovery. The next article is for you marine hobbyists, titled "<u>Drop</u> <u>a Hammer in your Reef Tank</u>" that gives us a good guide to keeping Hammer Corals. Next we have an

> article by Bill Amely titled "Really?That Long Ago!" that gives us a brief history of Bill in the hobby. The next article is a very informative description by Anthony Kroeger of a beautiful fish from Asia, the "Ticto Barb". Ryan Curtis bring us the next article about the "Orange Eyed Blue Tiger Shrimp" which looks as odd as it sounds. Next is another article by Anthony Kroeger titled "<u>Slow & Easy</u>" that encourages us to try some different types of snails in our aquariums. In this months The Practical Plant, Izzy Zwerin tells us about "Propagating Lobelia cardinalis", a beautiful plant that looks even better

emersed, perhaps a summer tub? Some very helpful information can be found in the article, "Aquarium Plants for Black Thumb Aquarists" by Anthony Kroeger that lists 5 plants that supposedly anybody can grow easily. In this month's Catfish Connections, Sy Angelicus tells about "The African Shovelnose Catfish" a cool looking catfish from the Niger River. The final article this month is "King of the Corys" by Anthony Kroeger that is a very good description of Scleromystax barbatus and why Anthony considers it to be the King!

See you on the 18th!

Kurt Johnston – Exchange Editor exchange@aclcpa.org

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CORYDORAS SP. CW016 CORYDORAS TENIENTE

Author Don Kinyon, joined the ACLC in November of 2016 and has been a member of PVAS, CCA, JRAS and RAS. He has written articles in the past on Corydoras,Cichlids, Tetras and Killifish. Many of his catfish articles can be found on Planet Catfish. We look forward to publishing more of Don's articles and thank him for his contribution to the hobby and the ACLC.

Every once in a while, a fish is brought into the hobby that makes even veteran fishkeepers take notice. In 2004, Lance Peck was collecting in Peru and netted a *Corydoras* catfish that hadn't yet been introduced into the hobby. As it turns out, this was one of those "take notice" fish.

Not yet described at this writing, CW016; *Corydoras teniente*, or the "Lieutenant Cory" has been one of the "gotta have it" fish of catfish addicts for a few years. It's not garishly colored, but a very attractive fish. The majority of the fish's body is a light bronze color and there is a large black/green spot just below the front spine of the dorsal fin that continues almost to the pectoral fin. In front of the dark spot is a smaller area of iridescent gold that catches light as

C. teniente eggs on glass



the fish moves. Males grow to 2 ¼" while females get slightly larger.

This is one of the more streamlined body *Corydoras*,

giving one the idea that it most likely comes from faster moving waters. Its habitat is the drainage or the Rio Madre de Dios, in fairly fast moving streams,

C. teniente at 1 week



the water being heavy in tannins, low in pH and very soft. It's often found in the same streams in which *Corydoras weitzmani* is collected.

Like many of the more desirable fish in the hobby, supply-and-demand put the price of the *C. teniente* way out of my budget. I'd only seen pictures of these fish and hoped that in time the price would come down far enough for me to add them to my fish room. As things worked out, I was talking with Ian Fuller at one of the Catfish Conventions (not sure which one) and he gave me one of his prints of the fish (still prominently displayed in my fish room). He gave me some information about the Cory and said "You need to get this fish; talk to Frank". I'd been trading fish back and forth with Frank Falcone for a couple years and we worked out a deal for me to receive a group of his young fish.

A few weeks later, ten fish made it to my house via UPS and all but one were in good shape. One of them got caught up in the folds of the bag and didn't survive the trip, but nine of them were active and healthy as soon and they were put into the tank.

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Their first home was a standard 20-gallon long aquarium with two sponge filters and a couple pieces of bog wood for them to hide under. There was no added lighting and with the tank on the bottom level of a rack, not a lot of ambient light either. Water was



C. teniente at 3 weeks

mix of well water and rain water to keep the pH around 7 and the TDS to less than 100 PPM. The temperature stayed between 68° and 75° F with no additional heating.

This Cory doesn't seem too fussy about food at all. They ate pretty much anything that was offered: flake, freeze-dried, frozen, and live food. They are particularly fond of live black worms.

