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now in our 45th year!

**THE VIEW FROM  
UP FRONT**

*by Anne Stone Broadmeyer  
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Summer is almost over and its time to start paying attention to our fishy friends. Don't forget our 30th Annual Show is right around the corner. If you have never shown a fish, it's not too hard. We supply the 2-1/2 gallon tank, you supply the fish and the water. Make sure to bring something to cover the tank as well as a little tape to hold it in place. We now have about 100 memberships. If each member brought in two entries, we'd have a show like the good old days! Let's try.

Okay, with September just around the corner, the kids getting ready to go back to school, it looks like a busy month.

September 9th is the annual collecting trip, once again Don Maloney is heading up this adventure. (Look out for sand traps!)

September 8-10 is the Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island's Show and Auction. This event is held in a Shopping Mall, so be sure to leave all shop-aholics at home! Seriously, this is always a fun show. Remember to support your sister societies.

I hope to see everyone at the fall meetings. There was a lot of interest for summer meetings and summer programs, but I'm wondering. Was that just to make the Board work harder or were you really interested? This will be a topic that we will be discussing. Also, we need a chairperson for the Holiday Party. Without a chair, there will be no Holiday Party. If there is enough

interest, maybe we will move the date into December ... another thought for y'all to voice an opinion on.

I wish to leave you with a few dates that the Board and I would like to see you (we need your help to make this a success) at the Nature Center:

September 28	6:00 PM	Show set-up
September 29	6:00 PM	Entries begin
September 30	9:00 AM	Entries begin
	12:00 noon - 5:00 PM	Seminars!
	6:00 PM	Judge's Dinner
October 1	10:00 AM	Auction registration
12:00 noon		Show Awards Presentation
1:00 PM		Auction Begins
5:00 PM		tear down show (we need many!)

There is plenty to do. See you soon!

## **EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK**

*by Douglas De Ment  
Norwalk Aquarium Society*

We have a couple great new articles from Pete Schaumberg and Mark Broadmeyer. We have columns from Anne Broadmeyer and Gina Bell. Thanks to all!

We need articles to keep things exciting! Get writing!

# **SWIMMING THROUGH THE EXCHANGES**

*by Gina Bell  
Norwalk Aquarium Society*

Hi, everyone!

I'd like to welcome back Gravel Gossip, the Diamond State Aquarium Society newsletter, it's been two years. Also this month, welcome to The Fish Bowl, a publication of the Chautauqua County Aquarium Association. Our last issue was April 1990! It's good to hear from you both again.

The time periods covered in this issue are: March 95.

Fish through these titles and find something to read about, please, please, please..!

Happy fishing ... I reviewed 49 bulletins.

### **AQUATIC FORUM**

Mar/Apr 95

Stark County Aqua Life Enthusiasts Society

#### **The Pleasure of Betta splendens (.5)**

Pat & Helen Eckard

#### **The Very Shy Julidochromis Kapampa**

(.5) Pat & Helen Eckard

THE AQUATIC LOG  
Mar 95  
Southtowns Fish Fanciers, Inc

**Some Thoughts on Acclimating  
Your New Fish** (1.5)  
Aaron Kaminski

ASHCO SKIMMER  
Mar/Apr 95  
Ashtabula Aquarium Club

**Breeding of the  
Lamprologus Brichardi** (1)  
John Summers

B.V.A.S. NEWSLETTER  
Jan/Feb 95  
Brazos Valley Aquarium Society

PRODUCT REVIEW:  
**System 2 Wet Dry Filter by  
Aquarium Products Inc** (.5)  
Keith Arnold

