

Bluegrass Fishkeepers Association



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Upcoming Important Dates

All Dates are subject to change or be cancelled 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

September 11 Bluegrass Fish Keepers Association Swap
September 18 NWOAS Swap Maumee OH
September 19 MASI swap St Louis
September 24-26 Keystone Clash Morgantown, PA
September 26 Circle City Aquarium Club Auction Indianapolis
October 8-10 Catfish Cataclysm Madison WI
October 16 Bluegrass Fish Keepers General Meeting
October 22-24 IFGA Show Chicago
October 22-24 American Livebearers Association National Convention. Coral Springs, FL
October 30-31 Aquashella Dallas
November 19-21 Ohio Cichlid Association Extravaganza
November 20 Bluegrass Fish Keepers Association Awards Meeting

President's Message

Well, here we are drawing to an end to the summer. Kids should be going back to school, vacations are over, and before long leaves will start to change and temperatures cool. We will all start spending more time indoors as days get shorter. This will usher in the best time of the year for the fish keeper. Being inside means more time to work in the fish tanks. Right?

Although I like the summer and the outdoor activities, I look forward to this time more. As the weather starts to cool down fish events seem to pick up. More clubs have swap meets and auctions and other events. I am proud of how our club is growing and developing. Thus growth and development is thanks to help from some other clubs and of course all of you. It is wonderful how people can be pulled together over the love of aquariums and help one another make something great.

John Tyler
2021 President

Bluegrass. Fishkeepers
Association meets each 3rd
Saturday at 5pm at Lafayette
Church of the Nazarene in
Lexington, KY.

264 Lafayette Pkwy,
Lexington, KY 40503

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

A Special Thanks to Our Speakers
This Quarter

Picnic - June

No meeting - July

Mike Epperson - August

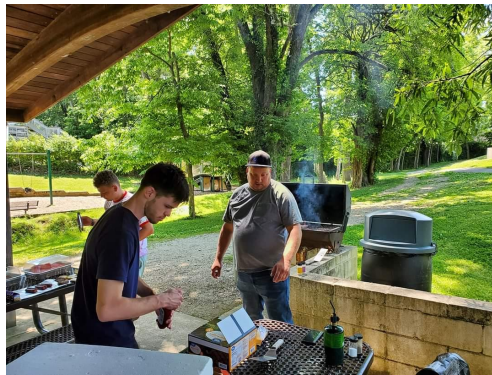
Breeders Award Program Standings

name	species	total points	title
Michael Gray	<i>Melanotaenia praecox</i> <i>Aphyosemion australe</i> <i>Pterophyllum scalare</i>	95	General Breeder
Donna Dray-Fetters	L144 Neocardina davidi Anentome helena	60	General Breeder
Brandon May	Ameca splendens Poecilia reticula Caridina cantonensis	50	General Breeder
Scott Breidert	Pomacea bridgesi Ancistrus sp. bristle nose common	35	
James Phillips	Apistogramma caetei	25	
John Tyler	Poecilia reticula	20	
Andrew Callahan	Danio rerio	20	

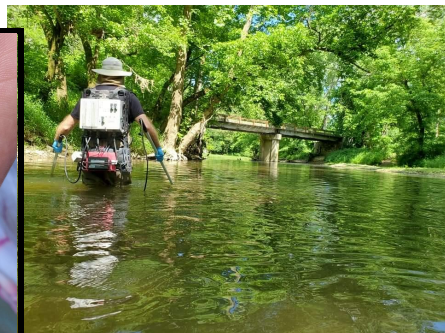
Want to share your experience? Submit an article by contacting the editor. We want to hear your stories.

Our Recent Events

Cookout



Native Collecting



Meet The Board

	President John Tyler alex_tyler@ymail.com		Vice President Mason Fish
	Treasurer Hudson Enszt Phone: 605-906-8110 Email: hudsonenszt@gmail.com		Secretary Donna Dray-Fetters
	Director at Large Will Branham		Director at Large Laurin Howard

Be on the Look Out

Upcoming Items

Official Membership

The topic has come up off and on in the past few years of who is a member of the club or how do you become a member of the club. We didn't really have a good answer other than just show up and participate. As the club continues to grow and develop we want to continue to offer increasing value to our members. To do this we have decided to institute official memberships starting for 2022.

What does this mean?

Starting in 2022 the club will have annual dues to be a member. Members who pay their dues will have access to certain benefits that non members will not have.

When can I join and pay my dues?

We will start collecting dues at the swap this September and membership will start in January 2022. You may also become a member at any of our regular monthly meetings following the swap.

How much are the dues?

Individual membership is \$10

Family membership which includes up to 2 adult domestic partners and children under 18 years old is \$15

Can I still come to meetings if I don't become a member?

Absolutely. Our general meetings are open to the public and free of charge. One of our main goals as a club is to educate and spread the love of the hobby and by keeping the meetings open we are able to better work towards these goals.