Corydoras teniente doesn't grow as fast as some of

C. teniente at 6 weeks



its cousins, but the young fish grew at a fair pace and in 18 months or so were near full sized adults. Around that time, during water changes, I noticed the fish would all swim directly into the stream of water from the hose as the tank was filled. They

really seemed to enjoy it! To accommodate their love of fast moving water, a powerhead was added at one end of the tank, directed down the front glass. The catfish seemed to like the idea and they were much more active after that. Around that time, I found some pictures on line of the habitat the fish came from showing a stony creek bottom so I added some round lake stones at the center of the tank and removed the bog wood. When the fish were fed, food would get in between the rocks and the fish would push around the stones to get at any bit of food. I'm not sure if this is how they act in the wild but it was fun to watch.

A second powerhead was added to the first, pointed in the same direction and this brought the current to nearly a whirlpool level. At the same time, just rain water was used at water changes instead of the mix, and the pH dropped to six, TDS to around 20 PPM.



C. teniente juvenile

After a day or two, I began to think that maybe the current was too strong, although the fish showed no distress, and was considering removing the second pump. Before it came to that point, the fish began to spawn. All the visible eggs, about 50, were on the front glass directly in the current flow. These were removed and placed in a hatching container with tank water and a drop of *Acriflavine*. In a day's time, a few eggs showed signs of fungus and after three days, all the eggs were covered with filaments; all gone bad.

The breeding set up had worked once, so it was left alone for the time and while doing water changes two weeks later, I noticed two young fish hiding in the stones near the center of the tank. With the amount of current produced by two powerheads, the sand that had once covered the bottom was now in the center with the stones and young fish were almost invisible unless they moved. Evidently, removing the eggs was a big mistake! In the next few weeks there were four more spawns, most of which were about the same size as the first, but they produced very few fry. The eggs of these spawns were left on the glass in the current stream and (Continued on page 15)

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ABOUT THE ACLCTM

Established in 1972, the Aquarium Club of Lancaster County is dedicated to further the study of all forms of aquatic life, to promote interest, exchange ideas, distribute information concerning the aquarium hobby and to encourage the breeding and display of aquatic life. The ACLC is an affiliated member of the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Federation of American Aquarium Societies, International Guppy Education & Exhibition Society and the C.A.R.E.S. Preservation Program. The ACLC also actively supports and encourages our members to join the American Cichlid Association, American Livebearer Association, American Killifish Association and any other International, National, Regional or Local Club abd Societies. In 2015 we hosted the American Livebearer Association Convention and in 2016 established the Aquatic Life Education Fund.

The ACLC is scheduled to meet on the third Saturday of each month (except July and August) at the Hand-in-Hand Fire co., 313 Enterprise Drive, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505. Meetings begin at 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted. Meetings usually are comprised of a program featuring a guest speaker, raffle and door prizes and a mini fish auction, with a period allowed for mingling and refreshments. The philosophy of the club is such that our activities are interesting to both the novice and advanced hobbyist alike. An effort is made to keep business to a minimum at the general meetings, with the board of directors meeting being held quarterly at a pre-established date and time.

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The Board of Directors is meeting prior to the February Meeting and, among other things, expect to resolve the issues involving the elected officers. There will be an announcement at the meeting.





ACLC SPEAKER SCHEDULE



More Details to Come!

*The February meeting will be held at That Fish Place **April's meeting is the 2nd Saturday of the Month



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allowed to hatch into the breeding tank without new set up, but the spawning behavior. young fish.

The Internet is great for information, but aquarium society meetings and conventions are the best! I was talking with Eric Bodrock at the 2016 Catcon and he gave me some great advice on keeping *Corydoras* eggs from becoming hairy little balls of fungus. Fungus will spread from bad eggs to good ones if



C. teniente male

they're touching, but it won't easily spread through water with some kind of deterrent added. He also gave me a bag of *Alder* cones to try as an antifungal agent instead of artificial solutions.

For the next few spawns, the eggs were removed from the side glass with a razor blade and separated as well a possible. I found that trying to separate them with the razor blade destroyed more eggs than gently pulling them apart by hand. Using this method, it's almost impossible to produce groups smaller than two or three eggs, but at least they can be cut down to very small numbers. These groups of eggs were spread out into a 5.5-gallon tank with heavy aeration and a shallow layer of sand on the bottom; water same as the breeding tank and a couple *Alder* cones.

This time around, there were three spawns in three weeks and all eggs were put into the same small tank. Some of the eggs turned white and were visibly bad, but quite a few darkened and eventually hatched. In all, about twenty-five youngsters were produced through this method; not a great average, but better than previous tries.

