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Upcoming Important Dates

All Dates are subject to change or be canceled due to local regulations and conditions of the pandemic please watch the Facebook group for up to date information on changes.

If you know of an event you would like added or want more information contact the editor.

Mar 18	General Meeting
Mar 24-26	Carolina Aquatic Workshop Raleigh NC.
Mar 25	GCAS Auction. Cincinnati
Mar 26	CCAC Auction Indianapolis
April 8	CAFE Auction Columbus
April 8	ETAA Swap Knoxville
April 15	BFKA Spring Swap
April 16	LTFF Swap Louisville
May 19-21	AKA & ALA Joint Convention Kalamazoo MI
May 20-21	Aquashella Dallas
May 20	General Meeting
May 20	Mammoth Cave Aquarium Expo Cave City
June 3	BFKA Cookout and native collecting
June 10-11	Aquatic Expo Charlotte NC
July 13-16	ACA Convention & Catfish Cataclysm Madison WI
July 15	General Meeting
Aug 19	General Meeting
Sept 16	BFKA Fall Swap
Sept 22-24	Keystone Clash Morgantown PA
Oct 21	General Meeting
Nov 4-5	Aquashella Daytona
Nov 17-19	OCA Extravaganza Strongsville OH
Nov 18	General Meeting
Dec 16	Awards Banquet

President's Message

We have kicked 2023 off with a great start. We showed how great of a group of people we have in the club when we pulled together to find a place to meet in under 45 minutes when we had a miscommunication with the scheduled venue.

We have a lot of good presentations planned for this year and are trying to get more activities planned for the club to make it even better. If you have ideas let us know.

Personally I'm excited for this year and already planning my summer tubs and fish related trips for the year.

John Tyler
2023 President

Bluegrass Fish Keepers Association meets monthly.

We are currently hold monthly meetings each 3rd Saturday of the month at 5pm. Special events may be held at other dates or times

Keep an eye on the Facebook group for changes or special events.

Special Thanks to our speakers

December - No Meeting

January - Clint Johnson

February-Tanner Kesterson

Did You Know?

The Club has a Band Page for selling fish and similar classifieds?



**Bluegrass Fish Keepers
Association**

Aquarium Club in central Kentucky, United
States of America. Come together here

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The club has a website?

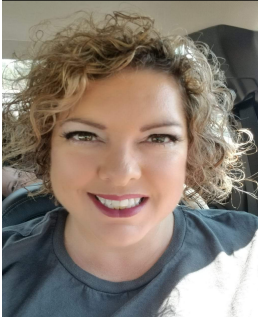
www.bluegrassfishkeepers.com

We are continually working to improve the website to make it more valuable to our members and the public as well. If there are things you would like to see on the website let us know.

We are currently working on a members only section that will have resources for our members in good standing.

Meet The Board

2023

	President John Tyler		Vice President Stacey Smallwood
	Treasurer Mike Busch		Secretary Donna Feters
			Director at Large Laurin Howard

Do you want to sell at the Spring Swap in April?

Members can get tables for \$20 but we only have so many. Reach out to John Tyler or a Swap Committee member today to reserve your place.

Breeders Award Program Standings.

	2021-2022 total	Species	2023 points(YTD only)
Michael Gray	220	<i>Aphyosemion australe</i>	
		<i>Pterophyllum scalare</i>	
		<i>Melanotaenia praecox</i>	
		Poecilia reticula	
		apistogramma cacatuoides	
		Pseudomugil gertrudae	
		Puntius titteya	
		Pelvicachromis taeniatus	
		Xiphophorus domestic swordtail	
		Hemichromis exsul	
		Ameca splendens	
Donna Dray-Fetters	65	L144 pleco	
		Neocaridina davidi	
		Anentome helena	
		Poecilia reticulata	
Brandon May	50	Poecilia reticulata	
		Ameca splendens	
		Caridina cantonensis	
Scott Breidert	35	Pomacea bridgesi	
		Ancistrus sp. bristle nose common	
James Phillips	25	Apistogramma caetei	
John Tyler	65	Poecilia reticulata	45
		Xenotoca lyonsi	
		Ameca splendens	

John Tyler

		Limia melanogaster	
		Phallichthys quadripunctatus	
		Poecilia sphenops	
		Xiphophorus maculatus	
		Common bristlenose	
Steven K.	70	Coptodon snyderae	
		Amatitlania sajica	
		rasbora vulcanus	
Laurin Howard	10	Poecilia wingei	25
		Pelvicachromis pulcher	
		Common bristle nose	
Will Branham	25	Neocaridina davidi	
		Neolamprologus multifasciatus	

Corydoras sp. CW49

by: Art Parola



Cream colored with a bar through the eye and a black blotch on the dorsal region extending from the dorsal fin to below the lateral line, Corydoras sp. CW49 is a species of the short-snorted Corydoras. Also known as the black diamond cory, juveniles are peppered with very small spots on the body that disappear with age. The species appears to hail from Colombia and Brazil, with exports originating from the Colombian city Leticia, located near the border with Peru and Brazil. When exported, it often appears with Corydoras sp. CW51, which it mimics in appearance except the black blotch does not extend below the lateral line in C. sp. CW51. The two varieties are extremely similar and may in fact be the same species. Aquarists report care is similar to other Corydoras catfish, and the species readily eats

prepared foods such as pellets and flakes. The species is gregarious with conspecifics and will shoal amongst themselves and with other Corydoras species, particularly C. sp. CW51. While the black diamond cory isn't necessarily rare in the hobby, it is not quite common either and a shoal of C. sp. CW49 makes a unique and handsome addition to the aquarium, particular the planted aquarium with a sand or other soft substrate.



