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Red Eared Slider

Schedule Of Events

- Sep 20th** **TFCEC Meeting**
- Sep 25th** **Greater Pittsburg Auction**
- Oct 9th** **ARVAS auction Olean N.Y.**
- Oct 30th** **Erie Aquarium Society Auction at West Ridge fire hall**
- Nov 13th** **TFCEC Fall Auction**

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Special points of interest:

- *Meeting Notice*
- *Fish Bag Prices*



Current Standings Bowl Show Fish of The Month



2011 Totals	
Bill Wroblewski	30pts
Peter Reukauf	15pts
John Bukaczeski	14pts
Bob Fessler	6pts
Donna Czarnecki	6pts
Tom Newer	5pts
Bonnie Gifford	3pts
Spencyr Wroblewski	3pts
Tony Hartmann	2pts

Bowl Show Results

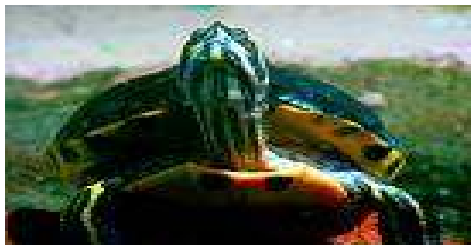
2011 Totals	
Bill Wroblewski	27pts
Bob Fessler	23pts
John Bukaczewski	16pts
Peter Reukauf	14pts
Mike Culkowski	5pts
Tony Hartmann	4pts
Donna Czarnecki	3pts
Tom Newer	3pts
Bonnie Gifford	2pts

August 2011	
Fish of the Month 3 Entries	
1st Red Eared Slider	Bill Wroblewski
2nd Marble Crayfish	Peter Reukauf
3rd Electric Blue Crayfish	Spencyr Wroblewski
4th	
Any Other Variety 4 Entries	
1st Albino pearlscale Angel	Mike Culkowski
2nd Parrot Fish	Bill Wroblewski
3rd Blue Diamond Flowerhead	Peter Reukauf
4th Sunset Angel	John Bukaczeski
JUDGE Dick McEniry	

2011 Bowl Show Classes	
September	Anabatids
October	Plants and Photo
November	Killies and Novelty
December	Sharks & Loaches

Peoples Choice Award

Red Eared Slider



SAD NEWS

Sorry to report, ET Tropical Fish will close at the end of Oct. My family and I are moving to North Carolina. So bad news also brings good news. I have 200 tanks to sell. Anyone wishing to start a fish room or store is in luck. all tanks are drilled for a water replacement system, however I will be patching a number of tanks in the next week for people who do not want to use these tanks in a system. I have:

44-29 gal tanks, glass tops, lights, gravel and UG filters, \$50 ea
144-20 gal tanks, glass tops, gravel, UG filters and 75 lights, \$40 ea
Blowers, valves you name it, all must be sold by mid Oct, will deliver if the number is high enough. Tons of fish, africans, angels, proven trio of L-066 plecos, 8 mature L-333 plecos, 75-2" frontosa.

cell # 716-880-7137
 Ed Gibson

FOR SALE: Mike Culkowski 681-2572

5 Discus Approx 6 Inch across. \$20.00 Each
Fish Tanks (3) 40 gal Breeder Size 36 x18 X 18 \$30 each or Best Offer

Fish tanks (3) 30 gal Breeder Size 36 X 18 X 8 \$25 Each or best offer

20 Long (2) \$10 each

Assorted other tanks etc. Open to Offers

EDITOR MESSAGE

Deadline for October newsletter is October 9th. 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. This would greatly reduce the cost of producing the newsletter.

