

SomeThingsFishy

May 2017



Club Announcements

Upcoming Events

- 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**

Upcoming Programs

- June 2017: John Strazinsky
- September 2017: Larry Johnson
- October 2017: Robert Lupton aka "Shrimp Boy"

NEXT MEETING

Monthly General Meeting
Tuesday May 16, 2017

Chicken Coop, VFW Post 8113, 299
Leydecker Road in West Seneca.
@ 7:00

Program: **Get to Know our Members**
Bowl Show Categories:
Catfish, Suckermouth Catfish, AOV

Mini-Auction, Raffle, Fishy-fishy



Thank You TFCEC.
It's been a GREAT 30 Years

Mike Culkowski

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About 34 years ago my wife bought a 20 Gal High tank setup for me for Christmas at a time when we did not have a lot of extra money. As a result of that, Fish and Aquatic Plants have been the second most important part of my life after her and my three daughters. While pursuing my career, and now in retirement, I have continued growing fish and plants, travelling to auctions in three states to get new varieties, move excess spawns and chat with many other fish loving folks.

I participated in the Western New York Aquarium Society fish show and a few auctions. I first learned about TFCEC from a small ad in Tropical Fish Hobbyist (TFH) magazine. It took a letter to someone in North Boston (Randy) to find out where they met etc. That's what got me going as a fish nut. After joining, the fish bug really bit. I accumulated over 100 tanks, remodeled, and expanded the fish room, got a lot of fish to spawn and plants to multiply and turn in to the club. I still have a few more to go to try to catch up with others.

I want to thank all the members of TFCEC for the opportunity to enjoy our shared hobby and hope to keep going with it, at a reduced size, in my later years.
Mike Culkowski

TFCEC Award Banquet 2017



May's Program: Get to Know our Members

- 1 THANK YOU TFCEC. IT'S BEEN A GREAT 32 YEARS
Mike Culkowski
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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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Chairman's Message

- Randy Seufert

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Happy 30 th Anniversary TFCEC! What a beautiful evening for a Banquet, and a great bunch of fish people to enjoy it with. Thanks to Larry Gibbs for getting the banquet set up, and the people from The Columns for putting out a very tasty and great buffet dinner. If you missed it we will be back there April 17, 2018.

Congratulations to all the award winners in BAP, HAP and Bowl Show. The awards look very nice too. Congratulations to Donna Reukauf our Aquarist of the Year, and Mike Culkowski the TFCEC Award Recipient. I also want to congratulate our newest Life Member Nancy Wojnowski.

It was fun putting together the picture slideshow from many years of events the club has held. It's too bad pictures from the early days could not be put on. It has been a great 30 years and may the club keep growing and continue for many years to come.

See you at the meeting,
Randy





It'll just be a minute

– Dawn M. Domagala

TFCEC Award Banquet Meeting 03/21/2017

TFCEC Board of Directors meeting 03/14/2017

Called to order by President Randy Seufert @ 7pm
Attendees: Donna & Peter Ruekauf, Tom Heisler, Tom Rizzo, Randy & Teri Seufert, Larry Gibb, Eddie Rahaim, Chris Hardy, Bill Wroblewski and Dawn Domagala.

Discussing the February Auction Board discussed an essay written by Renee Johnson critiquing the auction. Several points of improvement were discussed and will be implemented at the clubs next auction in November. The new excel auction program will be tested at the next few regular club meetings, to work out any irregularities that may occur.

Richard Garcia will be band from all TFCEC events due to inappropriate actions at April's auction. Club president Randy Seufert will personally write Richard a letter.

A motion was made at the general meeting in April to purchase a wireless PA system. Randy researched and found JVL systems for \$429. Board approved the purchase of that unit.

Committees
the new chairs of BAP Peter Ruekauf & Tom Heisler will be reviewing and editing target fish. Skiffia francasae will be removed from the list in two years from now. If you have them, you have time to breed them.

Newsletter:
Josh Vito is looking for someone to take over the newsletter

Membership:
Due are due in June

Library:
One book a month will be placed on the regular meeting raffle table, in an effort to liquidate the collection. See Bill W if you are interested in any titles

Auction Rules:
A new "buy it now" table will be added to the next club auction in November. Rules to follow.

Treasurer report:
Donna Reukauf read the treasury report for February and March, it was accepted by the board.

