

SomeThingsFishy

April 2017



**OUT WITH THE OLD,
IN WITH THE NEW!**



Club Announcements

Upcoming Events

- CNYAS Auction April 29th
- Greater Pittsburg Spring Auction April 30th
- American Livebearer Assoc May 4-7th
- American Killie Fish Assoc May 26th -28th
- Akron Show June 10-11th
- ACA Detroit July 13-16th
- TFCEC Swap Meet August 26th**
- Catfish-Cataclysm Sept 22-24
- TFCEC Fall Auction November 11th**

Chris Hardy

One thing I've witnessed in the hobby is getting "bored" with your current set up or on a larger scale, burned out on the hobby itself.

Recently I started to develop this feeling myself, whether it was because I was busy with life outside of fish or having a bunch of fish that were acquired when I bought out a friend's fishroom a year ago; I wasn't feeling that same excitement I first felt when I built the room.

I knew it was time for a change, so with the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County's annual spring auction coming up, I decided to take advantage of the opportunity to breathe new life into my fish room. I decided to clean out five "plant only" 30g tanks and prep them for fish instead. In addition, I packed up several species of fish that weren't part of the new plan I'd developed for the future of my fish room including my pair of koi angels, enterochromis paropiis breeding group with fry, panda corys, a pair of apisto panduro, and a group of L144a plecos. The transition took me the entire afternoon and evening on Saturday working in the fish room (with a beer in hand of course) to prep the tanks and to pack up the fish and plants I was planning to sell. Then I spent all day Sunday at the auction splitting my time between bidding on the new fish I was looking for and working as a runner assisting the club with the logistics of running the auction.

Upcoming Programs

- June 2017: John Strazinsky
- September 2017: Larry Johnson

NEXT MEETING

Annual Awards Banquet
Tuesday April 25, 2017

Location: Columns
2221 Transit Rd, Elma, NY 14059.
@ 7:00

Program: Awards Banquet
Bowl Show Categories:

none

See Chairman's message for details!



While catching up with friends in the hobby I was able to bring home close to 20 bags of fish that included 13 different species. My haul consisted of a few bags of various types of guppies, some wild caught L270 plecos, a group of clown plecos, a few different species of Malawi cichlids, a new type of angels, and more. The best part (at least according to my wife) was that I actually came home with money in my pocket, having made a little bit more on the plants & fish I sold than I spent on the new fish.

If I can say I learned anything from this, it's that if you are starting to lose the passion you once had for the hobby, try something new and challenge yourself. Or if you've hit a rough patch, maybe take it back to basics by picking up something easy that will be rewarding. A little victory can rekindle the interest in the hobby that you experienced in the past.



March's Program: Swimming With Discus by Kapil Mandreker

photo: Donna Reukauf

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MEETINGS

The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County, Inc., meets the third Tuesday of the month at The Chicken Coop, VFW Post 8113, 299 Leydecker Road, West Seneca NY. Meetings start at 7:00PM. All are invited.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County is to bring hobbyists of tropical fish and aquatic plants together, those who are interested in breeding, raising, showing, or just plain looking at fish and aquatic plants. Also to aid members through lectures, films and slide presentations on different aspects of the tropical fish hobby.

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What is a Swap Meet?

The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County shall provide a place for buyers and sellers to gather and purchase or "Swap" aquarium related dry goods and livestock. Anyone wanting to sell can rent a table(s), and bring their items to sell. Anyone wishing to buy can do so between 10-2pm on August 26, 2017. All sales are between the seller and buyer only. TFCEC does nothing more than provide space and promote the event, for everyone to gather.

T.F.C.E.C. Swap Meet Rules

1. **Admission is free and open to the Public**
2. **Table rental is \$20.00 for 8 foot table, 2 tables \$35.00.** Payment for Table(s) must be made before seller will be allowed to sell. Please advise if you need electricity. Seller must bring their own extension cords, or power strips. Seller area shall be 8 feet total, unless more than one table is booked. Set up from 8am to 10am August 26, 2017. Table space on first come first served basis. Registration forms must be completed and be accompanied with payment .
3. **Maximum of 2 people per sales table,** must wear nametag during Swap Meet.
4. **No Outside sales by nonregistered sellers will be permitted.**
5. No more than 20 gallons of filled tanks, total allowed on tables, larger must be on own stands.
6. Sellers must bring their own change, etc. Change not available from host club.
7. Seller responsible for any sales tax on items, and set their own policy on payment method. If they accept checks, credit cards etc.
8. **Only Aquarium** related items to be sold.

