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**GENERAL MEETINGS**

Regular meetings are held the third Thursday of each month (except July & December) at Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center, 10 Woodside Lane, Westport, CT. Each meeting includes a short business meeting, program or event, door prizes, raffle, auction, and refreshments. All regular meetings are open to the public to attend.



## Editorially Speaking

Here we are with another addition of the wet pet. The summer came and went, vacations are over, the kids are back to school and the last of the gardens have been picked. Now it is time to get back to the fish. Just ahead is the **NAS auction and show, September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**. This is our biggest event of the year. It really showcases what this club can do, and all the interesting fish our membership maintains. We have rallied the troops and are expecting a great turnout. There are always great deals on supplies and tanks. Of course there is the fish, you will never know what you are missing unless you come. I am hoping all my readers will come, and maybe even bring a friend, the more the merrier.

Over the summer I had the good fortune of speaking with the owner of Python Products, Lance. I personally have been using their water changer for 20 plus years, both personally and professionally. I would normally be reluctant to go out on a limb and endorse a particular product or manufacturer. This case is different, I had a hard time finding genuine python parts so I purchased another manufacturer's parts, after all they look the same and were even less expensive. Well let me just say they were inferior and in some instances useless. After some further internet research I found a great site for genuine Python Products. Now my python is like new again. After this experience I have included an ad for python products in the WetPet to support a great product and "the little guy".

On another note, I have been a reader of FAMA for as long as I can remember and later its integration into Aquarium Fish International. I am sorry to announce that they are ceasing publishing in print and I have received my last issue. Fortunately many of the columns will continue online, call me old fashioned but I will miss my issue coming in the mail every month. I guess this is happening to all of us, embrace the change...it's going to happen like it or not.

In this issue we have a very nice article by Leslie Dick "Living Legends" A review of the Buck's County Aquarium Society's First Annual Workshop. Also inside is the story of one man's experience keeping and breeding *Neolamprologus brichardi*. Hope you enjoy this issue and keep sending in your articles.

Well that's it for now...happy fish keeping.

Sincerely

Artie Platt

Editor

PS: Correction to the last Wet Pet, the author of the "Hills Have Eyes" last name is spelled Krol.



## A VIEW FROM UP FRONT

*By: Barry Lynch*

**Wednesday, September 26, 2012:** Our 46th consecutive annual Show & Auction will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 & 30. The preceding **Wednesday night, September 26** will be Show Set-Up night. Earthplace will open at 6:30pm to accommodate our efforts.

Those of you who have volunteered before know there is a lot of effort and challenging work involved that night in preparing the facilities for the Show. Large tables need to be transported up from the basement and assembled upstairs. The same holds true for shelving and air system tubing. The air system needs to be set up (hung). Black plastic need to be hung behind all display areas. Over 100 tanks and bowls need to be brought upstairs. Fine tuning and clean-up complete the night.

Experience shows that a workforce of 15 to 20 volunteers can get the job comfortably done and get people on the road back home between 9:00pm and 9:30 pm. The more the merrier. Pizza and soda/water will be available to all. Please come and help the Club set up for a wonderful weekend. I look forward to seeing all of you on **Wednesday night!**

**Annual Board Elections - November:** The Board is the governing body of NAS. The By-Laws provide for 6 officers and 6 directors. The current Board is listed on the inside cover of this WPG. (Note: We were unable to fill one director position this year.) Officers serve one year terms and directors serve two year terms. Elections are held each year at the November general meeting.

Some members resist serving on the Board in the belief there is too much work involved. I want to assure you that is not the case. There are only 5 Board meetings conducted over the course of the year. They are typically held on the first Thursday of selected months, commence at 7:30pm and end around 9:30pm.

The meetings are held at volunteer member homes. The host provides modest refreshments. A typical meeting would consist of the following: some opportunity to socialize and view the host's tanks and the conduct of NAS business. The business agenda starts with committee update reports (finance, membership, programs, BAP, WPG, etc.). After the committee reports, the focus shifts to whatever other business people wish to address. This could be preparing for the Show & Auction or the Benefit Auction, developing a budget, identifying program speakers, or whatever else seems appropriate.

I ask that every member consider serving on the Board. The meetings are infrequent and relatively short. Transportation issues are resolved by car pools. The meetings provide a good opportunity to make friends and know your fellow members better. I think the meetings are fun. And, by serving on the Board, you are really helping NAS to grow and flourish.

As mentioned earlier, there is one clear-cut opening on the Board - the present vacant director position. And, history tells us there will be some additional turnover. The November election will involve 9 Board positions. I ask that you seriously consider joining the Board. If you have any questions, please contact me or any of the other Board members. Thank you so much.



