



# Fish of The Month



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CrownTail Betta

### Schedule Of Events

- Nov15th**      **TFCEC Meeting**
- Nov 13th**    **TFCEC Fall Auction At Patchin fire hall**
- May 18-20th** **TFCEC Convention More Info to come**

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- *Meeting Notice*
- *Fish Bag Prices*
- *Chairman's Message*



## Current Standings Bowl Show Fish of The Month

### 2011 Totals

<b>Bill Wroblewski</b>	<b>42pts</b>
<b>Peter Reukauf</b>	<b>25pts</b>
<b>John Bukaczeski</b>	<b>14pts</b>
<b>Donna Czarnecki</b>	<b>13pts</b>
<b>Bob Fessler</b>	<b>6pts</b>
<b>Tom Newer</b>	<b>5pts</b>
<b>Bonnie Gifford</b>	<b>3pts</b>
<b>Spencyr Wroblewski</b>	<b>3pts</b>
<b>Tony Hartmann</b>	<b>2pts</b>

## Bowl Show Results

### October 2011

#### Fish of the Month 3 Entries Pictures

<b>1st Chiclasoma Salvini</b>	<b>Peter Reukauf</b>
<b>2nd Gold Head Compressicep</b>	<b>Donna Czanecki</b>
<b>3rd Mollie Picture</b>	<b>Bill Wroblewski</b>
<b>4th</b>	

#### Fish of the Month 3 Entries Plants

<b>1st Anubius Barteri</b>	<b>Bill Wroblewski</b>
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#### Any Other Variety 4 Entries

<b>1st Crowntail Betta</b>	<b>Bob Fessler</b>
<b>2nd 24 Karat Lyretail Molly</b>	<b>Tom Newer</b>
<b>3rd Aulonocara SP Red Peacock</b>	<b>Bill Wroblewski</b>
<b>4th Chiclasoma Nicarrugence</b>	<b>Peter Reukauf</b>

**JUDGE Dick McEniry**

## Any Other Fish

### 2011 Totals

<b>Bill Wroblewski</b>	<b>34pts</b>
<b>Bob Fessler</b>	<b>28pts</b>
<b>Peter Reukauf</b>	<b>21pts</b>
<b>John Bukaczewski</b>	<b>17pts</b>
<b>Mike Culkowski</b>	<b>8pts</b>
<b>Tom Newer</b>	<b>7pts</b>
<b>Tony Hartmann</b>	<b>6pts</b>
<b>Donna Czarnecki</b>	<b>4pts</b>
<b>Bonnie Gifford</b>	<b>2pts</b>
<b>Meghan Williams</b>	<b>1pt</b>

### 2011 Bowl Show Classes

November	Killies and Novelty
December	Sharks & Loaches

## Peoples Choice Award

Gold Marble Angel

## Live Blackworm Group Order

I am organizing a group order of live blackworms from Eastern Aquatics.

If you would like to get in on the order, I will be collecting orders/money until the Wednesday before the next meeting.

The worms will arrive and be delivered at the next meeting.

### Pricing:

1lb of worms = \$22.00

0.5lb of worms = \$12.00

0.25lb of worms = \$6.50

If you are interested or have questions, send me an email, or leave a voicemail on my phone. 716.208.5596

**Put Your  
Article here  
or Wanted  
list here.**

## EDITOR MESSAGE

Deadline for December newsletter is December 11th. Hope to see everyone at the meeting. Still looking for new things to put in the news letter. If there is anyone that is receiving a mailed copy of the newsletter and would like one emailed please email me at [jfitz105@hotmail.com](mailto:jfitz105@hotmail.com). This would greatly reduce the cost of producing the newsletter.

**JIM FITZGERALD**

## Bags for Sale

.THE NEW BAGS ARE IN

3 X10X 2 MIL \$ 5.00/100

5X15X2MIL \$6.50/100

6X15X2 MIL \$6.75/100

8X18X2 MIL \$8.50/100

10X20X2MIL \$10.50/100

DECAPSULATED BRINE SHRIMP EGGS \$16.00 PER POUND

The club makes a penny per bag. The bag price were the same as last year but the shipping went up.

## Membership Report

By Teri Seufert

**Dues are now due from:** Tom Wlosinski, Tom Rizzo, Roslyn Berkovitz, Jodi Ghianna, Peter Reukauf, Norman Richards, James Mule, Tom Nuwer, Richard McEnery, Ed Gibson, Russell Arnst, John Gurbacki, Don Ochocinski, Bonnie Gifford, Greg Sipes, Erik O'Rourke, Philip Mikolajewski, Brendan Curran and Kathy Yandura

### Final Notice:

**NEW MEMBERS:** Tom Mason and Nathan Pieroni

**Welcome Back:** Jack Mulen

## Chairman's Message

### Chairman's Message November '11

The leaves have changed color and are falling fast so must be almost time for our Fall Auction. Yes in days we will have the Fall Auction for TFCEC. Getting lists together of what fish, plants and aquarium products we will take. Many hands will help make the day go by faster, so plan on helping somewhere at the auction. Just a reminder the parties the club has are to thank all those that help the club flourish. Without all the work that many do, we would not be able to give back to all.