**A Blind Catfish From  
a Veracruzian Cave** (.75)  
Keith Arnold

"CICHLID" CHATTER!  
Mar/Apr 95  
Greater Chicago Cichlid Association

**Chalinochromis popelini** (2)  
Keith Knapp

**Telmatochromis vittatus** (1)  
Curtis L. Kvaas

**How Not to Raise Cichlasoma regani** (2)  
Laura Kleinofen

CICHLIDAE COMMUNIQUE  
Mar/Apr 95  
Pacific Coast Cichlid Association

**Six Nuts in a Can** (2.25)  
Sonny Dimeo  
Mr Dimeo tells the tale of six men off to hear  
a talk by Ad Konings.

**Filtration 101: Aquarium Filtration  
for the Novice - Class 2** (1.5)  
Jim Ellenberger

THE DAPHNIAN  
Mar 95  
The Boston Aquarium Society

**Piranha, Deadly Creatures? No Way!** (2.5)  
Tom Neal

DELTA TALE  
Mar/Apr 94  
Potomac Valley Aquarium Society

**Corydoras Similis  
Violet Eye Corydoras** (2.5)  
Jeffrey A Burke

**Fry Feeding Tip** (.25)  
Pete Thrift  
If you feed your fish fresh ground meat as this  
breeder does, then the tip is to simply rinse  
the meat in a coarse net for your big guys and  
catch what rinses away in a brine shrimp net  
for your fry.

THE DESERT AQUARIST SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER Mar 95  
The Desert Aquarist Society

**How to kill fish (1)**

Jay Langdon

This is not, as I had guessed, another humane-way-to-kill-fish article, but about fish dying off and all the methods of trying to save them until a solution was finally found: chlorine!

FIN FAX

Mar 95

Delaware County Aquarium Society

**One-Sided Live Bearer (.5)**

James Brockson

I hadn't heard about these fish before and now this is the second time this month (the first time was in conversation - not article). These fish are special in that you can't just put two into a tank - they need to biologically "match". Check it out!

FIN FLAP

Mar 95

Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association

**The Spice of Life (1)**

Michael

Is it hard to keep salt-water fish? Here's Michael view.

**Neolamprologus Brichardi**

**Growing/Spawning Contest (.5)**

Chris King

FINS & FRIENDS

Mar/Apr 95

Regina Aquarium Society

**Hygrophila Polysperma (.5)**

Shara-lee Schneider

**Watersprite,**

**Ceratopteris thalictroides (.5)**

Twyla Lindstrom-Peters

**Red-Tailed Goodeid (.25)**

Dale Lesko

**The Croaking Gourami**

**Trichopsis vittatus (.75)**

Twyla Lindstrom-Peters

THE FISH BOWL

Mar/Apr 95

Chautauqua County Aquarium Association

**Edith's Betta, Betta edithae (2)**

Theodore N. Taft

**The Peppered Catfish (.75)**

Joe Rozen

GILLS-N-GOSSIP

Mar 95

The Danbury Area Aquarium Society

**A Betta Success (1)**

S. G.

**Starting Out Big ...**

**Growing the Tank Busters (.5)**

Greg Fallow

GRAVEL GOSSIP

Mar 95

The "New" Diamond State Aquarium Society

**Haplochromis sp. "Rock Kribensis" (.5)**

Bill Smith

H. & D. A. S. MONTHLY BULLETIN  
Jan 95  
Hamilton & District Aquarium Society

Colm: Killi Korner:

**How do you spawn ... ? (.75)**

Gary Smith

Epiplatys chaperi chaperi, Aplocheilus panchas, Epiplatys roloffii and Epiplatys sexfasciatus are each mentioned briefly.

**A Plague of Snails (.75)**

Michael Magnini

H. & D. A. S. MONTHLY BULLETIN  
Mar 95  
Hamilton & District Aquarium Society

**Spawning Aphyosemion Calliurum (.5)**

Charles Drew

**Ciclasoma (Nandopsis) Managuense (2)**

Gary Smith

**Beefheart:**

**2) Selection of Ingredients (1)**

Vita Lucas

THE INFORMER

Mar 95

Green Water Aquarist Society

**Three Wonderful New Books  
for Aquarists Part II (.5)**

Scott Davis

The book covered is: Aquarium Fish by Ulrich Schliewen.

THE KITSAP AQUARIAN  
Mar 95  
Kitsap Aquarium Society, Inc.

**Spawning Bettas (2.3)**

Ilene Alvis

**The Spawning of Poecilia latipinna (1)**

J & H Wilkinson

**The spawning of the  
Brachydanio frankei (.5)**

J & H Wilkinson

**Breeding and care for  
Melanotaenia parkinsoni (1)**

Wayne Yamashita

**The Unexpected spawning of  
the Corydoras nanus (.5)**

J & H Wilkinson

**Spawning the Blue-Eyed  
Cichlid Cichlasoma spilurum (1.3)**

Rich & Pat Coogan

MODERN AQUARIUM

Feb 95

Greater City Aquarium Society

**Read, Go, Enjoy!!! (1)**

Chuck Davis

Collecting native fish for your tank can be fun and listed here are three of Mr Davis' favorites.