## “Living Legends”

by Leslie Dick

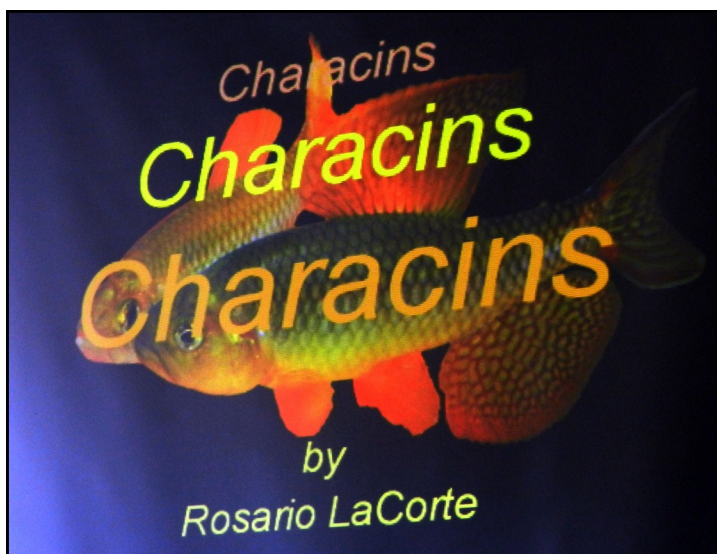
I recently attended the Buck’s County Aquarium Society’s First Annual Workshop “Living Legends” held at the Silver Lake Nature Center in Bristol PA. The speakers were Frank Falcone, Rosario LaCorte, and Ian Fuller. I have met Rosario several times and enjoyed his presentations, and was very much looking forward to meeting Frank and Ian, and BCAS’s President Mark Denaro. Frank Falcone has been a moderator at my website Plecoworld.org since its beginning almost 3 years ago, and I have been a member of Ian’s Corydorasworld.com for even longer; in my mind, they were indeed very well-respected hobbyists and I was looking forward to their presentations.

Frank was the kick-off speaker with his new talk entitled “Fancy Guppies for Fun and Profit”. Frank has over 55 years in the hobby and is well-known at Aquabid.com selling his rare *Corydoras* species under the name Coryologist. He is the proprietor of the Laurel Lake Guppy Hatchery which was set up with the assistance of the Cumberland County College Aquaculture Technology Program with additional assistance from the NJ Dept. of Agriculture - Aquaculture Division. It is the first state licensed aquaculture facility for ornamental tropical fish in the US.



During the course of his talk, Frank showed photos of many beautiful guppy color forms. He spoke about the importance of working with high quality stock from reputable breeders and what foods one should feed guppies. He then went on to speak about different options one had for selling stock to hobbyists, including local aquarium clubs, local fish stores, and online sales. Frank concluded his presentation speaking about Aquabid and his experiences with sales there. He spoke about how important a great photo of your fish is, stressing that one should have a well-documented plan for sales, shipping and return policies on the “Just Me” page at Aquabid and to stick to it. His final bit of advice was to always add a “bonus” such as a few more of the purchased fish, or a bag of another species to give his auction winners good quality for their money. Frank’s philosophy is that happy customers leave good feedback, and this is what makes one’s reputation shine on an online sales site.



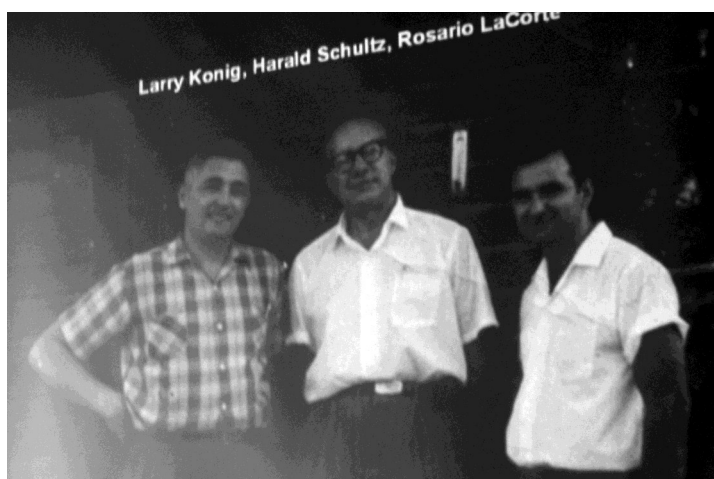


Rosario LaCorte was the workshop's second speaker. His presentation was entitled "Breeding Tetras." Rosario is a very well-known and highly respected expert on tetras and characin species with over 65 years in the aquarium hobby. Rosario's presentation was a lovely retrospective of his adventures in our hobby, and he began by introducing himself with a photo of his sister and himself as a young boy at Christmas with their favorite gifts, followed by this photo:

Originally Rosario said this was a photo of his friend Chuck Davis, who was asleep in the lobby during an NJAS mini-convention; Ted Colletti comically added his sense of humor by turning Chuck into Santa and superimposed Rosario's head onto the child's body. Rosario is soft spoken and has a great sense of humor!