What can I do with the club if I'm not a member?

While we would love for you to become a member and take advantage of the full experience that the club has to offer, we still offer benefits to people who don't become members. These benefits include:

- Monthly Meetings with informative presentations
- Meet and socialize with other aquarium enthusiasts
- Purchase at auctions and swaps
- Sell at auctions and swaps (paid members will receive better auction cuts and swap table rates)
- Access to General Social Media Pages

What are the member exclusive benefits?

- Members only events such as
 - Native collecting
 - Summer picnic
 - Holiday party
 - Field trips
- Participate in club programs and contests such as
 - BAP
 - Fish grow out competition
 - More to come**
- Vote
- Eligible to serve on board
- Newsletter
- Reduced table rates at swap
- Better percentage at auctions
- Participate in club sponsored group purchases
- Discounts to local businesses (coming soon)
- Members only section of webpage (coming soon)

Why charge dues?

As a club we want to continue to bring more value and benefits to our members and the bluegrass as a whole. To do so requires funding for supplies, rentals, and much more. Up to this point a select few have been donating money and resources to get these benefits to everyone. By charging dues we will be able to provide more and be less demanding on those few.

How do our dues compare to other clubs?

Distance From Lexington	Club	Individual	Family
0	Bluegrass Fish Keepers	\$10	\$15
1-2 hour	(LTFF) Louisville Club	\$10	\$15
1-2 hour	(GCAS) Cincinnati Club	\$15	N/A
3 hour	(CCAC) Indianapolis Club	N/A	\$20
3 hour	(CAFE) Columbus Club	\$15	\$20
4 hour	(NWOAS) Toledo	\$10	\$15

	Club		
6 hour	(AAAA) Atlanta Club	\$20	\$25
6 hour	(GCCA) Chicago Club	\$20	\$25
6 hour	(GPASI) Pittsburgh Club	\$25	N/A

How long are my dues good?

Dues are good for one calendar year

Officer Elections

As we continued to grow and take on more activities as a club it became evident that we needed to designate specific roles for our leadership. The beginning of 2021 we designated these roles and assigned them to our leaders with the intention of making the officer positions elected positions in the future. This year we will hold our 1st election for officers that will take office in 2022. We will ask for nominations by/at the swap in September. In October we will distribute ballots for review by our membership. Then in November the ballots will be collected and tallied to determine next year's officers.

Prerequisites to hold a position : member in good standing and 18 or more years of age.

Current Offices and Board Chair Positions

Officers

President- organizes meetings and pulls it together

Vice President- fills in when President isn't available

Secretary- keeps records, takes minutes, manages the paperwork side

Treasurer- sends and receives funds, manages the club finances, keeps records of finances

Director at Large - fills gaps as needed and heads special projects of the club

Board Chairs

Auction Chair- organizes and leads the auction for the club

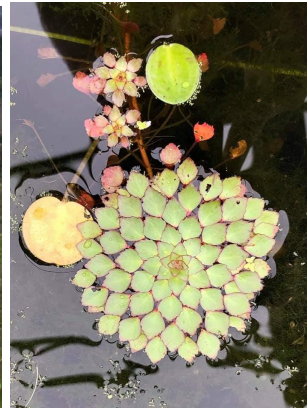
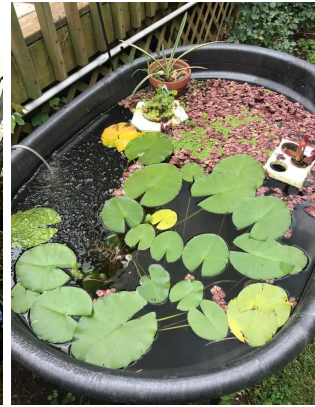
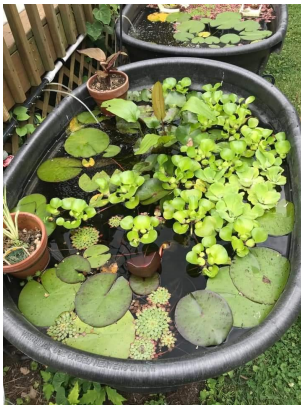
BAP Chair- manages the Breeders award program

Newsletter Editor- organizes the creation and distribution of the newsletter

Membership Chair- maintains a list of active members, maintains contact info of members, records of dues paid, and takes attendance at meetings.

A Look at Our Tubs of 2021

Thank you to Mike Busch, Josh Blaylock and Ross Prophator for the pictures of their summer tubs



Aquarium

Swap Meet



WHAT

Aquarium swap meet featuring hard to find equipment, fish, plants, and other aquatic related items at great deals.

WHEN

Saturday September 11, 2021
10 am - 2 pm

WHERE

264 Lafayette Pkwy, Lexington, KY
40503

MORE INFO

Open to the public
Free admission
Family friendly event
Lots of experience and knowledge in one room

facebook



Website

For general inquiries and information
on vending, please email
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