At this writing, the group of young fish is around five months old and has been moved into a larger tank with the adults. The new tank is thirty gallons and set up the same as the original breeding tank with two powerheads and some round stones in the center. So far, the original group has not produced eggs in the new set up, but the fish are starting to exhibit spawning behavior.

Corydoras teniente is still found only rarely for sale and the price is often too high for many hobbyists, but they are a very attractive addition to anyone's collection. Though more difficult to spawn and raise than many *Corydoras*, it's quite possible, with a little luck and perseverance, to be successful with them.

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AQUATIC LIFE EDUCATION FUND

In January 2016, the Aquarium Club of Lancaster County Board of Directors announced a new program, the ACLC Aquatic Life Education Fund. This program has been instituted to assist schools in our area with funding for the continued development of curriculums related to the study of aquatic life. The importance of continued education of young people in this field could not be overstated and we felt that there is no better way to show our support than to develop a means for our club to assist financially.

The program works as follows:

- Five percent (5%) of the ACLC's auction proceeds annually between September 1st and August 31st will be earmarked for this fund
- The ACLC will also collect any donations offered by members and guests at all meetings and events held during the year and put 100% of those into the fund
- The ACLC will accept nominations from ACLC Members in good standing, for schools to be considered recipients beginning in September of each year and the decision will be made by a vote of the ACLC membership no later than at the March General meeting.
- Nominations should be accompanied by a letter from that school's representative with a description of the program the funds will be used for.
- Schools must be pre-college education facilities from neighboring counties in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey.
- No fees or other costs will be deducted from the funds collected. 100% will go to the school selected by the ACLC. A check will be awarded to that school as soon as possible after August 31st each year.

We look forward to this being and long term annual program to help educate our areas' young people in all aspects of our hobby and to promote the conservation efforts necessary for the continues existence of aquatic life.

IMPORTANT!

The Aquarium Club of Lancaster County is currently looking for nominations for the 2017 recipient of the Aquatic Life Education Fund proceeds. If you know of any school that could benefit from this program please contact or have the school contact Kurt Johnston at ALEF@aclcpa.org.

AQUATIC LIFE EDUCATION FUND FEBRUARY REPORT

We're Still Looking



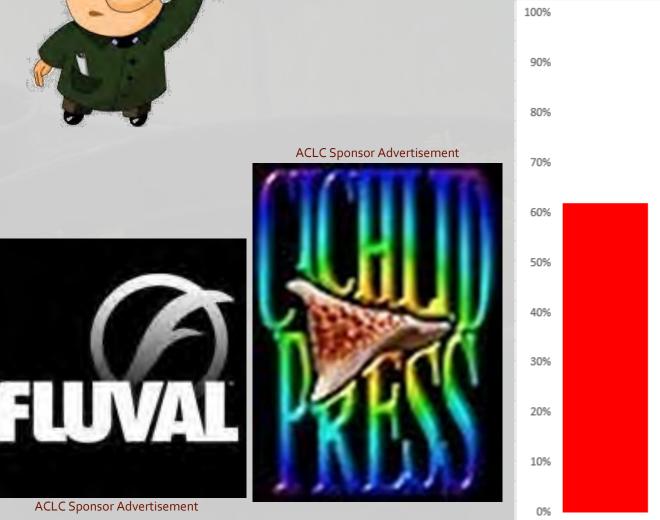
We are well on our way to meeting our goal for 2017 but, we have yet to find a school to be the recipient of the ACLC members' generosity. If you are aware of any school that meets the requirements, please contact me at <u>ALEF@aclcpa.org</u>.

Thank you

Kurt Johnston

ALEF Chair

2017 Goal = \$600.00 Current = \$371.34



C.A.R.E.S. REGISTRATION

February 2017 CARES Report

In January we had two CARES registrations, and I LOST one of them. I know John Dickel added Rich Bressler's Ataeniobius toweri to his Goodeid fishroom (John is getting quite a few Goodeids there), but I swear I put two CARES tags in the envelope but only one was there.

Fortunately this is a good time for you all to correct any errors in the CARES database, because this is CARES census month. Each of you in the CARES database should have received an email from me, listing the CARES fish I believe you have in your fishroom, and requesting that you correct the list. This is how I update the longevity column in the monthly report – it gets updated once a year.

And in the last act of the 2016 CARES year, Joel Antkowiak was awarded the CARES Member of the year award at the January 2017 meeting. Joel has not only the largest CARES fishroom of the club, but he consistently brings in new species from outside the club. This was true again this year, with 11 of the 12 CARES species added to his fishroom this year new to the club.