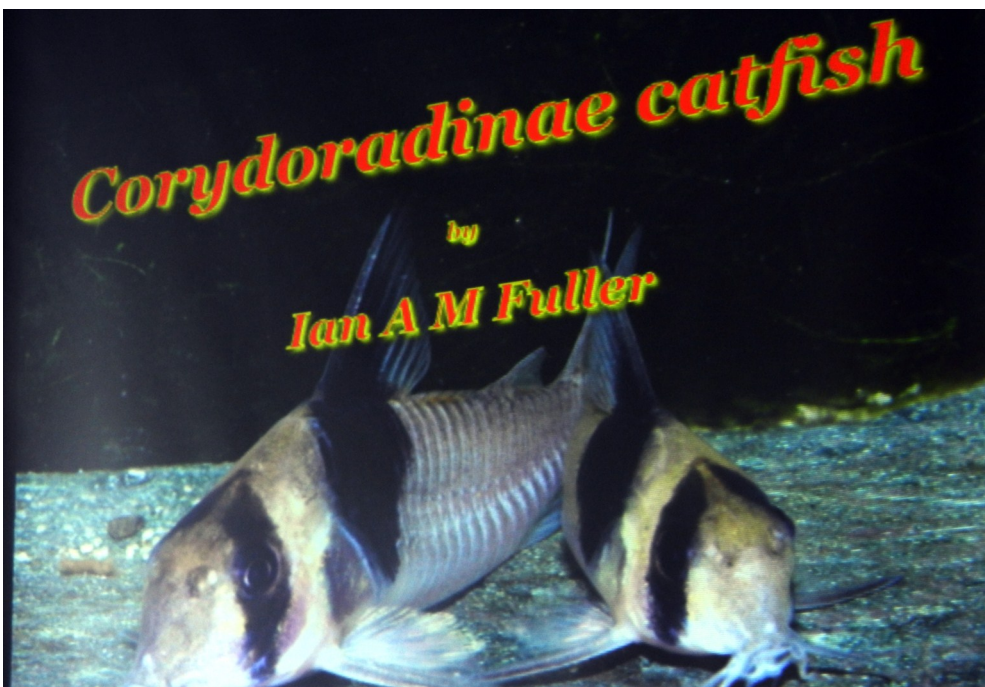
Continuing on, Rosario told us that through his friend Bill Vonderwinkler, an editor for Tropical Fish Hobbyist magazine, he met Herbert Axelrod, the founder and publisher of TFH. Rosario was invited by Axelrod to join him in a 1958 collecting trip. Between 1977 and 1988, Rosario made six more collecting trips to Brazil and Venezuela in South America and Trinidad in the Caribbean with such well-known icons in the hobby Harald Schultz, Dr. Herbert Axelrod, and Dr. Stanley Weitzman. Rosario was instrumental in introducing Dr. Axelrod to Harald Schultz, having gotten his contact information through Alan Fletcher. Larry Konig, a dear friend of Rosario and his wife Jeannie, lived in the same town and was a frequent visitor in their home. Larry was an icon in the guppy hobby, and was well known and a very frequent speaker at guppy clubs and conventions.

Rosario was fortunate enough to collect and introduce into the hobby many new species of killies and characins such as the killifish White's Pearlfish *Cynolebias whitei* now known as *Simp-*





*sonichthys whitei* and the black phantom tetra *Hyphessobrycon megalopterus*. Two new species that he collected and brought back are named for Rosario: the killifish species *Maratecoara lacortei* and the rainbow tetra *Nematobrycon lacortei*, a species of Emperor tetra.



Rosario continued his presentation by describing how he bred and raised his many species of tetras he's bred over the years, showing photos that he himself had taken of these species – some still in his fishroom after many years. Unfortu-

nately, he lost many species when a tree fell on his house during the snowstorm in October last year and he was unable to live there for more than 10 days. The photo of his pair of *Crenuchus spilurus* graced his title slide.

Rosario also stressed how important a varied diet was to all fish species, including live and frozen foods. He showed photos of live foods he had collected and recounted how he and a friend had visited the Great Salt Lake in Utah and collected buckets of brine shrimp eggs. Rosario explained that the exoskeletons of brine shrimp and other types of invertebrates such as cocktail shrimps contain chitin, which he believes is what produces the beautiful finnage he sees in his fish.