Thanks to Josh for getting the website updated to a new format. If you haven't checked it out yet please do. The site is at <http://www.tropical-fish-club-of-erie-county.com/home/> It's a work in progress so check back often. Remember for those on Facebook we are also on there as well.

This month we will have members sharing doing mini programs. Tom Heisler will show "how to make a filter", Renae Johnson on "How to Bag Fish and Plants" and Tony Martina on "Water Gardens" It is great to have members sharing with others.

Elections are this month we will be voting on 4 Board of Director positions this year. Also we will vote on the By Law changes discussed at the meeting. They are listed in this newsletter for you to look over.

Hopefully everyone had fun playing "Fishy Feud" last month. Anyone win the possible \$10,000 Prize? It's fun getting these games ready.

Enjoy the nice days while there here.

Randy

## TFCEC Elections 2011

There are 4 Board of Director Positions open this year. The following were nominated at the October meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the November meeting and then voting for 4 of these members for the 2 year position of Director.

Jim Fitzgerald

Bill Wroblewski

Bob Fessler

Dick McEniry

Mark Baumgart

Bill Duzen

## By Law revision to be voted on.

Motion to change the tabled clause mentioned in the By Laws pertaining the dissolution of the club

### Article 15

Motion made by Chuck Mule to amend the bylaws to state: "that within a minimum of 3 months before the dissolution of the club that a special board meeting be held to discuss the options available in dispensing club assets and monies in the treasury. Any idea brought up at the board meeting will be discussed at the next club meeting for the membership's comments and reconsiderations. The results of this meeting will be published in the club newsletter. A final vote will be made at the following club meeting. Absentee votes will be accepted by phone from members in good standing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Wroblewski

Voted on unanimously by board members present

Article 11 – In January of each year, a selected member of the board along with a general member of the club shall review the books and records of the club, independently from the treasurer, for the previous calendar year. The findings from the review will be announced at the February general meeting. Motion by Russ Arnst 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Wroblewski

Voted on unanimously by Board members present

# Food for Killies

## Tubifex worms

In Singapore, where fish shops can be found in every housing estate, live tubifex worms are easily available. Wash the worms by putting them into a tub and flushing several times with tap water. I keep my worms fresh by punching several holes on the sides of the tub that is used to hold them and placing the tub under a leaking tap. Chopped with a razor blade, tubifex worms can be used to feed young killies.

A friend said you can get rid of the parasites and diseases that come with the worms by washing them with "antiseptic mouthwash". He mixes a capful of mouthwash with the worms and let it stand for 10 minutes before flushing with tap water. I'm not sure if it works but your fish will definitely not have bad breath, that's for sure.

## Bloodworms

Live bloodworms are quite easily available in Singapore too. I separate the live worms from the dead ones and removing the scum at the same time by putting the worms into a fine net and immersing it halfway into a tub of water. The live worms will swim out through the holes of the net.

Bloodworms are not really worms but the larvae of a mosquito-like insect known as a Chironomus. If uneaten, the Chironomus can start a breeding cycle in your fish tank. But don't worry, they won't suck your blood. Worst thing that can happen is that your neighbours will think you're breeding mosquitoes and call the environment ministry.

## Daphnia

Daphnia, commonly known as "Ang Boon" to Singapore fish shop owners, is also a great food for killies. However, they often bring Hydra to the tanks. Hydra is harmless to adult fish but can eat small fry.

Daphnia used to found everywhere in the old days. But the environment ministry effectively wiped them all out when they went around spraying anti-mosquito pesticides. It's such a pity. I had a lot of fun collecting daphnia from small puddles after the rain when I was a kid.

## Artemia

Artemia, more commonly known as brine shrimp, can be used to feed adult killies as well as fry. They have the advantage of being free from disease and parasites.

Artemia is also sold in 7-11 stores as "Sea Monkeys".

Artemia eggs are sold in local fish shops as "xia dan" (prawn eggs). They should be kept in the fridge when not in use.

## Microworms

Microworms are a good source of food for killifish fry but it can be a hassle culturing and harvesting them. I don't keep microworms in the house as the wife is squeamish.

If the culture crashes, it can stink to "high heaven". Fruit flies and houseflies will lay their eggs in a microworm culture if you do not cover it well

## Vinegar Eels

Vinegar eels are useful to have around if you are breeding very small killies. Culturing them is easy as they require almost zero maintenance.

If you bring your own solution of apple vinegar cider to me, I will inoculate it for free

# **TFCEC Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday November 15th  
Hank Nowak Amvest Post 45  
3071 Abbott RD Orchard Park N.Y.  
7 PM**

**Bowl Show: Killies and Novelty**

**Program: Mini Programs By Tom Heisler, Tony Martina and Renae Johnson**

**Mini Auction, Raffles**

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