

SomeThingsFishy

June 2017



Breeding The Lophiobagrus Brevispinnis

Tom Heisler

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I received a group of these lake Tanganyikan catfish at a convention. What interested me in these fish is that they resembled a bullhead I used to catch while fishing. The person that sold me these fish had warned me that they can sting and it is much like a bee sting due to the unique barbells on the caudal fins. There are mini barbells and they break off after penetrating the skin. He proceeded to teach me how to handle these fish without getting stung.

I placed my group in a Lake Tanganyika community tank with flat rocks and a sand bottom. I was told that they like dark caves so I put in some pleco caves, shells, and flower pots.

When I got these fish they were around 2 inches. These fish max out at around 3 inches with the male being the larger of the two. About a year after purchase I got my first spawn. Unfortunately the eggs did not survive. I could not find any information online regarding spawning these fish so I was on my own to figure out what is the best method of rearing these fish. In fact, it took multiple spawns before I reared fry large enough to turn in for my BAP.

*Photo: Cave on left parents seal themselves in with sand. Most likely guarding eggs
All Photos by the author.*



Club Announcements

Upcoming Events

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 June 20, 2017

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

Program: John Strazinsky

Bowl Show Categories:

Novelty Tank, AOV

Mini-Auction, Raffle, Fishy-fishy



I took a clay pot saucer and notched a hole in it large enough for the fish to enter. I flipped it over and placed it on the sand bottom. The pair will enter the 'cave' and push up the sand to the entry hole leaving a small opening. I think they leave the opening so they can remove any organic matter inside their cave. Once the hole is completely covered, I can guess that eggs are in the process of being laid. The eggs are small and clear and stay in a small clump of maybe 8-15 eggs per spawn. The eggs hatch within a week and fry are clear to translucent. Once the eggs have hatched the female usually leaves the

cave and the male continues to care for the fry. After 2-3 weeks the fry are black and free swimming. I remove them with a siphon and rear them in their own tank. If I miss the spawn, I think the other catfish in the tank will quickly regard the fry as food as I have never seen a free swimming fry in that tank that is not under parents protection.

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Bring dues to the monthly June meeting.

Dues are as follows:

Individual - \$12

Family - \$18

Junior - \$6

If you are unable to attend the June meeting, please email Chris Hardy, TFCECChris@gmail.com to arrange an alternate payment method. If neither of the above options work for you, you can send your dues via postal mail, c/o Randy & Teri Seufert to **5725 Herman Hill Road, Hamburg, NY 14075.**

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!



June 2017 Bowl Show Categories: Novelty Tank & AOV

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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

Hopefully everyone, learned about our members last month at the meeting. It was interesting to hear of what they are doing in the hobby, how many tanks they have and the goals they have.

This month Jonathan Strazinsky as our speaker. Jonathan is into Larger Catfish and other large fish, so should be an interesting Program.

Remember the Swap Meet is coming up August 26th, if you want a table there will be forms at the meeting or they are available with rules on our web site.

Time to enjoy the warmer weather, see you all at the meeting.

Randy

Breeders Award Program (BAP) Update

Special thanks to Tom Rizzo for the many years of keeping accurate records for the Breeders Award Program. Bill Wroblewski has accepted the Vice President position and has his hands full with that position. Moving forward, I will be the current BAP chairman and Peter Reukauf will accept BAP submissions in my absence. If you will be turning BAP in and it is not a regular meeting (ie. Auction, picnic, banquet) please let me know in advance. -- Tom Heisler

BAP submissions for May 2017		Points	
Tom Heisler	Juliodochromis Regani	20	
Peter Reukauf	cw010 Orange Laser Corey	15	
Peter Reukauf	Metriacimia lanisticola	10	
Peter Reukauf	Enterochromis paropius	10	
Peter Reukauf	Neolamprologus buescheri	20	
Donna Reukauf	Haplochromis lividus	10	

BAP Totals for 2017		Points	2017 Total
Dawn Domagala	Protomelas Taeniolalatus	10	10
Bill Duzen	Macrobrachium hendersoni	10	
	Amphilophus citrinellus	10	
	Coptodon bythobates	10	30
Erik Jensen	Tropheus duboisi	20	
	Protomelas steveni taiwan reef	10	
	Paralibidochromis sauvagi	10	40
Alexander Minko	Melanoides tuberculata	5	10
Donna Reukauf	Juliodochromis transcriptus	15	
	Pomecea bridgesii	5	
	Metriacimia lanisticola	10	
	Enterochromis paropius	10	
	Pundamilia macrocephala	10	
	Haplochromis lividus	10	60
Tom Heisler	Juliodochromis Regani	20	20
Peter Reukauf	Otopharynx tetrastigma	10	
	cw010 orange laser cory	15	
	metriacimia lanisticola	10	
	Enterochromis paropius	10	
	Neolamprologus buescheri	20	65

Greater Akron Ultra Aqua Weekend June 10-11th

60 Class All Species Tropical Fish Show

ALL CASH PRIZES, Tallmadge Community Center 80 Community Dr., Tallmadge, OH 44278.

Saturday: Show Registration 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Swap Meet noon to 5 p.m.
 Show area closes 7 p.m. Dinner/Party 7 p.m.
 Speaker Jeremy Basch

Sunday: Exhibit Hall Opens 10 a.m.
 Auction Registration 10 a.m.
 Auction Begins 11 a.m.
 Awards Presentation 5 p.m.



Photos: Josh Vito Lighting: Chris Hardy

May 2017 Bowl Show - People's Choice Award Winner

Orange Melon Discus - Bill Wroblewski



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BAP: Tom Heisler and Peter Reukauf

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

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Awards Banquet: Larry Gibbs

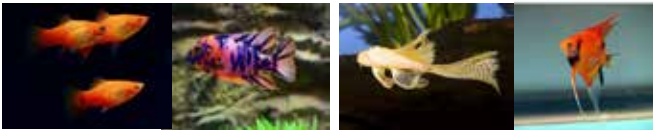
Picnic: Teri Seufert

Holiday Party: Larry Gibbs and Mark Baumgart

Programs: Randy Seufert and Chris Hardy

Fishy/Fishy: Ed Osika

Raffle: Bill Wroblewski



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 tfceprez2@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



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

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

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

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TfcecEditor@gmail.com



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May 2017 Bowl Show

Fish of the Month - Catfish

1. Japanese Eclipse Catfish - Bill Wroblewski
2. Synodontis Cat - Donna Reukauf
3. Synodontis Eupeterus - Peter Reukauf
4. Albino Cory - Randy & Teri Seufert

Any Other Variety

1. Orange Melon Discus - Bill Wroblewski
2. Philippine Blue Angel - John Bukaczeski
3. -

Fish of the Month - Suckermouth Catfish

1. L-260 Queen Arabesque - Bill Wroblewski
2. L-494 Rio Paru Pleco - Peter Reukauf
3. Albino Longfin Pleco - Randy & Teri Seufert
4. L-002 Pleco - Donna Reukauf

People Choice

- Orange Melon Discus - Bill Wroblewski

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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Regular Meeting Day for June Tuesday, June 20, 2017

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