The workshop event was brought home with a very informative presentation by the UK's own Ian Fuller. Ian is a world-renowned breeder of *Corydoras* species, and the owner of [CorydorasWorld.com](http://CorydorasWorld.com). It was he who instituted the "CW" series of Cory numbers – CW standing for the first two letters of his website "CorydorasWorld." Ian began his talk by locating several characteristic species of *Corydoras*, *Aspidoras*, *Brochis*, and *Scleromystax* on maps of South America. Next, Ian spoke about choos-

ing good quality specimens – what to look for, both positive aspects as well as negative ones. He described how to determine genders of fish, both from a dorsal and a lateral view.





Ian continued his presentation by showing and describing his fish-house, how he sets up his tanks for breeding, as well as showing his setup for housing his eggs and fry. He uses several fry housing set-ups, including a floating container in



the home tank, a specimen container which hangs on the outside of the tank, an internal specimen container modified with a pre-filter attached to an air-driven uptake and a mesh opening on the opposite side to keep water flowing over the eggs and fry, and a rack of various sizes of plastic storage containers with air stones to house larger fry/juvs. Ian also stressed the importance of high quality foods, both live and commercially prepared.

The highlight of Ian's presentation was the videos of breeding behavior of several of the species in his fishhouse. He showed videos of pair breeding as well as group spawning. The groups were very active, never standing still – much like Ian during his presentation! I tried several times during his talk to take a photo of him, yet each of these photos came out blurry. After Ian's presentation was concluded, I mentioned this to him, saying that he was very much like his beloved corys, never standing still long enough for a photo. He smiled and agreed that he doesn't like to stand still during a presentation. He did stand still long enough, though, for a group shot!

BCAS President Mark Denaro, Ian Fuller, Frank Falcone, Rosario LaCorte

Congratulations to Bucks County Aquarium Society members who put on a very good workshop! Registration was a breeze, and the fish sale tables were set and ready to accept lots. Fish sales and food breaks occurred between each presentation. There was a varied group of offerings, from livebearers, plants, live foods, angel-fish, tanks, and other hard goods. Mark and fellow member Bob Israel did a fabulous job in the kitchen! Since the event began at noon, lunch was provided to all attendees – pizza and fruit platters, and an assortment of soft drinks. Midafternoon snacks were more fruit platters, veggies and dip, and potato chips. Dinner was fabulous! Mark had made pulled pork on his grill/smoker the previous day served with rolls and hot sauce, root vegetables, several salads, chocolate and vanilla cake, and apple pie. There was food left over and Mark sent several of us home with "goodie bags."

I look forward to attending BCAS's Second Annual Workshop – it was worth the 6-hour round trip!





