

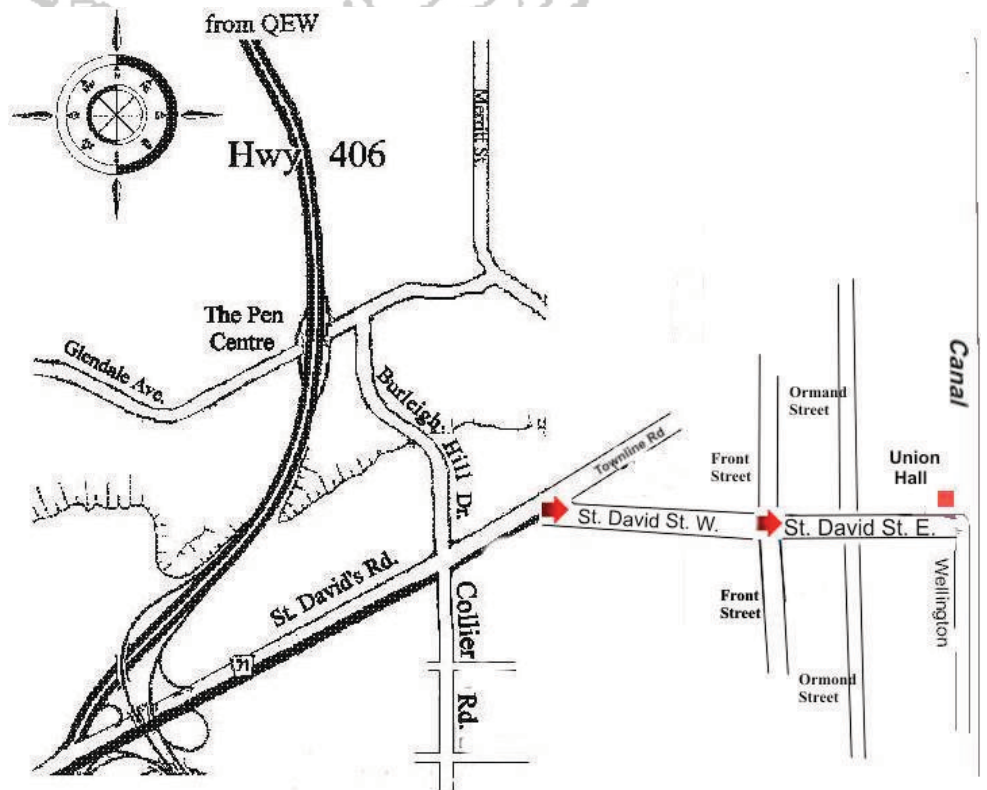
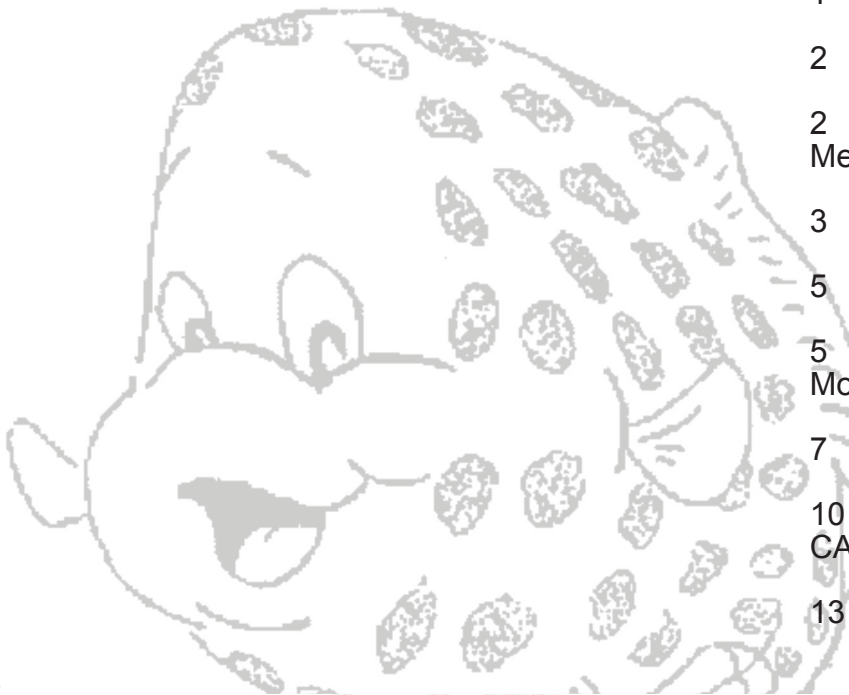
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Jar Show F.O.M.

