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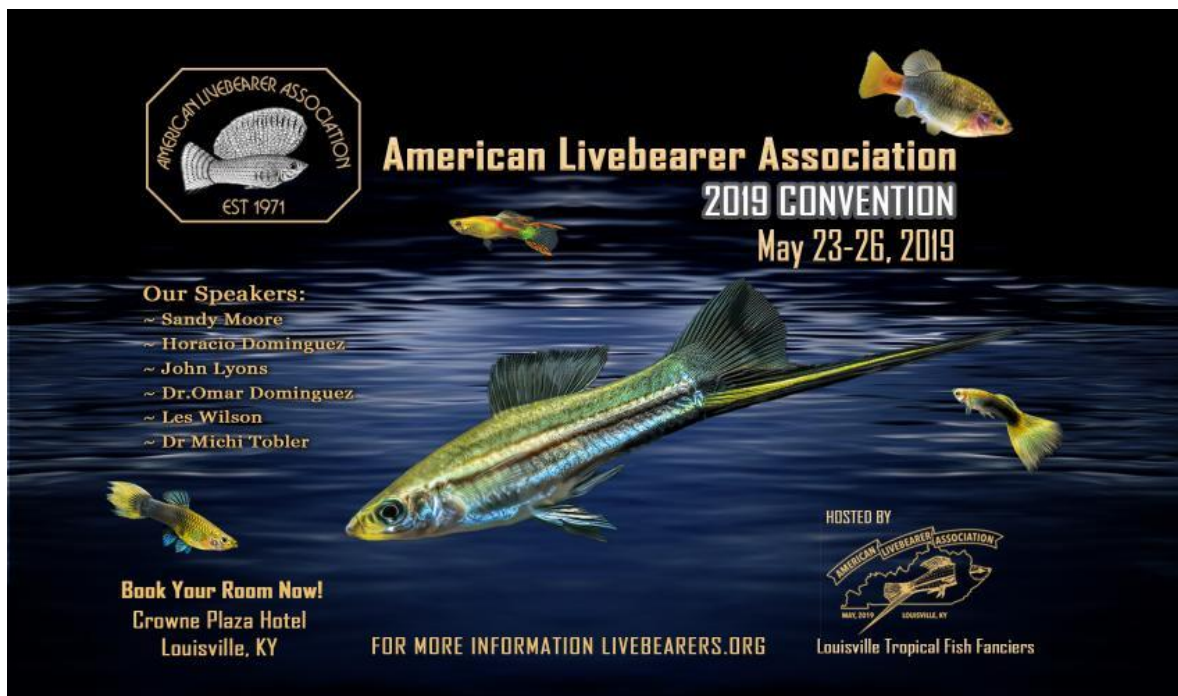
Summer Tubbin': Unfinished Business at the end of a Season

Tim Stone

With the end of the Kentucky State Fair this week and the sudden addition of Pumpkin Spice to every local menu, we all are beginning to realize what is next. With each passing day the hot summer breezes are beginning to feel cooler. Our nightly lows are getting lower. Our outdoor ponds and tubs are slowly beginning to drop in temperature. Though I hate to admit it, with each passing day more and more early autumn leaves are finding their way into my tubs, signaling the beginning of the end of summer tubbin' for the year. Indeed, it is that time of year where some of our most ambitious members, or perhaps the most lazy, begin scouring every square inch of their large outdoor tubs in search of any signs of life, and hopefully even new life. We have been caring for these tubs all summer, hoping the fish didn't jump out, kill each other, or wind up eaten by predators. Now is the time for the autumn harvest, all of us hoping we have at least six of a kind

to turn over for BAP credit. With the netting of each tub, the season draws closer to an end. Whether high yields or low yields, it is the sad reality those of us living north of the Mason Dixon Line must come to face on an annual basis.

We have all reached this same point from a host of different perspectives: Some of us have been trying to breed a certain species for many years but to no avail. Some of us are simply trying to knock out an easy class in the BAP program by breeding a variety of barbs or danios. A few of us are offering our big cichlids more room and sunlight for the summer in hopes of healthier fish and bigger spawns. Whatever your fish niche may be, it is autumn and it is time to bring them in. For me personally, the preliminary results suggest I did not breed Sterbai cories again, for the third year in a row. It also seems my female Florida Flagfish vanished before breeding, leaving a large lone male to his own devices in the 110 gallon tub for the summer. My swordtails seem to have done excellent, having higher yields and better growth than any aquarium could achieve. My varied experiences this year bring to mind something a wise man once said: "Summer tubbin is like a box of chocolates: you never know what you're going to get." I hope all of you had better luck than I this year, and use this as a reminder: the first frost will be here before we know it, don't delay in bringing in your more sensitive species. I look forward to hearing how everyone else's season went at our September meeting!



The poster features a dark blue background with several colorful livebearer fish, including a large swordtail in the center, a smaller swordtail at the bottom left, and several smaller fish like guppies and danios scattered around. In the top left corner is the American Livebearer Association logo, which is an octagon containing a fish and the text "AMERICAN LIVEBEARER ASSOCIATION" and "EST 1971".

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American Livebearer Convention 2019 Report

Rusty Wessel

In 2017 it was brought to my attention that my local club should consider hosting a livebearer convention. The Louisville Tropical Fish Fanciers had hosted not just one but two very successful American Cichlid Association conventions (1992 and 2014). The 2014 convention was one of the highest attended conventions for a host club in United States and was the most profitable of any convention for the ACA. So, after some discussion with our members it was decided for us to bid and host a livebearer convention. We all knew the ALA was a much smaller convention but it was agreed we would put our best foot forward regardless of attendance. Fortunately, the board of directors for

the ALA awarded the convention to Louisville and uncharacteristically this was done well in advance of even the 2018 ALA convention. So, the game of sorts was ON at a very early date and it was time for the Louisville club to perform.

Just after receiving the bid, it was decided by the club to make our ALA something really special so we contacted Aqueon to negotiate a tank purchase to showcase the fine livebearers that we were expecting for the show. We wanted glass tanks with tight fitting lids so we negotiated a purchase of the small glass two and half gallon aquariums. It did make a difference and the fish were displayed perfectly. Once the convention in Grand Rapids was complete, the Louisville club began the process of advertising (with Mo Devlin's assistance of a state-of-the art advertisement) for the magazines and social media. Mo also handled the professional photos of the fish that were displayed at the show.

Furthermore, for the first time the ALA provided a Kids Decorating Contest with the aquariums donated by Aqueon and the fish donated by Segrest Fish Farms. Sandy Carson handled this duty and the kids all enjoyed a super afternoon decorating their new tanks. Hopefully these young kids become hobbyist of the future and from the smiles on their faces I believe they will.

If you have never attended a weekend event like the American Livebearer Association then I suggest plan on the next one. You won't be sorry and I can guarantee you will go home with some spectacular fishes!

In case you have not heard you should plan on attending the next ALA convention being held in Ft Lauderdale on June 11-14, 2020 hosted by the Gold Coast Aquarium Society. It will be something special and a side trip to collect local escapees from the Florida fish Farms and natives is being coordinated. So, mark your calendar now.

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