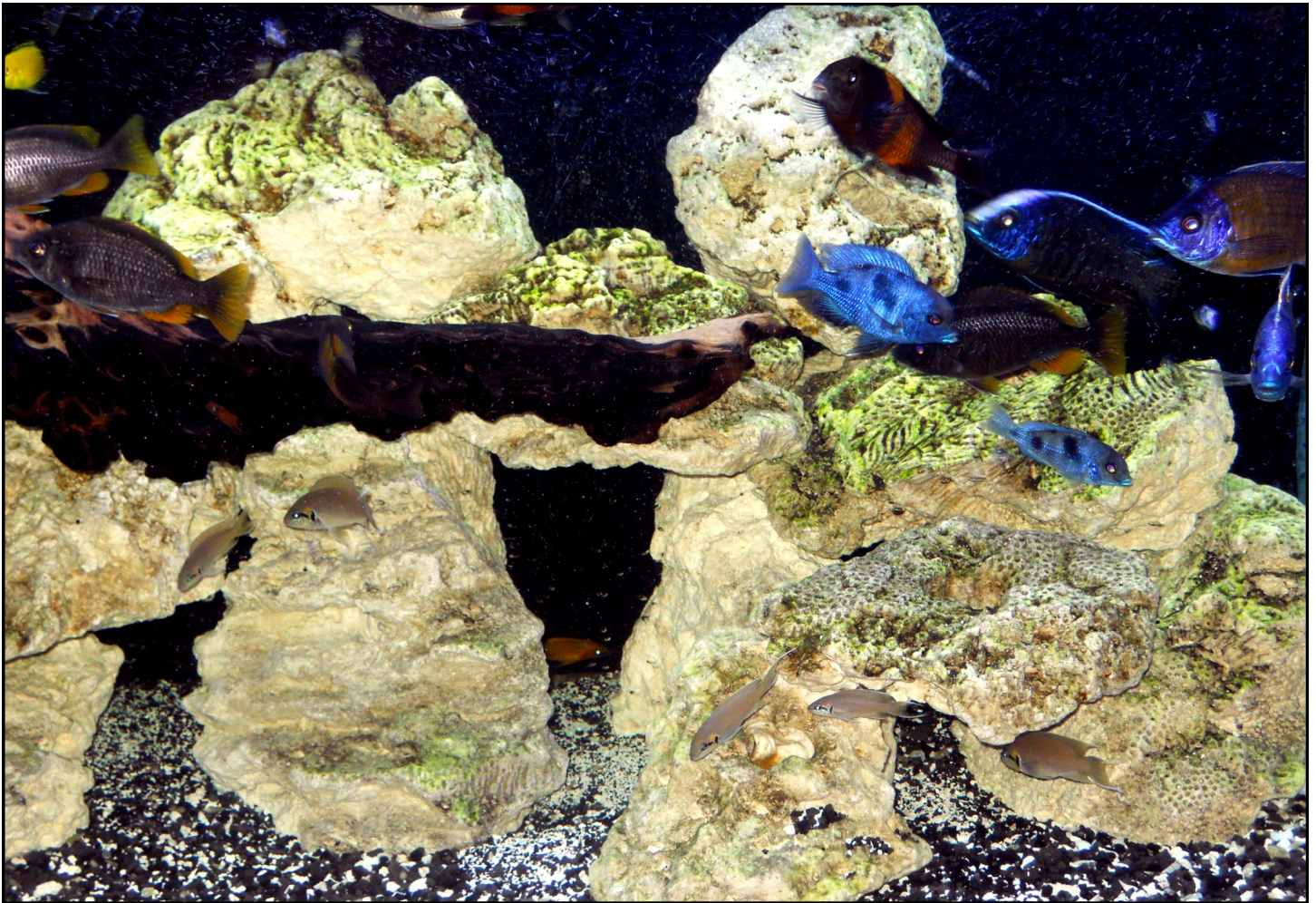
## **Neolamprologus brichardi**

*By Artie Platt*

*Neolamprologus brichardi* is a relatively small Cichlid from Lake Tanganyika in eastern Africa. They are often sold under their common name “Princess of Burundi”. There are several variants which differ from each locale and can be identified by the subtle differences in the placement of facial markings. I purchased mine from a local shop and had no indication of actual locale. Locally bred and “Florida” bred fish are more than likely a mixture of these variants. There are also some very similar looking “cousins” in the lamprologus family such as *Neolamprologus Helianthus* (Sunflower), *Neolamprologus Graciliis* and *Neolamprologus Pulcher* (Daffodil).







*Neolamprologus birchardi* have some interesting and unique behaviors. They are a substrate spawning species that also schools. Each generation will help protect the next generation. This cooperation forms schools even in an aquarium environment. Multiple breeding pairs will form within this school. Eventually they will attempt to take over the tank.

I purchased 6 young birchardi to start my breeding group. They were about 1 inch and tended to stay together on the lower half of the 65 gallon aquarium I put them in. The tanks filtration consisted of an Emperor 400 power filter for mechanical and chemical filtration and a small Wet Dry for biological filtration. The temperature was between 78 and 80 degrees and the ph was pretty constant at 7.8 helped by the calcium based substrate and rock decorations. Other inhabitants were 8 *Tropheus duboisi*, 6 Yellow *Labidochromis* and a pair of *Pseudotropheus Acei*. The group of *Birchardi* removed the substrate from under a piece of slate and made this their home .

Although their natural diet is carnivorous they grew rapidly with the heavily vegetarian based diet necessary for their *Tropheus* tankmates. Being fed twice a day and 50% water changes every 10





days they doubled their size in three months. Over this time their fins elongated and tapered and grew into a very handsome fish. They really seemed to work together to control the area immediately next to their cave. One day I noticed they were more vigorously protecting their territory than normal. They were taking on tank mates easily 3 times their size and successfully chasing them away. After careful examination I saw a cloud of tiny fry at the mouth of the cave. I estimated there were between 40 and 60 fry. Because of the overflow for the wet dry filter I always immerse the food in the water. This scattering helped to disperse enough food for the fry to feed. In other words they ate what the adults ate in the safety of the adults' protection. Out of the first spawn about 20 made it to half inch size in 6-8 weeks. I never saw the parents mating but every 2 months or so would see another "cloud of fry" at the entrance of the cave. Even the half inch babies would guard the fry as the







bold parents stood sentry. As the colony grew they took over more and more of the tank. They continued this behavior until I broke up the colony and sold some off and put the rest into a 30 long. The breaking up of the colony seemed to disrupt the hierarchy and created lots of infighting. I eventually sold off the entire colony and only kept 7 juveniles. Eventually they were added to my 90 gallon mixed African cichlid tank where they are thriving and starting a colony again. This colony of fry I have been also target feeding baby brine shrimp which they all seem to relish. The target feeding has also increased the survival rate in a crowded community setting. As you can tell they are a resilient species which readily breed even in a "community" setting. I would highly recommend starting your own colony with 6 or more juveniles in a species tank. A 30 long with lots of hiding places would work nicely. In a few months you will have a thriving colony to observe the fascinating social interaction of this beautiful species.