**Great Aquatic Plants  
for Low-Light Tanks (1)**

Joseph Ferdenzi

MODERN AQUARIUM

Mar 95

Greater City Aquarium Society

**Rosario LaCorte:**

**A Biographical Sketch (2)**

Joe Ferdenzi

**Thoughts & Opinions on Feeding (2.5)**

Rosario S. LaCorte

**What I Learned**

**From the Aquarium Hobby (1.3)**

Pat Piccione

**The Catfish Families:**

**With Comments On Their Reproduction**

**In The Aquarium (2)**

Lee Finley

THE NEW FISH FLASH

Mar 95

Greater Portland Aquarium Society

**The Beef Heart Blues (.33)**

Wayne Yamashita

PISCES PRESS

Mar 95

Nassau County Aquarium Society

**The Basic Rift Lake Aquarium (1)**

Joe Ferdenzi

**Trials of a Goldfish Breeder (1.3)**

Tom Moore

PITTSBURGH FINFORMATION

Dec 94

Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society, Inc

**Water Hyacinth**

**Echhornia carassipes (.66)**

Mary S. Morrow

**The Thing Flowered (.33)**

Sallie S. Boggs

Examining the Ricciocarpus natans, related to Java moss and Riccia.

**Aponogetons R Us (.5)**

Mary Ann Angros

PITTSBURGH FINFORMATION

Jan 95

Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society, Inc

**Propagation of the**

**African Red Tiger Lotus (1)**

Sallie S. Boggs

**Xiphophorus andersi:**

**Atoyac Swordtail Platy (.5)**

Deborah L. Foltyn

PITTSBURGH FINFORMATION

Feb 95

Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society, Inc

**Kuhli Loaches; Do the**

**Stripes Make the Zebras? (1.3)**

Deborah L. Foltyn

Ms Foltyn did some researching and found out that there are at least 5 specie which she briefly identifies.

PITTSBURGH FINFORMATION

Mar 95

Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society, Inc

**Into the Unknown (2.5)**

Deborah L. Foltyn

Unknown territory for collecting, unknown identification, etc. But if you've always wanted to go collecting but were afraid there were too many unknowns, let Mrs Foltyn eliminate some here.

**THE SCAT**

Mar 95

St. Catharines Aquarium Society

**H.J.H Borley's**

**"Unassuming" Chromide (1)**

Tom & Pat Bridges

**SWAM**

Mar/Apr 95

Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society

**Spawning the Dawn Tetra (.5)**

Chase Klinesterker

**De-Winterizing Your Garden Pond (.75)**

Mike Tiano

**The Spawning of *Aphyosemion scheeli*,  
the Burundi Killy (.5)**

Scott Tetzlaff

**Priapelas and Styro's (.25)**

Curt Bitterling

For some reason Mr Bitterling was unsuccessful until by chance he put his fish into a styro with a sponge filter and some grasses.

**TANK TALES**

Mar 95

Aquarium Club of Lancaster County

**Beginning with Aquariums**

**Part 2 - Tanks and Stands (2.75)**

Tom Cavallaro

**TANK TALK**

Mar 95

Durham Region Aquarium Society

**Labeotropheus Fuelleborni (1)**

Frank Caputo

**Fascination with Finnage (.5)**

Jim Brown

An article to spark your interest in developing your own long finned fish.

**TANKQUILIZER**

Mar 95

Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island, Inc.

**My Introduction**

**to Peacock Cichlids (1.5)**

Ron Allard

**Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island**

**Thanks You, Jean (2)**

Roger Pontes

Jean, from Rodman St. Aquarium, retired last year after 30 years in the business.

**The *Nimbochromis Venustus* (.5)**

Richard Wagonblott

**Oddball Livebearers (1)**

Bill Simakauskas

Covered here is the *Poecilia (Limia) nigrofasciata*, aka Humpback limia, Blackbarred limia.

**TROPIQUARIUM**

Mar 95

Motor City Aquarium Society

**Scott Buckel on Rainbow Fish (.66)**

Sandy Zawacki

Notes taken on the talk given by Mr Buckel at their January meeting.