JIM FITZGERALD

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

Josh Vito

Membership Report

By Teri Seufert

Dues are now due from: Kevin Kohl, Troy Stevenson, Mary Bukaczeski, Tom Wlosinski, Tom Rizzo, Anthony Hartmann, Roslyn Berkovitz, Jodi Ghianni, Bob Fessler, Claudia and Richard Carthew, Peter Reukauf

Final Notice: Jim Gilligan

NEW MEMBERS: Greg Lortz, Kathy Dywinski and Chris Krzal & Mandy Degroot

Chairman's Message

Chairman's Message Sept '11

Hard to believe it's September all ready were did the summer go? The fall brings all kinds of indoor activities and I am sure the fish will start spawning too. That is good because our auction is just a few months off. Time to get back into the auction mode with ARVAS and Erie Aquarium Societies Fall auctions then ours. Remember November 13th is the Fall auction for TFCEC.

This Month our program will be a video of some of the Legends of the Aquarium Hobby. I have met most of them and unfortunately the video is long. So this month get your pizza and drinks and be ready to enjoy what some of the best speakers have to tell you.

This Spring we will be hosting a Convention to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Plans are underway to put on a top notch line up of speakers, competitions , Auction, swap meet and meeting fellow hobbyists. Plan this weekend May 18-20 2012.

We'll off to the Board Meeting.

See you at the Meeting

Randy

Paradise Gourami

Macropodus opercularis

Paradise Fish, Paradise Gourami

Macropodus opercularis

Synonyms: *Labrus opercularis*, *Macropodus concolor*, *M. filamentosus*, *M. venustus*, *Polyacanthus opercularis*

Physical description: An elongated fish with long fins. The coloration varies, although generally the male has a turquoise-gray to green-brown head and back. The body color is dull turquoise with numerous vertical orange stripes. The gill cover and caudal penuncle are also marked with orange. The caudal fin has an orange and turquoise marbling, while the other fins are light blue.

Females are much duller in color.

Size/Length: To 4" (10 cm)

Similar species: None

Habitat: In standing and slow-moving water in shallow areas of marshes, canals, ponds, and rice patties. Asia; China, Korea, Taiwan, Southern Vietnam, Okinawa (Japan)

S: middle, top

Aquarium: 20" (50 cm) or 10 gallons (38 L) is adequate for smaller fish. Full grown specimen need a larger tank with a minimum size of 24" (60 cm) or 20 gallons (75 L). Provide retreats for the female. The tank should be well-vegetated. Fish prefer large tank with lots of open swimming area. A partial cover of floating plants is beneficial to aide in bubble nest building. The Paradise Fish is an well-known jumper, so the tank should be well-covered.

Water chemistry: pH 6-8 (7.0), dH 4-30 (12), 59-79°F (15-26°C).

Social behavior: Young fish make excellent community fish, but adult males often cause problems. If two males are confined together in a small tank (Under 30" or 30 gallons), they will fight almost as aggressively as male Betta splendens. Females may be attacked by males, even during non-spawning times. If attacks become to brutal on the female, remove her. Better results occur when several females are kept with one female. Best kept in a species tank.

Suggested companions: *Trichogaster*, *Corydoras*, *Botia*, Angel-fish, Loricarids.

FOOD: Algae; flakes; live; worms, crustaceans, insects, insect larvae. A favorite meal of the Paradise fish is planeria.

Sexual differences: The male is more colorful with longer fins.

Breeding techniques: Breeding is fairly easy. Take a strong, established pair and place them in a tank alone. Initiate spawning by lowering the water level and increasing the temperature to 75-84°F (24-29°C). After an active courtship, the eggs float to the surface where the male collects them and spits them into the bubble nest. The bubble nest is usually built beneath a large leaf. The female should be removed at that point. The eggs, numbering as many as 1000, are guarded aggressively by the male. They hatch in 24-28 hours and are free-swimming after 3-5 days. The male should be removed. Start feeding with powdered dry foods and infusoria, and later with *Artemia*.

Breeding potential: 5. Breeding the Paradise Fish is fairly easy.