Editors note: All photos were taken by the author in a 90 gallon setup



## THE NORWALK AQUARIUM SOCIETY

### BAP REPORT

**Member Participation - A New Record:** The NAS BAP program was inaugurated in 1973 - i.e. 39 years ago. During that time, 111 members have participated in the program. Last year, a very good BAP year, 15 members participated. The all-time record was set in 2009 with 18 participants. I am happy to announce that that record has been broken. At the August meeting, **Dan Fearnley** (*Pelvicachromis taeniatatus*), **Pete Izzo** (*Anomalochromis thomasi*) and **Rich Weglinski** (*Hemichromis bimaculatus*) all brought in their first entries of the year - bringing this year's total to a record-breaking 19 participants!

**August Meeting:** It used to be that the August general meeting was the most poorly attended meeting of the year. This was thought to be due to members still enjoying the summer and being caught up in other matters. Recently, however, attendance and energy has really picked up at the August meetings. I think BAP is driving this positive change - that, with the off month of July, BAP participants are eagerly awaiting August to bring their fish in. This August meeting was no exception. Nine members brought in 14 entries. In addition to the three members identified above, **Amin Rubirosa** (*Apistogramma eremnopyge*), **Barry Lynch** (*Xiphophorus meyeri*), **Sal Silvestri** (*Nanochromis teugelsi*), **Ryszard Krzynowek** (*Gambusia hurtadoi*). **Charlie Sundberg** and **Chuck Sundberg** all brought in one or more entries. (Entries in parentheses earned bonus points.)

**New BAP Participant:** I am always pleased to highlight the entry of a new participant in the BAP program. At the June general meeting, **Tom Sands** became the 111th NAS BAP participant with his entry of *Geophagus brasiliensis*. **Tom** is one of our newest members - having joined NAS earlier this year. So, **Tom**, welcome to NAS and BAP!

**Breeder of the Year Competition:** The up-to-date Breeder of the Year Standings are attached. Through August, the 19 participants have brought in 73 entries. As has been the case for several years, **Jon Nevins** is at the top of the list. Last year, Jon was strongly challenged by **Ryszard Krzynowek**. This year, the challenge is coming from **Amin Rubirosa**. It could prove to be interesting.

**BAP Point Standings:** The BAP Point Standings for current members is attached. After a long two-year chase, **Sal Silvestri** has finally re-gained the lead from **Bob McKeand** in the all-time point standings. As **Bob** has significantly cut down his BAP production, it appears **Sal** may be on top of the leader board for quite some time (although a challenge from **Jon Nevins** cannot be discounted). Other movements of significance in the point standings include **Don Barbour** reaching 1300 points, **Barry Lynch** closing in at 1245, and **Amin Rubirosa** crossing the 400 point threshold with **Ryszard Krzynowek** close behind. Also, **Charlie Sundberg's** recent Ruby Red Peacock entry pushed him over the 200 points threshold. And, **Chuck Sundberg's** three August entries jumped him to within 5 points of the 100 points required of Senior Breeders.

**Goals:** How about one more participant this year to set the record at 20? And, 27 more entries over the last three months to reach 100 for the year? Good luck.





**NAS BREEDER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS**  
**AUGUST 16, 2012**

**Jon Nevins**

Astatotilapia burtoni  
 Betta albinmaginata  
 Glossolepis wanamensis  
 Haplochromis nyererei  
 Haplochromis sp "dayglow"  
 Hemigrammus hyanauary  
 Iriatherina wernerii  
 Pseudotropheus crabro  
 Pseudotropheus hajomaylandi  
 Ptyochromis sp "salmon- Hippo Point"  
 Pundamilia pundamilia  
 Rasbora sp  
 Rhadinocentrus ornatus  
 Trichopsis vittata

**14 entries**

Burton's Mouthbrooder  
 Lake Wanam Rainbowfish  
 Nyerere's Victorian Cichlid  
 Costello Tetra  
 Threadfin Rainbowfish