In 2017 I look forward to you registering endangered species in your fishroom, and breeding them to distribute to your fellow club members.

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, designates that species is registered in ACLC CARES The Green Seal , designates that a spawning report has been published in Tank Tales. The Blue Seal , designates that species has been distributed and registered within the ACLC The Red Seal , designates that species has been distributed and registered in another clubs' CARES program. Longevity Seal #, indicates the number of years the member has maintained the species.



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~Gary Haas ACLC CARES Coordinator

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JOEL ANTKOWIAK (CONT'D)

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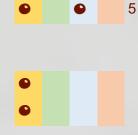
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- Ataeniobius toweri
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KAREN HAAS

Synodontis brichardi
Glossolepis incisus
Chapalichthys encaustus
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Xystochromis sp."Kyoga
Flameback"
Cryptoheros nanoluteus
Characodon lateralis "Los
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BOB KULESA

Pundamilia nyererei 'Ruti Island'

JULIE LOVELL Melataenia boesemani

Dave Tangredi

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PAUL TANGREDI Melanotaenia lacustris





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SIMOCHROMIS BABAULTI (Pellegrin 1927) An excellent Tropheus companion



Text and photos by Klaus Steinhaus This article was first published in ACA Buntbarsche Bulletin #250— February 2009

Being a Tropheus fanatic for over 30 years, I am always on the lookout for compatible species to keep them company. I do not like to mix different Tropheus species but like the looks of a nice big tank with one Tropheus variant and some different species that have the same dietary needs and are able to stand up to the fast and sometimes rough Tropheus. Petrochromis is To my knowledge there are 5 species within the genus Simochromis: S. diagramma (Günther 1893), S. babaulti (Pellegrin 1927), S. margaretae (Axelrod & Harrison 1978), S. marginatus (Poll 1956) and S. pleurospilus (Nelissen 1978). All are endemic to Lake Tanganyika. For this article I would like to concentrate on S. babaulti since this is the only Simochromis species I worked with.



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and they do it with a gusto that is fun to watch. They are very territorial and do not tolerate other rock grazers coming close, especially conspecifics. It is therefore very advisable to use a tank of no less then 90g if you would like to keep these fish.

When I finally received my fish at a size of approx. 2.50cm (1") I placed them into a 4 foot / 65g tank to grow out and to eventually house them in a 6foot / 125g tank with about 20 juvenile Tropheus sp. "Cape Nundo" and some Eretmodus cyanostictus. It was amazing to see



the amount of food these little fish were able to consume and how fast they grew. I placed two large rocks into the 65g to have some kind of decoration (I hate bare tanks) and very soon these rocks became the center of attention for some of the little guys until two of them emerged as the "owners". It appeared to me that they did not defend these rocks as their breeding spot but more as their feeding grounds. I observed this behavior many times after their move into the larger tank.

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When they grew to about 2.5", it was time to move them into the larger tank. I took 8 of them and added them to my group of Tropheus sp. "Ujiji". They are also in a 4 foot, 65g but with fewer rocks. That would make it much easier to collect the holding females since I had no desire to take the big tank apart every time these guys were spawning. The rest of them went into the big tank with the Tropheus sp. "Cape Nundo".



For the big tank I choose small gravel as substrate and decorated the left and right back corners with large pieces of lime stone. To finish it up, I added some pieces of Anubias barteri to each rock pile. The water temperature was at 78-80 Fahrenheit and the ph value at ~8.5.

All fish were added at the same time and over the next few months I enjoyed watching them grow and finding their place within their new surroundings. It didn't take long for some males to show their superiority and set up their territory. One on the extreme left, one on the extreme right and one in the middle of the tank. The first spawning I noticed at a size of about 7.5 cm (~3"). The dominant males dig a shallow pit into the gravel which marks the center of their growing. territory. The pit and the surrounding area are rigorously defended especially against other Simochromis males but also against the Tropheus. However, I have never noticed any injuries due to aggression. Any female coming close to the territory is relentlessly pursued and the male is trying everything in his power to convince her to follow him into the pit. If the female has no interest in spawning, she will be chased away and his attention will move to the

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Karen Haas Kurt Johnston Joel Antkowiak Alan Rollings Charles Vickery Michael Buchma Bob Kulesa Charles Vickery Gary Haas 210 points 195 points 180 points 165 points 60 points 40 points 30 points 30 points 15 points

Michael Buchma Kurt Johnston Joel Antkowiak

40 points 20 points 10 points

A slow start to the 2017 season. Let's get some more articles written and get them in to Tank Tales for the enjoyment of all your fellow club members.