- Fish, Aquatic Plants, Foods, Invertebrates, Books, Decorations, and equipment. If used equipment must have condition written on item. No cracked or dangerous tanks allowed. Seller takes responsibility for misrepresentation of condition.
9. No Fish to be sold that are included on the NY State Invasive Species Prohibited List, (**6 NYCRR Part 575**) If on the Regulated Species list must have the appropriate label attached. No Native Fish of NY State to be sold.
 10. No deformed, sick or illegal fish to be sold.
 11. TFCEC is not responsible for accidents or misrepresentation of fish or dry goods.
 12. All sellers must be at their tables from 10am to 2 Pm during the event.

Silent Auction

A Silent Auction will be conducted by TFCEC. A variety of items to be raffled. Any vendor can donate an item or items for the Silent Auction. Drawing for the Silent Auction, to be drawn at 2pm on August 26, 2017.

For more information Contact Randy Seufert email tfcprez2@gmail.com Or check out our website at <http://tropical-fish-club-of-erie-county.com>



Chairman's Message

- Randy Seufert

tfcprez2@gmail.com

Happy Spring!! First off I want to thank Kapil Mandrekar for coming and giving an interesting program. Also for all the donations fish he brought for the mini auction. It was great meeting with him before the meeting and visiting a couple local stores in the afternoon. Thanks to Donna and Peter for their hospitality to Kapil as well.

Our Awards Banquet is next month. But, it will not be on our regular scheduled night. **The Banquet will be held on April 25th, one week later. It will still be held at the Columns at 2221 Transit Rd, Elma, NY 14059.** It's time to reward our members with recognition for their accomplishments of 2016. Please contact Larry Gibbs at 826-6755 for reservations, members cost is \$10.00 each.

Remember our upcoming events, The Swap Meet on August 26th and our Fall Auction on November 11th. That's it for now. Got to help Teri over the next few weeks as she undergoes surgery for Uterine Cancer. All are optimistic as it was found in an early stage. Guess who will have to look after the fish!

See you at the Awards Banquet
Randy



It'll just be a minute

– Dawn M. Domagala

TFCEC General Meeting 03/21/2017

Meeting started @ 7:35pm

- Secretary's report by Dawn Domagala: March 14th Board meeting was canceled due to weather.
- Treasurer report was given by Donna Reukauf was read and approved.
- Membership report by Chris Hardy: 4 new members joined from the auction.
- President Randy Seufert went over details of February's auction: 72 sellers, 1,462 items, a few technical issues, but profitable for the club.
- Motion was made to buy two wire-less microphones for next auction.
- BAP 8 all cichlids
- HAP none this month
- Eric Jensen was finally awarded his awards from last years award banquet.
- Publication: Josh Vito is looking for someone to take over the duties involved with the newsletter.
- 7:45 pizza break
- 8:20 to 9:20 Kapil Mandreker presentation of "Swimming with Wild Discus"
- Next month Award's Banquet at Colum'n's restaurant \$10 a ticket.
- Fishy/Fishy \$42.00
- Raffle
- Auction
- Adjournment: 10 pm



Photo courtesy of March 2017 Program Speaker : Kapil Mandrekar

TFCEC Board of Directors meeting

No Board of Director's meeting was held in March 2017.