**Helpful Hints:**

**Cleaning Underfilters (.25)**

Dave Rautio

Mr Rautio suggests placing a hose down the uplift tube and use it to start your siphon. Prior to doing this he has lowered a washer down the tube on a piece of string. As he siphons he moves the washer around aided by a magnet outside the tank. (Ed.Note: It always seems like 20% of the water is gone before I accomplish my task so I now hook up a spare eheim to suction from the tube and let it return to the tank surface until all is clear. I think the washer/magnet team will make a nice complement to speed up that process. I follow with a simple water change.)

**Aulonocara Species (.5)**

Karen Riggen

**THE VALLEY STREAM**

Mar/Apr 95

Edgewood Valley Aquarist Society

**Three is Not Enough (2)**

Barb Schulz

**THE YOUNGSTOWN AQUARIST**

Mar 95

Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society

**Colm: Algae and Algae Control (1.3)**

Curt Smith

**Apistogramma Cacatuoides (.5)**

Curt Smith

**REVIEWS**

**DAVIS, Chuck**

"Judging: When You are Wrong, You're Dead Wrong"

Mar 95 BVAS Newsletter of Brazos Valley A.S.

"Garish Gars"

Mar 95 BVAS Newsletter of Brazos Valley A.S.

"Community Greats Improved"

Mar 95 BVAS Newsletter of Brazos Valley A.S.

"Why I 'Hate' Kevin Carr"

Mar 95 BVAS Newsletter of Brazos Valley A.S.

**PONTIN, Bill**

"How Come?!?"

Mar 95 BVAS Newsletter of Brazos Valley A.S.

"Annual Foray"

Mar 95 BVAS Newsletter of Brazos Valley A.S.

**SCHAUMBURG,Pete**

"Beginner's Syndrome..."



Mar 95 BVAS NEWSLETTER of Brazos Valley A.S.

**STEVENS, Walter D., Jr.**

"The Joy of Keeping Albino Corydoras"

Mar 95 BVAS Newsletter of Brazos Valley A.S.

"A Review of the Colored Atlas of Miniature Catfish"

Mar 95 BVAS Newsletter of Brazos Valley A.S.

"Shop Around"

Mar 95 BVAS Newsletter of Brazos Valley A.S.

## **REPRINTS**

**DAVIS, Chuck**

"Under Praised & Still Popular"

Mar 95 THE YOUNGSTOWN AQUARIST of the Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society

Author copy received, thank you.

# **A LOOK AT NEW PRODUCTS**

*by Mark Broadmeyer  
Norwalk Aquarium Society*

## **ALL GLASS AQUARIUM**

AGA announces the 80 Gallon Long Aquarium: This new size measures 13" wide x 72" long x 20" high. AGA introduced the 120 gal 48" x 24" x 24" and the 180 gal 72" x 24" x 24" last year. These make great breeder tanks, and are great for heavily decorated saltwater aquariums.

## **KENT MARINE**

Kent Marine has introduced Phosphate and Nitrate free freshwater buffer and pH control chemistries. The new products are called pH Stable (buffer), pH Control Plus, and pH Control Minus. Many freshwater buffers on the market contain Phosphates which undesirable algae's love.

Kent Marine has been very progressive with their line of products, both fresh and saltwater. In their freshwater line up they have: Discus Trace Elements, Freshwater Trace Elements, and Rift Lake Trace Elements. These products are formulated to provide the correct trace elements for your fishes metabolism. Trace elements are used up by the fish and should be replaced to the aquarium regularly. ZOE Freshwater vitamins can be added to your fish food or

added directly to the aquarium. Their African Cichlid Chemistry and African Cichlid Buffer when used together will provide not only the correct amount of minerals and hardness, but will allow you to target a specific pH based on the mixture. These are formulated for pH's from 8.0 to 9.0

Another item worth mentioning is R.O. Right. This product will allow you to add back the good minerals to Reverse Osmosis treated water. This will allow you to correct R.O. water for fish ranging from Discus to African Cichlids. Remember R.O. water will not sustain life as is.

Kent Marine has many other products for both fresh and saltwater and in my opinion are worthy of your consideration.