~ Joel Antkowiak WAAP Chair



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Writer's & Artist's Award Program

Participant	Total Pts	Base Pts	Bonus Pts	Reprints (Articles/Photos)	Special Awards	
	<u> </u>	J ltimate	Writer Av	ward		
Joel Antkowiak	2730	1975	755	5/0	Fishy Photographer Popular Fish Head Writing Breeder	
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		Words	nith Awa	urd		
Kurt Johnston *	1760	1475	285	1/0		
Bob Kulesa	720	500	220			
Karen Haas	688	568	120	2/0	Fishy Photographer	
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Gary Haas	455	400	55	2/0	Fishy Photographer	
Alan Rollings	378	333	45			
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Richard Bressler	190	70	120			
Lonny Langione	170	100	70	2/0		
Michael Buchma	135	105	30			
Joseph Pacheco	100	50	50			
Other Participants						
Brandon Moyer	40	40	0			
Lindsey Moyer	40	40	0			
Sheila Garl	30	30	0			
Charles Vickery	30	30	0			
Ellen Haas	ΙΟ	ΙΟ	0			

*- indicates that participant has enough points to qualify for the next higher award but, needs to complete one or more requirements to qualify Participants who are no longer ACLC members are not on the list but, their records are maintained.



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HORTICULTURAL AWARD PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT-JANUARY 2017

Propagator of the Year		GARDENER C	of the Year
Charles Vickery	3 species	Charles Vickery	40 points
Bressler Family	1 species	Gary Haas	20 points
Paul Tangredi	1 species	Bressler Family	10 points
		Paul Tangredi	5 points
Spe	cies Propagate	D—January 2017	
<u>C</u>	HARLES VICKERY	40 Total Points	
Ceratophyllum deme	ersum (Hornwort) *		10 points
Clinopodium brownie (Mint Charlie) *			20 points
Microsorum pteropu	s 'Narrow'		10 points
	GARY HAAS 20	Total Points	
Anubias barteri var.	nana #		10 points
Lomariopsis sp. Suss	wassertang#		5 points
Limnobium laevigatu	ım (Frogbit)#		5 points
	BRESSLER FAMILY	10 Total points	
Microsorum pteropu	s 'Narrow'		10 points
	Paul Tangredi	<u>5 Total Points</u>	
Echinodorus bleheri			5 points
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donation points only—plant was registered earlier

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2 Star Gardener

Gary Haas Bressler Family

1 Star Gardener

Gary Boyer Alan Rollings

Novice Gardener

Charles Vickery Clair Klinedinst Scott Sommer Karen Haas

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Breeder Award Program Monthly Report

BAP NEWS AS OF 31 JANUARY 2017

At the ACLC January meeting we finally got to present Breeder of the Year awards. Well, sort of. A lot of awards were made *inabsentia*. But the announcements were made anyway. The team of Karen Haas and Alan Rollings was the winner of Breeder of the Year, for both number of species and total points. The independent efforts of David Tangredi and Charles Vickery tied for Breeder of the Year Novice, so both were awarded. A number of other awards were presented, including the previously announced Expert Breeder of Class 1 Livebearers to Joel Antkowiak and Rich Bressler.

Moving onto BAP Year 2017, three spawns were registered. Rich Bressler checked in with the wrestling halfbeak, Dermogenys pusilla. And David Tangredi once again rocketed into the Breeder of the Year points lead with spawns of Rivulus cryptocallus, a Caribbean killifish, and the Ancistrus catfish.

Congratulations to all. With David and Charles no longer considered to be Novices, the field is wide open for the 2017 Breeder of the Year Novice title. An excellent opportunity for those of you who are new to the club or have just not bothered to participate. Or have just added a tank or two to your hobby. (Or even a shoebox – little fish count too!)

~Gary Haas, BAP Chair

JANUARY SPECIES BRED

DAVID TANGREDI

Rivulus cryptocallus

Ancistrus sp.