Bottom Photos: Donna Reukauf - Jan.2017



TFCEC Awards Banquet

April 25, 2017

Note Date Change

Cocktails 6PM

Dinner 7:15 PM

**30th Anniversary of
Tropical Fish Club of Erie County
Awards Banquet**

Reservation to Larry Gibbs by April 15th

826-6755

Members cost \$10.00 per person

Cash Bar, Soft drinks provide by club

Buffet Dinner

At the Columns Banquets

2221 Transit Rd, Elma, NY 14059

2017 TFCEC Officers

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Committee for 2017

BAP: Tom Rizzo and Bill Wroblewski

HAP: Chuck Mule

WAP:

Auction: Randy Seufert

Swap Meet: Randy Seufert

Bowl Show: Larry Gibbs

Ways and Means; Randy Seufert
and Bill Wroblewski

Publication: Josh Vito

Membership: Chris Hardy

Library: Bill Wroblewski

Awards Banquet: Larry Gibbs

Picnic: Teri Seufert

Holiday Party: Larry Gibbs and Mark Baumgart

Programs: Randy Seufert and Chris Hardy

Fishy/Fishy: Ed Osika

Raffle: Bill Wroblewski



March 2017 Program - Photo: Tom Heisler



Tropical Fish Club of Erie County
3rd Annual Swap Meet

Saturday August 26, 2017

At the Chicken Coop, 299 Leydecker Road, West Seneca, NY 14224

Swap Meet setup 8am -10am

Swap Meet 10am – 2pm

Free and open to the Public

Table Rental \$20.00 for 1 table 2 for \$35.00
Reserve early as space is limited Sold on First Come first served basis.
Sell Aquarium Related Items: Fish, Aquatic Plants, Tanks, equipment, books, magazines, foods, decorations, collectibles
For rules and registration forms contact Randy Seufert tfcpres2@gmail.com
Or check out website at <http://tropical-fish-club-of-erie-county.com>
Or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Tropical-Fish-Club-of-Erie-County-166974402700/>



JULY 8th NORTH TOWNS
Pond Tour & Picnic

In conjunction with



Dawn Domagala for details (716)860-6186



Classifieds

Bags for Sale

3x10x2mil \$5.00/100
5x15x2mil \$6.50/100
6x16x2mil \$6.75/100
6x24x2mil \$9.75/100
8x15x2mil \$8.50/100
10x20x2mil \$11.25/100
De-capsulated Brine Shrimp Eggs \$16.00 per pound
*Pricing subject to change
See Bill Duzen at the meeting

Fish tanks and all accessories for sale.

One two and a half gallon.
Two 10 gallon with stand.
One 40 gallon.
One 20 gallon with stand.
One 75 gallon with stand.
Best reasonable offer accepted.
Buy 1 - Buy all
Call Bob 685-3454
see photo(s) to left(ed.)

YOUR AD HERE: any club member in good standing can submit text ads with optional attached photo

Help Needed: Newsletter

My time has become more limited of late, and I would like to give another member the chance to assemble the newsletter each month.

Please let me know if you would like to take over as Newsletter Chair.

- Josh, Editor
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Reminder, all newsletter content is due the LAST Tuesday of the previous month. (to allow for printing) All content can be sent to the following email

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March 2017 Bowl Show

Fish of the Month - Goldfish

1. Shubunkin Goldfish - Dawn Domagala
2. -
3. -

Any Other Variety

1. -
2. -
3. -

Fish of the Month - Koi

1. Orange Koi - Donna Reukauf
2. Ogon Gold Koi - Peter Reukauf
3. -

People Choice

- Shubunkin Goldfish - Dawn Domagala

Have something you want to share? Write an article or snap a photo of your prized aquatic. I'll publish it in the monthly newsletter.

Email your article with separately attached images to

TFCEditor@gmail.com



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Tropical Fish Club of Erie County

SPECIAL Meeting Day for April Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Program: Awards Banquet

The meeting will be held at The Columns at 2221 Transit Rd, Elma, NY 14059. Meetings start at 7PM. Show up a bit early and have a soda with TFCEC.

Reminder to all members - All Membership dues are due in June! If you still need to pay your 2016 dues, they can be paid at the next meeting or you can send them via postal mail, c/o Randy & Teri Seufert to **5725 Herman Hill Road, Hamburg, NY 14075**.

Dues are as follows:

Individual - \$12

Family - \$18

Junior - \$6

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