## AQUARIUM PHARMACEUTICALS

Aquarium Pharmaceuticals has introduced a number of new items recently. First, is the Tap Water Purifier Deionizing Filter. This unit will provide from 50 -150 gallons of deionized water per replacement cartridge. This means no dangerous recharging chemicals. The cartridge changes color to indicate when it is exhausted. The filter and the cartridges are modestly priced and I believe this to be an excellent alternative to expensive Reverse Osmosis Filters. This filter is perfect for the saltwater hobbyist or anyone wishing to get the water under control and free of contaminants. Of course like R.O. water necessary minerals need to

be added back to the water and these are provided with the unit, along with a pH adjuster. You can then target specific water hardness and pH's.

Also introduced is the Extendable Algae Scraper. This is available in both a glass and acrylic version. The unit comes with the swivel head algae pad which is replaceable. The pad measures 2-1/2" x 9" x 3/4" thick and comes with 2 extensions measuring about 12" long, giving a total length of about 33" Long. Additional extensions are available. Aquarium Pharmaceuticals makes the best algae pad that I have ever used and I strongly suggest you try one. They make 2 sizes of hand held and a heavy duty plastic handled unit which measures about 17", all are available in glass or acrylic versions. I want to personally thank Aquarium Pharmaceuticals for thinking about those of us that have to handle monster tanks.

Also introduced is their Amazon Extract ( a blackwater tonic) great for Discus, Tetras, and Angelfish. This product recreates the blackwater conditions found in tropical rivers, lakes, and streams. Blackwater tonics reduce stress, stimulate coloration, and aid in breeding.

## AMIRACLE

Amiracle has introduced two new lines of filtration units. First up is the Berlin Series. This filter unit consists of a sump where water from the tank is released into a chamber containing a venturi type protein

skimmer. After skimming the water for proteins and excess organics it is released to the next chamber where it will be run through a chemical reactor and a denitrator chamber. The water is then returned to the aquarium. This series of filters is available in three sizes: the BFS for up to 75 gallons, the BFM for up to 150 gallons, and the BFL for up to 300 gallons. The Berlin method of filtration is for Reef Tank Aquariums utilizing Live Rock for nitrification of ammonia.

The other series is called the Pro-Line Series, also available in three sizes: the PL-1000 for up to 75 gallons, the PL-2000 for up to 150 gallons, and the PL-3000 for up to 300 gallons. This filter runs under the principle that water should be protein skimmed prior to nitrification. This makes the protein skimmer much more effective since the nitrification process produces by-products which can not be skimmed effectively. This method also will lower the volume of organics that the nitrifying bacteria need to oxidize.

All these filters are sump type under the tank design and include an overflow conversion box for tanks which are not drilled. Simple yet effective designs. Thumbs up to Amiracle.

## WARDLEYS

Wardleys recently announced its new line of test kits. They include the Wardley pH junior test kit with liquid reagent. The

Wardley pH professional water test lab which contains a mid range pH liquid reagent, Reduce pH liquid, Raise pH powder and their unique acid/base demand test which will tell you how much Reduce or Raise to add. This test eliminates the guess work of adjusting pH. The last pH kit is the High Range pH Test kit, also a liquid reagent.

There are two Ammonia test kits. The Junior Ammonia Kit is a liquid reagent test for freshwater and the Professional Ammonia kit is a three part liquid kit for fresh and saltwater.

The last two kits are the Nitrite and the Nitrate Professional test kits which are tablet based.

All the kits above come with the test vial and a clear label which can adhere to your tank for recording your results and the date. All these kits accurately match the color charts unlike their old pH Junior and Senior test kits. These new kits are easy to use and a welcome addition to my water testing lab. I highly recommend that you give all these Wardley test kits a try.

# LOOKING AT SOME FISH

*Pete Schaumburg*  
*Norwalk Aquarium Society*

Howdy, fellow fish-heads! It's Dr. Pete again, this time with a look at a few of my favorite fish for that "fish only" tank. Nothing real scientific here, my finny friends, just some observations and a little bit of factual data to help fill in the gaps and possibly, if you have the means, get you to try keeping these guys for yourself.

O.K., I'll admit it. I've got Pufferotis Triggeritis. This rare disease has strange symptoms, ranging from an odd, overwhelming compulsion to buy or build larger and larger aquariums, to having an urgent desire to purchase every kind of pufferfish and triggerfish listed in Burgess' Atlas.