Awards Banquet 30th Anniversary
Aquarist of the Year---Donna Reukauf

Presidents Award---Mike Culkowski

Lifetime Member --Nancy Wojnowski

Bowl Show Awards---FOM
1) Bill Wroblewski
2) Randy & Teri Seufert
3) Bob Fessler Jr.

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2) Bob Fessler Jr.
3)Mike Culkowski
John Bukaczeski

HAP Award
Beginning Aquatic Horticulturist---Alexander A. Minko

BAP Awards
Beginner Livebearer---Alexander A. Minko
Novice Breeder 100 Pts.---Alexander A. Minko
Senior Breeder 300 Pts.---Donna Reukauf
Expert Breeder 600 Pts.---Peter Reukauf
Advanced Breeder/Cichlids-15 Species---Peter Reukauf
Master Breeder/Cichlids-30 Species---Peter Reukauf

Target Fish Awards
Synodontis Petricola---Peter Reukauf
Skiffia Francesae---Renaee Johnson
Lophiobagrus Brevispinnis---Tom Heisler
Synodontis Petricola---Donna Reukauf
Skiffia Francesae---Dave West

Programs:
May:
June Jonathan Strazinsky
July:
August:
Sept: Larry Johnson
Oct: Robert Lupton "shrimp boy"
November:

Adjourned: 9:00pm

TFCEC Upcoming Programs - 2017

May: "Get to Know our Members"
 June: Jonathan Strazinsky

September: Larry Johnson "Lake Malawi Trips"
 October: Robert Lupton aka "Shrimp Boy"



Jonathan Strazinsky

My name is Jonathan Strazinsky, aka TheFishGuy. I've been in the hobby for 32 years now, some call that a beginner! That's somewhat true as I'm always looking to further my education when it comes to this hobby. My main focus is and always has been Central and South American cichlids, specifically the larger growing or aggressive species. I find it fascinating attempting to manage the aggression and then get these species to spawn. I'm also a bit partial to large growing aggressive catfish and larger growing oddball species. I'm a carpenter by trade and have often married my profession to the hobby, building tanks and tank stands and various other diy projects. I'm married to an incredibly understanding and supportive wife who puts up with me on a daily basis. We've got four kids, the oldest graduates high school this year and the youngest is ten. I love talking in front of people, I've got a big personality and encourage your participation, I want to learn from you too!

2017 TFCEC Officers

Board of Directors

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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

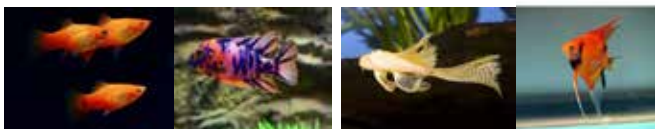
Raffle: Bill Wroblewski

JULY 8th NORTH TOWNS Pond Tour & Picnic

In conjunction with



Dawn Domagala for
details (716)860-6186



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/>



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.)

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
tfceceditor@gmail.com

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

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
TfcecEditor@gmail.com

TFCEC Bowl Show Categories - 2017

Month	Categories		
January	Arts & Crafts	Photos	Any Other Variety
February	Livebearers	Pairs	Any Other Variety
March	Goldfish	Koi	Any Other Variety
April	No Bowl Show - Awards Banquet		
May	Catfish	Suckermouth Catfish	Any Other Variety
June	Novelty Tank *	TBD	Any Other Variety
July	Characins	Aquatic Animal	Any Other Variety
August	No Bowl Show - Picnic		
September	New Wold Cichlid under 4"	New Wold Cichlid over 4"	Any Other Variety
October	Old World Cichlid under 4"	Old World Cichlid over 4"	Any Other Variety
November	Anabantid	Loaches	Any Other Variety
December	Red Fish	Green Fish	Any Other Variety

* Novelty Tank to have a theme, include at least one fish or aquatic animal, max size 5 gallons

Horticultural Award Program

March 2017

Bill Wroblewski - Vallisneria americana - 5 pts

April 2017

Chuck Mule - Pinguicula cyclosecta - flowering 10 pts.
 - Dionae muscipula - flowering 15 pts.
 - Utricularia calycifida - flowering 10 pts.

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

TFCECeditor@gmail.com



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Tropical Fish Club of Erie County

Regular Meeting Day for May Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Program: "Get to Know our Members"

The meeting will be held at the usual location, The Chicken Coop, VFW Post 8113, 299 Leydecker Road, West Seneca NY. Meetings start at 7PM.

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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