Remarks: The Paradise Fish was among the first introductions to the aquarium. It was the second tropical fish-behind the goldfish-to be imported into France (1869). There are two readily available color morphs; the black and albino variants.

Difficulty of care: 4. Young Paradise Fish are excellent community fish that are hardy

TROPICAL FISH AQUATIC PLANT & SUPPLY AUCTION

Public invited, you do not have to belong to a fish club to buy or sell!

Sponsored by:

TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF ERIE COUNTY

Sunday November 13th 2011

11:00 A.M. AUCTION START TIME

9:30 A.M. Registration Starts

PATCHIN FIRE HALL

8333 Boston State Road, BOSTON, NY

70/30 SPLIT FOR SELLERS

INFORMATION:

Randy Suefert (716)649-9165

Email tfcprez2@aim.com

Refreshments available



TFCEC Tropical Fish and Supply Auction

The auction will be a 70/30 split auction, 70% of the selling price goes to the seller and 30% to the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Inc. . All items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Procedures and Rules:

1. **Each seller must register and receive ID letters before placing items in the auction. ITEMS MUST BE NUMBERED CONSECUTIVELY 1-10, 11-20 ETC.** The items will be auctioned off by number, all #1, #11, #21 etc. items will be auctioned first, followed by all #2, #12, #22 etc. There will be tables for each number 1-10. Sale items are to be placed on the corresponding tables. After table 2 a lottery will be held for the remaining Tables. The order in which they are picked will be the table that will be sold next. No items may be renumbered or moved from the original positions.

2. Buyers may register to charge their purchases, or pay cash at the time of the sale. Each buyer that registers will be given a buyers ID number. These are to be used during bidding and purchase of an item.

3. All items must be properly labeled: item letter and number, brief description, type of species, quantity, and also if the fish are a pair, trio, male or female, if known. On dry goods items, mark the condition of the item. **Sellers name and Phone number is suggested.**

4. **On dry good items only a limit of 5 like items will be accepted** (ex. 5 bags of flake food) **New: ALL USED EQUIPMENT MUST BE CLEAN or it WILL BE REJECTED**

5. We have established a sales limit for Duckweed and ramshorn snail. Not more then three (3) bags of these 2 items in any combination per seller will be allowed. Example 2 bags of snails and 3 bags of duckweed.

5. **Selling increments will be \$1.00. NO ITEM WILL BE SOLD FOR LESS THAN \$1.00--if it does not sell, it will be returned to the seller.**

6. **Proper bagging is necessary.** Fish and plants must be in proper fish bags (available from most fish stores). **NO BAGGIES, ZIP LOCK BAGS OR TWIST TIE BAGS ALLOWED.** There will be a 50 cent re-bagging charge if re-bagging is necessary. This will be deducted from your auction money. Double bagging is suggested.

7. **Minimum bid:** Sellers may place a minimum bid on an item. This should be a reasonable price. Any item with a minimum bid that does not sell at the minimum bid will be put to the side. If the seller so requests a lower price, these items will be auctioned at the end of all the numbered 10 items.

8. **Any single item that sells for \$50.00 or more, there will be a maximum club split of \$15.00, all other proceeds for that item goes to the seller.**

9. **The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Inc. and the Patchin Volunteer Fire Company will not be responsible for any personal injury or any damages or losses incurred before, during or after the auction.**

10. All unclaimed items become the property of the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Inc.

11. **Payment:** The auction staff will keep track of all transactions throughout the auction. Buyers may pay their tab anytime before leaving. Sellers may settle up after all of their items have sold or if the seller chooses to leave early, a check will be mailed to the seller. However, **all purchases must be paid for before leaving.** No checks will be accepted, **CASH ONLY.**

TFCEC Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday September 20th
Hank Nowak Amvest Post 45
3071 Abbott RD Orchard Park N.Y.
7 PM**

Bowl Show: Anabatids

Program: Video on the Greats of the Hobby

Mini Auction, Raffles

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