**Amin Rubirosa**

Apistogramma eremnopyge  
 Apistogramma eunotus  
 Apistogramma sp "Melgar"  
 Girardinus falcatus  
 Heterandria formosa  
 Microgeophagus ramirezi  
 Poecilia chica  
 Poecilia reticulata  
 Pseudosphromenus dayi  
 Pterophyllum scalare  
 Xiphophorus nezahualcoyotl

Gold Rasbora  
 Southern Soft-Spine Rainbowfish  
 Croaking Gourami

**11 entries**

Strawberry Apisto  
 Orange-Tail Apisto  
 Sickle Girardinus  
 Least Killie  
 German Blue Ram  
 Dwarf Molly  
 Black Guppy  
 Brown Spike-Tail Paradise Fish  
 Orange Koi Angelfish  
 Neza Swordtail

**Barry Lynch**

Chapalichthys pardalis  
 Goodea atripinnis atripinnis  
 Phallichthys fairweatheri  
 Poecilia caucana  
 Poecilia chica  
 Symphysodon aequifasciatus  
 Xiphophorus meyeri  
 Zoogoneticus tequila

**8 entries**

Panther Goodeid  
 Black-Finned Goodeid  
 Fair Weather Widow  
 Cauca Molly  
 Dwarf Molly  
 Blue Turquoise Discus  
 Muzquiz Platy  
 Tequila Goodeid

**Artie Platt**

Copadichromis chrysonotus  
 Danio aequipinnatus  
 Girardinus denticulatus  
 Metriaclima daktari  
 Poecilia reticulata  
 Pterophyllum scalare  
 Tropheus duboisi

**7 entries**

Giant Danio  
 Red Tail Guppy  
 Marble Angel Fish  
 Duboisi



**Sal Silvestri**

Chilatherina fasciata  
Congochromis sabinae  
Nanochromis teugelsi  
Xiphophorus helleri  
Xiphophorus xiphidium

**Ryszard Krzynowek**

Gambusia hurtadoi  
Goodea atripinnis atripinnis  
Poecilia orri  
Xiphophorus couchianus

**Chuck Sundberg**

Neolamprologus caudopunctatus  
Neolamprologus multifasciatus  
Neolamprologus splendens  
Xenotoca eiseni