- September Goldfish
- October Danios, Barbs & Tetras
- November Cichlids (Any Type)
- December. No Specific Fish of the Month – Open to All Types
- January Plants
- February Loaches & Sharks
- March Swords, Platies, Mollies
- April Anabantids including Gouramis and Bettas
- May Guppies
- June Corys & Catfish (Including Plecos)
- OPEN CLASS EVERY MONTH

May Program

Our next meeting is Monday June 3/19, we will be having a pizza party with the club supplying pizza and chips and soft drinks. You are welcome to bring out a salad or dessert or anything else to share with the other members. We will also have our usual raffle draw as well as a jar show. This is the last meeting of our season as we break for the summer (July and August) so our monthly auction will likely be larger than normal with many people bringing in stuff they want to sell before the summer. We will also be handing out some yearly awards. Normal 7:30 PM start time.

Pat's Presidential Message



Welcome to you all, it was another great turnout for our May meeting with Ken Boorman speaking on *Beyond Rainbows: Other Great Australian Fishes*. I found his talk to be quite interesting and a lot of the fish I had never seen before. It was good to see some guests and new members at this meeting as well. Keep getting the word out.

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Our club was asked to run a booth at the upcoming Pet Expo at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls on June 15 and 16. We are going to use this opportunity to further promote our club and hopefully we will have a few new members come the fall season when our club resumes in September. We are going to have several display tanks with fish donated by Petland in St. Catharines as well as a draw and an aquarium startup kit donated by Big Als Hamilton. Thank you both.

We will begin the meeting at 7:30 PM.

I hope to see you at our club meeting on Monday June 3.

Thank you

Pat



Words From the Editor

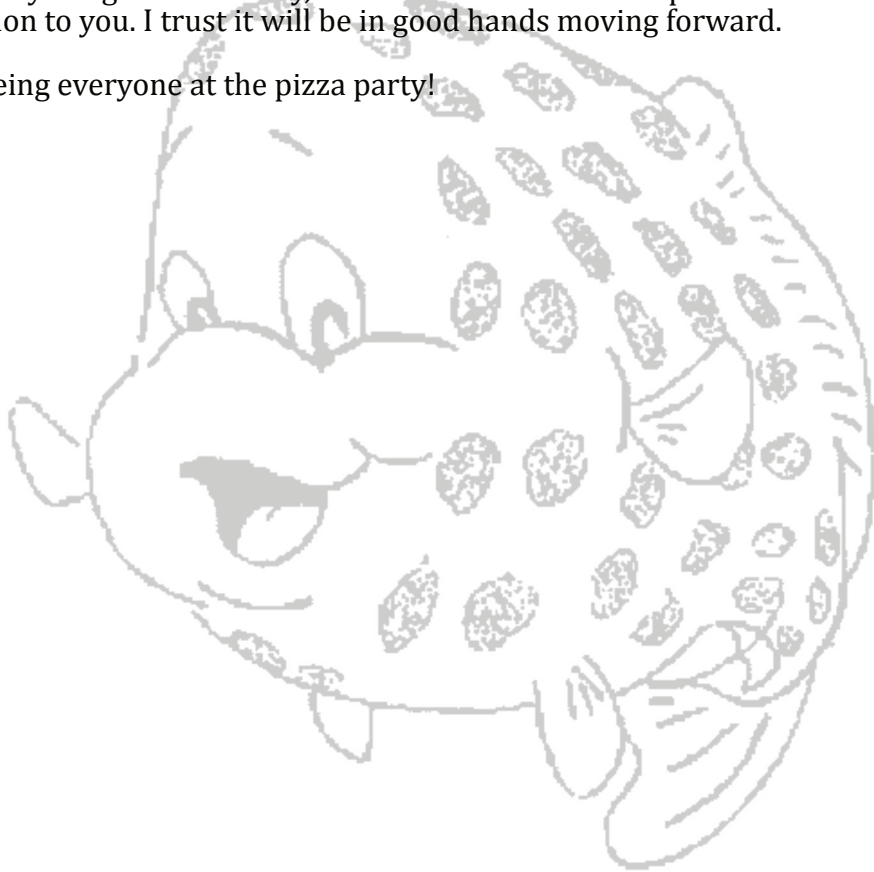
Well its that time of year again. A couple of months away from the club as we tend to gardens, ponds, and the yard or whatever keeps us busy. Perhaps we have vacations planned, beaches to lounge on or pools to canon ball into. Yup this is the last meeting and newsletter of the year.