BRESSLER FAMILY

Dermogenys pusilla

2017 BREEDER OF THE YEAR

David Tangredi Bressler Family 20 points 15 points



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2017 Species Bred

David Tangredi Bressler Family

2 Species

1 Species



BAP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CURRENTLY ACTIVE ACLC MEMBERS

F. Wayne Calender Breeder		1 Star Breeder		
Bressler Family	1925 pts	Gene Regener	245 pts	
Wayne Calender	1593 pts	Clair Klinedinst	170 pts	
		Pat Kelly*	165 pts	
GRAND MAST	er Breeder	Glenn Davies*	140 pts	
Paul Bricknell	2003 pts	Dave Frehafer	90 pts	
David Stephon	1120 pts	David Tangredi	87 pts	
Pedro Sanchez 1050 pts		Scott Shenk	70 pts	
		Tony Kline	60 pts	
<u>Expert B</u> f	REEDER	Robin Antkowiak	57 pts	
Bob Kulesa*	812 pts	Kurt Johnston	56 pts	
Advanced	Breeder	Other Participants		
Joel Antkowiak*	1278 pts	Sam Jones	66 pts	
Haas/Rollings*	720 pts	Charles Vickery	39 pts	
, 0	, 1	The Moyers	39 pts 37 pts	
3 Star Bf	LEEDER	Lonny Langione	37 pts 35 pts	
Gary Boyer*	662 pts	Julie Lovell	26 pts	
		Ashley Antkowiak	20 pts 21 pts	
<u>2 Star B</u> f	REEDER	Mackenzie Dalton	21 pts 14 pts	
Gary Haas*	517 pts		14 pts	
Danny Corman*	498 pts			
J/N Dickel	178 pts			

*Breeder has enough points for next higher class award but needs to complete one or more classes to achieve the award.





SPECIALIST BREEDER AWARDS

CURRENTLY ACTIVE ACLC MEMBERS

CLASS 1—LIVEBEARERS

Paul Bricknell (A) **Bob Kulesa** David Stephon **Bressler** Family (X) J/N Dickel

Wayne Calender Pedro Sanchez Joel Antkowiak (X) Gary Boyer (A) Haas/Rollings (A)

CLASS 2—CATFISH Wayne Calender **Bressler** Family

Bob Kulesa

CLASS 3—BARBS & MINNOWS Paul Bricknell **David Stephon Bressler** Family

CLASS 4—CHARACINS Wayne Calender Danny Corman

David Stephon Bressler Family

CLASS 5—KILLIFISH

Bob Kulesa Pedro Sanchez **Bressler** Family

Wayne Calender Paul Bricknell (M) Gary Haas

CLASS 6—ANABANTOIDS **Bressler** Family

CLASS 7—NEW WORLD CICHLIDS

Bob Kulesa **David Stephon** Paul Bricknell

Pedro Sanchez **Bressler Family** Haas/Rollings

CLASS 8-OLD WORLD CICHLIDS

Bob Kulesa Joel Antkowiak **Bressler Family** Paul Bricknell **Gary Boyer** Haas/Rollings

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CLASS 9—RAINBOWS & BLUE-EYES

Bressler Family

CLASS 11—OTHER AQUATIC ANIMALS

Bob Kulesa Bressler Family Paul Bricknell

Joel Antkowiak Haas/Rollings **Bressler** Family

CLASS 12–U.S. NATIVE SPECIES

Wayne Calender **Bressler** Family

Paul Bricknell

CLASS 14—ALL OTHER FW FISH **Bressler** Family

SPECIAL NOTES

- (A) Designates Advanced Breeder for that Class
- (M) Designates Master Breeder for that Class
- (X) Designates Expert Breeder for that Class



Breeder Award Program Information

All ACLC Members in good standing are eligible to participate in the breeders Award Program.

The purpose of the ACLC Breeders Award Program is to promote the keeping and breeding of tropical and marine fish and invertebrates, to recognize and motivate achievement in the hobby, to encourage the development of the skills and knowledge necessary to spawn more difficult species ,to support the CARES program by encouraging the spawning of species endangered in the wild, to share knowledge about breeding techniques and to publish accounts of spawning techniques.

Please use the form on this page to submit spawning reports or for a full copy of the BAP rules and an electronic form submission, go to our website at <u>http://aclcpa.org</u>

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Member Name:			Member No.#:	Date:			
Scientific Name:							
Common Name:							
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For more information contact:

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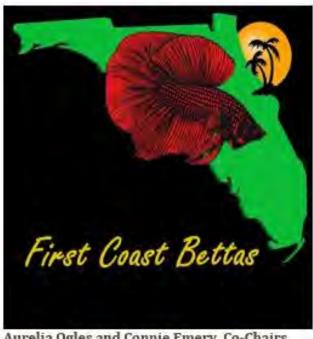
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