**Don Barbour**

Apistogramma sp "Melgar"  
Ivanacara adoketa  
Nannacara aureocephalus

**Don Maloney**

Astatotilapia latifasciata  
Metriaclima estherae  
Poecilia reticulata

**Charlie Sundberg**

Aulonocara hansbaensciji  
Neolamprologus leleupi  
Telmatochromis vittatus

**Kaitlin Fearnley**

Danio choprae  
Xiphophorus helleri

**Slawek Konrad**

Poecilia orri  
Xiphophorus evelynae

**Bob Alberino**

Ancistrus sp

**Dan Fearnley**

Pelvicachromis taeniatus

**Pete Izzo**

Anomalochromis thomasi

**Bob McKeand**

Ancistrus sp

**Steve Ng**

Sciaenochromis fryeri

**Tom Sands**

Geophagus brasiliensis

**Rich Weglinski**

Hemichromis bimaculatus

**5 entries**

Barred Rainbowfish

Tuxedo Swordtail

Spike Tail Platy

**4 entries**

Dolores Mosquitofish

Black-Finned Goodeid

Monterrey Platy

**4 entries**

Many Banded Shell Dweller

Helianthus

Red-Tailed Goodeid

**3 entries**

Zebra Acara

Golden-Head Dwarf Cichlid

**3 entries**

Zebra Obliquidens

Red Zebra

Yellow Snake Skin Guppy

**3 entries**

Ruby Red Peacock

Leleupi

Blunt-Headed Telmat

**2 entries**

Glow Light Danio

Cherry Swordtails

**2 entries**

Puebla Platy

**1 entry**

Longfin Bristlenose Pleco

**1 entry**

Striped Kribensis

**1 entry**

Butterfly Cichlid

**1 entry**

Albino Longfin Bristlenose Pleco

**1 entry**

**1 entry**

Pearl Cichlid

**1 entry**

Jewel Cichlid





**BAP POINT STANDINGS-CURRENT NAS MEMBERS**

**Date: 8/16/12**

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Breeder Award</u>	<u>Species Pts</u>	<u>Bonus Pts</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
Sal Silvestri	Expert	1760	595	2355
Bob McKeand	Grandmaster	1312.5	1000	2312.5
Jon Nevins	Master	1380	600	1980
Don Barbour	Expert	1140	160	1300
Barry Lynch	Master	1035	210	1245
Don Maloney	Expert	725	130	855
Tom Tilles	Senior	410	170	580
Dan McKercher & Maryanne Naylor	Master	480	60	540
Ed Katuska	Grandmaster	465	40	505
John Chapkovich	Senior	420	40	460
Amin Rubirosa	Senior	365	45	410
Ryszard Krzynowek	Breeder	345	35	380
Anne & Mark Broadmeyer	Breeder	280	25	305
Rich Grenfell	Grandmaster	260	45	305
Dick Moore	Breeder	175	100	275
Steve Ng	Senior	210	20	230
Artie Platt	Breeder	185	30	215
Charlie Sundberg	Breeder	195	20	215
Pete Izzo	Breeder	115	40	155
Doug Kneissl	Senior	145	10	155
Jack Adinolfi	Senior	120	30	150
Dan Fearnley	Breeder	120	20	140
Slawek Konrad	Breeder	110	10	120
Cathy Chapkovich	Senior	95	20	115
Joe Masi	Breeder	85	10	95
Chuck Sundberg	Breeder	95		95
Rich Weglinski	Breeder	70	10	80
Carl Addicks	Breeder	70		70
Steve Capelle	Breeder	60	10	70
Doug De Ment	Breeder	70		70
Ed Schildnecht	Breeder	70		70
Dan & Sue Katz	Breeder	40	20	60
Bob Alberino		35		35
Kaitlin Fearnley		35		35
Ira Friedman		10	10	20
Ed Peters		10		10
Tom Sands		10		10
Gina Bell		5		5



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 20	NAS General Meeting Speaker: Pete Izzo Program: Uruguay Collecting Trip
Wednesday, September 26	NAS Show Set-Up
Friday, September 28	NAS Show Registration
Saturday, September 29	NAS Show Registration & Show
Sunday, September 30	NAS Show & Auction
Sunday, October 14	New Hampshire Aquarium Society Auction
Thursday, October 18	NAS General Meeting Speaker: TBA Program: TBA

Information for this calendar can also be found on the  
Norwalk Aquarium Society website <http://www.norwalkas.org/xoops/>  
and the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies website <http://northeastcouncil.org/nec/>





## TIPS & TRICKS

Welcome to Tips and Tricks. The purpose of this column is to share those useful work, money and timesaving techniques you use and also to learn a few new ones from fellow members. If you have something to share please send it to [artie1209@verizon.net](mailto:artie1209@verizon.net). Then look for it in the next Wet Pet.

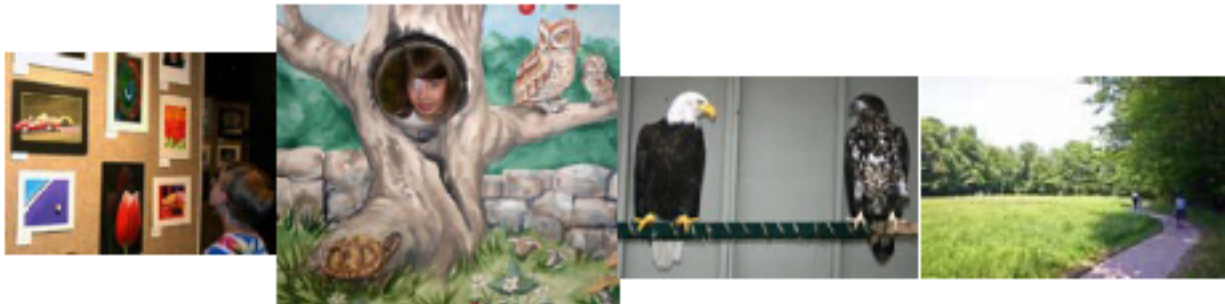
This issues tip is using all the resources available to us. In this age of the internet we can find almost anything we need. Lets say you are participating in the BAP program and now after you have gotten your points and have 200 fry left, what do you do? Well although few and far between, try your local pet shop. Often they will trade your fish for store credit, so you can get some supplies you need. What I especially like about this arrangement is picking up new tank decorations, ie. rocks and driftwood. I love the internet but there is nothing like holding that decoration in your hand and visualizing how it will work in your setup. Besides it helps a local owner with a sale and some reasonable priced healthy livestock. If we; as avid fish keepers don't support LPS (Local Pet Shops) soon there

will be none left. On a different note I truly enjoy shopping on the internet, bargains abound and the choices are hard to beat. Watch out for hidden costs like shipping, often if you only need one or two things you can do better locally. The box pet stores are also a great resource for bargains, but be watchful when on sale their prices are very good but their day to day prices are not necessarily that good and are often for store brand equivalents not name brand manufactures. Lets not forget boards and forums for finding used equipment or livestock. Aquabid is a great resource to find and sell, especially that exotic fish you have. Last but not least clubs and club meetings may be our greatest resource, of which the most valuable of all is the knowledge of its members.



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