This one is kinda bittersweet for me, as this will be my last newsletter. I have enjoyed putting this together every month. This alone has taught me quite a bit about the hobby via the articles submitted for breeder certificates. Unfortunately life gets in the way, and it's time for me to step aside and allow another creative mind to deliver this publication to you. I trust it will be in good hands moving forward.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the pizza party!

Cheers

Les



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Upcoming Events

June

15 - Peel Region Aquarium Club dinner speaker with Josh Cunningham

Awards From Last Months Meeting



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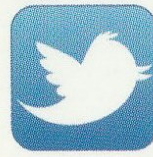
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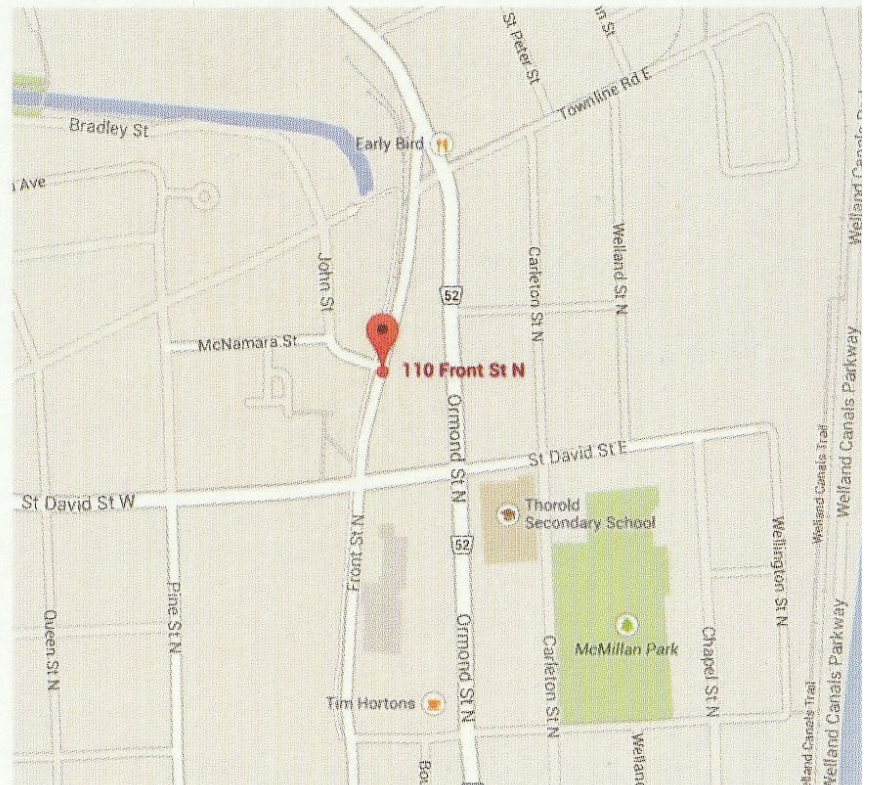
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Female Friendly Service

Poecilia Velifera

(Giant Sailfin Molly)

By Dave Furness

The Velifera are found in central America, in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.