The derivation of Pufferotis Triggeritis roots from "Puffer", a big fish that can self-inflate, and "otitis", which doesn't mean anything. And I believe that "Triggeritis" comes from "triggerfish", a fish that will eat anything and never likes the way the tank is decorated, and "itis", which in Greek doesn't mean anything either.

I have several pufferfish, Floyd being the largest. Floyd has been with us for many years now, I've lost count how many, but I

think it's close to five, and has increased in size to the point that I am currently building a 240 gallon tank for him since he has outgrown his current 135. Floyd is an Arothron Meleagris, and you can see a good picture of him in Burgess' Atlas, page 646 in the top right corner. He is all black with a lot of white spots throughout his body (no, it's not ich!) and has large, graceful fins. He has been a very hardy fish, he is not so much an "active swimmer" as he doesn't seem to be in any rush to do anything, except for feeding time when he gets rather demanding. He lazily cruises around most of the time, and will occasionally balance himself on a rock or even lay down on the bottom of the tank and take a nap (yes, fish DO sleep). The only time I've ever seen a sign of aggression towards another tank mate was when I attempted to introduce a Dogface Puffer (Arothron Nigropunctatus) into the same tank. Floyd did not approve of this, and immediately attacked the poor fellow, and while no damage was done and the new guy (his name is Puff, go figure!) was put in another tank, it was enough of a demonstration on Floyd's part to make me very wary of placing two Arothrons in the same tank. An interesting note here is that body coloration and size were very different between the two. Floyd is now over a foot in length, and Puff is a tad over seven inches. However, Puff is now (and has been for over two years) in the company of another puffer, a Diodon Holocanthus (spiney puffer, and his name is Squirt, as he likes to squirt water out the tank at you when you feed him). So, one could reasonably presume that puffers of

different families may be kept together quietly, but not puffers of the same.

I feed Floyd a varied diet, consisting of cherrystone clams (his favorite), fresh jumbo shrimp, octopus, squid, cod, swordfish, king crab legs, live local crab (a rare treat for him, and a rather impressive display of his hunting ability) and smelt. He consumes about two whole cherrystone clams a day, so this will give you an indication of how much puffers require for food intake. Quite frankly, he eats better than I do!

Puffer temperament in general is excellent. They don't spook at every little movement, to the contrary they have the curiosity of a cat. They also recognize people, even if they don't feed them all the time! I've had to move my tank on occasion (gotta make room for another tank, you know!) and Floyd now lets either my wife or I pick him up in our hand to place him in a large barrel. This developed as a result of having a large net, but not large enough to hold him without curling his tail fin around. If you've ever "patted" a fish before, it's a unique experience. I expected a fairly rough surface, but found Floyd to feel like wet, warm, soft velour. He doesn't flop around, and actually seems to enjoy the attention, even when being moved into and out of the barrel.

We see Floyd, and all our puffers, inflate themselves once in a while, and while it's known that this is a defense measure, I've come to believe that this is not the only reason. Observation has shown that if we don't vary the diet, they will sometimes become constipated, and this form of self-

inflation seems to help "get things moving". They also seem to do it sometimes as a stretching exercise. So, I feel that this unique ability of the puffer is not just for defense.

The "intelligence" of puffers is high in my opinion, Floyd knows where his food is kept (freezer). Whenever we open the fridge, he will swim to that end of the tank (he can see it from the tank's location) hover near the top of the water and splash with his fins. As you can imagine from his size, he can make a pretty big splash. And if we close the fridge without bringing him something, he'll follow us back across the tank and splash until we give in. Note that he doesn't splash all the time, just when the refrigerator is open!

I highly recommend any puffer, they are hardy, tolerant of water chemistry and very personable. They do require a lot of food, and flake food or frozen just doesn't cut it with these guys. If you want to try one out, give me a call and I'll tell you more about my favorite fish, the Puffer!

## **EDITOR'S ADDENDUM**

*by Douglas De Ment*

March 2001 - I have reformatted this issue for upload to our web site, [www.norwalkas.org](http://www.norwalkas.org)

If you like getting this, let me know, I will reformat other issues. [djdement@aol.com](mailto:djdement@aol.com)

***REGULAR MEETINGS***

There are regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month except December starting at 8:00 PM at the Nature Center for Environmental Activities, 10 Woodside Lane, Westport. Meetings are open to members and the public. Each meeting includes a short business meeting, a raffle, an auction, and a program/event.

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