STANDINGS

January	Fish Entries	Points Earned	YTD points
New World Cichlids	4 Angelfish	John- 7	John - 18
1st Will Branham Gold Angelfish	1 Oscar	Will - 5	Amy - 12
2nd John Tyler Tiger Oscar	1 Smiling Cichlid	Laurin- 1	Laurin - 6
3rd John Tyler Marble Angel	1 Golden Convict	Amy- 2	Will - 5
People's Choice Amy Tindell Angelfish			Alice - 1
February	1 Black skirt Tetra	John- 11	
Characins	1 Red eye tetra	Amy - 10	
1st John Tyler Black Skirt Tetra	1 Cardinal Tetra	Laurin- 5	
2nd Laurin Howard Cardinal Tetra	4 Bettas	Alice- 1	
3rd John Tyler Red Eye Tetra	1 blue gourami		
Anabantoids	1 pearl gourami		
1st Amy Tindell Betta			
2nd Amy Tindell Betta			
3rd John Tyler Betta			
People's Choice Amy Tindell Betta			



A Look at a Fish Threatened with Extinction

by Art Parola

The 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) for the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) occurred in Panama City, Panama in November of 2022. CITES is a treaty administered under the United Nations Environmental Program. The purpose of CITES is to ensure international trade in wildlife resources is environmentally and economically sustainable and does not threaten species with extinction. CITES is both a trade agreement and an environmental agreement.

Every two or three years, delegations from the 184 signatory states meet to vote on proposals to amend the Treaty and its Appendices. CITES has three appendices. While somewhat of an oversimplification, the general criteria for listing on each of the Appendices are as follows: Appendix I consists of species imminently threatened with extinction and for which international trade is a threat. For the most part, Appendix I listed species are banned from international trade for commercial purposes. Appendix II consists of species which are not currently imminently threatened with extinction, but for which trade must be regulated to prevent them from becoming so. Appendix II listed species require proof of legal acquisition and a nondetriment finding to be conducted in order for permits to be issued for legal trade. Appendix III consists of species for which a range state has requested help from the international community in regulating the trade of. Appendix III listed species may or may not require a permit for trade, but generally do not need additional studies or findings to be conducted. Species which do not meet the listing criteria may also be listed due to similarity of appearance with a listed species in order to simplify enforcement.

At the CoP, Brazil made two proposals of interest to the aquarium hobby and trade. The first was to list *Hypancistrus zebra*, the zebra pleco or L46, under Appendix I. The species was listed under Appendix III and the collection and export of wild specimens has been illegal under Brazilian law for some time. The second proposal was to list two species of freshwater river stingrays, *Potamotrygon leopoldi* and *P. wallacei*, under Appendix II. In addition, the proposal sought to list six other species under Appendix II under the look alike provision. These species are *P. albimaculata*, *P. henlei*, *P. jabuti*, *P.*

marquesi, and *P. signata*. Like the zebra pleco, these species are also subject to an export ban under Brazilian law.

Both of the proposals were widely considered not to meet the criteria for listing due to a variety of factors, foremost being the lack of evidence that international trade poses a significant threat to the species. Experts expressed concern that uplisting these species on the CITES Appendices would inhibit legal trade in captive bred specimens, which comprises the vast majority of trade in the species. This would in turn incentivize increased illegal fishing and smuggling to fill demand formally filled by captive bred specimens, while offering little to no increase in protection beyond what already had been implemented.

Despite concerns raised by ichthyologists, trade experts, and institutions including the CITES Secretariat, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, and IUCN/TRAFFIC, the Parties voted to uplist the species in both proposals. The proposal for the seven *Potamotrygon* species was passed in its original form. However, the zebra pleco proposal was amended and then passed, and the final result is that the zebra pleco is now placed on Appendix II.

While it is likely the increased restrictions on trade in the zebra pleco and the seven species of freshwater river stingray will not end all legal international trade, it will undoubtedly raise the burden on captive breeding operations. Because the restrictions are new, the impact on illicit collection and smuggling has yet to be seen. However, it is apparent governments and NGOs are often not mindful of unintended consequences of environmental policies which are supposed to protect wildlife.

More information on the zebra pleco CITES listing can be found in the upcoming March/April 2023 edition of *Amazonas Magazine*.

New to 2023 is the Bring a Friend Competition. Share the club with others and earn points toward a great prize. This years prize will be a 10 gallon tank setup.

How to earn points

Bring someone to a meeting that is at least 18 years old and has never been to a meeting before. This gets you 1 point.

When the guest of yours becomes a member within the year you will get 5 additional points.

The member with the most points at the end of the year will win the competition and prize.