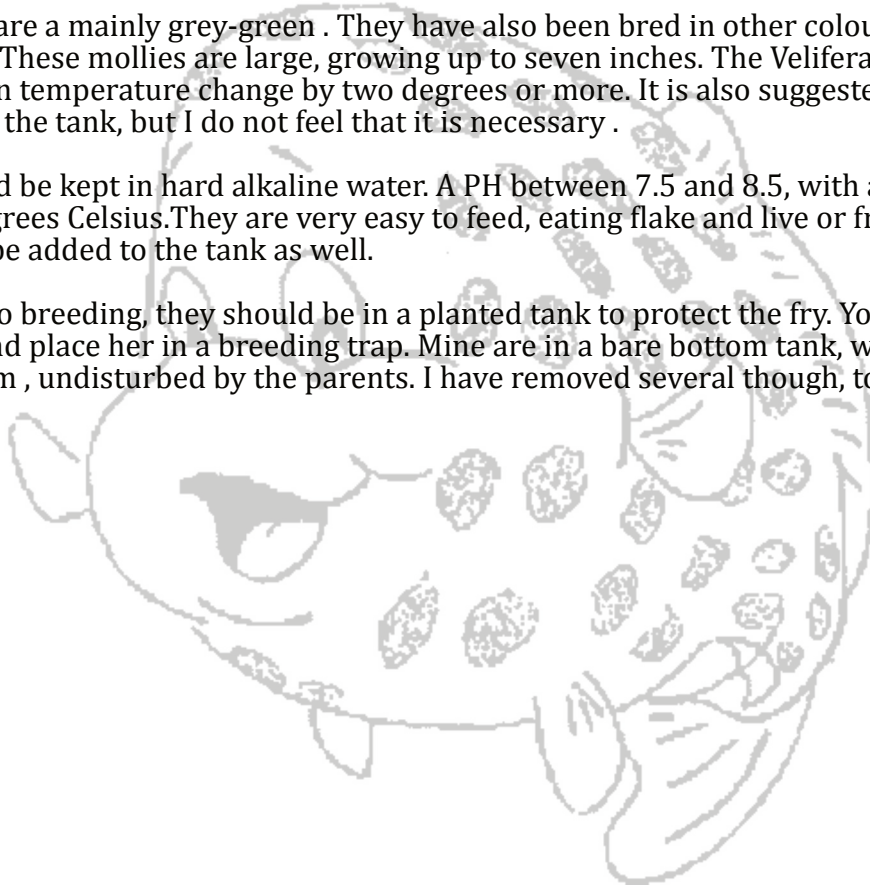
These mollies are also known as the " Mexican sail-fin molly, and the Yucatan molly.

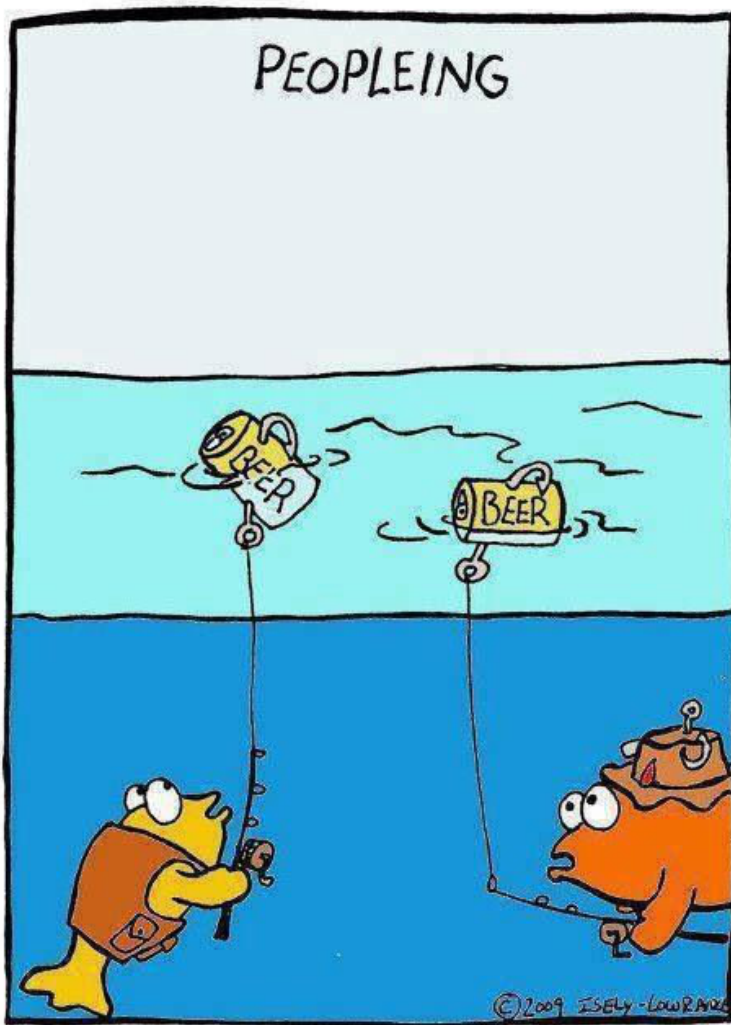
You can probably catch your own when you vacation in Florida , since many have been introduced by hobbyist into the local streams and canals.

Poecilia Velifera are a mainly grey-green . They have also been bred in other colours such as orange , and an albino form. These mollies are large, growing up to seven inches. The Velifera can be a little sensitive to a sudden temperature change by two degrees or more. It is also suggested by some hobbyist is to add a little salt to the tank, but I do not feel that it is necessary .

This molly should be kept in hard alkaline water. A PH between 7.5 and 8.5, with a temperature between 24 -27 degrees Celsius.They are very easy to feed, eating flake and live or frozen foods. Some greens should also be added to the tank as well.

When it comes to breeding, they should be in a planted tank to protect the fry. You could also remove the gravid female and place her in a breeding trap. Mine are in a bare bottom tank, where the fry are staying at the bottom , undisturbed by the parents. I have removed several though, to another grow out tank.





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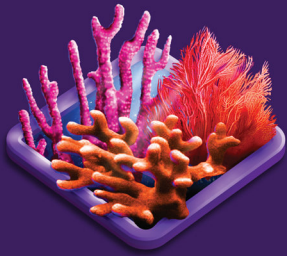
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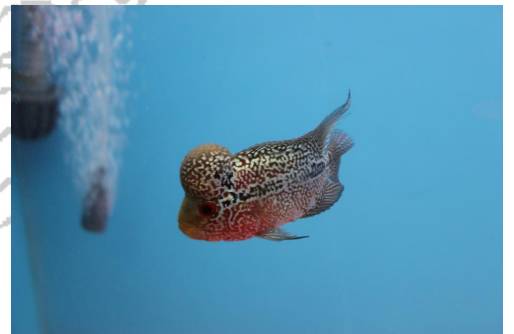
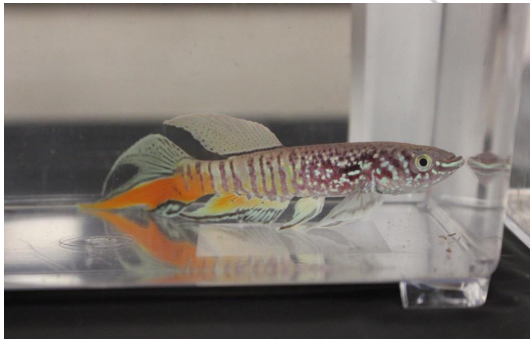
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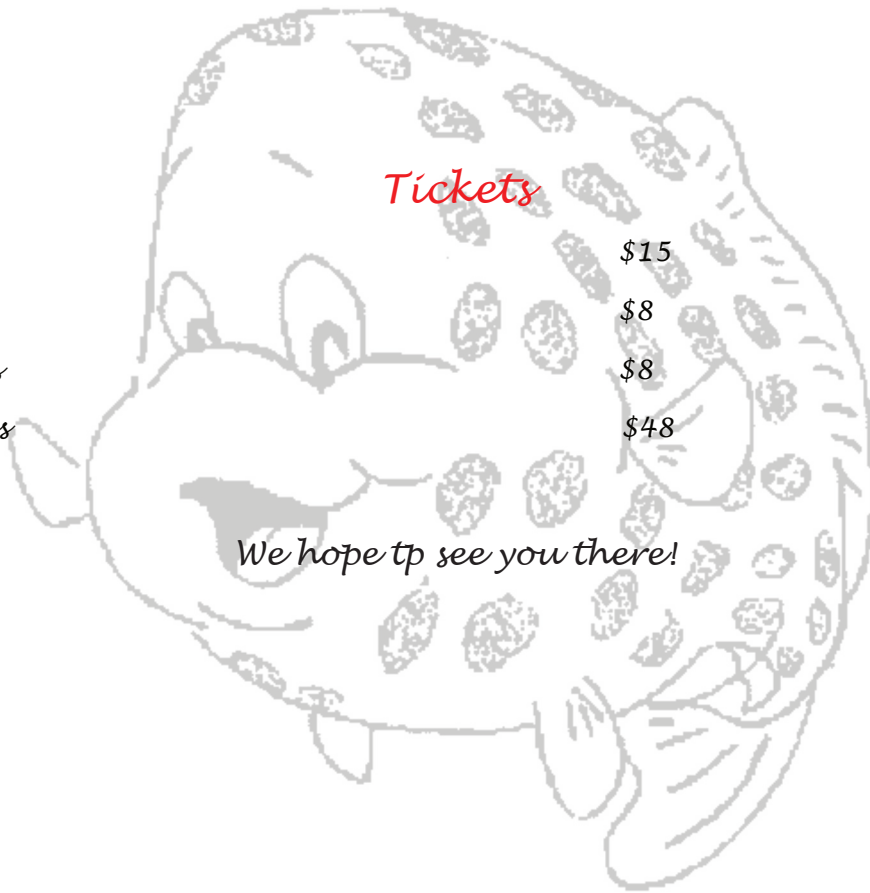
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